

Ainslie Park Cricket Club

ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24



AINSLIE PARK

#48

Achievements

PREMIERS

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI)

E Grade - Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI)

RUNNERS-UP

Women's East D-Grade (1st XI)

Steve Pascoe Shield (2nd XI)

J Grade - Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI)

MERRIL ANDERSON CLUB CHAMPION

Darren Walles

ROSS FRANCIS BEST CLUB PERSON

Leigh Jones

DERRICK GUYE BOLT AWARD MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Darren Walles

ROBERT PENDREY JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION

George Lyons

LEN BETTESS PRIDE AWARD

Xavier Freeman

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Cricket Club

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) Premiers

Back Row
Troy Harbinson
Bailey Arnot
Andrew Johnstone
Darren Walles
Matthew Barr ©
Josh Connor
Ben Spieth
Daniel Allan

Front row
Dave Sykes
Taj Johnstone
Troy Harris
Colin Guye



Croydon Ranges 10/115
Matthew Barr 3/14
Josh Connor 2/20
Bailey Arnot 2/32

lost to Ainslie Park 9/143
Troy Harbinson 43
Andrew Johnstone 26*



2023/24

Ringwood District Cricket Association
Don Smith Shield Grand Final
Played at Silcock Reserve
23 & 24 March 2024
"It's Ours"

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Cricket Club



E Grade (4th XI) Premiers

Back Row

Leigh Walles
Josh Hood
Dylan Shanks
Marcus Allan
Trent Sier
Andrew Peters
Adam Smith
Luke Bullen

Front row

Matt Forster
Rick Forster ©
Nathan Dugdale
Dale Warren
Nick Delahunty

Ainslie Park 51/162

Josh Hood 51

Trent Sier 32

Dale Warren 26*

Defeated Wantina 10/145

Marcus Allan 5/21

Trent Sier 2/18

Ringwood District Cricket Association

E Grade Grand Final

Played at Gracedale Park

16 March 2024

"It's Ours"



2023/24

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Committee, officials & life members

Executive

President	Matt Thomas
Secretary	Alan Moss
Treasurer	Sean Minetti
Vice President	David Sykes
Senior Coordinator	Leigh Jones
Junior Coordinator	Nathan Croot
Women's Coordinator	Jo Chong Wah

Operations group

Players Representative	Jimmy Hunter
Junior Secretary	Brendon Freeman
Blasters Coordinator	Nicole Jones
Child Safety Officer	Ryan Willmott
Social Coordinator	Kim Lamont
Bar Managers	Trent Sier & Ethan Stone
Sponsorship	Rick Forster
Clothing	Max Moss
Property Officer	Sean Arbuckle

Coaching and selection

Senior Coach	Leigh Jones
Assistant Coaches	Tom Stray, Rowan Peters
Selection Committee	Darren Walles (Chairman), Leigh Jones (1st XI), Sean Minetti (2nd XI), Matthew Barr (3rd XI), Rick Forster (4th XI), Garry Walles (5th XI)
Junior Coaches	Brendon Freeman (u12/5), Dale Warren (u14/7), Darren Walles and Nathan Croot (u14/3), Will Macklin (u16/1), Mark Arnot (Blasters), Ben Owen (Girls Stage 3), Nick Delahunty (Girls Stage 1 - Koalas), Pieter van der Berg (Girls Stage 1 - Kangaroos), Jason Mulder (Girls Stage 1 Spirit)

LIFE MEMBERS

Phil McCallum (dec)	Ian Britnell	Alan Wadsworth (dec)	Jeff Berry
Robert Pendrey (dec)	Derrick Guye	Chris Anderson	Graham Young
Lindsay Foulis	Dom Valeri	Russell Davison	Geoff Anderson (dec)
Frank Colverson	Garry Walles	Les Eaton (dec)	Jamie Davison
Andrew Peters	Stuart Minetti	Ian Cubitt	Sean Arbuckle
Jason Foulis	Matt Thomas	Barry Westgarth	Glen Thomas
Darren Walles	Leigh Walles	David Delahunty	Alan Moss
Trent Sier	Sean Minetti	Ryan Willmott	

Vale Les Eaton

Sadly prior to the season commencing the club lost life member and club legend Les Eaton.

Les first came to Ainslie Park as Derricks mate and neighbour in the late 70s - season #2 in 1977/78. While not playing, Les was a voracious supporter and heavily involved in the clubs early social scene, even hosting events with wife Faye at their home before we had rooms. Soon enough in the early 80s Les was a major contributor to the construction of our first clubrooms that were so vital to the clubs future.

In the late 80's when Troy & Jason started playing juniors, Les also decided to become a player as well. While we're sure Les would have agreed in saying that he wasn't the most talented cricketer that Ainslie Park has ever produced, he did go on to play close to 150 games for the club and make close to 200 runs - nearly all of them pulled through square leg.

During his on field career Les did manage to play 2 games in the 3's but we assume this had more to do with Derrick as Chairman of selectors rather than Les's batting ability! While he was part of the premiership winning F Troop in the late 80s, it was in the 2007/08 Over 50's Legends Grand Final that Les achieved the ultimate cricketing glory, coming out as the last bat with 2 to win to then smash the bowler from Bayswater Park through square to the boundary for a 4 to win the flag.

Les also became an integral part of the club's annual veterans golf trip for over 20 years, notable for wearing gloves on both hands and always proud of being amongst the best #4's on the trip.

However, it was off the field that Les excelled around the club. Les never wanted to be on a committee or hold an 'official' role but instead was just always there - doing stuff. Les became a specialist at doing all the little things that make a club tick without being asked - emptying bins, setting up the scorer's tables, getting lunches ready, setting up the urn, checking gas bottles for the BBQ, helping Swampy, Killer or Mossy with Xmas lunches and setting up the rooms for Thursday night dinners for over 20 years.

Les also acted as the club's electrician for the entire time the original rooms were in use. It wasn't any single large role that Les did, but all these little things behind the scenes week in week out, year after year that contributed so much and that help the club tick.

The fact that Les spent just about every Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon, not to mention plenty of Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays for good measure over the past 47 summers at the club was what made him so helpful. If nothing else we always knew Les would be there to help, whether it was setting something up or meeting a delivery we didn't even have to ask, we just knew.



It was this amazing, consistent effort over decades that saw Les awarded the clubs two highest awards - in 2000 the Best Clubman Award and in 2002 he was awarded Life Membership.

Importantly, Les was also part of a trio of Life members - himself, Derrick Guy and Geoff Anderson who were not only part of a 25+ year old shout which anyone who was barmen during those days would remember, but who also financially supported the 1sts throughout some of the club's toughest times. Before we had live scoring and team app, Les & Derrick were also a vital source of information, travelling around the grounds every Saturday giving updates on how well, or usually how bad they thought everyone was going.

But most of all Les was a passionate supporter of the club, He would have watched more Ainslie games than any other person, and he defiantly had an opinion on every one of them.

The only consolation we can take from what has happened is that the last two games Les saw were the under 14's winning the flag followed by the 1's amazing win over Nth Ringwood in the Grand Final, which made Les one of the only people to have seen all 5 of the clubs 1st XI flags.

Les was a huge part of our club and will always be remembered.

Vale, Life Member Les Eaton.

President's report

Welcome everyone to the Annual Report for the Ainslie Park Cricket Club for Season 2023 / 24.

We've had so much to celebrate this season – premierships, our first ever women's team, growth in our junior programs and all senior sides making the finals, including 5 of them in Grand Finals. Off the field we've had some amazing social functions and have really made the new rooms even more like home with increased patronage throughout the week all season.

Sadly though, before the season had even started, we lost club legend and life member Les Eaton way too soon. As the season progressed, we appreciated just how many little things he did that just helped the club function smoothly – filling up gas bottles, setting up the tables for Thursday dinners, putting the pies in for Saturday lunches, emptying rubbish bins etc. An amazing example of how you don't have to be on committee or even play the game to be a valuable member of our community. Vale my friend.

On the field, again we enjoyed great success. Congratulations to Matty Barr and the 3's for winning the Don Smith Shield, and Rick Forster and the 4's for taking out the E Grade 'Stuart Minetti Shield' for their 3rd flag in a row. Both first year captains handled themselves exceptionally well, but I especially want to call out Matty Barr who took on one of the toughest jobs in the club, never complained and never gave up, despite things not looking so great at the Xmas break, and then going on to make finals and destroy red hot favourites Croydon Ranges in the GF. Rick on the other hand probably had the easiest job in the club!

Season 23/24 was momentous for seeing our first ever Senior Women's team take the field in collaboration with Croydon Ranges. At the end of the previous season we discussed the need to field a Women's team as a pathway for our growing Junior Girls program. Our expectation was this might take until season 24/25 and would depend largely on the older Juniors. What happened blew all of us away. Not only did we field a full team a season early, we had a surplus of Senior players, let alone Juniors, and even more amazingly this team of mainly 1st year cricketers went on to play in a Grand Final.

A huge shout out to Ange Minetti, taking on the role of our inaugural 1st XI Women's Captain. While I wasn't surprised, I was still blown away

by the professionalism of Ange's approach to the role, learning new rules and RDCA policies along with match tactics, selection decisions and handling the politics of a multi club role – all while still making sure the team had fun and had the perfect lolly mix each week.

Off the field the Women's team fitted seamlessly into the Senior club, attending Thursday night dinners, social functions, supporting the boys on a Saturday and the boys supporting the girls on the Sunday. I'd like to take this chance to thank the whole club for how seamlessly this integration has gone and look forward to watching this new section of our club grow.

Our second season in our new rooms also saw a new Social Coordinator in Kim Lamont, a new Bar Management Team of Trent Sier, Ethan Stone and Marcus Allan and a policy of trying to have the canteen open for all games. Kim was born for this role and I don't think the rooms have ever been decorated for events so well. Halloween saw a new initiative with a Junior function that became a Senior function later on which was a great way to include the whole club. We also had yet another huge player reunion with past players coming from all over the country for a great night.

This season also saw the long overdue fixing of the run ups on our main oval and hopefully this will be the first of several improvements to the ground. Our second season in our new rooms made them feel more like home and we continue to make improvements with new shelving in the storage area thanks to Nugget, and we're in talks with ERJFC as to how better display all of our memorabilia. We also invested in a new centre training net which has been a great improvement, and we will be looking to repair the main nets for next season as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people. First of all, our Executive Committee.

Mossy – Easily the hardest and busiest job in any club, Mossy manages to do it effortlessly without ever getting flustered and all between rounds of golf and power walks. In addition he does a heap of extra work around the club, especially on match day, and also looks after entering all the scores into Play HQ. He's also a handy plasterer.

President's report CONT.

Karl – the role of Treasurer has never been more important and this guy is a rock star. Much, much more than ‘just book keeping’, we are effectively running a small business and Karl does this on top of his actual job. Karl is our financial brains and involved in every aspect of the Executives decision making. He also looks after all of our contracts and regulatory obligations. And because he wasn't busy enough, he took on captaining our 2's as well this year...

Sykesy – has been involved in everything this season. Whether looking after grants, helping with our female teams, jumping in the canteen, attending random meetings, knowing where things are in the storage container and basically handling every random thing thrown at him, he is constantly helping solve problems.

Leeroy – what can I say about this guy. Not only is he club coach but also captain of the 1's, Senior Coordinator (very much a separate job), heavily involved in our social media, Blasters program, clothing and the clubs marketing in general. A well deserved Best Clubman for this season and someone who makes the club a better place with everything he does.

Crooty – a club legend who this season took on the huge role of Junior Coordinator. Not only did Crooty manage to nail this job with minimum issues, he also embraced the vision of having the canteen available as much as possible for all Junior games. This saw him negotiating donut deals and running around very early Saturday mornings organising supplies. On top of this he coached the U/14s and also had a pretty handy season in the 2's helping Karl out.

Jo – a change in the club's constitution saw Jo become our first Women's Coordinator. From straight after the AGM Jo threw herself into both recruiting and working out with Croydon Ranges how it would all work. The results speak for themselves, and we gone from being dubious about getting a joint team in year 1 to looking a fielding 2 stand alone sides this season. This has only happened with a lot of hard work, patience and flexibility in what still remains a very fluid competition.

Brendon Freeman – whatever you think this guy does around the club, triple it. Freeza is down there 6 days a week, involved in the U/12's, U/14s, Seniors, Girls Stage 3, Women's and Vets. He is also the Junior Secretary, on the Social Media Sub Committee, and effectively on

the executive being at every meeting etc. Whether it's a parent and kids T20 for the U/12s, the installation of the Ice machine or AP Fridge Light decals, Freeza is involved.

I know I will miss somebody here so my apologies in advance. However, I'd like to acknowledge the following in no particular order –

Sue and Stuart Minetti, not just scoring but the assistance with the Scoreboard, Play HQ, flowers and general help is invaluable.

Garry Walles captaining again, helping with training and managing the balls every week.

Shippa running the bar and helping out when he wasn't playing in the canteen.

Kimbo for an excellent social debut, fantastic events and energy and how about the ballons.

Pebbles in the bar and for getting your Mum to do speeches.

Max for all of his hard work on the clothing and other Merch – huge job but it looks great.

Tacka for helping out with the girls, the reunion and all other stuff in the background.

Wallo stepping in as a great Chairman of Selectors, also playing where you were needed rather than wanted, doing the U14's and all the other help.

Rick for all of the sponsorship work, Thursday night dinners, captaining, social help and just generally being useful!

Nugget for all the work around the club, painting lines, the shelves and anything else that needs to be done.

Brendan McGuinness and Nick Delahunty for their help with the Social Media and website.

Jo Walton for the Bunnings BBQs


Ted and Nathan Dugdale for constantly jumping in where needed.

Ryan Willmott – thanks for the work you did.

Nicole Jones and Gov for looking after the Blasters, they just keep booming.

Troy and Jo for the dinners and scoring.

Jimmy Hunter for being the players rep – hopefully you didn't have too much to do!



I also want to thank all the coaches I haven't mentioned already – Rowan Peters, Tom Stray, Dale Warren and Will Macklin.

I'd also like to thank all of our Life Members, Players, Volunteers, Supporters and Sponsors – you're all incredibly valuable members of the Ainslie Park community.

And finally, I'd like to thank Dallas Delahunty for leaving the club in such a good space and most importantly Derrick Guye for hosting Bolt night and being our #1 supporter.

Enjoy the break and I hope to see everyone for a huge season 24/25.

Matt 'Thommo' Thomas

President

Secretary's report

Season 3 of my secretarial stewardship completed and again another successful year for the club. Finals for all 5 men's sides with 2 flags and great effort from the women in their first season to play off in the grand final.

The job of Club Secretary can fill your time in quite adequately with the endless emails from various authorities including Cricket Victoria, RDCA, Maroondah Council and Government agencies. Fortunately we were able to achieve grants this season for Junior Development via Cricket Victoria (season 24/25) and our run-ups from Maroondah Council, all with help from Sykesy. Also further grants for girls' cricket from CV and achieved by Jo Chong Wah. All this helps the club but also takes enormous work to be successful in the grant process. We are also in the process of working through grants from Cricket Australia and Maroondah Council to refurbish the playing surface of our nets, which hopefully we can achieve by the start of next season.

None of this can work and no club can operate efficiently without a team effort and when you see the operation in full swing it still amazes me what an amazing new committee we had this season at APCC with each member pulling their weight on the club portfolio elected for them. Thanks from myself and all the club must go to these people for their outstanding jobs and no excuse was given and the job completed.

Our team consisted of Matt Thomas as newly appointed President, David Sykes (Vice President), Sean Minetti (Treasurer), Rick Forster (Sponsorship), Leigh Jones (Senior Coordinator), Nathan Croot (Junior Coordinator), Brendon Feeman (Junior Secretary) and Jo Chong Wah as the newly created Women's Coordinator. Once again, big thanks to Tacka who works tirelessly behind the scenes and is a great source of support and knowledge to the club.

Big thanks to all who assisted including Ship and Pebbles (bar), Freeza & Sykesy (reports), Big Stu (wherever required) and Max Moss (clothing). Just goes to show why this club is so successful with the amazing help and support we have.

Got to say that our new President Matt Thomas led from the front and created some amazing revenue streams for the club and his enthusiastic leadership that sometimes can be lost on retirees shows how great our club is. Also the help provided from all the Freeman family was amazing and special thanks for support provided.

Congratulations to our Senior Coach Leigh Jones and his support team. From committee level it provides great comfort to know Leigh is leading the club and hopefully can lead us back to the top of the mountain again. The senior sides were again successful with Leroy and his team leading the way.

Thanks to all the captains, coaches, team managers, scorers and helpers for all senior and junior sides. For the club to continue to thrive we require more participation from more people to volunteer on our committee and sub-committees.

Thank you for the loyalty of our sensational sponsors in what has been a very trying year globally. Please make sure we all support and promote our sponsors as much as we can.

Alan 'Mossy' Moss

Secretary

Treasurer's report

The club recorded a \$1,941 trading surplus for season 2023/24. This was an improvement of \$14,514 from last season. The club's true net cash position adjusted for amounts held on trust, receivables, payables and accruals increased by \$18,400 to the end of the financial year.

After making significant facility investments last season with the move to the new rooms we budgeted for a return to a surplus and it was pleasing to see this achieved even as we made further investments in the playing group and facilities.

We made further investments to support our players with spending on a portable training net and upgrading the pitch surroundings at Ainslie Park. Off field we upgraded the canteen fridge and our display cabinets that we share with East Ringwood Junior Football Club.

Our social calendar was brilliantly managed by Kim Lamont taking the reins from Rick Forster. Our bar, canteen and social profit were double last season. This can be attributed to a combination of factors including better social function attendance, canteen running from Friday through Sunday afternoon and hiring the rooms with attendant bar sales from these events.

The continued generous support from sponsors was crucial in allowing us to meet the clubs day to day operating requirements. Led by Rick Forster and Alan Moss and assisted by Jason Eaton we were able to increase general sponsorship by over 10%. A huge thank you to each sponsor for their generous support and to our sponsorship team for managing these crucial partnerships.

The player sponsorship program saw increased support from the playing group. This program continues to benefit both player and club and is something we hope only increases in popularity.

Member fees which never cover on field and coaching costs were set at \$40 per game for players paying upfront. We increased the per week player fee by \$5 and had a much better result with collections. This is partly down to better awareness due to the new player registration requirements, pushing harder on social media for payment and making payments available via Teamapp. We still didn't achieve 100% of collections but hope that with continued awareness we will move closer next season.

On the fundraising front Jo Walton took over management of Bunnings BBQ. After running four days last season we only had the one this year, which was a success adding valuable funds to club coffers. Thanks to Jo and all members that helped across the day.

Brendan McGuinness did a superb job running the new fantasy competition in his first season at the club which added to our bottom line. Our members supported Ladies Day which resulted in funds raised for breast cancer awareness exceeding \$3,000. Whilst we also received grants from Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia for our Women's program.

Thank you to Max Moss who again diligently managed the club clothing. We cleared a large number of slow moving stock items at a heavy discount that impacted the clothing result. A revaluation of stock to cost rather than sale price means clothing realised a large loss. We continue to work with a local supplier and hope that the challenges of quality will be behind us.

Having kept a strong handle on overheads the last few seasons this proved far more challenging with the economic realities hitting the club bottom line as it has households. Playing costs saw steady increases in umpiring, net hire and ground hire. We also invested further in our leadership group which saw large increases in this area. Administration costs were managed as tightly as possible but increases were seen in most areas and mainly out of our control.

Treasurer's report CONT.

Our Balance Sheet remains strong with healthy cash reserves and only minor liabilities to be serviced. Next season the club will be required to register for GST which will result in additional administration and a potential hit to the bottom line.

The committee remains committed to increasing our investment in junior development and players. We are fortunate to have worked ourselves into a position where we can make these investments we have without creating a shortage in working capital. It would not be unsurprising to see the club eat into cash reserves next season and so we must continue our hard work on the financial front to ensure our long term financial stability.

To the entire committee and all club members who help in official and unofficial capacities, you are what makes our club so great. To my wife Andrea, thank you for your support both as a player and as Treasurer.

Sean 'Karl' Minetti

Treasurer

Treasurer's report CONT.

Financial report notes

These notes are provided in the interest of clarifying key aspects of the Ainslie Park Cricket Club Financial Report for the year ended 30 April 2024. Notes are only provided where there is a change in income or expenditure from the previous financial year that is sufficient to warrant explanation:

1. Bar/canteen and social event gross profit doubled (~\$24,700) due to an increase in social functions, regular canteen opening, successful social functions and bar sales from room hire.
2. Clothing represented a significant loss after selling old low quality stock at a heavy discount and due to revaluation of closing stock at cost rather than sale value (~\$11,200).
3. Fundraising was down by 80% (~\$23,500) due to no major raffle (\$6,000), one quarter of Bunnings BBQ's (~\$7,200) and fewer grants received (~\$10,300).
4. Membership was up 49% (~\$10,000) due to better collection of playing fees through the new registration platform PlayHQ, increased success in collecting per game player payments through Teamapp, an increase in per game player fees by \$5 and more junior player registrations.
5. Sponsorship was up 19% (~\$6,000) due to increased general sponsorship (\$3,300) and better take up of the player sponsor program (~\$2,700).
6. Capital expenditure decreased by 48% due to Ainslie Park pitch surrounds (~\$4,000) upgrade being the only project undertaken as compared to last season's full upgrade at Lipscombe Park.
7. Non playing equipment decreased by 83% (~\$22,900) after last season's room fit out with cost incurred for a new fridge and display cabinet.
8. Coach and player costs increased by 71% (~\$14,300) due to an increased investment in player payments.
9. Cricket ball costs increased by 42% (~\$1,700) due to an increase in per ball costs, 3rd XI playing with a white ball and addition of the women's team
10. Playing equipment costs decreased by 31% (~\$2,000) with investment in portable training net less than last season's bowling machine investment.
11. Ground hire increased by 12% (~\$1,000) due to increased rates from the Maroonah City Council.
12. Training expenses increased by 104% (~\$3,700) due to increased indoor pre-season costs covering the development squad, women's team and juniors.
13. Umpire fees increased by 45% (~\$2,700) due to increased costs from the RDCA, increased requirements for junior and women's team umpires and more finals teams.
14. The nets redevelopment as per previous seasons continues to be depreciated on a straight line basis of \$8,000 per annum.

Profit and loss

Ainslie Park Cricket Club Inc

For the year ended 30 April 2024

	2024	2023	% +/-	\$ +/-
Bar & Canteen & Social				
Sales - Bar & Canteen				
Sales- Afternoon teas	810	-	-	810
Sales - Beer	35,354	23,952	48%	11,402
Sales - Cider	4,022	2,606	54%	1,417
Sales - Food	8,560	4,933	74%	3,627
Sales- Non-alcoholic	9,292	4,151	124%	5,141
Sales- Spirits	12,918	7,938	63%	4,979
Sales - Wine	1,896	1,056	80%	840
Total Sales- Bar & Canteen	72,852	44,636	63%	28,216
Direct Costs- Bar & Canteen				
Purchases - Bar	(26,541)	(17,960)	48%	(8,582)
Purchases - Canteen	(5,185)	(1,999)	159%	(3,186)
Purchases- Kitchen Consumables	(143)	(50)	186%	(93)
Square Fees	(1,597)	-	-	(1,597)
Total Direct Costs- Bar & Canteen	(33,467)	(20,009)	67%	(13,458)
Sales - Social Events				
Sales- Christmas Party	1,820	1,288	41%	533
Sales- Presentation Night	5,120	7,420	-31%	(2,300)
Sales- Social Nights	12,895	5,214	147%	7,681
Sales- Thursday Night Meals	9,272	4,289	116%	4,984
Total Sales- Social Events	29,107	18,210	60%	10,897
Direct Costs- Social Events				
Christmas Party	(1,897)	(264)	619%	(1,633)
Presentation Night - Seniors/Vets	(5,866)	(9,168)	-36%	3,303
Purchases- Social Events	(6,563)	(5,465)	20%	(1,099)
Purchases- Thursday Meals	(4,686)	(3,181)	47%	(1,505)
Total Direct Costs- Social Events	(19,012)	(18,078)	5%	(934)
Total Bar & Canteen & Social	49,480	24,759	100%	24,721
Clothing				
Sales- Clothing				
Sales- Merchandise	16,201	15,642	4%	559
Merchant Fees Recovered	620	-	-	620
Total Sales- Clothing	16,821	15,642	8%	1,180
Direct Costs- Clothing				
Opening Stock	(19,313)	(14,600)	32%	(4,713)
Purchases- Merchandise	(19,773)	(17,951)	10%	(1,822)
Stripe Fees	(708)	(1,861)	-62%	1,152
Subsidised Junior Clothing	-	(394)	-100%	394

Profit and loss CONT.

	2024	2023	% +/-	\$ +/-
Closing Stock	11,749	19,313	-39%	(7,564)
Total Direct Costs- Clothing	(28,045)	(15,492)	81%	(12,553)
Clothing - GrossProfit	(11,223)	150	-7,603%	(11,373)
Fundraising				
Income - Fundraising				
Donations - General	55	767	-93%	(712)
Fundraising - \$100Raffle Tickets	-	10,000	-100%	(10,000)
Fundraising - FantasyCompetition	750	-	-	750
Fundraising - Bunnings BBQ	2,836	12,578	-77%	(9,742)
Fundraising - Pink Stumps Day	3,254	1,247	161%	2,007
Grants	4,500	15,175	-70%	(10,675)
Total Income - Fundraising	11,394	39,767	-71%	(28,373)
Direct Costs- Fundraising				
Commissions - Grants	-	(330)	-100%	330
Fundraising - Bunnings BBQCosts	(1,263)	(3,845)	-67%	2,582
Donations - Pink Stumps Day	(3,254)	(1,247)	161%	(2,007)
Fundraising - \$100Raffle Payout	-	(4,000)	-100%	4,000
Total Direct Costs- Fundraising	(4,517)	(9,422)	-52%	4,905
Total Fundraising	6,877	30,345	-77%	(23,468)
Membership Fees				
Income - Membership Fee				
Indoor Training Fees	-	15	-100%	(15)
Membership Fees- Juniors	8,815	6,483	36%	2,332
Membership Fees- Seniors	23,259	13,920	67%	9,339
Total Income - Membership Fee	32,074	20,418	57%	11,657
Direct Costs- Membership Fees				
FeeDiscounts - Girls Teams	(50)	-	-	(50)
Membership FeesLost	(1,415)	(70)	1,921%	(1,345)
Merchant Fees- Mycricket	(408)	(123)	233%	(285)
Total Direct Costs- Membership Fees	(1,873)	(193)	872%	(1,680)
Total Membership Fees	30,201	20,225	49%	9,976
Sponsorship				
Income - Sponsorship				
Sponsorship - General	32,500	29,200	11%	3,300
Sponsorship - Player	9,000	5,000	80%	4,000
Total Income - Sponsorship	41,500	34,200	21%	7,300
Direct Costs- Sponsorship				
FeeDiscounts - Player Sponsorship	(3,400)	(2,110)	61%	(1,290)
Total Direct Costs- Sponsorship	(3,400)	(2,110)	61%	(1,290)
Total Sponsorship	38,100	32,090	19%	6,010

Profit and loss CONT.

	2024	2023	% +/-	\$ +/-
Total Gross Profit	113,435	107,569	5%	5,867
Other Income				
Interest Income	1,286	306	321%	980
Other Revenue	200	-	-	200
Recoveries/Reimbursements	7,245	4,534	60%	2,711
Vets T20 Big Bash Winnings	200	500	-60%	(300)
Total Other Income	8,931	5,340	67%	3,591
Operating Expenses				
Administration Costs				
Advertising	627	650	-4%	(23)
Bank Fees	46	39	17%	7
Capital Expenditure	8,250	15,973	-48%	(7,723)
Cleaning	2,453	2,255	9%	198
Depreciation	8,000	8,000	-	-
Flowers & Gifts	821	652	26%	169
Insurance	2,117	2,092	1%	25
Licenses	445	777	-43%	(333)
Light, Power, Heating	8,983	8,338	8%	646
Office Expenses	824	323	155%	501
Equipment - Non Playing	4,765	27,677	-83%	(22,912)
Printing & Stationery	551	39	1,318%	512
Repairs and Maintenance	766	534	43%	232
Signage	1,430	1,078	33%	352
Subscriptions	1,679	1,414	19%	265
Security	297	-	-	297
Telephone & Internet	120	362	-67%	(242)
Trophies	3,010	2,414	25%	596
Water Rates	1,118	1,006	11%	112
Website	254	-	-	254
Total Administration Costs	46,554	73,621	-37%	(27,067)
Playing Costs				
Affiliation - BHRDCA	-	235	-100%	(235)
Affiliation - RDCA	3,345	2,871	17%	474
Coaching/Playing Fees	34,237	19,978	71%	14,259
Cricket Balls	5,846	4,107	42%	1,739
Equipment - Playing	4,491	6,488	-31%	(1,997)
Ground Hire	8,906	7,944	12%	962
Insurance - Players	-	856	-100%	(856)
Purchases- Afternoon Teas	1,318	-	-	1,318
Training Expenses	7,226	3,538	104%	3,688

Profit and loss CONT.

