



Edinburgh Cricket Club

2013-2014

Annual Report

Premiers

Men's 5th XI
Men's LOC
U12C Yellow

Semi Finalists

Women's 1st IX
Men's 1st XI
Men's 2nd XI
Veterans Yellow

Runners Up

Men's 3rd XI

Semi Finalists

Veterans Maroon
U16B
U14B2

Values

Community Oriented

Seek to engage the local community in the club at all levels.

Inclusive

Provide access to cricket for everyone interested. Encourage diversity across the club.

Open

Be transparent, provide forums for questions to be asked and seek feedback from members and key stakeholders.

United

All areas of the club are involved, respected and represented. Share and celebrate successes. Challenge and encourage each other.

Development Focussed

Maximise the potential of the club. Focus on individual development needs. Select competitive teams for those with high performance focus.



The Burra Plan

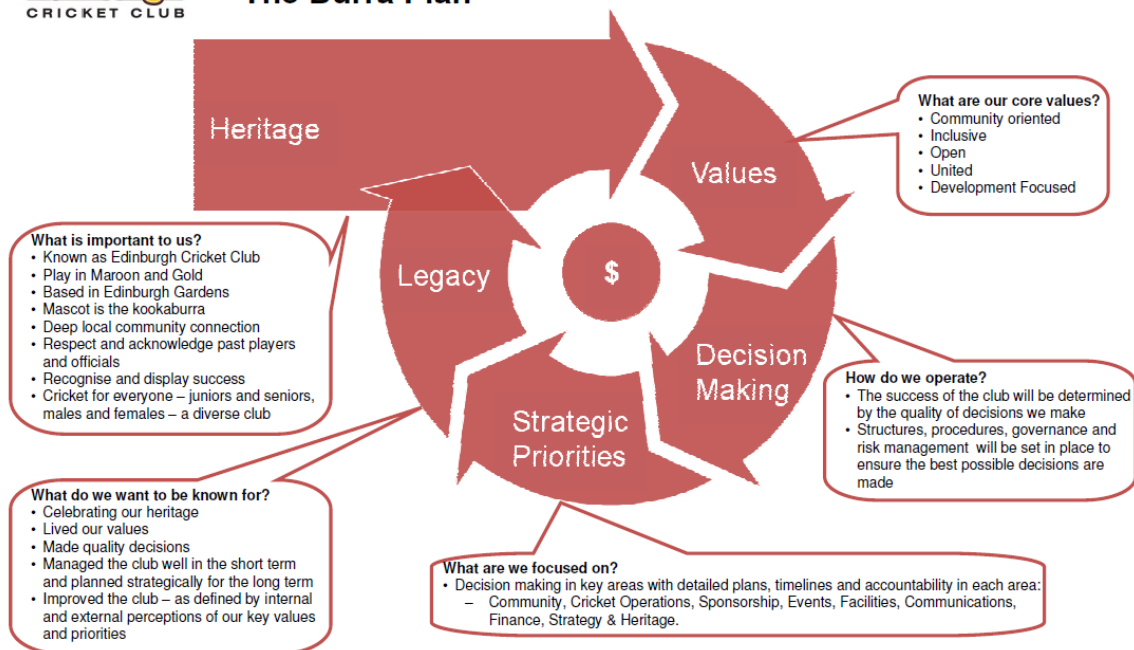


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Executive

President's Report

2013-14 was a year in which the senior men and junior section of the club stabilised themselves in the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA), the veterans in the Box Hill District Reporter Cricket Association (BHDRCA) and the women's team in the VWCA – North West One day grade. It is with great pleasure that the current Executive present the Annual Report.

I would like to formally thank the entire Executive team for the dedication, effort and persistence in effectively continuing to run, shape & lay the future foundations for the Edinburgh CC. I would also like to thank you as a supporter, parent, player and sponsor of this great club, for all your work, passion and energy through 2013-14. It takes an effort from everybody to make the vibrant, progressive, successful club & enjoyable environment we have.

All community organisations cannot operate without the support of valued partners. I would formally like to thank the Royal Derby Hotel, Lion Nathan, Fitzroy Victoria Bowling Club, Secret Agent buyer's advocates, Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bendigo Bank, Fox Hotel, House of Golf (Flinders Street), Back in Motion Physiotherapy - Northcote and Blonde Robot for their on-going financial support.

The City of Yarra through Jonathan Coyne, Stuart Grant, Kimberly Castiello and Parks Victoria through Tristan Factor again provide us with our fantastic facilities, grounds & support where needed.

Financially we continue to operate efficiently & profitably to ensure we are able to meet any financial challenges that occur day to day & into the future. We need to continue to build on our efficiency, income streams & in particular our agreements with merchandise & equipment providers.

We continue to be a leader & voice in our local community. Stan White again facilitated the Atherton Gardens cricket program with the aid of Victoria Police and the City of Yarra, which resulted in some 30 children from the Atherton Garden complex being given the opportunity to experience cricket. Pleasingly 4-5 youngsters progressed into our U/10 and U/12 squads.

Our communication to the entire club continues to improve through the effort of Bob Neilson (Communications Director). The club communicates to members and supporters via the club website, Email, Twitter & Facebook. The integration of the senior & junior communication pieces and for one club update weekly was a success and I look forward to Bob & his team building on that. In recognition of Bob's work - I would like to formally congratulate Bob Neilson on winning the Duke of Edinburgh award for 2012-14.

I would like to formally thank Chris Horsley-Wyatt (Event Manager) who successfully facilitated the Annual Dinner, Reverse Raffle/Casino Night & Trivia night's functions. The Annual Dinner was certainly the highlight & marquee function of the year.

The Cricket program lead by Stuart Whiley (Director of Cricket), supported by Michael Symonds Junior (Co-ordinator), Caterina Stella (Junior Administrator), Julie Allan/Jane Seeber (Senior Women's Co-ordinator), Senior Men's Coach Jono Coyne and Senior Women's Coach Paul Holden was again a success. In any given week the Edinburgh CC facilitated 8 senior men's teams, 1 senior women's team, 12 junior teams and a Saturday morning Milo program, which on average is 300 members representing the club on any given Saturday.

I would like to formally congratulate the Senior Men's 5th XI, Senior Men One-Day XI and all the U'12 junior team on winning their respective 2013-14 premierships.

I would like to personally congratulate:-

- Julian Delahunt for winning both the Shadbolt & Warner/Kelly medals.

- Bianca Maes for winning both the Bullock Chancellor/Allan medals
- Stuart Brown for his selection in the ECA team of the year
- Tegan French for her selection in the VWCA – North West team of the year and fielding award.

It was with great pride that the club elected Stan White to receive Life Membership in 2013-14. Stan has been enormous in his coordinating the ECC junior program, formation of the club's Milo In2cricket & Junior Winter programs, as well as the Atherton Gardens Community program. Stan – again from all of the ECC community – well done & well deserved.

I would like to thank the executive members who have informed me that they will be moving on – Chris Horsley-Wyatt, Julie Allen and Mick Symonds. All have put enormous time & effort into the running of Edinburgh CC, I thank you.

As some of you may be aware, it is time to for me step down as President after 3-years and allow the next generation of Edinburgh leaders to re-ignite the executive and navigate the club in the direction they think it needs to move into.

I am extremely proud at handing over the club in its current state: record membership base of circa 350, FY turnover exceeding 120K, more than 55K cash on hand, a strategy piece that followed on from the ECC 3-year plan in 2008-09 that sets a framework for ECC's future & a successful transition into new associations (ECA & BHRDCA) after the dissolution of the HDCA.

I am disappointed that we could not upgrade the facilities at BSO to be more family & in particular female friendly – I think this, the on-going senior men turf discussion, full merchandise range becoming available to the entire club, the engagement of family/partners & past players through Coterie groups (the Duchess of Edinburgh & Club 78) and the development of the women's section of the club at both a junior and senior level as items that need to be tackled by the incoming executive.

Thank you for all your support and loyalty.

I must lastly thank my family – Suzanne, Katelyn & James, for allowing me to undertake the role.

It's been an honour.

GO BURRA

Brad Shadbolt

Executive Committee

President: Brad Shadbolt

Vice President: Conrad French

Secretary: Tim Chalke

Treasurer: Barry Calnon

Assistant Treasurer: Polly Hughes

Director of Cricket: Stuart Whiley

Events: Chris Horsley-Wyatt

Men's Coordinator: Conrad French

Women's Coordinator: Julie Allan/Jane Seber

Communications Manager: Bob Neilson

Junior Coordinators: Michael Symons and Caterina Stella

Strategy & Planning: Matt Green

Affiliations

Eastern Cricket Association

Victorian Womens Cricket Association

Life Members

2012-2013 Stan White

2010-2011 Julian Delahunt

2009-2010 Todd Delahunt

2008-2009 Irene Bullock

1996-1997 Craig Cook

1988-1989 Peter Shadbolt

1987-1988 Robert Greenaway

2004-2005 Barry Calnon
1999-2000 Rob Simpson

1985-1986 Ron Kelly
1981-1982 Wayne Warner

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke/Duchess of Edinburgh was introduced to recognise an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, dedication, effort and input to the club throughout the season.

2013-14 Bob Neilson

Previous Winners

2012-2013: Conrad French	2004-2005 Todd Delahunt
2011-2012: Stuart Whiley/David Moulden	2003-2004 Barry Calnon
2010-2011: Sally Marsden	2002-2003 Barry Calnon
2009-2010: Naresh Pereira	2001-2002 Barry Calnon
2008-2009: Stan White	2000-2001 Peter Hille
2007-2008: Andy Olsen	1999-2000 Peter Hille
2006-2007 Barry Calnon	1998-1999 Julian Delahunt
2005-2006 Irene Bullock	

Secret Agent Team of the Year

Craig Cameron;
Bianca Maes;
Stuart Brown;
Murray Middleton;
Brad Shadbolt;
Paul Moulday;
Tegan French (wk);
Ron Pennefather (c);
Conrad French;
Julian Delahunt;
Mick Younger; and
Sean O'Sullivan (12th)

Community Programs

Atherton Gardens

Cricket at Atherton Gardens

This was the fifth year of the Atherton programme, which is run at Atherton Gardens as a part of the FASTA after school sporting activities for mid to late primary school aged children. The programme was organised by the Yarra Youth Resource Officers at Fitzroy Police in partnership with ECC and Community Cricket at Cricket Victoria/ Cricket Australia. It consisted of 10 sessions held in the third/winter school semester (mid- July through to mid- September). Considerable experience in running a community cricket programme has been established within the Club and which in turn has a positive feedback into the continuing development of the Atherton programme.

Again in this past season, cricket was familiar to the majority of youngsters as many had participated in previous programmes. Consequently we were able to offer a wider range of cricketing activities in the 2013-2014 programme. A synthetic cricket net was installed at Atherton by the City of Yarra in the off-season and enabled us to introduce a hardball element into the programme.

Our aim was to provide a programme format with activities/drills that were appealing, gave maximum active involvement for the youngsters and were within their capabilities. That is, activities were age specific (younger/less experienced—older/more experienced divisions) but not gender specific. Another important point learnt from past programmes was the need for a low ratio of coaches/assistants to youngsters (ca 1:2 or 3) as against ca 1:6 for similarly aged youngsters in a club environment.

The Atherton cricket programme was organised by Stan White and Jack Viola (ECC), Chris Corrie (Cricket Victoria/Cricket Australia) and Chris McGeachan (Yarra Youth Resource Officer, Fitzroy Police). This past season was characterised by a much wider range of assistants from within the Club. They included members of the executive (Brad Shadbolt, Stu Whaley, Julie Allen, Chris Horsley –Wyatt and Bob Neilson), the senior coach (Jonno Coyne) and several players from the ladies, mens and junior teams plus past players (Simon Wraight,, Paddy Dwyer, Tegan French, Maddie French, Will Symons, Murray White and Nick White- apologies to anyone overlooked) and students from the Australian Catholic University (ACU).

The programme consisted of weekly sessions of one hour to one and half hours run over the winter semester. Surprisingly no time was lost through weather. The big plus was that the end of the programme in mid- September corresponded to the commencement of the junior training at Edinburgh Cricket Club (ECC) for the new season.

The number of youngsters attending Atherton Gardens FASTA cricket was again set at ca 20 -25 with a maximum of 30; that is, the number which could be spatially accommodated at Atherton Gardens and physically supported by coaches and assistants to ensure a good programme. Each participant was provided with an individual FASTA playing top, which gave greater group identity and cohesion. Overall, session attendances were high; basically 100% throughout the programme, indicating that the activities were again well received. The feedback from the youngsters was positive and confirmed that they had enjoyed their cricket.

During the sessions, the youngsters were divided into two groups; a younger and an older. The drills/activities for the former group basically corresponded to MILO in2 Cricket and those for the latter to MILO Have a Game. Sessions started with activities/drills, which involved all and concluded with a group wrap-up to ensure a sense of group cohesion. The older children, both boys and girls, were introduced to hardball cricket, i.e. bowling with hard balls and wearing full protective gear when batting.

A further positive feature this past year was the continuation of a high number of girls participating in the programme. At any one session this past season, there were at least 50% girls. Usually they were in the majority; continuing the progressive increase in numbers from season to season. The presence of female coaches and female assistants, from the Club and from ACU, created a girl friendly environment during the programme. Experience gained over the past years is that their presence has a positive effect on the overall behaviour of the youngsters.

The introduction of Atherton youngsters to club cricket at the Edinburgh Cricket Club.

This aspect of the programme is aimed at introducing Atherton youngsters to junior cricket in a club environment and to a wider community environment. It has met with mixed success since the Club changed affiliation to the Eastern Cricket Association. The main reason is the children's commitment to other sporting and especially to cultural activities on a Saturday morning, when U10s and 12s play, was greater than anticipated. The Club is investigating the T20 Blast programme run by Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia and looking into establishing a mid-week regional metro T20 Blast centre at BSO. The T20 Blast has a quick format not dissimilar to that followed in the Atherton

programme. It is aimed at a similar age group and provides a good follow-up to the Atherton programme. The Blast format is also similar to that used in the local primary schools Cricket Carnival. The Carnival is proving attractive to girls in our local community and hopefully will provide a lead into the Club's junior programme for local girls and the Atherton children.

Acknowledgements

The Edinburgh Cricket Club thanks Cricket Victoria/Cricket Australia, the City of Yarra and Bendigo Bank for support which has enabled the Club to provide a cricket option in the FASTA Programme developed by the Yarra Youth Resource Officers (Chris McGeachan and Tony Brewin) at Fitzroy Police and to link this into the Club's junior programme. The Club also thanks all mentioned above who gave their time to support the Atherton Cricket Programme.

Stan White

Cricket Operations

Director of Cricket Report

Generally with regards to cricket across the club, it was a strong consolidation year, building on our progress last season in a number of areas.

Overall, our on-field performances were good, with 22 teams playing every week, 7 Senior sides making finals, two premierships, increasing number and quality of Juniors in seniors. Our junior program continued to go from strength to strength. Pleasingly both the survey and anecdotal feedback on the on-field and training experiences continued to be very positive. We do though remain very committed to continuous improvement and I would encourage anyone with ideas or feedback in this regard to share it with me.

For the last few years, we have measured ourselves against a number of key challenges we identified for the cricket program. I will discuss each of these below.

1. Future of Women's side(s)

The Club and myself personally are enormously proud of our Senior Female's Leadership team of coach Paul Holden, first year skipper Bianca Maes, vice captain Tegan French and Coordinators Julie Allen and Jane Seeber. We made significant progress again this year and made the finals. We are two years into a turnaround and well-placed to start to chase our longer-term goals in female cricket. Our key challenge now is making this next step in terms of developing Female pathways and we must make progress in the next 12 months.

2. Integrating into new competition

On the Senior Male and Juniors side of the club we again had another overall positive year in the ECA reinforcing the club's competition decision prior to 2012/13. The Veterans teams continued to prosper in the BHDRCA and is increasingly adding significantly to Edinburgh.

I believe we can close this as an active challenge for now.

3. Balancing junior player development/ enjoyment

Mick Symons also took over from Life Member Stan White as our Junior Co-ordinator. This program continues to grow and improve. Mick and all of the other junior coaches should be very proud of his efforts.

This season we slightly shifted the balance with some of our older juniors to place a greater emphasis on competing. The purpose of this was to try and improve the development of our juniors and prepare them better for further cricket. In doing this we were very cognisant of balancing

participation and enjoyment. Whilst not perfect, I think we did well here and we will continue to try and balance this into the future.

4. Balancing needs of all senior men

It was a year of change in this area as well with Jono Coyne taking over the Senior Men's Coaching role and performing very well. Jono addressed a number of areas we had been trying to improve on, particularly in improving the training experience of some of our lower grades. It is a very difficult role to manage given our training numbers and resources. Jono, with the skippers and other leaders, played a big role in getting 5 of 6 Senior Men's teams into finals and two premierships.

In an ideal state, we would have additional coaching support alongside Jono to get the best of both the previous models. With Mluleki Nkala on-board and Jono continuing in 2013/14, we should get even closer to what we are striving to do and continue to improve.

