

# Bayswater Park Cricket Club

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*Annual Report 2015-16*

## 2015-16 Committee

<b>President:</b>	Ben Beech
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<b>Captains:</b>	1XI- Mathew Parker 2XI- Leigh Brown 3XI- Chris Pahi 4XI- Chris Gibson 5XI: David Singleton Women's- Sarah Smith Veterans- Ray Kazar

## **President's Report- Ben Beech**

As I reflect on season 15/16 and attempt to write a yearly report in under two pages, I can't help but lose focus as my mind wanders towards the sheer amount of singular events, requests, actions, challenges and decisions that the committee have addressed this year. This workload along with endless correspondence makes it hard to know where to start, what to prioritise and what to report on. But despite the many needs, this report needs to fulfil, many people simply want to know 'was the club successful this year?'

The answer to that question should lie within this report but the answer to that question is also something that I don't believe is for me to decide. I truly believe it is you - the member, the player, the junior parent, that holds the answer. For it is your enjoyment and your families enjoyment by which the committee's actions should be judged.

In my opinion, the role of president or that of any person great (and brave) enough to volunteer their time on the club committee, is to create an environment that people want to be at, and want to spend time at. I harp on this a lot but it is so important and I thank our committee for their buy in and willingness to contribute to this. For me, this is where BPCC stands out from other clubs as our volunteer base is extraordinary. Each week we ask so much of people, yet people continue to give their time and commitment, often at the expense of their own social life, partners and employment.

Socially, the traditional AFL Grand Final Day kicked the season off with a bang and other annual functions such as Ladies Lunch, Christmas Party and Reverse Raffle were also well supported by members, and in turn, highly profitable for the club. A lot of thanks go to our social team for creating these events.

We introduced our 'Shark Park' match report and dinner nights which were well supported and helped integrate a number of junior players and family members who attended – Thanks to Michele Lockie, Pete Colosimo and the Southwards for their assistance on these nights.

Our social scene isn't what it was 10 years ago – but as we move with the times, and now cater towards families and children, there is no reason why being actively involved socially cannot be as fun and rewarding and importantly, all inclusive.

We continue to lead the way in community engagement – which is pivotal to our ongoing relationship with the local council and for our standing in the Bayswater community. This relationship and standing puts the club in a great position to have success with grant applications and puts us at the forefront of council when it comes to facility improvements – as well as allowing us to increase member numbers through community awareness.

The 'Cinema Under the Stars' program was a major success this year. The weather gods looked after us, providing perfect weather on three of the four nights giving us the perfect platform to show off our club. There were numerous volunteers who gave up their time to assist in CUTS but none more so than Ralph Wellington and Michael Finn who were the two main driving forces behind the initiative and its success.

BPCC Charity Day was an absolute highlight of the season – with over \$18,000 raised for both the National Breast Cancer Foundation and MS Research. After deciding to split with WSCC and run it as

a standalone event, the effort the committee put into this event was huge, with Mel Causer deserving special recognition for her dedication and efforts in putting the day together.

On Field, we returned to fielding five teams in our senior program, with the highlight being the 4<sup>th</sup> XI premiership led by Chris Gibson. I do need to apologise to the 4<sup>th</sup> XI for not putting enough emphasis on this at our senior presentation night. This is something that in the period of reflection mentioned above, I've realised and I do apologise.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> XI were brilliantly led by David Singleton, assisted by Dale Christy, and supported by Robin Court, Colin Southward and Peter Colosimo. Having these five experienced players allowed the rest of the team to be filled with junior players – something we haven't seen at BPCC in a number of years and something we should be proud of.

Whilst a disappointing year for our 1sts, 2nds and 3rds in terms of ladder position – We as a club need to judge 'success' differently as the club evolves and our age demographic changes. A lot of younger players were given opportunities this season, which is testament to the captains and coach Vozzo who deserve huge thanks for their time, effort and energy this year. Captaincy often goes without reward, but hopefully you all know how thankful the club is for your work. And to the coaching group of Damien Vozzo, Marcus Adams and David Singleton – you guys were fantastic. Damien, your work this year is appreciated and the fruits should be seen in the coming years – and whilst you have resigned (not sacked) from the position, we know you will be around, supporting newly appointed head coach Marcus Adams.

Ray Kazar again led the Vets side, and Sarah Smith the ladies team. The club are quite lucky in that these two run the entire show for these teams, which allows many of our great club people to have a day off on Sundays. Thanks to you both for ensuring that BPCC field these teams and we really appreciate the work you do.

Our junior program which is going from strength to strength has been a huge winner this year with three junior premierships which is a fantastic achievement. As I mentioned at junior presentation night, even more important is that Mel and the coaching group have created an environment that the kids enjoy and that parents are proud to have their kids enrolled in. This to me is success – regardless of winning or losing and it's been great to see so many kids wearing the blue sharks warm up tops up at GT.

The Milo program was also successful, and a successful grant application allowed us to cover a lot of the cost, as well as include more female participants. Thanks to Sir Robin Court (OBE/MBE) and Ian Barlow for running our Milo program.

