

Burwood District Cricket Club

Annual Report 2022/23



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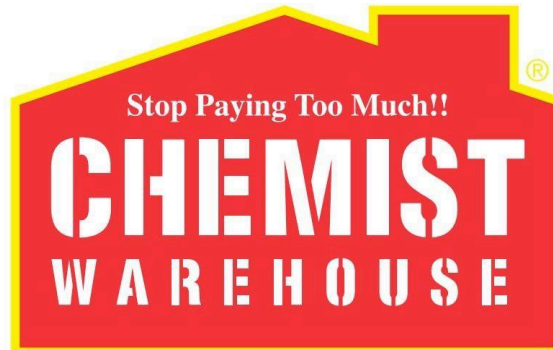
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President's Report

Season 2022/2023 saw a return to a relatively normal cricket season, after the past few seasons were severely impacted by COVID. The Burwood District Cricket Club fielded 7 sides across all competitions, with 3 Saturday Senior sides, a Tuesday T20 side, Sunday Veterans, a Saturday Super 7 and a Sunday Fast 9 junior side. Our First XI made the C Grade grand final, but fell agonizingly short by a solitary wicket. Both our Second XI (F Grade) and T20 (SEDA College Shield) sides made their respective Semi Finals. By the end of the season we had 115 players register with the club (89 Senior and 26 Junior players). So whilst there was no premiership it was another successful season for our club on the field.

Unfortunately at the Annual General Meeting back in June, the club found itself in the position where there were no nominations for a number of committee roles which included a club President. This had a severe impact on how the club functioned and the programs it was able to deliver this season. Disappointingly our Woolworths Blast program did not run due to the lack of club volunteers. It is also the basics of entering scores online, cleaning the change rooms, storing equipment or painting crease lines that need volunteers around the club. These are all simple tasks that can be done by the poorest of time-poor people. We all need to play an active role in the club for it to function. All sporting clubs need dedicated volunteers just to do the day-to-day tasks of a successful club. This year, especially in the off-season there was too much to do for just a small few.

Whilst it can involve giving up significant time to be on the committee, it can also be a very rewarding experience to help run a club for the members. Like anything in life, the more people that are involved, the less of a burden it can be. Many hands make light work! Season 2022/2023 was certainly a "pivot year" for the club and we hope that next season we see more new people step up and we see growth and positive change once again.

To those who were on the committee, Darren Veitch, Adrian Reus, Abhishek Pratap, Vivek Onamalai, Arjit Banerjee, Arvind Suryanarayana, Jay Kaler, Tom Golding and Narayan Ramakrishnan, thank you for your efforts this year and the positive impact that you had around the club throughout the season. Thanks also to our captains, Arjit, Venkat and Udai, Shoubhik and Vivek, Hari and Darren for the time and effort you gave to ensure our Senior teams got out there on the pitch each week. Without people like the gentlemen above, the club doesn't function. So again thank you, and we hope more of our members will consider volunteering and helping around the club in the future.

A special thanks to Ian Scholefield, for his continuous work, preparing articles for the website, researching about our club and the local area, for the communications he sends and social gatherings he organises for our past members. It is so appreciated by everyone how Ian keeps people "in the loop" of what is happening around the club and the sharing of stories from the past.

We also acknowledge the recent passing of club life member Colin McDonald, after whom our Club Champion Award is named after. Colin was a passionate Burra and we thank Ian who spoke at the funeral about Colin's journey at the Burra. "Macca" has certainly left a legacy at the Burra. Colin will be missed and our thoughts are with the family. The club obituary for Colin, which was prepared by Ian, can be found on our [club website](#).

To our club sponsors, we thank you for your continued support of the club. To Steve at Roaring Success, Shoubhik at Treadcare and Bert at Chemist Warehouse your generous support has allowed us to provide for our members in terms of equipment, apparel and uniforms. This included new hats free of charge to all players across the club.

This year we also welcomed Masuri to the Burra, as our apparel partners for the next three years. We thank Jarryd Di Genova from Masuri for his assistance throughout the season to provide us with our new range of apparel and our club-branded helmets. Masuri provided us with a new green-coloured playing top which was adapted across the whole club as well as a range of new off-field and traditional "whites" apparel. The club still has a large inventory in stock that is available for purchase through the club store.

With minimal COVID restrictions, we were able to hold club functions and events once again. This year we again ran the Chemist Warehouse Fitness Challenge, Roaring Success Golf Day and other social events such as the world cup sweep pizza night, junior team dinners, a poker night and of course the BBQs across the finals. A thank you to all the people who were responsible for planning and delivering those events for our members and to those who assisted on the day. Unfortunately, our planned Treadcare Cup pre-season match with Laburnum Cricket Club was called off due to the wet weather.

In November I was involved in discussions with the council about the Hartwell Pavilion redevelopment. Disappointingly, due to the rise of costs within the building industry, Boroondara Council have decided to put a hold on the Hartwell Redevelopment for at least the next 18 to 24 months. Such is the rise of costs associated with the building industry, the allocated budget for capital works across a number of the council projects is insufficient to complete the works. This means that our pavilion redevelopment has been put on hold for the time being. This is certainly a major disappointment to everyone involved at the club. There are plans and drawings of what the pavilion may look like, but due to the delay, these plans are currently being withheld from sharing with us, which again is disappointing.

There were a large number of individual club milestones achieved this season; congratulations to Jake Evans (3000 runs), Ash Warren and Doug Paroissien (200 games), Bede Allsopp (300 games) and of course one of the highlights for the season was Adrian "Dogman" Reus' 500th game celebration at Hartwell. Which was followed up a couple of weeks later with his 1000th club wicket.

There were also players who were recognised by the BHRDCA for their efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to Shiv Goundan (C Grade - Batting), Sukhraj Bhullar (F Grade - Batting) and Jay Kaler (I Grade - Bowling) for receiving BHRDCA Association awards for the season. A well done also to Gemma Blundell who was selected as captain of the BHRDCA Under 12 Claudia Fatone team for the VMCU carnival in January. A big congratulations to all above for their achievements.

Back in September, I myself received an award on behalf of the club at the Boroondara Council Sports Awards, as a finalist for the Club Person of the Year. I thank Abhishek and the club for the nomination. It was nice for our club to receive recognition from the council for all the hard work and time spent that has seen such a positive change at the club over the last few years.

This was said last year, but this report will most definitely be my last. 20 years of playing, coaching and volunteering at the club has gone by so quickly. I thank the club and all its members for the unforgettable memories and lifelong friendships that have been forged at Hartwell, but it is now time to call my innings at the Burra to a close. I wish the club, and everyone involved in it all the very best. Thanks again to everyone for their support and encouragement, and a special thanks to my family for allowing me to play the part that I have.

Go the Burra!

