

Bayswater Park Cricket Club

Annual Report 2013-14

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2013/14 Committee

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President's Report- Michael Finn

Well Sharks another season has passed.

Our season started by farewelling club legend Con McLaughlin and we dedicated our efforts this year in his loving memory. We also send our ongoing love and support to Doug Beaton as he continues to make great strides in his recovery from illness with our 5XI dedicating their premiership win to him as a long time 5ths Captain.

Thanks to my executive and all of the committee for their efforts.

Special mentions must go to my exec Brendon Trump, Mel Causer and Tim Court on their tireless efforts outside of hours that are never seen or heard but without them the club would not survive.

To our junior club, massive thanks to Kylie Southward for her efforts to keep the flame alive and nurture the next generation of great players for our club. Very ably assisted by Colin Southward, the coaching staff and the many parents that freely give of their time to develop the future of our club.

To all the other volunteers across so many areas of the club, our BPC family is simply not complete without you being there each season and your efforts are priceless so thanks again.

Off field, our "Cinema Under the Stars" program continues to be a community hi point and goes from strength to strength. Next year we look to grow it even further.

We saw several great social functions this season including the Trivia night, Con Mac and a Day at the Races, which were all outstanding successes. To the people that assisted in the planning and organisation of those functions a massive thanks again.

On field, we welcomed new head coach Daniel Ferguson, Andy Mirams and Paul Meilak to the coaching staff and we thank them for their efforts. Thanks to our on field captains and leaders for their efforts also.

Congratulations to the 5ths, Ladies and Vets teams on their premierships as well as to the 2nds on their preliminary final appearances.

The club is certainly in the midst of a successful period in some grades and a building phase in others, I encourage all players across all grades to maximise their opportunity to play in successful teams whilst this window is available.

It is rare to be able to play in finals at any time let alone as often as we have been over recent years and even harder once there to win them, so be your very best and seize your moment in every game, every time.

To our sponsors we say a massive thank you and look forward to your continued support over coming seasons.

Looking forward to next season;

On field it's time for us to make our mark and to reach for higher standards both at training and the way we play on game day so that we can achieve the success we seek especially in our top two grades. This will require hard work, focus, determination and sacrifice from our playing group but it's time to make a stand as to who we are and what we stand for.

The club will further focus on developing its processes, both on and off the field to the very best of its abilities to ensure the success we seek will always follow.

We are always open to new people wanting to assist on the committee so please make contact if you wish to contribute. Even the smallest things can make a huge difference.

I openly encourage all of you to take pride in your club and wherever possible make the decision to stand up and be counted for the upcoming season in whatever way you can.

One extra person can always make a difference, choose to be that person.

Secretary's Report- Melanie Causer

Season 2013-14 has been filled with many great successes at Bayswater Park Cricket Club. On field, we have seen the development of many of our younger players which would not have been possible if it weren't for the support and guidance of our senior members and we have witnessed our 5XI's, Women's Team and Vet's Team "Marching on Together" as premiers of the I Grade, One Day South East and Division 3 competitions respectively.

Off field we have collectively shared in a roller coaster ride, with some amazing peaks and some heartbreaking plateaus. We started the season with the sudden and devastating loss of club legend and close friend, Con McLoughlin and just a couple of weeks later, were given the sad news that everybody's favourite guy, Doug Beaton, was battling his own health issues that would see him sidelined for some time. Although this combined news rocked the club and its members to the core, in many respects it brought us closer together and reminded us what life is all about. As the roller coaster continued, we came together to share many celebrations, from engagements, weddings and babies to birthday milestones, club functions and of course the forging of new friendships. This undoubtedly will continue for many seasons to come.

This season saw the re-election of both Michael Finn and Brendon Trump as President and Vice President respectively. The pleather of work these guys do behind the scenes really does too often go unnoticed. These two not only take on the role as the faces of the club in an official capacity, but also work tirelessly in many other areas. Finny continued his plight to engage and retain sponsors of the club to ensure it can keep running at the capacity it does, whilst also driving the *Cinema Under the Stars* program which is an absolute mountain of work in itself. Brendon, where do we start with him? Aside from being Vice-President and Finny's right hand man, he's the guy that just gets things done. From opening up club rooms, organising Thursday night dinners, coordinating social events and who could forget the tedious and often frustrating job of managing the merchandise...he just does it. With competing demands, Jason Butcher stepped down as Treasurer to focus on study, work and other aspects of his life and in his place stepped Timothy Court who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area. Tim's combination of expertise and frankness ensured complete accountability for all of our funds.