	2024	2023	% +/-	\$ +/-
Umpires	8,503	5,845	45%	2,658
Total Playing Costs	73,871	51,861	42%	22,010
Total Operating Expenses	120,425	125,482	-4%	(5,057)
Net Profit	1,941	(12,573)	-115%	14,514

Balance sheet

Ainslie Park Cricket Club Inc

As at 30 April 2024

	30 APR2024	30 APR2023	% VARIANCE	\$ VARIANCE
Assets				
Bank				
Operations	38,153	21,638	76% ↑	16,516 ↑
Savings Account	55,758	34,227	63% ↑	21,530 ↑
Stripe AUD	48	-	- —	48 ↑
Term Deposit #2	30,872	30,173	2% ↑	699 ↑
Total Bank	124,832	86,038	45%	38,794
Current Assets				
Accounts Receivable	583	13,293	-96% ↓	(12,710) ↓
Stock on Hand	11,749	19,313	-39% ↓	(7,564) ↓
Vouchers Held	-	896	-100% ↓	(896) ↓
Total Current Assets	12,332	33,502	-63%	(21,170)
Fixed Assets				
Capital Improvements	152,140	152,140	- —	- —
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Capital Improvements	(96,000)	(88,000)	-9% ↓	(8,000) ↓
Total Fixed Assets	56,140	64,140	-12%	(8,000)
Total Assets	193,304	183,680	5%	9,624
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	6,433	-	- —	6,433 ↑
Accrued Expenses	2,580	-	- —	2,580 ↑
Holding Account - Vets Golf Trip	2,227	3,080	-28% ↓	(854) ↓
Store Credit	1,247	1,724	-28% ↓	(477) ↓
Total Current Liabilities	12,488	4,804	160%	7,683
Total Liabilities	12,488	4,804	160%	7,683
Net Assets	180,817	178,876	1%	1,941
Equity				
Capital Reserve- Practice Facilities	67,364	67,364	- —	- —
Current Year Earnings	1,941	(12,573)	115% ↑	14,514 ↑
Retained Earnings	111,512	124,085	-10% ↓	(12,573) ↓
Total Equity	180,817	178,876	1%	1,941

Social report

For those who don't know me (which is surely impossible!), I'm Kim Lamont, wife of Ben "Monty" Lamont and super mum to our beautiful girl, Emma. Everyone knows I love a great party, so after being an active parent and cheerleader for my daughter's Stage 1 cricket teams over the past few years in the APCC junior world, this year I stepped up and took over the role of Social Coordinator for the club from the wonderful Rick.

Canadian by birth, my favourite holiday is Hallowe'en! So, I figured what better way to kick off the APCC event season than with a spooky celebration for all the families at APCC to enjoy.

The Hallowe'en Party was a huge family event with lots of ghouls & goblins and so much effort was put into costumes including Jimmy & Courtney as characters from The Hangover. Jess, Millie & Nugget were Kath, Kim & Sharon from Kath and Kim. We also had a pair of Beefeaters (Trish & Kathryn), while Fred Flintstone (President Thomas), Captain Mile High Monty and Torrance from Bring it On (Pebbles) manning the bar. The women's team had strong representation with Emma Wiggle (Briony), Dory (Captain Ange), a very German Red Riding Hood (Kelly), Cleopatra (Elsie), Marie Curie (Jassie), Dark Fairy (Kat), the Burrito (Jo) and Coach Roy Kent (Brendon). Everyone had a great time enjoying the spooky treats and candy while dancing late into the night. And blessing us all throughout the night while sipping holy water, was Father Darren.

Next on the social calendar was the APCC Christmas Party on Sunday 10 December, just before the mid-season break. Once again it was a great family event full of Christmas joy and spirit with a delicious roast meal and many desserts. Kids and parents had their faces painted at the face painting stall and a very jolly Santa arrived to deliver gifts to all the kids.

The silly season continued with the annual APCC Trivia Night on 27 January, masterfully MC'd by APCC's very own Quizmaster and Veep - Dave Sykes. Trivia Night was a huge success with over 100 Trivia Buff wannabes attending. It's always the biggest fundraising event of the season for the club and 2024 did not disappoint.

Due to the collective and very generous efforts of our APCC members, sponsors and other local businesses the Silent Auction on Trivia Night was a huge success with some incredible prizes including a scenic flight to Antarctica! Many of the items sparked some hilarious bidding wars. Highlights included Nicole bidding on an hour of time with Leroy (but deciding he wasn't worth more than \$60), Amber keen to secure the limited edition "Croot Brew" and a pair of sunglasses which were in high demand for quite a few of the ladies there. Overall, it was a fantastic night and in total we raised \$8,500 for club through the Silent Auction alone.

Our final big event of the year was Pink Stumps Day on 25 February supporting the McGrath Foundation. Pink Stumps Day was a hugely successful and fabulously pink fundraiser, complete with a high tea table of pink sweet and savoury treats, a large selection of pink merchandise and masseuse on hand as well. The day coincided with our women's team's final home game for the season before finals. Again we had a great turn out on the day with APCC families out in full force to support the cause. Breast cancer awareness is very close to all our hearts, and we were privileged to hear the personal story of our very own Emily Robinson from the Ainslie Ranges Women's 1st XI on the day, delivered by her close friend, Karen Davison. In total we raised \$3,254 for the McGrath Foundation. It was a fantastic end to the social season at APCC.

While we're on a short break now in the off season, please make a note of our Western BBQ night locked in for 16 November. We have confirmed Club favourite Jade Gibson as the entertainer for the night so save the date now!



Social Coordinator

Canteen report

This season the committee wanted to see the canteen was operating as much as possible, ideally so that our members and guests could access food and drinks whenever a match was on. This goal was achieved through the hard work of many volunteers, and it meant that whether it was burgers at a Tuesday night T20, schnitz rolls on a Friday night at the U/12s, coffee and donuts on a Saturday morning, egg and bacon rolls on a Sunday or a beer and hot dogs during the seniors, we were improving the experience at Ainslie Park for our players and supporters.

The canteen is also extensively used to provide our Thursday night dinners, regularly serving over 50 meals and helping bring all of our members together and show off their cooking skills. We also need to provide Senior afternoon teas across the weekend as well as cater to our social events such as the Christmas Party and Players Reunion.

To support all of this extra use of the canteen, the club invested in a new fridge, an ice machine and the use of the ERJFC coffee machine. We also learnt how to use the lactose intolerant dishwasher properly. The results of all of this hard work was nearly doubling our food sales throughout the season, more than doubling our non-alcoholic beverage sales and more than doubling our revenue from the Thursday night meals.

All round it was a fantastic effort and one I hope we can repeat for next season.

My apologies to anyone I miss but I'd like to especially thank the following in no particular order.

Nathan Croot for organising the bakery goods, shopping and helping with teas and everything else you did for the canteen.

Trent Sier for all of the effort making afternoon teas and manning the canteen while off injured.

Rick Forster for organising the Thursday night dinners.

Jo Shanks and **Troy Harris** and all of the other people who cooked those Thursday night dinners.

Alan Moss for helping with the afternoon teas, shopping and manning the canteen Saturday afternoons.

Brendon Freeman, David Sykes, Ted & Nathan Dugdale for regularly jumping in and helping without being asked, whenever we got busy over the 6 days a week you're at the club. You all managed to graduate with your deep frying licences as well!

Adele Gregson for organising the U/16s roster and all the last minute trips to the shops etc.

Jaz Freeman and **Chelsea Thomas** for being my #1 helpers. Serving and cooking often multiple times a week throughout the season.

Dallas Delahunty and **Paul Moulton** and others for jumping on the BBQ as required.

Mark Seegets and **Ben Lamont** for showing us that if you buy enough coffees you can become an expert at making them.

Clinton Killen for yet again coming down from Wodonga to help cater for our biggest social function of the year.

And to everyone else who throughout the year helped out when needed.

Thanks again



Canteen Manager

SENIOR COMP
2023/24



Coach's report

Another massive season is behind us, and as always it came with its own unique challenges, opportunities, ups, downs, celebrations, commiserations and everything in between.

My focus, and the biggest opportunity I saw after last season, was growth. The club-wide success we enjoyed had given us a golden opportunity for significant growth as a playing group, both on and off field. It was going to take even more work and commitment from everyone to achieve it, and I'm pleased that growth was exactly what eventuated.

The growth transpired in a whole range of areas. We grew our game plan into a whole Club Charter, grew our pre-season volume, our Development Squad returned, our average training attendance increased, we grew the squad with new and returning players, including a whole squad of women. That was our most exciting, obvious and significant growth, the introduction of our first ever Women's XI. They added so much to the club in their first season and I hope they enjoyed it enough to not only return next season, but grow the women's program as well. Big thanks to Jo Chong Wah, Brendon Freeman and Ange Minetti for the mountain of work they put in to get the women's program up and running, and the committee as well for their support in it. Another massive thanks to Rowan Peters for managing the Development Squad, and to the senior players who helped Rowan with those sessions.

Our community service initiative, the Glenallen School working bee, continued again for another season. However, this was one area where we didn't see growth, with only 10 volunteers attending. We'll hope to do better on this front next season. Some things are much bigger than cricket, and giving back to the community is an important part of who we are as a club.

Another of the most pleasing aspects of the season was our mantra of "club first, team second, individual third" continues to shine through in so many things we do. We had Ethan Stone, who was going to miss finals because of work commitments, happy to go down the grades and play a role wherever he was needed. There was Ange Minetti managing the women's team without a game of experience to fall back on, and Georgia Priestley continuing to train at 100% and commit to her team even though she knew she couldn't qualify for finals.

We even had a game where Jo Shanks was scoring with Ship, watching her boys Shanksy and Troy bat, while nursing Shanksy's baby in one arm and scoring with the other. If that's not the absolute essence of community sport, I don't know what is. Those were just a few of many examples that displayed our club-first mentality.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with the coaching load this season. Rowan helped with the Development Squad as well as some general assistance, and Tom helped out with batting coaching and keeps developing our young talent, thanks guys. A big thank you to BJ who, stepping into a new club, helped out with batting coaching, offered assistance and passed on knowledge to many players from the moment he walked in. Love to see that! There were always many hands raised to help set up and pack up training sessions, often without having to ask. Thank you all! Special thanks also to Mossy and Gaz for helping run the nets.

We put together another strong season on field with all 6 senior teams making finals and finishing 5th in the RDCA Club Championship, further proof that we're perennially punching above our weight as a club. Thanks to all the captains who were a pleasure to work with as usual throughout the season.

The First and Second XIs enjoyed strong seasons again. It was always going to be difficult for the 1s to back up last season, but another strong season and a finals appearance is still a super effort. Add to that, three more 1s debuts in Brendan McGuinness, Oscar Seegets and Lachie Francis shows the depth we've developed over recent years. The 2s continue to develop our depth and compete with the best 2nd XIs in the comp. Again, they had a young bowling attack in that team, and they held up strong to support an experienced batting list to achieve another grand final appearance. The whole team showed unbelievable fight in the grand final too, at one stage looking like they could cause a big upset. It was not to be, but congratulations to Sean Minetti and all who played in that team during the season for all their efforts. I'm lucky to have had someone as selfless as Sean in that role to lean on, bounce ideas off and collaborate with, which makes my job easier. A big thanks to you, mate.

Coach's report CONT.

The 3rds and 4ths were the success stories of the season. With both teams having new captains, Matt Barr and Rick Forster gelled their teams together beautifully amidst some chaotic selection headaches. An incredible effort in itself. With Matt being such a young captain, taking on arguably the most difficult team to manage, you would've excused him if the role ever got the better of him at various stages during the season, however it never seemed to.

He remained composed, committed and led the team to an emphatic premiership. Congratulations again to all the 3rds players. The 4ths looked like a top team all year and were well managed by Rick. There was some serious experience in that team for him to lean on, but managing it all still takes a hell of a lot of work, and Rick did it brilliantly. Marcus Allan's 5 wicket haul to bring us home in the grand final was a brilliant highlight. Congratulations to Rick and the whole 4th XI on yet another flag.

The 5ths were another experienced team, topped up by a couple of young guys like Kento and Benny Walles. Great to see some youth in that team and we hope to see more next season. Gaz will do anything for the club and put his hand up to lead the team, and did a fine job to lead them to a grand final. A cracking half century from Freezer couldn't get them over the line, but a great season nonetheless from the 5ths.

Our inaugural Women's XI were an all round highlight for the club throughout the season. Often attracting a crowd on a Sunday, they played the game in great spirit, with competitiveness and composure beyond their experience. Ange Minetti's leadership was a standout, as was Kat Bullen's hard hitting and Kiara Torney's consistent bowling spells. Congratulations to all of our Women's XI, and to all those who put in so much effort to support the team in their first season.

Thank you to all of the committee who were supportive as always and continue to ensure Ainslie Park is one of the best administered clubs in the association. Our volunteers around the club are some of the best going around, we're never short of people to help out, so thanks to you all as well. A special shout out to our scorers, Stu and Sue Minetti who help out the 1s and 2s every week, thank you both on behalf of all the players. A big thank you to Nicole for being my biggest support and allowing me to do this for the club. Finally, thanks to the players for helping put together another enjoyable season.

The growth won't stop here if we don't let it, so let's keep building on the foundations we've worked so hard to establish. See you all next season.

Leigh Roy Jones

Senior Coach

Trollope Shield (1st XI)

After the highs of a premiership season, it was always going to be a challenge to back it up and raise the bar to another level. We learnt along the way that being “the hunted” every week is tough, but it was a challenge that I believed all the players were up for.

There were a couple of changes to the group, as we acquired Brendan McGuinness to the squad from Oakleigh, and he added quality and a wealth of knowledge to the group instantly. His attitude right from the preseason was brilliant, helping anyone who asked and jumping on the bowling machine to help develop other players. Thanks BJ! Unfortunately Ethan Stone would eventually find himself out of the team due to work commitments, and his bowling was sorely missed in the end. A credit to Ethan, he still put his hand up to play in whatever grade was best for the club when he was available.

That meant there were opportunities there for others to step up, and Oscar Seegets certainly did that. He earned himself a debut in round 1 and ended up playing every game in the 1st XI. Lachie Fancis also debuted and got a taste of 1st XI cricket, and equipped himself very well. Lewis Davison also broke into the team during the season after a long 1st XI hiatus, and ended up bowling some very handy spells at key times.

Our preseason was really strong, not only from the players hopeful of playing 1st XI, but from everyone. We packed out Saxon Sports almost every session, often having 30+ players attending and struggling to get everyone a hit.

As the old saying goes, it really was a season of two halves. The first half of the season was a pretty dominant display, starting with five consecutive wins and turning at the Christmas break with a 6-1 win/loss record, sharing top of the ladder with Lilydale. Despite the results and lofty ladder position though, we hadn't felt as though we'd played our best cricket, which is usually the sign of a great team.

That run started with convincing wins over Kilsyth and East Ringwood, with Aydn Sier (92), Dave Killen (6/15), Brendan McGuinness (58*) and Tom Stray (43* off 28, 5/31) doing most of the damage in those games. The next few games included tough fixtures against Norwood and North Ringwood, but we comfortably accounted for them by 48 runs and 6 wickets respectively. The Norwood game produced a season high score of 9/261, with even contributions, highlighted by Rowan's 51 and Jake's 48. Another 4 wicket haul from Tom

finished that game off. The North Ringwood game was controlled by Brendan McGuinness' knock of 61. In between those games, Aydn Sier produced a last ball of the innings unbeaten ton against South Croydon. Max Moss (65) provided support to seal a win by 52 runs.

We were completely out-batted by Montrose in round 6, where our biggest fault was leaving 16 overs out there. Then after an abandoned round 7, we were able to bounce back and knock off Norwood again, this time in the last over after a tense game. Max again was a key contributor scoring 45, with DK and Jimmy Hunter sharing 3 wickets each.

The second half of the season was in stark contrast to the first. Our batting consistency eluded us for the most part, only putting together one score of 190+ in a loss to Lilydale, compared to five 190+ scores before the break. After BJ's 50 and Jake whacking 69* off 34, Lilydale produced something special to beat us in a good game of cricket, which can happen in the top grades. Montrose then beat us comfortably again, and a disappointing tie followed against Kilsyth. We lost wickets too consistently in that game, didn't move the game forward and made hard work of chasing a modest total of 168.

Dillon (47) and Jimmy Hunter (3/6 off 13) were the highlights in a win over East Ringwood, but then again we lacked consistency and application in the last two home and away games, going down to South Croydon and North Ringwood.

After a loss in the Elimination Final, the season was unfortunately cut shorter than we'd hoped for. It was another game where we lacked some application in our batting innings, and gave away too many wickets cheaply and consistently. We fought hard in the field, pushing the game deep, but just didn't have enough runs on the board.

In the end, our bowling lacked a bit of penetration and we couldn't regain our batting consistency after Christmas. On too many occasions, we made it too easy for our opposition to get us out. It's something we addressed in the rooms after that last game already, and will work on moving forward. Building our game around reliable, repeatable processes allows us to stand up in big moments more consistently as players. The more repeatable our technique and processes are, the more we trust them, and the more we're

Trollope Shield (1st XI) CONT.

able to execute them regardless of the pressure or situation. This is also something that I'd like to form as part of our next preseason.

Whilst the second half highlights didn't quite match the first half, there were still plenty. We can still be proud of the season and have still made progress. Two more young home grown players, Oscar and Lachie, played 1st XI. Tom Stray won the Trollope Shield batting average and was a member of the RDCA All-Star team. Coby Arbuckle came in and played some encouraging knocks. We were again among the top four teams in a very strong competition, and at times found ways to win games when not playing our best. We're lucky to have built up the strength and depth that means we're left disappointed by a finals appearance. We now have to work even harder and smarter to get back up to where we believe we should be. We want to be fighting it out in the last weekend of the season.

Thanks to all the players who played in the 1sts this season, who all made it such an enjoyable privilege as always to captain the team. Thanks to Tom and BJ who I leant on a lot during the season, and Tom for subbing in as captain for a game as well. To Dave Killen who, for the third season in a row, kept travelling miles to commit to APCC. To Sean Minetti who is so club-first as a 2nd XI skipper and who I bounce many ideas off, as well as all the other captains. Thanks to Ship and all other volunteers that made teas for us and manned the canteen/bar during our games, all of that really helps bring supporters and atmosphere to the club when we play. A huge thank you to our scorer Stu Minetti, who I can always reflect on games with, as well as rely on for a much appreciated honest assessment. Finally, thanks again to Nicole and my girls who are always there supporting along the way.

Next season can be another significant one of growth for the club, it's up to all of us to drive it and contribute so that we remain the best club in the region, and I'm looking forward to the challenge again.

Leigh Roy Jones

Trollope Shield (1st XI) stats

CAPTAIN	Leigh Jones				
100s SCORED	Aydn Sier	101*	vs	South Croydon	Rd 4
50s SCORED	Aydn Sier	92	vs	Kilsyth	1
	Max Moss	65	vs	South Croydon	4
	Brendan McGuinness	61	vs	North Ringwood	5
	Brendan McGuinness	58*	vs	East Ringwood	2
	Dillon Bettess	52	vs	Kilsyth	11
	Rowan Peters	51	vs	Norwood	3
	Brendan McGuinness	50	vs	Lilydale	9
	Tom Stray	50	vs	North Ringwood	EF
5+ WKTS/INN	Dave Killen	6/15	vs	Kilsyth	1
	Tom Stray	5/31	vs	East Ringwood	2
BATTING AVERAGE	Tom Stray	Runs 373		Average 53.29	
BOWLING AVERAGE	Tom Stray	Wickets 19		Average 17.63	
PHIL MCCALLUM AWARD (Best team player)	Max Moss				
BOLT MEDAL WINNER (1 st XI)	Tom Stray				
MOST RUNS	Tom Stray (373)				
MOST WICKETS	Tom Stray (19)				
MOST CATCHES	Brendan McGuinness (11)				
HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL	9/261 v Norwood (Round 3)				
LOWEST TEAM TOAL	136 v South Croydon (Round 13)				

Trollope Shield (1st XI) stats CONT.

Highest partnerships

Wicket	Runs	Batters		Round	Opposition
1	55	Brendan McGuinness	Dillon Bettess	12	East Ringwood
2	72	Brendan McGuinness	Tom Stray	9	Lilydale
3	124	Max Moss	Aydn Sier	4	South Croydon
4	96	Rowan Peters	Aydn Sier	1	Kilsyth
5	81	Aydn Sier	Tom Stray	1	Kilsyth
6	67	Max Moss	Jake Tucker	8	Norwood
7	47	Jake Tucker	Lachlan Francis	6	Montrose
8	21	Leigh Jones	Lachlan Francis	6	Montrose
9	20	Tom Stray	Oscar Seegets	11	Kilsyth
10	7	Oscar Seegets	Lachlan Francis	6	Montrose

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
15	7	6	1	1	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opponent	Score	Result
1	5/232	Kilsyth	123	Win
2	7/191	East Ringwood	157	Win
3	9/261	Norwood	213	Win
4	6/216	South Croydon	164	Win
5	4/168	North Ringwood	162	Win
6	177	Montrose	6/253	Loss
7		Lilydale		Draw
8	9/198	Norwood	8/196	Win
9	5/225	Lilydale	4/227	Loss
10	8/172	Montrose	4/174	Loss
11	168	Kilsyth	168	Tie
12	3-d/141	East Ringwood	133 & 4-d/165	Win
13	136	South Croydon	6/141	Loss
14	169	North Ringwood	5/170	Loss
EF	154	North Ringwood	4/157	Loss

Trollope Shield (1st XI) stats CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Runs	Average
Stray, Tom	12	12	5	50	373	53.29
McGuinness, Brendan	14	15	2	61	358	27.54
Sier, Aydn	12	11	1	101	357	35.70
Tucker, Jake	14	13	3	69	303	30.30
Moss, Max	12	11	1	65	237	23.70
Bettess, Dillon	12	14	2	52	231	19.25
Peters, Rowan	10	9	1	51	157	19.63
Arbuckle, Coby	6	6	0	38	132	22.00
Jones, Leigh	13	10	4	24	90	15.00
Killen, David	9	6	0	25	71	11.83
Seegets, Oscar	13	9	2	10	44	6.29
Hunter, James	9	7	1	21	41	6.83
Francis, Lachlan	4	3	1	29	34	17.00
Stone, Ethan	9	3	3	1	2	NA
Davison, Lewis	5	5	2	1	1	0.33
Wallis, Darren	1	0	0	0	0	NA

Bowling performances

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Stray, Tom	12	90	11	19	335	17.63
Tucker, Jake	14	158	43	17	512	30.12
Killen, David	9	88	20	16	285	17.81
Seegets, Oscar	13	109.5	13	14	423	30.21
Hunter, James	9	93.2	37	12	229	19.08
Stone, Ethan	9	53	9	9	201	22.33
Jones, Leigh	13	96	25	7	268	38.29
Davison, Lewis	5	49.5	9	6	147	24.50
Francis, Lachlan	4	35	8	4	126	31.50
Wallis, Darren	1	8	1	1	19	19.00

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI)

On the back of a strong back half of last season we entered the season optimistic about our chances of improving on last season's sole finals appearance. We found another level on the continued growth of our youth and finished second on the home and away ladder despite a number of injuries. Across three finals matches we fought manfully, enjoyed an exciting win in the Preliminary Final and took the Grand Final all the way to the 75th over of the second day.

Last season saw the introduction of a number of players aged under 21 and with the offseason development program behind them, all players showed further improvement. A couple of players spent time in the 1sts which is the ultimate goal of the 2nds pathway. Whilst we also introduced two exciting under 16 players to the group who more than held their own.

Coby Arbuckle after a strong showing at the end of last season, started with a century and spent the season rotating between the 1sts and 2nds. At his best he should know he is too good for the grade and the challenge now is for consistency and locking in for big days. He again led the team in the field and is a player that the younger core look up to.

Lachie Francis who has such potential as an all rounder also spent some time in the 1sts. Lachie showed what he can do with the bat with a brilliant 72 under pressure in the first final. He is a high quality fielder and his death bowling is highly skilled. The challenge now is to find his role with the ball in the longer form.

Jimmy Johnstone but for injury was on the path to debuting in the 1sts after an early season century. Unfortunately Jimmy lost a majority of the season to a back injury. I am excited to see Jimmy's growth next season as has so much time to play the ball and never looks flustered. His skill with the ball was missed this season and hopefully we see him back with the ball next year..

His younger brother Taj also debuted this year but injury also impacted his season just as he was looking like our most threatening new ball bowler. His fielding is electric and with his skill with the bat there is huge potential to be realised as an all rounder.

Jack Evans played every game and improved greatly over the course of the season. By late season his keeping had improved dramatically and his voice behind the stumps helped keep us

up. His two finals innings of 20+ under pressure helped us to scores that gave us a chance. In both situations he batted with maturity and grit that shows an exciting future.

Ben Spieth, like Taj, had an injury that curtailed his time in the 2nds. Ben showed continued development as an off spinner with a couple of big white ball games early on showing his potential. With his late middle order batting and his athletic fielding I can see him impacting the game in multiple ways in future.

Lithika Dharmasena who performed strongly with the white ball last season showed exciting growth with the red ball. With a couple of games to go he took the new ball and grew with confidence each game. By the Grand Final he was as important as any bowler we had and most importantly he wanted the ball in his hands when the game was there to be won.

The group of young men we currently have all have the potential to become future 1st XI players. Most importantly I hope they are enjoying their cricket and developing strong friendships.

This youthful group was perfectly complimented by our more experienced senior players.

Cameron Eustice had an outstanding season and was deservedly the team Bolt medal winner and competition MVP. His 600+ runs was a great reward for his skill, ability to focus and pick his moment to take the game on. His infectious enthusiasm and constant flow of ideas were invaluable.

Nathan Croot eclipsed 300 runs again even with an ailing body. He remains our classiest bat who the opposition always fear. Most importantly his support on and off the field was essential in helping me lead the team throughout the season.

Josh White came into the team after Christmas and helped take our game to the next level with his all round skills. A destructive bat in multiple positions, skillful bowler and quality fieldsman, highlighted by his direct hit in the 2nd over of our final win. He is now a leader of the group.

Matt Delahunty did the same mountain of work with the ball as last season with the difference being he got the rewards he deserved this time. 22 wickets across 175 overs with good economy. He often bowled 20 plus overs in a day and was always a good bet to get the opposition's best out.

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Mark Sealey came into the side late in the season and showed his class with the ball in the Finals as we leaned on him heavily for long spells. He bowled us into an almost winning position in the Grand Final. His calm approach under pressure is a great example to the whole team.

Sean Arbuckle was felled by injury on the eve of finals but brought his competitive will to win no matter the position of the game. He was asked to play a range of roles, batting throughout the order, bowling or keeping and you know that you always got Nuggett's fearless best.

Also a big thanks to Rowan Peters who came into the side late in the season. With the 1sts eliminated he wasn't qualified to play but put his hand up to help as 12th man and helped keep the group energised. His efforts with the development squad are invaluable in helping the next generation develop their skills and love of the game.

A big thank you to our hard working committee, all players and the extended Ainslie Park family. Thanks to the other captains for their work in managing another season. To the premiership winners congratulations on your success, nothing better than sharing in that success with your mates and larger club.

To Leigh Jones, thanks for all your hard work again as our leader, words alone can't do justice to your efforts. Of course a massive thanks to Mum for scoring again, it makes match day that much easier. To Ange who had her own cricket this year, thanks for your support and well done on your efforts leading the senior women's team, a team which has brought so much to our club.

Let's continue to work as a club to ensure Ainslie Park is a safe, positive and successful environment for people of all ages who love their cricket.

See you next year.

