

Bayswater Park Cricket Club

Annual Report 2020-21

2020-21 Committee

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President's Report- Brendon Trump

What a roller-coaster of a season we've had. Leading up, we weren't even sure what the season would look like. With the Covid-19 pandemic front and centre of everything we were doing, we were pushed into adapting around it.

Hand sanitizer, QR codes, restrictions on numbers inside the club rooms and training groups, masks.... All a part of what we had to endure just to play community sport.

So much work went in behind the scenes to make sure that we were able to get things up and running. Extra work on top of the usual expectations. I have so much appreciation for everyone involved in our club that put in the work to help us get through an unprecedented season.

In other ways, Covid enabled us to test new initiatives which had the intention to support the club during times of great uncertainty. The out of season Future Fund Raffle and Fill the Fridge and Vending Machine concepts were such a great success and really helped us get on the front foot financially. One of the most important additions was our sponsorship directory, a great way for our club members and supporters to find businesses that support our club all in one spot. This is something I can see will continue to grow in the coming years and provide our club with fantastic service. A huge thanks to the guys who instigated all of these activities.

A big thank you must go out to all our club sponsors, who even with everything going on around them, and with the inevitable impact Covid was having on them and their businesses, they continued to help and support our club. We have an amazing sponsorship team that have put in a power of work behind the scenes to ensure our club continue in the right direction.

I'd also like to acknowledge all of our volunteers who have helped throughout season 2020-21. Without your time, effort and dedication, our club wouldn't be able to function, so thanks again.

To our players, thank you for your patience leading into a season of unknowns. Without your loyalty and belief we may not have got up and running this year, but you all stuck fat and helped us keep this great cricket club going.

We were lucky enough to gain Catherine Findlay on the committee this season too as our Junior Coordinator. Catherine did a fantastic job in this space and I really can't thank her enough for all her hard work.

Big congratulations to our newest life members, Ian Barlow and Ben Beech, two very deserving members of our club who have given countless hours of works over there years of involvement at Bayswater Park.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the members of the committee for their help along the way. Our club's really lucky to have these people volunteering their time like they do. I really encourage anyone who wants to help the club to get involved in the future, to chuck your hand up and get on board. It's a very rewarding experience.

We have some really exciting times ahead and the future is looking bright. At stages last year we didn't even know if there would be a future, but it just shows how good our people really are.

Go sharks

Secretary's Report- Melanie Causer

I think it's fair to say 2020 was a year like no other. A year many of us have nothing to compare to and a year that we are hopeful we will never see again. If I'm being honest, I didn't actually think we were going to get a season in, so to get out there and for it to be fairly uninterrupted is something I, like everyone else, is incredibly grateful for. I sure don't take 'freedom' for granted anymore.

Leading into the season, we as a committee worked incredibly hard to plan for whatever we thought may be thrown at us, with so many uncertainties and the landscape, for a while, there changing daily. Our main priority was the wellbeing of our members as we were acutely aware of the hardships many had been through, but following on from that, we wanted to do everything in our power to ensure financial stability. At a minimum we wanted to breakeven but were really hopeful we could end the year with some form of a profit. I won't steal Eusty and TC's thunder, but with the unwavering support of our members, supporters and sponsors, we are really proud of the result we achieved.

Thank you to this year's committee who gave everything a crack. From online social functions and meetings to creatively applying for any grant we could. We can hand on heart say that everything we did and do was solely focussed on achieving the best outcomes for the club, and I don't think anyone can ask for any more than that.

Last but definitely not least, to Sam, thank you again for continuing to support me in all that I do. As always, without you, my involvement in the club would not be possible, especially now we have our little Riley girl.

It's crazy to think that I came on board as Secretary 'to help out with some admin'yet here we are nine seasons later. There's been a hell of a lot of highs and a few lows, but I wouldn't change any of it for the world. I'm going to put my hand up for one more season in the role (unless someone else is keen), but at the end of season 2021/22 I will be stepping down as Secretary. I'll always be around as I don't think my heart will ever truly be able to leave Shark Park, but I think it's time for a new face and some new ideas in this space 😊

Stay safe xx

Treasurer's Report- Andrew Eustace

The 2020/2021 season was definitely an interesting one. With so much unknown coming into the season due to Covid19, we undertook a lot of upfront budgeting to plan out what the season could look like from a financial perspective. With so much uncertainty, a very conservative approach was taken.

