

The Ninety – Seventh
ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB Inc.
Season 2024/25

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Annual Meeting:
Montmorency RSL
Wednesday the 16th of July at 7.30 pm

**ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB'S
PREMIUM SPONSOR 2024/25**



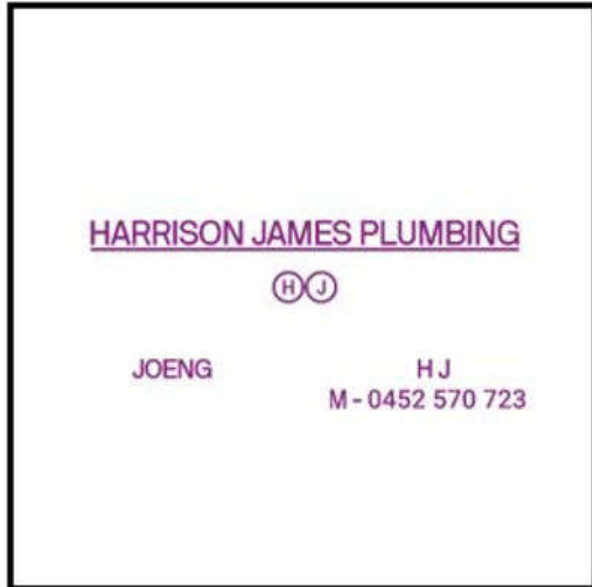
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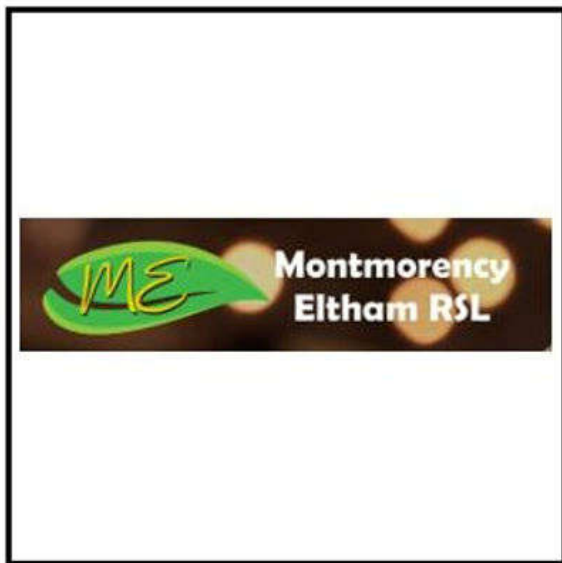
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ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB'S SILVER SPONSOR 2024/25



**ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB'S
BRONZE SPONSORS 2024/25**



Rosanna Legends Coterie Group

Adrian Duncan

Alan Bell

Andrew Wolczko

Anthony Lambert

Bill Anderson

Chris Jackson

Chris Leech

Chris Payne

Dan Flynn

Darrel Leonard

Dave Waddingham

David Crawford

David Jackson

Dennis Groom

Duncan Sanderson

Eamon Bourke

Garry Carlton

Gary Bryant

Geoff Davis

Geoff Wilson

Gavin Pilkington

Greg James

Haedar Almatrah

John McKenzie

John Raymond

Kerry Maxwell

Leigh Henderson

Luke Anderson

Mark Prince

Matthew Flynn

Matthew Jackson

Matthew Pratt

Mick Langford

Peter Hodder

Peter Rawley

Peter Waddingham

Steve Austin

Tony Jackson

ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB Inc.
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEASON 2024/25

The 97th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the twelve months ended 30th June 2025 is presented by the Committee of the Rosanna Cricket Club.

The General Committee members for 2024-25 were:

PRESIDENT	Luke Anderson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Nicholas Horsford
TREASURER	Gary Bryant
SECRETARY	Oliver Toussaint
JUNIOR MANAGER	Meaghan Waddingham
CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS	Haedar Almatrah
SPONSORSHIP & PROPERTY MANAGER	Matthew R. Jackson
SOCIAL MANAGER	Nick Rowe
BAR MANAGER	Max Balcombe
CANTEEN MANAGER	Carolyn Anderson

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The Executive Committee comprised the President, Vice-President, Junior Manager, Secretary and Treasurer who attended to any matters requiring immediate attention.

Rosanna Cricket Club - Premierships Senior Elevens

<u>1st X1</u>		<u>2nd X1</u>		<u>3rd X1</u>	
<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1939-40	HDCA 1st Grade	1950-51	HDCA 3rd Grade	1961-62	HDCA 3rd Grade
1947-48	HDCA 1st Grade	1957-58	HDCA 2nd Grade	1963-64	HDCA 3rd Grade
1950-51	HDCA 1st Grade	1959-60	HDCA 2nd Grade	1964-65	HDCA 3rd Grade
1954-55	HDCA 1st Grade	1961-62	HDCA 2nd Grade	1979-80	HDCA 4th Grade
1955-56	HDCA 1st Grade	1963-64	HDCA 2nd Grade	1997-98	HDCA 4th Grade
1957-58	HDCA 1st Grade	1964-65	HDCA 2nd Grade	2001-02	HDCA 4th Grade
1959-60	HDCA 1st Grade	1965-66	HDCA 2nd Grade	2005-06	HDCA 3rd Grade
1961-62	HDCA 1st Grade	1969-70	HDCA 2nd Grade		
1962-63	HDCA 1st Grade	1985-86	HDCA 2nd Grade		
1966-67	HDCA 1st Grade	2001-02	HDCA 3rd Grade		<u>5th X1</u>
1969-70	HDCA 1st Grade	2012-13	DVCA C Grade	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1972-73	HDCA 1st Grade	2017-18	DVCA C Grade	1981-82	HDCA 6th Grade
1974-75	HDCA 1st Grade			1983-84	HDCA 5th Grade
1977-78	HDCA 2nd Grade		<u>4th X1</u>	2021-22	DVCA G5 Grade
1982-83	HDCA 1st Grade	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>		
1986-87	HDCA 1st Grade	1968-69	HDCA 4th Grade		<u>6th X1</u>
1993-94	HDCA 1st Grade	1969-70	HDCA 4th Grade	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1996-97	HDCA 1st Grade	1970-71	HDCA 4th Grade	1984-85	HDCA 7th Grade
2005-06	HDCA 1st Grade	1981-82	HDCA 5th Grade		
2007-08	HDCA 1st Grade	1992-93	HDCA 5th Grade		<u>Veterans *</u>
2010-11	HDCA 1st Grade	2012-13	DVCA G Grade	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
2011-12	HDCA 1st Grade	2013-14	DVCA G Grade	2009-10	NMCA Cosgriff Shield
2012-13	DVCA Money Shield	2017-18	DVCA F3 Grade	2010-11	NMCA Cosgriff Shield
2022-23	DVCA Barclay Shield			2018-19	DVCA Vets B Grade
2024-25	DVCA Barclay Shield		<u>T20</u>	2022-23	DVCA Vets C Grade
		2024-25	DVCA Summer Smash		