I want to particularly mention the lower grades here. Tom Cargill and Justin Beilin did an enormous job for us in re-fashioning the one-dayers, which was a problematic area for us in terms of numbers and integration, into a strong, vibrant part of the club that delivered a premiership. Ron Pennefather and co in the 5ths did a marvellous job in bringing some very young juniors into senior cricket and also delivering a flag.

To Sunny Munn, Tim Chalke and Barry Calnon who took turns taking the 4s, thanks for getting the club through a bind. You all did a great job. Thanks to all of the guys who played 4s for tolerating the changes through the year. The experience did highlight the importance of continuity in team leaders and we will address this next season.

5. Junior/Senior Development

We made significant improvement again in this area. Some of this was a result from the already mentioned minor shift in our juniors approach and also Jono's efforts, but generally here we improved in most key facets in this area:

- Number of juniors regularly playing seniors;
- Number of juniors pushing into higher senior grades;
- Number of Juniors in representative sides;
- Output of juniors in the senior ranks;
- The skill development of the juniors; and
- General junior enjoyment of the senior experience.

My proudest moment of the year cricket-wise was senior grand final day, seeing young Nick Nodin play a superb knock of 40 in the 5ths Grand Final then driving to the 3s final and seeing a future star in Josh Robinson make an excellent 54 to help the 3s build a strong score.

No doubt we continue to have work to do with junior development and we need to both increase the development opportunities at training for the juniors (and for that matter seniors) and to see some of our juniors again pushing into the first team ranks but the output here was very pleasing.

Importantly, I want to congratulate and express the Club's and my own gratitude to each of the senior skippers, junior team managers and coaches and each of the senior coaches not mentioned elsewhere. These positions are often thankless and not easy, but without you the club does not get the teams onto the park each week and we are not the wonderful club we continue to be.

To everyone who played for or supported Edinburgh in any fashion this year, thanks for all of your efforts. We are very proud of all of you. The club is a sum total of each of you and I hope that you enjoyed your experience. If anyone wants to discuss any of the above or has concerns on anything else, please contact me.

Challenges

The table on the next page summarises the challenges identified last year and our performance in addressing them. Significant progress was made, particularly in terms of our women's program and

integration into the new male/junior competitions. The other challenges are primarily competing interests between various stakeholders of the club and balancing these will continue to be a challenge.

The key additional challenge that emerged this season was playing numbers and balancing the competing interests of the 4s, 5s, and one-day sides. Our one-day side adds a lot to the Club, particularly in character, but having enough players with commitment to play each week has become increasingly challenging. Whilst we do not want anyone missing games, the club will need to reflect on playing numbers and make a decision for the coming season in terms of how many senior men's teams we play & whether one of these is a one day team.

Senior Men's

First XI

After putting in such a strong showing in Edinburgh's debut season in the ECA in 2012/13, the first XI was full of anticipation that higher accolades would follow in 2013/14 – particularly after the Director was able to secure the services of the ECA most valuable player, Chris Branigan, for another season and Harry Galpin to replace the much loved Chris Lomas as our overseas player and junior section coach.

However, it didn't take long before the concern set in with 3 pretty ordinary showings in the first 3 games to leave the Burra wondering where its next win was coming from. Top order batting that resembled Bambi running on a frozen lake ensured everyone got a hit, sometimes two and it wasn't long before all the confidence of previous seasons had subsided.

Round 4 saw the Burra take on Clifton Hill in the local derby and, with so much to play for and not a lot of love to be lost, it was the experienced players that stood up and led from the front to see the Burra home in the first of four wins on the bounce. The back-to-back wins saw some solid individual performances with Harry Galpin and Brad Shadbolt each scoring half centuries and the Burra's favourite son, Julian Delahunt, accumulating wickets at will including a very rare hat-trick against Manningham in Round 5. What made this hat-trick even more memorable was that 'el Presidente was able to hang onto a one hander at first slip to ensure his old mate went down in the record books. Just when you thought it couldn't get any more exciting, the Burra got home in a nail biter against Deepdene in Round 7 to chase down 182 with 1 wicket in hand after Conrad French strode to the crease and launched his first ball back over the bowlers head for four runs.

Round 8 had the Burra heading into the Christmas break with a clash against Boroondara at BSO and, after having the oppo 5/10, the First XI were up and about. However, like all good sides, Boroondara slowly but surely navigated their way out of trouble to post 185, with Mick Younger taking season best figures of 4/40. Our run chase was littered with the most farcical of umpiring decisions and ultimately, the Burra fell 4 runs short of defeating the top of the table leaders when Nick Abbott was caught at long on trying to repeat Conrad's success from the game before.

Two comprehensive wins straight after the Christmas break, including a magnificent 5/18 by Jack Viola against Wycliff, had the Burra back in the top 4; however, the following two poor losses against Burwood Uniting and Trinity Willison led to only one ultimatum – win the final game outright or miss out of the finals festivities. Week 1 was pedestrian to say the least with Manningham posting 133 from 70 overs and the Burra was in a spot of bother, teetering at 1/7 at the close of play. The second week saw Simon Wraight excel to post a timely and composed innings to be unbeaten on 62 before the declaration was made just 8 runs ahead. Manningham picked up where they left off in week one with absolutely no urgency or fortitude in trying and set up a winning scenario for the tourists. However, Julian Delhunt and Chris Branigan had other ideas, each taking 3/30 odd to bundle Manningham out for 82 of 40 overs. After 150 overs of play, the equation was simple – the Burra needed 75 off the remaining 10 overs (or roughly 7.5 an over) on the massive BSO. In front of

a huge home crowd with many of the other grades finishing up early and the hosting of the Duchess of Edinburgh at BSO, Brad Shadbolt wound back the clock smashing the winning runs with 9 balls to spare and ensured we didn't disappoint. This was an emphatic win, one that I'm sure every player was pleased to be involved in and to share it with the wider Edinburgh Cricket Club community was particularly pleasing.

We came up against the league leaders, Boroondara, who were full of confidence in the semi final and unfortunately were too strong for the Burra, who's season ebbed and flowed and never really gathered the kind of momentum you need to call upon during the finals. However, any season where you participate in the finals can be considered a success and will hold the playing group in good stead for the season ahead when the First XI strive to go one better.

Julian Delahunt was the stand out player of the first XI, picking up 35 wickets at 13 runs apiece and ensured he figured heavily in the club's most acclaimed awards on presentation night. One of the unsung heroes of the First XI that consistently performed behind the stumps, not only taking numerous dismissals but also setting the tone for others with regards to the standards we expect of those representing the First XI. These standards are set from the first minute of our warm up, until the last ball is bowled at the end of the day. Nick Callanan led the league for dismissals taking 18 catches and 4 stumpings, which was 8 dismissals better than the next keeper and Nick was very unlucky not to be awarded 'Team of the Year' honours at the ECA presentation night. It is these two players that great clubs are built around, the challenge for the rest of us is step up to ensure we contribute as much as we can to the Burra.

Another pleasing aspect to the season was the emergence of a number of players from Stuart Whiley's Second XI. Conrad French, Mick Younger, Jack Viola, Simon Wraight, Bob Nielson and Tom Witherdon all played important roles throughout the year to support the First XI and is a testament to the depth surrounding Edinburgh currently.

A big thank you to all the players that turned out for the First XI this year and supported me in my role as captain. I was very fortunate to lead a team that is particularly knowledgeable about the game and passionate about the Edinburgh Cricket Club and their teammates. I look forward to seeing you all for the 2014/15 season and bye for now.

Stuart Brown

Second XI

This was a season that despite starting slowly, built to be very promising with a number of memorable moments before ultimately a disappointing finish when we let ourselves and each other down on day 2 of the semi-final.

The season started down at STC. We had a number of new faces in the twos with Billy Haider, Chuck Berry, Scott Montgomery and Adam Neylon, but it was an old hand in Mick Younger who slowly worked into his season; bowling 31 overs for 7-84 on day 1. We bowled STC out for 240 on stumps. In reply, we started ok with Darv Moulden (27) and Will Keating (42) putting on 63 for the first wicket. Jono Coyne looked ominous with 28 before getting caught at long off after the ball launched off the bowler's head. From 4/110 we had a lot of work to do, but the skipper (50 not out) had partnerships with Tom Witherden (26), Adam Neylon (23) and Mark Brown (28 not out) to get us over the line 6 down.

Round 2 was the start of a bad run for us. Playing at home against Burwood, we did not bowl to our standard and conceded 7/153 from our 40 overs. CH was the pick of bowlers with 3/26. Jono made 50 of the first 64 in the chase but otherwise we barely got going. We were all out for 144 with only Mark Brown (20) and a surprising Mick Younger (27) putting up a fight.

All I can say about round 3 is that the bowling improved significantly. Pat Malone took 5-16 off his 8 overs and most of the bowlers were miserly: Darv taking 2-13 and Mick 1-11 both from 8 overs as we

rolled North Balwyn for 87 in 36 overs. Unfortunately, in what may have been an ominous signal, the batting did not fire a shot other than Jono. Jono made 40 of the first 61, but from 2/61 we were all out for 77.

The twos played AYC at AYC for the first time in round 4. Batting first, we were in trouble, again, at 4/40. Bob Neilson (35), with some support from myself (22), got us to 99. We then lost 5/10 before CH and Pat put on 21 for the last wicket to get us to 9/130. Whilst an early wicket got us started, AYC's other opener smashed a quick fire 51 at a rapid rate. Tiny ground was a big change for us and we were guilty of both trying too hard to get wickets and not taking our chances. CH gave us a chance, and was easily the pick of the bowlers, taking 2-19 from 8. Ultimately, we could not peg them back enough though as AYC got the runs 4 down.

Quite a few home truths at 1-3, but the boys rallied together for the long trip out to Knox. We got the worst of the weather bowling in the wet and Knox got off to a strong, quick scoring, start. The bowling was generally solid though and we pegged them back through the innings, before surprise packet Adam Neylon grabbed 3-18 and Darv grabbed 2-24 as we wrapped them up for 121. After the last 3 weeks, the batting needed to lift. Whilst still leaving a lot of room for improvement, we did turn the corner a little. Simon Wraight made an excellent 52, combining with Tom Witherden (26) for a rapid opening stand of 49. A few other starts were enough to get us the runs 5 down from only 28 overs.

Round 6 got us back in to two dayers and saw Josh Robinson making his twos debut. Batting first we made 219 on the back of Bob Neilson's solid 44 opening, Marcus Lorkin making 43 resuming from suspension and fatherhood and Scott Montgomery (32) and Sam Branigan (34) combining for a 63 run 8th wicket partnership. Sam, playing with us as he could only cover half of day 2, showed his class in taking 6/22 off 13. Mick Younger was again excellent taking 3-36 as we rolled Blackburn for 71 to record back to back wins for the first time for the season and level the ledger and 3 and 3. We had a crack at the outside chance of an outright, but Blackburn shut up shop and got through 20 overs none down.

Two more juniors in Will Symons and Gio Colorassi made their two's debuts in round 7 as despite a scare, we gave Deepdene a hiding. All of the bowlers were excellent day 1 as we rolled Deepdene for 50 from 33 overs. Pick of the bowlers were two debutants in the twos with Andrew Sewell taking 3-13 and Gio Colorassi 2-4. Jack Viola also chimed in with 2-15. The scare came in the chase as early wickets dropped around Bob. At 4-13, Tom joined Bob and together they got us to the win and beyond. When Tom (59) was out we had got to 94. Mark Brown chimed in with 23 as we got to 9/152 declared from only 35 overs. Bob was the rock though carrying his bat with 53. The pace of the runs allowed us to put Deepdene back in still on day 1. It was harder the second time around, but we eventually rolled Deepdene for a painstaking 71 from 55.5. The wickets were spread, with Gio (2-11 from 9) and Bob (2-9 from 11) the multiple wicket takers.

In the last game before the Christmas break, Boorondara got away from us a little to make 180. Our fielding was what really cost us. Best performed with the ball was Conrad French, who got the most wickets (3-60), and Andrew Sewell was continuing to build his miserly reputation with 2-14 from 11 overs. At 5-59 chasing we were in a lot of trouble before a 99 run partnership between Will Horsley-Wyatt(59) and Adam Neylon (52) got us home 7 down.

The first game back post the break has been a danger day for us for a number of years and Deepdene got off to a flyer to be at one stage 0-50 from 6 overs. In encouraging signs of where we had built to, we stuck at our task and from this point pegged Deepdene right back. With Bob Neilson taking 3-24, Nathan Hudson taking 3-19 and Darv Moulden 2-12, we bowled Deepdene out for 141. We lost 3 early wickets to be 3-7, but Scott Montgomery showed us his talents and got us over the line. Scott made 76 not out combining first with Will Keating (38) in a 72 run 4th wicket partnership, then Darv Moulden (8 not out) in a 62 run 5th wicket partnership to get us home with 11 overs in hand.

Back down at STC, we were excellent with the bat in making 5/280 from our 40 overs. We got off to a flyer with Bob (78) and Tom (57) putting on 124 for the 1st wicket, before Scott (56) and Will Keating (43) shared another strong partnership – this time 77 runs. STC put up a fight in response, but it was too many runs as we kept them to 9/225. CH was the pick of the bowlers taking 3/34. North Balwyn did not hesitate to put us in at BSO after our collapse earlier in the season and at 5/15 they were very confident. Tom Witherden though played one of the finest knocks I have seen given the circumstances, making 94 whilst dominating partnerships of 49 with myself (not many), then 78 with Ted (23). Conrad (23) and CH (20) further rallied to get us to 189. In a close, fought out game, we kept to our game and despite some solid partnerships we rolled North Balwyn for 179. Conrad was excellent taking 4-22 from 23 overs and Ted backed up his batting with 2-14 from 11. With day 1 called off for heat, round 12 converted to a one day game. It really was a complete performance from us against Trinity Willison. Playing at home all our batsmen got starts as we made a massive 5/219 from our 40 overs. Nathan Hudson top scored with 42 whilst Tom (30), Jono (33), Ted (36), and Scott (33) all got rapid 30s. Our bowlers were too good as we rolled them for 57. Conrad was again the pick of the bowlers with 5-18.

The regular season finished for us out at Knox in what was both Mick Younger and my own 100th games for the club. Bowling first we kept them to 138. Ted, whose form was building, took 2-15 off 11 and CH took 3-37, but it was again Conrad with 3-27 who was the pick of the bowlers for the 3rd straight game. It was the Will Keating show in the chase as he made his first hundred (127). After Will and myself got us to 59 before I got out, Will and Nathan Hudson (75) then put on 186 for the second wicket. We declared at 2-245 when Will got out. We had a bowl to see if the outright was on, but only Mick Younger and Tom Witherden got poles before we called it off at 2-80. Tom's wicket is worth noting as the batsman was caught off the back of his bat.

So after a slow start at 1-3 and some very ordinary signs with the bat, the boys had built the season to win 9 games on the trot and finish top of the ladder. Unfortunately, the last few games may have got us a little ahead of ourselves which combined with a really strong performance from STC led to STC being too good for us in the semi. Bowling first we were ok without being exceptional as we bowled them out for 142. The offies were the pick of the bowlers with Bob taking 4-37 and CH 3-45. The batting though was a throwback to the early season collapses with Jono Coyne (43) firing the only shot in a very ordinary effort to be all out for 66. Most disappointing was the manner of the dismissals with almost all of us out to very poor shots.

All in all this season had a number of highlights. The bowlers were as always very solid and we were led here by CH, Conrad and Mick Younger with a number of honourable mentions outside of that. Our batting had a number of highlights, including a number of Tom Witherden's knocks, but particularly the 94, some solid efforts from Bob Neilson, Will Keating's debut hundred and the building form and scores from Scott Montgomery. Ultimately though our batting was too hit and miss and under the pressure of a semi this showed up. Hopefully the hurt from that semi-final and the lessons that grand finals and premierships are not given away is enough to drive the team through the next season and get us to having another crack at a flag.

Thanks again to all of the lads for their efforts and support.

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Third XI

The 2013-2014 season was set to be a defining year for those who took the field. Having only the year before joined the Eastern Cricket Association where we had a competitive year without tasting finals success, it was time for the 3rd Grade of Edinburgh Cricket Club to stand up and be a presence not only within our club, but the wider ECA competition.

Having been well led by Will Horsley-Wyatt last year who was now looking to step up in grade, 3rd grade would see a new captain this year. Having spent most of my time in 3rd grade since joining the Burra back in 2007 and feeling a strong affinity with a great culture of both youth and experience we had built over those years, I decided to put my hand up to lead the side this year.

For a number of years now, Third Grade has been a breeding ground for up and coming juniors and for some more experienced seniors with some life left in them. This year was no different to the point where I feel we saw some of our best juniors in my time at the Burra. By the end of the season, we'd seen some of them playing representative cricket with a local district side along with an international tour of Sri Lanka at seasons end. 38 players took the field for the 3rd 11 this year, the youngest only 14 to a number of our vets adding some valuable experience throughout the year.

Synopsis of the season

In short.....leading up to the Christmas break, we were well placed with 5 wins, 2 losses and a bye. One thing was evident early in the season and that was we had an extremely well balance side with some outstanding performances from our young juniors being well supported by our season hardy seniors. We were set up well for a tilt at finals however a 1 run loss in the first game back into 2014 to our cross town rivals in Clifton Hill was disappointing. The next four weeks saw some mixed results with 2 wins a loss and a controversial draw in the run to March action.