In the end the season turned out to be one of the most successful seasons the club has ever had posting a profit of \$26,796. Some of the key items of focus / highlights from this are:

- Fundraising – Without being able to hold the majority of fundraising events (i.e. Tastepoint) and social functions like usual, the committee had to come up with other ideas to replace this revenue and from here we successfully ran an online trivia night, Melbourne Cup sweep and online future fund raffle.
- Government grants – We received three \$1,000 handouts from the government due to Covid. We were also successful in applying for another three grants totalling \$4,250 for small assets, Covid outlays and first aid training. Of this \$2,750 of this is yet to be spent.
- Bar/Canteen – Due to Covid and a reduced season we were unable to operate a bar for the full season which had a financial impact to the club. One positive though was the “fill the fridge promotion” which had a really positive outcome and I imagine will be continued for seasons to come.
- Sponsorship – There was an increase in sponsorship this season due to bringing on some new sponsors as well as holding our first sponsors raffle where we had 25+ businesses support the club. Again, this was a fantastic initiative with the club aiming for our members get behind the raffle more next year and attract more businesses.
- Council Facility Fees - Due to Covid19 we were very fortunate that the Council didn't charge us the annual leasing fee to use the clubrooms and ovals which usually costs around \$6k. Some of the smaller organisations also waived their fees this year (i.e liquor and food handling licences) which also helped.

As mentioned, there is \$2,750 worth of Grants that we have received and are yet to spend, with the expenditure to occur next season. In addition to this, there is still a bit of merchandise to sell that was purchased in the previous season to liquify next season.

Financially, this was a very unusual season and achieving a \$26,796 was a fantastic result putting the club in a strong position for the years to come. Who knows if Covid19 will still be around next season and how things will unfold, so we will most likely have to again take a conservative approach.

As a direct result of COVID, there were a few items that went our way this season (Council Fees waived, Future Fund, Council handouts and a few smaller items), but we need to treat these as a one off and can't bank on similar bail outs moving forward. We also need to be realistic with our expectations and can't expect to produce a similar profit next season. I would imagine a more traditional financial result will occur (small profit/breakeven). Though if we continue with some of the new initiatives that were introduced this season we can hopefully produce an increased result than that of a traditional season.

Bank Accounts	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Trading Account	\$ 19,765.30	\$ 791.97	\$ 3,608.34	\$ 5,275.66	\$12,535.35
Savings Account	\$ 42,510.93	\$34,679.01	\$41,168.48	\$39,679.01	\$41,010.01
Cash on Hand		\$ 1,267.94	\$ 1,662.29		
	\$ 62,276.23	\$36,738.92	\$46,439.11	\$44,954.67	\$53,545.36

This season EFT/Bank transfers were used a lot more than cash which made it easier to record the incoming transactions. There will be a continued focus next season to continue to improve our reporting processes with the main focus to be the introduction of an easy to use / efficient point of sale system to record all transactions that go through the bar / canteen.

Thank you to all members of the Committee for their hard work throughout the season, in particular Mel Causer, Brendon Trump and Tim Court who all made significant contributions above and beyond with a special mention to Phil Leach as well.

Senior Coaches Report- Todd Cordwell

Having had Covid-19 end the previous finals series prematurely, the hope was that the 2020/21 season would commence smoothly. Unfortunately, the second wave of Covid swept through Melbourne and the cricket season was delayed to mid-November. We faced a change in fixture with a one-day format played in all grades for the first time (and hopefully the last) and dealing with strict protocols from the pandemic was anything but easy. Training commenced only a short time prior to the first match, providing a challenging start to the cricket season.