Mark "Blunners" Blundell
Interim President 2022/2023

Junior Cricket Report

Season 2022/2023 saw the club field two junior teams, one in each of the BHRDCA Super 7 (Sat) and Fast 9's (Sun) competitions. This season saw 24 junior players register with the club, in addition to that there were 2 Woolworths Blast registrations. This number included 5 new players that we welcomed to the club from either our own Blast program or from another club.

Whilst neither of our junior competitions played for premiership points, both teams had successful seasons, with all players showing enormous improvement throughout the year. Particularly our Super 7 team, with their experience of playing last season and with their natural growth, the team won most of the games that they played. Whilst our Fast 9 team, who didn't win a lot of games, they were still competitive and showed great determination each match they played. Training was held at Hartwell each Thursday and we enjoyed a couple of entertaining intra club games throughout the year.

We thank the club for their support and the new resources (iPads for scoring, first aid and equipment kits) that were provided for each of our junior teams. The "juniors" also enjoyed wearing their new coloured tops this season, as opposed to traditional whites. A thank you to all the parents for their support and assistance with umpiring, scoring and ground set up for home and away games. But an even bigger thank you for the continual commitment they show to the club by having their children play at the Burra. A special thank you to Kaveen and Andrew who acted as team managers for the respective teams and Sanjay and Iain who did more than their fair share of umpiring throughout the year. Thanks also to Bede Allsopp, who gave up his time to assist with training and pass on his vast experience and enthusiasm for cricket to the kids.

For next season our two teams and their players will look to move up to a higher level. Our Super 7 team from this year will look to play in a Fast 9 competition. Whereas our Fast 9 group of players will look to move into an Under 13 competition within the Inner South East Cricket competition. The benefit of making this move is that the team will be able to continue playing the Fast 9 (Stage 2) cricket format, with 9 players a side and some modified rules. It is interesting to note that this same group of players in the Fast 9's all started together in Woolworths Blast four seasons ago.



List of Junior Award Winners

Fast 9's

Gemma - Batting Award - Aggregate 391 runs at 78.

Jack - Highest Score Award - 63* V Glen Waverley.

Adam - Most Determined Award.

Carys - Most Consistent Award.

Callum - Most Improved Bowler Award

Jeremy - Best Bowler Award - 9 wickets @ 9 runs

Anya - Best Fast 9s First year player.

Luke - Most Improved Batter Award.

Angie - Team First Attitude Award.



Super 7s

Jed - Batting Award - 96 runs.

Aryan - Batting Award - 93 runs.

Veer - All Rounder Award - 84 runs and 8 wickets.

Ollie - Fielding & Wicketkeeping Award.

Aarav - Most Improved Bowler.

Ranvir - Team First Attitude Award.

Nathan - Bowling Award - 9 wickets @ 8 runs.

Riaan - Most Improved Batting Award.

Hayden - Super 7s Best First year player - 6 wickets and 68 runs.



Woolworths Blast Program

Unfortunately, the Woolworths program didn't run this season because of a low number of registrations. This was due to a number of reasons, the main being a lack of volunteer time to be able to adequately and actively promote the program to recruit participants. This lack of volunteer time also meant that the club was limited to when the program could run. With a number of other cricket clubs in the area all competing for the same audience, our club will need to assess when and how best to run Blast in the future. Without a Blast program there will be no players coming up to fill our junior sides.

Mark Blundell

Junior Cricket Coordinator - Burwood District Cricket Club

Financial Report - 2022/2023

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TREASURER'S REPORT

After a few interrupted years, it's fair to say the normality of a regular cricket season was back. While we had the opportunity in previous years to invest in the club and make the most of the generous grants we received, this season was about giving back to our players and getting our boys enjoying being out there again.

With the optimism of a successful season ahead, the committee joined up with Masuri to invest and launch a new merchandise range across both our senior and junior teams. This predominantly included a new set of colour and white clothing, plus off field merchandise for our members and supporters. This was well received by our players, especially with a focus of wearing the new 'one day' tops across our one day, VETS and T20 teams. With the club growing players and members over the years, we look forward to working with Masuri again in 2023/2024 to continue supplying our players with top quality merchandise.

Like last season, we continued to roll our senior and junior memberships which saw a resounding number of players committing for the season. In total, we had over 100 players across our Senior and Junior formats purchase either a Full or Mini membership this season, an increase from our previous season. As we look towards future years, the committee will continue to work with the players to gauge an appropriate playing fee, to ensure we continue to get more and more members committing to a full-season membership.

Like the past few seasons, we continue to be generously supported by our major sponsors - Roaring Success, Treadcare and Chemist Warehouse. This generous sponsorship money allowed us to continue investing in our Junior and Senior players, contributing towards merchandise costs, and also equipment around the club. We again thank them all for their generosity over the last couple of years and look forward to working closely with them going forward.

Like many events outside of cricket, social events around the club were back where we all wanted it to be. It was pleasing to have our Burra family and friends back in the club rooms post-training and match day, enjoying a nice meal and drink whenever we got the chance to do so. Thanks to our partners at Souv and Co, we had a few Burger nights post-training, which was a great bonding session for both the junior and senior players.

Thanks to the success of our 1st and 2nds on the field, we were also able to host both a Semi-Final and Grand Final weekend at Hartwell, which saw many players, family and friends from BDCC and opposing clubs enjoy a few thrilling games. This allowed us to sell Food and drinks across the weekend, raising a profit of nearly \$1k across the 2 weekends.

We also were able to host another year of the Roaring Success Golf Day, Treadcare Cup and finish off with a presentation night at the Notting Hill Hotel for the seniors, and a Ten Pin Bowling afternoon for our Juniors.

Overall, the season 2022/2023 was another successful year for the club, as we continue to grow and scale our teams across the seniors and juniors. With over 100 active members and many past players slowly coming back to Hartwell and other social events, the club is aiming to keep building, in particular as we hit the 100-year mark in 2028.

Financially, the club finished this year at a **loss of \$1,164**, however with a healthy bank position, in-stock merchandise, and other equipment sitting on our balance sheet, we are in a strong position entering another season. By referring to our balance sheet, **our net assets position has gone up this year by \$1,691**, due to our added investment in Merchandise and equipment

To conclude, I'd like to thank the committee, players and extended members of Burwood District CC, for your ongoing support and cooperation throughout the season. Also, a special mention to Adrian Reus who acted as a coco-treasurer this year and supported the club in many ways on and off the field.