Round 1:

5 Oct 13	Edinburgh	def East Ivanhoe Saints	Alfred Cres Oval
12 Oct 13	277 A Nicholls 122 E Coyne	171 J Powell 80 G Noonan	
	35 A Olsen 31 T Delahunt	55 K Howard 5/18 G Colarossi 4/46	
	27 W Symons 25 N Karkalas 3/18	and 2/131 DJ McLachlan	
	M Jones 3/69 G Noonan 2/30	68 C Fernandez 42*	
	J O'Brien 2/54		

We got the season off to a great start at a ground we are slowly making our fortress. Batting first, round 1 was always going to be a challenge. We posted what we thought was a competitive total. Over recent time, we have had some great battles against EIS. In the last round of the previous season, a solid batting performance from EIS saw us miss out on a finals spot. We came into this game determined to make amends for our previous outing against them whilst getting our new season off to a winning start.

Personally I was extremely nervous going into my first game as captain but in the end I couldn't have been happier with the results. A hundred first up for me but more importantly a big win by over a hundred runs for the team. There were contributions from the middle order including a well-complied 35 from the new Coyne in town, Ed. It would have been nice to see out the 80 overs round 1, 277 was always going to be a competitive total.

I knew we were in for an exciting season behind the stumps. An edge early was heading straight to me at 1st slip and of course I thought I would snatch it, however, before it even got to me, Will Symons had leapt to his right and was horizontal with the ball deep in the middle of his glove, here we go!! Having to bowl 10 overs at them before stumps, I asked for 1 wicket....when we walked off 45mins later having them 5/17 couldn't have gone better. Karl got his season off to a great start taking a 5-fa in round 1 and Gio, the youngest in the team an impressive 4/46. Our resident POM, Sam Lister took his last wicket for the Burra before heading back home, well done Puddles!!!

Round 3:

26 Oct 13	Burwood	def Edinburgh	Burwood Reserve
	8/149(cc) G Darcy 47 A Raikes	by 3/152 A Neylon 84* J Robinson	Lower Oval
	36 T Delahunt 3/21 G Colarossi 2/32	38 D Melissinos 2/27	
	C French 2/40		

Visiting Burwood in our Round 2 after a Bye the previous week, we were greeted by a beautiful surface for our first 1 day game of the year. Burwood won the toss and had a bat. We toiled well

but couldn't secure all 10 wickets, ending up having them 8/149. Pick of the bowlers, Gio and Conrad with 2 each early before, you guessed it, Toddler taking the important wicket of Stonehouse en route to 3 for the match which included a great spell of bowling in combination with Billy H containing Burwood through the middle overs.

Whilst we thought we should be able to easily make the runs, we were quickly on the back foot at 2/7 with both myself and Toddler gone within an over of each other. Our next wicket fell at 148 with a great partnership between Adam Neylon (84) and young Josh Robinson (38) almost seeing us home. Wilbur came in and hit the winning runs. 2-0

Round 4:

2 Nov 13	Edinburgh	def A.Y.C.	Alfred Cres Oval
4/100	A Wembridge 30* M Brown	98 G Sekone 25 C French 3/17	
29*	L Rossborough 3/19	T Delahunt 3/20 E Drew 2/10 C Berry 2/10	

Bill Haider debuted for the Burra whilst as our bowlers set about exposing the top and middle order in a dominant display to have AYC skittled inside 30 overs for 98. After a typical early hiccup, we were quickly 3/25. In the end, Wembo and Brown saw us home comfortably. Pick of the bowlers, Conrad 3/17 off 6 overs and Toddler taking 3/20 off 5. Mosco and Chuck both picked up 2 each. 3-0

Round 5:

9 Nov 13	Edinburgh	def Heathmont	Alfred Cres Oval
171	A Wembridge 78 C Saw 3/21	by 9/182(cc) B Sindrey 60 J Rudge	
	D Rechsteiner 3/22 B Sindrey 2/35	41 C Berry 4/18 B Haider 2/22	

Coming up against Heathmont for the first of 3 outings this season, we felt we were right on top when we had them 7/86. Their tail wagged and posted a competitive 182. Chuck was again in the wickets and was pick of the bowlers with 4/18 off his 8 including 3 maidens. Billy was again economical with 2/22 from his 8 with 3 maidens.

Still we were confident going into bat and at 0/30 had made it through the tough early going. Again, we were quickly in trouble going from 0/30 to 3/39 and then 5/89. Wembo and Ash combined for a much need partnership of 60. Wembo departed for a very disciplined 78 however the tail couldn't quite get us over the line and we fell 12 runs short. 3-1

Round 6:

16 Nov 13	Wyclif	def Edinburgh	Highfield Park
23 Nov 13	185 A Evans 47 R Randles 28	by 317 W Horsley-Wyatt 112 E Drew	(Lower)
		74 M Symons 52 R Randles 3/43	
		B Pollard 2/31 J Bianco 2/57	

I learnt on the way to the ground that Billy was a late withdrawal. The shocking news didn't stop there, as I lost the toss only to be told we had to bat. I decided to give Will HW a chance to build an innings early and we went out together at the top. After I went early, we saw the two Wills take us from 1/7 to 1/83. Again we saw composure in a 14 year old that some of us older players wished we had. We went from 1/83 to 4/92 before the older Will combined again with Pete Daly this time to take us from 4/92 to 4/172. It was great to see some of our bats really working hard to build a partnership. When Will went for a great 112 we were 8/174 and then quickly 8/189. A late call up and we saw the two Symons men on the field together. Mick and Mosco combined for a 101 run partnership, really winding back the clock with a masterful display of batting from both. By stumps we had posted 317 and knew it would be too much for Wyclif to chase down.

At 0/63 I was starting to think, surely not. Brownly and Chuck tolled well early but it wasn't until I threw the ball to a blast from the past in Casey McCutcheon. Casey turned the game with 3 quick wickets and we were again in a winning position. A number of their bats got starts but the target was just too much. With one of the best catches in cover from Mosco that I've ever seen, victory was secured. 4-1

Round 7

30 Nov 13	Heathmont	def	Edinburgh	H E Parker No 2
7 Dec 13	214 J Taylor 45* R Smith		155 PS Daly 57 KP Long 26 K Howard	
	28 A Rosowski 2/7 J Robinson 2/24		25* J Taylor 3/27 M Vitoritti 2/21	
	P Dwyer 2/64		K Gogarty 2/24 J Briggs 2/30	

With a number of our regular squad out, we were facing a tough challenge at Heathmont's home ground. All the bowlers fought it out well to restrict Heathmont to 214. Some young names were again in the wickets with Josh picking up 2/24 off his 10 overs and Ash taking 2/7 off 3.5 overs. Heathmont are a strong side and this was always going to be a tough run chase. Our innings never really got going. Pete Daly was definitely the pick of the bats with a well made 57. Unfortunately we fell well short for 155. 4-2

Round 8

14 Dec 13	Edinburgh	def	Burwood Uniting Canterbury	Alfred Cres Oval
21 Dec 13	304 S Montgomery 102 E Drew		289 A Waters 51 N Read	
	92 S Jackson 33 L Allen 3/36		41 S Bricknell 33 V O'Brien	
	S Mirchandani 3/92 M McPherson		33 A Cullinan 31 D Read	
	2/13		29 G Colarossi 4/67 A Nicholls 2/60	
			P Malone 2/60	

A top of the table clash against BUC on a sunny day at the fortress! Due to injuries up the grade, new faces to 3rd grade this week made for a strong line up. Batting first, the top 3 all got off to starts and at 2/93 we were in a good position. This quickly turned round to be 5/99. What was about to eventuate was something to behold. A 163 run partnership between Mosco and Scotty M was just what we needed. Mosco eventually fell for a very well made 92 and Scott his first ton for the Burra on 102. 304 was always going to be a tough run chase and they got very close in what one Burra legend decribed as one of the best matches he has played in I'm guessing the 92 probably helped in that. Most of the BUC bats got starts with 30/40's and a 50 amongst them. The bowlers were fantastic taking wickets each time BUC looked like they were about to take the acendancy. Toddler and Pat chipped in with 2 important wickets along with Ash and Karl taking one each. The stand out this day was "the future" Gio taking 4/67 from his 19 overs. We saw a changing of the guard in 3rd grade this year as, not for the first time, one of our top juniors did the damage. 5-2

Round 9

11 Jan 14	Edinburgh	def	Clifton Hill	Alfred Cres Oval
	8/201(cc) A Olsen 56* S Jackson	by	6/202 L Burstin 86 J Flavel	
	34 A Wembridge 34 C Smith 2/16		27 B Warren 26 A Wembridge 4/40	
	A Lanning Jnr 2/40 P Connors 2/46		C Berry 2/27	

Up against our cross town rivals for the first time this year in a one dayer, we were keen to get off to a good start with the bat. Giving a chance for some others to have a crack at the top of the order, we saw a new opening combination in Jacko and Wembo steadily take us to 0/56. With the top 5 all making starts we were well placed to make a decent target all be it at a slower than ideal run rate. The highlight of the innings was a 56not from a champion of the club and previous president, Andy

O. What made this inning even more significant was he made half of his runs on one leg having pulled a hamstring when taking off for a lightening quick single.

Defending 201 on Alfred was always going to prove challenging. With 6 runs required off the last over, it could have gone either way. A single and a four off the first 5 balls left us needing a dot ball on the last of the day for a thrilling draw. A play and a miss through to Ed Coyne with the gloves and they managed to scamper through for a single and victory by 1 run. 11 blokes were all totally shattered and I made a promise that we wouldn't let them get the better of us when we next faced them. Wembo was the pick of the bowlers, chiming in at the end with 4/40 off 8. 5-3

Round 10

18 Jan 14	Edinburgh	def	East Ivanhoe Saints	Alfred Cres Oval
	9/209(cc) A Wembridge		123 C Fernandez 29 K Howard 5/47	
	29* W Horsley-Wyatt 28 A Nicholls		G Colarossi 2/29	
	27 M Jones 3/35 P O'Brien 2/25			
	C Smith 2/48			

Having dominated EIS in our round 1 match this year, we were keen to do the same again, this time in a 1 dayer. The top 7 all got starts, however with Wembo the top scoring on 29, a target of 209 was always going to be tough to defend on Alfred.

When we took the field, tight bowling was required and they didn't let us down. With an early run rate of less than 2 an over, we had taken the ascendancy in the match without being over the line. When I threw the ball to Gio at one end and Karl at the other, the game was quickly ours. With Gio taking 2/29 from his 8, he continued to grow into a mature bowler far beyond his age. However it was the wily fox Karl who tore through the opposition ending up with his second bag for the year 5/47 off 8 overs securing an 80 run victory. 6-3

Round 11

25 Jan 14	Burwood	def	Edinburgh	Burwood Reserve
1 Feb 14	9/201(cc) L Stonehouse 36 J Ennis		161 K Howard 40 PS Daly	Lower Oval
	32* H Hundel 27 T Delahunt 5/51		29 T Delahunt 27 A Wembridge	
			25 G Darcy 5/28 WW Stonehouse	
			2/16 KX Basoor 2/33	

Venturing out to Burwood for the second time this year, again the focus was getting Stonehouse early when he came in at the top. He raced to 36 before he was well caught on the boundary by Pete. Whilst we thought we had contained them to a score well within our reach, Burwood really showed us how to put a price on your wicket. Toddler finished the day with the impressive figures of 5/51 to be the pick of the bowlers. The top order batting stumbled again losing three quick wickets. With 20's from Toddler, Pete and Andy in the middle order and a solid 40 from Karl, we were dissapointly bowled out for 161. Worrying signs leading up to the finals however I knew we could turn it around. 6-4

Round 12

8 Feb 14	Heathmont	drew	Edinburgh	H E Parker No 2
15 Feb 14	4/168 T Green 68 A Darbyshire		8/185(cc) A Wembridge	
	39* A Rich 34 P Malone 2/23		52* W Symons 43 M Symons	
			27 K Gogarty 3/34 M Vitiritti 2/23	
			A Rudge 2/37	

Round 12 against our nemesis in Heathmont was called off on day 1 due to the heatwave in Melbourne. We ventured out the following week full of confidence after a good week on the training track. I won the toss and decided to bat. After another frustrating low score for myself whilst the rest of the top order made starts we were quickly 4/51. This brought together the Symons where, not for the first time, they batted extremely well together to steady the ship. We got to 99 before Will fell for a well made 27. Pete came and went and we were in trouble 6/102. In came Andy Wembridge. Having been told earlier in the week he would be having a run in the 4ths to get some time at the crease higher up the order, Wembo batted like he had a point to prove. He and Mick added another 61 before Mick fell for 43, a very good innings. Wembo finished not out on 52 hitting a 6 off the last ball of the innings to bring up his 50. A fantastic innings in the circumstances. We saw out our 40 overs and ended up on 168. Not a huge total but we knew if we bowled well we had a chance. Two early wickets and we were up and about when they were quickly 2/19. All the bowlers toiled well and with a few decision which could have gone our way the result could have been different. Heathmont moved to 4/168 before the rain came and made the conditions extremely unsafe for our bowlers. The match was declared a draw. 6-4-1

Round 13

22 Feb 14	Edinburgh	def Wyclif	Alfred Cres Oval
1 Mar 14	226 M Symons 45 S Munn	111 P Johnson 42* A Sewell 4/26	
	37 PS Daly 32 W Symons	P Malone 2/10 M Brown 2/13	
	30 M Brown 29 T Dundon 3/52	T Delahunt 2/57	
	S Sheehan 2/21 C Hanley 2/26		
	and 0/129 A Nicholls 54 K Howard		
	53*		

A horror run of form for myself continued and the top order failed to fire this week as we were quickly 3/9. 5 scores in the 30's for the middle order from Symons, Brown, Daly, Symons and Munn including 34 combined from 10 and 11 in Sewell and Malone saw us post a lower than expected score against Wyclif of 226. At 0/11 overnight we knew we had a fight on our hands on day 2. Brown and Malone got us going quickly on day 2 when Wyclif fell to be 6/39. A couple of lofty blows from their lower order probably gave them a glimmer of hope however when Sewell clicked into second gear taking 4/26 from 10 the game was over. Toddler took a couple to add to his impressive tally year to date. Needing to get form into some of our bats we went in for another hit. I got a few which was very pleasing as I had been well below par for a few weeks but what was great to see was Karl making his first 50 for the year along with Pete Daly making some runs as both would play an important role in the finals. 7-4-1

Semi Final

8 Mar 14	Clifton Hill	def Edinburgh	Ramsden Street
10 Mar 14	98 J Robinson 2/12 T Delahunt 2/17	by 5/99 W Symons 26* J Robinson 25	Reserve
	A Sewell 2/18 G Colarossi 2/20		

A tough week at the selection table as a few valuable contributors to third grade this season missed out of a finals berth. Special mentions to Wembo, Pat Malone and Sunny who all played an important part in getting us this far!

Tues night was all but a wash out on the training track. Thursday night brought better weather and a great turn out. A really strong session and we went into the Semi with nervous confidence.

Bowling first, early wickets was always going to be the key for us and when Gio had the scalp of their captain who had made over 400 runs this year for 8, this really had us up and going. All the bowlers

got into the action when they had their chance. The pick of the bowlers early was Sewell. His 20 overs, 10 maidens, 2/18 was an inspired spell for the team. Gio picked up 2 along with Toddler. Josh Robinson came on after lunch and bowled really well, keeping it in the channel that I'd asked of him and ended with great figures of 2/12 off 7 overs. Karl and Mosco both chipped in with important wickets each. Restricting the opposition to 99 in a Semi final was an amazing result. The bowlers carried out their part exactly as we had wanted and were well supported by everyone in the field.

Going out to bat for 18 overs could have gone either way. David and I had the plan to bat out the overs and let the runs take care of themselves. The plan quickly went pear shaped when I was run out taking what everyone tells me was a silly second run at my age followed by Dave being caught behind and we were now 2/12. Pete and Josh batted really well to see out the last 11 overs to have us 2 down for 21 overnight. It was all about partnerships on day 2 and Pete and Josh built on that to take us to 2/50 when Pete went for 22. The next 27 run partnership was probably the most pleasing for the year considering the circumstances and who was at the crease. Josh and Will were very impressive in seeing us through a really tough period in the game. When Josh fell for a great 25, we were still 23 runs short of victory. Toddler was so impressed with my dismissal he wanted to go the same way and was also run out. Our 5th wicket was the last one as the Symons men saw us to victory. A great victory gave us 1 more match, the GF.

Grand Final

15 Mar 14	Burwood Uniting Canterbury	def	Edinburgh	Chelsworth Park -
22 Mar 14	8/214 N Read 74* D Read		208 J Robinson 54 M Symons	Main
23 Mar 14	34 N Hooper 26 W Horsley-Wyatt		45* A Nicholls 29 N Read 3/27	
	3/25 T Delahunt 2/43		H Berry 3/32 C COLLOPY-WHITE	
			2/43	

Grand Final week on the track was something you can't replicate at any other time of the year. It was an amazing time to be at the Burra with 3 sides having made the last dance. We went into Saturday with confidence having knocked off BUC earlier in the year at Alfred Cres however we knew they had a very strong batting line up. I won the toss, twice, and decided to have a bat.