Our greatest achievement was comfortably retaining our four sides for the season. With the loss of a significant number of players from the previous summer across the club, it looked an uphill battle to maintain the size of Bayswater Park Cricket Club. It was fantastic to be a part of the work that went into getting new members into our club, but the biggest boost was in returning players from both junior and senior levels, who hadn't played in the past year.

As restrictions eased it was pleasing to see the numbers around the club on both Thursday and Saturday nights as well as at training. A massive amount of effort has been invested into building the culture of the club in these areas and we will continue in doing so moving forward.

The T20 series continued to be an invaluable means to develop our less experienced players at a decent level of competition. We won the right to host the grand-final at Guy Turner Having been undefeated throughout the competition, however unfortunately we couldn't grab the silverware, getting outplayed by South Warrandyte on the night.

The 3XI were our best performing side for the year and were a terrific story. Having won the premiership the previous season, they were promoted to C Grade. Despite nearly having a completely different side they managed to make it to the semi final where despite best efforts, they went down to the eventual Winners of C grade (Healesville) in a close match. Jarrod Hillam and Bailey Cowman's return to cricket was a massive positive for the side and I am looking forward to their continued improvement and them hopefully carrying their form into higher levels of cricket

The 1XI were trying to improve on second place having not been allowed to contest last season's grand-final. Having been in a solid position before Christmas we never really managed to get close to playing our best cricket at a consistent level. In an underwhelming year, Troy Gstrein was outstanding with bat and ball, taking out the majority of the awards. The rise of Lachie Bright offered a glimpse into the future of the club. He managed to knock over some of the competitions best bats and will lead our bowling attack for a long time if he continues to work hard at his cricket.

The 2XI's welcomed back club favourite Ben Beech as captain, however, they continued to struggle to get results. Their inability to pick a consistent side is really hindering performances. We really need a higher level of dedication from players to start improving results. Similarly, wins weren't easy to come by for the 4XI's, but they continued to get senior games into our junior and younger players, which is important for the future of the club.

It would have been impossible to get through the season without help, especially from Dave Singleton (Assistant Coach), Justin Laughlin (Assistant Coach) and captains; James Court, Ben Beech, Ryan Toye and Ray Kazar. Thank you for your efforts.

Go Sharks.

1XI Report- James Court

After a successful 2019/2020 campaign, having made the Grand Final, expectations were high for the 2020/2021 season. Results over previous year's show that at our best we are a very good side. However, it also shows how quickly cricket can turn against you when things aren't going your way.

- 17/18 Trollope - Preliminary final
- 18/19 Relegated from Trollope
- 19/20 Wilkins – Grand Final (COVID)

Having had a lot of success in two-day cricket in previous years, a season of one day cricket was always going to test us. In addition, the loss of some key performers over the off season was going to be a test of our depth. Long story short we finished the season with five wins and eight losses finishing 6th. Of note was that our percentage of 1.11 was the fourth highest in the competition. The only team we lost to twice (Norwood) ended up winning the premiership and bad losses against the bottom two teams on the ladder cost us our position in the top four.

On a positive note, we were able to provide 1XI debuts to a number of players over the season. We have discovered a 10 year plus opening bowler in Lachlan Bright and Troy Gstrein has developed into a genuine match winner with both bat and ball.

Our bowling stocks going into next season seem to be in good hands. Improvement will need to come from our batters if we are to push for a top four spot. Hopefully playing on a much faster home ground next season after the works done to the ground over the season will provide our batters with the confidence needed to convert gritty 30s into more significant innings. (we just need the grass to grow sideways instead of upwards!)

It was always going to be a strange season with no pre-season and a number of new COVID related restrictions put in place before we even took the field. Please can we bring back afternoon teas for next season!

As captain I have to thank all the players for the effort and commitment shown across the season. It certainly made my job easier.

On behalf of all of the boys who played this season a massive thanks goes to Catherine (Cat) Findlay for stepping up and taking on the role of unofficial best team manager / scorer in the world. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Thanks also to my wife Melissa for putting up with my 'by polar' mood swings. Particularly after a bad loss.

Many thanks to all of our families and our loyal club supporters for their support over the season.