Narayanan Ramakrishnan
Treasurer - Burwood District Cricket Club

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	1st June 2022 - 31st May 2023			
	YTD Actuals	Prior Year	YTD Actuals vs. Prior Year	Notes
Income				
Bar	\$ 3,437	\$ 545	\$ 2,892	1
Donations	\$ 110	\$ 4,184	\$ (4,074)	2
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Community Grants	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,000	\$ (4,500)	3
Community Tournaments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment	\$ 163	\$ 500	\$ (337)	4
Merchandise	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,770	\$ (95)	
Net Hire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Presentation Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Social Functions	\$ 2,022	\$ 2,352	\$ (331)	
Sponsorship	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	
Subscriptions - Junior/Blast	\$ 3,624	\$ 3,040	\$ 584	
Subscriptions - Senior	\$ 13,269	\$ 10,757	\$ 2,512	4
Vets Income	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ (800)	
Total Income	\$ 29,999	\$ 32,948	\$ (2,949)	

Financial Notes - Income:

1. **Bar:** Social Events were a massive positive for us this season, with a lot of bar sales during games, plus our social events and finals campaigns.
2. **Donations:** Last season we saw special donations during pre seasons as part of our ASF (Australian sports foundation) drive, which we didnt launch this season.
3. **Community Grants:** This season we just received the one grant from Cricket Australia, in comparison to much more during the Covid years.
4. **Subscriptions - Seniors:** This is a combination of both Senior players and VETS, as we are now treating them all the same.

1st June 2022 - 31st May 2023			
YTD Actuals	Prior Year	YTD Actuals vs. Prior Year	Notes

Expenses

Advertising	\$ 144	\$ 411	\$ 267	
Bar	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,545	\$ (277)	5
Donations Paid	\$ 330	\$ 100	\$ (230)	
Equipment	\$ 2,655	\$ 6,455	\$ 3,800	
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 5,330	\$ 4,773	\$ (557)	6
Honour Board	\$ 347	\$ 380	\$ 33	
Insurance	\$ 484	\$ 380	\$ (104)	
Fees / Fines	\$ 468	\$ 228	\$ (240)	
Merchandise	\$ 11,685	\$ 7,389	\$ (4,296)	7
MyCricket Fees	\$ 280	\$ -	\$ (280)	
Net Hire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Presentation Night	\$ 195	\$ 195	\$ -	
Registration	\$ 1,300	\$ 865	\$ (435)	8
Social Functions	\$ 2,794	\$ 2,914	\$ 120	
Square Fees	\$ 166	\$ 301	\$ 135	
Sundry Expenses	\$ 425	\$ 995	\$ 569	
Training	\$ 297	\$ -	\$ (297)	
Trophies/Awards	\$ 991	\$ 2,433	\$ 1,442	
Umpire Fees	\$ 750	\$ 425	\$ (325)	9
Total Expenses	\$ 30,481	\$ 29,789	\$ (692)	

PROFIT / (LOSS)	\$ (1,182)	\$ 3,158	\$ (4,340)	
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Financial Notes - Expenses:

1. **Advertising:** Pre-Season Facebook and gumtree drives in order to push the club to wider reaches.
2. **Equipment:** Related predominantly to the purchase of new iPads for the clubs (live scoring), new chairs, plus the usual balls and cricket equipment for both our Seniors and Junior teams
3. **Social Functions:** Various expenses towards the BDCC/RS Golf Day, Post training social events and our end-of-season presentation nights
4. **Sundry Expenses:** Misc. expenses for the club - new team backpacks, club stickers for equipment, First aid kits and sunscreen for all teams.
5. **Trophies/Awards:** Overall increase in trophies this season due to the addition of Junior Trophies and new shields for our 3 special club awards.

FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year to 31/05/2023	Year to 31/05/2022	\$ Difference 31/05/2023 vs 31/05/2022
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash on hand			
Cash in Tin	\$0	\$0	\$0
NAB Bank Account	\$14,933	\$16,097	-\$1,164
Total Cash on Hand	\$14,933	\$16,097	-\$1,164
Stock - Bar	\$150	\$0	\$150
Stock - Merchandise*	\$3,845	\$1,140	\$2,705
Subs Owing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Stock	\$3,995	\$1,140	\$2,855
Total Current Assets	\$18,928	\$17,237	\$1,691
Property & Equipment			
Boroondara Key deposit	\$500	\$500	\$0
Pavilion - Club Rooms	\$50	\$50	\$0
Pavilion - BBQ	\$150	\$150	\$0
Total Property	\$200	\$200	\$0
Equipment			
Match Equipment	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Practice Equipment	\$1,789	\$1,789	\$0
Playing Surfaces	\$7,551	\$7,551	\$0
Playing Surfaces - Accum Dep	-\$7,551	-\$7,551	\$0
Total Equipment	\$4,789	\$4,789	\$0
Total Property & Equipment	\$5,489	\$5,489	\$0
Total Assets	\$24,417	\$22,726	\$1,691
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Assets	\$24,417	\$22,726	\$1,691
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$22,726	\$18,694	\$4,032
Current Year earnings (Profit)	-\$1,164	\$3,158	-\$4,322

Common Stock	\$2,855	\$874	\$1,981
Historical Balancing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Equity	\$24,417	\$22,726	\$1,691

Stock - Merchandise

		QTY	Individual Price	Total
1	Baggy Greens	0	\$ 30.00	\$ -
2	Baseball Caps	0	\$ 15.00	\$ -
3	Training Shorts (Black)	17	\$ 40.00	\$ 680.00
4	Training Shirts (Green)	19	\$ 40.00	\$ 760.00
5	Social Polos (Black)	5	\$ 40.00	\$ 200.00
6	Social Jackets (Black)	4	\$ 70.00	\$ 280.00
7	Social Trousers (Black)	6	\$ 55.00	\$ 330.00
8	White Trousers - Seniors	17	\$ 45.00	\$ 765.00
9	White Playing shirts - Seniors	14	\$ 45.00	\$ 630.00
10	Green Playing Shirts	4	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
				\$ 3,845.00

Secretary's Report

As we look back on the troubled and historic years of 2020 and 2021, I think we can take pride in how the whole cricket club rallied together to overcome the various hurdles that were placed before us. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic spoiled many plans during those two seasons.

However, it is to the club's immense credit that it could call on so many positive people during those difficult times. We owe our 2020/21 and 2021/22 committees, and our club captains a huge amount of thanks for their efforts in keeping the club going and going strong.

It is with a great sense of pride that I can report that our club has completed another successful year both on and off the field, and it is with great pleasure to present this secretary's report for the Burwood District Cricket Club for the 2022/23 financial year.

Before discussing any specifics, I would like to highlight the incredible amount of off & on-field work that goes on to keep a club like this running. It is important not only to recognise the wonderful job done by my fellow committee members but also to appreciate each and every person who helps out with any job, big or small when required. From tasks as small as jumping behind the BBQ to serve all the people attending our matches, especially during finals week, assisting in running a net at training, aiding your captain on gameday, and of course showing up to the club's AGM to make sure that our voices be heard, all these things are extremely important to keep the wheels turning. With that, I wish to thank all the volunteers who selflessly devote their time and efforts to ensure our club functions in the way it does.