Sean 'Karl' Minetti

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) stats

CAPTAIN	Sean Minetti				
					Rd
100s SCORED	James Johnstone	103*	vs	Wantirna South	3
	Sean Minetti	102*	vs	Wantirna South	8
	Coby Arbuckle	101*	vs	Kilsyth	1
50s SCORED	Cameron Eustice	94	vs	Croydon Ranges	6
	Cameron Eustice	89	vs	Warrandyte	PF
	Cameron Eustice	85	vs	Yarra Junction	12
	Nathan Croot	84	vs	South Croydon	13
	Coby Arbuckle	80	vs	Wantirna South	3
	Cameron Eustice	74	vs	Wantirna South	3
	Leigh Jones	73	vs	Warrandyte	9
	Lachlan Francis	72	vs	North Ringwood	QF
	Darren Walles	68	vs	Kilsyth	11
	Sean Minetti	66*	vs	Croydon Ranges	10
	Cameron Eustice	64*	vs	South Croydon	13
	Josh White	63	vs	Croydon Ranges	10
	Coby Arbuckle	62*	vs	North Ringwood	14
5+ WKTS/INN	Matthew Delahunty	6/56	vs	Croydon Ranges	6
		Runs		Average	
BATTING AVERAGE	Coby Arbuckle	334		55.67	
		Wickets		Average	
BOWLING AVERAGE	Matt Delahunty	22		17.41	
ALAN WADSWORTH AWARD	Lithika Dharmasena (Best team player)				
BOLT MEDAL WINNER (2 nd XI)	Cameron Eustice				
MOST RUNS	Cameron Eustice (610)				
MOST WICKETS	Matt Delahunty (22)				
MOST CATCHES	Jack Evans (9)				
HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL	4/318 v Wantirna South (Round 3)				
LOWEST TEAM TOAL	3/136 v South Croydon (Round 4)				

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) stats CONT.

Highest partnerships

Wicket	Runs	Batters		Round	Opposition
1	161	Nathan Croot	Cameron Eustice	13	South Croydon
2	102	James Johnstone	Cameron Eustice	6	Croydon Ranges
3	95	Nathan Croot	Leigh Jones	9	Warrandyte
4	89	Coby Arbuckle	James Johnstone	1	Kilsyth
5	71	James Johnstone	Sean Arbuckle	3	Wantirna South
6	143	Sean Minetti	Sean Arbuckle	8	Wantirna South
7	35	Lewis Davison	Sean Minetti	10	Croydon Ranges
8	63	Sean Minetti	Ben Spieth	10	Croydon Ranges
9	16	Lithika Dharmasena	Sean Arbuckle	6	Croydon Ranges
10	17	Sean Arbuckle	Ben Spieth	5	North Ringwood

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
17	11	5	1	0	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opponent	Score	Result
1	3/163	Kilsyth	4/159	Win
2	4/140	Yarra Junction	137	Win
3	4/318	Wantirna South	171	Win
4	3/136	South Croydon	9/134	Win
5	9/138	North Ringwood	9/142	Loss
6	9/208	Croydon Ranges	194	Win
7		Warrandyte		Draw
8	5/186	Wantirna South	117	Win
9	5/223	Warrandyte	9/186	Win
10	7/234	Croydon Ranges	6/173	Win
11	7/177	Kilsyth	4/178	Loss
12	8/175	Yarra Junction	112	Win
13	2/176	South Croydon	8/175	Win
14	166	North Ringwood	7/249	Loss
QF	218	North Ringwood	4/221	Loss
PF	205	Warrandyte	153	Win
GF	182	North Ringwood	6/183	Loss

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) stats CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Games	Innings	Not Outs	High Score	Runs	Average
Cameron Eustice	16	16	1	94	610	40.67
Nathan Croot	14	15	3	84	346	28.83
Coby Arbuckle	9	11	5	101	334	55.67
Sean Minetti	15	12	4	102	286	35.75
James Johnstone	9	9	2	103	220	31.43
Sean Arbuckle	11	9	5	33	151	37.75
Jack Evans	16	13	1	29	141	11.75
Lachlan Francis	10	9	0	72	131	14.56
Joshua White	6	6	0	63	117	19.50
Darren Walles	3	2	0	68	74	37.00
Leigh Jones	1	1	0	73	73	73.00
Rowan Peters	3	3	0	33	63	21.00
Mark Sealey	5	4	0	25	54	13.50
Ben Spieth	8	4	3	21	52	52.00
Lithika Dharmasena	13	6	2	11	29	7.25
James Hunter	3	2	0	22	27	13.50
Lewis Davison	3	2	1	15	22	22.00
Dillon Bettess	1	1	0	14	14	14.00
Ethan Stone	1	1	1	14	14	NA
Matthew Delahunty	13	5	3	5	8	4.00
David Killen	1	1	0	5	5	5.00
Taj Johnstone	7	2	0	2	2	1.00
Colin Guye	3	3	0	1	1	0.33
Marcus Allan	1	1	1	1	1	NA
Daniel Allan	2	0	0	0	0	-
Bailey Arnot	1	0	0	0	0	-
Matthew Barr	1	0	0	0	0	-

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI) stats CONT.

Bowling performances

Player	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Matthew Delahunty	13	175.2	54	22	383	17.41
Lithika Dharmasena	13	143	37	14	376	26.86
James Hunter	3	37	10	12	86	7.17
Joshua White	6	84	29	11	247	22.45
Mark Sealey	5	100.4	31	10	201	20.10
Ben Spieth	8	53	4	9	211	23.44
Lewis Davison	3	18	0	6	70	11.67
Taj Johnstone	7	44	6	5	178	35.60
Lachlan Francis	10	80	15	4	283	70.75
Sean Minetti	15	42.2	5	4	149	37.25
Darren Walles	3	23.2	1	4	105	26.25
Daniel Allan	2	13	2	3	45	15.00
Ethan Stone	1	13	3	2	39	19.50
Bailey Arnot	1	8	4	2	12	6.00
Sean Arbuckle	11	24	6	1	81	81.00
David Killen	1	8	2	1	19	19.00
James Johnstone	9	8	2	0	39	-
Marcus Allan	1	3	0	0	25	-
Coby Arbuckle	9	2	0	0	7	-
Matthew Barr	1	2	0	0	24	-
Rowan Peters	3	1	0	0	15	-

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI)

After a consistent pre-season where we had heaps of guys at the majority of sessions, season 2023/24 dawned upon us.

I got asked to captain the 3rd XI about two weeks out from round 1, much to my surprise but a pleasant one. I straight away thought to myself what I wanted the season to look like for the side. After conversations with several different people, for me it was about continuing the philosophy of previous captains and preparing people to succeed when moving up the grades, but also having fun playing the game we all love, whilst also adopting my own philosophies and creating my own way on how to lead the team forward. Of course, the ambition to play finals is always there but it wouldn't be a determining factor on whether the season was a success or not.

We managed to get round 1 in against Croydon Ranges and after a superb opening spell from Bailey, we had them under pressure early at 3/49. As a partnership started to grow and threatened to take the game away from us, I broke through and we had them 4/116, after that myself, Trent and Sealó controlled the middle overs eventually restricting them to 10/172 off 38 overs and the feeling amongst the boys was extremely positive.

Unfortunately, the chase didn't go to plan as Ranges bowled exceptionally well and set very restrictive fields which resulted in most of us not being able to get any fluency out there whilst batting. Fighting hard we managed to post a very underwhelming 8/109 off our allotted 40 overs in reply.

Although not the result we wanted to kick off the season there were plenty positives to take out of the performance. After a year off Bailey bowled with control and some serious heat which was a sign of things to come finishing with 2/27 off 8. Trent also after a few years off returned and after a great pre-season looked in for a big year, Trent finished with 2/28 off 7.2 but most importantly towards the end of his spell looked to be gaining belief after his body had let him down in the past. After a year off due to some health issues I also bowled well and even managed to get my first 5 for returning figures of 5/43 off 8. Colin Guye returned to the club and played a lone hand in our batting being the only one to pass double figures making a very solid and well constructed 35*.

After having a washout in round 2 we turned

our attention to Yarra Glen in what was our first 2-day game of the season, we knew this would be a challenge coming up against a 1st XI. I won the toss and elected to bat first. Whilst there was six of us that managed to face more than 25 balls, we lost wickets regularly throughout the day and only Coma managed to go past 50, finishing on 58. Yarra Glen after bowling us out for 204 had 17 overs to face on day 1 and finished 3/57 after a great opening spell from both Bailey and Taj which easily could've got us another couple of wickets. Coming into day 2 we knew if we bowled well and held our catches, we would give ourselves every chance. Unfortunately, luck didn't fall our way and despite everyone who bowled bowling well we couldn't get the 10 wickets required to win, Yarra Glen finishing on 6/207 with 20 overs still left.

With an extremely challenging week on the selection table trying to scramble 5 sides together, we had 9 changes from the game before and a new captain in Peg took over in my absence, thank you Peg. A few players from the past put up their hands up to fill the gaps and ready to rock n roll.

Peg won on the toss elected to bat and got off to a great start with Whitey, Shanksy and Josh Bettess getting starts. At 3/100 we were looking the goods and well on track to post a very competitive total until the APCC collapse was in full motion. All of a sudden we were 9/123 but a last wicket partnership of 28 between Smitty and Peg gave us a total of 151. That proved beyond Hoddles reach as they ended up on 9/148 off their allotted 40 overs. Barry O was the match winner with the ball after opening the bowling with figures of 5/26 off 8 overs. Our first win on the board!

After another tough week at the selection table, for good reasons this week we welcomed Colin back into the side after a week in the 2's, Lith, Chimp and Josh after a week off and Boony for his first game of the year.

Coming up against Yarra Junction winning the toss and batting first after losing Marcus early Colin (40) and Taj (48) went about their business in a calm manner, ticking the score over nicely on a slow ground. When they fell, we lost wickets regularly but still managed to post a very competitive 149.

Starting well with the ball had been a strength in our first few games but other than Chimp's wicket overall before drinks we were

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inconsistent with our lines and lengths and they went in at 1/75 firmly in the box seat. Straight after drinks I turned to Lith and Boony and they both provided what were almost match winning spells. Both barely bowled a bad ball all spell and bowled to the fields I set, Boony finishing with 3/27 off 8 and Lith 4/31 off 8. Yarra Junction only needing 1 run to win off 2 overs with 1 wicket in hand, you could sense nerves kicking in for both sides. I threw the ball back to Taj and did he deliver! 3rd ball of the 39th over, Taj took a wicket to back up his 48 with the bat to tie the game. Little did we know at the time how important those extra 2 points would be to securing a top 2 finish.

After another week with six changes to the side round 6 presented us with the ladder leaders and highly fancied Warranwood. It was clear nothing short of our best was going to cut it. After winning the toss batting and being 4/56 Harbo and Sykesy got to work and read the situation well, batting patiently but punishing anything in their zones. They put on 53 for the 5th wicket when Harbo departed for an extremely handy 37 in the last over before tea with the score sitting at 5/109. This put Coma and Sykesy together, after tea they consolidated and showed all their experience in putting on a partnership of 101 when Sykesy departed for a quality 55. Shanksy came and went which put Coma and I together, after a slow start I managed to get into a groove and upped the tempo while trying to give Coma as much of the strike as possible. I departed for 25 after another crucial partnership with the score at 280 with still 7 or so overs left in the day. Coma was out in the 79th over after making a chanceless and destructive 115 with the score at 317.

Early on day 2 we got exactly what we wanted with an early wicket at 1/12 after a very economical spell from both Josh and Harbo. After that they got to 1/62 before losing their 2nd wicket and from there on the wickets fell regularly which didn't allow them to create any sort of partnerships. This was all built on bowling partnerships and not getting impatient if we weren't taking wickets.

Harry and Seal0 controlled the middle part of the game beautifully with 3/23 off 12 and 2/44 off 16 respectively. Lewis finished the day with figures of 1/23 off 14 and Coma backed up his ton with 2/17 off 13. Even after a long and boring 40 overs after tea they tried to give us some sort of entertainment by seeing who could bowl their overs the quickest. They were

both getting through at an extraordinary rate, but Coma won the battle throwing one down in 55 seconds.

After another washout we came into our last game before the break knowing that our best cricket is well and truly good enough to beat anyone. We batted first and Whitey got us off to a flyer making a very stylish 50. Harbo and Sykesy once again both batted well and helped us get to 8/217 off our 40. In reply, Yarra Glen chased our score relatively easy and with no fuss losing only the 3 wickets and having 3 overs to spare.

Our first 2 games after the break yielded two extremely impressive and emphatic performances against Montrose and Warranwood who were both sitting in the top 4. The pleasing thing to see for me was everyone standing up and not just leaving it for someone else to do.

Against Montrose Whitey made it back to back 50's and finished on 76* ably supported by Colin (29) which resulted in us chasing 121 only the 1 wicket down off 17 overs! Against Warranwood with the bat, it was very much a team performance with no one passing 50 but 5 guys all making over 20. After coming up from the 4's Hoody opened the batting and made a classy 47 before holding out, Sykesy continued his form from before Christmas with 39 and Barry O got back in the runs after threatening earlier in the season with a well made 46. Bailey and I then finished the innings off with 24 and 28 respectively.

As rain started to loom around the ground and nearby the message to the boys was clear and it was, we can only control what we do. 4 out of the 5 bowlers I used took at least 1 wicket the standout being Seal0 taking 5/21 off 7 resulting in us rolling Warranwood for 78 off 29 overs.

In what was to be our final 1 dayer of the season we came up against the red hot Croydon Ranges who were on top of the table by this stage and beating everyone comfortably. We batted first on a very slow Gracedale and posted 138, Hoody and Barry O being the 2 main contributors.

We started well with the ball and after taking consistent wickets at 7/77 we were in with a real sniff, unfortunately their tail wagged, and they chased the score 8 down with an over to spare showing why they are on top of the ladder with the depth they possess.

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We knew playing Croydon ranges was going to be a real test, but it was going to tell us where we were really at as a side. Even though the result didn't go our way the belief amongst the group really started to grow off the back of our performance knowing we took it right up to the team that is sitting on top head and shoulders above the rest.

Going into the last 3 rounds the equation was simple, keep winning and the ladder will take care of itself. It did just that, 3 games 3 convincing wins to secure a top 2 finish and a double chance.

Against Wonga Park at 4/22 the writing was on the wall, but Barry O and Coma had other plans. After a period of consolidation both mixed power and aggression with finesse and timing, when Coma departed for an extremely well made 93 the score was sitting at 5/200 with plenty of batting to come. I then joined Barry O at the crease and kept the momentum going he and Coma had built, another solid partnership saw O eventually dismissed for a chanceless 124 with the score at 6/290. I followed quickly after that for 44 and after a late cameo from Spiethy we finished all out for 335.

Josh got day 2 off to a flyer with a wicket on the 2nd ball. From there they got a partnership together and albeit at less than 2 an over thanks to tight spells from Sealo, Josh, Harry and Boony. When Sealo broke through at 2/64 wickets started to fall regularly, despite a couple partnerships that threatened to take the game away from us. To all the bowler's credit they just stuck at it and didn't get frustrated resulting in a comfortable win, Wonga all out for 276.

The last 2 rounds were similar, chasing scores of around 200 to win. We bowled first in both, and it was good to see Bailey, Spiethy and Boony finding form with the ball at the right time of the year after interrupted seasons. Stoney also came down to help us out and bowled some really important spells and after coming back from injury Taj looked like he hadn't missed a beat. Against Hoddles Creek it was Coma the star of the show again with 5/29 off 17 and backing that up with 81* to steer the ship. The last round we came up against Yarra Junction and Boony took a very well deserved 4/41 off 14.3 supported extremely well by Bailey and Taj who built pressure all day. We chased 198 with ease thanks to another 50 from Coma (74) and Barry O finishing 64*.

Finals

The beauty of getting a double chance by finishing in the top 2 was crucial for us. After a very disappointing qualifying final against Croydon Ranges where we probably played the worst we had all season we came up against Yarra Glen in the Prelim.

After winning the toss and with no hesitation electing to bat first, we were in trouble losing Colin and Harbo early. Harry and Barry O came together and moved the game forward as they like to do, just as a partnership started building Barry O went which Brought Coma to the crease. Harry and Coma whilst riding some luck started to look like they were both set for a big day before Harry fell for a very important 42. Sykesy then joined Coma and put on another small partnership of about 30 which started to become a common theme for the day. Sykesy fell about 30 minutes before tea, putting me with Coma to navigate a tricky period before the break.

Sitting at 5/110 and loomed as a very important first hour afterwards. When I fell Taj joined Coma and the pair really dug in and made sure that another wicket didn't fall. These two batted super and targeted the right bowlers. Coma falling agonisingly short of another well deserved ton finishing on 94. Spiethy then joined Taj at 7/200 with just over 10 overs left in the day. They then got us to a stage where we could look to score a little more freely without the risk of giving up overs. Taj started to play some lofted shots including a lovely drive over the bowler's head for 4, finishing on 23 off 75 balls. After Spiethy's very handy 16 we finished 10/239.

Day 2 started perfectly, Taj getting the massive wicket of Gloury who had averaged over 100 for the season at that stage with an absolute peach of a delivery which certainly had us up and about. The energy amongst the group was already high but it went to another level when Boony gave us our 2nd wicket from a direct hit runout from halfway to the boundary. I've never seen Boony run faster in my life.

At 2/50 Josh and Coma then came on and ripped the heart out of the middle order and took away any chance of a Yarra Glen victory which nearly included a hatrick for Josh. Josh finished with 3/16 off 7 and Coma backed up his performance with the bat with 4/7 off 8. Yarra Glen all out for 67.

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Grand final

The grand final presented us with a chance to redeem ourselves after the disappointing qualifying final. I lost the toss and they elected to bat. Bailey and Taj both started on fire having multiple shouts turned down and several plays and misses each in their first couple of overs, it was only going to be a matter of time before we got our first breakthrough. It was Bailey who struck on the last ball of the 3rd over with a searing in-swinging yorker that sent the experienced Schulties packing.

Taj and Bailey kept piling on the pressure bowling in a magnificent partnership, it was then Taj's turn as he turned into superman to take a brilliant caught and bowled and for the 2nd week in a row getting us a huge wicket. After those two had set us up perfectly. Josh then came on and joined me taking a wicket in his first over putting us well on top, Croydon Ranges really struggling at 3/37. Josh and I tore through the middle order. When I struck at 4/48, they then went on to lose 4/7 in the space of 5 overs, the score 7/55 when the all-important Spencer was dismissed. Putting us well and truly in the box seat. Croydon Ranges then dug in and did everything in their power to try to set us a competitive target. Josh with figures of 2/20 off 6 and myself 3/14 off 8.

I threw the ball back to Bailey and brought Boony on for a spell to try to change things up. Both bowling economically and giving nothing away before tea but not able to get an 8th wicket before the break. After tea Taj came back on and continued to look threatening but just unable to strike a blow finishing with 1/17 off 13. It was Bailey who got another well deserved wicket at 8/91 to break a frustrating partnership to finish with figures of 2/32 off 16. Coma and Harry then took the final 2 wickets to have Ranges all out for 115.

With 116 needed to win and 23 overs to go on day 1 it was all about getting to stumps with plenty of wickets in hand with runs required not an issue. Harbo and Colin started off comfortably looking settled at the crease. Colin being the anchor of the partnership as he's done so well all season and Harbo taking a more aggressive approach got us to 1/43 when Colin was dismissed with just under 10 overs left in the day. Harry then went in and unfortunately came straight back.

At 2/43 I sent Spiethy in as our night watchman and he and Harbo almost saw the day out when Spiethy was dismissed with 2 overs left at 3/61. I then decided to take it upon myself to see the day out with Harbo and after some relentless bowling to finish the day and a couple of close calls we finished the day 3/63.

Coming into day 2 needing 53 runs to win myself and Harbo started well although they bowled very tight and bad balls were few and far between, making runs were hard to come by. We were relatively untroubled, so they decided to change things up and throw a few short balls in to mix things up, this plan worked for them. Harbo gloving one through to the keeper for a classy 43 and a few overs later I fell into the same trap getting a faint under edge on one taking the score to 5/81.

Coma joined Barry O and unfortunately wasn't out there for very long with the score at 6/88 and the momentum we had worked so hard to build started to fall back the Ranges way and a few nerves started to creep in. Sykesy then came together with Barry O and if they were nervous at all you certainly couldn't tell. The pair settled us nicely, keeping the good balls out and manipulating the field when bowlers weren't quite hitting their areas. Grinding Croydon Ranges into the ground and showing all their experience the pair got us to 6/115 with only 1 run needed to win. The final runs coming through byes. IT WAS OURS!

Although it wasn't quite over yet as Croydon Ranges wanted to keep playing believing they could win reverse outright, so we kept playing, Sykesy got out just after we passed the target set. Taj and Barry O then set out on getting us to the break. After looking untroubled Taj got out a couple overs before tea and then Josh followed very next ball putting us 9/129.

Boony and O survived the last over before Tea and as each over went by after tea some Croydon Ranges looked to be getting more bored out there as each ball passed. After taking 10 overs out of the game they finally decided enough was enough at 9/143.

A big sigh of relief and the celebrations began to start. Well done to Barry O for reading the situation and being the rock of our innings finishing 26* off 130 balls. Boony, Sykesy and Taj also all played their roles perfectly valuing their wicket and all facing over 25 balls each to make sure we didn't give them a chance at an unlikely victory.

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Thankyou to all the players you made it an incredible year, thanks to the other captains and committee for giving me this opportunity and making the on field side of things easy. A huge thanks to all the volunteers helping prepare things behind the scenes. Lastly to Jo for being our scorer during finals, you did an incredible job and gave me one less thing to worry about.

Matty Barr

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) stats

CAPTAIN	Matthew Barr				
					Rd
100s SCORED	Andrew Johnstone	124	vs	Wonga Park	12
	Darren Walles	115	vs	Warranwood	6
50s SCORED	Darren Walles	94	vs	Yarra Glen	PF
	Darren Walles	93	vs	Wonga Park	12
	Josh White	76*	vs	Montrose	9
	Darren Walles	74	vs	Yarra Junction	14
	Andrew Johnstone	62*	vs	Yarra Junction	14
	Darren Walles	58	vs	Yarra Glen	3
	Troy Harris	58	vs	Croydon Ranges	QF
	David Sykes	55	vs	Warranwood	6
Josh White	50	vs	Yarra Glen	8	
5+ WKTS/INN	Mark Sealey	5/21	vs	Warranwood	10
	Andrew Johnstone	5/26	vs	Hoddles Creek	4
	Darren Walles	5/29	vs	Hoddles Creek	13
	Matthew Barr	5/43	vs	Croydon Ranges	1
BATTING AVERAGE	Darren Walles	Runs		Average	
		549		78.43	
BOWLING AVERAGE	Darren Walles	Wickets		Average	
		17		13.94	
JEFF BERRY AWARD	David Sykes (Best team player)				
BOLT MEDAL WINNER (3 rd XI)	Darren Walles				
MOST RUNS	Darren Walles (549)				
MOST WICKETS	Darren Walles (17)				
MOST CATCHES	Matthew Barr & Ben Spieth (6)				
HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL	335 v Wonga Park (Round 12)				
LOWEST TEAM TOAL	8/109 v Croydon Ranges (Round 1)				

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) stats CONT.

Highest partnerships

Wicket	Runs	Batters		Round	Opposition
1	76	Colin Guye	Joshua White	9	Montrose
2	90	Joshua White	Troy Harbinson	8	Yarra Glen
3	61	Andrew Johnstone	David Sykes	13	Hoddles Creek
4	125	Darren Walles	Andrew Johnstone	14	Yarra Junction
5	84	Matthew Barr	Darren Walles	13	Hoddles Creek
6	101	David Sykes	Darren Walles	6	Warranwood
7	28	David Sykes	Andrew Johnstone	GF	Croydon Ranges
8	63	Matthew Barr	Darren Walles	6	Warranwood
9	29	Mark Sealey	Darren Walles	6	Warranwood
10	28	Leigh Walles	Adam Smith	4	Hoddles Creek

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
17	9	5	2	1	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opponent	Score	Result
1	8/109	Croydon Ranges	172	Loss
2		Wonga Park		Draw
3	204	Yarra Glen	6/207	Loss
4	151	Hoddles Creek	9/148	Win
5	7/149	Yarra Junction	149	Tie
6	317	Warranwood	9/170	Win
7		Montrose		Draw
8	8/217	Yarra Glen	3/219	Loss
9	1/123	Montrose	7/121	Win
10	7/226	Warranwood	78	Win
11	138	Croydon Ranges	8/140	Loss
12	335	Wonga Park	276	Win
13	6/208	Hoddles Creek	207	Win
14	5/199	Yarra Junction	197	Win
QF	120	Croydon Ranges	2/124	Loss
PF	239	Yarra Glen	67	Win
GF	9/143	Croydon Ranges	115	Win

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) stats CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Games	Innings	Not Outs	High Score	Runs	Average
Darren Walles	9	8	1	115	549	78.43
Andrew Johnstone	13	11	2	124	395	43.89
David Sykes	11	10	0	55	196	19.6
Matthew Barr	15	13	0	44	192	14.77
Colin GUYE	11	10	1	40	162	18
Troy Harbinson	9	9	1	43	153	19.13
Joshua White	4	3	1	76	152	76
Troy Harris	9	8	0	58	151	18.88
Joshua Hood	7	7	1	47	106	17.67
Taj Johnstone	7	6	1	48	87	17.4
Marcus Allan	9	7	2	39	68	13.6
Leigh Walles	7	7	1	18	67	11.17
Ben Spieth	7	6	0	24	50	8.33
Bailey Arnot	10	7	2	24	45	9
Josh Bettess	1	1	0	42	42	42
Adam Smith	6	4	1	11	26	8.67
Joshua Connor	13	9	5	9	25	6.25
Dylan Shanks	3	2	0	20	24	12
Dale Warren	2	2	0	17	22	11
Mark Sealey	4	4	1	7	15	5
Lewis Davison	1	1	0	15	15	15
Trent Seegets	3	2	1	6	10	10
Nick Delahunty	2	2	2	6	9	NA
Daniel Allan	8	4	2	8	8	4
Romney Muliaina	2	2	1	3	3	3
Jordan Hochkins	1	1	0	2	2	2
Evan Jones	1	1	0	1	1	1

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI) stats CONT.

Bowling performances

Player	Games	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Overs	Average
Darren Walles	9	17	18	237	84	13.94
Joshua Connor	13	13	13	291	80	22.38
Mark Sealey	4	11	15	143	58.1	13.00
Matthew Barr	15	11	7	207	55	18.82
Bailey Arnot	10	10	15	240	93	24.00
Daniel Allan	8	10	7	168	58.1	16.80
Taj Johnstone	7	8	14	155	61.4	19.38
Troy Harris	9	8	6	113	42.1	14.13
Andrew Johnstone	13	6	1	81	21	13.50
Ben Spieth	7	5	2	90	22.5	18.00
Lithika Dharmasena	1	4	0	31	8	7.75
Adam Smith	6	3	2	71	19	23.67
Marcus Allan	9	3	1	83	13	27.67
Ethan Stone	2	2	7	57	27.1	28.50
Troy Harbinson	9	2	4	52	25	26.00
Trent Seegets	3	2	0	49	11.2	24.50
Lewis Davison	1	1	4	23	14	23.00
Matthew Delahunty	1	1	2	23	8	23.00
Matt Forster	1	1	0	29	3	29.00
Joshua White	4	0	0	72	18	NA
Josh Bettess	1	0	0	34	8	NA
Nathan Dugdale	3	0	0	43	7	NA
David Sykes	11	0	0	13	2.1	NA
Jordan Hochkins	1	0	0	13	1	NA

E-Grade

Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI)

Coming into the 2023-2024 season I was extremely proud to be chosen to captain the 4th XI for this great club. The great thing about this club is the people who are part of it. I had amazing support from players who had previously captained teams and were more than happy to help me in whatever way I needed.

It was announced early that the grade we would play in would only play one day games for the season and the total number of games would be 17. We got off to a delayed start with many of the lower grade ovals not fit to play on account adverse weather conditions.

Round 3 was our first game and we got off to a flyer. After I lost the toss Ranges chose to bat. We rolled them for 50. The wickets were shared around with all 5 bowlers getting wickets. Duggy and I grabbed 3 a piece. We then batted and went on to pass them only 1 down. Sykesy 17*, Wrighty 16 and Harry 12*.

Round 4 we played Wantirna South and we got to bat first this time which was a relief for many of our bats. We posted a competitive score of 6/195 with everyone getting a start. Notable scores were Harry with 45, Troy Harbinson with 35 and Adam Smith with 28*. We then rolled them for 74 in 25 overs with the wickets getting shared amongst our 7 bowlers used. Troy Harbinson grabbed 2 while I managed to get 4.