Going forward we will be pushing hard to have 6 senior sides as well as increasing the number of junior teams and milo participants. With Bayswater becoming a relatively young area again, we firmly believe that the cycle is turning in our favour and that the junior success this season is only the tip of the iceberg.

Financially, the club has made a tidy profit, which we need to meet and beat next year. There are multiple reasons for our stronger financial position, but quite simply it is all of our members, players and families who contribute their hard earned money that has created our profitable position.

We are always looking at how we can create new revenue options and are constantly reviewing our costs. There are multiple examples where a short term expense may be required to create a long term financial benefit but we need to weigh these up and make strategic decisions. Operating costs are increasing year on year, and we don't want to have to always be dipping into our members

pockets so it's vital that we keep looking long term and increasing turnover and then spending smartly but weighing this up with the needs of our members and also improving our facilities.

Commercially we will continue to engage with sponsors and work out how our sporting club can build mutually beneficial relationships. We thank all of our amazing sponsors for their support in season 15/16 and look forward to future dealings.

All in all. this year was one of the most challenging but rewarding of my life. I love challenges and I love testing myself as a person and it's amazing how much you learn about yourself when you are in this position. There were certainly times I questioned myself, and times I've made mistakes – but mistakes are simply learning opportunities and as long as you are honest enough to admit fault then you will benefit in the long run.

I would personally like to thank so many people – but I'd go deep into page 3 if I was to do this properly as so many amazing people have contributed to our club, and personally helped me. Our committee are fantastic people who have a willingness to serve our club and community and I am blessed to work with you all and have your support. My wife Liz is very much a voice of reason, and can pull me into line when I start talking grand plans. No person can contribute the time required to be president, without their partners support. With Liz she doesn't just support, she gets on board and contributes and has been a great contributor to our club for many years now.

It's important for a president to make his stamp on a club. To ensure his footprint will forever be remembered and leave the club in a stronger position than when you took over. So with this in mind, and to make sure we never lose sight that being at a local sporting club is meant to be fun

I pledge that \$3 Coronas will live on at Shark Park nights as long as I am president.

Go Sharks!

## Secretary's Report- Melanie Causer

Another season is done and dusted, and although filled with new challenges, the end result in my eyes was promising. The departure of several committee members and senior coach saw new faces and in turn new ideas come to the forefront.

On field we saw the return of several of our past seniors who had previously stepped away from the club as they focussed on changing family lives, careers and other personal commitments. This gave us greater ability to support our younger developing players who have begun to transition from the juniors to the seniors. The benefits of these junior and senior partnerships became apparent as the season progressed and our 5XI's stormed into the finals. Although falling short in the prelim, the promise that our emerging youngsters presented gave us great excitement for what our future will hold.

Off-field, we thrived as we always do. We collectively came together to celebrate one another's personal successes which included the arrival of BPCC's newest additions.

Jack Christopher Brown, born on 4 December 2016- second son to Carly and Leigh and little Brother to Ethan. Next came Logan Daniel Ray, born on 6 March 2016- first child to Cam and Kimberley and to round it out, Miss Kenzi Rose Lechner arrived on 5 June 2016- daughter to Kat and Warren and little sister to Josh, Mia and Mason.

We continued to support those who are close to us and form part of the BPCC foundation. This season, we decided to return to an interclub Charity Day, which saw us raise an incredible \$17,715.60 alone, which was split between MS Australia and the National Breast Cancer Foundation- two charities that are extremely important to our club. I think this day shows more than just our ability to raise money for important and worthy causes. It shows that as we all move forward with our lives, we will inevitably face different challenges, but being a part of this fantastic club means you will never have to face these challenges alone. You will always have an army walking along side you supporting you every step of the way.

This season, we had several changes to the committee of recent years. Michael Finn decided to step down as president to take a much deserved break and focus on his family. Ben Beech was passed the torch and boy did that torch shine in his possession. Brendon Trump continued on as Vice President with the support of Ralph Wellington who also shared this title and Timothy Court once again had the tough job of being treasurer, with the support of Andrew Eustace who stood up at Vice Treasurer.

Beechy worked tirelessly to both obtain new and retain existing sponsors and ensure the culture around the club was rejuvenated. It is with the utmost confidence I say, that without his work in these areas, our club quite simply would not exist. For a first year President, I am sure I am not alone in congratulating Ben on the work he has done and am excited for what is yet to come.

The introduction of co Vice Presidents was a god send in hind sight. Ralph focussed on off field tasks which allowed Trumpy to zero his energy in on the senior playing group.

TC's accounting skills, coupled with his wealth of knowledge for both the game and workings of the association were again instrumental. Tim quietly worked away in the background, not searching for accolades, yet still exceeding all of our expectations. The addition of Eusty to support TC was the start of something beautiful and I believe our club finances are in good hands when it comes to this duo.

To Beechy, Ralph, Trumpy, TC and Eusty, thank you for all you have done in your positions and thank you for the unwavering support in mine.

The club and how it runs does not just rely on a couple of people though. Its success is a combined effort. To the rest of the current committee, captains, coaches- both junior and senior and all those who volunteer their time and/or services in one capacity or another, I sincerely thank you for all you do.