In true Bayswater Park style, our social calendar was a focal point, once again being led from the forefront by Brendon Trump, Sandra Kazar, Elizabeth Calder and their crew of helpers. As usual, the season kicked off with AFL Grand Final Day celebrations which (to many peoples disappointment) saw the Hawks take the chocolates. Next we moved on to iPod shuffle night where as the hours passed and songs were eliminated, Naggy walked away with the win. From here we continued on with our annual Christmas Party seeing numbers exceeding that of the last couple of years, a Day at the Races where BPCC were the \$1k victors in the final race and who could forget everyone's favourite, Bak 2 Skool Night, where school uniforms were dusted off and supercharged poppers were in abundance. As we headed into the pointy end of the season, celebrations continued with our Con McLoughlin Best and Fairest night. Unlike past seasons, this year we were faced with a whole new set of emotions. With the passing of Con in the off season, this would be the first awards

night where the great man himself would not be present. Although, the occasion was one that was tinged with sadness, Brendon Trump, Jason Butcher and Tim Beech did a phenomenal job in honouring our club legend, in a video tribute before the night's festivities continued. As the night progressed and the final votes were announced, I am sure Con would have been looking down on us all with a scotch and coke in hand and a smile on his face as Brendon Trump, Troy Gstrein and Cam Ray were declared the 2013/14 joint winners. To finish the season, we all came back together in early May to collectively reflect on the season's successes and celebrate with each other at presentation night. A night that not only allowed us all to catch up and socialise with those we hadn't seen since the season's end, but also allowed us the time to recognise the people who go above and beyond throughout the season's duration.

In closing, and on a personal note, there are a few thank you's I would like to make. Firstly, I thank the club as a whole- its committee, players, families and supporters. As most of you would know, I lost my step dad in January this year after a long battle with what turned out to be a terminal illness. I always knew that BPCC consisted of a special group of people, yet the lengths that many people went to during this tough time cemented the fact that they are not just friends, but family.

To the committee, coaching panel and team captains, thank you for your overall patience and support throughout the season. In reflection, I think it's fair to say, that although there is always room for improvement, we are in a pretty good place at present. None of which would be possible without the time and dedication which the likes of yourselves volunteer.

Last but not least, a special thank you and shout out must go to the Executive committee- President Michael Finn, Vice President Brendon Trump and Treasurer Timothy Court.

The four of us are very different in many ways, yet somehow we came together and made it work! Finny, thank you for continuing to support my often crazy ideas and allowing me to take hold of these and run with them. Bren, thanks for your patience with my lack of understanding for the game of cricket, for making me see reason and for your support both to myself within the club and to my family as a whole during a rough start to the year. Tim, thank you for your assistance with the never ending paperwork, your advice and guidance with the aspects of the club and game that I didn't understand (trust me, there were many) and your reassurance that I was making some progress.

If the club is lucky enough to have you three back on board in season 2014/15, I have no doubt the club's success will continue.

1XI Report- Daniel Ferguson

To all players, committee members and supporters of Bayswater Park Cricket Club,

Thank you all so very much for opening your arms to me and welcoming me to your club. Having played in a different competition for the past 27 years, you lose touch with and take for granted what your position affords you.

What I have gained this season is my hunger to want and strive to improve all facets of my game but to also want to impart some of the knowledge that I have gained from previous years of playing this great game.

BPCC has a number of talented players, all of whom can play at a higher level if they applied themselves.

For the 1XI team, they started well enough prior to the Christmas break, we certainly said the right things and went about putting those words into action, and results went our way. The second half of the season though was very disappointing. To be in so many situations to be able to win a game, and then only to lose it in one session or two over two weeks...words certainly cannot describe that empty feeling.

I won't single out players for their efforts throughout the year, but to have those who picked up awards on presentation night – WELL DONE, WELL DESERVED!!!