Round 5 saw us travel up to Warburton to play Seville and after winning the toss and batting first we posted another competitive score of 7/142 on a large ground. Notable performances were made by Sykesy 50* retired and Peebo with 25*. We then bowled tightly and got wickets regularly to have them about 9/40 before they finally were bowled out for 90 in the 35th over. Everyone bowled well with Duggy and Peebo grabbing 3 wickets each.

Round 6 was a rematch with our GF opponents from the season before. We won the toss and batted first. Wantirna restricted us to 6 for 138. Sykesy again retired on 50 and Smithy made 23 with Peebo again finishing on 14*. Wickets were hard to come by early and after they made it to 74 for the loss of only 2 wickets they then went on to lose 7 for 27 and were bowled out for 101. Wickets were again shared around with Smithy and myself grabbing 3 a piece.

Round 7 saw us playing Mooroolbark away and again we won the toss and batted first posting a very good score of 4 for 205. Leigh Wallis and Luke Bullen both retired on 50 while Dale Warren made 40 not out and Josh Hood 33. We then bowled them out for 110 with 3 run outs along with Peebo grabbing 3 and Nick Delahunty and Dale Warren grabbing 2 each.

Round 8 saw our most controversial game for the season playing Croydon Ranges away. We lost the toss and they batted first making 9 for 176. Our bowling and fielding left a bit to be desired and I sensed we were a bit off our game. We persevered though with John Ridley, Nick Delahunty and Peebo grabbing 2 wickets each. Smithy and Luke Bullen got us off to a great start chasing that total making 39 and 23 respectively. We then lost wickets regularly until it came down to the last 4 overs with us needing about 20 runs with 4 wickets in hand. We fell 3 runs short but Ranges chose not to follow the rules as they should and that impacted the result so the RDCA awarded us the points and kept our unbeaten record intact.

The following 2 rounds were abandoned on account of adverse weather so our next game was the last before the Christmas break and we played Wantirna South away. We won the toss and batted first making 4 for 188. Hoody and Harry both retired on 50 while Barry Oh made 33*. We then bowled them out for 44 with the wickets again being shared around.

Paul Moulton finished with 3 while Barry Oh picked up 2. The highlight of the day was when young Jayden Bullen came on and picked up a wicket in his first over clean bowled..

Our first game back after Christmas was away to Seville and it was a battle to even get enough players to form a side. We had 7 players from the 5th XI and even dragged Josh Bettess out of retirement for a game. The match was also significant in that it was Ships' first game back after a long layoff. Seville batted first and went on to make 7 for 133. Matt Forster, Badge and Peebo took 2 wickets each. Our chase didn't get off to the best start with Ship going out for a duck second ball and before we knew it we were 5 for 33. Peebo and Matt came together to put on 49 runs before Matt went out on 30. Peebo retired on 50 but we fell 3 runs short and suffered our first loss for the season.

E-Grade

Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI) CONT.

Round 13 saw us play Wantirna South away and after winning the toss and batting we finished on 8 for 129. Smithy made 26 and Peebo 18. In reply, we held them to 7 for 54 in what was one of the most uneventful batting efforts many of us had ever experienced. Peg finished up with 2 while I grabbed 3 that also included a team hat trick but it was Jayden Bullen again striking in his first over clean bowled who provided the highlight for the game.

Round 14 saw us head down to the smallest ground in the competition at Warrandyte where again we won the toss and elected to bat. To say it was a run fest was an understatement as we finished up on 5 for 327. Ship made 40, Marcus 31, Shanksy 39, Troy 49, Peg 36 while Lukey Bullen retired on 53 and Daisy made 48*. All together 19 fours and 23 sixes were hit which resulted in about 10 balls being lost. In response, Warrandyte made 5 for 223 with Duggy the pick of the bowlers picking up 2.

Round 15 was against Mooroolbark at home and again we won the toss and batted first finishing up on 4 for 205. Both Ship and Marcus retired on 50 with Peg making 20 and Taj Johnstone 28*. In reply we kept them to 7 for 134 with Taj being the pick of the bowlers grabbing 2 wickets.

Round 16 was away against Norwood who batted first finishing up on 4 for 227. In reply we got off to a great start with both our openers, Ship and Marcus, again retiring on 50 not out. Daisy and Peg made 29 and 23 respectively but it was Shanksy putting on a show after injuring himself in the field he proceeded to stand and deliver smacking 43 off not many to guide us home as we won on the last ball of the day.

Round 17 was the last game for the season and we elected to bat and reversed the batting order. It wasn't long before we were 3 for 36 but we finished up all out for 270. Daisy and Peg both made 23. Matt Forster made 50 and Marcus finished up on 29* coming in at 11 but it was Smithy with a stylish 62 who was the pick of the batters. In reply they made 6 for 144 with Marcus, Smithy, Ship and Daisy picking up 1 each. It was Luke Bullen bowling his mystery balls who was the pick of the bowlers though grabbing 2 wickets.

The first final was heated out so straight into the Grand Final we went.

Grand Final day came around and we won the toss and elected to bat as you do. If there was one thing I learnt it was that you don't win the toss and bowl. Despite losing Marcus early with the score on 7 it was Ship and Hoody who then put on 61 before Ship (Duggy) was run out on 32. Hoody retired on 51 but we lost regular wickets before Daisy and Lukey Bullen teamed up to put on 32 in the last 4 overs. We finished up on 5 for 162 and believed that was enough if we bowled well.

Unfortunately, we didn't get off to a great start and after 12 overs they were none for 58 but with Ship bowling well he struck twice removing both openers. They were about 2 for 90 at the halfway mark and we needed someone to step up. Cometh the moment, cometh the man and that man was Marcus Allan. His left arm over was too much for the Wantirna batters and as he bowled a lovely line and length they kept trying to play shots that weren't there to play. We struck regularly and our fielding energy grew as each wicket fell. When Peg threw down the stumps with a deft flick from short mid wicket to get their last recognised batter out we could just about taste the victory beers. Wantirna went from 2 for 95 to all out for 145. Marcus finished up with 5 for 12 off 6.3 overs which included the final wicket when he ran out their last batter. The premiership was ours and the feeling was amazing.

I must thank all of the 36 players who played in the 4th XI side this season. In particular, I want to thank Peebo who was my biggest support on the field as he and I played nearly every game. He, along with Peg and Ship were instrumental in getting us the result we achieved. With close to 1500 games between them why wouldn't you lean on them for ideas and direction?

I would like to thank the Committee for all of their tireless work throughout the season. Unless you are part of it or have been part of it you don't realise how many hours are dedicated to running the club during the season. Also a big thank you to the many volunteers who have helped not just the 4th XI side this season, people like Jo Shanks, Ted Dugdale, Alan Moss and Dave Delahunty who help score and set up/pack up equipment, also Crooty for his arvo teas and all of the other volunteers who help at training, on game day and after matches back at the club rooms.

E-Grade

Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI) CONT.

A big congratulations to all the sides who made the finals and those who progressed right through to the Grand Final. Making finals is what we aim for at the start of the season. Going as far as we can once we get there is the next goal. The fact 5 of the 6 senior sides made it to the Grand Final is fantastic.

Commiserations to those teams who didn't get to taste success on that day, hopefully you can go one step further next season.

Congratulations to Matty Barr and the 3rd XI on your premiership success. Just a wonderful achievement.

Rick Forster

E-Grade

Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI) stats CONT.

CAPTAIN	Rick Forster				
					Rd
50s SCORED	Adam Smith	62	vs	Warrandyte	17
	Luke Bullen	53*	vs	Warrandyte	14
	Marcus Allan	53*	vs	Mooroolbark	15
	Leigh Walles	52*	vs	Mooroolbark	7
	Andrew Peters	51*	vs	Seville	12
	David Sykes	51*	vs	Wantirna	6
	Joshua Hood	51*	vs	Wantirna	GF
	Trent Sier	51*	vs	Norwood	16
	David Sykes	50*	vs	Seville	5
5+ WKTS/INN	Marcus Allan	5/21	vs	Wantirna	GF
		Runs		Average	
BATTING AVERAGE	Dale Warren	216		27.00	
		Wickets		Average	
BOWLING AVERAGE	Andrew Peters	15		11.13	
STEPHEN LITHGOW AWARD	Nathan Dugdale (Best team player)				
BOLT MEDAL WINNER (4 th XI)	Rick Forster				
MOST RUNS	Dale Warren (216)				
MOST WICKETS	Rick Forster (20)				
MOST CATCHES	Luke Bullen (8)				
HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL	327 v Warrandyte (Round 14)				
LOWEST TEAM TOAL	1/54 v Croydon Ranges (Round 3)				

E-Grade Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI) stats CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
19	13	1	5	0	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opponent	Score	Result
1		Wantirna		Draw
2		Norwood		Draw
3	1/54	Croydon Ranges	50	Win
4	6/194	Wantirna South	74	Win
5	7/142	Seville	90	Win
6	6/138	Wantirna	9/101	Win
7	4/205	Mooroolbark	110	Win
8	9/177	Croydon Ranges	9/176	Win
9		Seville		Draw
10		Mooroolbark		Draw
11	4/188	Wantirna South	44	Win
12	8/131	Seville	7/133	Loss
13	8/129	Wantirna South	7/54	Win
14	5/327	Warrandyte	5/223	Win
15	4/205	Mooroolbark	7/134	Win
16	4/228	Norwood	4/227	Win
17	270	Warrandyte	6/144	Win
SF		Mooroolbark		Draw
GF	5/162	Wantirna	145	Win

E-Grade

Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI) stats CONT.

Batting performances

Player Name	Games	Innings	Not Outs	High score	Runs	Average
Dale Warren	14	11	3	48	216	27
Adam Smith	8	7	1	62	189	31.5
Trent Sier	12	6	2	51	185	46.25
Luke Bullen	14	10	3	53	183	26.14
Marcus Allan	6	5	3	53	166	83
Troy Harris	6	5	2	50	163	54.33
Leigh Walles	8	7	1	52	156	26
Joshua Hood	7	4	2	51	135	67.5
David Sykes	7	4	3	51	133	133
Andrew Peters	14	6	4	51	131	65.5
Dylan Shanks	10	7	2	43	117	23.4
Matt Forster	10	5	2	50	104	34.67
David Wright	5	5	1	16	50	12.5
Glen Thomas	5	5	0	16	49	9.8
Nick Delahunty	11	5	1	22	40	10
Troy Harbinson	2	1	0	35	35	35
Andrew Johnstone	2	1	1	33	33	NA
John Ridley	2	2	0	19	30	15
Rick Forster	17	6	3	11	29	9.67
Taj Johnstone	2	1	1	28	28	NA
Lewis Davison	1	1	0	13	13	13
Romney Muliaina	3	3	0	9	10	3.33
Paul Moulton	7	4	1	7	7	2.33
Nathan Dugdale	12	3	2	4	6	6
Josh Bettess	1	1	0	6	6	6
Mark Sealey	3	1	0	6	6	6
Iranga Dharmasena	1	1	0	5	5	5
David Delahunty	1	1	1	3	3	NA
Pieter van der Berg	1	1	1	1	1	NA
Aaron Shephard	3	1	1	1	1	NA
Trent Seegets	1	1	0	0	0	0
Daniel Allan	1	1	0	0	0	0

E-Grade

Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI) stats CONT.

Bowling performances

Player Name	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Rick Forster	17	80	15	20	269	13.45
Andrew Peters	14	66	10	15	167	11.13
Nathan Dugdale	12	50	6	9	174	19.33
Nick Delahunty	11	33	6	7	129	18.43
Marcus Allan	6	22.3	1	7	77	11.00
Matt Forster	10	43	7	6	117	19.50
Dale Warren	14	20	0	5	99	19.80
Adam Smith	8	17.5	1	5	74	14.80
Paul Moulton	7	24	3	3	146	48.67
Troy Harris	6	12	2	3	36	12.00
Trent Sier	12	9	2	3	19	6.33
Leigh Walles	8	6	2	3	6	2.00
John Ridley	2	12	3	2	42	21.00
Jayden Bullen	3	11	2	2	40	20.00
Taj Johnstone	2	7	1	2	30	15.00
Luke Bullen	14	6	0	2	35	17.50
Troy Harbinson	2	6	3	2	6	3.00
Josh Bettess	1	6	1	2	15	7.50
Andrew Johnstone	2	1.3	0	2	1	0.50
Daniel Allan	1	6	0	1	24	24.00
Mark Sealey	3	5	2	1	7	7.00
Pieter van der Berg	1	5	2	1	9	9.00
Ryan Willmott	1	7	2	0	9	NA
Trent Seegets	1	5	0	0	19	NA
David Sykes	7	3	0	0	19	NA
Dylan Shanks	10	3	0	0	28	NA
Iranga Dharmasena	1	3	0	0	12	NA
William Sealey	1	3	0	0	10	NA
Glen Thomas	5	2	0	0	15	NA
Aaron Shephard	3	2	1	0	1	NA

J-Grade

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI)

This season started with a washout in round one and in round two we played Wantirna's 2nds at Schultz and we started with a solid win. This game also saw Bolt's Grandson Kento make his Senior game debut, one of many to come. In Rounds 3 & 4 we had two good wins against St Andrews and Wonga Park. In the game against Wonga Park Kento took a running catch on the boundary to win by 2 runs with 3 balls to go. Jobe Walton also made his Senior debut in this game and took 4 wickets.

In Round 5 Archer Croot, Ben Walles and Kat Bullen made their debut in Senior cricket and with our inexperience we lost this game with 3 balls to go. Round 6 saw us have a big win against Templeton before being beaten comprehensively by Wonga Park in Round 7. Round 8 saw Ange Minetti and Ben Warren play their first Senior game and we had an honourable loss by 14 runs. In this game we had 5 Juniors in the team and we saw Ben Walles, Ben Warren and Archer Croot all take their 1st Senior wicket.

Rounds 9 and 10 were washed out. Round 11 saw Kieran Crowe and Pieter Van Der Berg play their 1st game for Ainslie Park with Kieran making 61 n.o. and Pieter taking 5/27. Great additions to the team and also a good win. Round 12 we saw another debutant in Oliver Walles and we beat Bayswater Park by taking 8/13 in the last 6 overs. It was a great win with the young ones starring and Oliver got his first Senior wicket in this game.

Rounds 13 & 14 we had wins against Wantirna & Templeton and a highlight against Templeton was Kento taking his first hat trick. Rounds 15 & 16 we played Wonga Park back to back and we had a win each. Round 17 we lost heavily to Bayswater Park which left us second on the ladder and facing them in the Semi and unfortunately for us both days of the Semi were called off due to the Heat Policy and we were unable to test if we could reverse the result of last round but it also meant we were in the Grand Final.

Grand Final

We played Wonga on their main ground. I won the toss and batted and unfortunately we got off to a bad start being 5/41. Brendon and Dela started a recovery until Dela got struck in the ribs and retired hurt. I joined Brendon and we steadied until I also retired hurt and Dela then came back in. We lost our 6th wicket at 110 and ended on 136. Brendon was the star with 54 n.o. Wonga Park started well and lost their first wicket at 58 putting us under pressure. To our guys' credit no one rolled over and we fought it out but Wonga were too steady and passed us with 5 overs to go.

Overall we had a very good season with 31 players involved in our team ranging from very young to very old. Despite the age gaps everyone was most supportive of each other. Thankyou to all that made themselves available during the season and helped out when we were short. We had 8 debutants, 6 juniors and 2 women.

Thank you to Karen Ridley who scored for us in the Grand Final. Thanks also to the selection panel Leroy, Karl, Matty, Rick and Coma for the support and discussion at selection.

Congratulations to Matty and Rick on their premierships, well earned. Congratulations to all Trophy winners and also John Ridley for winning the Bolt Medal in our grade. In closing I would like to thank Leroy and the committee for running a very successful club and looking forward to more in seasons to come.

Garry 'Gaz' Walles

J-Grade

Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) stats

CAPTAIN	Garry Walles				
50s SCORED					Rd
	John Ridley	68	vs	Templeton	6
	Kieran Crowe	61*	vs	Templeton	11
	Brendon Freeman	62*	vs	Templeton	6
	Jobe Walton	58*	vs	St Andrews	5
	John Ridley	56	vs	Templeton	11
	Kieran Crowe	56	vs	Wantirna	13
	Kieran Crowe	55*	vs	Wonga Park	15
	John Ridley	54*	vs	Wantirna	2
	Brendon Freeman	54*	vs	Wonga Park	GF
	Brendon Freeman	52*	vs	Wonga Park	4
	Glen Thomas	52*	vs	Templeton	6
	John Ridley	51*	vs	Wantirna	13
	Glen Thomas	50*	vs	St Andrews	3
	Brendon Freeman	50*	vs	Bayswater Park	12
	Brendon Freeman	50*	vs	Templeton	14
	John Ridley	50*	vs	Wonga Park	16
5+ WKTS/INN	Pieter van der Berg	5/27	vs	Templeton	11
HAT-TRICK	Kento Inoue		vs	Wantirna	13
BATTING AVERAGE	Brendon Freeman	Runs 411		Average 68.50	
BOWLING AVERAGE	Hayden Lace	Wickets 17		Average 19.94	
BOB COLVERSON AWARD (Best team player)	Hayden Lace				
BOLT MEDAL WINNER (5 th XI)	John Ridley				
MOST RUNS	Brendon Freeman (411)				
MOST WICKETS	Hayden Lace (17)				
MOST CATCHES	Kento Inoue (14)				
HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL	9/254 v Templeton (Round 6)				
LOWEST TEAM TOAL	9/123 v Bayswater Park (Round 17)				

J-Grade Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) stats CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
19	8	7	4	0	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opponent	Score	Result
1		Templeton		Draw
2	4/133	Wantirna	9/131	Win
3	6/157	St Andrews	130	Win
4	8/173	Wonga Park	171	Win
5	9/201	St Andrews	7/202	Loss
6	9/254	Templeton	9/164	Loss
7	8/154	Wonga Park	1/156	Loss
8	178	St Andrews	9/192	Loss
9		St Andrews		Draw
10		Wonga Park		Draw
11	198	Templeton	162	Win
12	6/152	Bayswater Park	9/138	Win
13	9/216	Wantirna	186	Win
14	2/169	Templeton	5/168	Win
15	5/195	Wonga Park	3/199	Loss
16	2/139	Wonga Park	136	Win
17	9/123	Bayswater Park	3/183	Loss
SF		Bayswater Park		Draw
GF	9/136	Wonga Park	4/139	Loss

J-Grade Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) stats CONT.

Batting performances

Player Name	Games	Innings	Not out	High score	Runs	Average
Brendon Freeman	17	13	7	62	411	68.50
John Ridley	14	12	4	68	410	51.25
Kieran Crowe	9	7	2	61	214	42.80
Glen Thomas	12	10	2	52	200	25.00
David Parkinson	17	14	3	49	197	17.91
David Delahunty	14	10	1	45	191	21.22
Paul Moulton	11	8	1	38	145	20.71
Garry Walles	17	8	4	32	86	21.50
Iranga Dharmasena	12	8	1	26	84	12.00
Xavier Walles	4	3	0	26	70	23.33
Tim Flahavin	9	5	1	38	69	17.25
Jobe Walton	3	3	1	58	67	33.50
David Wright	5	4	1	32	45	15.00
Kento Inoue	15	7	0	22	32	4.57
Romney Muliaina	2	1	0	22	22	22.00
Hayden Lace	18	7	4	10	21	7.00
Pieter van der Berg	8	4	0	7	18	4.50
Nick Delahunty	3	1	0	12	12	12.00
Benjamin Walles	8	3	1	4	11	5.50
Leigh Walles	2	1	0	8	8	8.00
Matt Thomas	4	2	1	4	7	7.00
Aaron Shephard	9	5	2	5	5	1.67
Archer Croot	4	2	0	3	5	2.50
Ben Warren	4	1	0	4	4	4.00
Andrea Minetti	1	1	0	0	0	0.00
Kat Bullen	2	2	0	0	0	0.00

J-Grade Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI) stats CONT.

Bowling performances

Player Name	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Hayden Lace	18	96	9	17	339	19.94
Kento Inoue	15	73	0	14	417	29.79
John Ridley	14	62	3	11	241	21.91
Pieter van der Berg	8	40	3	9	146	16.22
Iranga Dharmasena	12	56	10	8	184	23.00
Jobe Walton	3	20.3	5	6	79	13.17
Brendon Freeman	17	14	0	5	93	18.60
Paul Moulton	11	21.4	0	5	117	23.40
Garry Walles	17	23	1	5	139	27.80
Nick Delahunty	3	13	0	4	65	16.25
Glen Thomas	12	9	0	3	65	21.67
Benjamin Walles	8	25	1	3	127	42.33
Xavier Walles	4	16	0	2	79	39.50
Oliver Walles	1	5	0	2	16	8.00
Ryan Willmott	3	6	1	2	16	8.00
Leigh Walles	2	6	0	2	24	12.00
David Parkinson	17	4.4	0	1	22	22.00
Matt Thomas	4	3.4	1	1	27	27.00
Archer Croot	4	3	0	1	24	24.00
Ben Warren	4	2	0	1	11	11.00
Kieran Crowe	9	9	0	0	59	NA
Aaron Shephard	9	2	0	0	22	NA
Xavier Freeman	2	2	0	0	17	NA
Jayden Bullen	5	5	0	0	30	NA

WOMEN'S COMP
2023/24



Women's Coordinator report

It's been a whirlwind year of women's and girls' cricket administration for this first time Ainslie Park CC Committee member and cricket player. I took on the reins of Women's Coordinator for club at AGM last year, tasked with starting up a women's team and overseeing the administration for our ever-growing girls' program. Over the past 6 years of girls' cricket at Ainslie Park, our girls' program has gone from strength to strength. From a single team of Stage 1 girls in 2017-18, to a premiership for our Stage 1 Stars team in 2021-22; in 2022-23 we joined forces with Croydon Ranges to field a Stage 1 Spirit and Stage 2 Stars. In 2023-24 we doubled our intake of girls playing, eventually fielding a Stage 1 Spirit, two Stage 1 Stars teams and a Stage 3 team. Altogether we had 28 Ainslie Park girls across the four teams, while Croydon Ranges had 11. With so many girls coming through the ranks from the Blasters Program and up it was important to create a pathway into senior cricket for our girls.

So in early August 2023 with no locked in players or a coach I started recruitment for our first ever women's team. Advertising via social media and a targeted "phone a friend" approach, we held weekly training sessions with numbers slowly building from the 8 of us who showed up for the first session to a full team by the time the season started in October. Once again, we joined up with Croydon Ranges to make up numbers. Our team were a motley crew of complete beginners like myself, Ange Minetti, Kat Bullen, Kelly Dohle, Briony Cossar; plus a few of our Stage 3 girls - Jas Freeman, Chelsea Thomas and Elsie Dohle with Kiara Torney and Eliza Owen from Croydon Ranges CC, a couple of other fabulous women who had played cricket as youngsters but had not touched a bat in years (Emily Robinson, Rochelle Egan, Belinda Torney); a girl who had finished up playing juniors in the previous season (Scarlett Howden) and an ex-premier player (Krissy Martin) keen for another chance at the silverware which had eluded her through 20 years of playing cricket. Later in the season we were lucky enough to secure Georgia Priestly as regular as well as a few key innings from one of the first ever Ainslie Park Girls' team players - Rosie Sykes - when she had a couple of weeks off from Ringwood. Across the team were three mother-daughter pairs which was another lovely "first" for a few of us too.

Ange Minetti gracefully accepted the offer to captain the team and did an incredible job - learning fielding positions and game strategy, managing availability and deciding the 11 players each week from an eventual squad of 16, setting batting and bowling orders, generally keeping us all in line and always keeping the travelling team lolly box stocked with our favourites. Also - just straight up learning how to play. Emily Robinson came on vice-captain a little further into the season as a really valuable support to Ange. Brendon Freeman also decided he needed more on his cricket plate and agreed to coach the team. And also score and umpire and set up grounds each week and generally troubleshoot whatever was required.

We entered our team in the new Women's D Grade competition, keen to test the waters in just T20 games. D Grade turned out to be an "island" in the RDCA women's competition made up of only 4 teams, who we grew to know and love across the season. Our historic first game was played against Wonga Park at home where we lost but with massive home ground support from our APCC families. Fast forward 16 rounds and we found ourselves with 11 wins on the board going into a semi-final against Warrandyte. Incredibly we won this semi-final and found ourselves quite unexpectedly in a Grand Final against Wonga Park. This still blows me away. How had we gone from a team with half of the group never having played before to finding ourselves in a Grand Final?

While we fell short of Wonga Park's very strong team on their home ground in the Grand Final, I could not be prouder of what we have achieved in getting this team together and the leaps and bounds in development that we all gained over the season - both on and off the field. I think this team has really brought a refreshing vibe to our expanded APCC community and we look forward to more fun and a lot more cricket for all the APCC women and girls in the seasons ahead.

Jo Chong Wah

Women's Coordinator

D-Grade

Women's East (1st XI)

As captain of our newly established Women's 1st XI, I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished this season. From our first tentative steps onto the field to the final ball of our last match, our journey has been one of growth, learning, and fun. This report stands as a testament to our teamwork and determination in establishing a thriving Women's team.

The RDCA Women's East D Grade offered a perfect introduction for women eager to delve into or rekindle their love for cricket.

Jo Chong Wah and Karen Davidson recruited five talented Stage 3 girls from our junior program, two seasoned cricketers, and a group of "late bloomers." Despite starting as strangers, we quickly formed strong bonds, earning nicknames, sharing equipment, and cheering each other on through every success and failure.

Our season kicked off with a loss at home against the eventual premiers. Despite the setback, we all had a blast and committed to returning the following week. And I'm thrilled we did because we went on to win or tie the next 10 games!

A pivotal moment for the team occurred when Wonga Park defeated us at home (again) in Round 11. We received valuable feedback that we weren't running enough between the wickets, prompting "Ruuunnnn" to become a rallying cry. Tuesday night we practised running between the wickets so on Sunday when Warrandyte made 156 on their fast home ground, we only fell short by only 11 runs. By capitalising on the opposition's wayward bowling and our improved game awareness we won the last three games of the season.

We finished the season in second place and secured a home semi-final against Warrandyte. Despite having beaten Warrandyte several times during the season, we anticipated their strongest lineup. Every player contributed to our total of 101 runs, with Kiara (KK) Torney playing a crucial innings, scoring 15 off 21 balls, and Elsie Dohle adding 12 off 22 balls. Our commitment to "Ruuunnnn" turned their extras into 41 runs while conceding only 22 in return. KK proved lethal with the ball, dismissing two of their top bats, while Jas (Rusty) Freeman claimed the wicket of the last of their three best bats. Although Warrandyte's experience showed, we held our nerve to hold onto a last ball victory.

Unfortunately our season came to an end when the more experienced Wonga Park beat us in the Grand Final.

We were fortunate Jo and Karen recruited a team of skilled all rounders.

Rusty opened the batting with beautiful form, and when not behind the stumps she bamboozled batters with left arm leg spin.

Kat (Katch) Bullen was a powerful hitter, finding the boundary on many occasions, and when not bowling she'd reliably take almost one catch per game.

Emily Robinson (VC) could always be counted on to bowl a few tight overs and make a few runs, and her funny chatter from anywhere on and off the ground always lifted team spirits.

KK's fast and accurate bowling earned her the regular spot of closing bowler and she could quickly make runs when given the opportunity.

Rochelle (Roc Star) Egan was a gift to the team, she showed us how to play every aspect of the game with intensity.

Scarlett (Chelsea) Howden would merrily skip in from the boundary to bowl.

Kelly Dohle was opening bat on many occasions and mid season, decided to take up wicket keeping sharing the role with her daughter Elsie.

Elsie Dohle was a versatile, high energy teammate, playing whatever role or position the team needed.

Chelsea (the real Chelsea) Thomas' strong arm was perfect for fielding on the boundary, and her ability to run fast served the team well when running for Krissy and Rochelle.

After cheering us on from the sidelines all season, Krissy Martin contributed 7* off 8 balls in Round 16, and we couldn't have been happier for her.

Bri Cossar was all over covers and her school teacher vibes kept spirits high when things weren't going our way.

Jo Chong Wah's impenetrable performance at mid-wicket and her selflessness allowing our sub fielders to get in the game was terrific.

D-Grade Women's East (1st XI) CONT.

Travel plans kept Georgia Priestley out of the team for most of the season, but when she did play with us, she was solid in the field.