We lost Will HW early and when Pete joined me at the crease early we were up against a really good spell of bowling from their main man Nev. Pete and I got the score to 32 before Pete, after looking settled, got one off the middle of the bat but unfortunately straight to gully. Josh joined me at the crease and we got going again before I fell just before drinks with the score now 3/53. Toddler had one get through the gate, which brought young Will to the crease. Again the young fellas really showed the rest of the team how to build a partnership under pressure. The boys took us to 5/106 when Mick joined Josh at the crease. During this partnership, Josh brought up his 50, an amazing effort in a GF from one of our juniors. Josh ended up falling for a fantastic 54 which then brought Mosco to the crease to join Mick. When Mosco fell just shy of their 50run partnership we were 7/176. Two more wickets to be 9/208 before the umpires called bad light. Coming back the following Saturday, we were keen to get as many as we could to really set a tough chase for BUC. Unfortunately Gio got a good one early without adding to our overnight score.

208 was a good score in a GF. They had a different approach to the run chase, with their opener trying clear the fence in the second over. It wasn't our strongest bowling performance this year and they got a few away early when at lunch we had them 4/96 we felt we were right in it. Their ultimate man of the match and the middle order took them through to 5/144 and then 5/180. With three quick wickets we were right in it getting them to 8/189. The bowlers were giving it everything at this stage however Nev and the tail held strong to carve out the remaining runs.

It was a shattering feeling to get so close however every single member played their hearts out. We were up against some more seasoned cricketers so our performance, especially from our three juniors, was fantastic and all goes well for next year as I'm sure everyone will as hungry as I am to go one better.

In summary

In my first year as captain, I couldn't have imagined we would go so far and almost take home the flag. I had wonderful support from each and every player which made the role that much more enjoyable. Probably the biggest thrill this year was seeing the development of the juniors who played in third grade who I know will go onto bigger and better things up the grades at the Burra. Just as exciting was the performances of our other juniors in the lower grades who I'm sure will be pushing for selection in 3rd grade and higher next season.

To Brad and the exec, it's an amazing club we have which we all should feel extremely proud to be a part of and I can't wait for the next season to roll around.

Adam Nicholls

Fourth XI

By stark comparison with most of our compatriots, this year was a challenging one for the 4th XI.

A consideration only of wins and losses would suggest a season from which little can be redeemed. With no consistency in the side across the year, many new faces and no regular captain, any rhythm was illusory. Only two wins (one in which the 4s team bore a striking resemblance to our 3rd grade brethren) was not reflective of the steady improvement and positive approach adopted by all those that suited up each week.

Indeed, even a cursory investigation of the year's statistics is apt to emphasise that from what might appear as inviolate darkness there emerged pinpricks of light.

Given your correspondent's involvement only commenced post Christmas, I cannot give an accurate description of each of the games. Instead, I intend providing the highlights.

This, then, was the light:

- Consistent runs across the season from eventual team-of-the-year member Murray Middleton. His efforts were made all the more impressive by his inhabiting and indeed demanding that he play in onerous positions at the top of the order. 344 runs at a touch over 31 is, to be frank, an astonishing achievement in a struggling side. My hat goes off to Brother Maynard. He is a dedicated and thinking cricketer, keen always to improve his craft. Your correspondent thanks him also for his tolerance of almost fortnightly geographical embarrassment;
- Consistent experience of senior cricket for what should be the backbone of the next generation of Edinburgh success; Harry Hopkins, Lucien John, Jack Taylor and Callum McIlveen. All showed more than promise and responded particularly well to what was asked of them by the team's leaders. Moreover, they did not just make up the numbers. Instead, they were each asked to play crucial roles in the top order and with the new ball and each delivered. To be frank, it would be a shame to see them continue in Fourth grade and each should be pressing up the grades from next year. Their tolerance in the face of taciturn captaincy is also to be commended;
- The awkward Canadian aphorism of Brent "China White" Johnston. He took on the demanding task behind the stumps throughout the year and showed a genuine flair;
- Club debuts from the aforementioned Canadian as well as Dan Keating, the terrifying new ball stylings of Matt Gaite, and Sam Kingston;
- Matt Gaite bowling unchanged in the final game of the year, bending his back for the Burra when all hope might have appeared lost and that there was little otherwise to be gained;
- Callum McIlveen's 82 just prior to Christmas in another hopeless cause, facing what your correspondent is told was one of the more worrying attacks in Holzer Shield. Once again, assistance was provided by Mr Middleton;

- The back breaking and indefatigable efforts of the prancing horse, Min Vo;
- Harry Hopkins responding to the acid from Barry Calnon and notching an impressive and fluent 62 against Blackburn North United late in the season;
- A genuine win against STC Camberwell after Christmas, with contributions once again coming from M Middleton and Harry Hopkins and a composed 60 from 3s grand final player Pete "Long John" Daly; and
- The continued efforts in the cause of this great club of veterans including KP Long, S Draffin, S Munn and B Calnon.

Three things were emphasised on a weekly basis to those who, booted and spurred, pulled on the Burra colours for the Fourth XI. First, that regardless of the situation, there would be a positive, vocal contribution from all eleven on the field. Secondly, that focus would be continually placed on the small and basic skills of the game. Thirdly, that any points taken from us would have to be ripped away under sufferance, not meekly surrendered.

I am pleased to say that on each of these fronts the 4s delivered, even in the face of weeks of debilitating defeat. For that, they are to be commended.

The benefits of this approach became evident later in the season when, in addition to the victory over STC, we ran good, finals bound sides close to the line. To some extent these close losses might be attributed to not knowing how to win. I get the feeling with this group that early season victories will be like a crack in the dam wall; behind them will come a flood of confidence and success.

Indeed, the season has laid a definite platform to raise the 4s back to the lofty heights of late last decade when premierships and finals appearances were commonplace. So it was, and so it shall be again.

The Club's and my thanks go to Sunny Munn and Barry Calnon who shouldered the captaincy during the season in sometimes uncertain circumstances. For my part, it was an honour to walk onto the ground each week with the men of 4th grade, amongst them both stalwarts of the Club and the future backbone of many Edinburgh triumphs. My thanks to each and every one of you.

Tim Chalke
Sometime Captain

Fifth XI

At tea on the second day of the Grand Final after 120 odd overs, the match was still in the balance. We had batted well to post a respectable 167 on the slow Ramsden Street oval and Trinity Willison were 3 for 61 with their two best batsmen at the wicket. The next hour would decide the outcome of the game. Trinity came out after tea and moved their score towards 80 as their batsmen started to play their shots. This partnership would decide the game...

A rank short-pitched delivery from Man of the Match Ross McIlveen (49 runs and 5/27) would decide the game. The batsman's eyes lit up as he saw the ball coming - he connected well pulling it through square leg on its way to a rare and certain boundary. Enter club legend Peter Shadbolt who had just been moved from slip to square leg. In his captain's mind, Peter was on the way to have a rest on the boundary. A full-stretch vertical leap and the ball smacked into his hands and did not come out. This catch would win the match, as the highest scoring batsman in the grade was out. The vocal Trinity Willison supporters knew it, as their groan of disappointment could be heard over the celebration of the Edinburgh team in the middle. From there, great bowling by both Ross McIlveen and Player of the Finals Steve Andrews (76 runs and 4 wickets across both finals) saw regular wickets fall as we got on top to eventually roll Trinity for 108.

While Peter's catch was the turning point of the game, there were two other clear indications on reflection that Edinburgh was winning the mind games - and they came from the three juniors of the

team: Nick Nodin, Liam Moulday and Doug Warren. Opening the batting on the first day of the final, Nick compiled 40 runs batting with great maturity and composure through to well after the tea break to build the foundation for our score. At the end, as was pointed out by one of the Trinity players, commenting "we haven't been able to get Nick out bowled or caught all year". Nick was run out doing the team thing trying to lift the run rate. It was a sensational knock.

After losing overs on day 1, we were left having to return early on day 2 to finish our allocated overs. Liam and Doug had been waiting patiently for their turn at the crease. They joined each other at the crease in the last few overs with instructions to have a go, and it produced some of the most entertaining batting of the match. It only lasted a couple of overs, but the runs and the positive mindset were critical to help set the tone for the day in putting Trinity on the back foot.

Any season that you win a grand final is a great season, and the 2013/14 was no exception. There were many highlights during the year including:

- Senior debuts for juniors Nick Nodin, Liam Moulday, Doug Warren, Jordan Moulday, Harvey Daffern, and James Fear.
- Runs and wickets on debut for Doug Warren (37*), Nick Nodin (28), James Fear (23) and Harvey Daffern (2/22).
- Season best performances for Liam Moulday of 4/36 and Jordan Moulday of 38*.
- Club "senior" debuts for Paul Moulday, Duncan McKenzie and Randall Nodin.
- Six father/ son combinations played in the 5ths during the year including the Mouldays (x2), Nodins, Pennefathers, Shadbolt / McIlveen (x2).
- 104 not out on debut from Paul Moulday, which included four scoring shots to move from 84 to 104! Paul went on to win the batting award with 287 runs at 57
- A 124 run partnership between juniors Lucien John (61) and Callum McIlveen (86*) who came together when the score was 4 for 31.
- A 145 run partnership between Callum McIlveen (86*) and Paul Moulday (104*).
- First senior premierships for Steve Draffin, Steve Andrews and Sam Petzke
- Jordan Moulday's catch in the semi-final (after replacing his father Paul in the side who was in hospital with an infected broken finger from a dropped catch!)
- Sam McMahon and Ross McIlveen's 24 run last wicket partnership against Heathmont.
- Peter Shadbolt (10) and Doug Warren's (11*) "Oldest and Youngest Player Partnership" of 21 for the last wicket in the semi-final to take the score to what was a defendable 115.
- John Wooles had another excellent year behind the stumps with 14 dismissals.

During the year we had 28 players take the field in the 5ths ranging in age from 12 to 62. While 12 players received medals on the day there were a number of players who helped get the team to the finals. Notable mentions to:

- Randall Nodin who helped out during the season and was 13th Man on the day.
- Paul Moulday's outstanding season was brought to a cruel end with an infected broken finger keeping him out of the finals.
- Dave Meiklejohn who staked a claim as the side's future round the wicket off spinner until a season ending injury.
- Sam McMahon who was always a keen contributor to the side during the season.
- Minh Vo joined the team late in the season after finishing exams and was unlucky to miss out on a finals berth.
- Dave Smith and Lucien John who played during the year but did not play enough games during the year to qualify for finals.

The highlight of the season for me was to be able to take a side into the finals that was such a great mix of experienced senior and talented junior players. To then have everyone step up and perform during the finals was fantastic. Well done and thanks to everyone who contributed on and off the field during the year.

I look forward to seeing you all next summer.

Cheers,

Ron Pennefather

One-Day XI

Ed. At the time of publication, there was no report available for the One Day XI. What is beyond doubt is that they won the premiership in LOC5. Well done men.

Veterans Yellow XI

Our fourth season in the veterans competition had a similar feel to the others – enjoyable, competitive cricket played in great spirit culminating in a top four finish and a semi-final defeat. Injuries, work and relocations took a heavy toll on our best-in-competition fast bowling stocks from last season. This gave us an unpredictable bowling line up; sometimes a little too unpredictable. When Barry Calnon opens the bowling and gets through 5 overs, times are tough... But it gave a chance for the spinners and medium pacers to shine. Anthony Somers, poached from the Maroons amidst Kurt Tippet like controversy, stepped into the team and was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with 7 wickets @ 13 including a mercurial 4/18 (3 wickets in an over) against Koonung Heights. Ron Pennefather opened the bowling and was economically unplayable for most of the season (3 wickets) while Ross McIlveen (5 wickets) hooped the ball all over the place and entertained his teammates with some full-bodied appeals and over celebration. Shane Taylor was the dodgy-shouldered wildcard who still managed to frighten the batsmen with his pace (5 wickets). Matty Drew, Dean Crawford and Tim Black rounded out the new look medium pace attack with solid contributions throughout the season.

Richard York and Troy Heenan epitomised the unpredictable nature of the attack, their repertoire ranging from unplayable (as in beating the bat) to unplayable (as in unreachable). At all stages it was entertaining. We also had cameo-bowling contributions from Jase Sutton, Tony "Lenny Pascoe" Zappia, Draff, Jonesy, Kempy and Davin.

With our bowling stocks down, our batting needed to lift. After a couple of close losses we adopted an "attack at all costs" philosophy with great success, passing 200 in the last two games of the season. Against Kew in the last round, we successfully chased down 197 to clinch a finals berth, knocking off the last 80 runs in 10 overs.

Shane Taylor, promoted to the opening batting role, smashed 183 runs at 61 often retiring on 40 when the total score was barely 50. His 40 not out in the semi final was brilliant and set us up with a competitive score. His opening partner, Simon "Master Class" Jackson was as prolific (178 runs) if a little more patient. The perfect foil, he passed 20 each time he went out to bat. Troy Heenan continued his form from previous seasons, smacking 112 runs- most of them with his signature inside out shot over cover. Mark Jones skilfully combined paddling with smashing in his 104 season runs while Ross McIlveen was always elegant, his magnificent unbeaten 40 against Monash single-handedly winning the game when no other batsman could pass 20. The middle order thrived with an attacking mind-set – Matty Drew played a couple of blistering late innings knocks including a quick fire 25* to nearly drag us across the line against Deepdene. Duncan McKenzie blossomed as a hard hitting middle order batsman, clearing the BSO boundary multiple times against Mont Albert and compiling an important innings in the Semi. Tim Black's late innings heroics helped get us across the line against Kew while Dean Crawford and Barry Calnon refused to play a defensive shot all season. Crawford's innings against Surrey Hills was a highlights package.

As usual, the fielding standards were high, led by John Wooles behind the stumps. Woolsey stopped everything – no mean feat in the vets – and ensured stumpings and run outs left no stumps standing. Taylor was predictably freakish while Blacky consistently made the simple look difficult. Whenever McIlveen, McKenzie and Jones played, the cricket interrupted their banter, stories and sledges. It is

incredible how much these boys can talk. Jonesy was briefly silenced when he copped a ball to the mouth against Surrey Hills but recovered quickly. In vets, the entertainment is as important as the cricket.

Thanks to all who represented Edinburgh Yellow in 2013/14. It was a pleasure to take the field with you guys in another thoroughly enjoyable season. I hope we can do it all again next season.

Veterans Maroon XI

The Maroons had another enjoyable season of cricket this year after being promoted to D Grade on the back of last year's runners-up performance. After a washout in round 1 we had a solid start winning our first four games, but then lost our last two games to other eventual finalists. We snuck into fourth spot and played a semi on turf away to the topside, Springvale Strikers. Despite making a rather moderate total our bowlers kept us in the game and made the opposition work very hard before they reached the winning target. Springvale Strikers went on to win the premiership.

Across the season seven people played all seven games and a further four played five or more times which gave the team a very consistent line-up. The squad continued to consist of junior players' fathers and friends. Across the seven matches 15 different players represented the Maroons, playing with great spirit and camaraderie. Thanks go to Bruce Warren and Steve Draffin for their guest appearances in round 6.

In our first game we fielded first and with a remarkably strong team fielding and bowling performance took early wickets, which just kept falling, and rolled North Balwyn Combined for 83. John Wilson's 2 for 11 off 6 took the figures, ably assisted by Randall Nodin's 2 for 15. Five other bowlers took singles – Tim Rath, Craig Ross, Richard Blanch, Andy Blackman and Paul Moulday. We made reasonably short work of the chase reaching the target in the 23rd over. Moulday top scored with 25 not out and useful contributions came from Glenn Henry 18 and Ben McKenna 14. Nigel Baade 9 not out in his first game was at the crease to wrap up the win.

Next up was Forest Hill and we built a steady platform – 2 for 66 at the break – Symons 26 and Henry 15. The runs flowed freely in the second half as the Moulday (41 retired) run machine powered on with great support from Blanch 28 not out, McKenna 16, and Rath 14 not out. A final score of 5 for 160 looked strong. They started slowly – 0 for 16 off 8 – before we unleashed the Tim Rath master class where he took 4 for 5 off 6 overs clean bowling all 4 victims, leaving them stranded at 5 for 28. A lower order recovery eventually got them to 120. Dean Robinson bagged 2 for 21 with his pace, and there were single poles to Blanch, Wilson, and Moulday.

Away to Deakin in a rain-affected game we batted with purpose and intent to amass 5 for 164 off 32 overs. Another Moulday 40 retired and Symons 41 retired led the way. A quick 14 to Blanch and the emerging all-rounder Rath chimed in with a fluent 24 not out. Early wickets were again the key having them in big trouble at 3 for 12 off 8. There was an even contribution from all 8 bowlers in their 4 over spells with Rath (2 for 4), Nodin (2 for 12) and Blackman (2 for 23) the major wicket takers. Ross and Blanch took 1 each as we restricted them to 9 for 100.