I know, and every other player in the 1XI team that played this season knows, we have unfinished business. We created a false economy in the first half of the season and were not able to recover. I need to improve my game and every other player who played last season needs to also improve. If we are honest with ourselves and look to improve our deficiencies, then we as a group can go forward.

To all the players who played in the 1XI – Thank You.

No one means to lose but we need to be honest about how we prepare, plan and work that plan to win a game of cricket. Luckily for us we have a chance to atone for the season past. We have the players, I am very confident of that. We also have the support of coaching staff, captains and leaders throughout the club that believe in us and want us all to succeed.

To Jenny Varone – Thank you very much for your support throughout the year.

To Ben Beech– Thank you. If I could only bottle that passion you have for the club and the 1XI team, then I would make millions. The path that you have created for this team and the expectations that you have also imparted, have placed us in good stead.

To Dave Mitchell – Thank you. We will work together to make sure that by going forward, you will be able to forge your own path and be able to lead our up and coming group to more success.

From a coaching point - a big thank you to all of my captains; Peter, Jason, Ray and Frank. At times, being a captain is a very thankless task and often the rewards don't go our way, but I thank you all for your efforts and positive attitudes throughout the season.

To the coaching staff: Marcus, Paul and Andy – your help throughout the year has been invaluable. I couldn't have done half of the things I wanted to do, if it wasn't for your help and support.

To all committee members – I thank you for your support and I commend you on running the club so well. As a player, I am very spoilt, and I am also proud to call myself a BPCC player.

To my family – Lisa, Kyle and Tyler – I thank you for allowing me to have the summers to myself and chase my want and need to play this great game.

Last but not least, a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to all of the teams that played in the finals this season including those who won flags. I am very envious.

Once again, thank you to all involved, I look forward to catching up with everyone throughout winter.

Looking forward to the season ahead.

Daniel Ferguson

2XI Report- Peter Eagles

Season 2013/14 was a season of mixed emotions, where we succeeded in our main goal of playing finals cricket, but unfortunately we seemed to falter late in the season, not reaching the optimum goal. As a second year captain, I was very excited to guide our 2XI team to the finals, for the first time in Newey Plate - something that cannot be overlooked with the strength of our competition.

Although it may have seemed that we had a more favourable list than 2012/13, I still believe that we had a lot of room to move further upwards than what we may have, but I cannot thank all players enough for the hard work that they portrayed throughout this season. This is a very promising group of young players that we have, and I was honoured to have captained these guys.

Season 2013/14 was a step forward in the right direction for BPCC, and with the youth that was blooded in the side this year, some have a great potential to take greater steps in 2014/15, and play top grade cricket. I believe that it has held us in good stead for this coming season, and seasons to come.

We selected a lot of younger players this past year, and we used the 2XI, in a way, as a development squad. We have a plethora of talent coming through from our lower grade sides, and we have found some gold this year in players that we have recruited or nurtured from a younger age.

When you have a young nucleus of players like we have, that are fringe 1XI, 2XI and 3XI players, it takes a lot of development to get these guys to the next level. There may be a lot of work to be done in regards to application and skill set, but I can assure you that they are better for the experience gained in a premier grade of the RDCA, and results this coming year will be much better.

A few players that come to mind that I believe to really have a future at this club and playing higher grades for years to come. These include the likes of Josh Kazar, Kyle Colosimo and Jordan Margenberg. These boys are the absolute future of our club with talent to burn.

Josh played 5 games with us this past season, taking 18 wickets at an average of 8, which will do wonders for his confidence. Kyle and Jordan have been blooded through the 3XI and there is no reason why these guys will not take the next step in 2014/15. Kyle has a great technique, that really held up well in a premier grade of cricket, and with work, Jordan WILL become the best spin bowler at this club having already 180'ed, doing away with the poor attitude he may have portrayed in previous seasons.

This past season, I believe that we might have been seen as front running, in a lot of aspects – losing five out of six games to top four sides is far from acceptable, but our players will learn from this. Our players showed humility in the majority of losses, but there is always room for improvement. We must have the belief to play like we are number one, but essentially train like we are number two, as we can always strive to be better.