To my partner Sam, welcome to the wonderful world of BPCC. I bet when you took me on you didn't think you were taking on an entire cricket club also! But in all seriousness, thank you for supporting me in my endeavours, being the voice of reason and helping me find the balance that was so desperately needed.

Finally, most importantly and in closing, a huge thank you goes to our players, their family and friends and our supporters, for it is you as both cricketers and people who make Bayswater Park Cricket Club the place it is.

## Senior Coaches Report- Damien Vozzo

It was a huge honour to be appointed as coach for this great club for the 2015/16 season and I'd like to thank the committee for putting their faith in me to help guide the club into some sort of position of strength both on, and off, the field.

Whether or not the season can be described as a successful one, is for others to decide but I certainly believe there were both positives and negatives from the season. As the coach I have to take responsibility for some of the failures and for that reason, combined with some personal factors, I have decided not to continue coaching next year. In Marcus Adams, we have a fantastic replacement who will be more than up to the task of coaching this great club.

The highlights for the year were no doubt the 4ths premiership and the amazing result of all junior teams winning the flag. The 4ths were brilliant all year and a lot of that can be attributed to their captain, Chris Gibson. A very talented cricketer, but more importantly a great bloke who had the respect of all his players – a very important trait for all captains. The juniors improved throughout the year and it all came together in the finals. All of that can only be attributed to an outstanding bunch of coaches who were simply amazing with all their charges.

The top three teams had their moments. At times disappointing, but also at times they all pulled together to produce some great wins against adversity. There is certainly some great things in store with our top grades as we saw some massive improvements with the younger guys such as Kyle, Smudge, Joshy, Roughy and Sam to name a few. The club is in great shape with these talented and maybe more importantly, great club people.

The performance of the 5ths this year to make the finals was just as much of a highlight to me than all the premierships. With all due respect, it was a genuine 5ths team with a combination of crippled old blokes and juniors experiencing their first taste of senior cricket. A lot of the credit for this could be attributed to Singo who was outstanding, not just with his charges, but also all the lower grades and younger cricketers. Of course he had great assistance from Fridge, Sir Robin and Col. All of these blokes helped in every way they could and that is what makes this club great.

Once again, it was a privilege to coach this great club and I wish everyone all the best for the season ahead.



## **1XI Report- Mathew Parker**

Season 15/16 certainly was a tough season. We didn't register a win in the first half of the season but were good enough to win 3 out of our last 4 games. Our win/loss record didn't improve on last season's results. As a result we weren't good enough to compete in another final series campaign.

There were some real deflating moments in the change rooms just prior to Christmas after being dominated by the opposition. It wasn't easy but we persisted. After Christmas we were able to win some sessions in games which started to build confidence. The last half of the season we started to produce some good cricket with the bat. We started building batting partnerships and were playing intelligent cricket.

We can't sugar coat this but our fielding for the majority of the season was deplorable. Too many catches were dropped, too many misfields. We were the worst fielding team in the competition.

This is what hurt us most during the season. Our bowlers were creating chances for us but we lacked the execution in the field to seal the deal. The saying is so true, catches win matches!

Moving forward this is an area that needs significant improvement or else we will be mediocre at best.

As silly as this may sound an area we did well this season was at the selection table, especially when things weren't looking good. We gave some younger inexperienced 1<sup>st</sup> XI players opportunities to perform when the heat was on. A number of occasions they delivered. This is a big win for us.

We had Joel Margenberg, Jake Castelow, Kyle Colosimo and Jesse Christensen make their first XI debuts for the club this season.

We have a good blend of experienced cricketers with younger talent starting to emerge. It will come down to how well we consistently prepare. Our leaders need to drive our training standards. The harsh reality is we have been competing in this division now for seven seasons and only played one finals series. We want finals cricket to become a habit!

On a personal note I'd like to thank working alongside Damo and Nags this season. Two guys that understand the game well. Beechy for his support as president, I think you've done a ripper job in your first season. Erin my partner for your support at home.

I won't be continuing as 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain next season. The last two seasons have been a tremendous learning experience and I've had some fun along the way. Thank you to my teammates and support from the committee members. We certainly do have some good people involved at our club.

Enjoy your off season and look forward to seeing our guys prepare for another season ahead.

## 2XI Report- Leigh Brown

After a tough season last year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, we were again found wanting at times however there were some impressive wins, with the highlights including beating Scoresby comfortably early in the season and Eastfield by a run in the last game of the season. Both of these teams made the finals which showed when we played our best cricket, we were able to match it with the top teams which was a big step forward with such a young group.

Unfortunately, we again suffered from having at least 3-4 changes in personal every week during selection which made it hard for there to be any continuity. Bowling teams out for under 200 was rare but in a positive, our batting seemed to improve, especially the top order, although we were susceptible to middle order collapses and players not going on to make big scores from good starts again.

After winning Con Mac last year, Daniel Thomas cooled off but was still a consistent bowler for the team. He combined on many occasions along with our best bowler for the season, Jason Butcher who took 19 wickets and bowled tighter than Josh Kazar's wallet. Adam Best and Ryan Toye also bowled consistently when called upon during the year.