On the field

Burwood District's playing numbers have continued to have a steady growth each season over the last few years as the club managed to field 5 senior and 2 junior teams across Saturdays and Sundays. We had 113 Summer 2022/2023 registrations which included 89 senior player registrations and 24 junior player registrations. 2-day cricket returned as our First and Second XI senior teams played in the C grade (70 overs) and F grade (64 over split innings) two-day competition.

We kicked off our season with the 'Treadcare Cup', which this time was an internal practice game as opposed to the annual fixture with Laburnum Cricket Club as grounds were not ready due to heavy rain through August and September made scheduling the game with Laburnum C.C. difficult this year. Three of our senior teams made finals this season – the T20 team making the semi-final lost a close against Blackburn South C.C., and the Second XIs too lost in the semi-final against Manningham C.C. in a nail-biter. The C-grade grand final played by our First XI was the last game for any team this season. The team came close to winning the flag but in the end, lost by a wicket to Blackburn North C.C.

For the 22/23 season, the club fielded teams in the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association as follows:

- 1st XI** – C Grade 70 overs 2-day competition
- 2nd XI** – F Grade 64 overs split innings 2-day competition
- 3rd XI** – I Grade 35 overs 1-day competition
- Vets XI** – B Division 40 over 1-day competition
- T20 XI** – SEDA College Twenty20 shield 20 over 1-day competition
- Super 7s** – Stage 1 Saturday blue competition
- Fast 9s** – Stage 2 Sunday blue competition

Another proud moment for the club came at BHRDCA's 22/23 Presentation night held on 21st April 2023, where three of senior cricketers – Shivanay Goundan (First XI), Sukhraj Bhullar (Second XI) and Jitendra Kaler (Third XI) won best in their grade awards as below –

- Shivanay Goundan** – C grade batting award for scoring 464 runs at an average of 66.29.
- Sukhraj Bhullar** – F grade batting award for scoring 275 runs at an average of 68.75
- Jitendra Kaler** – I grade bowling award for taking 21 wickets at an average of 9.1

Another on-field moment that is now etched in Burra history is **Adrian 'Dogman' Reus** picking up his 1000th wicket for the club in a game against Croydon Ranges C.C. on 4th December 2022.

While I have reported the above on-field successes, a failure this year has been us not getting many registrations for our Junior Blast programs which have been a huge success in the last few years. We had only 2 registrations come in this year and hence, we decided to not organise it for this season and send the 2 kids to another club's program. The consistent rain and cold weather along with changing community sports outlook

are two of the reasons that we observed after discussing with nearby clubs who reported similar drops this year. However, this will be a focus next year for us as a committee to get the program up and running at the club.

Off the field

On infrastructure development, the club facilities and rooms redevelopment project will be delayed after discussions with the Boroondara Council highlighted the change in budget priorities for the council causing this delay. The Club thanks the outgoing **President (Mr. Mark Blundell)** for representing the club at all council meetings regarding redevelopment and design process discussions.

The club has also applied for a Sporting Victoria grant for Uniforms and Equipment, the outcome for which is awaited at the time of writing this report.

Future direction

A few new things will be taking place this season as we transition from the MyCricket platform to PlayHQ in managing our cricket statistics and record keeping. Arvind Suryanarayana, who looked into our Tech and IT management this season has taken the lead and attended the introduction sessions by Cricket Victoria for this transition. One of the main tasks in this transition would be data management of our existing statistics on MyCricket by exporting all the club data. The 23/24 committee will be working on this and send updates on our website and social media on this project.

Also, with Mark Blundell stepping down from the President's role, this will be another transition that the committee and the club will manage. I thank Mark for all his hard work, effort and guidance during his presidency in which the club has grown leaps and bounds.

Go Burras!

Abhishek Pratap

Secretary - Burwood District Cricket Club

Historian's Report

BDCC CENTENARY HISTORY – PROGRESS REPORT - MAY 2023

Focus on the past 12 months has been in the following areas:

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(1) Newspaper reviews

Whilst I have reviewed various newspapers for the years 1922-1968, both online through Trove (NLA - National Library of Australia) and at the State Library of Victoria, there have been gaps in each year, particularly in the 1942-1945 war year period and the editions immediately around Christmas and the New Year each year.

It is my intention to extend the coverage of the Box Hill Reporter from 1931 to 1950 and to examine The Melbourne Star (Argus evening paper) from Nov 1933 – Feb 1936 on microfilm.

(2) Personal Interviews

Personal interviews were held with Stuart McLaine (son of Life Member Don) and Brian Millane a player from 1958/59. Other interviews related to the development of stories produced for the website, particularly for the achievement of milestones.

(3) Historical Societies

During the past twelve months, I have visited the Box Hill, Waverley and Whitehorse (formerly Nunawading) Historical Societies. Each group have an amazing storage of memories, documents and photographs which will benefit our future publications.

A tri-yearly newsletter, and now magazine, Burwood Bulletin commenced in November 1980 and continues up to today. I have reviewed all editions which are held at Box Hill Historical Society and more recent editions online.

(4) Burwood and District Cricket Association (BDCA) 1922-1968

The local competition with which we were affiliated from the beginning (1928) was BDCA. Our club have extremely limited information and data before the sixties so attention has been focussed on this period.

I have put together schedules of clubs and gradings by year, office-bearers, Premierships, Grand Final scores, Association Trophy Winners, ladders, primary grounds and connected organizations of all clubs.

A loan of scorebooks from Burwood CC, East Burwood CC and Burwood YCW CC has provided scores from around 25 games which we previously had no details.

The gathering of the aforementioned data and the compilation of 210 pages of BDCA match scores has caught my interest and curiosity. What has been highlighted here have been numerous incredible performances and individuals within the competition. My scope has been broadened to looking at community leaders such as members of parliament and councillors, farmers and business professionals, leading sports participants and administrators who have contributed to the league.

I intend to produce a history of the BDCA which will feature people and clubs which have influenced cricket in the community now and still having an impact in the future.

(5) Neighbouring Club Histories

Work has commenced on researching histories by Burwood CC (Stella Barber) and Ashburton CC (Sarah Craze), which were opponents in the former Burwood & District Cricket Association. I am supporting them, as the sharing of information benefits all clubs.

STATISTICAL

(1) National Cricket database – MyCricket

The last few available pieces of historical scores for BHRDCA men's games have been entered into MyCricket. Colin Howard completed the majority of entries and his tally reached an incredible 160 scorebooks – a significant contribution.

The intention of extending this initiative into the ladies and junior sections, is on hold until the respective Associations can get themselves organised set-up the fixtures into the database.