I would like to thank the committee and coaching staff for the opportunity to captain the 2XI this season, but who knows which way BPCCC would like to go with 2014/15, as there a lot of great leaders around our club. We made huge steps to stamp out negativity between players this past season and I believe that it made us a tighter unit, even when results did not go our way.

I would like to thank Leigh Brown for being my right hand man last season – his guidance really assisted me in becoming the captain and leader within this cricket club I am today. A massive thanks have to go to my wife Nat, as I had spent a lot of time away from home due to cricket last season and her support did not go unnoticed.

Thank you all, and look forward to seeing you all throughout this coming season.

Peter Eagles

3XI Report- Jason Butcher

When I took on the captaincy role my number one priority as 3XI captain was development of younger players. This came in the form of pre-game preparation, expectations on and off the field during games and providing opportunities to these players in various situations. It was a tough job at times after many seasons of playing higher grades.

The season featured many highlights. None more so than the improvement shown by Kyle Colosimo and Jordan Margenberg. Both were promoted at stages during the season and performed credibly in the 2XI side which featured in the Newey finals series.

Kyle impressed me most with his gutsy performance against Wantirna South where he played a lone hand in a significant defeat and was deservedly presented with the Fulvio award for best 3XI player this season.

Jordy impressed me with the ball in many games where he toiled away with little or no luck. It did not surprise me when he went up to the 2XI and took wickets.

Jesse Christensen had a fantastic pre-season. He showed glimpses throughout the season of how good a bowler he will be for our club in years to come. Some more consistency in his game is all he needs to be up the grades where his talent belongs.

Lachie Walker also showed some really good signs during the season. He fought his way back into the side after a brief stint in the 4XI. In the final game of the season he teamed up with Phil Leach to bat us out of trouble and help us finish the season with a win.

I was appreciative of the support from the more senior players for their assistance. In particular John Harford who was there for most of the season. I demanded a lot of John as I feel that he could also strive for higher grades and could also help me set the example for our young players.

We had fantastic support from some great people. Two in particular made the season more enjoyable for me. Michelle Lockie was there for us nearly every week doing the scoring. Home or away Mrs Posh was there with her pencil case full of coloured pens, team sheet completed and umpire counters ready to go.

Tim Beech was also an incredible support. I called Tim into the side multiple times on Friday night and even Saturday morning. When it was 40 degrees Tim filled in for us and fielded all day, chasing leather after we lost the toss. He was great fun to play alongside.

I had strong support from the coaching staff. They were always willing to allocate time to talk about the team and how we could do things better.

There will no doubt be many changes to the squad before next season but we need to maintain the expectations in this team. The 3XI is there to provide for our 1s and 2s so we must give players striving to play these grades an introduction to what is required. I look forward to seeing the continued improvement in the guys listed above, amongst others.

4XI Report- Ray Kazar

Unfortunately we did not have the same success as we did last year. Finishing last was very disappointing. Once again we had an abundance of players playing in the 4XIs. Forty players in fact had a game with only three playing 10 or more games.

The most pleasing thing was the younger guys from last season's premiership side were playing higher levels. There were some other younger guys this year putting their hand up, which goes to show the depth of younger kids the club has. Gareth Hodgkiss , Sammy Abbott , Dylan Westaway , Dylan Brisbane, Marty Nellen , Benny Beaton, Daniel Southward, Brodie Challis, just to name a few who played in the 4Xis at some point throughout the season.

We were not as bad as the ladder result shows, as there were quite a lot of games where we were in the hunt, but could not get over the line.

Well done to Daniel Chambers on winning the Bowling award, and ended up playing a few games in the 3XI. Bailey Foran was exceptional throughout the year, weather it was his fielding, or being a stubborn batsman who made it tough for the opposition to get him out.

Thank you to the Committee for the opportunity to Captain this year, to Dasan as Vice Captain who did a tremendous job trying to play Cricket whilst also juggling his work commitments.

Well done to all Teams who won Premierships.

Ray Kazar

5XI Report- Frank Costantino

Thanks to the selection panel for giving me the opportunity to captain the fifths after the sudden and unexpected illness to Doug who was originally captain.

Winning the premiership was the furthest thing from my mind especially after the second round when we were soundly thrashed by a very experienced and well drilled outfit in Ainslie Park. Incredibly, we only lost 2 games for the season, both of those against Ainslie.