As for the batting, constant changes to the order every game did not help but it was good to see Jimmy Day back playing more often this year. Chris Pahi also stepped up and contributed regularly with bat particularly in times of need as did Phil Leach before season ending surgery.

Towards the end of the year, it seemed as though we'd found another couple of young players including Jordy Rutherford and Marty Nellen, who both contributed importantly in our last round win. Jordy in particular showed a lot of talent in the last 3 games, opening against good attacks, batting for time and making runs. It was also good to see Kyle Colosimo, Guy Smith and Jesse Christenson get regular opportunities in the ones.

Thank you to Ryan Toye for his vice captaincy again this year, to Mrs Posh for scoring for the majority of the year and to all of the boys who played in the team during the year, even Captain Bin Juice Konks ☺.

Thank you to the cricket department for the opportunity to captain the team again and for their support during what was at times a trying year. Fingers crossed the 1's and 2's will both improve again next again next with the retaining and recruiting of players over the offseason so both can return to finals action.

A big thanks to Carly for her support during the season and to Ethan and Jack for always being able put things in to perspective after a tough day on the field.

Finally, thank you to everyone at the club for making the charity day such a massive event this year, especially when it did not involve another club. Carly and I were blown away by the day. Hopefully it continues to be a great success and can only get bigger.

## 3XI Report- Chris Pahi

The season was always going to be a tough one. With a few teams dropping down grades and a strong team coming up to go with the already existing strong teams in A grade, winning was always going to be a big ask.

We had a tough season only getting the two wins and finishing bottom of the ladder. Both wins coming against finals sides, one of which turned out to be a grand finalist, it proved what we can do when we work hard and commit can be a winning combination.

Despite the results, there were a few shining lights that came out of the season. This is a positive for both the club and the players themselves.

Even though I didn't end up playing many games in the team, as captain I am proud of the boys efforts this year and the commitment levels they showed.

Batting was a challenge this season either being put under pressure by wickets falling or by the captains decision to throw players in and give them a crack. The boys never complained though and some of the players improved under those pressures.

Bowling was also tough at stages with consistency not being there or simply just good batting from the opposition. Despite this, the boys never shied away from the challenge and persisted with their endeavours to improve.

In reflection, it may be a blessing in disguise if we do drop down a division next season. This may just allow us to be more competitive, give a few of our younger kids a go and assist them in developing their skills. This type of opportunity will put them in good stead to play higher grades in the future.

I just want to thank all the boys that have played all season and everyone that helped out during the year. One game or ten games, your contribution was valued. To the guys who stepped up to captain in my absence, thank you. I know it wasn't easy but I do appreciate the efforts.

Everyone needs to keep their heads up and strive next year to be the best that they can be. Here's to a good and rewarding 2016/17.

## 4XI Report- Chris Gibson

Before the start of the season I wasn't sure what to expect from the 4XI. I took on the roll as captain with the hope that we would just win some games of cricket and have fun doing it, however after round one it was clear that the boys were keen to win more than just a few games!

As long as I can remember the 4ths and 5ths have consistently been a revolving door of players. Last season alone, the 4XI's had 42 players play at least one game for them. One of my goals as captain was to try and get a much smaller pool of people who played consistently in the team and at season's end am pleased to say we reduced the number down to 30. I think this really helped the team gel together and contributed to our success.

We achieved some great things this season, one of which was to be undefeated before Christmas. We then went on to lose only one game for the entire season and eventually went on to become G Grade Premiers!

There are so many people to thank for the great season we have had. From an off field side of things I would like to thank #Damo, Nags, Beechy and Singo for all their help and advice they gave me throughout the course of the season- it is most appreciated. On the field I'll start with Ray Kazar; he was the captain last season and this season has been a fantastic support to me. Ray has helped out enormously all season and I know his parma cups were appreciated at afternoon tea. In addition to this, we were fortunate enough to have a lot of leaders in our side all year with people like Frank Cotso, Ralphy, Eoin, Podge and many more that I was able to turn to whenever I needed an opinion or help, so thank-you to you guys.

Lastly I would like to thank the club for the support you have shown the team and I all season. Playing in front of a home crowd in the grand final is something myself, and I'm sure all the boys will cherish for a long time. It's been a fantastic season so thank-you to everyone involved.

See you all next season (except for you, Cotso. Enjoy your retirement).

Go Sharks!

## 5XI Report- David Singleton

The club's main objective for the 5XI was the introduction of the younger players into senior cricket and in doing so, giving them as much of an opportunity and encouragement as possible. I believe that without a doubt the 5XI achieved this goal. Most games we played between five to seven U/16 in our side, with the younger players filling key roles on match day.

This development of these younger boys played a key role in the 5XI having such a successful year. Winning seven games to finish third based on percentage. Unfortunately, despite the effort, we bowed out to a heavily stacked Eastfield in the Semi Final. The 5XI making the finals and competing hard throughout the year is something I, and the club should be incredibly proud of.