A concern has been raised about the reliability of MyCricket in the future as Cricket Australia have appointed a new system manager of the on-line system.

(2) Team Scorebooks

In the last 12 months we have not found any more of the missing scorebooks, and I have crossed my fingers in the hope that someone, somewhere, we may find one or more of the 44 (12 Men's, 1 girls' and 31 juniors) missing books.

Assistance Required – chase up Captains and Team Managers to obtain the missing scorebooks. (A full list is available.)

(3) Individual Career Records

A master file of close to 3,000 former players has been created. At the moment career spreadsheets have been set-up to record grade-by-grade and season-by-season records for around 500 players. The aim is to extend this to every individual player in our history. It is still a work-in-progress as data from the 1998/99 season through to 3 seasons ago have only been prepared for long serving players and current one.

(4) BHRDCA Heritage Committee

This Heritage Committee, driven by Andy Lambert (East Doncaster CC) has regularly produced reports on performance in the BHRDCA including Clubs, Premierships, Batting and Bowling achievements. These are available to view or download on the BHRDCA website.

I have sighted a draft work-in-progress version of BHRDCA Stats history from 2008/09 to 2022/23 season. For the first time it incorporates Toogood and Watson Medallists, McIntosh Memorial Awards and the Veteran's Section. Ones to feature from our club are Charlie Dart, Jeff Costello, Steve Wood, Adrian Reus, Bede Allsopp and myself.

PAST MEMBERS, OFFICIALS & CLUBS

Contact Details

A database of the contact details of past members is being progressively being built up. Currently there are 172 people listed. In the past twelve months several more players have been added, these include Daryl Haeusler Wayne Jordan, Andrew MacPhie, Brian Millane, Olivia Kinnear and Alyssa Underwood, each has made a contribution to our club's success, so it is good to keep them in the loop. There are many more and it would be great to have them on our lists to be informed and involved.

News Stories on the website and social media

Over the past year the following stories have been featured:

- 200 for Ash (Ash Warren 200 Games)
- Doug Paroissien 200 Games
- Doggies' Unique Double (Adrian Reus 500 Games & 1,000 Wickets)
- Duckman or Daddles (Who has made the most Ducks)
- Eichler's Marauders (1972/73 Third XI Premiership 50 years on)
- The reliable One (Bede Allsopp 300 Games)
- Obituary – Colin McDonald – Life Member

Mini Group Get-togethers

There was a large celebration at Hartwell Sports Ground in November to celebrate Adrian Reus (Doggy) achieving an incredible 500 games and 1,000 wickets for the club.

A planned get-together of our former ladies' contingent didn't occur but I have gathered around 20 past players, so hopefully something can occur in the next 12 months. Life Member Irene Bullock has had a health set-back recently and we wish her recovery well.

ARCHIVAL MANAGEMENT

There has been no real progress in this area, everyone seems to be waiting on the construction of a new pavilion at Hartwell, but that has now been pushed back due to Council funding being diminished following the covid outbreak.

Each matter is still relevant and worth repeating.

(1) Premiership Flags

Premiership flags from all, except the most recent years, have disappeared. The Club has had the Men's First XI BHRDCA flags reproduced.

(2) Club Champion Shields

The Club Champion Shield for men (Colin McDonald Trophy) has vanished. A new Club Champion Shield was produced and presented last season.

(3) Photographs and Framed Prints

Many of the frames are damaged or broken. Photographs for the history publication are in short supply for most of the last 20 years. Where prudent, repairs need to be made to framed prints.

(4) Storage of Records

Simple shelving in the archive room would protect and make access easier for scorebooks, framed photographs etc.

(5) BDCC Newsletters

I am looking for copies any newsletters which have been produced from 1998-99 onwards. I have tried a lot of people but no-one seems to have retained copies.

If you can help on any of these matters, please contact me.

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First XI Captain's Report

A year that was so close to the ultimate success! This cricket season was the first time in a long time where we had majority of the squad back and playing consistent cricket, this certainly showed with our results. The BDCC 1st 11 stepped back up to 2-day cricket after many years. With a team full of experienced one day players, it was an incredible effort to reach the final weekend of the season and just miss out.

Batting was led again by the ever-consistent Shiv Goundan finishing the year with 464 runs with an average of 66.29. Not far behind was Branevan Shankumar with 379 runs for the year at an average of 75.80, both also adding 100's to their achievements this year. A call out has to be mentioned for Mark Savyell who hit his maiden ton this year. Well done gents!

The ever-reliable Bede Allsopp continues to age like a fine wine – once again leading the bowling attack with 23 wickets at an average of 14.96. Not far behind and again steady improvement to one day be the leader of the attack – Kishan had a stellar year with 22 wickets at an average of 16.32. Finally, Narayanan who only played half the season dominated with 20 wickets at an average of 8.4 – bowling was certainly our key strength of the year and these 3 lead the way! A shout out and huge improver to Tom Golding this year – played his role to an absolute T and was a consistent performer in our bowling attack, resulting with 11 wickets this year. Mark Savyell was the surprise packet this year, showing his class with the ball too – providing 8 wickets & finally Abhishek worked through some challenges throughout the year and came right back on top with 13 wickets to his name.

Bert was once again a rock behind the stumps this year, another aging like a fine wine – 13 catches is a great effort, congrats!

We played incredibly well as a unit this year finish the season on top with 8 wins, 57 points and a % of 1.68. Unfortunately for us, we lost to Blackburn North with 1 wicket to spare. A commendable effort by the boys to try achieve absolute glory, however we fell just short.

To finish on top of the ladder and play a grand final the 1st year we've had a 2-day side in who knows how long was an incredible effort. I look forward to keeping these boys together and achieving the ultimate glory in the not-so-distant future!

Cheers

Arjit Banerjee
First XI's Captain

Second XI Captains' Report

Whilst it was a tough pill to swallow with a nail-biting finish in a fantastic run to the semi-finals, it was indeed an exciting season filled with many milestone moments. Everyone played their roles to ensure we played finals and with 100 odd spectators at our home ground watching us take it down to wire in an enthralling finish, this was a testimony to the quality and hard-fought cricket which the team played all season.

It was all about the adaptability quotient for the BDCC 2nd XI this season. As new co-captains it was a pleasure working with each other (Udai and Venkat), a genuine selfless clubman. With very few of 2nd XI members returning from last season, we had a new composition of lads from 1st and 3rd XI, new members to the club and also a second-generation addition being Rudham's son, Dineeth, who brought a whole lot of energy to the team and the biggest smile on his dad's face this season when he took his first senior's wicket!