Finally, a huge congratulations to the Kazar's and Laughlin's on the birth / upcoming birth of their first children. Hopefully you manage to have all of the baby stuff sorted by the start of next season. If the results from the past four seasons are anything to go by, next season is due to be a successful one.

2XI Report- Ben Beech

A difficult and unique season started with a lot of hope and ended with the disappointment of finishing bottom and being relegated. The aim was to get a lot of games into some younger talent with the idea that by surrounding them with some experienced heads we could get a few ready to play 1XI cricket. This didn't happen, which is no one's fault – but it does feel like a great opportunity missed, and with a few talented younger players moving to other clubs for next season, I can't help but feel like I have really let our club down in this regard.

Victories against finalists Warranwood and North Ringwood showed that on our day we were a good enough side to be competitive and whilst I cannot fault anyone's effort on game day, our inability to put all multiple facets of the game together was obvious.

Batting wise, we had one player make over 200 runs; Brendon Trump who had a great season with 301 runs at 37.63. Bowling wise, no one took 15 wickets. Not exactly statistics that win you games and end in successful seasons with. Fielding wise, we had a few older, bigger bodies and it showed. Availability and Selection were an issue - 28 different players played 2XI for the season and we averaged 3.7 changes per week. This made improvement and consistency difficult as week on week we could have an entirely different bowling line up or top six and any lessons learnt were not able to be put into practice.

Training was an issue across the team. I cannot be critical of this as life and priorities change, but the simple fact is cricket is not an easy sport, regardless of what the level or grade is, and unless you put in you will not get results.

We were fortunate to expose some younger players to a higher standard of cricket, and to do so whilst playing alongside senior experienced players like Mathew Parker and Tomas Fay is a bonus. I hope others took as much as I did from this – as we never stop learning no matter how many games you have played.

Far from the season we wanted; but that is life. Personally, I really enjoyed being back at the club this year and rekindling some friendships. Thanks to the club putting faith in me to lead the 2XI – it was a great responsibility. Thanks to Mrs Posh for scoring for the season and to all the players who did their best. We had fun which is a huge part of why we play cricket, and we had a really enjoyable group of guys.

3XI Report- Ryan Toye

Season 20/21...we knew this team was going to be different from the Premiership team the year before with retirements, players playing higher grades and unfortunately a couple of guys who moved clubs.

We had a completely new look with the likes of Jarred Hillam, Lachie Bright, Shiv Patel, Josh Singh, Ash Gonagala, Nick Sheridan, Binu and Lachie Stone who all debuted in the 3XI. We also had some returning players in Michael Finn, Cam Ray and the milkman Bailey Cowman, whilst also welcoming new player, Deepak, to the club and team.

My aim for the season was to play as many kids as we could, and not one of them looked out of place. Hillam took him a couple of games to get his confidence up, but when he did, he became our number one strike bowler and a very handy lower order batsman. By the end of the season he was playing in the 2XIs. Lachie Bright came and went. He was too good for 3XI cricket and was in the 1XI by Christmas. Both these boys have a "BRIGHT" future (see what I did there?) at Bayswater Park.

Josh and Shiv both showed they can play bat and ball. Unfortunately, they both could not play the second half of the season, but hopefully they are back in 2021/22.

Shero and Lachie both played three or four games each with Shero opening the bowling and improving each game. He bowled with great pace landing the ball in dangerous areas. Lachie batted top order, ripping his leggies and has great hands in the slips. No doubt Shero and Locky will be regular players in the 3XI and higher grades in the next couple of seasons.

Binu came into the team late in the season but looked very impressive with both bat and ball. He is going to be a very handy cricketer for the club.

With so many new faces this season and going up a grade, I did not really know what to expect. We ended up finishing the season in third spot with eight wins which was a great achievement. Unfortunately, we lost in the semi by seven runs to the team who ended up winning the grand final.

We had our chances in the final, getting off to a great start with Chris Robbins picking up a wicket with the first ball. We had them 5/30 odd and just needed one more wicket to roll them very cheaply, but they got onto a roll and ended up making 143 off their 40 overs. Hillam picked up three wickets, Eoin Fay 2/23 and Robbo, Marty and Ash all chipped in for one each.