Throughout the year all younger players were given the opportunity to improve and grow as cricketers. Hunter Bevis opened our batting each week with Col Southward. Hunter had a great year scoring 270 runs across senior and juniors with his highest score being 53NO in the 5XI. Hunter also chimed in with some handy weeks, including a game changing 5/27. This resulted with Hunter being the deserved winner of the 5XI Captain's award.

Munir Safi did it all. Keeping, batting top order and opening the bowling at times. Munir is an extremely talented player and I wish him all the best at his new club. Let's hope he returns to BPCC soon. Patrick Fitzgerald bowled with pace and great movement throughout the year and added valuable runs in the middle order. Ryan (Happy) Gilmore was probably the best fielder in the grade. This culminated with his huge improvement with both bat and ball was enormously encouraging and excites us on what the future holds for this young guy. Daniel Southward's development throughout the year was astonishing and something he should be extremely proud of. Daniel's partnership with his father in a losing semi-final where they batted for more than 20 overs when everyone else was throwing their wickets away just goes to highlight the development of our younger players.

I believe these boys, along with our other young cricketers that are making their way through the ranks, have an enormous and promising future at BPCC. They are not only talented cricketers but also young men with great work ethic and desire to improve. It was a pleasure being involved with them this year and I look forward to watching them grow as both cricketers and people.

I would firstly like to thank Dale Christey for his support as vice-captain this season. His support on game day and stepping up to captain when needed was greatly appreciated. Dale's continued support and encouragement of the younger boys and his selflessness to put others ahead of himself is a credit to him being a great clubman.

I would also like to thank Pete Colosimo and Col Southward for their support with setup, driving the younger boys around and their general desire to help wherever possible. They are two truly great clubmen, who without these people, clubs like ours would struggle to survive and prosper. A big thank you also goes to Aalap Gandhi and Doug Fisher for their guidance and support of the younger members of the team.

Sir Robin Court, the competitive old man, thank you for your leadership to not only myself but to all involved in the 5XI. Your knowledge was invaluable and guidance at training and on game day is an incredible source of experience for all.

Lastly I would like to thank the coaching panel, Vozzo and Nags for their support and experience throughout the summer and the committee for their confidence and encouragement during the season.

## Junior Report- Melanie Causer

When I stopped to think about the season that was, I really am blown away by what has been achieved. After having a merged side last season with our U14s, we were thrilled to have three standalone junior teams this season. These teams not only stood alone, but they were successful both on and off the field.

Our success was however not only limited to the quantity of players that took to the field each week, it also extended to the results they achieved and the manner in which they did so. After much hard work by both our players and their coaches, we ended up with all three teams playing in and winning a grand final. For a small family sized club such as ours, this feat is huge!

I suppose in taking the time to write this report, it gave me the opportunity to stop, sit back and reflect on what the season was and what it meant to me personally from the perspective of a second season Junior Coordinator.

It was a season that saw our next generation of cricketers thrive, it was a season that saw us win more than we lost and it was a season that gave us great excitement of what the future will hold. But it was also a season that saw much more than skill development and team achievements.

Our U12s came off the back of a successful 2014/15 season which saw them crowned as U12-4 premiers; however the end of that season also saw a large number of the team graduating into the U14s. We were lucky to pick up some great recruits in Matt Forbes and Matt Higgins who brought both natural cricketing ability and infectious personality to the existing team. We were also lucky enough to have three of our milo graduates, Noah, Jarred and Maddick join our U12 team this season. Given their young ages of just 9, 9 and 10 respectively, I think they did an absolutely wonderful job for their first season of cricket, with each of them showing a vast improvement from their first game to the grand final. We certainly faced our fair share of challenges along the way as we found our feet, but I think the end result really speaks for itself and I couldn't be more proud of these youngsters.

Our U14s shone from the start this season. With a standalone team they were unstoppable and for the most part went unbeaten for the season. Our younger members stood up to the challenge of playing in an older and higher division and our existing U14s really did take on a leadership role. I can't say much else about this great bunch of boys other than I think you're great.

Now to talk about our U16s. I think this bunch of young men probably transformed the most this season. From last season where they won one game and finished bottom of the ladder, to this season winning game after game and walking away as the deserved premiers that they are. For a number of these players, this season was their last as junior member and with this we wish each and every one of them all the best as they pursue their senior cricketing careers.

Everything we witnessed both on and off field could not have been achieved if it was not for a group of dedicated guys, who of their own accord committed to assisting to develop the skills of our next generation of cricketers, and that is our coaches- Marcus Adams who was our Junior Coaching Coordinator, Justin Laughlin and Tom MacDonald who were our U16 coaches, Chris Gibson and Josh Kazar who headed up the U14s and Bailey Foran who took on the U12s.

Each of these guys brought something unique and valuable to the table when they took on the role as coach and our players continual personal improvement was proof of this. The hours they put in at training and on games days were equally matched or exceeded with the work they put into our juniors behind the scenes.