A massive thank you to our coach/scorer/umpire/biggest supporter Brendon Freeman.

We all appreciated the playing shirts provided by our sponsors Croydon Travel and Cressida Cabinets.

To the committee, fellow captains, players and the extended Ainslie Park family thank you for embracing us rookies as we took this enormous step. To the premierships winners congratulations on your most deserving success.

To my husband Sean (Karl), thanks for the Kookaburra Ghost and unwavering support.

Last but not least, I want to extend my gratitude to my team for making it an unforgettable first season. While this season has ended, our excitement for what's to come only grows. Let's reminisce, recharge, and get ready to dive back in next year for even more laughs, cold beverages and cricket.

Ange Minetti

D-Grade Women's East (1st XI) stats

CAPTAIN	Ange Minetti				
50s SCORED	Kat Bullen	53*	vs	St Andrews	Rd 15
	Kelly Dohle	50*	vs	St Andrews	7
BATTING AVERAGE	Jasmine Freeman	Runs	Average		
		214	26.75		
BOWLING AVERAGE	Kiara Torney	Wickets	Average		
		14	11.5		
BEST TEAM PLAYER	Jo Chong Wah				
MOST RUNS	Kat Bullen (260)				
MOST WICKETS	Kiara Torney (14)				
MOST CATCHES	Kat Bullen (8)				
HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL	3/160 v St Andrews (Round 7)				
LOWEST TEAM TOAL	2/56 v St Andrews (Round 3)				

D-Grade Women's East (1st XI) stats CONT.

Results of games played

Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Tie	Rec. Forfeit	Bye
18	12	4	1	1	0	0

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opponent	Score	Result
1	4/79	Wonga Park	0/80	Loss
2	6/106	Warrandyte	2/99	Win
3	2/56	St Andrews	2/55	Win
4	4/72	Warrandyte	7/70	Win
5	2/127	Wonga Park	5/107	Win
6	7/65	Warrandyte	5/65	Tie
7	3/160	St Andrews	3/160	Win
8	7/88	Wonga Park	68	Win
9	2/125	Warrandyte	5/82	Win
10	5/107	St Andrews	9/64	Win
11	7/91	Wonga Park	1/93	Loss
12	4/145	Warrandyte	1/156	Loss
13		Wonga Park		Draw
14	6/120	Warrandyte	3/65	Win
15	6/148	St Andrews	6/98	Win
16	7/101	Warrandyte	1/74	Win
SF	8/101	Warrandyte	6/99	Win
GF	4/88	Wonga Park	5/123	Loss

D-Grade Women's East (1st XI) stats CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Games	Innings	Not out	High score	Runs	Average
Kat Bullen	17	14	4	53	260	26.00
Jasmine Freeman	14	12	4	33	214	26.75
Kelly Dohle	16	15	2	50	175	13.46
Andrea Minetti	16	14	4	47	125	12.50
Rochelle Egan	9	8	3	36	97	19.40
Kiara Torney (CR)	15	10	4	17	91	15.17
Elsie Dohle	14	7	1	20	66	11.00
Emily Robinson	14	10	4	11	50	8.33
Scarlett Howden (CR)	16	9	4	17	40	8;00
Chelsea Thomas	11	5	1	23	31	7.75
Belinda Torney (CR)	9	4	3	10	24	24.00
Eliza Owen (CR)	11	5	2	12	22	7.33
Jo Chong Wah	13	4	2	13	19	9.50
Rosie Sykes	2	1	0	12	12	12.00
Briony Cossar	12	6	2	2	9	2.25
Georgia Priestley	3	2	2	8	9	NA
Krissy Martin	9	1	1	7	7	NA

D-Grade Women's East (1st XI) stats CONT.

Bowling performances

Player Name	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Kiara Torney (CR)	15	52	6	14	161	11.50
Scarlett Howden (CR)	16	44	0	7	229	32.71
Jasmine Freeman	14	36	5	6	141	23.50
Elsie Dohle	14	25	1	6	149	24.83
Kat Bullen	17	43	0	5	169	33.80
Eliza Owen (CR)	11	28	1	5	100	20.00
Rochelle Egan	9	23	1	4	101	25.25
Emily Robinson	14	35.3	0	4	144	36.00
Chelsea Thomas	11	18	0	4	103	25.75
Rosie Sykes	2	6.1	1	3	14	4.67
Kelly Dohle	16	7	0	2	29	14.50
Belinda Torney (CR)	9	2	0	1	14	14.00
Georgia Priestley	3	4	0	1	19	19.00
Andrea Minetti	16	1	0	0	7	NA
Jo Chong Wah	13	1	0	0	9	NA
Briony Cossar	12	1	0	0	7	NA
Ashleigh Boyd (CR)	1	3	0	0	14	NA

SENIOR AWARDS 2023/24



Senior awards

Trollope Shield - 1st XI

Batting average	Tom Stray	373 runs @ 53.29
Bowling average	Tom Stray	19 wickets @ 17.63
Phil McCallum Best Team Player Award	Max Moss	
Bolt vote count winner	Tom Stray	

Pascoe Shield - 2nd XI

Batting average	Coby Arbuckle	334 runs @ 55.67
Bowling average	Matt Delahunty	22 wickets @ 17.41
Alan Wadsworth Best Team Player Award	Lithika Dharmasena	
Bolt vote count winner	Cam Eustice	

Don Smith Shield - 3rd XI

Batting average	Darren Walles	549 runs @ 78.43
Bowling average	Darren Walles	17 wickets @ 13.94
Jeff Berry Best Team Player Award	David Sykes	
Bolt vote count winner	Darren Walles	

E Grade (Stuart Minetti Shield) – 4th XI

Batting average	Dale Warren	216 runs @ 27
Bowling average	Andrew Peters	15 wickets @ 11.13
Stephen Lithgow Best Team Player Award	Nathan Dugdale	
Bolt vote count winner	Rick Forster	

J Grade (Gregor Mason Shield) – 5th XI

Batting average	Brendon Freeman	411 runs @ 68.5
Bowling average	Hayden Lace	17 wickets @ 19.94
Bob Colverson Best Team Player Award	Hayden Lace	
Bolt vote count winner	John Ridley	

Women's East D Grade - Womens 1st XI

Batting average	Jasmine Freeman	214 runs @ 26.75
Bowling average	Kiara Torney	14 wickets @ 11.5
Best Team Player Award	Jo Chong Wah	

Vets T20

Batting average	Cameron Eustice	90 runs @ 45.00
Bowling average	Mark Sealey	6 wickets @ 12.33

Senior awards CONT.

Major award winners

Merril Anderson Memorial Club Champion	Darren Walles
Ross Francis Memorial Best Club Person	Leigh Jones
Derrick Guye Bolt Award Most Valuable Player	Darren Walles
The Chris Anderson Trophy Coach's Award	Georgia Priestley
Most promising under 21 player	Oscar Seegets

Best performances

Highest score	Andrew Johnstone (124)
Best bowling	Dave Killen (6/15)
Most runs	Darren Walles (623)
Most wickets	James Hunter (24)

Ultra Tune Croydon Team of the Year

1	Cameron Eustice	610 runs @ 40.67	
2	Brendon Freeman	411 runs @ 68.50	
3	Coby Arbuckle	466 runs @ 38.83	
4	Andrew Johnstone	428 runs @ 47.56	
5	Tom Stray	373 runs @ 53.29	19 wickets @ 17.53
6	Darren Walles (c)	623 runs @ 69.22	22 wickets @ 16.41
7	John Ridley	440 runs @ 44.00	13 wickets @ 21.77
8	Dillon Bettess	268 runs @ 17.27	12 catches 7 stumpings
9	James Hunter		22 wickets @ 14.32
10	Mark Sealey		22 wickets @ 15.95
11	Matt Delahunty		23 wickets @ 17.65

Senior club championship

Player	Total	1 st XI	2 nd XI x 0.94	3 rd XI x 0.88	4 th XI x 0.82	5 th XI x 0.76
Darren Walles	615.84	10.00	116.56	489.28		
Tom Stray	583.00	583.00				
Cam Eustice	513.24		513.24			
John Ridley	472.98				45.10	427.88
Andrew Johnstone	442.68			395.12	47.56	
Jake Tucker	441.00	441.00				
Coby Arbuckle	431.48	157.00	274.48			
Brendan McGuinness	402.00	402.00				
Aydn Sier	368.00	368.00				
Dillon Bettess	365.56	343.00	22.56			
James Hunter	353.28	201.00	152.28			
Brendon Freeman	335.92					335.92
David Sykes	313.76			176.00	137.76	
Sean Minetti	313.02		313.02			
David Killen	290.10	276.00	14.10			
Troy Harris	278.84			132.88	145.96	
Nathan Croot	276.36		276.36			
Rick Forster	269.78				269.78	
Marcus Allan	266.84		0.94	99.44	166.46	
Leigh Jones	263.62	195.00	68.62			
Matt Delahunty	263.54		254.74	8.80		
Josh White	262.54		128.78	133.76		
Andrew Peters	259.12				259.12	
Matt Barr	257.84			257.84		
Adam Smith	253.24			58.08	195.16	
Leigh Walles	243.42			58.96	163.18	21.28
Max Moss	242.00	242.00				
Ben Speith	241.46		156.98	84.48		
Kento Inoue	237.12					237.12
Dale Warren	224.36			19.36	205.00	
Rowan Peters	219.30	177.00	42.30			
Taj Johnstone	219.08		62.98	112.64	43.46	
Mark Sealey	216.94		49.82	154.00	13.12	
Oscar Seegets	216.00	216.00				
Glen Thomas	214.22				40.18	174.04
Paul Moulton	209.98				54.94	155.04
Dallas Delahunty	206.90				2.46	204.44
Lachlan Francis	205.56	89.00	116.56			
Josh Hood	204.06			106.48	97.58	
James Johnstone	203.04		203.04			
Luke Bullen	201.72				201.72	

Senior club championship CONT.

Player	Total	1 st XI	2 nd XI x 0.94	3 rd XI x 0.88	4 th XI x 0.82	5 th XI x 0.76
Sean Arbuckle	198.34		198.34			
Nick Delahunty	198.24			12.32	131.20	54.72
Ethan Stone	190.06	127.00	36.66	26.40		
Troy Harbinson	184.12			126.72	57.40	
Kieron Crowe	177.08					177.08
Matt Forster	176.08			8.80	167.28	
Lewis Davison	169.84	51.00	81.78	26.40	10.66	
Hayden Lace	164.16					164.16
David Parkinson	162.64					162.64
Jack Evans	160.74		160.74			
Lithika Dharmasena	158.34		123.14	35.20		
Daniel Allan	154.60		32.90	101.20	20.50	
Trent Sier	145.96				145.96	
Bailey Arnot	144.06		23.50	120.56		
Iranga Dharmasena	130.26				4.10	126.16
Colin Guye	123.26		0.94	122.32		
Dylan Shanks	122.28			25.52	96.76	
Josh Connor	118.80			118.80		
Garry Walles	115.52					115.52
Jobe Walton	111.72					111.72
Pieter Van der Berg	105.54				9.02	96.52
Nathan Dugdale	103.62			4.40	99.22	
David Wright	86.90				45.10	41.80
Xavier Walles	76.00					76.00
Josh Bettess	66.48			36.96	29.52	
Tim Flahavin	57.76					57.76
Ben Walles	42.56					42.56
Trent Seegets	34.90			30.80	4.10	
Romney Muliaina	31.36			2.64	8.20	20.52
Oliver Walles	30.40					30.40
Jayden Bullen	24.60				24.60	
Ryan Willmott	22.80					22.80
Matt Thomas	16.72					16.72
Jordan Hochkins	14.96			14.96		
Archer Croot	11.40					11.40
Ben Waren	10.64					10.64
Evan Jones	9.68			9.68		
Aaron Shephard	8.42				0.82	7.60
Will Sealey	4.10				4.10	
Xavier Freeman	0.00					

Senior club championship CONT.

Senior club championship by team

Runs = 1 point per run

Unassisted Wicket = 15 points

Assisted Wicket = 10 points

Catch = 5 points

Run out = 5 points

Direct hit = 10 points

Stumping = 10 points

Trollope Shield (1st XI)

Player	Runs	Wickets		Fielding				CC Pts x 1.00
		Unassisted	Assisted	Catches	R.O	R.O (direct)	Stumping	
Tom Stray	323	8	11	4		1		583
Jake Tucker	281	2	12	1	1			441
Brendan McGuinness	347			11				402
Aydn Sier	343			5				368
Dillon Bettess	223			10	2		6	343
David Killen	46	10	5	4		1		276
Max Moss	222			4				242
Oscar Seegets	41	4	9	2	1	1		216
James Hunter	41	6	6	1	1			201
Leigh Jones	90	3	4	2	2			195
Rowan Peters	157			4				177
Coby Arbuckle	132			3			1	157
Ethan Stone	2	2	7	4	1			127
Lachlan Francis	34	2	2	1				89
Lewis Davison	1	2	2					51
Darren Walles			1					10

Senior club championship CONT.

Pascoe Shield (2nd XI)

Player	Runs	Wickets		Fielding				CC Pts x 0.94
		Unassisted	Assisted	Catches	R.O	R.O (direct)	Stumping	
Cam Eustice	511			7				513.24
Sean Minetti	243	1	3	4	1	2		313.02
Nathan Croot	269			5				276.36
Coby Arbuckle	287			1				274.48
Matt Delahunty	1	9	11	5				254.74
James Johnstone	206			2				203.04
Sean Arbuckle	151	1		6	1	1		198.34
Jack Evans	86			9	2	1	2	160.74
Ben Speith	52	3	6	2				156.98
James Hunter	27	1	11	2				152.28
Josh White	67	2	3	2				128.78
Lithika Dharmasena	6	1	10	2				123.14
Darren Walles	74	1	3	1				116.56
Lachlan Francis	49	1	3	2		2		116.56
Lewis Davison	22		6	1				81.78
Leigh Jones	73							68.62
Taj Johnstone	2	2	3	1				62.98
Mark Sealey	8		4	1				49.82
Rowan Peters	30			3				42.30
Ethan Stone	14	1	1					36.66
Daniel Allan	0	1	2					32.90
Bailey Arnot	0	1	1					23.50
Dillon Bettess	14					1	1	22.56
David Killen	5		1					14.10
Colin Guye	1							0.94
Marcus Allan	1							0.94

Senior club championship CONT.

Don Smith Shield (3rd XI)

Player	Runs	Wickets		Fielding				CC Pts x 0.88
		Unassisted	Assisted	Catches	R.O	R.O (direct)	Stumping	
Darren Walles	421	3	9					489.28
Andrew Johnstone	354	2	4	2	1	1		395.12
Matt Barr	168	3	5	4		1		257.84
David Sykes	175			5				176.00
Mark Sealey	15	7	4	3				154.00
Josh White	152							133.76
Troy Harris	51	2	5	3	1			132.88
Troy Harbinson	104		2	1	1	1		126.72
Colin Guye	139							122.32
Bailey Arnot	42	3	4	2				120.56
Josh Connor	25	3	5	3				118.80
Taj Johnstone	53	3	2	2				112.64
Josh Hood	106			1			1	106.48
Daniel Allan		5	4					101.20
Marcus Allan	68	1	2	2				99.44
Ben Speith	31	1	4	2				84.48
Leigh Walles	67							58.96
Adam Smith	26		3	2				58.08
Josh Bettess	42							36.96
Lithika Dharmasena			4					35.20
Trent Seegets	10	1	1					30.80
Ethan Stone		2						26.40
Lewis Davison	15	1						26.40
Dylan Shanks	24			1				25.52
Dale Warren	22							19.36
Jordan Hochkins	2			3				14.96
Nick Delahunty	9			1				12.32
Evan Jones	1			1	1			9.68
Matt Delahunty			1					8.80
Matt Forster			1					8.80
Nathan Dugdale				1				4.40
Romney Muliaina	3							2.64

Senior club championship CONT.

E-Grade Stuart Minetti Shield (4th XI)

Player	Runs	Wickets		Fielding				CC Pts x 0.82
		Unassisted	Assisted	Catches	R.O	R.O (direct)	Stumping	
Rick Forster	29	12	8	6	2			269.78
Andrew Peters	131	5	9	2	2			259.12
Dale Warren	190		5	1	1			205.00
Luke Bullen	176	1	1	8	1			201.72
Adam Smith	178	2	3					195.16
Matt Forster	104	3	3	3		1		167.28
Marcus Allan	163	2		2				166.46
Leigh Walles	154	2	1	1				163.18
Trent Sier	153		1		1		1	145.96
Troy Harris	163	1						145.96
David Sykes	133			2	1		2	137.76
Nick Delahunty	40	3	4	6	1			131.20
Nathan Dugdale	6	3	6	2				99.22
Josh Hood	84			4	3			97.58
Dylan Shanks	108			2				96.76
Troy Harbinson	35	2		1				57.40
Paul Moulton	7	3		3				54.94
Andrew Johnstone	33	1	1					47.56
David Wright	50			1				45.10
John Ridley	30	1	1					45.10
Taj Johnstone	28	1	1					43.46
Glen Thomas	49							40.18
Josh Bettess	6	2						29.52
Jayden Bullen		2						24.60
Daniel Allan		1				1		20.50
Mark Sealey	6		1					13.12
Lewis Davison	13							10.66
Pieter Van der Berg	1		1					9.02
Romney Muliaina	10							8.20
Iranga Dharmasena	5							4.10
Trent Seegets				1				4.10
Will Sealey				1				4.10
Dallas Delahunty	3							2.46
Aaron Shephard	1							0.82

Senior club championship CONT.

J-Grade Gregor Mason Shield (5th XI)

Player	Runs	Wickets		Fielding				CC Pts x 0.82
		Unassisted	Assisted	Catches	R.O	R.O (direct)	Stumping	
John Ridley	403	4	7	5	1			427.88
Brendon Freeman	357	3	2	4				335.92
Kento Inoue	32	8	6	14	2	2		237.12
Dallas Delahunty	174			3			8	204.44
Kieron Crowe	213			4				177.08
Glen Thomas	199		3					174.04
Hayden Lace	21	6	10	1				164.16
David Parkinson	189		1	3				162.64
Paul Moulton	144	1	4	1				155.04
Iranga Dharmasena	71	4	3		1			126.16
Garry Walles	77	2	3	3				115.52
Jobe Walton	67	3	3	1				111.72
Pieter Van der Berg	12	5	2	4				96.52
Xavier Walles	70	1	1		1			76.00
Tim Flahavin	66				2			57.76
Nick Delahunty	12	2	2	1	1			54.72
Ben Walles	11	1	2	2				42.56
David Wright	45			2				41.80
Oliver Walles		1	1	1		1		30.40
Ryan Willmott		2						22.80
Leigh Walles	8		2					21.28
Romney Muliaina	22			1				20.52
Matt Thomas	7	1						16.72
Archer Croot	5		1					11.40
Ben Waren	4		1					10.64
Aaron Shephard	5			1				7.60

Accumulative awards

Games

100 games	Adam Smith Coby Arbuckle Colin Guye Jake Tucker Leigh Jones Nick Delahunty
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150 games	Luke Bullen Marcus Allan Troy Harris
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200 games	Lewis Davison
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300 games	Andrew Johnstone Cameron Eustice
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400 games	Garry Walles
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Runs

3000 runs	John Ridley Max Moss
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5000 runs	David Sykes
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7000 runs	Darren Walles Nathan Croot
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Wickets

150 wickets	Jake Tucker
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200 wickets	Lewis Davison
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300 wickets	Daniel Allan
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450 wickets	Darren Walles
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700 wickets	Andrew Peters
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Top performers

Top 10 runs

1	Darren Walles	623
2	Cameron Eustice	610
3	Coby Arbuckle	466
4	John Ridley	440
5	Andrew Johnstone	428
6	Brendon Freeman	411
7	Tom Stray	373
8	Brendon McGuinness	358
9	Aydn Sier	357
10	Nathan Croot	346

Top 10 wickets

1	James Hunter	24
2	Matt Delahunty	23
3	Mark Sealey	22
4	Darren Walles	22
5	Rick Forster	20
6	Tom Stray	19
7	Lithika Dharmasena	18
8	David Killen	17
9	Hayden Lace	17
10	Jake Tucker	17

Current player statistics

Player	Games	Runs	Wkts	50's	100's	HS	5+ wkts	BB
Aaron Shepherd	22	13	5					
Adam Smith	105	1153	76	8		63*		
Ange Minetti	1	0	0					
Andrew Johnstone	305	7544	89	38	10	136*	2	5/23
Andrew Peters	418	3565	713	8		84	22	8/42
Archer Croot	2	5	1					
Aydn Sier	275	7573	3	31	10	170*		
Bailey Arnot	69	269	60					
Ben Speith	43	202	30					
Ben Walles	7	11	3					
Ben Warren	2	4	1					
Brendan McGuinness	14	358	0	3		61		
Brendon Freeman	36	781	7	8		62*		
Cam Eustice	312	8677	39	45	9	209*		
Coby Arbuckle	110	1113	5	4	1	101*		
Colin Guye	100	2956	8		4			
Dale Warren	28	433	12	1		50		
David Delahunty	319	5251	29	15	2	106	1	6/16
Daniel Allan	242	1019	309	1		55*	6	6/58
Darren Walles	380	7530	453	44	4	130	11	6/39
David Killen	182	3089	169	12	2	126	3	6/15
David Sykes	196	5242	54	30	6	157*	1	6/25
David Wright	260	5974	24	18	3	196*		
Dillon Bettess	183	3719	8	19	4	149		
Dylan Shanks	46	855	7	1		50*		
David Parkinson	84	1404	32	5	1	161		
Ethan Stone	68	80	75					
Evan Jones	59	567		1		54		
Garry Walles	402	7658	357	38	7	159	4	7/51
Glen Thomas	352	6752	30	30	3	187		
Hayden Lace	16	23	19					
Iranga Dharmasena	40	297	21					

Current player statistics CONT.

Player	Games	Runs	Wkts	50's	100's	HS	5+ wkts	BB
Jack Evans	37	310	0					
Jake Tucker	110	2484	151	10	2	156	6	5/29
James Hunter	181	1907	278	8		90*	7	6/5
James Johnstone	73	753	55	3	1	103*		
Jayden Bullen	8	0	7					
Jobe Walton	3	67	6	1		58*		
John Ridley	125	3117	63	11	4	164	3	6/58
Jordan Hochkins	141	970	128	1		58	1	6/27
Josh Bettess	187	3077	76	13	1	105*		
Josh Connor	49	128	55					
Josh Hood	17	311	0	2		51*		
Josh White	178	1584	241	8		76*	4	5/47
Kat Bullen	2	0	0					
Kelly Dohle	1	0	0					
Kento Inoue	13	32	14					
Kieran Crowe	7	214	0	3		61*		
Lachlan Francis	72	475	71	1		72	1	5/18
Leigh Jones	108	1540	133	8		91	2	6/35
Leigh Walles	399	5957	212	26	3	107*	3	7/23
Lewis Davison	208	2400	203	6		89	3	5/15
Lithika Dharmasena	50	108	45					
Luke Bullen	154	1801	8	8	1	107*		
Marcus Allan	160	1902	34	3		70*	1	5/21 (GF)
Mark Sealey	160	1829	278	3	1	130	8	7/52
Matt Barr	98	430	83				1	5/43
Matt Delahunty	226	427	328	1		69*	7	7/65
Matt Forster	8	104	7	1		50		
Matt Thomas	252	1971	293	5		72	4	6/9
Max Moss	192	3221	52	10	1	101*	1	5/31
Nathan Croot	286	7294	23	42	6	208		
Nathan Dugdale	83	122	55					
Nick Delahunty	112	447	65					

Current player statistics CONT.

Player	Games	Runs	Wkts	50's	100's	HS	5+ wkts	BB
Oliver Walles	2	0	2					
Oscar Seegets	58	519	43	2		53*		
Paul Moulton	131	719	121					
Pieter Van Der Berg	8	19	10				1	5/27
Rick Forster	90	211	91					
Romney Muliaina	6	35	0					
Rowan Peters	193	2805	40	8		98		
Ryan Willmott	309	2235	495	3		87*	11	8/54
Sean Arbuckle	363	8634	70	38	13	127	1	5/19
Sean Minetti	344	7687	97	36	9	153		
Taj Johnstone	44	325	51	1		56*	1	5/37
Tim Flahavin	233	2993	40	1				
Tom Stray	56	1790	35	8	2	116	2	5/31
Trent Seegets			9					
Trent Sier	348	9918	51	62	10	164*		
Troy Harbinson	10	188	4					
Troy Harris	159	3359	72	16	3	186*	1	5/28
Will Sealey	2	12	0					
Xavier Freeman	3	0	0					
Xavier Walles	7	70	8					

Women's current player statistics

Player	Games	Runs	Wickets	50's	HS	BB
Andrea Minetti	16	125			47	
Briony Cossar	12	9			2	
Chelsea Thomas	11	31	4		23	1/7
Elsie Dohle	14	66	6		20	1/1
Emily Robinson	14	50	4		11	2/12
Georgia Priestley	3	9	1		8	1/5
Jasmine Freeman	14	214	6		33	4/3
Jo Chong Wah	13	19			13	
Kat Bullen	17	260	5	1	53	1/3
Kelly Dohle	16	175	2	1	50	1/2
Krissy Martin	9	7			7	
Rochelle Egan	9	97	4		36	2/19
Rosie Sykes	2	12	3		12	3/10

Club overall top 20s

Games

1	Andrew Peters	418
2	Garry Walles	402
3	Leigh Walles	399
4	Darren Walles	380
5	Sean Arbuckle	363
6	Glen Thomas	352
7	Trent Sier	348
8	Sean Minetti	344
9	David Delahunty	319
10	Cam Eustice	312
11	Ryan Willmott	309
12	Andrew Johnstone	305
13	Ian Cubitt	296
14	Nathan Croot	286
15	Derrick Guye	279
16	Chris Anderson	276
17	Aydn Sier	275
18	Jamie Davison	264
19	David Wright	260
20	Dom Valeri	255

Runs

1	Trent Sier	9918
2	Cam Eustice	8677
3	Sean Arbuckle	8634
4	Sean Minetti	7687
5	Garry Walles	7658
6	Aydn Sier	7573
7	Darren Walles	7530
8	Andrew Johnstone	7544
9	Nathan Croot	7294
10	Chris Anderson	7027
11	Glen Thomas	6752
12	Jason Foulis	6335
13	David Tucker	6203
14	Jamie Davison	6127
15	Steve Foulis	5988
16	David Wright	5974
17	Leigh Walles	5957
18	Dom Valeri	5915
19	Kelton Maguire	5894
20	Scooter Powell	5722

Wickets

1	Andrew Peters	713
2	Ryan Willmott	495
3	Darren Walles	453
4	Geoff Leonard	392
5	Ian Cubitt	383
6	Josh McMullen	380
7	Garry Walles	357
8	Derrick Guye	349
9	Matt Delahunty	328
10	Craig Colverson	323
11	Mark Arnot	315
12	Daniel Allan	309
13	Chris Anderson	307
14	Frank Colverson	299
15	Matt Thomas	293
16	James Hunter	278
17	Mark Seegets	276
18	Mark Sealey	278
19	Jim Pumphry	275
20	Euge Kear	272

Club overall top 20s CONT.

Hundreds

			HS
1	Steve Foulis	15	202
2	Sean Arbuckle	13	127
3	Chris Anderson	10	175
4	Aydn Sier	10	170*
5	Trent Sier	10	164*
6	Andrew Johnstone	10	136*
7	Cam Eustice	9	209
8	Rohan Shade	9	178
9	Sean Minetti	9	153*
10	Jason Foulis	8	171
11	Alan Moss	8	148
12	David Tucker	7	191
13	Garry Walles	7	159
14	Kelton Maguire	7	157
15	Jim Pumphry	7	138
16	Don Harris	6	237
17	Nathan Croot	6	208
18	David Sykes	6	157*
19	Wade Guye	6	132
20	Jamie Davison	6	121

Fifties

1	Trent Sier	62
2	Cam Eustice	45
3	Nathan Croot	42
4	Darren Walles	44
5	Cam O'Donnell	38
6	Garry Walles	38
7	Sean Arbuckle	38
8	Andrew Johnstone	38
9	Sean Minetti	36
10	Jason Foulis	35
11	Jamie Davison	32
12	Chris Anderson	32
13	David Tucker	31
14	Aydn Sier	31
15	Glen Thomas	30
16	David Sykes	30
17	Leigh Walles	26
18	Kelton Maguire	26
19	Scooter Powell	26
20	David Werner	25

Club overall top 20s CONT.