Rosanna Cricket Club - Premierships Junior Grades

<u>Under 16</u>		<u>Under 14</u>		<u>Under 17</u>	
<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1966-67	HDCA 'C' Division	1981-82	HDCA U14 'A' Division	2008-09	HDCA Gold Grade
1967-68	HDCA 'C' Division	1982-83	HDCA U14 'A' Division	2011-12	HDCA Gold Grade
1970-71	HDCA 'A' Division	1983-84	HDCA U14 'A' Division		
1971-72	HDCA 'B' Division	1984-85	HDCA U14 'A' Division		
1972-73	HDCA 'A' Division	1986-87	HDCA U14 'A' Division		<u>Under 13</u>
1973-74	HDCA 'B' Division	1994-95	HDCA U14 'A' Division	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1977-78	HDCA 'A' Division	1995-96	HDCA U14 'A' Division	2010-11	HDCA Gold Grade
1978-79	HDCA 'A' Division	1997-98	HDCA U14 'A' Division		
1984-85	HDCA 'A' Division	1998-99	HDCA U14 'A' Division		<u>Under 12</u>
1987-88	HDCA 'East' Division	2002-03	HDCA U14 'A' Division	<u>Season</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1988-89	HDCA 'A' Division	2015-16	DVCA U14 Teal South	1993-94	HDCA 'A' Grade
1999-2000	HDCA 'A' Division (Gold)			1995-96	HDCA 'A' Grade
2000-01	HDCA 'A' Division			1996-97	HDCA 'A' Grade
2003-04	HDCA 'A' Division			1997-98	HDCA 'A' Grade
2014-15	DVCA U16 'Teal'			1998-99	HDCA 'East' Grade
2017-18	DVCA U16 'Teal'			1999-2000	HDCA 'A' Grade
2019-20	DVCA U16 'Blue'			1999-2000	HDCA 'B' Grade
2023-24	DVCA U16 'Red'			2000-01	HDCA 'A' Grade

Notes:

HDCA Disbanded after 2011-12 Season; Joined DVCA 2012-13 Season

Veterans Premierships 2009-10 & 2010-11 were in North Metro CA (NMCA)

Junior Grades / Divisions are based on geographical areas - not the standard or level of competition

DVCA. Barclay Shield is Top Grade; Money Shield Is 2nd Top Grade

LIFE MEMBERS

Number	Year	Name	Number	Year	Name
1	1948	Jack Maxfield (dec)	36	1993	Garry Carlton
2	1952	Vern George (dec)	37	1993	Geoff Wilson
3	1952	Bill Luby (dec)	38	1993	Brian Flynn (dec)
4	1952	Cec Myers (dec)	39	1993	Cecily Flynn
5	1952	Reg Stone (dec)	40	1995	Anthony Lambert
6	1954	Charlie Carter (dec)	41	1996	Dan Flynn
7	1959	Don Pritchard (dec)	42	1999	David Jackson
8	1959	Dick Russell (dec)	43	1999	Peter Jones (dec)
9	1964	Brian Carlton (dec)	44	2000	David Jones
10	1964	Steve Durant (dec)	45	2001	Chris Leech
11	1964	Barney Luby (dec)	46	2001	Darrel Leonard
12	1968	Jack Sullivan (dec)	47	2002	Grant Pyers
13	1968	Bill Wilson (dec)	48	2002	Peter Waddingham
14	1969	Bob Durrant (dec)	49	2004	Peter Hodder
15	1969	Ron Webster (dec)	50	2005	Paul Leonard
16	1971	Alan Bell	51	2009	John Raywood
17	1973	Ron Beel	52	2011	Steven Nikolovski
18	1974	Bob Higgs (dec)	53	2011	Haedar Almatrah
19	1975	Bob Jamieson (dec)	54	2011	Luke Anderson
20	1976	Kevin Fahey (dec)	55	2011	Paul Fahey
21	1977	Ron Jones (dec)	56	2014	Mark Muscat
22	1980	Des Flynn (dec)	57	2016	David Crawford
23	1980	Roy Hartney (dec)	58	2016	Houssam Almatrah
24	1980	Bill Lambert (dec)	59	2018	Andrew Wolczko
25	1983	Paul Gregor	60	2018	Chris Payne
26	1983	John McKenzie	61	2018	Gary Bryant
27	1984	Kevin Pyers	62	2019	Scott Dunbar
28	1984	Rod Webster (dec)	63	2019	Mick Langford
29	1985	Mark Luby	64	2021	Nick Carlton
30	1985	Denis Groom	65	2021	Neil Crosthwaite
31	1986	Dennis Hartney	66	2022	Scott Shelton
32	1987	Pat English	67	2023	Sam Sheehan
33	1989	Ivon Ditcham	68	2024	Michelle Smith
34	1989	John Ditcham (dec)	69	2025	Matthew Macaulay
35	1992	Andrew Heath	70	2025	Martin Legge

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Thanks to the Banyule City Council, the Parks & Gardens Department and Nicole Waldron, Sport & Recreation Liaison Officer, for their attention to matters raised by our club.
- Thanks to the outgoing Cr Tom Melican of Banyule City Council for his support.
- Thanks to the Macleod Football Netball Club Committee for their ongoing assistance.
- Thanks to Grant Flack, Suraj Shetty and the DVCA Management Committee.
- Thanks to Peter Waddingham for auditing the club books.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a season to remember!

Firstly I'd like to start back in mid March 2024 where we started our process of lining up all the very important pieces to ensure our 100th season was a very enjoyable & successful one. Numerous meetings had with the likes of Oliver Toussaint, Nick Horsford, Gary Bryant, Houssam Almatrah, Sam Sheehan, Haedar Almatrah, Swanny Jackson, Max Balcombe, Meaghan Waddingham & James Bull set up a great foundation for the season ahead.

Wasn't it so enjoyable for so many reasons?

Our club has always had a high priority for on-field success and having all 3 grades making finals with our A grade winning both premierships in the short & long form a spectacular result. Sam & Haedar did a job well & truly above my expectation. Thank you for all your hard work.