Early in the season we had a very green and inexperienced group of young men all playing their first season of senior cricket. All of them grew in stature as the season progressed, as did their performances. Dylan Brisbane (Coach's Award), Sammy Abbott (Captain's Award), Marty Nellon, Gareth Hodgkiss, Benny Beaton and Daniel Southward may not be household names just yet, but in 2 or 3 season time – they will be.

It was a bonus having Robin in the team and young fellas improvement must be attributed to his never ending coaching and experience. I have played against Robin in Grad Finals but I'd rather play alongside him any day.

It was great to see the two Robbo's win a premiership together and just as pleasing to see Tim and Llewly play in their first ever premiership. Their partnership in the Grand Final was invaluable and without it we would have finished an honourable second.

Thanks to Millsy for qualifying himself, he has become a very solid top order batsman and richly deserved his inclusion in the Bayswater Park team of the year.

Big Cam Ray had an awesome season, he put fear into our opponents during the finals and they set very defensive fields for him which allowed him to pick up easy runs.

We played Ainslie four times during the season, losing the two home and away games, beating them convincingly in the semi-final and just getting home in the big dance.

Well done to every player who represented the fifth's this season. Your hard work and dedication in that far net all season paid dividends in the end. I was a very proud and emotional man on Grand Final day as I knew how hard the boys had works and how much they wanted to win.

To the young men in the team, don't rest on your laurels thinking that premierships are won every season because quite simply – they aren't. The work you guys put in this season will need to be doubled if you are to advance up the grades to salute in March.

Many thanks to Sean Abbott and the lovely Mrs Posh for scoring for us during the season, takes a lot of pressure off the captain. Thank you also to Fergie, Andy and Beechy, also Jason and Ray for allowing us to qualify certain players who all helped us win the premiership.

Dougie, this one is for you buddy.

Looking forward to watching you blokes all put in a massive pre-season and I'll see you at training sometime in November.

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Junior Report- Kylie Southward

Once again, I would like to start by thanking everyone for their help with what was a very busy year as Junior Coordinator. All help was notices, but in particular I would like to extend my gratitude to a few people in particular

Firstly, I would like to thank Rebecca Hodgkiss for the work that she did this year for the juniors.

I would like to thank our coaches Josh Kazar, Jordon Margenberg and Michael Bourke for all the work that they did with the under 12's, under 14's and under 16's respectively. Congratulations to all our Coaches and Team Managers for an outstanding effort this season.

Thank you to our junior parents who helped in different ways across the board, not just with the juniors but also our seniors and veterans teams. I personally would like to thank all of the parents who helped this season by volunteering their time and efforts during the year.

We had another successful year with Milo registrations; I would like to thank all that helped with running Milo, in particular Justin Laughlin.

I would like to thank the seniors for helping our juniors throughout the year, especially at training, and also at seniors games on Saturday afternoons.

This year was probably one of the best years for our juniors in quite some time due to the fact that we had three Junior teams. At the start of the season our Under 12 team only had seven committed players but by the end we had 12. The kids had a terrific time.

The growth in our under 14s team this year was terrific and I wish all the best for those moving forward into our under 16s next season.

The Glamour Team- our under 16s- for their first season together and coming from three different clubs, to make the semi-finals was awesome. The team should be very proud of themselves. I would like to thank Michael Bourke for everything that he did for this team.

I wish the juniors all the best for the next season.

Women's Report- Sarah Smith

Season 2013/2014 was the greatest season we have had in the six years of this women's team, however, in saying that it didn't come easily. At the start of the season we thought we would breeze through and end up with the flag in our hands with ease, but after losing players over the past 2 years for one year or another, we struggled to get 11 girls on the field every week, often finding we were having to pull players from anywhere and everywhere at the last minute.

Round one we faced Frankston in a Twenty20 match at Guy Turner and they gave us a shock loss we didn't expect. After this match we had to rethink what our ambitions for the season would be and what we do as individuals to help the team. For some people that meant standing up into new positions and for others it was giving their job to someone else so they could play a different role.