Highest scores

1	Don Harris	237
2	Glen Tucker	226
3	Cam Eustice	209*
4	Nathan Croot	208
5	Steve Foulis	202
6	Chris Allan	201*
7	Mark Francis	198
8	David Tucker	197
9	Dom Valeri	197
10	David Wright	196*
11	Don Harris	188*
12	Craig Green	188
13	Glen Thomas	187
14	Troy Harris	186*
15	Darren Veldhuizen	183
16	Jason Eaton	182
17	Cam O'Donnell	180
18	C Font	179
19	Steve Foulis	178
20	Rohan Shade	178

Best bowling

1	Josh McMullen	9/29
2	Phil Thorneycroft	9/54
3	Tim Hood	9/67
4	Pat Marulli	9/79
5	Josh McMullen	8/13
6	Steve Lithgow	8/14
7	C Nobes	8/15
8	Jordan Klewer	8/23
9	Andrew Peters	8/42
10	Chris Anderson	8/44
11	D Barton	8/48
12	G Bolger	8/49
13	Matt Honey	8/50
14	Ryan Willmott	8/54
15	Tim Hood	8/58
16	Mark Arnot	8/67
17	Corey Brookshaw	8/75
18	Andrew Peters	8/76
19	Ben Clark	8/86
20	C Nobes	7/2

Club overall top 20s CONT.

5 or more wickets in an innings

		Total	5 wickets	6 wickets	7 wickets	8 wickets	9 wickets
1	Mark Arnott	26	16	5	4	1	
2	Chris Anderson	20	17	1	1	1	
3	Andrew Peters	18	14	2		2	
4	Geoff Leonard	16	12	3	1		
5	Josh McMullen	16	12	2		1	1
6	Wes Britton	14	7	5	2		
7	Nick Bole Brown	13	7	2	4		
8	Frank Colverson	12	5	4	3		
9	Ryan Willmott	12	11			1	
9	Matt Honey	11	10			1	
11	Darren Walles	11	9	2			
12	Phil Thorneycroft	9	7		1		1
13	Pat Marulli	9	4	4			1
14	Craig Nobes	9	2	3	3	1	
15	C Torcutti	9	5	1	3		
16	Mark Seegets	9	8	1			
16	Ian Cubitt	9	8	1			
18	Craig Colverson	8	4	3	1		
19	Gary Paver	8	6	2			
20	Prashant Mishra	8	7	1			
	Barry Williams	8	8				
	Mark Sealey	8	6	1	1		

First XI top 20s

Games

1	Andrew Peters	249
2	Chris Anderson	230
3	Aydn Sier	204
4	Sean Arbuckle	197
5	Darren Walles	182
6	Trent Sier	172
7	Cam O'Donnell	148
8	Steve Foulis	133
9	Mark Arnot	130
10	Jason Foulis	124
11	David Werner	115
12	David Killen	114
13	Jake Tucker	110
14	Cam Eustice	109
15	Leigh Jones	106
16	Dillon Bettess	102
17	Josh McMullen	95
18	Josh Bettess	92
19	Max Moss	89
20	Mark Seegets	86

Runs

1	Aydn Sier	5191
2	Chris Anderson	5126
3	Cam O'Donnell	5000
4	Steven Foulis	3896
5	Trent Sier	3847
6	Sean Arbuckle	3780
7	Jason Foulis	3258
8	Darren Walles	2752
9	Jake Tucker	2484
10	Dillon Bettess	2278
11	Dave Killen	2205
12	Cam Eustice	2199
13	Craig Berry	2092
14	Dave Werner	2078
15	Andrew Peters	2068
16	Don Harris	2041
17	Wade Guye	1890
18	Alan Moss	1753
19	Tom Fraser	1696
20	Paul Hansen	1548

Wickets

1	Andrew Peters	526
2	Mark Arnot	309
3	Chris Anderson	275
4	Darren Walles	194
5	Nick Bole Brown	183
6	Frank Colverson	169
7	Josh McMullen	161
8	Jake Tucker	145
9	Simon Reeves	140
10	Pat Marulli	135
11	Garry Paver	132
12	Leigh Jones	128
13	Mark Seegets	124
14	Scott Panozza	124
15	Jim Pumphrey	119
16	David Killen	102
17	Wes Britton	94
18	David Ruffolo	81
19	Tim Considine	74
20	Phil Thorneycroft	73

APCC history

Office bearers

SEASON	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	JUNIOR COORD.
1976/77	P. McCallum	I. Britnell	T. Fraser	
1977/78	P. McCallum	I. Britnell	T. Fraser	
1978/79	P. McCallum AO	I. Britnell	T. Fraser	N. Wadsworth
1979/80	A. Wadsworth	I. Britnell	T. Fraser	N. Wadsworth
1980/81	A. Wadsworth	I. Britnell	T. Fraser	W McCombie
1981/82	A. Wadsworth	I. Britnell	P. Denton	N. Wadsworth
1982/83	A. Wadsworth	N. Barnfield	P. Denton	G. Edwards
1983/84	J. Berry	A. Moss	G. Cincotta	G. Edwards
1984/85	J. Berry	D. Guye	G. Cincotta	G. Edwards
1985/86	J. Berry	E. Hood	G. Cincotta	D. Guye
1986/87	J. Berry	G. Anderson	C. Anderson	L. Foulis
1987/88	J. Berry	G. Anderson	C. Anderson	L. Foulis
1988/89	J. Berry	G. Anderson	C. Anderson	R. Davison
1989/90	J. Berry	G. Anderson	C. Anderson	R. Davison
1990/91	D. Valeri	G. Anderson	C. Anderson	R. Davison
1991/92	D. Valeri	G. Anderson	C. Anderson	R. Davison
1992/93	J. Berry	R. Davison	C. Anderson	G. Walles
1993/94	J. Berry/G. Pereira	R. Davison	D. Guye	G. Walles
1994/95	G. Pereira	R. Davison	P. Ellard	S.D. Minetti
1995/96	G. Pereira	R. Davison	P. Ellard	S.D. Minetti
1996/97	G. Pereira	R. Davison	P. Ellard	S.D. Minetti
1997/98	G. Anderson	R. Davison	P. Ellard	S.D. Minetti
1998/99	G. Walles	R. Davison	P. Ellard	S.D. Minetti
1999/00	G. Walles	R. Davison	P. Ellard	S.D. Minetti
2000/01	S.D. Minetti	J. Davison	P. Ellard	A. Stray
2001/02	S.D. Minetti	J. Davison	P. Ellard	A. Stray
2002/03	S.D. Minetti	J. Davison	P. Ellard	B. Westgarth
2003/04	S.D. Minetti	J. Davison	P. Ellard	B. Westgarth
2004/05	A. Peters	J. Davison	C. Allan	S. Berry
2005/06	A. Peters	J. Davison	S.D. Minetti	R. Willmott
2006/07	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	S.D. Minetti	V. Wadsworth
2007/08	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	S.D. Minetti	V. Wadsworth
2008/09	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	S.D. Minetti	P. Bolger/D. Scott

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SEASON	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	JUNIOR COORD.
2009/10	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	S.D. Minetti	L. & A. Bettess
2010/11	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	G. Thomas	L. & A. Bettess
2011/12	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	G. Thomas	L. & A. Bettess
2012/13	B. Westgarth	J. Davison	G. Thomas	L. & A. Bettess
2013/14	B. Westgarth	G. Thomas	S. Killen	L. & A. Bettess
2014/15	D. Delahunty	G. Thomas	S. Killen	A. Stone
2015/16	D. Delahunty	S.D. Minetti	S.D. Minetti	A. Stone
2016/17	D. Delahunty	S.D. Minetti	S.R. Minetti	A. Stone
2017/18	D. Delahunty	A. Johnstone	S.R. Minetti	D. Walles
2018/19	D. Delahunty	A. Johnstone	S.R. Minetti	D. Walles
2019/20	D. Delahunty	A. Johnstone	S.R. Minetti	D. Walles
2020/21	D. Delahunty	A. Johnstone	S.R. Minetti	D. Walles
2021/22	D. Delahunty	A. Moss	S.R. Minetti	D. Walles
2022/23	D. Delahunty	A. Moss	S.R. Minetti	D. Walles
2023/24	M. Thomas	A. Moss	S.R. Minetti	N. Croot

APCC history CONT.

1st XI playing shirt numbers

1	D. DAVIDSON	36	J. MOSS	71	J. RIDLEY
2	T. FRASER	37	M. WARREN	72	D. WERNER
3	N. HEAD	38	P. HANSEN	73	C. NOBES
4	P. HUXTABLE	39	J. HANSEN	74	B. CLARK
5	S. GAUNSON	40	C. JOHNSON	75	S. HICKLETON
6	R. CATTANACH	41	P. GIRLING	76	W. BRITTON
7	D. VALERI	42	G. CINCOTTA	77	P. DANSON
8	R. McCALLUM	43	G. BOLGER	78	I. DELL
9	N. WADSWORTH	44	J. REID	79	R. FRANCIS
10	P. TREVERTON	45	D. WADE	80	P. THOMPSON
11	W. McCOMBIE	46	G. TOOGOOD	81	L. KATZ
12	D. WRIGHT	47	C. WADSWORTH	82	P. GARDNER
13	L. ADKINS	48	M. STEELE	83	G. TUCKER
14	P. YOUNG	49	I. BRITNELL	84	V. SERCI
15	I. STEVENS	50	D. HARRIS	85	P. THORNEYCROFT
16	I. SIMMONS	51	S. PARSONS	86	S. ARBUCKLE
17	A. MOSS	52	S. RALPH	87	G. LAWSON
18	N. BARNFIELD	53	C. BERRY	88	S. FOULIS
19	R. PENDREY	54	R. IZETT	89	C. CARROLL
20	J. PUMPHREY	55	M. FRANCIS	90	I. CUBITT
21	B. WADSWORTH	56	W. TURNER	91	L. SIMPSON
22	M. PENDREY	57	S. POWELL	92	N. RILEY
23	P. CARMEN	58	G. WAIN	93	B. PHILLIPS
24	P. WEEKS	59	A. HENKEL	94	M. SEEGETS
25	G. BRITNELL	60	R. WALLIKER	95	B. LODDING
26	T. PEREIRA	61	P. FRAWLEY	96	P. KIRBY
27	D. DELAHUNTY	62	S. SERCI	97	A. PETERS
28	M. PIERCE	63	G. BERRY	98	J. FOULIS
29	G. GASCOYNE	64	G. PAVER	99	S. McKEOWN
30	D. HARRISON	65	C. ANDERSON	100	M. PARKER
31	J. CAULFIELD	66	F. COLVERSON	101	D. TUCKER
32	R. COSIER	67	S. HAAS	102	T. CONSIDINE
33	M. NEWAY	68	G. PEREIRA	103	S. REEVES
34	D. GUYE	69	A. CLEELAND	104	S. PRICE
35	P. LINGARD	70	C. GREEN	105	D. BARTON

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1st XI playing shirt numbers (cont)

106	D. GOSS	141	A. SIER	176	J. TUCKER
107	C. O'DONNELL	142	C. HAM	177	C. SCOTT
108	K. CHAPMAN	143	E. MAUDSLEY	178	L. JONES
109	B. MEDSON	144	D. FRANKEN	179	E. JONES
110	N. BOLE-BROWN	145	N. CROOT	180	J. DOOLAN
111	C. STOPPA	146	T. OLIVER	181	J. BURTON
112	K. MAGUIRE	147	B. SPRINGETT	182	M. MOUNTAIN
113	P. MARULLI	148	L. DAVISON	183	C. ARBUCKLE
114	J. HALL	149	Sc. MINETTI	184	B. ARNOT
115	M. SLATER	150	N. WESTGARTH	185	R. WILLMOTT
116	B. WILLIAMS	151	D. RUFFOLO	186	B. KLEWER
117	S. HANSEN	152	J. VANDERWALT	187	J. HUNTER
118	J. SHEPHERD	153	G. JONES	188	T STRAY
119	M. FISHER	154	S. PANOZZA	189	T. RIDLEY
120	M. SEALEY	155	D. VANDENHOEK	190	D. KING
121	W. GUYE	156	A. BRYANT	191	B. MARGET
122	C. MCGREGOR	157	D. MULREADY	192	D. ALLAN
123	M. SLEEMAN	158	D. VERTIGAN	193	E. STONE
124	C. GUYE	159	J. COOKE	194	B. MCGUINNESS
125	T. MARRINER	160	M. DELAHUNTY	195	O. SEEGETS
126	M. HONEY	161	M. ARNOT	196	L. FRANCIS
127	M. WALSH	162	R. ARBUCKLE		
128	D. WALLS	163	C. WATTERSON		
129	C. EUSTICE	164	A. STONE		
130	S. SHADE	165	J. BETTESS		
131	R. SHADE	166	B. WADSWORTH		
132	E. KEAR	167	C. NELSON		
133	T. SIER	168	J. WHITE		
134	S. MCKIBBIN	169	D. BETTESS		
135	R. FISHER	170	M. KITSON		
136	A. MOORE	171	M. MOSS		
137	S.M. JONES	172	J. LAWLOR		
138	D. MCKIBBIN	173	R. PETERS		
139	J. McMULLEN	174	D. KILLEN		
140	Se. MINETTI	175	N. MCKAY		

APCC history CONT.

Senior coaches

Year	Coach	Year	Coach
1976/77		2006/07	Andrew Peters
1977/78		2007/08	Ben Springett
1978/79	Mike Newey	2008/09	Ben Springett
1979/80	Paul Hansen	2009/10	Sean Arbuckle
1980/81		2010/11	Sean Arbuckle
1981/82		2011/12	Mark Arnot
1982/83	Paul Hansen/John Hansen	2012/13	Mark Arnot
1983/84	Gary Paver	2013/14	Mark Arnot
1984/85	Gary Paver	2014/15	Mark Arnot
1985/86	Gary Paver	2015/16	Mark Arnot
1986/87	Peter Gardner	2016/17	Mark Arnot
1987/88	Peter Gardner	2017/18	Mark Arnot
1988/89	Paul Kirby	2018/19	Mark Arnot
1989/90	Paul Kirby/Peter Gardner	2019/20	Mark Arnot
1990/91	Tim Considine	2020/21	Leigh Jones
1991/92	Norm Reeves	2021/22	Leigh Jones
1992/93	Norm Reeves/Craig Berry	2022/23	Leigh Jones
1993/94	Chris Anderson	2023/24	Leigh Jones
1994/95	Chris Anderson		
1995/96	Chris Anderson		
1996/97	Chris Anderson		
1997/98	Chris Anderson		
1998/99	Chris Anderson		
1999/00	Chris Anderson		
2000/01	Chris Anderson		
2001/02	Chris Anderson		
2002/03	Chris Anderson		
2003/04	Chris Anderson		
2004/05	Chris Anderson		
2005/06	Andrew Peters/Cameron O'Donnell		

APCC history CONT.

Merril Anderson Memorial Club Champion

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1976/77		2008/09	Trent Sier
1977/78		2009/10	David Sykes
1978/79	Ray Peters	2010/11	Andre Massih
1979/80	Paul Hansen	2011/12	Mark Arnot
1980/81		2012/13	Mark Arnot
1981/82		2013/14	Mark Arnot
1982/83	Tony Reid	2014/15	Darren Walles
1983/84	Don Harris	2015/16	Mark Arnot
1984/85	Craig Green	2016/17	Leigh Jones
1985/86	Gary Paver	2017/18	Jake Tucker
1986/87	Gary Paver	2018/19	Jake Tucker
1987/88	Glen Tucker	2019/20	Leigh Jones
1988/89	Andrew Cleeland	2020/21	Trent Sier
1989/90	Jim Pumphrey	2021/22	David Killen
1990/91	Chris Anderson	2022/23	David Killen
1991/92	Nick Bole-Brown	2023/24	Darren Walles
1992/93	Nick Bole-Brown		
1993/94	Nick Bole-Brown		
1994/95	Nick Bole-Brown		
1995/96	Matt Honey		
1996/97	David Werner		
1997/98	Mick Fisher		
1998/99	Chris Anderson		
1999/00	Chris Anderson		
2000/01	Cameron O'Donnell		
2001/02	Chris Anderson		
2002/03	Chris Anderson		
2003/04	Jason Foulis		
2004/05	Chris Anderson		
2005/06	Matthew Thomas		
2006/07	Ian Cubitt		
2007/08	Darren Walles		

APCC history CONT.

Ross Francis Memorial Best Club Person

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1985/86	Phil Thorneycroft	2017/18	Adam Stone
1986/87	Ross Francis	2018/19	Sue Minetti
1987/88	Brett Medson	2019/20	Ted Dugdale
1988/89	Lindsay Foulis	2020/21	Darren Walles
1989/90	Derrick Guye	2021/22	Rick Forster
1990/91	Jeff Berry	2022/23	Andrew Johnstone
1991/92	Merril Anderson	2023/24	Leigh Jones
1992/93	Frank Colverson		
1993/94	Shane Hansen		
1994/95	Carol Tucker		
1995/96	Robert Pendrey		
1996/97	Andrew Peters		
1997/98	Jamie Davison		
1998/99	Stan Tucker		
1999/00	Les Eaton		
2000/01	Sean Arbuckle		
2001/02	Phil Ellard		
2002/03	Mandy Brassil (Walles)		
2003/04	Andrew Stray		
2004/05	Leigh Walles		
2005/06	Geoff Anderson		
2006/07	Chris Waller		
2007/08	David Delahunty		
2008/09	Garry Walles		
2009/10	Matt Thomas		
2010/11	Len & Allana Bettess		
2011/12	Trent Sier		
2012/13	Clinton & Sheila Killen		
2013/14	Alan Moss		
2014/15	Andre Massih		
2015/16	Max Moss		
2016/17	Trish Johnstone		

APCC history CONT.

Year	Coach's Award	Under 21 Award
2002/03	Nathan Hose	
2003/04	Eugene Kear	Stuart McDowell
2004/05	David Ruffolo	Tom Oliver
2005/06	Craig Colverson	Lewis Davison
2006/07	Daniel Van Den Hoek	Greg Jones
2007/08	Nick McKenzie	David Ruffolo
2008/09	Joshua Bettess	Scott Panozza
2009/10	Matt Delahunty	Matt Delahunty
2010/11	Alan & Max Moss	Connor Phelan
2011/12	David & Will Killen	Josh White
2012/13	Dylan Vertigan	Brad Wadsworth
2013/14	Josh White	Cale Nelson
2014/15	Max Moss	Dillon Bettess
2015/16	Marcus Allan	Max Moss
2016/17	Max Moss	David Killen
2017/18	Brad Shorney	Will Killen
2018/19	Matt Barr	Coby Arbuckle
2019/20	Matthew Mountain	Jordan Blair
2020/21	Bailey Klewer	Tige Ridley
2021/22	Aiden Butler	Ben Marget
2022/23	Oscar Seegets	Lachie Francis
2023/24	Georgia Priestley	Oscar Seegets

APCC history CONT.

Premiership history

	Total	Senior	Senior T20	Veterans	Veterans T20	Junior
Premierships	77	40	1	10	1	25

Senior

1st XI	1983/84	1993/94	1999/00	2011/12	2022/23	
2nd XI	1988/89	1997/98	2011/12	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
3rd XI	1986/87	1990/91	1997/98	2009/10	2011/12	2013/14
	2016/17	2017/18	2021/22	2023/24		
4th XI	1983/84	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1997/98	2011/12
	2013/14	2018/19	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	
5th XI	1989/90	1990/91	2010/11	2014/15	2018/19	
6th XI	2011/12	2012/13				
8th XI	1990/91					
Senior T20	2020/21					

Veterans

Veterans	1998/99	2001/02	2003/04	2007/8	2012/13	2013/14
	2014/15	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		
Veterans T20	2020/21					

Junior

Under 16	1978/79	1988/89	1992/93	1993/94 (2)	2015/16	2016/17
Under 14	1980/81	1986/87	2000/01	2004/05	2013/14	2014/15
	2019/20	2022/23				
Under 12	1980/81	1989/90	1991/92	1992/93 (2)	1998/99	2010/11
	2019/20	2020/21				
Girls Stage 1	2021/22					

VETERANS COMP
2023/24



Vets T20

AP Vets continues to be a platform for connecting old teammates and introducing new veterans and their families into the club as we grow from strength to strength. Our squad has found its natural spot, choosing to flex our aging muscles in the T20 format for 3 games, without a long season of Vets cricket. Such format requires a maximum of 30 balls per innings for batsmen, 4 overs for bowlers and zero warm ups or training.... what could go wrong.....?

So what of season 2023/2024? Undefeated after our 3 games saw us suit up against our nemesis and arch rival, Warrandyte in the Semi-Final at AP.

An excellent game of cricket which went down to a last ball cliffhanger, completed in darkness, we fell short as comical scenes of players not being able to see the ball from the field... unfortunately their gun batsman had x-ray vision it seemed.

The normal stalwarts performed well all year, led by our crafty yet express opening bowler, Mark Sealey and supported by a core group that has stuck together for several seasons now. The annual season review has now been held at the 3 Day AGM at Rich River Golf Trip every April with its management team. We now know what is required to return to our rightful spot!

We welcomed 6 new additions to our ranks. First was our gun freshly 40 opening bowler, Josh McMullen, who showed great signs in game 1 before pulling his calf in his first over of game 2 so it was back to the paddock for Josh out for the season. Good blokes and great clubmen, Luke Bullen and Paul Moulton joined the fold and both played positive roles during the season. Whilst Kieran Crowe joined our top order and appears likely to be a great long term find for AP Vets with his hard hitting style.

We added some spice to the squad with the old Pro Troy Harbinson who belted the ball around in 1 game and could well be the most competitive bloke to play at AP Vets since Nugget and Harry! After many inquiries, newly 40, Brendon McGuinness joined the team and was a great addition. Once BJ gets used to the searing pace of the bowling, confident he will be a star in this format to add to his 14000+ sub district runs!

Love the way we compete hard, but we always remember that it's the beer and bbq yarns post game with ourselves and the opposition that count the most!

APCC Vets T20 squad 2023/24

C. Eustice ©
N. Croot
T. Harris
S. Jones
D. Walles
S. Minetti
A. Stone
T. Harbinson
B. McGuinness
S. Arbuckle
A. Johnstone
A. Moore
K. Crowe
M. Sealey
A. Wheeler
B. Freeman
R. Forster
J. McMullen
L. Bullen
P. Moulton

Cam Deans' Justice

JUNIOR COMP
2023/24



Junior report

We entered the 2023/24 season with the following teams

U16/1, U14/3, U14/7, U12/5, Girls Stage 3, Girls Stage 1 - Koalas and Kangaroos, Girls Stage 1 - Spirit and our Woolworths Blasters Program.

First of all a big thankyou to all the players who committed themselves to APCC this year. We welcomed plenty of new players and families to the club which is always exciting. Our training attendances were really high all year and it showed the girls and boys were committed to improving their cricket.

The way the sides were situated heading into the season and with some fresh new faces thrown into the mix it was clear from the outset that this was going to be a development year on many fronts. Our teams enjoyed another successful season and considerable development, while our blasters is on the up and in good hands.

It was great to see so many of our juniors also participating and joining in Senior training from time to time. Another opportunity to enjoy and develop their cricket ability surrounded by some of the older generation. Not only did they train but also put their hand up to play on multiple occasions and did themselves very proud in the process so well done

A big congratulations to George Lyons who in his first year at APCC took out the Junior Club Champion award - an outstanding season and well deserved. Never easy starting at a new club but George fitted in nicely with the Under 16/1.

Xavier Freeman took out the Len Bettess Pride Award. Xavier did it all this year and all without fuss. As mentioned on Presentation Night, Xavier exemplifies the reason why this award is given, he follows the club mantra of club first, team second and individual third, a terrific young kid with a bright future. Well done Xavier.

Lastly, well done also to Ben Walles who won the most improved junior player. Ben has been working on his game with both bat and ball and this year saw Ben in his first year of Under 14's open the batting and take plenty of wickets. Ben's development throughout the year was clear to see and his leadership also was a highlight around the group. Ben also played in our Senior 5XI Grand Final and did very well. Great job Ben.

Woolworths Blasters Program

The club's No 1 priority is to build our junior program from the bottom up. Leigh and Nicole Jones have done and continue to do an amazing job with numbers this year reaching 30 plus which will hopefully be a building block for our junior teams in years to come. The atmosphere that the kids created on a Friday night down at APCC was fantastic and to see so many parents/grandparents watching also was a highlight. Huge thankyou to Mark Arnot for running the program once again, your support in this area is vital and we can't thank you enough for everything you have done and continue to do for APCC.

Stage 3, Stage 1 Spirit, Koalas and Kangaroos

This season saw the continuation and expansion of the girls' merged teams with Croydon Rangers CC. Our girls' program doubled in size; from a single Stage 1 Spirit team and a Stage 2 Stars team last year increasing to four teams this season across three grades - Stage 1 Spirit, Stage 1 Stars (Kangaroos) and Stage 1 Stars (Koalas) and Stage 3.

Our Stage 2 Stars team from 2022-23 was regraded into Stage 3 this season which was quite a step up for most of the girls. While they only won two games across the season, the girls can be proud of how well they rose to the challenge. Towards the end of the season, in particular, they had some very close games with some of the stronger teams. Thanks to Ben Owen and Brendon Freeman for coaching and managing the team.

We fielded two Stage 1 Stars teams this year - the Kangaroos and Koalas, very ably coached by Pieter Van Der Berg and Nick Delahunty, with team managers - Brett Rhodes and Leigh Walles. The Kangaroos had a fantastic year making it to finals and finishing third on the ladder. The girls really grew together in their skills and are looking forward to moving into the Stage 2 competition next year. The Koalas girls were mostly very new to cricket this season but also had a good season, claiming four wins and developing their skills and game awareness as the summer progressed.

Junior report CONT.

The girls Stage 1 – Spirit grade is non-competitive and focused on skills development, cooperation and collaboration. We had a very young group of girls in the spirit grade this year, who were very keen and recent graduates of the Blasters program. Thanks to Jason and Ali Mulder for coaching and managing this team.

All of our girls will be a massive part of the club's future and we'd like to thank all the girls and their families for their energy, enthusiasm and support for girls' cricket.

Under 12/5

We weren't sure if we were going to get this side up and running this year, but with the girls now coming along and looking to play more cricket – it was a success. With any young or emerging side it can be difficult to find a suitable coach, but thankfully we had Brendon Freeman in charge and he did a fantastic job bringing this side together in what can often be the most challenging age group. This team was competitive all year, developed a number of new players to the club and the girls really stamped their position in the team. While just missing finals, it was certainly a successful year of development for these youngsters. Well done Brendon and team.

Under 14/7

Quite a different look this year with our Under 14/7, we had a mix of new players to the game, Under 12's playing their 2nd game for the weekend and some of the girls also playing an additional game. Full credit to Dale Warren and the team for coming together and having a successful season on many accounts. Whilst the scoreboard doesn't reflect necessarily success, the growth in the kids cricketing skills over the season was clear to see and I look forward to seeing these kids rise through the grades in years to come

Under 14/3

Led by Darren Wallis, we introduced some new faces to the team this year with some young boys coming across from the Basin. It didn't take long for the group to come together and create a fantastic environment where at stages they looked to be the best team in it. As mentioned, inconsistency probably cost them in the end but I have no doubt a lot of the learnings from this year will hold them in good stead leading into future seasons, great job boys.

Under 16/1

Led once again by Will, the Under 16/1 took on the challenge of being placed in the Under 16/1. Whilst it was always going to be challenging and potentially an uphill battle to make finals, the boys couldn't have fought any harder and by the end of the season won 3 games and remained highly competitive in most games. Full credit to all the kids for putting their best foot forward and having a crack, that's all we can ask of you. I have no doubt your experiences you have had this year will hold you in good stead for years to come

Representative Cricket

A big congratulations to the following players who took part in the 2024 VMCU Rep Carnival, the Craig Shield and Dowling Shield competitions. A huge honour and well done on your efforts.

We are very proud to have such a large number representing our club at a higher level and more importantly representing our club in the proper manner.