What we value just as much is the social and community side of our club which also stood up to all expectations in our 100th year.

The real highlight being our 100th year Gala night at Heidelberg Golf Club which was so well put together. A big thanks to Garry Carlton and his team of Peter Hodder, Matthew Jackson, Oliver Toussaint & Gary Bryant for making it so special & well attended.

Also appropriate to thank Dennis Hartney & Alan Bell for the amazing 3 volume book "The centennial history of the Rosanna cricket club" I still can't imagine the work that has gone into this and it's truly appreciated by all. We have all enjoyed having Dennis around the club more this year & his wealth of knowledge has helped us all at some point through the season.

Our junior program is re building nicely & I wanted to highlight the work done by Meaghan & James.

Like I mentioned at the presentation night there was a great feeling around with some great parent representation including some former players which is fantastic to see. Meaghan would agree that we have some hard work to go however have started in fine style! I'd also like to thank the senior players that made the effort to help on a Monday night. I'd love to see more of this in the future as the kids just loved it!

As we embrace the success of 2024/25 and continue to enjoy it, there are challenges ahead we can't ignore. The DVCA have decided to re shape the competition to achieve 4 shield grades of 8. As a committee we agree with this process.

Getting to an even competition where we will play everyone twice in a two day & 1 day game is something to look forward to. This coming season there will be 2 or 3 sides relegated and games will be more important than ever. We will be well prepared for this with player availability the biggest key factor across the club.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and members for their contributions this season. With all your support it helps our community club thrive.

I'd like to single out the huge contribution the Eamon Bourke has made to the cricket club over the years. 13 years of sponsorship is very generous and greatly appreciated by all!

As we move forward, our focus is on strengthening the bonds within our club to ensure it remains a thriving and inspiring environment for players, families, and supporters alike. By fostering a culture of teamwork and excellence, we are poised to build on our achievements and confidently tackle the exciting challenges presented by the new competition structure.

This off-season provides an opportunity to refine our approach, align our strategies, and prepare for another extraordinary year. With the passion and dedication of everyone involved, I have no doubt that the upcoming season will be marked by success and growth for our club. In finishing I'd like to thank a few people that helped guide me through my first year as president.

To Gary Bryant, Mick Langford, Garry Carlton, John Raywood, Huss Almatrah & Michelle Smith
Thank you for all your advice & Help.

Enjoy the break!

Luke Anderson
President

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

What a season 2024/25 was! Both on and off field, Rosanna celebrated many a milestone in what was our 100th season.

I feel like I always start these reports with the negatives and challenges, however with Covid in our rearview mirror, and players well adjusted to PlayHQ, season 2024/25 was mostly uneventful in the admin world. Additionally, we saw an influx of Committee members (along with other general help) which was a welcome change to previous season. A big thank you must go to Luke Anderson in his first season of Presidency as this was one of his major pushes throughout the season. Congratulations to Luke on a great first year, it was a pleasure working beside you.

On field we had an amazing amount of success. Coming into our 100th season with a total of 99 club premierships, the pressure was on from the get go to achieve the ultimate goal – our 100th flag in our 100th season, and didn't we deliver! In what was an incredibly enjoyable season to be a part of, I was lucky enough to play in both the 1st XI & T20 flags, making Montmorency Park our happy hunting ground. Credit must go to Sam Sheehan as both our Club Coach, 1st XI Captain and run scoring machine. We couldn't have achieved what we did without Sam's leadership both on and off the field! It was also a successful season for our other Senior grades and Vets' side, with all sides making finals in their respective leagues.

This year our Junior Program was lead by Meaghan Waddingham, with some great support from James Bull. Meaghan was tasked with the monumental job of rebuilding our Junior Program, which this season included a joint Under 16's, an Under 10's and the ever-successful Blasters Program. In what is the most important role for the longevity of our great club, Meaghan absolutely knocked it out of the park bringing in large numbers of new players, empowering parents and leading the young volunteers in their respective roles. Under Meaghan's watch I can see our Junior Program returning to the glory days of yesteryear – well done!

Our 100th season also provided lots of offseason highlights, with the pinnacle being the fantastic 100th Year Gala Dinner. Congratulations to Matthew W. Jackson, and his sub-committee of Gary Carlton, Peter Hodder and Gary Bryant, who put together one of the best nights in our club's history. It was so amazing to see so many present and past players in attendance! A special mention must also go to Dennis Hartney, Alan Bell and their sub-committee, for putting together the fantastic "100 Not Out" publication. The amount of work that went into this is almost incomprehensible, however I'm sure it was all worth it as it's been extremely well received through the club – and even spotted in the MCC Library!

To the committee, thank you for your support and the thankless work you do for the club. Most notably though I'd like to take this opportunity to thank *the outgoing* Gary Bryant for his service as Club Treasurer for over a decade! Most people know 'Gaz' as our numbers man, however most wouldn't know the endless number of additional tasks Gary completes in the background. Gary, you'll be sorely missed and we have big shoes to fill as a committee.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, Banyule City Council and all of our members. Without you all the club would not survive, and your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Oliver Toussaint
Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

This season was fairly solid financially. The net asset position decreased (from \$42247.87 to \$36268.32) and the bank account is down by \$3979.55. This is larger than expected due to late payment of some Sponsors, a total of \$3000 which was been paid just past the EOFY. If these are taken into account the drop in bank balance is only \$979.55, in line with our expectations.

The main financial performance trends were:

- The major fundraiser was the very successful \$2k draw. On the 100th year there were a large number of functions, many of which were not run as money making functions. Despite this, Fund raising through Social functions remained strong.
- Sponsorships were the highest in the history of the club, thanks to the work of a number of people, led by Luke Anderson and Matthew R. Jackson. Thanks to Eamon and Ruth (Viewbank early childhood centre) for their continued support as our Premium sponsor, and congratulations on selling the business to move to the next phase ! Concept Logistics again continued as a Platinum sponsor (thanks to Michael Langford), and was joined by PKF Melbourne (thanks to Houssam Almatrah) and Whitflynn Lawyers (thanks to Dan Flynn). We also thank ongoing sponsors Kate Thwaites, TS Finance (Tim Sheehan), LA Flooring and the Phantom for ongoing sponsorship. We also welcomed Anthony Carbines, Warwick Fabrics (thanks to Haedar Almatrah), AWM Electrical (thanks to Luke Anderson), Quality Drum Services (thanks to Mark Schott) and HJ Plumbing (thanks to Max Balcombe).
- The coterie group (Rosanna Legends) was a huge success, with 38 joining the group, which provided a significant profit, but more importantly provided opportunities to get past players and supporters back down to the club. Thanks for David Jackson and Andrew Wolczko for driving a freshly invigorated Legends group this season.
- Overall Subs were up on last year, noting that subs are still well below pre-COVID levels. As the number of junior teams grows again (thanks to the work of Meaghan Waddingham and James Bull) we can expect small growth in subs.
- Bar & canteen profit were solid, and in fact are stronger that they appear at first glance. A number of events included catering/drinks which were not explicitly recorded, so there are absorbed into the apparent profit margins the bar and canteen. Despite this I recommend an increase in prices for most items for season 2024-2025.
- We still have far too much merchandise, and need a concerted effort to run out some items and reduce the breadth of offerings.
- We made no significant investments in infrastructure except for a \$2,500 contribution to the Electronic Scoreboard, with two more payments to come over the coming two seasons.