Penny Harford started opening the batting with me giving some consistency to the top order and really relished the opportunity making 281 runs for the season. Alana Irvine slotted into the number three role giving her the chance to play her natural game which saw her maturing into her cricketing potential. Our new recruit Michelle Jones took over the gloves and surprised us all with her natural talent. She fitted into the team really well and even shared some of the leadership responsibilities. Ashleigh Maher became our fifth bowler and always seemed to get us a wicket when we needed it most.

With those people taking their new roles by storm it gave the opportunity for the rest of the girls to stand up in their roles and really thrive. Kellie Jones was phenomenal this season with both bat and ball making 227 @ 45.4 and took 21 wickets at 17.05 with the best bowling of 5 for 10. She was consistent all season which was exactly what we needed. Kirsten Bindley took her bowling to a new level and showed us what she could really do, taking 15 wickets at 14.73 she wowed us every time she had the ball in hand, showing a maturity to her bowling we hadn't seen before. Sarah Freyse was a great asset to the team always ready to jump in when needed with bat or ball as well a knack to take amazing catches in close.

We couldn't possibly have had a team without the support of our fill in players Jenny Cheshire, Harmony Nally, Charlie Atkins, Cassandra Lee and Ashleigh Garrity. These girls were always willing to play even when they weren't getting a go and have now turned into full time players making our team even stronger than before.

As a group we learnt to play for each other and every week we did everything we could to come off with the win. It didn't always go to plan with losing games we should have won but we also surprised ourselves by winning games we were expected to lose.

We finished the season third on the ladder after a close race to the end and it seemed that we had left our very best to last. Playing Kingston Heath in the semi-final we knew we would have to play well against them to get the victory and that's exactly what we did. Notable performances were made by Kirsten Bindley, Kellie Jones and I which made it smooth sailing into the grand final.

We found ourselves matched up against Frankston on a soggy Saturday and some were more worried about being rained off than the game itself. Frankston seemed to believe that they already had the game won even though we had had a very close match come down to the last wicket only a few weeks prior. After winning the toss I sent them in to bat and we went onto the field all guns blazing. Kirsten bowled unbelievably well getting herself 4/16 and Alana had one of the best direct hit run outs I've ever seen. Everything was going our way and it felt like the cricket gods were smiling on us! We bowled them all out for 83 and then it was our turn to with the bat. Penny and I got us off to the start we needed and we were more than three quarters of the way to victory by drinks. The excitement was building within the group. Michelle joined Penny in the middle with only a handful of runs needed and with a four to end the game the premiership was ours. We had achieved our goal and the girls were ecstatic!

As captain I couldn't be more proud of the way the girls held themselves this season. We really came together as a team and pushed ourselves to get what we wanted. It was never easy but to get the flag made it all worthwhile in the end. I saw incredible performances by everyone this year and I'm looking forward to an equally great 2014/15 season.

Lastly I would like to thank Geoff Bindley and Marcus Adams for their support we couldn't have done it without you both.

Veteran's Report- Andrew Robinson and Ray Kazar

VETS 1 Report

The season started slowly with a shortage of players, the suggestion of merging with the other vets team, a first game wash out and then losing the first match of the year when we played with 10 players (including four ring ins). At this stage we were thinking wooden spoon. But two significant recruits in Ralph Wellington and Peter Ruddock into our side really shored up our bowling depth and both are also very capable batsmen. Additionally, the rest of the squad was generally available for the balance of the season which gave us a very stable side for most of the year.

We got great consistency in performance from everyone – Garrath Ridd and Jim Buckley provided a very solid opening batting foundation, Mick Harrington remains our most consistent batsman at number three and Toozy had a much improved year batting at four (must be the result of a good woman at home and finally getting married). We also gave batsmen a chance up the order who usually bat lower and each of Mick Galway, Col Southward, Robbie Weir, James Cheshire and Paul Kerr took their chances when given the opportunity.

To give an idea of our consistency we had four of the top 10 batsmen in the competition aggregates and three of the top 10 bowling wicket takers with Kerry only one wicket behind them.

We won the rest of our matches quite comfortably until the last round when we played Olinda for top spot and a home final. We had a couple of players unavailable but they smashed us and relegated us to fourth on the ladder – meaning we had to head back up the mountain the next week to play them in the Semi.