After that, we did not get off to a great start with the bat. We were 4/57 when Cam Ray was out for a very handy 42. Eoin and Deepak gave us hope putting on 40 before Eoin was out for 27. After that we fell away. Deepak was the last Batman out for 40 in the last over.

Congratulations to Michael Finn on winning the batting average, making 240 runs. Chris Robbins and Jarrod Hillam were the leading wicket takers with 14 each. Well done to you two.

I'm happy with the season and making finals I can't complain.

Hope to see everyone at preseason training August / September.

4XI Report- Ray Kazar

Once again being Captain of the 4IX's was such an enjoyable experience, especially seeing our youngsters playing senior cricket. With around a team full of juniors having played in the 4XI's over the season, it's apparent we do have some talent coming through the ranks for the upcoming seasons.

We only won three games for the season but giving these young lads a go and the experience in playing Seniors was by far the satisfying aspect. They all deservedly held their own when given the opportunity. Lachie Clarke opened the batting and Binu opened the bowling, with both showing class. In addition to this, Nick Sheridan, Riley Masterson and the Whitely brothers were simply sensational during their season.

As for the new blokes who played this season, Ben Morison, Albi and Fernando, thank you for your help, you all did well. To Tim Court, thank you for all your help during the season, especially standing in as as Captain when I was unavailable, it was most appreciated.

To Ryan Gilmore and Daniel Southward, two blokes who put their all week in week in and week out, Dan showed he can hold his own batting at three for most of the season, and having some very good knocks. Ryan opened most games and did very well himself. Josh Dolan and Jason Mclean, Marty Clohessy and Patty Fitzgerald were all fantastic contributors in their own right.

This was my last full season as a player as I have succumbed to my knee injury and will now retire as a full-time player. Thank you to the BPCC committee for allowing me to Captain for as many seasons as I have. We have had a lot of success during my time as both Captain and player and this is something I will forever be grateful for.

To all the players I have had the pleasure of being team mates of, I thank you, especially to the blokes I've had to ring last minute to get them to help us out on game day.

To Tim, Eoin, Ralph, Stix, Frank and Millsy, thanks you for your significant contribution over the seasons.

Finally, to Sandra and my family, thank you for putting up with me week in week out playing Cricket.

No doubt I will be still around the club, except for now I will be happily watching from the sidelines with a nice cold Beer.

Cheers!

Women's Report – Sarah Smith

The season started like any other. A few early wins in the bank and only three losses in total for the home and away season, however unfortunately three losses all came from the same team. As a result, we finished third on the ladder which saw us play Norwood in the semi-final. The result didn't go our way and we were knocked out of the finals race.

As always, the immediate conversation post loss turned to the what ifs and the notion that we should actually be training consistently.

A shout out to the girls who just make playing cricket fun. To Michelle, Kellie and Ash, thanks for putting up with and dealing with my grumpiness in one way or another.

Here's to next year, training more and hopefully making the big dance!

Junior Report- Catherine Findlay

Heading into October 2020 the biggest question we all wanted answered was, is cricket going to return at all for the coming season? Everything had been up in the air since the end of the 2019/20 season due to Covid-19 and I knew there were lots of very eager children looking to get straight back into it, especially those that missed their winter sports.

This season we successfully fielded two U10 teams, two U12 teams and a combined U14/16 team playing in the U16 competition. Going forward we are looking to expand this number and have teams across all age groups.

Our U10s showed tremendous spirit and enthusiasm under the guidance of Robin Court and Tom Fay. I hope all of these children enjoyed their time throughout the season and you continue your cricketing journey with BPC, as your futures are looking very bright.

Both of our U12 teams showed phenomenal improvement this season. Our U12-4s coached by Daniel Southward with the assistance of Ryan Gilmore proved how well they play together as a team and although they ended the season with five wins, they improved their ladder position from the previous year. This group move up to U14 next season and we wish them all the very best for continued improvement and dedication to cricket.