Treasurer acknowledgements

- Everyone who helped in the bar and canteen - there are too many to mention, but I would like to acknowledge John McKenzie and Alan Bell for their stalwart service on game days.
- Michelle Smith for catering multiple events and doing afternoon teas for the 3rd XI.
- Gus Logan for doing afternoon teas for the 1st and 2nd XIs all season.
- Max Balcombe for doing a great job as Bar Manager.
- All players and friends of the club who supported the club at functions and games.

I would like to note that this is my 13th and final year as treasurer. It has been a privilege working with the executive and committee over the past 13 years, including Presidents Peter Hodder, Michael Langford and Luke Anderson, and Secretaries Steven Nikolovski, Nick Carlton, Houssam Almatrah, Chris Payne and Oliver Toussaint. I would also like to thank Tom Bourke for helping out as Assistant Treasurer this season.

Finally I would like to thank the whole club for their support, and look forward to handing over to the next generation and the ongoing financial stability of the club.

Here's to another successful season in 2025-2026

Gary Bryant
Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET			BALANCE SHEET		
As at 30th Jun 2025			As at 30th Jun 2024		
ASSETS			ASSETS		
Savings (Transaction Account)	\$875.80		Savings (Transaction Account)	\$3,002.51	
Savings (Investment Account)	\$22,798.04		Savings (Investment Account)	\$25,407.99	
Bar Stock	\$0.00		Bar Stock	\$0.00	
Canteen Stock	\$0.00		Canteen Stock	\$0.00	
Gear Stock	\$13,760.00		Gear Stock	\$12,916.50	
Ball Stock	\$834.48		Ball Stock	\$919.97	
Unpaid Subs	\$0.00		Unpaid Subs	\$0.00	
Rounding	\$0.00		Rounding	\$0.90	
Total Assets		\$38,268.32	Total Assets		\$42,247.87
Liabilities			Liabilities		
Creditors	\$0.00		Creditors	\$0.00	
Total Liabilities		\$0.00	Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Net Assets		\$38,268.32	Net Assets		\$42,247.87

**ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**

Year ending 30 June 2025

Sales			
Bar	Sales		\$40,609.27
	Less Purchases	(\$27,652.65)	
	Bar Profit		\$12,956.62
Canteen	Sales		\$5,500.41
	Less Purchases	(\$4,156.40)	
	Canteen Profit		\$1,344.01
Merchandise	Sales		\$3,662.67
	Less Purchases	(\$11,178.77)	
	Less Opening Stock	(\$12,916.50)	
	Plus Closing Stock		\$13,760.00
	Merchandise Profit		(\$6,672.60)
Gross Profit from Trading			\$7,628.03

Operations			
Fund Raising	Social & Fund Raising		\$28,122.20
	Social & Fund Raising Expenses	(\$20,753.84)	
	Total Fund Raising		\$7,368.36
Sponsorships	Sponsorships		\$27,250.00
	Legends		\$10,457.22
	Player Sponsors		\$1,400.00
	Sponsorship expenses	(\$3,769.94)	
	Total Sponsorships		\$35,337.28
Facilities	Amenities, Cleaning etc	(\$4,820.52)	
	Utilities	(\$2,148.34)	
	Ground and Pavillion Fees	(\$4,321.44)	
	Infrastructure	(\$5,825.54)	
	Total Facilities		(\$17,115.84)
Total Operations			\$25,589.80

Cricket Operations			
Subscriptions	Senior Subs		\$6,101.40
	Student Subs		\$3,289.70
	Veterans Subs		\$1,795.44
	Junior Subs		\$442.00
	Blasters		\$1,439.70
	Total Subscriptions		\$13,068.24
	Match Day	Match Day Expenses - Umpires	(\$7,295.00)
Match Day Expenses - other		(\$4,211.74)	
Fines		(\$165.00)	
Total Match Day			(\$11,671.74)
Training and Selection	Training Costs	(\$2,425.00)	
	Selection Night Expenses	(\$1,336.27)	
	Total Training and Selection		(\$3,761.27)
Other	Coaching	(\$22,000.00)	
	Balls and Cricket Equipment	(\$8,040.75)	
	DVCA Fees	(\$2,530.00)	
	Trophies, Honour Boards etc	(\$1,403.10)	
	Total Other		(\$33,973.85)
Total Cricket Operations			(\$36,338.62)

Banking			
Interest			\$1,009.64
Bank Expenses	(\$702.55)		
Square fees	(\$1,080.36)		
			(\$773.27)

Balls change in stock	(\$85.49)
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Net Profit/Loss	(\$3,979.55)
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JUNIOR MANAGER'S REPORT

Ahead of the season, we met with the executive team and agreed to focus on building our junior program from the ground up, given the absence of players progressing through the age groups. Geoff successfully coordinated a merger with Lower Plenty for our handful of eligible Under 16 players—please refer to the Under 16 report for further details.

Incorporating parent feedback from previous years, we envisioned creating a vibrant junior cricket hub on Monday nights including:

- Introducing Under 10 Cricket with training sessions held alongside Cricket Blast (the Under 10 format focusses on developmental match play aligned with Level 1 cricket rules: reduced player numbers, 20-over games, equal balls faced for all players, no dismissals, rotating bowlers, no formal scoring, and all deliveries counted.
- Creating a welcoming atmosphere with BBQ running, bar open and Zooper Doopers!
- Enjoying the warm evenings, fun, skill development and team work

The junior development program was a success with us:

- Nearly doubling Cricket Blast participation from the previous season (44 registered)
- Successfully forming two Under 10 teams (17 players)
- Recruitment via word of mouth and through Cricket Blast progression into U10 teams

A huge thank you to Ben Wolzco and Idhant Yarlagadda for leading the Cricket Blast program. Further thanks for the support from Shankar Rao and David Waddingham who had dual roles as parent helpers and club representatives and the rotating roster of senior players in attendance. This collective effort was crucial to the quality of the sessions we ran and enabling James Bull to focus his attention on U10 training.