I know the players are thankful to each of these guys for going above and beyond week in and week out, but for me personally I extend my sincere gratitude to each of them for not only accepting my general lack of knowledge for the game, quietly reminding me that it's frowned upon to cheer when an opposition player drops a catch, patiently explaining to me what "leg side" means over and over again, but most of all, thank you for making my year as junior coordinator smooth sailing.

To our Team Managers, Andrew, Anne Marie and Kylie and Col Southward, thank you for all your off field efforts throughout the season. I know our coaches sure appreciated everything you did, as did I.

I thanked him in my Secretary's report, but again, to my partner Sam, thank you for your support- for taking (or at least faking) an interest in my involvement with cricket, for sharing your Friday nights with Milo and U12s, for pushing me out of bed on a Saturday morning so I get down to the U14s and 16s and most importantly for reminding me of why I do what I do when at times I have lost sight of the reasons.

Finally thank you to all of our junior parents. Thank you for not only your time but also your support of both the players and the club. I have gotten to know the vast majority of you this season and I can see why your kids are the great people they are

## **Under 16 Report- Justin Laughlin and Tom Macdonald**

The under 16's started the year unsure as to whether or not we would pull together a stand-alone team, but thanks to the tireless efforts of Mel Causer and some player recruitment we had a full side consisting of twelve players.

As coaches, we appointed Jayden Mitchell the captaincy of the team with vice-captaincy going to Marty Nellen. The boys got off to a great start winning their first couple matches. This, along with a washout, saw them well positioned on the ladder. This changed though with consecutive losses, including an underwhelming performance against Heathmont/Baptist and a powerful Templeton side. This resulted in the boys dropping down a few rungs and saw them having to start the chase. Having bounced back against Chirnside Park followed by a hot draw against Olinda, the boys went into the Christmas break in second spot with three wins, two draws and two losses.

With Jayden Mitchell out indefinitely with a summer cold and some poor turnouts at training, we had a stern word to the playing group and received an instant, positive, response.

Brodie Challis and opening partner Bailey Cowman got the side off to numerous great starts, including a standout partnership at Wonga Park. Munir Safi and Marty Nellen were consistently performing across all facets of the game. Hunter Bevis' self-appointed leadership role helped calm the side when times were tough. Pat Fitzgerald led the bowling attack all year and was always on the spot. New players to the team this year, Ryan Gilmore and Matt Sheridan, improved out of sight as the year continued, whilst Dan Southward, James Hood and Lach Penduck all smashed out personal bests making the year a moral success.

With the return of a sick skipper and having won all three games post-Christmas, the boys finished the year in second spot and were awarded with a home final against Olinda. With coach Juzzy hitting the beaches in Hawaii, T-Mac took the reins of the side for their finals campaign. Able to contain the nerves and handle the pressure the boys put in a great team performance and were able to easily account for the opposition and book themselves a spot in the big dance, the Grand Final.

An interrupted week on the track wasn't the best preparation for the game but the side was ready to go on the Saturday morning. Unfortunately the weather had other ideas. A washed out first day changed the game to a one dayer and the game was up for grabs. Blue skies on Sunday morning allowed the game to go ahead and the Jayden won the toss and decided to bat first. After our 25 overs we finished 4/113 and in a very commanding position. The work was far from over with a much fancied Templeton side boasting great batting power and depth. A strong team performance supported by great fielding and bowling saw us defend our 113 restricting Templeton to 6/91 resulting in the 15/16 premiership flag. Bailey Cowman was awarded Man of the Match and he was sure to let the chicks know.

Special mentions go to the Southward family- Kylie, Col and Alyshia for opening the rooms, setting up the sponsor signs and overall general team management. Thank you to Scott Fitzgerald for scoring all year and yelling at the boys for not bowling on the stumps! To all the parents for getting the boys to the ground, washing whites and providing morning teas, a big thanks to you too.

As mentioned earlier, Mel Causer put in a massive effort behind the scenes across all three junior sides and MILO program this year. None of this would have been successful without her diligence and perseverance.



Marcus Adams, who due to work and senior commitments was unable coach the side this year but was just as important to this group of players. His work over previous years with the group gave them great belief in their abilities and was able to keep the side together.

GO SHARKS!

## **Under 14 Report- Chris Gibson and Josh Kazar**

At the start of the season we had no idea how the year would end up given the team was formed with a mixture of different aged players. We had three top age players, a couple of under 12 players and the rest of the team playing in their second year of under 14s.

Coming into the first game we had 12 kids confirmed to play and by the time we got to round four we had 15 players. This was staggering given it was only last season that we couldn't scrounge together enough players to form a standalone team. All year we wanted to give all the kids a fair go to see how they would adapt in every scenario and all year everyone contributed in some way.

We went through the entire season losing just two games and winning a game outright which secured a second spot finish on the ladder.

When looking back at 'highlights', one that sticks out is young Romesh Martinus (who also played in our U12's) who retired in every game, went out only twice for the year and made a staggering 305 runs. When it came to bowling, we produced a good all round performance with five players taking 10 wickets or more. Shivam was a stand out on 20, Tom 14, Jarrod and Romesh 11 and Lachlan taking 10. Seeing how much all of the kids improved throughout the season was amazing! In particular to see how Liam Field improved from the start of the year to the end was pleasing as it shows how much he listens and wants to learn. Its kids like this that makes coaching so enjoyable and rewarding.