Week in week out we faced challenges fielding 11 players on the park however, the one and only Anshuman Banerjee always came to rescue finding enthusiastic lads willing to give it a go, and not to forget 'red shoes' (Aka Jacob John) who became a cult hero of the team. A cornerstone to the team's success was Hadley Vaughan who played a pivotal all rounded role with the bat and bowl being the top scorer and leading wicket taker for the 2nd XI.

It was a pleasure seeing many batting milestones this season where we had 3 centurions (i.e. Hadley, Jake and Sukhraj) who put on a masterclass of brilliant stroke play and effortlessly clearing the boundaries in their respective innings. Equally, we had the likes of Udai, Yatin and Aaryan display their tenacity in various innings which required us to ensure we batted till the end and accelerating the innings to post competitive totals against our opposition.

Our bowling this season was a craft of line, length and partnership bowling. In this regard, there was special admiration to a stalwart of our club Adrian Reus who displayed this quality and help build the confidence of the relatively younger brigade of bowlers in a leadership capacity on and off the field. Supporting Adrian, we had Ravi, Arvind, and Anupam open the bowling during various games and always kept the slips cordon agile and delivered Steve Wood with the highest number of catches for the season including some one-handed screamers. Anupam's hatrick against Heatherdale which was a key moment to put us in a winning position that game was a memorable highlight and a testament to his patience and hard work throughout the season. The trickery of Satpal Singh not only bamboozled our opposition but also our wicket keeper in which way and how far the ball might turn.

Overall, it was a brilliant learning experience joining forces with Udai and the season finished with the 2nd XI boys wanting to come back next season for further success.

Udai Mahendru & Venkat Ramakrishnan

Second XIs Captains

Third XI Captain's Report

The season did not start as planned, game one abandoned due to rain. When we got to the ground for the second game, we made the most out of it and started our season with a win. It was a good start by Shubhro and Parag who got us to a good start and we posted a total of 126. We bowled well and restricted Doncaster to 120, close game to start the season.

The next 2 rounds were rained out and before we realised, we were in round 6. Templestowe posted a total of 126 which we were unable to chase down and were all out for 94 tasting our first defeat of the year. We played Eley park in round 7. We felt like that they had a few players that were playing in a much lower grade than they should be playing in. they had 2 players retire at 50 and another couple of their players scored mid 40's and they posted a mammoth total of 240. Our morals were down and, in the pursuit, to chase the runs we gave away our wickets and were bundled out for 85.

Round 8, we lost to Park Orchards. We scored 94, they got to the total pretty easy and only lost 1 wicket in the process. Round 9 was good, we had our second win for the season against Deakin. We had a few vets come and help us out we used their knowledge and skills we chased our second win for the season. Great knock by Rowan St Clair, Mark Eichler and Vivek. Round 10, played Eley park again, no different to the first time we played them. They scored 206 in their first innings, we only scored 56 in return. Round 11 we had to forfeit as we could not field a side. Was an unfortunate, if I remember correctly the Vets game got called off as well. Round 12 we had a good win against Deakin. Jay and Hari batted well making the win possible.

Round 13 was a bye, round 14 and our last game for the year before the Christmas break and we notched up another win for the season. Round 15 back in it in the new year we had our first loss against Eley Park. Round 16 we had a comfortable win against Doncaster. Round 17 we lost to Mulgrave wheelers hill, but came back stronger in round 18 and had a win against Yaraleen. I had to travel for work, and Vivek took over the captaincy and did a very good job in organising the boys and getting us a few wins.

Round 19 against Nunawading, we had a big win under Viveks leadership. The vets helped us for this game, Ash Warren with a handy 37 and David Gibson with a 50 and Shubro deep with his first 50 for the club. Great team performance. Was one of the best games of the year. Round 20 and 21 we had wins to finish our season. We were in the hunt for finals but felt short and finished 5th on the ladder.

Positives for the season

Couple of special mentions-

- **Jay Kaler** – one of the most improved players. Started the season as a wicket keeper and ended the season taking the most no of wickets for the season and winning the association award. This was possible because of his commitment towards the club and his pursuit to get better at the game. He attended most practice sessions and brought down a lot of his friends to the club.
- **Dishant Solanki** – Great effort in the field. He was one of our best fielders all year around. Bowled and batted well and came to most practice session
- **Vivek Onamalai** – First time captaining the side, did a very good job, he was on top of sending out availabilities, managing our social calendar and making sure everything went smoothly on match days when we are playing at home.
- **To the Vets boys-** Thank you for helping out whenever possible. We got a few wins only because some of the boys came down and gave us a hand. Special mentions to Jake, David Gibson, Mark Eichler, Veitchie, Rowan St Clair, Ash Warren and Cliff.

Learnings from the Season-

- Need to turn up to practice more often.
- Need to have a consistent team of playing 11. Need to focus on a core group of players and can have a couple of changes.

Overall, a good season. Need to go a few steps forward this year.

Shoubhik Lahiri & Vivek Onamalai
Captain's Third XI

Veterans XI Captain's Report

Game 1 Vs Kerrimur United @ Hartwell

Batting first we decided to send in the trusty pair of Ash Warren and Aaron Smith. In what was a sign of things to come, Aaron (24) was run out with the score being 1-66. Ash (27) fell not long after and Doug (3) followed quickly. Soon Rohan and Tim were batting together keeping the run rate ticking over. Tim (24) and Rohan (43*) got the score to over 100 which left Cliff (13) and Mulls (20*) to help us to a total score of 171 from out 36 overs. Of note, Bert (2) on debut, Heagney (2) and Blunners (2) all felt the team had done enough already by gifting the opening bowler their wickets late in the piece.

In reply, Kerrimur could only manage 9-110. Dogman was the star of the show taking 4 wickets edging himself ever closer to the magic 1000. Doug and Pete B were rewarded for tight bowling each picking up 2. Cliff and Mulls both had buckets on their hands taking two catches each. All in all, a solid start to the campaign.

Game 2 Vs Woori Yallock @ Worri Yallock

Bowling first this time we started strongly with Pete B and Paul Basford bowling the openers in consecutive overs. Paul picked up a second wicket before their 3rd and 5th batsmen combined to both retire on 40 and 43 respectively. From there the remaining wicket were fairly consistent with Rohan picking up one, Pete getting another and Dogman snagging another 3 with some wily bowling. Woori finished up 8-169 from their 36 overs. Burwood batted strongly with Aaron (32) and Ash (19) getting us to 50 before Aaron departed. Ash departed soon after bringing the Paroissien brothers together. This lifted the run rate to immense levels with both brothers clearly trying to outdo the other. Greg (35) departed with the score on 117 which brought Mulls to the crease to bat with Doug (37) until the score reached 149 when Doug departed. Rohan (17*) joined Mulls (15*) finishing the game like an adopted Paroissien with a flurry of boundaries to see Burwood pass the score with 5 overs to go.