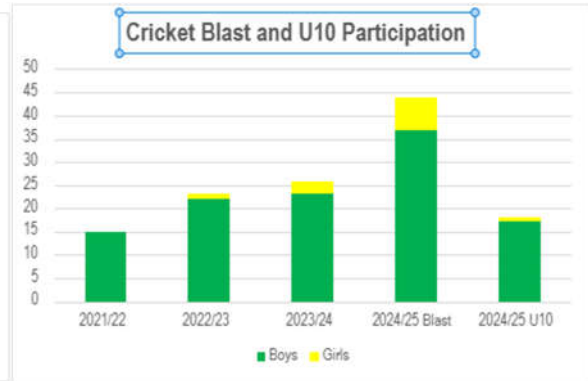
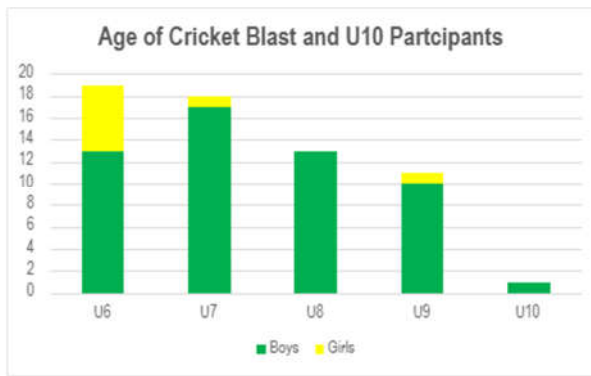
Late in the season we had a visit from the Junior Program Lead at Melbourne Renegades, who was impressed by both our program growth and level of club support. She plans to help promote our program in local schools in the coming season.

Additional acknowledgements:

- Adam Keys – for running the second under 10 team and supporting James with coaching
- Elisha and Kale Hazelman and Nat Abernethy – our BBQ crew
- Blasters parent helpers – for stepping in to help run drills and the bar
- Shubham Kumar – who frequently attended to support blasters
- Caroline Anderson – For keeping the Zooper Doopers in stock
- Local Supporters – Rosanna Bakers Delight, Cesters Meat Warringal, Doey's Pizza Rosanna
- Geoff Wilson – coordinating the under 16s merger and support of team
- Pete Hodder – for setting up the website
- Matt 'Swannie' Jackson – ensuring we had enough equipment, shirts and caps
- Ollie Toussaint – being at the end of an email/call as we worked through navigating game day, play HQ etc

Thoughts for next season:

- Advertise junior programs in local primary school newsletters
- Introduce a second 'game ready' level for blasters for players preparing to join a team
- Introduce an Under 12 team alongside continuing Cricket Blast and U10s
- Promote senior playing opportunities to junior parents



'They're (Ben + Idhant) such good cricketers,

'Mondays have become my favourite evening of the week' C Blast

'It's been the highlight of his Summer. He's really proud to be part of his team!' Parent of

'He's loved it! We look forward to being able to join for the full season next summer'

**Meaghan Waddingham and James Bull
Junior Manager, Under 10's Coach & Blasters' Coordinator**

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CAPTAINS

The following players were appointed as Captain of their respective teams:

TEAM	CAPTAIN
First XI (Barclay Shield)	Sam Sheehan
Second XI (B Grade)	Matthew R Jackson
Third XI (G1 East Grade)	Brett Smith
Veteran's XI (Vets B)	Duncan Sanderson

AWARD WINNERS

Club Awards

Geoff Wilson Medalist	Josh Henkel
W.P. Luby Memorial Award	Meaghan Waddingham & Matthew R. Jackson

<i>BARNEY LUBY AWARD – CLUB CHAMPION</i>	Josh Henkel
Runs Aggregate	Sam Sheehan
Wickets Aggregate	Josh Henkel
Senior Coach's Award	Ben Wolczko
T20 Player of the Season	Josh Henkel
Vets Player of the Season	Vivek Kumar

Club Champion Points

PLAYER	POINTS
Josh Henkel	267.00
Sam Sheehan	218.00
Thomas Bourke	206.25
Matthew Macaulay	170.55
Brett Smith	157.00

Senior Awards

	Batting	Bowling	Fielding	All Rounder
1st XI	<i>Dick Russell Trophy</i> Sam Sheehan	<i>Steve Durant Trophy</i> Josh Henkel	<i>Brian Carlton Trophy</i> Tom Bourke	<i>Ron Webster Trophy</i> Josh Henkel
2nd XI	Matthew Macaulay	Cameron Douglas	Matthew R. Jackson	Matthew Macaulay
3rd XI	Murtaza Riaz	Brett Smith	Ryan Bourke & Cooper Thompson	Brett Smith

Senior Milestones

Games		Batting (Runs)	
Steve Nikolovski	300	Sam Sheehan	5,000
Nick Carlton	300	Dalton Marsh	3,000
Matthew Macaulay	200	Matthew Macaulay	2,500
Hayden Smith	150	Dean Spokes	2,500
Matt (Swanny) Jackson	150	Tom Bourke	1,500
Dean Spokes	150	Riley O'Sullivan	1,500
Riley O'Sullivan	100	Jack Langford	1,500
Nick Rowe	100		
Jackson Wolczko	100		
Tom Bourke	100		
Duncan Sanderson	100		
Andrew Clarke	100		

Bowling (Wickets)		Fielding (Dismissals)	
Scott Shelton	350	Hayden Smith	200
Nick Carlton	300	Nick Carlton	150
Cameron Douglas	250	Sam Sheehan	100
Oliver Toussaint	250	Scott Shelton	100
Matt Thackwray	150	Chris York	100
Patrick Bourke	150		

Rosanna Cricket Club - Season 2024-25 | Notable Performances

Batting | 300+ Runs in Season

<u>Name</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not Outs</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Sam Sheehan	850	20	3	50.00	9 x 50's
Josh Henkel	622	20	4	38.88	5 x 50's
Tom Bourke	475	20	4	29.69	3 x 50's
Dalton Marsh	462	22	3	24.32	2 x 50's
Matthew Macaulay	408	14	2	34.00	4 x 50's
Brett Smith	335	13	3	33.50	2 x 50's