W.J. Dowling and J.G. Craig Shields

- Taj Johnstone - Ringwood (u16 - W.J. Dowling Shield)
- Jack Evans - Kew (u15 - J.G. Craig Shield)
- Cooper Doughty - Bayswater (u15 - J.G. Craig Shield)
- Luke Spencer - Box Hill (u15 - J.G. Craig Shield)
- George Lyons - Croydon (u15 - J.G. Craig Shield)

VMCU - RDCA Representative

- Mitchell Cliff (u14 - Russell Allen Shield)
- Jasmine Freeman (u14 captain - Julie Savage Shield)
- Isabel Wheeler (u14 - Julie Savage Shield)
- Isabelle Litchfield (u14 - Julie Savage Shield)
- Elsie Dohle (u12 - Claudia Fatone Shield)
- Emily Mulder (u12 - Claudia Fatone Shield)

Junior report CONT.



Summary

To all the coaches, team managers, scorers, and others that helped in various aspects throughout the year, we thank you for your tireless efforts.

It takes many volunteers to make what happens on the weekend a success and to you I cant thank you enough.

To Brendon, thankyou for everything you do behind the scenes. A lot of it goes unnoticed to the wider AP community but without you none of this happens.

To the Ainslie Park committee thankyou for all your support in my first season as Junior Coordinator, your help and guidance made the job a lot easier and just a fantastic committee to be a part of.

To Amber, Harley and Archer, thanks for all your patience and understanding and allowing me to be part of this amazing club. The sacrifices you make allows me to do what I do and I really can't thank you enough.

See you all next season.

Nathan Croot

JUNIOR COORDINATOR

Girls Stage 1 - Spirit

It's been an absolute privilege coaching this energetic, super keen and sociable bunch of girls. From the hand stands after a wicket, to the cheeky running between wickets, even the scrambled eggs and food references during the game, there is always something happening.

The social aspect that this team provides for the girls is an important and crucial reason to why the girls play each week and want to come back, and one of the reasons why the team just blossomed.

It was important to establish the culture of cricket and expectations of the team. Every week, the girls would help set up the ground, and pack up – something that was engrained within the team, each player understanding their role within a cricket team and how this contributes to a cricket game. This strong sense of team was also evident with the girls all sitting down and watching their teammates during our batting innings. Not once did we have an issue with the girls complaining about missing out, not having a good go or even wanting to walk off the field and not participate. It is important to foster the culture that they bring with them from the Blasters experience and something that needs to be continued.

We started off with just enough for a team and as they say, it looked like it was going to be a long season. But Ira, Ayra, Allison, Eliza, Gretel and Lucy became the basis of a team that just flourished, and all have just made wonderful gains in their cricketing skills. Weekly training was run by Peter and Nick. Most girls turned up each Friday for training and joined in with the Koalas and Kangaroos teams. Most weeks, the girls were kept to the nets, due to weekly junior games at APCC. When the ground was free, the girls used the pitch. This experience is crucial in the girls developing their game sense and the environment that is 'out in the middle'.

I thought about how best to describe these girls and their cricketing adventures. With that in mind, I have given them their own Little Miss title that best sums up what they do on the field.

Ira - Little Miss Technique (arms back, straight bat)

Ayra - Little Miss Accuracy (bowling, throwing)

Allison - Little Miss Adaptability (bowled, kept and batted every week)

Gretel – Little Miss Determination (gets hurt, plays on, gives it all a go)

Lucy - Little Miss Awareness (Lucy is halfway down the pitch wanting a run, always backs up a throw)

We lost Eliza, our wicket taker, to the next team up, which was a little sad but highlighted the growth that the girls achieved and how quickly they were developing.

One of the successes of the season has been the increase of numbers and the recruitment of Grace, Indy and Eva from the Friday Blasters group. Although very nervous in their first game against Templeton, all girls' skills just took off and to see them in the last game against South Blackburn, highlighted the development of them and their skills, and their impact on the team.

Indy – didn't go out in the last game and played these beautiful drives.

Eva – her loud calling, running between wickets and protecting her stumps.

Grace – didn't go out in the last game either and played these lovely shots through square leg. Maybe you could teach dad how to play these Grace!

Each week our sidelines were filled with many supporters who contributed and supported the team in various ways.

Anne – who frequently scored. A big job and not an easy one.

Evan – helped with being square leg (often with his helper too) and for assisting with coaching.

Leigh – for umpiring and his contributions each week.

Nick – for filling in and helping coach when I wasn't available.

Ali – manager, organiser, scorer and our WhatsApp coordinator.

Irvin (Alison's brother) - for his umpiring, warming up and setting/packing up of the ground.

There is strong development of the girls through the Blasters program, therefore, it is important that this team remains. It already has become the avenue for girls to transition into real game cricket before they play the next level up.

Girls Stage 1 - Spirit CONT.



Three awards were determined and given based upon the girls' contributions each week, supported by their weekly and seasonal stats and how they have developed over the season.

Batting Award - Gretel Dohle

Bowling Award - Ayra Tikoo

Coaches Choice - Allison Tu

Jason Mulder

STAGE 1 SPIRIT COACH

Koalas

Girls Stage 1 - Stars

The season began with an all Ainslie/Ranges affair with us and the Kangaroos versing each other at Ainslie Park, where we would create the team names, thanks to the Crowe sisters Koa and Miela coming up with the Koalas for us. The game would be a lot of fun for the girls, as most of the girls were playing their first games of cricket. This game we bowled 89 extras, which became the first point of training.

The first few Sundays the girls showed steady progression and improvement but still suffered some tough losses. However, at our home game at Lipscombe Park, against Warranwood, the batting and bowling came together. The extras went down to 39 and every girl scored runs, including Bani Jhinger hitting her first four! When Team Manager, Leigh Walles, told the girls we had gotten a win it was an amazing feeling for the girls, and it was great to see them finish a Sunday Morning game with a smile on all their faces.

We would play the reverse fixture against Warranwood in December where I had to coach the Spirit team, but I would see the girls at the Ainslie Park Christmas Party where they told me they had won! After going through the scorebook of the game I couldn't help myself but be proud of the team after taking 6 wickets with the ball and only losing two wickets when we were batting. Georgia Stutsel put on a performance with the bat too, making 21 off 17 balls which included three, 4s!

The next two games would be against Mooroolbark and eventual premiers South Croydon where they were close hard, fought games but having such improvement and great performances after Christmas was a positive sign. We would play against North Ringwood who beat us by 80 runs at the beginning of the season. We batted first and all eight girls we had on the day batted amazingly, holding onto their wickets and playing great shots all around the ground with Georgia and Bani making 18 and 17 off 15 respectively, getting us to a total of 2/144. We would only take two wickets for the day but we bowled and fielded excellently to keep them to only 95 runs, getting our third win for the season!

Our final game was at home against Mooroolbark where we batted first, opening with Jackie and Bani. The two got us off to a great start, with Jackie making 9 and Bani 15, off their 17 balls. Koa, and the Walles twins, Zoe and Ella, all contributed in the middle, scoring constantly and Ella coming up to a score of 16;

her highest score for the season. Georgia and Miela would finish off the 20 overs with a partnership of over 30, with Georgia scoring 19 and Miela 1, but running as fast as I've seen anyone run between the wickets. We would end up 3/132 with everyone contributing.

It was our turn to bowl and field, and it would be our best 20 overs in the field all season. We would reduce Mooroolbark to 6/103 with Miela and Zoe taking 2 wickets, as well as Georgia and Ella taking a wicket each. It was a game where everything came together. Everyone was encouraging in the field almost every ball, everyone was backing up in the field, and watching the ball the whole game. Finishing the season with a win was a great feeling and having a whole team morning tea to celebrate the season, it was great seeing all the girls enjoying their time together, playing some amazing cricket and all having great enthusiasm.

The improvement from the girls was absolutely fantastic! The confidence they all gained this year was great and I am looking forward to seeing them all return and continue their cricketing careers. I want to congratulate everyone who played this year and all their efforts.

First we have Jackie, who's left arm bowling continued to improve each week, but it was their opening batting that was the real highlight. At the end of the year they were smashing cover drives and having real confidence at the crease.

Bani was the most experienced of a group and showed it with her leadership and her encouragement. She would show that experience with the bat, ball and in the field taking catches and creating run out chances.

The Walles twins, Zoe and Ella, both showed great skills batting, hitting strong pull shots and also improving their consistency, line and length in their bowling. Zoe picked up 17 wickets for the season which included an extraordinary triple wicket maiden against Heatherdale!

The Crowe sisters were the most enthusiastic I've seen anyone on the cricket field, they brought great energy and encouragement to the team. Koa's batting improved out of sight! She played an amazing cover drive first ball against Warranwood, which blew me and everyone on the sidelines away. Miela's bowling improved out of sight too, after having a few

Koalas

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games of bowling backwards she found her rhythm at the end of the season and raked up some great wickets. She also became one of our top fielders, getting behind the ball and getting a few run outs throughout the season.

Georgia showed great improvement over the season with the bat. With Georgia being a left hander, she became able to use it as an advantage as the season progressed, stepping to the ball and playing through to the leg side. She made some amazing scores, at more than a run a ball towards the backend of the season. It was great to see her build up so much confidence over the season.

After a spectacular 6 wicket haul in the spirit team, Eliza Mallinger got promoted to the Koalas for 4 games, she showed a great talent for putting the ball on the spot for most of her overs and showed great enthusiasm every Sunday she played for us.

I want to thank Leigh for his efforts as Team Manager, organising the girls on game day giving me advice for coaching and helping the girls when I couldn't be there on the Sunday.

Thank you also to Grant, dad of Georgia and Jackie for scoring most of the season, it's a tough task to do that at 9am on a Sunday morning, so it was much appreciated.

Thank you to Pieter, the coach of the Kangaroos for being there every Friday for training and helping both sides as I was unable to attend most training nights. Seeing their improvements is a testament to what he was able to do on those Friday nights.

Thank you as well to the committee for giving me the opportunity to coach this year, especially Tacka, Brendon and Jo for introducing me to the girls program we have and giving me this opportunity.

Nick Delahunty

STAGE 1 STARS - KOALAS COACH

Batting Award – Bani Jhinger (125 runs)

Bowling Award – Zoe Wallis (14 wickets)

Coaches Choice - Koa Crowe

Kangaroos

Girls Stage 1 - Stars

The season began with the 2 Ainslie/Ranges teams playing each other with the Kangaroos coming out victorious. At the end of the match the 2 teams chose their own names with our team being named the Kangaroos. We had a few tough weeks after that playing against the 2 teams that contested the final, South Croydon and North Ringwood, losing with 50 runs against South Croydon and only 1 run against North Ringwood. In our next match we lost with 4 runs against Mooroolbark with 2 run outs in the last over costing us dearly, a notable performance on the day was Hermoine Crocker scoring 26 runs for us.

Having shown a lot of fight over the last 2 games the girls found their rhythm, starting with a 2-run victory against Heatherdale with some great running between the wickets throughout the match securing our 2nd win for the season. Our focus at training over this period was focussed on bringing down our extra's when bowling, bringing it down from over 50 in our first game down to less than 30 in our 46 run win against Warranwood the week after this. After a comprehensive win against St Andrews Saints, we came up against our Koala team where the girls really showed improvement from the first game of the season with only one of the girls not getting into double figures with the bat and some really tight bowling.

We then had time to avenge our narrow loss to Mooroolbark with a 9 run win at home, thanks to real tight bowling by Claire Rhodes 5 for 2 from her 2 overs and a top score of 19 by Sigourney Crocker. Our last match before the Christmas break, we lost against Warranwood, it was a tough day for the girls with some struggles on our focus areas, losing a few wickets too many to run outs trying to get the win.

After the break the girls came back with all the fight that helped us with our previous win streak and had a 40 run win over St Andrews Saints with amazing bowling from all the girls with no one going for more than 4 an over. At this time of the season, we got a new player to join us, Minuki Vidanagamage, and she really added a lot of value through the rest of season, with her impressive bowling performance of 1 wicket for 4 runs in her 3 overs being instrumental in our 14-run win against Heatherdale. We came up against South Croydon with a tough loss but was a good measure for how the girls progressed through the season, showing fight and focusing on the

skills we were putting time in at our practices. The girls bounced back immediately after the disappointment of the previous week by beating Mooroolbark for the 2nd time of the season with some good bowling by Ashlee Robinson, 6/1 from 3 overs, Minuki with 9/2 from her 3. From a batting perspective Emmazelle Oelofse scored a personal best of 14 setting us up for the big finish by Claire Rhodes and Hermoine bringing us home with some good running between wickets that created a few very nervous moments for me and the parents next to the field. This was really a moment in the season where I started believing we could not only reach the finals but would be able to compete against the stronger teams, not just because of how the girls improved but the team spirit and enjoyment they were showing.

We ended up with a loss against North Ringwood by 14 runs in a high scoring match where our bowling let us down with too many extras being conceded. In our 2nd last match of the regular season, we came up against Heatherdale and had a narrow win with some good batting by Bani Jhinger scoring 17 runs in our chase, securing us 3rd place in the final log. Our last match we were up against Warranwood and with our eyes on our semi-final the next weekend I asked the girls to be more aggressive with running between the wickets and helped us scoring a 100 runs before any extras for the first time the season with Minuki scoring a team high of 17 runs. We lost 8 wickets with this approach and that did contribute to us losing by 15 runs, but feeling valuable experience was gained by the girls.

In our semi-final we came up against North Ringwood on a very warm windy Sunday morning. Batting first we set a score of 107 with Bani contributing 14 runs with the bat and Emmazelle setting another personal best of 15 that included 3 fours at the end of our innings. With a lot of heart the girls ran into a warm strong wind bowling and fighting all the way to end but not able to restrict North Ringwood, they ended up scoring 139 runs. For me the girls showed amazing fight and spirit right to the end and finished the game with smiles still all around.

Thinking of where we were at the start of the season to where we finished the season there has been consistent growth in the girls' skills and the team spirit showed by all of them and as a coach, I can say nothing other than I am proud of each one of them and their

Kangaroos

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contribution to the team and club. I really look forward to seeing them back not only next season but continuing their growth into the senior girls' stages and even representing the club in our women's team and maybe in a few years from now the Stars or Renegades in the WBBL.

I want to congratulate each of the girls for their performances, from Hermoine for her amazing batting based around exciting running between the wickets, being the top batter with 180 runs across the season. Sara Rouhshad with never say die attitude and always the team player willing to do whatever is asked from her. Ashlee Robinson really putting in amazing effort in her bowling and one of the most improved bowlers across the season, the wickets column might show it yet but will soon. Claire Rhodes with her consistent performance across the season batting and bowling, scoring 169 runs and taking 12 wickets the most in the team. Sigourney Crocker with fighting spirit and leading the team spirit calls and always contributing with the bat. Caoilainn Rhodes always listens, takes advice and works hard on every skill needed. Emmazelle worked hard on her batting throughout the season adding straight and cover drive shots to her repertoire as the season progressed. Bani started the season as a Kangaroo player before moving to the Koalas and coming back to help us towards the back end of the season when we were missing players, one of the fastest and accurate bowlers in our league. Lastly Minuki joined us halfway through the season, contributing with the bat and ball and really made big strides and came close to topping both of the batting and bowling lists.

I want to thank Brett Rhodes for his efforts not only as Team Manager but also the main scorer for the team. I really appreciate you always being there early on a Sunday helping setup and pack up afterwards. To Sonnette for helping with the scoring when Brett couldn't and also listening to me process and analysing the game when we left the field on the drive home. To Prescilla thank you for all the icy poles for all the stage 1 girls after each practice, I sometimes think they only come for those. To Graham Robinson for helping with square leg umpire duties giving me time to spend with the girls before they go in batting. For each of the parents for supporting the girls and making the time to have them at practice on a Friday and early at the field on a Sunday morning.

Thank you as well to the committee for giving me the opportunity to coach this year, especially Jamie for asking me to help at practise and that quickly grew into me running the practise sessions on Friday afternoons. Brendon and Jo for all the help behind the scenes to make this possible for the girls.

Lastly, I want to say thank you not only to the Kangaroo girls but each girl that was part of the stage 1 program this season. It was an honour to coach each one of you, to see you grow and find enjoyment in our wonderful game. You all helped me rediscover my love and passion for this wonderful game, that we don't like but love.

Pieter van der Berg

STAGE 1 STARS - KANGAROOS COACH

Batting Award – Hermione Crocker (180 runs)

Bowling Award – Claire Rhodes (10 wickets)

Coaches Choice - Emmazelle Van der Berg

Girls Stage 3

Mandy Dolman Shield

After a step up to the Stage 2 Stars competition in the 2022-23 season, we found our merged top level Ainslie Park/ Croydon Ranges' team stepping up again into the Stage 3 competition in 2023-24, due to a late call by the RDCA to merge the Stage 2 Stars and Stage 3 competitions. While there was some initial uncertainty about moving into the Stage 3 competition across the team, the girls rose to the challenge, gradually improving and becoming more competitive game by game over the season.

Another challenge for the year was the relatively large squad we had. We retained almost all of our players from the Stage 2 Stars squad in 2022-23 plus a few girls had moved up permanently from Stage 1, leaving us with a large squad of 12 players. Eliza Owen and Kiara Torney from Croydon Ranges were the captain and vice-captain for the team.

Despite being competitive for periods of the match, we were ultimately comfortably defeated in the first two rounds against Norwood and Warranwood. However, by Round 3 our girls were starting to find their feet and looked more competitive against a very different St John's Tecoma team from the one they had faced in the previous year. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side that day, and the game was abandoned after five overs.

After two more losses to Vermont South/ Mitcham and Mooroolbark, we faced St Johns Tecoma again in Round 6 for one of our closest games before Christmas, losing by only one run. Buoyed by the close game in Round 6, the girls had their first victory against Warrandyte the following week, winning by almost 30 runs. Chelsea Thomas top scored in that game with 27 off her 20 balls, with Elsie Dohle, Isabel Wheeler and Jasmine Freeman all also retiring not out on 25, 23 and 17, respectively. Isabelle Litchfield was the star bowler of the day taking two wickets in her three overs with an economy of 3.00.

While we suffered losses again for the next four rounds, there were two particularly close losses against Norwood and Warrandyte, both matches were decided by less than 5 runs.

During the break, six of the girls from our Stage 3 team had the honour of playing in the RDCA's U12 (Elsie Dohle and Emily Mulder), U14 (Jasmine Freeman (captain), Isabelle Litchfield and Isabel Wheeler) and U17 (Kiara Torney) representative teams. The U12s had a very successful carnival, making it all the way to the Grand Final, but falling short to the AGCC (A) team in the final overs. Well done to all the girls on their efforts.

After the Christmas break, the girls found some consistency and were increasingly competitive. While we would only win one more game between rounds 11-18, the results were much closer than they had been in the first half of the season. There were some particularly valiant efforts and great cricket against St Johns Tecoma and two of the top seeded teams in Warranwood and Mooroolbark in Rounds 13-15.

Finishing on a high note, the girls recorded their second win for the season against Warrandyte in Round 18, by a margin of 29 runs.

While the full season results were not always what we'd hoped for, it was a great season of development for all of our Stage 3 girls and it was fantastic to see the improvement in confidence and skills as the season progressed.

Thanks to all the parents who helped out over the season. In particular, Ben Owen for taking on the coaching role, and Jo Chong Wah, Kelly Dohle, Andrew Wheeler, Ben Lamont and Belinda Torney for helping out with scoring.



GIRLS STAGE 3 TEAM MANAGER

Girls Stage 3

Mandy Dolman Shield CONT.

CAPTAIN Eliza Owen

BATTING AVERAGE Jasmine Freeman **Runs** 173 **Average** 57.67

BOWLING AVERAGE Isabelle Litchfield **Wickets** 6 **Average** 17.67

COACHES AWARD Rianna Davison

MOST RUNS Isabel Wheeler (185)

MOST WICKETS Kiara Torney (8)

MOST CATCHES Isabelle Litchfield (7)

HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL 2/159 v Warrandyte (Rd 7)

LOWEST TEAM TOAL 8/51 v Mooroolbark (Rd 11)

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opposition	Score	Result
1	8/80	Norwood	1/127	Loss
2	3/88	Warranwood	3/132	Loss
3		St Johns Tecoma		Draw
4	3/72	Mitcham/Vermont South	5/116	Loss
5	8/58	Mooroolbark	5/137	Loss
6	4/84	St Johns Tecoma	6/85	Loss
7	2/159	Warrandyte	3/130	Win
8	6/87	St Andrews	2/117	Loss
9	6/104	Norwood	5/105	Loss
10	3/102	Warrandyte	5/106	Loss
11	8/51	Mooroolbark	5/136	Loss
12	5/73	St Andrews	1/122	Loss
13	8/90	St Johns Tecoma	4/91	Loss
14	6/103	Warranwood	1/110	Loss
15	4/116	Mooroolbark	7/118	Loss
16	6/94	Mitcham/Vermont South	3/122	Loss
17	6/83	St Johns Tecoma	2/92	Loss
18	1/139	Warrandyte	4/110	Win

Girls Stage 3

Mandy Dolman Shield CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Runs	Average
Isabel Wheeler	17	17	8	23	185	20.56
Jasmine Freeman	17	17	14	17	173	57.67
Kiara Torney	18	17	8	23	157	17.44
Isabelle Litchfield	16	13	5	26	115	14.38
Elsie Dohle	14	14	6	25	108	13.50
Chelsea Thomas	15	13	5	27	98	12.25
Ashleigh Boyd	17	13	7	12	58	9.67
Emily Mulder	15	14	5	14	53	5.89
Eliza Owen	17	14	4	10	45	4.50
Rianna Davison	18	12	8	2	5	1.25
Kiara Harris	16	10	4	4	5	0.83
Emma Lamont	15	10	2	1	1	0.13

Bowling performances

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Kiara Torney	18	43.4	1	8	216	27.00
Isabelle Litchfield	16	22	2	6	106	17.67
Rianna Davison	18	21	0	6	174	29.00
Eliza Owen	17	33	0	5	199	39.80
Emily Mulder	15	27	1	4	135	33.75
Chelsea Thomas	15	27	0	4	139	34.75
Jasmine Freeman	17	24	2	3	98	32.67
Elsie Dohle	14	18	0	3	129	43.00
Isabel Wheeler	17	39	2	3	142	47.33
Ashleigh Boyd	17	27	0	3	165	55.00
Emma Lamont	15	26	0	3	178	59.33
Kiara Harris	16	29	0	2	151	75.50

Under 12/5

With the progression of a number of kids through to the under 14s, we were only able to field one under 12 team in the 2023/24 season. Xavier Freeman was the only player who remained from last season's under 12/5s. The rest of the team was made up of the 12/8s from the previous season and a few kids new to the club.

Given this mix, it was always going to be a challenging year in terms of results in the 12/5 grade, but the improvements we saw in the kids though the season was more important than outright results.

Jasmine Freeman and Isabel Wheeler took on the captaincy duties for the season.

Our season began with a couple of false starts as our first two fixtures followed heavy rains and resulted in the matches being abandoned with the grounds under water and unplayable.

We eventually kicked the season off against Heathwood in Round 3, we were bowled out in 20 overs chasing 98.

Rounds 4 and 5 saw us take on two strong sides, the eventual grand finalists, in Templeton and Norwood. We were beaten comfortably in both games, but it reflected where our group was at in their development.

Round 6 was an oddity, as it was fixtured to be an away game at Warranwood, but due to ground availability it was played at Ainslie Park. It was here that we would take our first win for the season with the middle order leading the way with the bat. Tanay Hegde was the star of the day, retiring with 21 runs, including 3 boundaries and was assisted by 10 each for Isabelle Litchfield and Elsie Dohle, while the Thacker brothers combined for 19, Mitchell with 11 and Michael with 8.

With some confidence behind us we flew to Warrandyte for Round 7. Unfortunately we were a bit loose with the ball and lost too many wickets, ultimately bowled out in 22 overs. Tanay was once again the pick of the batters with 22* and Shanil provided an important 12 runs too.

Round 8 ran foul of the weather again with play abandoned against Heathwood due to persistent drizzle, followed by a storm.

Round 9 we hosted Heatherdale and picked up our second win for the year. It was our best bowling and fielding performance of the season

to that point, having Heatherdale on the ropes at 7/36 in the 13th over. We weren't able to take the final wicket, but held them to 91 runs.

Xavier and Tanay opened the batting and got us off to a great start, retiring on 12 and 19 respectively. Isabel Wheeler and Elsie Dohle adding 13 each saw us finish on 5/124 in a comprehensive win.

Our next two games to close out the calendar year were against Warrandyte and Norwood, unfortunately beaten in both matches. Xavier had perhaps his highlight of his year when he smashed the competition's leading bowler through mid wicket for a boundary on his way to 22* against Norwood.

After the new year break we resumed the season against Heathwood, picking up another win on the back of a solid batting performance across the whole team.

Due to the Australia Day public holiday falling on Friday, we played Warranwood on a Wednesday night. We lost in a close one, but it was one of our better fielding and bowling efforts and the improvements were really starting to show across the group.

The next four weeks really capped off the season well as all the improvements the kids had made started to come together on the field.

Round 14 we hosted Wantirna South and held them to 7/37, Jas and Michael both contributing with two wickets. In reply we scored 4/113.

We then returned to Norwood who had established themselves as one of the top two sides in the comp. Batting first and aided by some wayward bowling from Norwood, we finished on 5/125. Our middle and lower order really took the game on, it was great to see. We had Kai join us late in the season and he arrived at the crease for the first time in this game, scoring 9 runs.

The real highlight of the day was the bowling and fielding. At one stage we had Norwood 3/7, they recovered briefly and then we took a couple of key wickets to have them 5/50 and 6/62 with their best bats out. They finished on 6/100 and the win was ours.

Norwood would go on to win the 12/5 premiership, so it really was a testament to how far our team had come this season.

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Next up we had the ladder-leading Templeton, buoyed by our win over Norwood we felt we might be an outside chance for finals if we could snaffle a win. Solid batting performances from Jas (26*), Kai (14*) and Tenay (16*) put a competitive total on the board, finishing on 7/104. We bowled and fielded well, but ultimately their bigger hitters got away from us and they finished on 2/133.

For our last game of the season we hosted Warranwood again, they would become the third finals bound team that we would face in the last four weeks of the season.

We finished the season on a high, a fantastic team effort taking a 3 run victory in a very close and entertaining match.

One of the real challenges with having 12-13 players on a single team is that the rules are designed for a 9-per-side situation. Every week it was a challenge to manage this and we didn't get it right as often as I would have wanted. Finding enough stability in the batting order to not lose 8 wickets while not using up too many balls, when the opposition could bowl anywhere from 20-30+ extras per game. I want to thank our regular opening batters Xavier, Jasmine and Tanay for their efforts in getting through to retirement which helped ensure everyone would have a chance to bat.

After our season was done the group joined forces with players from the 14/7 team for an intra-club T20 match. These are great fun and I hope the kids enjoyed the night, we'll be looking to do a couple more next season.

It was fantastic to see some new faces around the club, Shanil Trivedi, Parv Patel, Michael Thacker and Kai Kewmaaz all joined us for their first seasons of cricket. Tenay Hegde joined us after moving from the other side of Melbourne and played both under 12s and some under 14s.

Returning from last season we had Xavier Freeman, Mitch Thacker, Jono Boehringer and Shiva Pethaperumal. Once again we had great representation from our girls program with Jas Freeman, Issy Wheeler, Belle Litchfield, Elsie Dohle and Chelsea Thomas. As a club we would have the highest or close enough to the highest representation in this area.

Jas, Issy, Belle and Elsie all represented the RDCA in the VMCU carnival over the summer holidays, well done girls.

Congratulations to our award winners, as I mentioned at presentation night the coaches award could have gone to a number of players based on their improvement through the year. Jono, Parv and Michael all made solid improvement through the season and Shanil Trivedi ultimately took out the award. His batting and bowling improved out of sight and by season's end was providing consistent and reliable contribution every week.

Jas Freeman took out the batting average and also received the competition batting award for the 12/5 grade at the RDCA Junior Awards.

Issy Wheeler was as consistent as ever with her bowling and very deserving of the bowling average award.

Xavier Freeman demonstrated the qualities deserving of the Len Bettess Parkers Pride award all season and was a very deserving winner of that award. A normally quiet kid, he was consistently the voice on the field and of particular note, he generously offered to wicket keep all year, often giving up the opportunity to bowl so that there were more overs available for others.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out through the season and made sure their kids were available for training and arriving at matches on time.

Huge thanks to Nathan Croot for everything he does around the club and in his role as Junior Coordinator and to Dale Warren for taking a lead role in running the sessions at training on Wednesday nights.

A massive thank you to Jo Chong Wah for covering the scoring most weeks and Matt Thomas for putting on the canteen every time we were at home.

Looking forward to next season!



UNDER 12/5 COACH

Under 12/5 CONT.