Next came the most exciting game of the season. Home to Deepdene we never quite going with the bat steadily losing wickets to be 5 for 70 in the 21st over – Blanch 20, Symons 19 and McKenna 13. Then a terrific 51 run partnership between Ulrik John 20 and Rath 23 – now definitely an all-rounder – with some elegant strokeplay meant we scrambled to a defendable 7 for 131. Another early wicket to Rath set us on the right path and at 4 for 50 just after drinks we were on top. Some quick runs and then a retirement left them 4 for 115 with 5 overs to go. Trouble! Rath came back for one over and cleaned up their number 6. Blanch and Nodin bowled tight overs – suddenly 5 for 124 – 8 needed off 2 overs. For his only over along comes bowler number 8 – Moulday, who takes a wicket with his first ball, caught at mid-on. Dot, then a catch behind. Seven down. Dot, boundary, dot leaves them 7 for 128 with one over to go. Rath returns. Dot. Then, a quicker in-dipping full toss is struck

neatly to wide mid-on where waiting gleefully are the safe hands of Blanch. Another dot, then a crazy single attempt results in an easy run out – we win by 3 runs. Rath 3 for 12, Moulday 2 for 4, Baade 1 for 16 and Wilson 1 for 22 were the wicket takers. Great match!

In the New Year we travelled to the Box Hill North Super Kings who had a deep array of power hitters. Despite conceding two early wickets they went on to score 195 all out. Nodin 2 for 34, Rath 1 for 18, Bruce Warren 1 for 21, Wilson 1 for 23 and Blanch 1 for 28 were the wicket takers. A poor start by the skipper set the tone for our reply and at 4 for 24, a very early finish looked likely. Then Steve Draffin 33 who opened the innings and Blanch 32 added 46 for the 5th wicket and helped us struggle towards the century mark. Wilson's free-flowing 9 got us to 102 all out. Bad day at the office.

In the last home and away game we took on old rivals West Ivanhoe. Runs came at a cracking pace early – Henry 33 and McKenna 12 with some no ball assistance had us 1 for 58 off 8. Unfortunately we never quite got another major partnership going, but still posted 9 for 164 – with fine striking by Blanch 28, Baade 24 and Rath 13. Again early wickets from Blanch and Rath had them in bother at 2 for 6, but disciplined opposition batting and probably our worst bowling for the season meant they lost just one more wicket and won with two overs to go.

We fell into fourth spot and had to travel way south to the turf home ground of the Springvale Strikers for the semi-final. Batting first on a damp pitch was going to be difficult. At 1 for 26 off 8 we were reasonably placed – Henry 18, McKenna 11, but then the wheels fell off. Some good bowling, three run outs and we eked 72 all out. A grand effort was sought in the field but at 0 for 33 in the 10th over we were in trouble. Two overs later after 2 wickets to Rath, a fine runout by Ross, and a searing yorker by Blanch they were 4 for 34. Game on! Robinson grabbed one more to make it 5 for 61 but they got home to win by 5 wickets.

Congratulations to the back-to-back trophy winners – Paul Moulday 138 runs @ 34.5, and Tim Rath 14 wickets @ 6.1 which was the best average in the grade.

It's been a close-knit group, which has helped link the juniors with the senior side of the club. Looking forward to another fun season over 2014-15!!

Mick Symons
Captain Vets Maroons

Women's

Women's XI

The 2013/14 was an extremely exciting and emotional rollercoaster for the women's team. We were saying goodbye to two very special players and members of the Edinburgh Cricket Club, Julie Allan and Kelly McInerney. They have been a great inspiration to our new players and will be dearly missed. On the other hand the recruitment this season was strong.

We welcomed 7 new players:

- Mia Sutherland
- Cassandra Guenther
- Victoria Podesta
- Rachael Dyer
- Bec McKenzie
- Thihoa Gill,

with our current members:

- Bianca Maes
- Tegan French
- Julie Allan
- Kelly McInerney
- Maddie French
- Ali Gibb
- Jane Seeber
- Clare Crane
- Clair Traill
- Kat Byron
- Kath Fethers
- Hayley Gorman

It was an exciting atmosphere to be around so many keen players who wanted to be a part of the team. We also had our coach Paul Holden (Picnic) back to guide the team through the season.

The VWCA have been eager to include more 20/20 matches in the women's competitions and this season would be split into two separate premiership flags. 20/20 and One Day (40/40). All points from 20/20 games would count in the One Day competition.

Round 1 was a 20/20 at our beloved Brunswick Street Oval against reigning premiers Geelong. The girls were confident we could match them after our extensive and productive pre-season. After winning the toss, veterans Julie Allen and Kelly McInerney opened the batting. Geelong put the pressure on early and got McInerney run out for 2. Coming in at number three, Bianca Maes was able to build a strong partnership with Allen who was eventually bowled for 31. In an effort to lift the run rate Edinburgh lost three quick wickets ending the 20 overs with 5/95, Maes 44 not out. The total was easy pickings for Geelong's strong top order, reaching 95 in 14 overs with 2 wickets down. Edinburgh never gave up, keeping up intensity and tight fielding. McInerney was the pick of the bowlers with 2/21 off 4.

Rounds 2 and 3 were due to a washout and a forfeit, so we had to wait for the first One Day game in round 4 travelling to Langshaw Reserve to meet Altona Roosters. Electing to bat first Altona made a steady start but struggled to capitalise with M French and Fethers' accurate opening spells keeping the Roosters to 2/40 at drinks. Fethers struck after drinks to dismiss the dangerous Sherman for 27 (Caught and Bowled). Edinburgh went on to bowl out the opposition for 98 after 39 overs, 7 wickets down with a great team fielding effort again. M French 1/16 off 6, Fethers 2/19 off 7, Allen 3/20 off 8, Maes 1/11 off 8. We were confident in reaching this total and did so in 22 overs with Allan 58 Not Out and Maes a handy 25. It was a great confidence builder, our first win for 2013/14!

Round 5 was at the old Alfred Crescent oval versus Jacana, a 20/20. We bowled first with Jacana making 5/64 from the 20 overs. Allan 2/9 off 4, Fethers 1/9 off 4, M French and McInerney with identical figures of 1/11 off 4. Pommy (Clare Crane) instrumental in an inspiring run out with Tegan taking off the bails. Catches by Gibb and T French, Edinburgh made the total of 65 in 12 overs with T French 32 not out.

Round 6 saw Edinburgh versus Melbourne Uni at McDonnell Park in another 20/20. Melbourne Uni, batting first, made 133 with 4 wickets down. McInerney pick of the bowlers with 1/20 off 4 over including a brilliant caught and bowled. The girls failed to keep the run rate going falling short at 5/115 at the end of 20 overs. Allan top scored with an inspiring 45.

After another forfeit in round 7 we were back at BSO for a One Dayer against Essendon for round 8. This would be one of our strongest performances for the season. Welcoming our British Import Rachael Dyer into the team, our top order was dominant with 3 half centuries (Maes 67, T French 53, Traill 53 NO). Allan and Dyer were also pivotal within partnerships. Final innings score was 5/219. Taking to the field we restricted Essendon to 100 after bowling the team out in 30 overs. Maes 2/7

off 5 and M French 2/21 off 8, with 2 caught and bowled efforts from Byron and Maes. Another fantastic fielding effort by the Burras.

Round 9 was washed out so our next opponent was nemesis Craigieburn, a 20/20 for round 10. This was the first of three extremely tight matches against them in the season. Winning the toss, Craigieburn elected to bat first. Against the biggest hitter in the competition, we were able to keep them to a total of 113 with a gallant and gutsy team effort. Dyer, McInerney and Maes keeping a tight ship with the ball. It went down to the wire. Craigieburn got over the line but the girls never gave up the chase finishing 7 runs short of victory. Maes 42, Traill 27 were the main contributors with the bat.

The final match before Christmas/New Year break, round 11, was a 20/20 at home against the Roosters once more - the outcome quite different. The Edinburgh bowling and fielding effort was top notch getting the Roosters 4/89 from their 20 overs. Traill with 2 catches. Another nail biter finish with only 6 runs in it. Edinburgh going down with 5 wickets to spare. Allan again falling one short of her half century.

It was 2014 and back into cricket. Round 12 Dennis vs Edinburgh for a 20/20 at BSO. After winning the toss Edinburgh sent Dennis in. A very strong team performance by our girls kept Dennis to 86 at the completion of 20 overs. Taking 4 wickets with an even contribution from all the bowlers and a clinical fielding display. Maes (41) and Allan (34) easily made the runs with no fall of wicket after 13 overs. A confident start to the new year.

Round 13 with a beautiful setting at Aberfeldie Park, Edinburgh bowled Essendon out for 80 in a 20/20 game. Gibb and Allan with three fine catches between them. Our fielding was becoming our strong point and we were able to keep teams down to minimal totals. Maes 2/10 off 4 and Byron 1/7 off 2. Traill (26 NO) and M French (15) did the job coming in at number three. Dyer (14) also strong in the opening position. Edinburgh making the runs in 18 overs.

Round 14 was an absolute scorcher! And with only 11, the girls showed great endurance and concentration. We were out at Spotswood for a One Dayer, bowling first. Fielding again was excellent with good bowling performances from Dyer (2/18 off 6), McInerney (2/3 off 4) and Fethers (2/10 off 4). Spotswood ending up with 78 all out. We had a visit from the ambulance after Allan got hit with a full toss from the first delivery. This inspired the team to go on to win with 6 wickets in hand. Maes top scored with 35. Allan recovered quickly only missing a few games.

In round 15 all the mens competitions were cancelled due to extreme heat. But it was not the case for the women. Another tight game against Craigieburn was suspended after they made 185 and we were chasing. At drinks Edinburgh was 2/102 with T French on 45 NO. The Game ended due to the temperature reaching 40 Degrees.

Round 16 was a washout.

Once a season the girls travel to Geelong on a Saturday bound for Belmont Common. Round 17 was the time. The temperature had changed so dramatically that we were wearing our sweaters. We were confident we could bounce back and beat the Geelong side. Batting first, we consolidated a strong opening partnership of 64 runs. T French was the stand out at number three with 43 Not Out. Innings total was 5/148. Geelong were too good again on the day reaching the total in 35 overs with 4 wickets to spare. McInerney 2/28 and Allan 2/34.

Edinburgh needed to beat Dennis comprehensively in the last home and away game to make the finals. It didn't start well though with Kath Fethers going down with a hamstring injury during warm-up. T French was the star making the maiden century of the season - 102 Not Out. The girls reaching 172 batting first. Dyer lead the bowling attack with 3/6 off 4 overs. M French also with 2/14 off 5 and McInerney 2/19 off 6. The fielding efforts were outstanding with a direct hit from Byron inspiring the team. T French behind the stumps was also instrumental with a stumping and a catch, as well as Maes's sticky hands taking three catches to seal the deal.

Edinburgh made it into the finals and travelled to Craigieburn's home ground with plenty of supporters including our kookaburra mascot. Picnic's mum had come all the way from England and the side was determined not to disappoint. Craigieburn batted first on a wicket that was very hard to score on, the ball always keeping low. Edinburgh did superbly to restrict their batters to 9/72 off 31 overs, in particular getting their danger batters out for a duck and 8 respectively. It was an amazing effort from the girls in the field with Dyer 4/8 off 8 overs in particular but with outstanding support from all other bowlers and fielders chasing down balls and restricting run-rate. There were 6 different catchers in the game. It was Edinburgh's turn to bat and they found it just as difficult to score on this pitch. Maes top score of 26 would be worth quite a bit more on another pitch. The pressure was on. The game came right down to the wire with the final wicket falling 6 runs short of victory against the in-form team of the competition. The team had put in an enormous effort for the season and had dearly wanted a win to celebrate the retirement of two of their stalwart players Allen and McInerney.

It has been a great pleasure captaining this team. I am confident that we will keep improving and our goal is to go all the way in season 2014/15! Although we say goodbye to two amazing players and friends we have many promising new recruits who are committed in making the team the best it can be. I have had the most fun ever playing with the girls and can't wait for next season!!!

Bianca Maes

Juniors

A LOOK BACK AT SEASON 2013-14

Edinburgh Cricket Club continued the rejuvenation of its junior program, which commenced many years ago under Stan White and Sally Marsden. The previous year's 8 junior teams grew to 12 – a 50% increase in one year – resulting in there being more than 150 current junior players on the books.

For season 2013-14 we had 4 x Under 10s, 3 x Under 12s, 3 x Under 14s and 2 x Under 16s. To accommodate the increase in teams we moved training sessions to just one night per week, and placed the Under 10s just before seniors' training on Tuesdays to give them a sense of the wider community that is the Edinburgh Cricket Club as they commence their cricket careers. We also took the step, where possible, of limiting teams to a maximum of 12 players, which made rotating batting and bowling on match day much easier.

The transition from 8 to 12 teams was facilitated by the marvellous spreadsheet skills of Caterina Stella who stepped into the juniors' administration role. Allocating players into even teams across four age groups whilst accommodating where possible, previous team make-ups, and friendship group requests, is a daunting task. Caterina sailed through the challenge with calm assuredness.

The club really appreciates the effort and time commitment put in by coaches and managers throughout the whole season. From running training sessions to communicating venue destinations to sorting out lifts on match days or evenings, the club relies on the many hours put in by parents and senior players in those roles. The players appreciate it even more. Coaches who completed the Cricket Victoria level 1 course (one parent even did the South Australian one whilst there with work) reported gaining great value and ideas for developing our players. We will be looking to extend the number of accredited coaches next year.

One highlight was seeing 11 juniors regularly play senior cricket with Edinburgh, 7 for the first time. Especially pleasing was three U16 players (Giovanni Colarossi, Josh Robinson, and Will Symons) being part of the 3rds winning semi-final team playing off in the grand final against Burwood Uniting Canterbury, and two U14 players (Nicholas Nodin and Doug Warren) win a 5ths semi-final to reach the grand final against Trinity Willison. I have heard there are several likely additional prospects for next year who have been performing well at a junior level. Senior players are to be applauded for

creating a really supportive and encouraging environment for our juniors to make the transition to the more demanding and less forgiving world of adult cricket.

A further highlight was the ten Edinburgh juniors who played representative cricket over the summer. Chris Campbell and Will Symons played Pathways for the Northern Falcons and Callum McIlveen represented the Western Waves. Giovanni Colarossi and Josh Robinson played for Preston in the Hatch competition reaching the quarter-final. Also in Hatch, Tom Hall and Declan Smith played for Brunswick, and Max Gray for Coburg. Harry Hopkins was part of the successful ECA U16 team that won the final of the Keith Mackay Shield, and Doug Warren played in the ECA U14 team that missed out in the semi due to the game being called off because of excessive heat.

In future years as our playing numbers increase we will be in a position to consider aiming to establish at least one A, B and C grade team at each of the Under 12, 14 and 16 age groups, which will require a fine balance of recognising the need for some degree of friendship groups along with playing at a level that will most help each player's own rate of development. Though, it is amazing how players whose team changes from year to year are able to form new and enduring friendships with their new teammates.

On the team playing side, I am thrilled to acknowledge Edinburgh's first ECA junior premiership, which was won by the U12C Yellow team. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and parents involved. I understand that the last game win to attain the premiership was clinched with just a few balls remaining. Exciting stuff! Also, the U16B and U14B2 teams reached the semi-finals to cap off strong seasons for them.

However, we do not measure success solely on flags. We do aim for all eligible juniors to return to Edinburgh CC next season to keep developing their skills, and for those ready, to take the step up to playing senior cricket with the Burra!

Ideally, we can continue to link the junior section of the club with the seniors, which means attending club social events such as the annual dinner, popping down to Brunswick Street or Alfred Crescent ovals on a weekend to watch, or even parents signing on with one of the Veterans teams.

Edinburgh has a vibrant, energetic and committed parent group, which is a cornerstone for the club's future success. Some parents take on the role of team manager, some coach, others help at training, some serve on the committee, and others do the scoring during matches.

The continued success of the junior program relies on the input of as many parents as possible, so don't wait to be asked, let us know how you would like to contribute.

In closing, I would like to propose a special thank you to Caterina Stella for her amazing work throughout the season. From arranging ground key pick-ups and drop-offs, to responding to countless parental enquiries, compiling the season review and organising trophies for 12 teams, Caterina just coolly got on with the job. Thanks also to Brad Shadbolt as President for all his support and to the rest of the club executive committee who understand the importance of sustaining a strong junior program. To all the coaches and managers your efforts and time commitment help make this such a strong club. Finally, thanks to everyone else who has helped in any way to generate yet another successful Edinburgh CC junior season.

Mick Symons
Junior Co-ordinator

Under 10 Yellow

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Carlos Paatsch-Rubio

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Jack Viola

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Harry Broderick
Jack Driscoll
Jules Pellegrino
Michael Daffey
Patrick Schickerling
Riley Flood
Tai Hill
Thomas Tyrrell
Tom Ladson
Tyler Drew
Yenka Silberstein

Harry Broderick is a strong player with lots of potential. He hits the ball hard, bowls fast and has a great arm. Harry hit 116 runs at an average of 19.3. Harry took 3 wickets and bowled 5 maiden overs. He took 1 catch and shared wicket-keeping duties. Harry's match of the season was in round 8 when he scored 17 not out from 12 balls and took 2 wickets.

Michael Daffey is an all-rounder who gives everything. His desperate dive to try to avoid being run out in round 13 will go down in history. Michael hit a creditable 34 runs, took 4 wickets, bowled 5 maidens and took 3 catches. Michael's match of the season was in round 13 when he achieved the great bowling figures of 1 for 4 against the best team in the competition.