Bowling | 20+ Wickets in Season

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Runs Conceded</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Best Figures</u>
Josh Henkel	230	559	41	13.63	4/10
Oliver Toussaint	203	560	32	17.50	5/37
Cameron Douglas	173	359	28	12.82	5/34
Patrick Bourke	128	422	24	17.58	5/8
Nick Carlton	132	364	21	17.33	4/29
Brett Smith	93	390	21	18.57	4/16

Batting | 50+ Runs in an Innings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>X1</u>	<u>Opposition</u>
Sam Sheehan	85	11	1st X1	Macleod
"	85	4	1st X1	Macleod
"	84	3	1st X1	Bundoora United
"	81	13	1st X1	Research Eltham Collegians
"	80	8	1st X1	Diamond Creek
"	73	2	1st X1	North Eltham Wanderers
"	61	1	1st X1	Epping
"	55	Grand Final	T20	North Eltham Wanderers
"	50	Grand Final	1st X1	Bundoora
Josh Henkel	92	3	1st X1	Bundoora United
"	69	2	T20	Bundoora
"	57	14	1st X1	Bundoora
"	53	2	1st X1	North Eltham Wanderers
"	51	Semi Final	T20	Riverside
Tom Bourke	90	14	1st X1	Bundoora
"	62	Semi Final	1st X1	North Eltham Wanderers
"	50	10	1st X1	Heidelberg
Dalton Marsh	68	2	1st X1	North Eltham Wanderers
"	52	Grand Final	1st X1	Bundoora
Nick Horsford	64	6	1st X1	Bundoora
Nick Carlton	58	2	1st X1	North Eltham Wanderers
Matthew Macaulay	80	6	2nd X1	Montmorency
"	79	3	2nd X1	North Eltham Wanderers
"	77	14	2nd X1	Montmorency
"	57	4	2nd X1	Epping
Idhant Yarlagadda	77	12	2nd X1	Banyule
"	52	11	2nd X1	Epping

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Batting | 50+ Runs in an Innings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>X1</u>	<u>Opposition</u>
Ben Wolczko	74	8	2nd X1	Diamond Creek
Ben Ellis	74	12	2nd X1	Banyule
Murtaza Riaz	54 ®	16	3rd X1	Lower Eltham
"	54 ®	11	3rd X1	Riverside
"	53 ®	12	3rd X1	Diamond Creek
Brett Smith	50 ®	6	3rd X1	Plenty
"	50 ®	15	3rd X1	Heidelberg
Ryan Bourke	51 ®	4	3rd X1	Riverside
Chris Leech	51 ®	9	3rd X1	Heidelberg
Chris York	50 ®	4	3rd X1	Riverside
Kevin Mathew	50 ®	6	3rd X1	Plenty
Liam Bretag	50 ®	11	3rd X1	Riverside
Matthew W Jackson	50 ®	11	3rd X1	Riverside

® = Retired Not Out

Bowling | 5 or more wickets in an Innings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>X1</u>	<u>Opposition</u>
Patrick Bourke	5/8	Grand Final	T20	North Eltham Wanderers
Oliver Toussaint	5/37	Semi Final	1st X1	North Eltham Wanderers
Cameron Douglas	5/37	12	2nd X1	Banyule
Ben Wolczko	5/37	2	2nd X1	Mernda
Matthew Macaulay	5/71	7	2nd X1	Riverside

Fielding - Most Dismissals in Season (15+)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Stumpings</u>	<u>Run Outs</u>	<u>Total Dismissals</u>
Tom Bourke	17	5	2	24
Riley O'Sullivan	16	0	3	19

RECOGNITION OF OUR UNDER 25 YEAR OLD PLAYERS

Once again 'the Phantom' recognised senior players under 25 years of age across all Grades by donating financial benefits based upon players making in excess of 40 runs per innings and taking more than 3 wickets per innings. Sponsorship was based at \$1 per run and \$10 per wicket achieved over these levels. The following achievements are recognised, and the sponsorship graciously acknowledged.



Player	Total Player \$
Tom Bourke	\$90
Ben Wolczko	\$54
Idhant Yarlagadda	\$49
Ben Ellis	\$34
Pat Bourke	\$20
Ryan Bourke	\$11
Kevin Matthew	\$10
James Black	\$3
Riley O'Sullivan	\$1
TOTAL	\$272

Congratulations to all players under 25 that contributed on field through their efforts and raised \$272. Special thanks to 'the Phantom' for his/her wonderful gesture and contribution to the club

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTOR'S REPORT

We made an executive decision at the start of the year to pull our 4th X1 and field 3 senior sides and one vets team. The lack of unavailability and commitment made this an easy decision; results speak for themselves as the club had an outstanding and successful year.

Our 3rd X1 went down a grade and played in a one-day comp which made picking sides a lot easier. Would like to thank all players who helped us out during the year (60 players used in 3 senior sides) with special mention to Matt 'Springer' Thackwray & Vivek Kumar who played both seniors and vets.

The amount of work Luke Anderson, Sam Sheehan and the entire committee did across the season made life a lot easy for everyone at the club. Let's maintain our open communication across next season and we will continue to be successful.

Haedar Almatrah
Chairman of Selectors

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CLUB COACH'S REPORT

The 2024/2025 season marked my first season as Captain / Coach of the Club and is a role I was very flattered to be asked to do by the committee.

It was the Clubs 100th Season and one in which we were very optimistic to make a special one, with the quality of our playing list.

One of the key decisions in preparation for the season was how many teams we were going to enter into the competition, noting the recent decline in senior player numbers, as well as challenges in our junior program from a playing stocks perspective. It was decided that three teams were appropriate, which proved to be the correct decision for the Club with how the season transpired.

Clubs are ultimately judged on wins/losses and of course, premierships and I think the Clubs on-field results were terrific, with all three teams making finals.

Although the 2nd and 3rd XI lost their semi finals, both sides had fantastic seasons, led by Matthew Jackson (2nd XI) and Brett Smith (3rd XI). I'd like to personally thank both Swanny and Brett for their commitment to their roles as well as their consistent support at training across the course of the season.

It was memorable year for the 1st XI, as the pressure was on to deliver some silverware in the Clubs 100th Season.

To deliver the 100 ball competition premiership, as well as the Barclely Shield Premiership in the same year is an exceptional achievement and one in which the whole club should be incredibly proud of. Yes, there were individual performances across the season that contributed to the end results, however it was the renewed culture that was developed within the Club that went a long way to achieving this great success.