Our U12-8 team under Peter Eagles leadership was our most successful junior team, making the semi-final. It was a nail biter, going down to the top side by just seven runs. The improvement this team displayed each week was a credit to the teams' character. Each individual had a role to play and as a team they executed the game plan flawlessly. I am looking forward to watching this team again next season.

Our U16s were tasked with a huge challenge this season with most players playing above their age group. They rose to the challenge and overachieved both as a team and individually. Most notably Shantan playing up from U12. The beauty of playing up is this team will now continue to play together for the next few seasons - definitely a team to watch over the coming years. Lachie Walker along with Hunter Bevis again coached this terrific group of young men with Karen Clarke as team manager - a wonderful asset to any team.

We again ran a very successful Woolies Blast Program with 28 children enrolling to start their cricketing journey and develop their skills. The Woolies Blast program has hopefully showed these young ones what cricket is all about and has fostered their love of the game. We hope to see them playing at Shark Park for many years to come.

Due to Covid we were unable to get our junior girls' team up and running so our fingers and toes are crossed we accomplish this in 2021/22.

It is so very special to see children bond over their passion for cricket; friendships are formed and strengthened, their skills are developed and mastered, their support for each other grows and their commitment to their teams is so rewarding, to them as individuals, but equally for our coaches.

The junior program would not run without the tireless work by the dedicated group of men who took on our coaching roles. To Robin, Tom, Daniel, Ryan, Peter, Lachie and Hunter, on behalf of all junior families and the wider BPC community, I want to say thank you. Each of you bring something unique and special to your teams and I know you go above and beyond. Please know that the committee and I, along with all junior families appreciate the time and effort you put into this program.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to all families and senior players who helped as team managers, scorers, umpires, Covid officers and general helpers on game and training days. As we all know junior sport is not possible without adult involvement so to those of you who put your hand up - we say Thank You.

This season saw the introduction of our Coach Assist program, established by the Australian Cricket Institute. Coaches were able to access ACI weekly coaching programs specific to age and ability. Something our committee was eager to initiate to support the development of not only our players but our coaches as well.

Across the senior club and for our U16, Frogbox was also established and utilised. Frogbox is a streaming service allowing community cricket to be viewed live via phone, iPad or smart TV. It was hugely popular for our seniors and U16s and we hope to be able to use Frogbox more broadly across our junior program going forward.

This season has been a huge learning experience for me and an opportunity I thank Brendon and the committee for. This position is not one I take lightly and I hope I have done the role the justice it deserves. I could not have done it without the help and support of Mel Causer and of course my amazing partner Marcus. The two of you have both showed your own level of dedication and commitment to BPCC in helping me achieve my goals as junior coordinator and in sharing your knowledge. Our club is very fortunate to have you both.

I believe the biggest thanks of all needs to go to our junior players. As a club we know you are our future and we will endeavour to support and nurture your cricketing development for many years to come. We hope to see you all back next season!

I wish all members of BPCC an enjoyable offseason and I am looking forward to seeing you for the 2021/22 season.

Under 16 Report- Lachie Walker

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U12 Report- Daniel Southward

The U12's played in 4th division this season, a season that no one had experienced before due to COVID 19.

We finished sixth on the ladder, however despite the placing, each child improved greatly.

Shantan had another great season, continuing his great form, Eilla had another good season, James continued to improve immensely and ended up opening the batting and Noah opened the bowling well throughout season.

I would like to thank all the helpers throughout the season, especially to Scott for umpiring for me each week, and also a big thank you to all the parents for scoring each week.

Thank you to Catherine Findlay for all her help during the season as Junior Co-Ordinator.

I'm looking forward to learning more as a coach in the upcoming 2021/22 season.

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U12 Report- Peter Eagles

This season, we were very blessed to have two Under 12 sides, coming through the ranks at BPCC, which was quite a privilege to be part of.

Coming off a winter of COVID, minimal preparation, no opportunity to train or get players together at the club, provided a lot of challenges to get the season up and running. Armed with a plastic COVID kit filled with wipes, sanitiser and Glen 20 – when I travelled to Templeton (Camel Corner) for the first game, I was wondering what I had got myself into. Players heading to the wrong ground in Wantirna, some turning up a little late, I was thinking that this could be the longest season on record. But god, I couldn't have been more wrong. As it turns out, that in my 30+ years of cricket experience, I have never been a part of something so rewarding.