Semi Final

Thanks to a bit of luck in winning the toss and some astute planning we set about reversing the previous week's thrashing. Paul Kerr bowled a great opening spell (1/11 off 6), we held on to a couple of sharp catches (not our strength over the journey) and all of sudden they were 3-15. They did consolidate but our middle spell bowlers kept the run rate under control and by the time they needed to up the run rate we again stepped up as a team. Garrath and Pete chipped in for vital wickets, Pommy took a couple of catches (just as well as he can't take wickets) and a terrific finishing spell by Big Robbie (3/24) kept Olinda to 156 – a challenging total but one we would have conceded before the innings given their batting strength.

Garrath (29) and Bucko (15) got us off to a solid start chasing. Mick followed up with a match winning 41 and some other solid contributions got us over the line. It did get close but we hit the winning runs with an over to go in a well-paced chase – all the more meritorious given we were fourth and knocked off the top team at their ground.

Grand Final

We went in to the Grand Final against Montrose knowing we had beaten them during the year and confident that our best was good enough to win. We again won the toss but had a nervous start being 1/1 after three overs. Again Garrath (36), Mick (41 ret.) and bunch of double figure

contributions set us up and although our lower order fell away a bit in the chase for quick runs we did get to 179 – a very competitive total in a grand final.

Again our bowlers did the job early getting wickets and a smart catch from Ralph in the gully got us underway. When Bucko hung on to a skyer at fine leg we were right on top and their heads had dropped. All of our bowlers did a brilliant job chipping in for a wicket or two and our fielding was awesome. Robbie was again the standout bowler finishing the job with 2/11 from four overs and when Pommy waited until the Grand Final to take his first wicket for the season we knew it was our day. We bowled them out for 119 and became PREMIERS.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Chickets and the 5XI on their premiership success. We done teams and to win three premierships out of eight senior sides is a credit to our great club.

Congratulations also goes to first time premiership players at BPCC to Garrath Ridd, Robbie Weir, Mick Galway – and me

Thank You

Firstly I'd like to thank the BPCC committee for their continued support of the Vets teams. We have players living up to an hour away from Bayswater in suburbs including Melton, Yarrambat, Avondale Heights, Endeavour Hills, Aspendale and Keilor – so with young families it does become difficult to attend club functions and getting back to the rooms on a Sunday night. Most of us played junior and senior cricket with the club way back in our day and we value being a part of the Bayswater Park Cricket Club. The Vets concept gives us the opportunity to remain involved as part of this great club. Thank you to our WAGS, kids and supporters from other BPCC teams for turning up and cheering us on during the finals. Seeing and hearing the support we got was greatly appreciated by us all and thanks to all that made the effort to get to Olinda and Croydon for these matches. Winning in front of you all made the occasion so much more special.

To the players – a personal thank you for making my job as captain easy, for playing the game hard but fair and for being such a great bunch of blokes to not only play with but to share a premiership with. This goes down as my cricket highlight.

To Colin and Kylie Southward for organising me each week. Not being able to get to the club myself midweek, they made sure we had the score book, match ball, access to the clubrooms, after match BBQ stuff, scores entered to the RDCA website and the like. We simply wouldn't have been able to play each week without the unrecognised work that both of them contributed.

Vets 2 Report

Once again the Vets 2 side had an enjoyable year but unfortunately unable to make the finals.

We had a few new blokes playing with us this year and also some ex Baysie Park Guys who had come out of retirement to play. We ended up finishing 6th, which was a little disappointing, but as usual a lot of fun and laughs were had. Well done to everyone!

To Wayne Dalton, who basically cleaned up all the awards, winning the Vets Best and Fairest, Vets 2 Batting and Vets 2 Bowling, you name it he won it, except the premiership.

Well done to the Vets 1 Team who had an excellent year taking out the Flag. Great stuff Lads!

To the smallest Captain of the Vets competition, Kerry Walton who did a great job, and to the oldest scorer in the Vets Competition, Boldy, who did a wonderful job as always, thank you.

Hope to see everyone back next season.