I would like to personally thank the 35-40 players at the Club for their continued commitment and enthusiasm across the season. I believe we've setup a great environment that will deliver further success in the future, attract new players and finally, and most importantly, ensure there is a smooth transition for our junior players into the senior ranks.

To Haedar Almatrah, my assistant coach, I really couldn't have coached the club without your support. You are reliable, committed and provide great leadership to our younger players finding their way in senior cricket. You continue to help others improve at every session and no doubt heavily contributed in getting the Club the results we did this season. Thank you for your tireless work and I look forward our relationship continuing into the future.

This year the Coaches Award was awarded to Ben Wolzcko. Ben is a terrific young man, a hard worker and simply loves his cricket. He worked tirelessly on his leg spin craft throughout the season, barely missing a session. Ben was rewarded for his hard work and performance by being a member of the 100 ball competition premiership team. I look forward to continuing to work with Ben as he continues to develop and one day in the not too distant future, makes his 1st XI debut.

I'd finally like to thank the committee, led by President Luke Anderson for trusting me to Coach the Club for the first time. Clubs don't get results without strong governance, and I think the renewed leadership structure assisted greatly with club culture and performance.

History suggests that it's difficult to back up after a Premiership, however Haedar and I as coaches will ensure our players across all grades are best prepared to deliver results again in 2025/2026.

Sam Sheehan
Club Coach

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1st XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 2024/2025 season was an important one for many reasons, but notably it being the 100th year for the Club and the importance of delivering on field success after what was a disappointing season last season off the back of a premiership.

We entered the season full of optimism and determination, particularly after recruiting an accomplished Barclay Shield player in Josh Henkel from Epping and the consensus of the group being that we had the required personnel to deliver the success we were after.

The team hit the ground running, winning four of our first five and importantly, having an even contribution across the XI. We knew that if we were to succeed this season, we needed depth within our XI and not to rely on too few.

We got to Christmas at 5-2, along with a couple of wash outs which had the team in the four and ready for a strong push towards finals.

Post Christmas delivered some inconsistent performance, however when we lost, it was always in a close one that provided great feedback to the group. We knew our best was good enough, it all came down to delivering on the day.

The H&A season concluded with a win loss of 8-4 and finishing second on the ladder and earning a home final.

The Semi Final was a sensational contest against North Eltham, which it always is. Two strong teams, who respect each other greatly and have historically had some excellent games. Winning that game in a close one and under pressure was exactly what we needed heading into the Grand Final against the surprise packets of the season, Bundoora.

Grand Final day arrived for the second time in three seasons and it was against a side which can be brilliant on their day. Thankfully in 35 degree heat, we won the toss and batted.

As we did all season, great value was placed on our wickets and we grinded our way to a score of 209. We knew this was enough had we bowled well and took our chances.

The final day of the season was a memorable one. The best wins come from being able to bounce back in game from adversity and that's certainly what we did. On the eve of tea, when Bundoora appeared to be slightly ahead of the game, we took a key wicket to turn the game in our favour. We proceeded to take consistent wickets post tea to break the back of the opposition to run out winners and premiers by 82 runs.

We delivered Rosanna's 100th flag in our 100th year!

The season produced many highlights and individual performances, but it wasn't about that for the group, it was simply about playing well as a collective and delivering wins for the club.

Before I wrap up, I want to thank all the players who represented the 1st XI this season. Yes, 11 players are awarded a premiership cap, but there were 14-15 players who contributed throughout the season to deliver the Premiership. Special mention to Andy Clarke who played some terrific roles throughout the season but unfortunately missed out on being in the final XI on Grand Final day. Clarke is a great team man!

I'd also like to thank all those volunteers who gave up their time this season to support the team. A particular thanks to Mark Rowe who gave up his Saturday's and scored every week! Its greatly appreciated.

Finally, to the committee, led by President Luke Anderson, I thank you for the opportunity to lead the 1st XI again. Your continued support and trust in me is highly valued.

I look forward to the challenges next year presents.

Sam Sheehan
First XI Captain

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2nd XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Taking over the captaincy of the 2nd XI was not something that I had been planning for, nor was it a role that I felt particularly comfortable in taking on, prior to the season commencing.

The year shaped as a year in which depth would be tested and changes of personnel week to week would be significant throughout all teams, meaning any captaincy roles would be full of stressors. While this proved to be true, I thoroughly enjoyed the learnings from the season.

Our year started positively with 4 wins from the first 5 games, with the first game being a wash-out. It was good to get Pikey involved and bowling at the top of the order. Hopefully we will see him again as his bowling is ideal for B-grade level with his swing and change ups. I was most impressed by Ben Wol and his 5-wicket haul in Round 2. His energy, fielding and willingness to take on any challenge sets a fantastic example for anyone who comes up from the Third XI.

Throughout this early period, I think we were realising that we clearly had the talent to compete, whereas prior to the season starting there was maybe a sense of trepidation that depth and more youthful teams would see us struggle to challenge teams. The early wins provided the belief that there was no reason why we couldn't make/win finals.

As the season progressed towards the halfway mark our depth did become tested. While this did present challenges and at times the lack of availability was disappointing, it was exciting to bring new faces to the 2nd XI team. Players like Cells, Ryan, Kev, Krish are the kind of people who we need to continue to put the time in to. They have all showed flashes of potential and calmness under pressure when playing in a higher grade and I am firmly of the belief that they can all take their chances further next season, provided they are willing.

I was extremely excited that we made finals and I feel it was a deserved reward for the effort that had been put in during training and matchdays. While the result wasn't what we had hoped for, I still believe we acquitted ourselves quite well against a highly experienced team. The disappointment after the game was also a good indicator of how much it meant to everyone and the learnings that came from the game will make our young team all the better.

I would like to highlight 2 team performances and some individual performances as well. The first team performance was the game against Diamond Creek in Round 8. When we were 3 or 4 players short of a full-strength side, we dominated with both the bat and the ball against a team that had played more First and Second grade cricket than our team by a large margin. This game provided our first full game performance and was very pleasing. The second game is the last game we played against Montmorency. When challenged early against a team that had to win to make finals, we stuck to our system and process, wore them down and put our foot down with quick wickets and then a dominant batting display. It was a performance that showed we were truly a team that belonged in the finals.