We started the season having individual players turning up to games, most who hadn't met each other – let alone played together, and throughout the season they transformed into unit who played for each other and thrived on each other's success.

The season for the boys was more about the development – a lot of new players and the rest having their first crack at competitive cricket. I was ecstatic of what the boys produced throughout the season. We put a huge emphasis on training standards, sportsmanship and mateship – as well as making sure that everyone got themselves an fair go, provided they were on board with these values.

Onto the performance side of things, the 12/8s were lucky enough to make finals this season, only to fall agonisingly short in the semi-final – losing by just a couple of runs. A supreme effort against a side who had only lost two games for the season. But I have always been a firm believer that you cannot win, unless you learn how to lose – which the boys, showed great humility with. A loss as such, will only set them on the right path and I'm hoping that it makes them hungrier for the coming season.

I could very easily highlight individual performances for this past season, but the overall improvement that each of the boys showed and the way they were so team orientated by season end, should be what we take out of it.

A role like this, could not be performed without the support of BPCC and the Sharks community. As a first time coach, I sincerely appreciate the support of our Junior Co-ordinator Cat, Club Secretary Mel, and Club Legend Robin Court – your help on and off the field this year, made my job very easy.

But it doesn't stop there – I couldn't thank everyone enough for the support that they have given the boys, they're the reason we're here. Whether it be the parents jumping onto to the scorebook for an innings, doing a spot of umpiring, hitting a few catches during training or before the game, I could not be more thankful for this - it is greatly appreciated.

Although we cry out for parental involvement to help teams run, I am a firm believer that we require more senior player involvement / support on a Friday night at BPCC. Let the parents support their kids!

The kids are our future and we seem to complain about the lack of younger players coming through to senior ranks and our lack of depth – it starts from the ground up, and it is something that I will be driving for this coming season. Unfortunately, senior representation at Friday junior cricket is lacklustre at best.

I could not think of anything better than taking on these boys again for the coming season, provided the opportunity arises. I could not be prouder of the boys and it was truly a humbling experience.

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U10 Report- Robin Court

A different but successful season for the U/10s with two full teams playing each week plus two U/12 teams with many U/10 graduates also representing the Club.

The aim for next season is to continue this trend and grow further with a group of our first U/10s playing in the U/14 competition.

Many thanks to all the players, parents, grandparents and all the other family members and friends who supported the teams despite the constraints of the Covid world. I hope that you all feel that you are part of the Bayswater Park Cricket Club and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

In particular thanks to

- Tom Fay (with help from Ian Barlow) for running the BPCU U10 Navy team.
- Everyone for following the Covid guidelines
- All the parents who helped at practice and with umpiring and with cleaning up after practice and games etc. etc. It would be impossible to run practice and the matches without your help.
- BPCU Junior Administrator Catherine Findlay and the Club Committee for their ongoing work and support.
- Jason Butcher for his efforts in setting up and running the worldwide online streaming end of the season intraclub match. (It is still available on YouTube)

We had 26 players represent the Club this season and had good numbers in both the Navy and Gold team each week.

The number of girls playing is slowly increasing each year, so we are still aiming for our own girls' team in the near future. The weather was the weather (enough said) and the Guy Turner and Sasses Avenue grounds were both in very good condition so it was a pleasure to play there.

I think that everyone will agree that there was a lot of improvement as the year progressed both in individual skills and in working together as a team.

It is interesting to watch the players improve each year. My experience is that it is a process punctuated by sudden improvement which then plateaus for a while and sometimes has a few dips particularly as they move to higher age groups. It can be a bit frustrating for coaches, parents and the players themselves. However, growing up is a complicated business and certainly getting more complicated as the years go by. I think that "patience is a virtue" leads to the best approach coupled with encouragement and positive feedback. If things are not going as well as anticipated, the players themselves will be disappointed enough for everybody.