Game 3 Vs Park Orchards @ Hartwell

Batting first again this game we stuck to the tried and tested batting order. Unfortunately, we lost Ash (3) Aaron (16), Tim (11) and Greg (5) quickly to be 4-52. Doug (32) and Rohan (38) were able to pile on a few before both falling with the score on 113. Cliff (0), Gibbo (4) and Mulls (2) quickly followed before Mark Eichler (19*) and Blunners (10*) put on some much-needed runs to get us to 9-154 from our 36.

Park Orchards lost their opener quickly thanks to Mulls holding on to a Dougy special before the third drop paired nicely with their other opener to be around 1-50. Doug struck again followed by Mulls and Mark E taking one each. One Park Orchards player retired at 42 putting some pressure back on us however thanks to some well held catches by Cliff and Heagers; and some more excellent bowling from Doug, Pete and Mark we were able to bowl Park Orchards out for 143.

Game 4 Vs Glen Waverley @ Glen Waverley

This game was lost to the weather. Thank fully the ground is conveniently located a short drive from the Burvale hotel. Burwood put in a solid effort there finishing up around 5pm.

The game was due to be rescheduled for the reserve day in December however the association made an error in not informing all teams of this.

Game 5 Vs Croydon Rangers @ Silcock

Batting first in temperatures that could fry an egg; Ash (11) and Aaron (13) took the shine off the ball. Aaron was starting to struggle but held up an end admirably. With the score 2-33; Tim (45*) and Doug (41*) rolled back the clock with some vintage stroke play. Upon their retirements (Tim doing it with a mighty 6), Rohan (2) didn't stay long however Cliff (18) kept the score ticking along and Gibbo (37) found some form. Haney (0), Blunners (5) and Mulls (0) were out cheaply at the back end trying to keep the high run rate up but Mark E (16) put up a solid score with Burwood finishing on 201.

Unfortunately, we were outclassed by the batting display of Croydon. Their top 3 batsmen retired and we took only one wicket before they reached our score. In the final over Dogman took his 1000th wicket when he caught their captain off his own bowling. A fitting way to bring it up.

Game 6 Vs Heatherdale @ Hartwell

This game saw the return of Veitch for Aaron Smith and he slotted straight into the opening position. We batted first but lost Veitch (6) and Ash (11) quickly. Doug (15) hung around while Tim (40) retired again but not before some fine stroke playing and a big six. Sean (1) got off the mark in his second game for the season while Rohan (27) and Mulls (12) added a handful each. Mark E (6), Blunners (5), Heagney (7) and Winterton (5) combined in the final few over to get us up to 9-154 after 36. It is worth noting that Heatherdale used 12 bowlers in the innings!

Some early wickets to Pete and Winterton gave us hope but 2 Heatherdale players retiring and one player making 27 made the task insurmountable. Mulls and Blunners took two further wickets each however Heatherdale overtook us 6 down with 4 overs to spare. Tim took two catches with Heagers and Sean 1 each. Doug took a hard fall on the boundary line during this match after colliding with Mark E.

Game 7 Vs Wonga Park @ Hartwell

Needing a win to have a hope of playing finals there was a little bit of pressure on this game. Batting first again, Veitch (19) found some form joined by Cliff (9) and Tim (43*) who once again showed us all how easy it really is. Greg (19) batted well but it was Hadley (40*) who stole the show as Doug's replacement due to his injury from the previous game. Rohan (1), Mulls (2) and Blunners (2) did little to trouble the scorers while Mark E (22) once again showed how reliable he is to close out an innings. Craig (3*) joined Heagers (2*) who got another bat and was able to chalk up a N/O with Burwood finishing 7-180 from our 36.

An early wicket with Bede taking a catch off Pete saw Wonga Park 1-6 however the remaining opener and 1st drop both retired. Greg took 2 catches behind the stumps; Bede took two wickets; Heagers and Mark E took one each but, in the end, Wonga Park got past our score 5 down with 4.2 overs left.

A great start to the season however we were not able to hold on to that form and finished 5th. A few injuries and players unavailable meant we used 23 players across the season however it was as always, a lot of fun. Every game was played in great spirit and many memories have been added to what is already a long list of moments that will be treasured for years to come.

Rohan St. Clair

Veterans XI Captain 2022-23

I would like to thank Rohan for his willingness to captain the side in my absence and he did a wonderful job including writing a fantastic summary of our season. Thanks to all the families and others that allow us to get out on the park.

To the award winners Tim Mortensen, Adrian Dogman Reus, Brendan Mulligan and Cliff Mead congratulations. I have always loved being a Burra and I'm reminded of this every time we go onto the ground and encourage anyone that wants to reunite with the Burra to reach out. We are building our club up and it is great place to enjoy your cricket.

Darren Veitch

BDCC Veterans Cricket Coordinator & Captain

T20 Captain's Report

The T20 campaign for the 2022/23 season was a mixed bag for us. While we reached the semi-finals of the competition and agonizingly missed out on reaching the grand final, we had our fair share of luck in reaching the semi-final. We could only play 3 out of the assigned 5 home and away games due to washouts, resulting in a record of 1 win and 2 losses.

Nonetheless, when it came to the semi-final, the team put forth an amazing effort and took the attack to the Blackburn South team, who had convincingly defeated us in our last league game by 85 runs. An incredible bowling performance in the semi-final restricted them to 143, which we fell short of by 6 runs while chasing the score. During our batting effort, we witnessed one of the most astonishing displays of attacking batting by Shaubhik Nagpal, who scored 34 runs in a single powerplay over. While Shaubhik demonstrated his capabilities, his brother Rishabh Nagpal also played some amazing shots at the other end. Additionally, Shiv Goundan, a consistent run scorer, played a great knock of 44* and remained at the crease until the end. Many thanks to Narayanan Ramakrishnan, who stepped in as captain on short notice for the semi-final and effectively led the team.

This season also marked the debut of Abhishek Pratap as a BDCC captain in 2 league games for the club. Our only league win came against Nunawading in the 2nd round fixture, where great bowling by Abhishant Pursawalkam, Anshuman Banerjee, and our standout player of the season, Parag Jagtap, led us to a 23-run victory after a fine batting effort by Hari Rambhatla, Shaubhik Nagpal, Mark Savyell, and Ben Killeen, which helped us reach a total of 139.

I'd like to give a shoutout to Hadley Vaughan as well for his all-round effort in the 2 games he played for us. Another shoutout goes to Anton Martin, Andrew Rodrigues, Adrian Reus, Ben Killeen, and Jake Evans, our club legends, who stepped in to play for the team when we were short on players for a few games. As mentioned before, I extend my gratitude to Rishabh Nagpal for joining us. He consistently shifted the momentum in our favor with his bowling and showcased admirable batting skills in the semi-final game. I would also like to appreciate the efforts of Kishan Rajasekaram and Jitendra Kaler, who showed great commitment to the team and performed exceptionally well.