Coming into the finals, as a team we decided that the fielding was what had let us down throughout the year and that was to be our focus at training. This was our turning point and well worth the effort as in the finals series we took a total of ten catches and made four run outs.

We came out of the semi-final as 34 run winners and deservedly progressed into the Grand final where we won by 40 making us U14- PREMIERS!

Go Sharks!

## **U12 Report- Bailey Foran**

The 2015-16 season proved to be a tough and trying year for many in the U12's, including myself, but it seemed to me to embody the spirit of cricket. It can't always be laughs and smiles playing the sport we love and there are bound to be disappointments and low points throughout the season. In true cricketing fashion however, proving anything can happen if you want it badly enough, the team truly became a team and rallied together to come storming home at the end of the season.

With a highly diverse side, fielding some players in only their first year of cricket as well as other more experienced players, there were bound to be difficulties catering to everyone's needs. It seemed that these difficulties were slowly ironed out as the season progressed, making focusing on performing much easier.

The kids should be immensely proud of their achievements; being the U12-3 premiers as well as the individuals that received additional awards.

There is much more to be learnt from a season such as this, where not everything goes as planned and the kids should take special note of that. Take note of what went wrong and why as well as how it was solved or what kind of compromise was made, as the mark of a true cricketer or sportsperson in general is an everlasting hunger to improve, both on and off the field.

I hope that all the kids continue playing cricket and continue working hard, whilst still enjoying their work and making long-lasting friends.

Good luck to all for the 2016-17 season and congratulations on being the 2015-16 U12-3 Premiers!

## Women's Report- Sarah Smith

Season 15/16 was challenging for us in many aspects as we knew coming into the season that we would be struggling for players every week due to injury and people moving to other clubs. We went in with the hope that we could still play to our usual high standard of cricket but unfortunately we couldn't accomplish that consistently. We had games that we played brilliantly but others we could have won but we didn't get the result we wanted. We showed we could still be up there with the top teams of the competition but unfortunately we narrowly missed out on finals by percentage.

We started the season slowly which has become a regular occurrence for our team. We were 2-5 at one stage, however once we got in the swing of things, the results started to come our way and we found ourselves 10-6.

Alana had an impressive season showing she could bat anywhere in the order. We see Alana maturing into a great cricketer which we all know she can be.

Michelle Jones has become an integral part of our side with her keeping being the best in the league. Michelle notched up 17 dismissals and she provided four crucial innings with the bat which helped the team to victory. She was a strong contributor with an average of 24.3.

Kellie Jones stepped up with her batting this year, opening up the batting on a few occasions much to her displeasure. She provided stability at the top with 340 runs for the season. She opened our bowling even through a niggling quad injury and ended up with 13 wickets for the season.

Penny came back into the side after knee surgery just before Christmas and helped steady the ship with her bowling, in seven games she took 12 wickets with an average of 12.8.

Dee continued to provide us with solid batting innings towards the end of the season to help us get the results we needed. She would also bowl a few overs with her best bowling being 2/10

Ashleigh is like a fine bottle of red wine; her cricketing ability gets better with age. Her bowling has improved dramatically this season with the ability to find a wicket when needed most. She took 16 wickets this year, with her best figures being 4/26.

Sarah Freyse opened the bowling in the T20s which provided us with great versatility. She picked up 12 wickets with her best being 3/32.

Shelley our "fill in player" provided us with solid runs in our T20s and even picked herself up a wicket much to the delight of the entire team. We appreciate her commitment to filling in each week.

Alyshia Southward has become a regular this season and we love the enthusiasm she brings to cricket. We can't wait to see her continue to grow and develop.

Charlie has improved tremendously and her fielding has come so far. We love her in our team and hope she wants to play again next season.

Jackie had her first season with us and she showed great promise. She picked up a wicket in her first bowling effort and made a few runs when needed. Hopefully she'll be back next year also.

Lastly, a big thank you to all of the girls for helping me with the team and continuing to support me when I needed it the most. Ashleigh and Kellie stand up to captain the side when I'm unavailable due to work and I really appreciate their commitment to the team.

I'm looking forward to next year, making finals again and showing everyone our best cricket.

## **Veteran's Report- Ray Kazar**

The Vets this year had the best season we have had in a few Seasons.

We were looking at 19 players at the start of the season but a had a few pull out so we were struggling for numbers during a few games. On occasion there were only eight or nine players. We recruited a few more blokes during the season saw us with 22 players playing one or more games throughout the year.

We ended up winning two games this season, our first win for a season and a half which was fantastic. What was more important is that we beat two teams that were in the top four at the time we played them.

A few notable performances from new players included:

- Matty Morton with a bag full of runs
- Tee who bowled tremendously, which included a game where he took 2/3 off six overs
- Stewie Broad with his bowling taking 5/7 in a game; and
- Mark DePaul taking 4/21 in a game

It was great to have all our new guys playing this season alongside the usual blokes. We hope that you all had enjoyed your time playing Vets and will see you all again next season.