2013/14 Awards

On Field Batting and Bowling Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains
1XI	Stephen Craigie	Troy Gstrein	Simon Varone
2XI	Brendon Trump	Lachlan McKenzie	Leigh Brown
3XI	Phil Leach	Jason Butcher	N/A
4XI	N/A	Daniel Chambers	Bailey Foran
5XI	Cam Ray	Frank Costantino	Sam Abbott

Women's

Women's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains
Chickets	Sarah Smith	Sarah Smith	Michelle Jones

Veterans

Veteran's Team	Batting	Bowling	Best and Fairest
Veteran's 1	Gareth Ridd	Robert Weir	Wayne Dalton
Veterans 2	Wayne Dalton	Wayne Dalton	

Junior's

Junior's Team	Batting	Bowling
Under 12	Munir Safi	Jarrold Hilliam
Under 14	Brodie Challis	Brodie Challis
Under 16	Tim De Geest	Joel Bourke

Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Bowling Recognition	Gareth Bailey 5/19 vs. Wonga Park Sarah Smith 5/16 vs. Ringwood Kellie Jones 5/10 vs. Upper Ferntree Gully
Batting Recognition	Ben Beech 126 NO vs. Eastfield Darren Garoni 100 vs. Norwood Darren Garoni 115 NO vs. Eastfield Drew Mckenzie 108vs. North Ringwood Robin Court 100 NO vs. Croydon North

Club Awards

Award	Recipient
Con Mcloughlin	Brendon Trump Cameron Ray Troy Gstrein
Robin Court Club Champion	Marcus Adams
Women's Club Champion	Sarah Smith
Fulvio Contatore	Kyle Colosimo
Best Club Person	Justin Laughlin
Mick Finn Senior	Jason Butcher
Heidi Victoria Outstanding Club Person Award	Damien Vozzo
Heidi Victoria Special Achievement Award	Sarah Smith
Coaches Awards	Dylan Brisbane
Best Under 21 Player	Josh Kazar

5XI Player of the Finals	Robin Court
Women's Player of the Finals	Kirsten Bindley
Vet's Player of the Finals	Mick Harrington

Junior Club Awards

Award	Recipient
Neil Clayton	Tim DeGeest
Monk Family Shield	Jayden Mitchell
Court Family Shield	Munir Safi
Keith Smith Junior Club Person	Colin Southward

Team of the Year

Award
Robin Court (Captain)
Sarah Smith
Mathew Parker
Tom Mills
Cam Ray
Stephen Craigie
Simon Varone
Josh Kazar
Troy Gstrein
Gareth Bailey
Lachlan McKenzie
Kyle Colosimo

2013-14 Season Premierships

I Grade John Macmillan Shield Premiers

Team
Robin Court
Mick Robbins
Tom Mills
Cam Ray
Timothy Court
Llewellyn Michael
Frank Costantino (C)
Dylan Brisbane
Marty Nellen
Chris Robbins
Pete Colosimo
Sam Abboult
Gareth Hodgkiss

Bayswater Park Cricket Club 5XI vs. Ainslie Park Club 6XI
 Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March 2014- Guy Turner Reserve
 Kilsyth: 10/267 off 68.5 overs
 Bayswater Park: 9/269 off 71 overs
 Umpires: Jamie Harrington and Pete Molnar

Women's One Day South East Premiers

Team
Sarah Smith
Penny Harford
Michelle Jones
Kellie Jones
Alana Irvine
Ashleigh Maher
Sarah Freyse
Kirsten Bindley
Ashleigh Garrity
Harmony Nally
Jenny Cheshire
Charli Atkins

Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. Frankston

Saturday 15 March 2014- East Seaford Reserve

Frankston: 10/83 off 27 overs

Bayswater Park: 1/85 off 25.3 overs

Umpires: John Adams and Yasas Tillakaratne

Veterans Masters Division 3 Premiers

Team
Andrew Robinson
Garrath Ridd
Jim Buckley
Mick Harrington
Craig Tooze
James Cheshire
Paul Kerr
Ralph Wellington
Peter Ruddock
Colin Southward
Robbie Weir
Mick Galway

Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. Montrose

Sunday 2 March 2014- Silcock Reserve

Montrose: 10/119 off 31.5 overs

Bayswater Park: 9/179 off 35.4

Umpires: John Walters and John Hall