Unfortunately, the semi-final didn't go our way. However, we put on a strong performance with the ball and genuinely competed with the bat. A more consistent team next year will be our goal, which will surely increase our chances of winning the flag, as we have come incredibly close in the last two seasons.

Hari Rambhatla

T20 Captain

Senior Cricket Award Winners and Season Milestones

Batting Awards

First XI - Branevan Shankumar
Second XI - Sukhraj Bhullar
Veterans XI - Tim Mortensen
T20 XI – Shaubhik Nagpal

Bowling Awards

First XI - Narayanan Ramakrishnan
Third XI – Jitendra Kaler
Veteran XI - Adrian Reus
T20 XI - Parag Jagtap

Fielding Awards

First XI - Bert Ahcheen
Second XI - Steve Wood
Third XI - Jitendra Kaler & Dishant Solanki
Veteran XI - Brendan Mulligan

Club Awards

Colin McDonald Club Champion - Shivanay Goundan
Don McLaine Best On-Field Performance - Branevan Shankumar & Shivanay Goundan
President's Award - Kaveen Singh
Most improved player of the season - Parag Jagtap

Milestones

500 matches - Adrian Reus
300 matches - Bede Allsopp
200 matches - Ash Warren
200 matches – Doug Paroissien
3000 runs - Jake Evans
1000 wickets - Adrian Reus

Association Awards

Shivanay Goundan – C grade batting award for scoring 464 runs at an average of 66.29.
Sukhraj Bhullar – F grade batting award for scoring 275 runs at an average of 68.75
Jitendra Kaler – I grade bowling award for taking 21 wickets at an average of 9.1

Club Milestones

500 Games – Adrian Reus
300 Games – Bede Allsopp
200 Games – Ashley Warren
200 Games – Doug Paroissien
3000 Runs – Jake Evans
1,000 Wkts – Adrian Reus

Club Partnership

Branevan Shankumar and Shivanay Goundan's fourth Wicket partnership of 211 against Koonung Heights in the C semi grade final (First XI)

The following records were broken:

Highest partnership for any wicket in First XI. (Not in club as there are at least eight higher)

Highest partnership for any wicket in a finals game. (On what I can find, previous best was 205)

Minutes of meeting 2021/22

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 15th June 2022

Opened at 7:00 pm by M Blundell with the meeting declared valid with 17 members present (via zoom and via proxy).

A Pratap moved that the minutes of the AGM held on the 31st May 2021 be accepted. M Blundell seconded. Carried.

M Blundell welcomed the attendees to the AGM and discussed that after a year marred by COVID we were forced to have our AGM via Zoom again.

Minutes of the previous minutes held on 31st May 2021 were reviewed by A Pratap (secretary) and there were no issues or points of contention. No attendees had any questions in regards to the previous year minutes.

Proposed – Abhishek Pratap

Seconded – Mark Blundell

Vote – Unanimous

President's Report

President Mark Blundell outlined the various successes of the club both on and off the field. It focused on our increased member numbers, development of our junior program, the women's program started at the club, funding through subs and grants and also thanked members for donation to the 'Go Burra' fund which helped buy iPads used by teams for live scoring and finally the proposed re-development of Hartwell.

Proposed – Mark Blundell

Seconded – Bernie Hall

Vote – Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

N Ramakrishnan presented the financial reports for the club. He outlined the continuing strong financial position the club has developed despite the challenges of the COVID and its effects of organising club events. He also highlighted on the grants received by the club and the importance of the donations on the 'Go Burra' fund.

Proposed – Narayanan Ramakrishnan

Seconded – Mark Blundell

Vote - Unanimous

Appointment of Office Bearers 2022/2023

A Pratap declared all committee positions vacant.

a) Appointment of President

A Pratap advised meeting that there was no nomination for the position. M Blundell was to continue his role as president

b) Appointment of Vice President

A Pratap advised meeting that there was no nomination for the position. D Veitch was to continue his role as vice-president

c) Appointment of Treasurer

A Pratap advised meeting that there was only one nomination for the position – A Reus. A Reus was appointed to the position.

Appointment of Committee Members

A Pratap noted that there was one nomination for positions on the committee – J Kaler. J Kaler was appointed to the committee.

It was noted that A Pratap was to continue in his role as secretary.

General Business

Thoughts and ideas on 2022/23 season and team gradings were discussed. Strengthening our juniors and women's program was highlighted.

Meeting Closed: 7:55 pm

Dogman's retirement announcement

TO BURWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

I wish to thank Mark Blundell, Darren Veitch, Ian Scholefield and the committee for everything that was done for me this year as I reached 1000 wickets and 500 games.

The BBQ and photographer and resulted photos on the day of the Vets game against Park Orchards together with all the past players was something special.

Ian's 6 pages of my history and stats is something I will cherish.

The past 45 seasons have given me many great times in which I have made lifelong friends. I will miss the camaraderie, fun nights and many laughs. Whilst the mind wants to continue, the knees tell me time is up.

So, to all the Burra family, I say THANK YOU

Adrian 'Dogman' Reus

Life member nomination for Mark Blundell

The Committee - Burwood District Cricket Club

Re: Nomination of Life Membership for Mark Blundell

I wish to Nominate Mark Blundell for life membership of the Burwood District Cricket Club.

Mark has been a great servant to our club both on and off the field for over 20 years. He became involved with our club in 2001/02 when he was appointed as assistant to Tim Clubb who was running the Milo Cricket coaching program. Mark then joined the club as a player in 2002/03 and has continued playing since then.

In 2016/17 Mark stepped up to be the President of the club, a position he has held since till 2022/23 season. Along with this, Mark has been heavily involved in the development of the junior Milo and Woolworths blast programs and manage our junior cricket teams in super 7's and fast 9's.

Mark has also been involved in getting various grants for our club, merchandise and getting the club room redevelopment off the ground.

On field, Mark has been captain 6 times with the 2016/17 captaincy bringing the club a First XI Premiership. Mark has played over 260 games , winning numerous bowling, batting and fielding awards as well trophies for off and on field performances.

I hope the committee looks favourably on this Nomination and grants this life membership.

Nomination by: Adrian Reus

Seconded: Darren Veitch

Appointment of Office Bearers 2023/2024

A Pratap declares all committee positions vacant.

a) Appointment of President

A Banerjee and N Ramakrishnan have nominated themselves for the position of co-president.

Proposed –
Seconded –
Vote –

b) Appointment of Vice President

No formal nominations were received.

c) Appointment of Treasurer

Tom Golding and Anshuman Banerjee have nominated themselves for the position of Treasurer.

Proposed –
Seconded –
Vote –

Appointment of Committee Members

General Business