Tyler Drew is a determined and serious player who concentrates hard and gives everything to his cricket. Tyler faced the most balls of any batsman for the season. He made 27 runs and took 4 wickets and 1 catch. He also shared the wicket keeping. His match of the season was in round 5 when he saw off the opening quicks while scoring 6 not out batting at number three.

Jack Driscoll showed his commitment to the team by fast tracking his return from an injury half way into the season. Jack's trademark long run up clearly worried opposition batsmen and restricted their scoring from his bowling to a lowly 55 runs for the season. Jack bowled 3 maiden overs and took 2 wickets. His spectacular run out in the last round will be long remembered.

Riley Flood is a true all-rounder who has succeeded in batting, bowling and his own acrobatic style of wicket keeping as shown by his season tallies of 64 runs and 8 wickets in the season. Riley's wickets cost a very respectable 9.9 runs each and he bowled 2 maiden overs. He held 2 catches. His best match was an unsurpassed bowling effort of 4 wickets for 10 runs in round 10.

Tai Hill joined the team in round 3. He had been concerned about his ability to bowl but turned out to be the team's most economical bowler, with a total of 6 maidens during the season. Tai conceded the lowest number of extras for the season and his best match was round 14 with the stunning figures of 2 wickets for 1 run from 3 overs including 2 maidens. Tai also made some runs including an innings of 6 that included a boundary.

Tom Ladson is a crafty bowler with a deceptive action that worried many batsmen. Tom took 6 wickets at an average of 18.0 runs, and also took a catch and effected a run out. His best performance was an unplayable spell in round 6 that returned him exemplary figures of 1 wicket for 2 runs.

Carlos Paatsch-Rubio is a mature cricketer with a range of skills. He had two extraordinary innings facing 34 and 39 balls against strong oppositions holding our innings together without being dismissed. In the field Carlos held 3 difficult catches with his highlight being both a sharp catch and a magnificent run-out in round 8.

Jules Pellegrino is a class player with a great bowling action who loves to score runs. He shows superlative speed between the wickets that has enabled him to amass 77 runs for the season. Jules

held 3 catches and took 3 wickets. Jules' highlight was a purple patch of 49 runs from rounds 9 to 12. Finally, Jules has a great hook shot which produced many of his 7 boundaries for the season.

Patrick Schickerling is a careful batsman who is hard to dismiss. Patrick is also a wonderful sportsman. He will be remembered for his doggedness at the crease. His highlight was in round 9 when he faced 38 balls but was not dismissed against the best bowling attack in the competition.

Yenka Silberstein loves to bat, and shared the wicket keeping, but his main skill is his bowling. He took 8 wickets at an average of 14.4. He held one catch (a death defying leap in the first match) and assisted in 2 run outs. His highlight was his double wicket maiden in round 8.

Tom Tyrrell is a strong all rounder and a great player in a crisis. He sees the ball well and likes to hit hard. Tom can bowl fast and field well. He scored 32 runs and took 5 wickets. Tom's highlight was in round 6 when he scored 5 not out and bowled tightly taking 1 wicket for 3 runs.

I would also like to acknowledge the boys' coach, Jack Viola, and our resident statistician, Denzil Flood.

AWARDS

Batting

Carlos Paatsch-Rubio
Harry Broderick
Patrick Schickerling
Jules Pellegrino

Bowling

Yenka Silberstein
Tai Hill
Tom Ladson

All rounder

Michael Daffey
Tyler Drew
Jack Driscoll
Riley Flood
Thomas Tyrrell

Under 10 Maroon

TEAM MEMBERS

Christian McKenzie
Connor Hastings
Dane Thompson
Dashiell Spencer-White
Ethan McKenzie
Tom Miletto
James Wickett
Lachlan Gill
Luca McGhee
Max Daphne
Mitchell Gunthorpe
Quinn Doherty
Guy Fricke

COACHING/UMPIRING

Duncan McKenzie
Dave Scowen

MANAGER

Christine Gumthorpe

Season 2013-14 has seen the U10 Maroons take their game to a new level. 5 new cricketers who fitted in seamlessly joined the 8 returning players from last season. It was really rewarding to see how far the team progressed through the season. More advanced skills such as running between the wickets and backing up in the field were demonstrated in the heat of battle. We won more than we lost and learnt a lot from playing really good sides like Canterbury Angley.

Max Daphne had a great all-round season taking 9 wickets and contributing some hard-hitting innings. He also hit his first 6, which surprised the coaching staff no end!

Quinn Doherty has developed his skills with both bat and ball really well taking 7 wickets and averaging over 17 with the bat. As always, Quinn goes about his work with a smile on his face.

Guy Fricke's first year with us has seen him develop into a really good bowler. His accuracy and Malcolm Marshall like action got him 6 wickets. His athleticism in the field resulted in 2 direct hit runouts.

Lachlan Gill has developed into a true allrounder. 8 wickets, a solid batting average and great work behind the stumps demonstrated this very well.

Mitchell Gunthorpe's elegant action helped him take 7 wickets this season. He has also worked really hard on his batting technique.

Connor Hastings is the go to guy if you need someone to bat for your life. 58 runs for the year at an average of 58 tells the story of a batsman who sells his wicket at a very high price.

Christian Mackenzie's first year of cricket showed development on all fronts. His bowling improved to the point that he had a chance to bowl a hat trick ball.

Ethan Mackenzie's batting was a highlight averaging 28.8. His pull shots were a constant threat to the square leg umpire. Ethan's keeping was excellent performing the teams only ever stumping.

Tom Mileto had a great season with the ball bowling many unrewarded deliveries that missed the stumps by a coat of paint. In the field Tom contributed an amazing 8 catches and his stylish batting was a joy to watch.

Luca McGhee improved his batting and bowling, executing both with classical technique. His top score of 16 was as elegant an innings as you would see. Luca also beat the bat repeatedly with his natural inswing.

Dash Spencer-White had an awesome year with the ball taking 10 wickets at an average of 6.4. He managed to bowl a consistent length that troubled most batsmen. A batting average of 24.5 showed dedication to the task.

Dane Thompson improved his bowling as the season went on taking 4 wickets. His athleticism in the field and strong arm saved many a run for the team.

James Wickett took 6 wickets with his nagging length and accurate line. His running between the wickets kept us all entertained and his encouragement of team mates in the field was very positive.

All in all we had a really enjoyable season and it was a pleasure to be involved with such a great bunch of players and a supportive and fun group of parents. I hope we managed to fulfil our goal of keeping the game fun. Lots of thanks to all involved, see you next season.

Dave Scowen and Duncan Mackenzie
U10 Maroon Coaches

AWARDS

Batting

Ethan Mackenzie
Connor Hastings
Dane Thompson

Bowling

Christian Mackenzie
Guy Fricke
Mitchell Gunthorpe
James Wickett
Dash Spencer-White
Tom Mileto.

All rounder

Lachlan Gill
Max Daphne
Luca McGhee
Quinn Doherty

Under 10 Burgundy

TEAM MEMBERS

Ali Raza Muhammasi
Ben Gill
Bill Daffern
Carlo Nicholls
Jack Stanley
Josh Fitts
Massimo Nodin
Patrick Quilty
Riddley O'Donnell
Samuel Ward
Tom Ward
Xavier DiScala
Ali Raza Muhammasi

COACHING/UMPIRING

Randall Nodin

MANAGER

Michael Daffern

With only Massimo having played the previous season, it was a green group of players that took the field for our first game on a sunny morning last October. We scored 8 runs off the bat and had 5 ducks, going down easily to our more seasoned opponents, but after the game you wouldn't have known it – the boys were pumped – their cricket careers had begun!

Nearly four months later when the team took the field after the summer break we scored 45 off the bat, bowled better than ever and had our first win. Two weeks later the boys were on fire, taking 6 wickets, hitting 82 runs off the bat and recording another solid win. Suddenly the calling was loud, the boys were backing-up like Test players, bowling line and length, fielding with courage and skill.

It has been a real pleasure seeing the development of the boys over this their first season. They all played with great eagerness, and as a group they bonded so well.

Billy Daffern - had a sensational season with the bat, hitting a season high 91 runs at an excellent average of 18.2, with a top score of 16 not out. He was also terrific in the field – taking 4 catches – and displaying great courage fielding in all positions. With his big loopy spinners he also had success with the ball, with best figures of 2 for 1 in the derby against the Gold team.

Xavier DiScala - impressed with both bat and ball, hitting 72 runs at 12.0 and taking 4 wickets at an average of 15.0. In both departments he improved steadily over the season to be our most consistent performer. His fielding was also exceptional, taking the catch of the season – a diving one-hander – that would be right at home in any classic catches competition!

Josh Fitts - had an outstanding season with the bat, hitting 63 at an average of 12.6. His driving and pull shots were a real feature. In one innings Josh hit the most beautiful on-drive I've seen in a player so young. And then to show it was no fluke he hit the same shot again a few balls later. Josh hit the max against Deepdene in round 10 top scoring with a commanding 15 not out.

Ben Gill - had a terrific first season, steadily improving his batting throughout the season. His solid defence enabled him to remain not out 10 times for the season – a team record he holds with Tom. Ben impressed with his bowling – coming in off the long run he bowled excellent line and length enabling him to take 3 wickets with best figures of 1 for 2.

Ali Raza Muhammasi - had a great season with the ball, taking 5 wickets at an average of 16.8. His line and length improved steadily over the season reflected in his excellent figures. With the bat Ali developed his driving and pull shot over the season to the point where he hit his top score of 14 in the derby against the Gold team. In the field Ali was an energetic contributor, always on the lookout for a run out.

Carlo Nicholls - impressed in all areas of the game this season. He batted steadily throughout the season, finishing strongly with double figure not out scores in the last 2 games. He bowled excellent line and length, with great economy, taking 3 wickets at an average of 23.3. Carlo was also a keen wicket keeper, who often put up his hand to do the keeping and doing a fine job behind the stumps.

Massimo Nodin - had a terrific second season. With the bat he hit a season best 18 not out against Kew Junior. With the ball he found a nice rhythm and bowled an excellent line with good pace to intimidate many an opponent, taking 5 wickets for the season at an average of 14.2. Massimo was also an excellent fielder – with his powerful accurate throwing from the boundary a feature.

Ridley O'Donnell - had a spectacular season with the ball, taking 7 wickets at an amazing average of 12.3. From his very first game he was taking wickets and bowling with great accuracy and economy. His best figures were the incredible 2 overs, 2 for 2 against Kew. With the bat he was a quiet accumulator who valued his wicket, proving to be one of our most difficult batsmen to get out

Patrick Quilty - joined the group mid-season and very quickly became a lively popular member of the team, quickly coming up to speed in all areas of the game. He batted courageously and aggressively, mastering the pull shot. Bowling, he only took a few games to find a very accurate line and length.

Jack Stanley - displayed excellent batting technique this season, playing with great concentration and poise. He particularly impressed with the ball, being our most consistently accurate bowler, taking 5 wickets for the season at an average of 15.6.

Sam Ward - with the bat Sam was a patient accumulator, valuing his wicket, with 8 not outs. With the ball Sam bowled a wonderful line and length to snare 5 wickets at a very good average of 16.4. Sam also fielded with great courage – on more than one occasion stopping balls that were hit like tracer bullets and seemingly headed for the boundary.

Tom Ward - bats with great courage, not afraid to get his foot down the pitch to the fastest bowlers – his defensive technique developing very nicely over the season, resulting in him being, with Ben, our most difficult to get out batsman, with an amazing 10 not outs for the season! Tom also displayed excellent courage in the field, putting his body behind the ball to stop many a solidly hit shot.

Finally I would like to thank Michael Daffern, our team Manager, who made the season run like clockwork. And also a thank you to all the parents who helped out padding up, providing snacks, and scoring – particularly the scorers as it can be daunting to the un-initiated.

Randall Nodin
Coach U10 Burgundy

AWARDS

Batting

Bill Daffern
Josh Fitts
Xavier DiScala

Bowling

Ali Raza Muhammasi
Massimo Nodin
Ridley O'Donnell

All rounder

Ben Gill
Carlo Nicholls
Jack Stanley
Patrick Quilty
Samuel Ward
Tom Ward

Under 10 Gold

TEAM MEMBERS

Antonio Raso
Asher Baade
Christopher Barnes
Darcy Varghese
Fergus Hope
Hugh Collins
James Shadbolt
Joseph Anderson
Kirin York
Sam Moulday
Samuel Olsen
Taran Child
Antonio Raso

COACHING/UMPIRING

Brad Shadbolt
Andy Olsen

MANAGER

Paul Moulday

As we have now completed our first season as Edinburgh U10s Gold, I take pride in the way our boys have come together as a team. It has been an amazing transformation, from the first training session in October- where no one had played cricket before, to where their skills have developed. It has been a privilege to be involved with such a great bunch of boys, who always arrived for training, were like sponges taking on advice to better themselves, respected each other and the other teams. All this credit needs to go to the parents of each boy, as without your help, we couldn't have achieved what we did. Throughout the season, every player made a great contribution to the team, with some outstanding performances. To sum up the season, I will announce each player with season highlights and their award.

Joseph Anderson - Joey was one of the most improved players of the team. He had a man of the match performance in the second last game, when he took his first wicket, his first catch and his first run out. He has developed his bowling over the season to become an opening bowler and with his batting he started to place the ball into gaps creating runs. A highest score of 4 and best bowling of 1 for 13. Great season Joey.

Asher Baade - Great season, he always worked hard at training and always wanted to do better. Early on with his batting Asher protected his wicket at all cost and as the season progressed he laid a foundation to develop run scoring shots. This culminated in a top score of 4 not out and best bowling 1 for 3. Great work Asher.

Christopher Barnes - Outstanding first season. Chris is a very popular team member, who took the most wickets and made the most runs for the team. He displayed great athleticism as an outstanding fielder with a deadly arm. Highest score 18*, and best figures 2/4. Great season Chris.

Taran Child - Great season Taz. Over the journey Taz learnt how to hit the ball harder to create more runs. He was the first player to smash a cut shot to the boundary. He is a very competitive bowler, who worked on his line to limit the no balls. His batting really improved with a top score of 8 not out and best bowling of 1 for 2. Well done Taran.

Hugh Collins - Hughie showed great improvement throughout the season. One of the most determined players in the team, he never missed a training session and he always wanted to be the best, continually improving himself. He really developed his batting over the season, culminating in a high score of 6 not out, great work Hugh.

Fergus Hope - A very popular member of the team, Fergus was always wanting to improve his batting and bowling skills. He never gave up his wicket and as a low order batsman, he continually

had to face the meanest and fastest bowlers. He always showed true grit and determination. A strong fielder, excellent wicket keeper when given the opportunity, with a highest score of 2 not out and best bowling 1 for 1, great season Ferg.

Sam Moulday - A great season by Sam. He dramatically improved his batting and bowling. He was the unluckiest bowler. With his wonderful off spin he continually bamboozled the batsmen without taking a wicket. With his batting Sam developed playing and scoring on both sides of the wicket. He finished off making more runs with cut shots and cover drives. Highest score of 4 not out. Best bowling 1 for 13. Well done Sammy boy.

Sam Olsen - A great season by Sam. Our main wicket keeper was amazing in stopping the many no balls bowled. A natural cricketer he showed no fear as one of the smallest batsmen in our team, he showed his class by making a gritty 10 not out in the last game, then dusted off the gloves and bowled very well. Highest score 10 not out and best bowling 1 for none. Well done Sam.

Antonio Raso - A fantastic first season. Antonio has readily developed his cricket skills this year. His bowling has been amazing, learning to swing the ball both ways. In addition, he also became one of the best fielders in the team. For his batting, it went from strength to strength culminating in top scoring in the last 3 games, highest score 12 not out and best bowling of 2 for 10. Well done Antonio.

James Shadbolt - Jimmy was a key member and favourite of the team. Small in stature, big of heart, he never flinched or took a backward step. He had many balls bounce into his helmet but put enormous pride into his wicket and would never let the bowler take advantage. His bowling was the highlight as the year progressed and bowled the least amount of no balls for the season. A keen fielder who orchestrated a number of run outs, with a top score of 6 and best bowling of 2 for 12. Nice work Jimmy.

Darcy Varghese - From when Darcy first arrived to what he has become – what an amazing turn around! He has worked tirelessly on all facets of his game. His batting culminated in a top score of 5 not out.

He captained the team in the last game, and at one stage with his bowling he was on a hat trick. Darcy has been an avid learner, fantastic in the field, constantly backing up batting and bowling. Best bowling 2 for 12. Great effort Darcy.

Kirin York - started the season slowly, but then his competitive nature shone through as the season developed. He began to strike the ball cleanly and his results were more runs. His bowling has been a feature and this has greatly improved over the season. His natural bowling style (obviously influenced by Richard) has made him become a natural opening bowler with increased pace. Highest score 8 and best bowling 1 for 4. Well done Kirin.