We are aiming at getting ready for the new season with practice starting in early September. The Club will be sending out announcements and messages as we near this time so please look out for them. If you have any friends who are interested in coming along next year, then please pass the information along to them. As noted above we are very keen to get more girls into the Club.

I believe that there are some parents interested in playing with the club with the aim of playing in the same team as their children in the next few years. This might happen sooner than you expect as there are many U14s (and some U12s) playing in Club teams throughout the RDCA. Bayswater Park is no exception and we have a long history of juniors playing in our Senior teams. If you are thinking about this then let me know and I will make sure you get the details of the preseason preparations.

U10 Report- Tomas Fay

There is always something different to learn. I've played a lot more cricket than I care to remember, with a bit of junior coaching in there as well. But a November start off the back of a long lockdown was something different. Plus, Under 10's was something new as well.

Robin Court coached me back in the Stone Age and he gave me the general idea of the game, 20 overs, if you have ten players, bat in pairs, face two overs each, bowl two overs and if you don't have ten players get out a calculator. But the best idea, don't keep score. This worked well, kept us focused on the skills we needed to execute, also there is a decent walk at Sasses to get the table out to the ground.

So after a very short preseason we headed off to St Andrew's for the first game of the year. The first game is always stressful, but we got there, and it led to our plan for the rest of the year. With the strong assistance of Simon Baron, a basic game play was decided. A simple approach, bat in pairs and try to get both players to face the same number of balls. Bowling and fielding like a clock, keep moving around the field.

Our general match day performance was strong bowling, nice and straight. Fielding was ok and for batting we usually scored less runs but lost less wickets, so what is better there is up for debate. The lesson that it's hard to make runs on the sidelines is important, but you can't win without scoring. Towards the end of the year running between wickets improved and helped get a better all-round performance.

Thanks to Robin Court who ran so much of the season it was unbelievable. Probably the highlight was the end of season intraclub at Guy Turner with a fancy scoreboard and live streaming so thanks to Robin for that as well as Jason Butcher and Brendon Trump.

Thanks to Ian Barlow who was at training all the time and filled in for me when I was away. Ian was given life membership at the AGM and like Robin he is what life membership is built for, people who are always around the place.

Thanks to Cat Findlay who did a great job as Junior Coordinator.

Thanks to Simon Baron who umpired when we fielded. This helped me so, so much but more importantly his expertise and encouragement made sure every player bowled well and enjoyed their cricket.

And finally thanks to Ava for your enthusiasm, Isabella for keeping an open mind about cricket, Daniel who tried to play even though injured, Ryan who wanted to win every contest, Brendan who wanted to play better than his older brother, Thomas for always wanting to wicket keep, Rory who looks after the coach, Alice for her boundless passion, Luca for always trying, Oscar who might have the smoothest bowling technique ever seen, Flynn for dominating the end of the season and Ruby who showed great strength in all contests. You all had a great season!

2020-21 Awards

Senior On Field Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	N/A
1XI	Troy Gstrein	Troy Gstrein	Chris Pahi	N/A
2XI	Brendon Trump	Hayden Richards	Tomas Fay	N/A
3XI	Michael Finn	Chris Robbins	Jarrood Hillam	Cam Ray
4XI	Timothy Cout	Nicholas Sheridan	Fernando Warnakulasuriya	N/A

Women's On Field Awards

Women's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
Chickets	Sarah Smith	Penny Harford	Ann Marie Trens	Michelle Jones

Senior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Bowling	Matthew Lockie

Senior Club Awards

Award	Recipient
Con McLoughlin Best and Fairest	Troy Gstrein
Robin Court Senior Club Champion	Troy Gstrein
Robin Court Women's Club Champion	Sarah Smith
Fulvio Contatore Memorial	Michael Finn
Michael Finn Senior Memorial	Daniel Southward
Best Club Person	Catherine Findlay
President's Special Recognition Award	Matthew Lockie
President's Outstanding Club Person	Peter Eagles
Club Coaches Award	Jarrood Hillam
Best Under 21 Player	Lachlan Bright
Player of the T20 Series	Justin Laughlin