## 2015-16 Awards

### Senior On Field Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
1XI	Ben Beech Drew McKenzie	Justin Laughlin	Justin Laughlin	N/A
2XI	Leigh Brown	Jason Butcher	Daniel Thomas	N/A
3XI	Lachie Walker	Andrew Eustace	Jordan Rutherford	N/A
4XI	Chris Gibson	Chris Gibson	Phil Sankey	Eoin Fay
5XI	Aalap Ghandi	Robin Court	Hunter Bevis	Colin Southward

### Women's On Field Awards

Women's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
Chickets	Sarah Smith	Sarah Smith	Aliysha Southward	N/A

### Veteran's On Field Awards

Women's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
Vets 1	Matt Mortin	Steward Broad	N/A	N/A

### Junior On Field Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Coaches	Player of the Finals
U16	Mart Nellen	Patrick Fitzgerald	Ryan Gilmore	Bailey Cowman
U14	Romesh Martinus	Thomas Whitty	Luke Bithell	Thomas Whitty
U12	Romesh Martinus	Thomas Whitty	Maddick Lill Noah Boehl	Thomas Whitty

### Senior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	Ben Beech (x2) Ben Podger
Bowling	Justin McChoncie Stewart Broad Frank Costantino

### Women's Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	N/A
Bowling	Sarah Smith

### Junior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	N/A
Bowling	N/A

### Senior Club Awards

Award	Recipient
Con McLoughlin Best and Fairest	Chris Gibson
Veteran's Best and Fairest	Greg Morton Mark Hickinbotham
Robin Court Senior Club Champion	Marcus Adams
Robin Court Women's Club Champion	Sarah Smith
Fulvio Contatore Memorial	Andrew Eustace
Michael Finn Senior Memorial	Chris Gibson
Best Club Person	Kylie and Colin Southward
President's Outstanding Club Person	Peter Colosimo
President's Special Achievement Award	Ami Western
Club Coaches Award	David Singleton
Best Under 21 Player	Josh Kazar
Player of the T20 Series	Josh Kazar

### Junior Club Award

Award	Recipient
U16 Club Champion- Hicks Family Shield	Marty Nellen
U14 Club Champion- Monk Family Shield	Romesh Martinus
U12 Club Champion- Court Family Shield	Thomas Whitty
Neil Clayton Junior Club Champion	Romesh Martinus
Keith Smith Best Junior Club Person	Matt Whitty Andrew Bright

### Team of the Year

Recipient
Drew McKenzie
Jordan Rutherford
Sarah Smith
Ray Kazar (VC)
Aalap Ghandi
Chris Gibson (C)
Guy Smith
Ben Podger
Jason Butcher
Ralph Wellington
Chris Robbins
Kellie Jones



## 2015-16 Premiers

### U12-3

Recipient	Match Details
Matthew Forbes	<p>Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. North Ringwood Cricket Club</p> <p>Wednesday 16 and Friday 18 March 2016 North Ringwood Reserve</p> <p>Bayswater Park: 9/111 North Ringwood: 10/107</p>
Romesh Martinus	
Thomas Whitty	
Matthew Higgins	
Suvan Gogulapati	
Jack Whitty	
Jaylen Stallworthy	
Jacob Bright	
Riley Masterson	
Noah Boehl	
Maddick Lilly	
Jarred Lechner	
Ravinder Chhatwal	

### U14-4

Recipient	Match Details
Kyle Balej	<p>Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. Warranwood Cricket Club</p> <p>Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March 2016 Guy Turner Reserve</p> <p>Bayswater Park: 5/92 North Ringwood: 10/52</p>
Lachlan Bright	
Jarrold Hillam	
Josh Hunt	
Romesh Martinus	
Shivam Patel	
Zac Ramadge	
Thomas Whitty	
Josh Singh	
Dev Kukadia	
Kyle Bechaz	
Luke Bithell	
William Lach	
Liam Field	
Ben Long	

### U16-3

Recipient	Match Details
Brodie Challis	<p>Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. Templeton Cricket Club</p> <p>Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March 2016 Guy Turner Reserve</p> <p>Bayswater Park: 4/113 Templeton: 6/91</p>
Bailey Cowman	
Marty Nellen	
Hunter Bevis	
Patrick Fitzgerald	
Jayden Mitchell	
Munir Safi	
Daniel Southward	
Matt Sheridan	
James Hood	
Lachlan Penduck	
Ryan Gilmore	

**4XI-G Grade**

Recipient	Match Details
Michael Robbins	<p data-bbox="940 360 1278 461">Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. St Andrews Cricket Club</p> <p data-bbox="869 506 1350 573">Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March 2016 Guy Turner Reserve</p> <p data-bbox="965 613 1252 680">Bayswater Park: 10/143 Templeton: 10/140</p>
Bailey Foran	
Phil Sankey	
Tom Mills	
Ray Kazar	
Chris Gibson	
Ben Podger	
Eoin Fay	
Ralph Wellington	
Frank Costantino	
Chris Robbins	
Tim Ewan	
Peter Huggett	
Aalap Ghandi	

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