Batting

Christopher Barnes
Taran Child
Antonio Raso

Bowling

Joseph Anderson
James Shadbolt
Kirin York

All rounder

Asher Baade
Hugh Collins
Fergus Hope
Sam Moulday
Sam Olsen
Darcy Varghese

Under 12B

TEAM MEMBERS

Aidan McGregor
Aleksander Gillian
Alex Avraam-Stoilkovski
Cameron Ross
Charles Bradley
Charlie Cumberlidge
Finn Hall
Hayden Bant
Jade Cook
James Ercolano
Max McKenna
Ned O'Leary
Samuel Doyle
Tom Clark

COACHING/UMPIRING

Colin Hall

MANAGER

Craig Ross

Season 2013-14 saw a mixed bag of results for the boys in the U12B competition. With a line-up of 14 boys (four in their first season) we managed to finish fifth on the ladder with four wins, four losses and a washout.

Round 1 saw the boys take on STC South Camberwell White at Alfred Crescent in a one day tussle. Top scorer for the Burra was **Alek Gillian** with a solid 13 not out. Unfortunately, our total of 61 was not enough with South Camberwell running over the top with an impressive 6/97. The boys kept their heads high for the whole game, especially when on the field, with nothing more than support and encouragement coming from each of them. Not a single word of discontent or frustration was uttered. Clearly they were the true winners.

Round 2 was at Ford Park against East Ivanhoe Saints in the first 'two dayer' of the season. After being sent in the Saints posted a reasonable score of 93. Despite a team total of 43 extras (which became the focus of subsequent training sessions) the fielding was highlighted by two great run outs and three bowling wickets by **Alex Avraam**. **Cameron Ross** also bowled well with 2 for 7 off 4. A string of retired not outs by **Ned O'Leary**, **Alek Gillian**, **Max McKenna**, **Tom Clark**, **Hayden Bant**, **James Ercolano**, **Finn Hall**, **Sam Doyle** and **Alex Avraam** saw the boys run away with a huge 153. The Saints were definitely blown out of their socks. Their coach at one point screaming "Watch out boys they're going for everything".

Another great win followed in Round 3 against Kew who set a target of 119 after having to contend with tight bowling from **Charles Bradley**, **Max McKenna**, **Charlie Cumberlidge** and **Alek Gillian**. **Jade Cook** finished with the best bowling figures of 2 for 12. Batting, the boys tore Kew apart - **Alek Gillian** 38 retired, **Max McKenna** 24 retired and **Finn Hall** 18 not out. Total 8/139.

After venturing to STC South Camberwell Red for Round 4, the boys fielded first again but wished they hadn't. From the very first ball South Camberwell were smashing boundaries and the first six of the season was seen sailing into the distance. 251 was not looking good. Unbelievably the heavens opened up the following Saturday, and with some great coaching by **Tim O'Leary** and rule book checking the boys were saved and went home happy. South Camberwell - not so happy.

Round 5 was not a great game with Ashburton Willows notching up 206 at their very picturesque ground. Our bowling was a bit off again with 48 extras, but pocket rocket **Aiden McGregor** shone with terrific figures of 3 for 14. The chase proved too much but not without some great batting from **Jade Cook** and **Charlie Cumberlidge**, 26 and 16 retired, respectively. **Charles Bradley** also batted well, bolstering an end a backing up brilliantly.

The bowling turned around and was impressive against Booroondara in Round 6 with the Burra restricting the opposition to 65 in the pre-Christmas one day game. **Cameron Ross** made his comeback after injury, making 14 retired in an all-round team effort which saw the boys amass 1/137.

Round 7 against Burwood was more notable off the field than on. While warming up **Alex Avraam** played a sensational pull shot taking out a car windscreen. In true team spirit **Tom Clark** vouched to kick in 15 bucks if Alex had to cough up. On the field we thought we'd cruised to an easy win only to discover we'd scrapped home by one run.

Oddly we were back at Ford Park and faced East Ivanhoe Saints again in Round 8. A tough day in the heat with a depleted team of eight meant most of the boys had to bowl six overs. Batting on day two was far cooler and kinder to the Saints in the field. **Max McKenna** made a fine 38 and **James Ercolano** a top score of 40. Sadly it wasn't enough and the boys fell 17 runs short with 163.

The ninth and final round saw some great fielding and bowling by **Sam Doyle**. **Ned O'Leary** was also solid in the field and **Charlie Cumberlidge** had his best day with the ball, taking 2 for 9 off 5.4 overs, including two maidens. Clifton Hill's 108 looked a little under par for the small (40m) boundaries of Alfred Crescent and the boys were confident of an early win. **Max McKenna** started with a flurry but a collapse saw the boys go from 0/26 off two overs to 7/44 off 10. **Finn Hall** and **Hayden Bant** staged a late come back, but sadly couldn't hang on. Oh for 14 more runs.

A great season all round, improvement by all the boys and sensational morning tea treats from the dedicated parents who gave unabated support.

Colin Hall
Coach U12B

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st Max McKenna	1 st Aidan McGregor	Tom Clark	Charlie Cumberlidge	Hayden Bant
1 st Aleksandar Gillian	2 nd Finn Hall			Charles Bradley
3 rd Finn Hall	3 rd Alexander Avraam-Stoilkovski			Jade Cook
	3 rd Max McKenna			Samuel Doyle
				James Ercolano
				Ned O'Leary
				Cameron Ross

Under 12C Maroon

TEAM MEMBERS

Adam Mercuri
Basile Michael
Everett O'Donnell
Hamish Tingay
Julian Marshall
Liam Gwynne
Noah Hutton
Pranav Srivatsan
Rohan Anderson
Simon Paterson
Sophie Young
Tom McNamara
Xavier Wilson

COACHING/UMPIRING

Shane O'Neil
Sri Parthasarathy

MANAGER

Margaret Doherty

With a team consisting of ten first-year players, this season was always going to be a learning experience, but we quickly learned to play as a team, encouraging each other and celebrating our improving skills. Unfortunately, the other teams were improving as well. Late in the season it appeared as though we might have to take comfort in our overall improvement, but excellent coaching assistance from Harry Galpin and dedication from our players saw us earn a brilliant victory in mid-February. The joy of the moment I'm sure will be remembered by players and spectators alike.

Sincere thanks to Margaret Doherty, our tireless team manager, for all of her hard work during the season. She is a brilliant organizer and a great asset to the club. Thanks also for the support and patience of all of the parents throughout the summer months. It's been my great pleasure to get to know your children and help them learn the beautiful – and often frustrating – game of cricket. Hopefully, they have enjoyed the season and will continue to play in years to come.

Rohan Anderson - Despite keeping wicket for half of the time, he was also one of our most destructive bowlers, taking 5 wickets during the season. He was a star performer in our victory over North Balwyn Combined, scoring 20*.

Liam Gwynne - a true club man and gifted leader, always complimenting good play and encouraging his younger team-mates. An improving all-rounder and a dead-eye fielder, Liam achieved two run-outs in one match against Richmond Union.

Noah Hutton - Our most improved bowler over the course of the year. His boundless energy and dedication to improving his game saw him take 2 wickets in 2 balls to help set up our first win of the season against North Balwyn Combined.

Tom McNamara - a very clever and accurate bowler, Tom was our well-deserved leading wicket taker for the season. As a batsman, he expanded on a solid defence to develop an array of attacking shots, leading to a stand-out performance in our win over North Balwyn Combined.

Julian Marshall - a brilliant batsman who ended with a season total of 171 runs at an average of 34.2. A much-feared and accurate fast bowler, he should have had more than his 3 wickets during the season. He is already a fine cricketer, and will only get better with time.

Adam Mercuri - a gifted, all-round athlete who has been a consistent batsman, accurate bowler and skilled wicket-keeper. His stand-out performance was against North Balwyn, where he took 1/3 in two overs, took a good catch and scored a direct-hit run-out from the outfield.

Basile Michael - started the season with a bang, taking a wicket in his first match against the Yellows. Dedication saw him improve over the season. His standout performance was in the last game against Richmond, where he took a well-deserved wicket.

Everett O'Donnell - one of our most improved players over the season and an excellent fielder. His standout match was against North Balwyn where he played a great captain's knock to score 18 not out, including hitting 3 boundaries in one over.

Simon Paterson - a great student of cricket with excellent game sense. Consistent improvements in bowling saw him take 3 wickets during the season. His season highlight was a long-distance direct-hit run-out in our victory over North Balwyn Combined.

Pranav Srivatsan - always encouraging others and quick to smile. A leg-spinner with incredible control for his age and experience. As a batsman, technically brilliant and responsible for our sole 6 during the season in a stand-out innings of 16 against North Balwyn Combined.

Hamish Tingay - a passionate and dedicated player, his batting, bowling and fielding improved markedly over the season. A superb outfielder with a great throwing arm, his standout performance was in our win over North Balwyn Combined where he saved at least 3 boundaries and scored a valuable 6*.

Xavier Wilson - a consistent performer with the bat with great technique and maturity for his age. He was an accurate economical bowler who was unlucky not to take more wickets. His highlight for the season was against Clifton Hill, where he scored 18* and only conceded 2 runs from 2 overs.

Sophie Young - joined late in the season but she quickly proved herself to be a fine cricketer. Her highlight of the season was in our win against North Balwyn Combined where she bowled two tight overs and scored valuable runs with the bat.

Shane O'Neill U12C Maroon Coach

It is said that a coach is only as good as his players. As you have read above, we have great players so obviously we have a great coach in Shane O'Neil. Thanks for your good advice, patience and enthusiasm. But especially for sharing with us your time and skills.....much appreciated!

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st Julian Marshall	1 st Tom McNamara	Everett O'Donnell	Hamish Tingay	Basile Michael
2 nd Xavier Wilson	2 nd Rohan Anderson			Pranav Srivatsan
3 rd Adam Mercuri	3 rd Julian Marshall			Sophie Young
	3 rd Adam Mercuri			
	3 rd Simon Paterson			
	3 rd Liam Gwynne			
	3 rd Noah Hutton			

Under 12C Yellow

TEAM MEMBERS

Archie Taylor
Ben Donnellan
Dante Colosimo
Darcy Munro
Ewan Grover
Finlay Bennett
Harrison Thompson

COACHING/UMPIRING

Stephen Connelly
Steve Chetcuti
Brett Munro

MANAGER

Meg Marsh

Hemi Dietrich
Hugo O'Callaghan
Jakob Chetcuti
James Connelly
Joshua Ward
Miles Fricke

The Edinburgh U12 Yellow team finished equal top in the U12C competition in season 2013-14, winning the club's first junior premiership in the ECA. Nine boys were playing together for the second (some for the third) season in a row, and with 4 new players joining the team, a great camaraderie has developed amongst the boys. The boys were honoured to be named by an opposition coach as setting the bar in the competition for sportsmanship. The parent group is exceptional and supportive, and were entertained all year by good quality cricket played in the right spirit. The boys are great ambassadors for the club.

Finlay Bennett - Finlay's signature match was round 3 against Richmond, a hard-fought low scoring game in which every run, wicket and catch meant something. Fin took 3 catches, and if ever catches win matches, this was a perfect example. Terrorised batters and bowlers throughout the season, a key member of the team. Well done Fin.

Jakob Chetcuti - kept wicket in every game he played this year, and his courage and effort behind the stumps were constants all season. Jakob is developing into the classic keeper - companion to all bowlers, scourge of fielders who don't return the ball properly, valued batting partner who plays with typical keeper's aggression. Well done Jakob.

Dante Colosimo - took wickets in 11 out of 14 matches this year, 13 in total, having taken just 4 career wickets prior to this season. 4 great catches as well, but what will be remembered most was a big boundary in the final game to get the team within striking distance of the target. A real contributor.

James Connelly - scored over 100 runs for the second season in a row, and contributed with 10 wickets as well. His on-field leadership came to the fore during this year as his cricket developed in leaps and bounds. Developing an encyclopedic knowledge of Australian test, one day and T20 stats along the way. Great effort.

Hemi Dietrich - Walking out in the final match with 6 runs to win off 2 overs, Hemi pulled his first ball for 4, and followed up with a single, enabling his partner to hit the winning runs and clinch the premiership. Lowest economy rate in the team, and contributed the season's most sporting comment ("don't worry, get the next one") after a catch was dropped off his bowling. A great season.

Benjamin Donnellan - He bats, he bowls, he keeps, he catches. A true student of the game, Ben works to improve every aspect of his cricket. A real all rounder, Ben exudes calm and control and has confidence in his abilities. A great team-mate and talented cricketer.

Ewan Grover - One of the new boys in the team, and another for whom the final match provided defining moments. Stopped at least four boundaries with great determination, getting his body behind the ball and supporting his bowlers. The runs saved were the difference between the sides. A great first season.

Miles Fricke - Miles bowls a beautiful in-swing, and towards the end of the season perfected a classy cut behind point for 1 or 2 runs. His cricket has real all-round qualities. In the final match he was part of an important partnership that stole runs at every opportunity, thrilling team-mates on the boundary as we edged closer to the target. Great season.

Darcy Munro - puts batters on the back foot with his pace and accuracy. Took on the better batsmen in the competition and subdued them all. Contributed significant runs at important times and

pressured batsmen when in the field with his fast and accurate throwing. A real talent.

Hugo O'Callaghan - Another new boy in the team, Hugo had a go at every aspect of the game, bowling, batting, keeping and fielding, and looked the part every time. One half of an important final match partnership that helped set up the win, putting pressure on fielders with loud calling and quick running between the wickets. A great first season!

Archie Taylor - Another new player this season, and another member of the team who showed his worth in the final game, snaring 2 important wickets in 3 balls. Holder of the unofficial Catch of the Year award against North Balwyn Combined. Archie was a valued team-mate all season. Well done!

Harrison Thompson - Harrison bowled without luck in a number of matches, but rode his luck brilliantly with the bat, finishing just shy of 100 runs for the year. Found bowling form in the return match against Bulleen, inventing a new way of getting a batsman out – smashed wicket – and followed up with the wicket of one of their top run scorers. Well done Harrison!

Joshua Ward - The final new boy in the team, who made his biggest statement in the last match – 3 wickets in the opening over, followed by important runs in a partnership that gave the team momentum towards a distant target. A great first season.

Stephen Connelly
Coach U12C Yellow

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1st James Connelly 2nd Harrison Thompson 2nd Finlay Bennett	1st Darcy Munro 1st Joshua Ward 1st Dante Colosimo	Hemi Dietrich	Jakob Chetcuti	Ben Donnellan Miles Fricke Ewan Grover Hugo O'Callaghan Archie Taylor

Under 14B

TEAM MEMBERS

Benjamin Gunthorpe
Cooper Forssman
Felix Sharkey
Harvey Daffern
Jon Graham-Perez
Joshua Bradley
Mark Foster
Nicholas Nodin
Sebastien Wilson
Thiep Bol
Tyler McGregor
William Clark

COACHING/UMPIRING

Dave Foster

MANAGER

Cathy Forssman
Matt Forssman

A fifth year together for our core group of Jon, Seb, Cooper and Mark, plus Nick (4yrs), Ben, Tyler, Will (all 3yrs), and Thiep and Harvey (2yrs), plus two new chums in Felix and Josh, had high hopes of improving on last year's 5th place, but a couple of narrow losses consigned us a to 6th place finish, in a season where we never really came to terms with the slow home ground at WJ Cox Oval. Almost

everyone improved on the batting and bowling figures from last season, but the most pleasing aspect of our development was the reduction in “extras” from 30 to 20 per game, showing how much the bowling has improved.

Many thanks as always to the scoring parents, Michael Daffern, Dave Clark, Randall Nodin, Peter Gunthorpe and Matt Forssman, and to Matt and Cath for managing the team so seamlessly.

Round 1 away to Ashburton Willows saw great late order batting from **Harvey** (23no) and **Mark** (18no) to post a respectable total of 91, but alas, despite **Jonno's** 2/8, including a great outfield catch to **Seb**, and **Nick's** 2/14, we were overtaken in the last over to lose by a single run.

Round 2 was our first taste of a very slow Cox oval outfield, which saw us struggle to 7/126, despite a brilliant 35 from **Nick**, and a late swinging 21no from **Josh**. Glen Iris also failed to escape the grasp of the Cox outfield and great bowling from **Seb** (2/6), **Nick** (2/14), and **Mark** (2/17) saw us home by 16 runs.

Round 3 away to Bulleen Templestowe saw us put to the sword early, but a fine second half bowling effort restricted them to 188, aided by tight bowling from **Tyler** (1/3 from 2), and **Josh** (1/4 from 3) adding support to **Harvey** (2/19), and **Nick** (2/40), along with **Cooper's** catching and throwing exploits. An injured **Will** at slip took one the best slips catches ever, adding to his fame in that position. **Nick** (27) again got us off to a great start, then **Harvey** (50) and **Jonno** (58) carried us to the brink of victory before a late order collapse required them to return to support **Cooper's** (21no) batting heroics to get us home by 3 runs.

Round 4 back at Cox saw us battle the Cox outfield curse again, with **Tyler** (21) keeping us ticking over before yet again late order hitting from **Cooper** (25) carried us to 151. Any hopes of defending that total evaporated early as the Deepdene Bears top order showed us how it was done, amassing 262. **Josh** (2/15) was our best after handing over the gloves where his wicket-keeping was first class all year.

Round 5 continued the Cox curse where the East Ivanhoe Saints posted a patient 4/184, with the best of the bowlers being the luckless **Thiep**, who had two catches from no balls, **Ben** (0/4 from 2) and **Felix** (0/8 from 6). Our reply was derailed by disciplined bowling and fielding, where only **Will** (29) returning from injury and illness, **Josh** (20no) and **Ben** (9no) got the better of it, eventually leaving us stranded on 7/114, our second percentage shattering loss in a row.