CAPTAINS

Jasmine Freeman & Isabel Wheeler

BATTING AVERAGE	Jasmine Freeman	Runs 169	Average 84.5
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BOWLING AVERAGE	Isabel Wheeler	Wickets 8	Average 9.38
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COACHES AWARD Shanil Trivedi

MOST RUNS Jasmine Freeman (169)

MOST WICKETS Isabel Wheeler (8)

MOST CATCHES Mitchell Thacker (5)

HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL 5/125 v Norwood (Rd 15)

LOWEST TEAM TOAL 5/70 v Norwood (Rd 5)

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opposition	Score	Result
1		Heatherdale		Draw
2		Wantirna South		Draw
3	8/76	Heathwood	6/98	Loss
4	3/90	Templeton	5/122	Loss
5	5/70	Norwood	2/118	Loss
6	5/103	Warranwood	3/89	Win
7	8/88	Warrandyte	4/129	Loss
8		Heathwood		Draw
9	5/124	Heatherdale	7/91	Win
10	4/80	Warrandyte	5/133	Loss
11	6/96	Norwood	4/128	Loss
12	3/93	Heathwood	2/74	Win
13	4/83	Warranwood	3/90	Loss
14	4/113	Wantirna South	7/37	Win
15	5/125	Norwood	6/100	Win
16	7/104	Templeton	2/133	Loss
17	3/108	Warranwood	2/105	Win

Under 12/5 CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Runs	Average
Jasmine Freeman	15	12	10	28	169	84.50
Xavier Freeman	16	14	10	22	153	38.25
Tanay Hegde	15	13	8	22	127	25.40
Elsie Dohle	12	9	8	14	74	74.00
Isabel Wheeler	15	13	6	15	80	11.43
Mitchell Thacker	16	14	6	12	68	8.50
Shanil Trivedi	15	13	8	13	58	11.60
Shiva Pethaperumal	16	14	7	8	52	7.43
Isabelle Litchfield	10	4	2	11	40	20.00
Jonathan Boehringer	16	13	4	8	31	3.44
Michael Thacker	16	14	7	8	30	4.29
Kaize kewmaaz	3	2	2	14	23	NA
Chelsea Thomas	7	5	1	6	11	2.75
Parv Patel	15	13	4	2	7	0.78

Bowling performances

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Isabel Wheeler	15	37	6	8	75	9.38
Tanay Hegde	15	33	4	6	89	14.83
Jasmine Freeman	15	24.2	1	5	88	17.60
Shiva Pethaperumal	16	31	2	5	131	26.20
Michael Thacker	16	32	1	5	162	32.40
Mitchell Thacker	16	25.4	0	4	117	29.25
Shanil Trivedi	15	29	1	4	118	29.50
Elsie Dohle	12	18	2	2	82	41.00
Jonathan Boehringer	16	27	0	2	161	80.50
Parv Patel	15	28	0	2	185	92.50
Kaize kewmaaz	3	7	1	1	26	26.00
Xavier Freeman	16	14	0	1	57	57.00
Isabelle Litchfield	10	6	0	0	23	NA
Chelsea Thomas	7	10	1	0	37	NA

Under 14/7

Our season started with a mix of first year under 14s, under 12s and a few new players starting their first season of competitive cricket.

Therefore the 14/7 grade was a great opportunity for player development and for all the players to grow as a team, all while having fun playing.

We got off to a good start Round 1 against St Andrews which ended up being at Griff Hunt reserve, after two late venue changes due to the rain, we were quite competitive in this first one dayer, with St Andrews chasing down our total with only a couple of overs to spare.

Second match was also moved due to a wet ground, against Chirnside Park at Lilydale Heights, in this match we started with only 7 (and finished with 4) players due to a few players being away and double booked. A great team effort in this match to chase down their total with only a couple of balls to spare.

Our teams first two-dayer, first 50 over two-day match for all our players, was a fairly one-sided affair against Norwood, but there were some great positives to come out of that match, some strong bowling, catching and strong batting in the end to avoid an outright defeat.

The next match against Heatherdale was again a one-sided game, with the opposition making 2/213 off 25 overs and bowling us out for 62. I thought, jeez, this is going to be a long season, but after reflecting on the result, I think it wasn't a fair representation of our performance, it was a small ground, and we batted a lot better than the scorecard stated, Heatherdale took all of their chances as well.

We then bounced back quite well against Healesville making our highest score so far just shy of 100, and falling a little short of their total, but this was a great fightback after the previous weeks result.

Our next two-dayer against North Ringwood was a similar result to the Norwood game, but the difference here being is that when we were bowling, we had periods where we were on top, and again we managed to bat out 21 overs to avoid an outright loss.

We then had our first washout of the season, with no play on either day against St Andrews.

The last game of the year before Christmas was a one dayer against Warranwood, bowling first we again had periods where we were on top,

and they finished on 5/131. We had a real chance of chasing this down which was the first time since round 2 that we were in that position. We got off to a great start and were on track to get there, but some good bowling from Warranwood restricted our total.

After the break we had another good performance against Chirnside Park on a slow ground we set a total of 6/80, after some good bowling from us, Chirnside finished on 94 passing us with two overs to go.

The next two-dayer against Healesville was the first time we had bowled the opposition out in a two dayer, which was a fantastic effort.

Unfortunately, again we were facing an outright defeat, however the difference in this match was that we faced 38 overs in our first innings and bowling the other team out in 39 overs meant we had 23 overs to face out. In the end there was no chance of the outright as we closed on 0/65.

Next up against ladder leaders Heatherdale again was a much less one-sided match. At the end of the first day, we were 2/83 and had them 2/123 which had the match evenly poised.

We managed to get Heatherdale to 6/163, before there was a large partnership and they ended up on 288. We then batted quite well and very nearly batted out our 50 overs, falling for 147 after 47. This was a fantastic effort against the top team.

Our last match was against Warranwood, and after last week's effort I was confident we would be competitive and a real chance to get our second win for the season. Our bowling started well, and when we had them 4/39, we were looking strong. They then rallied to 5/108, then at 9/137 again we had the momentum back.

Unfortunately, we couldn't finish them off and they got to 212, but aside from two periods (5th and 10th wicket partnerships, 69 and 75 respectively) we were on top with the bowling. Our luck ran out when batting and we could only manage 81, but if we combine the best efforts with the week before, this team has great potential and won't take much to click.

Season highlights

- Jasmine's wicket with her first ball, clean bowled against St Andrews in Round 1.

Under 14/7 CONT.

- Jayden's 2 wickets in an over against Chirnside Park, a great caught and bowled, and then a great stumping by Cooper.
- Ben cleaning up the tail against Chirnside Park, finishing with figures of 3/17, and narrowly missing a hat trick (bowled, missed caught behind, bowled, dot ball, bowled)
- Xavier hitting a 4 to pass Chirnside Park in Round 2 with an over to spare.
- Irvin's diving catch against Norwood at Point in Round 3
- Xavier's 10* against Norwood, our first retirement in a two-dayer.
- Ben's effort to catch a hook shot that was going for 6 against Heatherdale in Round 4
- Emma's first wicket for the team against Healesville in Round 5, which was also a great caught behind by Jayden.
- Sean's 11 opening the batting against North Ringwood.
- Daves 3-fa against North Ringwood in Round 6, all in one over.
- Irvin running out North Ringwood's top scorer on 72, who was on track for a 100.
- Tate's first wicket for the team in Round 8 against Warranwood.
- Jayden's 17* against Warranwood opening the batting, setting up the innings.
- Ben's 20* against Warranwood
- Coopers caught behind off an outside edge from Ben's bowling against Healesville in round 10.
- Ben and Dave's direct hit runouts against Healesville.
- Jayden's stumping to end the Healesville innings.
- Elsie smashing Healesville all over the park.
- Mitch's defiant batting against Healesville, didn't give a single chance and stabilised the innings.
- Jas and Xaviers unbeaten partnership opening the batting (both 22*) in the second innings against Healesville.
- Jayden's 18* against Heatherdale in Rd 11.
- Tanay and Xavier's bowling spells at the end of the 1st day against Heatherdale, both absolutely unplayable finishing with a wicket each.
- Ben's shoe crushing yorker lbw against Heatherdale
- Elsie's 4/20 against Warranwood
- Dave getting on a hat trick against Warranwood.

There was an opportunity presented to the team at the beginning of the season to develop, and the team made the most of this opportunity, with great development from all players.

I started seeing feet moving when we were batting, balls being hit into the ground and into gaps, players getting into position to attempt and then take many more catches, fielders were backing up and bowlers had plans when bowling.

Another great sign was the attitude players took on in the field, talking/encouraging and celebrating good efforts really lifted the team and created wicket taking chances, which we then started taking. I am very proud of the effort all players put in this year.

Thanks:

- Kat for managing the team throughout the season, great job.
- Brendon and Jo for organising the team on game days.
- Nathan, Darren, and Brendon for helping with Wednesday night training.
- Nathan also for all his coordinating effort.
- All the parents who scored and brought morning teas to games, I didn't have to worry about scoring or morning tea all season, so big thanks for that.

Dale Warren

UNDER 14/7 COACH

Under 14/7 CONT.

CAPTAINS Ben Warren & Jayden Bullen

BATTING AVERAGE	Xavier Freeman	Runs 142	Average 15.78
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BOWLING AVERAGE	Ben Warren	Wickets 13	Average 15.62
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COACHES AWARD Dave Jo Allen

MOST RUNS Xavier Freeman (142)

MOST WICKETS Ben Warren (13)

MOST CATCHES Jayden Bullen (7)

HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL 147 v Heatherdale (Rd 11)

LOWEST TEAM TOAL 62 v Heatherdale (Rd 4)

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opposition	Score	Result
1	5/63	St Andrews	2/91	Loss
2	3/73	Chirnside Park	9/70	Win
3	71 & 6/67	Norwood	9/252-d	Loss
4	62	Heatherdale	2/213	Loss
5	7/97	Healesville	3/146	Loss
6	72 & 7/63	North Ringwood	8/297-d	Loss
7		St Andrews		Draw
8	5/94	Warranwood	5/131	Loss
9	6/80	Chirnside Park	3/94	Loss
10	79 & 0/65	Healesville	207	Loss
11	147	Heatherdale	6/288-d	Loss
12	81	Warranwood	212	Loss

Under 14/7 CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Runs	Average
Xavier Freeman	12	14	5	22	142	15.78
Jayden Bullen	12	14	4	18	93	9.30
Jasmine Freeman	12	13	3	22	88	8.80
Elsie Dohle	11	11	2	13	75	8.33
Ben Warren	11	12	4	20	53	6.63
Dave Jo Allen	10	11	0	16	53	4.82
Sean Cochrane	10	10	1	11	37	4.11
Cooper Denham	12	13	4	10	28	3.11
Mitchell Thacker	10	10	1	9	20	2.22
Irvin Tu	6	7	3	4	13	3.25
Chelsea Thomas	2	1	1	11	11	NA
Tanay Hegde	3	3	1	6	9	4.50
Tate Schneider	9	9	3	4	7	1.17
Emma Lamont	8	6	3	0	0	0.00
Sam Gilliland	1	1	1	0	0	NA

Bowling performances

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Ben Warren	11	50	6	13	203	15.62
Elsie Dohle	11	33	0	9	173	19.22
Jayden Bullen	12	30.4	1	8	112	14.00
Dave Jo Allen	10	37	4	6	168	28.00
Sean Cochrane	10	24.2	1	5	132	26.40
Jasmine Freeman	12	42	3	4	155	38.75
Mitchell Thacker	10	22	0	3	151	50.33
Xavier Freeman	12	32	2	3	179	59.67
Tanay Hegde	3	10	3	2	20	10.00
Emma Lamont	8	17	0	2	113	56.50
Tate Schneider	9	25	0	2	181	90.50
Irvin Tu	6	16	0	1	98	98.00
Cooper Denham	12	26	0	1	148	148.00
Chelsea Thomas	2	4	0	0	13	NA
Sam Gilliland	1	2	0	0	6	NA

Under 14/3

As it is most seasons at this age level, you never really know what you are going to get until the season kicks off. This season was especially different as we welcomed some new players into the club, with Archie Bevans, Miller Bullman, Jack Simpson & Marek Rainszuk all joining APCC for the first time. We welcomed these young players into the club and also had a merging of some U12's & U14's from last season, so it really was a matter of let's see how it all comes along.

In the end it couldn't have gone much better, the boys were competitive all year in a very even competition which is exactly what you want to develop their enthusiasm and competitiveness, and above all they were a very well rounded and enjoyable to coach.

We started the season with a good win against Koonung Heights, where we held up well against a player who would prove to be the best player in the competition by a long way. Rounds 2 & 3 we managed to continue that winning streak and we were off to a good start for the season. It quickly became clear that we were going to be a competitive side with even contributors.

We had our first loss in Round 4 to Croydon Ranges, followed by losses to Healesville and Chirnside Park leaving us with 3 wins and 3 losses at the halfway mark.

In Round 8, we reversed our earlier loss to Croydon Ranges with a good win, and then followed this with a win against Knox, and then hammered Mt Evelyn in Round 10, which meant we were starting to think finals. However an unexpected loss in Round 11 against Wonga Park and then ultimately losing to the top side St Andrews in the last round saw us narrowly miss finals.

If we look back on the season we went 3 wins, 3 losses, 3 wins, 2 losses so fair to say we were consistent, yet inconsistent. A pleasing sign was measured by our percentage at season's end, which was the second best in the competition, so that is a sign of a good consistent side who were overall competitive in each game.

While our results unfortunately left us in 5th position and out of the finals, we were all left impressed with the way the boys came together, continued to support each other and develop friendships both on and off the field.

Some quick Highlights

Jobe Walton was the winner of our batting average, not only making the most runs in the team (220) but at a very impressive average of 73.33 – an average any senior player would be proud of. His consistency was the key, with scores of 22, 19, 46, 39, 26 & 28 in the U14 competition, and not to mention his first senior half century of 58 in the seniors – Well done Jobe – and all this while still having another year of U14's available to him.

Ben Walles was the winner of our bowling average with 16 wickets at an average of 7.13 – lead by an impressive and career best of 6/16 in the last round against the top side – a memory to cherish for a long time – well done Ben, you have worked hard all year and well deserved.

Archie Bevans taking up spin bowling and doing a great job in his first year of learning – a craft I hope he sticks at, but ultimately will be up to him

Marek for his enthusiasm and energy he brings to the team (and loud voice), whether it be bowling, batting, fielding or even off the field

Kaelan and Archer for being our captains this season – a tough challenge for young men and so much to be learnt. Sometimes the best way is to learn by mistakes, so we tended to leave this 2 as much possible to their own accord, well done boys.

The batting order was always difficult as we tried players in different places and suited to different games – it was a challenge each week setting the order as we have our top 2 or 3 batsman and then the rest are mostly even, which is a good problem to have but apologies if some players felt they should have batted higher at times.

I thought Harvey and Miller continued to develop themselves as key allrounders in this side and each showed signs of their capabilities throughout the season

Our bowling was also ultra consistent and I felt every player offered something with the ball. I think our bowling was our strength, with opposition coaches often commenting on how our bowling and batting had good depth (we didn't rely on 2 or 3 players like some other sides might at this level). Special mention to Jarrod and Jack, whom I felt both improved enormously throughout the season on their bowling.

Under 14/3 CONT.

Sam, Jobe and Robbie all took the keeping duties at different stages with each performing well. Robbie only learning the ropes late in the season and that will be a skill that he develops over time, keep at it Robbie it is a tough job and craft to master, but for your first up season did extremely well.

Hard to cover everyone and I am sure there are some other personal wins in there that will mean the world to the players. As mentioned, our biggest strength was our depth, all players developed well, played in the right spirit and contributed at various times for which they should all be proud.

Not only do you have to play as a team on the park to succeed, but you also need a team off the field to drive any success. Thank you to Nathan Croot who not only offered support in his role as Junior Coordinator, but more specifically in the team assisting where needed as assistant coach. To Deb (And Tony) our team manager, thank you and well done for making sure everything was communicated, scoring duties were taken care of and everything was organised and under control - thank you so much.

To all parents, thank you for playing your role of assisting when needed - whether it be in the canteen, scoring, setting up, training or simply getting the boys to training and the games each week and encouraging our young men. Most importantly well done and thank you to the players, it was enjoyable to watch how the team came together, interacted and developed your cricket skills throughout the season and we hope to see you all back at APCC next year.

Until next season

Darren Waller

UNDER 14/3 COACH

Under 14/3 CONT.

CAPTAINS

Archer Croot & Kalen Tahirovski

5+ WKTS/INN

Ben Walles 6/16 vs St Andrews 12 **Rd**

BATTING AVERAGE

Jobe Walton 220 **Runs** 73.33 **Average**

BOWLING AVERAGE

Ben Walles 16 **Wickets** 7.13 **Average**

COACHES AWARD

Jarrold Crowe

MOST RUNS

Jobe Walton (220)

MOST WICKETS

Ben Walles (16)

MOST CATCHES

Jobe Walton (8)

HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL

4/209 v Wantirna South (Rd 3)

LOWEST TEAM TOAL

3/82 v Knox City (Rd 9)

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opposition	Score	Result
1	6/109	Koonung Heights	6/77	Win
2	4/102	Healesville	5/57	Win
3	4/209	Wantirna South	66	Win
4	6/96	Croydon Ranges	5/116	Loss
5	3/128	Healesville	5/143	Loss
6	111	Chirnside Park	130	Loss
7		Koonung Heights		Draw
8	3/152	Croydon Ranges	6/112	Win
9	3/82	Knox City	5/72	Win
10	8/181-d	Mount Evelyn	44 and 2/22	Win
11	9/158	Wonga Park	5/163	Loss
12	122	St Andrews	182	Loss

Under 14/3 CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Runs	Average
Jobe Walton	11	10	7	46	220	73.33
Kalen Tahirovski	11	10	6	28	132	33.00
Marek Rainczuk	12	8	1	39	126	18.00
Archer Croot	12	10	5	23	101	20.20
Miller Bullman	11	7	3	26	89	22.25
Harvey Baker-Flett	12	11	7	22	86	21.50
Sam Gilliland	11	9	2	24	82	11.71
Jarrold Crowe	12	10	6	22	76	19.00
Jack Simpson	12	9	4	17	73	14.60
Robert Stacey	11	11	0	20	68	6.18
Benjamin Walles	12	10	3	15	56	8.00
Archie bevins	11	10	5	25	47	9.40

Bowling performances

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Benjamin Walles	12	41.3	7	16	114	7.13
Kalen Tahirovski	11	45	5	7	105	15.00
Jarrold Crowe	12	43	9	7	105	15.00
Jack Simpson	12	32	7	7	91	13.00
Jobe Walton	11	40	12	6	81	13.50
Harvey Baker-Flett	12	46	5	6	174	29.00
archie bevins	11	27.5	0	5	118	23.60
Miller Bullman	11	12	1	5	36	7.20
Robert Stacey	11	18	2	4	64	16.00
Marek Rainczuk	12	26.4	2	3	97	32.33
Archer Croot	12	23	4	1	99	99.00
Sam Gilliland	11	5	1	0	18	NA

Under 16/1

Bill Wilkins Shield

2023/24 Ainslie Park u16s overall was a success. We knew coming up to u16 1s from our premierships in the u14 2s last season would be a challenge. As a coach, I knew the season's success wasn't going to be determined by wins and losses but would be determined by how much our side improved. Our u16s side this year had two top-age players in Archie Brown and Kealan Baker-Flett whilst the rest were bottom age 16s. Blake Gregson and Mitch Cliff could have played in the u14s side but decided to play with us in the 16s. None of our players had ever played A-grade cricket before. We knew we were in for a challenge. To their credit, the boys stood up massively walking away with three wins and avoiding being on top of the ladder. As a coach, I couldn't be prouder of the effort and improvement in our 16s boys this season.

We started our season with two close losses against North Ringwood & East Ringwood which were games we should have won. But after a string of losses, the boys were able to win a thrilling game before Christmas against Heatherdale. I truly believe every game we lost throughout the year, there were moments when we were in control of the game. Despite seven straight losses the boy's spirits were high and everyone constantly trained hard and was enjoying their cricket.

After Christmas the boys continued to fight hard, our captain for the year Taj Johnstone was out for a month with a broken toe so Cooper Doughty stood up as captain. The level of growth in all 11 players' maturity grew and all became leaders in their own right. As a coach, it was great to see.

In our last two matches of the season, the boys beat the eventual Semi-Finalist Mitcham in a come-from-behind win which was an amazing reward for effort. The boys showed resilience, leadership and hard work which were the keys for the win. In our last game, we comfortably beat Heatherdale again which was a great way to finish the season.

The best part of this season was how all 11 players equally contributed to our performances throughout the year. Every player can walk away from the season knowing that they stood up and performed well in at least 3-4 matches. Throughout the season we lacked talent at times and that extra year of development that every other side had. We were the only side in the competition with predominantly bottom-aged players.

In the season we had George Lyons (Croydon), Luke Spencer (Box Hill), Cooper Doughty (Bayswater) and Jack Evans (kew) all play u15 Craig Shield Representative cricket. Taj Johnstone was amazing in being selected for Ringwoods u16 Dowling side as a bottom-aged player. We also had Mitch Cliff represent the u14 RDCA top representative side. The whole club was so proud of all these boys for being selected in these sides.

Some individual highlights for the year were new player George Lyons came second in the overall player runs for the league. George made 318 runs at an average of 45.43 which included two half centuries. Whilst Mitch Cliff won our bowling average as an u14 with 12 wickets at an average of 13.5

The club is in safe hands with these future stars of the club still all having one more year at u16s Levels. It's safe to say that with our level of improvement, we will be contending to play finals in u16 1s this season. I couldn't thank my team manager Adele Gregson and Junior Coordinator Nathan Croot for all your support this year. Bring on the 2024/25 Season.

Will Macklin

UNDER 16/1 COACH

Under 16/1

Bill Wilkins Shield CONT.

CAPTAINS

Taj Johnstone

50s SCORED

					Rd
George Lyons	76	vs	Heatherdale	12	
George Lyons	69	vs	Mitcham	11	
Taj Johnstone	59	vs	Seville	3	
Taj Johnstone	55	vs	Heatherdale	12	

BATTING AVERAGE

	Runs	Average
George Lyons	318	45.43

BOWLING AVERAGE

	Wickets	Average
Mitchell Cliff	12	13.50

COACHES AWARD

Archie Brown

MOST RUNS

George Lyons (318)

MOST WICKETS

Mitchell Cliff (12)

MOST CATCHES

Taj Johnstone & George Lyons (9)

HIGHEST TEAM TOTAL

8/192 v Heatherdale (Rd 8)

LOWEST TEAM TOAL

87 v North Ringwood (Rd 1)

Season scores

Round	APCC	Opposition	Score	Result
1	87	North Ringwood	8/114	Loss
2	7/117	East Ringwood	7/121	Loss
3	133	Seville	5/189	Loss
4	8/99	Mitcham	9/121	Loss
5	6/106	Warranwood	5/118	Loss
6	167	Norwood	5/327	Loss
7		North Ringwood		Draw
8	8/104	Heatherdale	9/102	Win
9	5/107	East Ringwood	5/125	Loss
10	8/145	Warranwood	6/213	Loss
11	183	Mitcham	176	Win
12	8/192	Heatherdale	118	Win

Under 16/1

Bill Wilkins Shield CONT.

Batting performances

Player	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Runs	Average
George Lyons	11	10	3	76	318	45.43
Taj Johnstone	10	9	3	59	239	39.83
Luke Spencer	12	11	3	45	148	18.50
Jack Evans	12	11	2	34	115	12.78
Cooper Doughty	12	11	1	35	108	10.80
Mitchell Cliff	12	10	3	27	100	14.29
Kaelan Baker-Flett	12	12	4	36	75	9.38
Kento Inoue	12	11	3	19	64	8.00
Blake Gregson	11	10	0	12	56	5.60
Archie Brown	10	9	6	2	6	2.00
Xavier Walles	12	10	1	3	5	0.56
Thomas Bower	2	1	0	2	2	2.00
Oliver Walles	4	2	1	0	0	0.00

Bowling performances

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Mitchell Cliff	12	55.1	13	12	162	13.50
Luke Spencer	12	40	0	10	201	20.10
Taj Johnstone	10	48	3	9	167	18.56
Cooper Doughty	12	55	2	8	253	31.63
Archie Brown	10	19	1	7	121	17.29
Kaelan Baker-Flett	12	39	1	5	189	37.80
Blake Gregson	11	27	1	5	128	25.60
Xavier Walles	12	46	5	5	190	38.00
George Lyons	11	19	1	4	95	23.75
Kento Inoue	12	18	0	3	112	37.33
Jack Evans	12	2	0	0	4	NA
Thomas Bower	2	2	0	0	13	NA
Oliver Walles	4	6	0	0	29	NA

JUNIOR AWARDS
2023/24



Junior awards

Major award winners

Robert Pendrey Memorial Award

Junior Club Champion

George Lyons

Len Bettess Parkers Pride Award

Awarded to the junior player that best displays the values of the Ainslie Park Cricket Club

Xavier Freeman

Most Improved Junior Cricketer

Ben Walles

Best performances

Highest score

George Lyons (76)

Best bowling

Ben Walles (6/16)

Most runs

George Lyons (318)

Most wickets

Ben Walles (16)

Junior Team of the Year

1	Jasmine Freeman	12/5	169 runs @ 84.50	
2	Xavier Freeman	12/5	153 runs @ 38.25	
3	George Lyons	16/1	318 runs @ 45.43	
4	Taj Johnstone (c)	16/1	239 runs @ 39.83	9 wickets @ 18.56
5	Jobe Walton	14/3	220 runs @ 73.33	
6	Luke Spencer	16/1	148 runs @ 18.50	10 wickets @ 20.10
7	Jack Evans (wk)	16/1	7 catches & 6 stumping	
8	Ben Walles	14/3		16 wickets @ 7.13
9	Ben Warren	14/7		13 wickets @ 15.62
10	Mitchell Cliff	16/1		12 wickets @ 13.50
11	Isabel Wheeler	Stage 3	185 runs @ 20.56	8 wickets @ 9.38
12	Kalen Tahirovski	14/3	132 runs @ 33.00	7 wickets @ 15.00

Junior awards CONT.

Under 16/1

Batting average	George Lyons	318 Runs @ 45.43
Bowling average	Mitchell Cliff	12 Wickets @ 13.50
Coaches award	Archie Brown	

Under 14/3

Batting average	Jobe Walton	220 Runs @ 73.33
Bowling average	Ben Wallis	16 Wickets @ 7.13
Coaches award	Jarrod Crowe	

Under 14/7

Batting average	Xavier Freeman	142 Runs @ 15.78
Bowling average	Ben Warren	13 Wickets @ 15.62
Coaches award	Dave Jo Allen	

Under 12/5

Batting average	Jasmine Freeman	169 Runs @ 84.50
Bowling average	Isabel Wheeler	8 Wickets @ 9.38
Coaches award	Shanil Trivedi	

Girls Stage 3

Batting average	Jasmine Freeman	173 Runs @ 57.67
Bowling average	Isabelle Litchfield	6 wickets @ 17.67
Coaches award	Rianna Davison	

Girls Stage 1 Stars - Kangaroos

Batting award	Hermione Crocker	180 Runs
Bowling award	Claire Rhodes	10 Wickets
Coaches award	Emmazelle Van der Berg	

Girls Stage 1 Stars - Koalas

Batting award	Bani Jhinger	125 Runs
Bowling award	Zoe Wallis	14 Wickets
Coaches award	Koa Crowe	

Girls Stage 1 Spirit

Batting award	Gretel Dohle	62 Runs
Bowling award	Ayra Tikoo	13 Wickets
Coaches award	Allison Tu	

Junior award history

Robert Pendrey Junior Club Champion

Year	Winner

Junior award history CONT.

Len Bettess Parkers Pride Award

Awarded to the junior player that best displays the values of the Ainslie Park Cricket Club

Year	Winner
2008/09	James Hunter
2009/10	Gavin Styles
2010/11	Andrew Moore
2011/12	Joshua Moulton
2012/13	Marcus Allan
2013/14	Kent Goldberg
2014/15	Adam Smith
2015/16	Nick Delahunty
2016/17	Jordan Blair
2017/18	Rosie Sykes
2018/19	Ethan Stone
2019/20	Will Connor
2020/21	Rosie Sykes
2021/22	Lithika Dharmasena
2022/23	Robbie Stacey
2023/24	Xavier Freeman

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