The first individual performance must be Ben's 5 wicket haul in round 2. To bowl 17 overs on the trot, as a young leg-spinner and barely miss a beat while taking pole after pole was fantastic to see

and highlighted the potential that I see in Ben to push into the First XI. The second bowling performance (I could've picked so many of his) was Cam's 5 wicket haul at Banyule. After batting himself into the ground the week before, Cam rolled up and bowled from the start for a lazy 24 or so overs. I finally got the ball off him and shared it around before it was made clear he needed a second spell to finish off proceedings. In true Cam fashion he finished it off in a few overs. Cam's commitment to the team is unmatched and he is an asset that can always be relied upon and someone I leant on throughout the year for advice and guidance and that was always greatly appreciated.

On the batting side and outside of Matty, the performances were a little thinner. I would like to highlight Idly and Ben's performance at Banyule. When others made silly mistakes around them, they showed they were a class above and met the potential that we all see in them. To make 77 and 74 respectively and be involved in a 108-run partnership together really set the standard of pushing back on an opposition when proceedings had got off to a slow start. The other performance would have to be Matty Mac's 80 against Montmorency in Round 6. Although we didn't win the game, I think it was his most dominant and polished performance against a high-quality opposition. Matty provided a sounding board for me throughout the season and always had ideas and plans that I could take on board.

Overall, I feel we had a successful season based on the challenges that we faced. Hopefully our availability improves and rather than pick the new faces based on necessity, I can pick them purely on deserved performances. I am appreciative to all involved on and off the field, who helped and guided me in my first season as captain and I think with a few tweaks there is no reason why we can't go a couple of steps better next season and finally get that flag that we are after in the 2nd XI.

Matthew R. Jackson
Second XI Captain

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3rd XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 3rd eleven had a pretty successful season, we finished the year 4th on the ladder. Which led us to play in an elimination final against Panton hill, which we had a disappointing loss to end to the season. Overall the only 5 games we lost throughout the season were against Panton hill and Lower Eltham that played off in the grand final, so overall we were pretty that we won every other game and were very competitive against those grand finalists.

We had a great mix of youth, experienced and new players in our team this year. There was a couple of games where we were struggling for numbers but thanks to all the vets or so called retired players that came and gave us a chop out when needed.

There were many great individual performances throughout the year. Well done to those that made their first Senior/career or club 50s. Murtaza 50 off 14 balls was definitely one of the most impressive hitting displays. The opening partnership of Ryan and Yorky against riverside to have them both make their first ever 50s helped us get our season heading in the right direction.

With the ball this year we were pretty attacking which led to 5 players being in the top 15 players in the comp for total wickets. Coop was definitely the most improved with the ball, after a month in Port Fairy he came back a much more consistent bowler with multiple wickets coming across multiple occasions to finish the year strong.

We lost some of our youth in James, Ryan, Krish, Kev for multiple games throughout the season playing in the Seconds. So to have them all experience the seconds and gain valuable experience/knowledge is only going to improve their performances. Also well done to Kev and James for playing roles in the mid week 100ball comp with the 1s.

Thanks to all the players for buying into playing an attacking and fun brand of cricket. Huge shoutout needs to go to H Bomb for making sure we had players available and assisting with training with the 3s.

See you all for the 25/26 season!

Brett Smith
Third XI Captain

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VETERAN'S REPORT

Following the previous season's efforts where we unfortunately came up short in the grand final, the team entered the 24-25 season with good energy and determination to have another great season in B-Grade. Unfortunately, Montmorency pulled out of the competition after round 1, and we were moved up to A grade which would present a big challenge. Here's how the season unfolded:

Round 1: We faced Banyule away and set a very competitive score of 5/190, with Niko top-scoring with 41 runs and was well supported by Milney 37, Bully 34 and Vivek with 31. We won the game restricting Banyule to 5/170. Buster in his first game the standout bowler 2/9, Vivek 1/6 and Shanks 1/21. Niko took the gloves for the first time and was very tidy along with his one hand diving blinder. It was also great to have Dave Waddingham back playing cricket for the club.

Round 2: The team took-on Riverside who batted first and posted a solid total of 5-163. Springer with 3/22 and Syd 2/17 bowled extremely well and were well supported with Shanks, Milney and Niko all going under 3.5 runs per over. Dunks returning from overseas, took 3 catches and a stumping with the gloves. In response Vivek and Abi opened well with 22 and 26, before Milney showed his class with 40 retired, and Buster made an impressive 28 off 26 balls. We unfortunately fell 13 runs short in our chase in a very competitive game. We also enjoyed having Ev making his debut for the club!

Round 3: We played South Morang away who bowled extremely well and restricted us to 8-141, with Milney top scoring again with 43 retired with some good rear guard batting from Bully 24 and Buster with 19. Needing a good start Shanks 2/15 from 6, Niko 0/15 from 6, and Milney 0/7 from 4 overs really kept the run rate in check. Bully took two amazing catching but unfortunately broke a thumb diving for his second catch. A big loss for the team going forward. South Morang stuck to their task chasing down the runs with 3 overs to spare.

Round 4: We took on Mill Park in a game we really fancied our chances, but the rain ruined the game without a ball being bowled

Round 5: We played Eltham with some good ins with Youngy, Luke Callaway and Haedar, but unfortunately, we just had one of those games losing regular wickets and struggled to 8-112. Vivek was the shining light with 35 up the top of the order. Eltham chased down our score in the 23rd over for the loss of 4 wickets with one each to Niko, Youngy, Haedar and Springer. The Fielding highlights included, and great overhead catch to Stonecold, with Dunks and Haedar also chipping in for catch.

After a great win in round one our season fell away with 3 losses in the top grade, and a wash out heading into Xmas. The season unfortunately never got going after Xmas with a bye in round 6 and a heat-off in our final round 7 game against Laurimar who ended up being the Premiers in season 24-25. Unfortunately, Duncan Brown was unable to make a formal debut for the club.

A big thank you to all 18 players who played vets during the season as they all played an important part in the enjoyment and honor of playing for the Rosanna Cricket club. It was also great to have several new debutants for the team this year.

While we had great contributions from all players at different times throughout the season, in a shortened season we had a very popular Vet's player of the year, with Vivek Kumar taking out the award. Well-deserved Vivek!

Top performers:

- Milney 128 runs at 64.0
- Vivek 102 runs at 25.5.
- Springer 4 wickets at 20.5, Shanks 3 wickets at 16.7 and Buster 3 wickets at 12.0

Other winners for the season:

- Season end trip to Merrijig – thanks again for hosting Dan
- Stonecold helping with food on the home games.
- Shanks and Abhi with the scoring

A big congrats to Sam and all the boys for winning the Barclay Shield in our 100th year, and the club for fielding the Vets team again in an important format to keep many involved in playing cricket and getting down to the club. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

Duncan Sanderson
Vets Captain

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