Round 6 saw a depleted line-up taking on ladder leader's Wyclif, and again a top order smashed us about to reach 238, despite fine efforts from **Harvey** (3/43) and **Felix** (2/23) and wonderful catch from **Billy Daffern** filling in at mid-on that left him with a weekend “stinger”. On a fast outfield, **Nick** (39) and **Will** (58no) flew the flag, but we could only manage 8/184, falling well short and hoping the Christmas break would revive our fortunes.

Round 7 back at Cox found no joy for bottom placed Boroondara as we knocked them for 37, with **Nick** (3/3) and **Mark** (3/3) being the main wreckers. An even batting contribution saw us reach 2/104, and we left hoping the Cox curse was broken.

Round 8 had us back at Cox against the hard-nosed North Balwyn, with our best bowling and fielding performance for the season, restricting the 3rd place team to 132, supported by **Felix** (3/12), **Cooper's** run-out of their best batsman, and **Ben's** catch to dismiss their captain. The chase started brightly, but we lost wickets at key times, before **Will** (32) and **Mark** (27no) carried us to the brink. **Seb** and **Mark** whittled down the required runs with North Balwyn defending the boundary, but we fell 4 runs short in a cliff-hanger finish.

Round 9 out at Bulleen against lowly Kew Juniors saw us restrict them to 9/55, with **Mark** (3/10) and **Jono** (2/5) being the main wreckers. In response **Nick** (32no), **Will** (41no), **Harvey** (29no), **Jono** (37no) and **Felix** (26) played the bowling. We won the last match to round out a happy season but disappointing ladder result for 2013-14.

Dave Foster
Coach U14B

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st William Clark 2 nd Harvey Daffern 3 rd Nicholas Nodin	1 st Nicholas Nodin 1 st Mark Foster 3 rd Harvey Daffern	Felix Sharkey	Tyler McGregor	Thiep Bol Joshua Bradley Cooper Forssman Jon Graham-Perez Benjamin Gunthorpe Sebastien Wilson

Under 14B2

TEAM MEMBERS

Alec Margetts
Conor Nunn
Doug Warren
Harry Syson
Henry Sweeney
Jack Cumberlidge
James Fear
Jerome Heywood
Pascal Apostoloff
Sasha Murphy
Zak Connor
Zander McMaster

COACHING/UMPIRING

Eamon Drew

MANAGER

Katherine Fan
Caroline McMaster

The Edinburgh Under 14B2 team has been amazing to coach and I cannot overstate how proud I am of each individual within the team. The manner in which the lads have carried themselves and played their cricket has been fantastic. The sportsmanship, maturity and focus on team has been incredible from every player.

To make the finals with a team made up predominately of 12 year olds in an under 14 side with a couple of older lads has been unbelievable and the way the batting and bowling awards have been shared around has shown the depth of this side. If the majority of these young men can stay together for another year they can achieve some great results together.

Pascal Apostoloff - has matured a lot as a cricketer from the start of the season to the end. I think this is highlighted in the last game against the fastest bowling attack in the competition he opened the batting and looked very comfortable against the pace. This showed a lot of heart. 26 runs at 5.2 for the season and a wicket, and more importantly showed a lot of leadership on the field.

Zak Connor - Is this the most dedicated cricketer in the country? I think so. After a shoulder injury ruled Zak out of batting and bowling, he still turned up to every training session and took to the field as often as possible. He took a couple of ripping catches at slip and taught himself to bowl with his non-preferred arm. Incredible stuff and possibly the highlight of the season was his right arm wicket. Very deserved winner of the Coach's award.

Charlie Cumberlidge - What a great kid. Wanted to play as often as possible and got to have a bat and bowl in the Under 14s. Unfortunately didn't make a run but did take a wicket which was massive. Wickets are worth about 20-30 runs so he can be very proud of that.

Jack Cumberlidge - is easily the most improved cricketer this season. His bowling has come a long way since round 1 to the Semi Final. He is pitching it up and getting a bit of away swing. Need to get him to work on shortening that run up and he will be more balanced through the crease. 26 runs and 5 wickets show how valuable he has been to the success this year. Great kid and showed a lot of maturity when it was his turn to captain.

James Fear - is a natural cricketer. He has all the shots in the book with the bat, and can bowl great medium pace and leg spin as well. Fantastic fielder too. With 260 runs at an average of 65 and 10 wickets at 9.4, it was a coach's highlight to see James make his senior debut and make some runs. All in all, a terrific season and a little champion in the making.

Aleksander Gillian - joined us after Christmas and has become a very valuable member of the team. A great bat and a very handy leg spin bowler. Wants to bowl mediums at training but I would urge him to keep working on the leg spinners. 29 runs is a fantastic contribution considering the limited opportunity given the half season.

Jerome Heywood - had a very solid season with both bat and ball. 88 runs at almost 10 with a highest score of 38. Add to that 9 wickets at an average of around 16 and he is one of the champions of the side. Would have had about 100 wickets if the opposition batsmen were good enough to get some bat on those outswingers!

Alec Margetts - If there is a kid in Australia with a better attitude to life I would like to meet them! Had a chance to bat in almost every position including opening and made some runs but it was with the ball he really stood out. 5 wickets for the season with a bowling best of 2/5 is fantastic. Alec is also fearless in the field and throws himself at everything.

Zander McMaster - made 106 runs for the season at an average of 21.2. His fast scoring and running between the wickets has been one of the highlights of the season, and has been the difference in a few games between winning and losing. Some cricketers have that X Factor and Zander is one of those. Also took 3 wickets to cap off a superb season.

Sasha Murphy - is a natural cricketer. Bats like a young Ricky Ponting (needs to teach the coach that cut shot and pull shot), bowls great little outswingers on the spot outside off stump and fields like Jonty Rhodes (YouTube him Sash). Season stats are 107 runs at an average of 35.7, 7 wickets at an average of 17.4. 5 catches, 3 run outs. CHAMPION.

Conor Nunn - is the ultimate quiet achiever. Goes about it with no fuss and has had a stellar season. 38 runs at 9.5 and 10 wickets at 13.2. These are really big numbers and he should be very proud of them. His bowling is the stand out of course but he also hits the ball harder than anyone else in our team and I would refuse to field at point when he is on strike!

Henry Sweeney - Henry is one of the best bats in the team but perhaps doesn't realise it. His technique is very correct and he naturally comes forward at the ball. His technique lends itself to opening the batting and would have done in the semi-final. 62 runs at an average of 20.7 shows how hard he is to get out. Great effort with the gloves as well, and an all round great team member.

Harry Syson - Harry's batting improved almost week on week and culminated in a wonderful 50 not out at Alfred Crescent. 185 runs at an average of 46.3 is a massive return. He is the fastest bowler in the team as well and would have had many more wickets if the opposition were good enough to actually get the edge. Fantastic season and he is going to develop into a very good cricketer.

Douglas Warren - has had an amazing year. 279 runs at a massive average of 93 plus 8 wickets at 16.4. Made his senior debut and showed up the old blokes with 37 not out and 3 wickets (which could have been 5 if not for some dropped catches). A natural leader on and off the field, and he is the first to shout out encouragement to others. Doug has been a joy to coach and had the kind of season that us mere mortals dream about.

Eamon Drew
Coach U14B2

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st Doug Warren 1 st James Fear 3 rd Harry Syson	1 st James Fear 1 st Conor Nunn 3 rd Jerome Heywood	Sasha Murphy	Zak Connor	Pascal Apostoloff Jack Cumberlidge Alec Margetts Zander McMaster Henry Sweeney

Under 14C

TEAM MEMBERS

Darcy Greig
Finlay Symons
Finn Blackman
Gus Galloway
Liam Proe-Carter
Matthew O'Meara
Oliver Blanch
Oliver Renkin-Brown
Oscar Kingham
Simon Foley
Thomas Henry

COACHING/UMPIRING

Richard Blanch

MANAGER

Tim O'Meara

Well another year has passed and we had a good year with plenty of action out there on the field. The season swung from one extreme to the other with a patchwork of convincing victories crushing defeats and the odd close one.

It was, as usual, a pleasure to coach the boys. We welcomed Finlay Symons and Simon Foley to the team and to their first season playing cricket. We welcomed back Oscar Kingham and Oliver Blanch to the team. Tim O'Meara did a wonderful job as usual managing and assisting with coaching and the parents were terrific especially Richard with scoring and Andrew Blackman for sheer enthusiasm. Glenn Henry, Andrew Kingham, Jim Foley and Josh Symons provided expert commentary and solid support.

Well done to the parents for all caring so much (as for the dads maybe a bit too much!). And well done to the kids for teaching us dads that it is possible to suffer a crushing defeat and then have fun mucking around 5 minutes later.

I thought the highlights of the season were some really beautiful opening batting by Matt and Finn, thumping innings by Simon in round 4 and Thomas in round 3, a pride restoring partnership between Liam and Oliver Renkin-Brown in round 5, another great innings by Liam in round 6 and a couple of 2 wicket hauls by Finlay in rounds 7 and 9.

Oscar's dramatic improvement with the bat was matched only by his feats with the ball which culminated in a stunning 4/11 in the last match of the year. Darcy bowled some lovely spin, sometimes swapping between medium pace, wrist spin and finger spin all in the same over. His keeping, I thought, was terrific. Finn took the classic catch of the season, an absolute screamer. His batting is lovely to watch and his bowling was far better than his figures would suggest.

Matt took a great catch at fly slip. As for Matt's batting, sublime. I often shake my head and wish that I could bat like that. Gus Galloway is shaping up as a very fine fast bowler and is increasingly dominant and very powerful with the bat.

Oliver Blanch was miserly with his full pitched accurate bowling and is showing great promise with his excellent technique with the bat. Simon bowled brilliantly for his first season and for us oldies brought a smile to the face knowing another Max 'Tangles' Walker is coming through the ranks.

We had our fair share of controversy with some dubious umpiring by yours truly. The plumb LBW I gave not out to Finn's bowling because 'he's only a little fella' didn't impress him very much. Matt's snick that wasn't a snick was not my finest moment either. Ahhh the injustices of life. Anyway, it was nice to end the season with a victory.

Richard Blanch
Coach U14C

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st Matthew O'Meara	1 st Darcy Greig	Oscar Kingham	Oliver Renkin-Brown	Oliver Blanch
2 nd Finn Blackman	1 st Liam Proe-Carter			Thomas Henry
3 rd Gus Galloway	1 st Simon Foley			Finlay Symons

Under 16B

TEAM MEMBERS

Callum McIlveen
Chris Campbell
Declan Smith
Giovanni Colarossi
Harry Hopkins
Jack Taylor
Josh Broderick
Josh Robinson
Lucien John
Max Gray
Mustafa Kaka
Tom Hall
Will Symons

COACHING/UMPIRING

Mick Symons

MANAGER

Dean Robinson

After the excitement of playing off in the grand final last season, we farewelled Nick White, Jesse Wilson, Matt Thomas, Noah Darby, Dave Fogarty, Gabe Oliver, and Jack Bradley. Mustafa Kaka joined from the other U16 team and several U14 players from last year made the step up – Josh Broderick, Giovanni Colarossi, Max Gray, Tom Hall, Josh Robinson and Declan Smith. We also recruited, all the way from Camperdown, club legend Ross McIlveen's son, Callum. Playing on from last year were Chris Campbell, Harry Hopkins, Lucien John, Will Symons and Jack Taylor.

Despite consistent difficulty with getting 11 players on the park, the team played well throughout the season, winning six matches – several in very tight finishes, drew one due to rain when in a winning position, and lost two narrowly. We ended up second after the home and away matches gaining a

home semi-final against Canterbury. Thanks go to Sean Brickhill, Tom Cattogio, Alex Czarny, Harry Fear, and John Maguire who helped fill-in when we were struggling for numbers.

One highlight of the season was the remarkable feat of nine of the team playing representative cricket over the summer. Chris Campbell and Will Symons played for the Northern Falcons who lost the semi-final due to rain, and Callum McIlveen represented the Western Waves. Giovanni Colarossi and Josh Robinson played for Preston in the Hatch competition reaching the quarter-final. Also in Hatch, Tom Hall and Declan Smith played for Brunswick, and Max Gray for Coburg. And Harry Hopkins was part of the successful ECA U16 team that won the final of the Keith Mackay Shield.

Players

Josh Broderick played the first few games, opening the bowling with his accurate out-swingers, and striking the ball for an important 10 as part of our imposing score against Burwood Uniting Canterbury. Unfortunately Josh's football commitments meant his season was curtailed after Round 4.

Chris Campbell's batting made a quantum leap this year as his first ever 50 which helped set up a winning score against Canterbury was quickly followed by two more. A career high 80 not out almost got us home against Trinity Willison, and his 69 in the last round against Burwood sealed our spot in the finals. Due to injury Chris did not bowl so much, but still picked up several victims with his off-spinning darts.

Giovanni Colarossi bowled with great pace throughout the season winning the bowling award with 10 wickets. His effort against Canterbury where he took 4 for 19 off 9 overs helped set up a win in a very tight contest. His staunch batting at first drop in the same game where he made 28 contributed to our winning total of 165.

Max Gray looped his leggies well, picking up 5 wickets over the season. Against Canterbury he took 2 for 3 and turned the game our way when they were looking strong. With the bat he shared a crucial partnership with Mustafa as they put on 24 for the last wicket as we almost chased down the target of 176 against eventual premiers, Trinity Willison.

Tom Hall bowled his nagging in-swingers consistently over the summer picking up 4 wickets. He struck a quick fire 10 against Burwood with very clean hitting and did well in the field picking up 5 catches and a run out, including two crucial catches in the last round against Burwood.

Harry Hopkins batted with great confidence, especially after making his maiden 50 for the ECA rep side. Batting in the middle order he often lifted the tempo of the innings with some powerful shots. Harry also bowled with good pace and accuracy, collecting a bowling award for his 8 wickets.

Lucien John regularly opened the innings and made a crucial 50 in the last round against Burwood, sharing in a decisive 90 run opening partnership with Chris Campbell, which made short work of the 131 run target. Totalling 152 runs, he compiled his highest ever season aggregate.

Mustafa Kaka missed several games but with a hard hitting 12 against Burwood Uniting helped our score nudge 200, and in a calm display against Trinity Willison struck the ball purposefully for 16 as we just fell short of their total. His tight bowling against Burwood contributed to their low accessible total of 131.

Callum McIlveen got to know the Princes Highway very well playing in 5 matches, travelling all the way from Camperdown. He made an assured 32 against Burwood Uniting, but his highlight of the season was taking 4 wickets in 5 balls (4 for 9) against Forest Hill. Callum's 2 wickets against Canterbury were crucial, and his strike rate of a wicket every 10.5 balls was amazing.

Josh Robinson had a terrific year with the bat winning the batting award and scoring three 50s, including a vital 56 against Canterbury which helped set up our match-winning total. His bowling was consistently accurate and miserly. Josh picked up 7 wickets narrowly missing a bowling award, including 3 for 23 against Trinity Willison.

Declan Smith's bowling improved through the season, culminating in an impressive 2 for 5 off 6 overs against Burwood. He made useful contributions with the bat including 12 against East Ivanhoe, helping take our score to a defendable 128.

Will Symons led the team with calm authority. He batted with great flare against Box Hill, top scoring with 69*. Will was very consistent with the bat, missing double figures just once and accumulated over 200 runs gaining a batting award. His impressive keeping yielded 4 catches, 4 stumpings and 2 run outs.

Jack Taylor missed several games due to school commitments, but still managed to compile a rollicking 39 in the opening match to seal Clifton Hill's fate, and a useful 10 in the one dayer against Forest Hill. His runout in the same match clinched a team hat-trick.

Summary

I have really enjoyed watching the boys develop over this season with several regularly playing senior cricket. The team performed very well to reach the semi-final stage, though were beaten by a better team on the day.

I would like to thank all the parents who provided generous support to the boys over the season as we got to know the eastern suburbs, and when not to take the Eastern Freeway on a Friday evening.

I would also like to acknowledge the sterling work of the team manager, Dean Robinson, who kept us informed of game locations, the sausage roster for home games, and just where we were on the ladder throughout the season.

Mick Symons
U16B Coach

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st Josh Robinson	1 st Giovanni Colarossi	Max Gray	Lucien John	Jack Taylor
2 nd Chris Campbell	2 nd Callum McIlveen			Josh Broderick
3 rd Will Symons	2 nd Harry Hopkins			Tom Hall
				Mustafa Kaka
				Declan Smith
				Jack Taylor
				Josh Broderick

Under 16C

TEAM MEMBERS

Aaron Tatchell
Alex Czarny
Ben Peach
Finley Crameri
Harry Fear
John Maguire
Louis Magree
Lucien Finch

COACHING/UMPIRING

Sunny Munn

MANAGER

Helen McCracken

Otto McKinnon
Patrick Chapman
Sean Brickhill
Thomas Magree
Tom Shute

Success is a funny thing. The winners of the premiership are undoubtedly successful, but does that leave the rest of the competition as failures? Surely not. I don't measure success by victories or points; and it's a good thing I don't, as it takes a thorough raking of the mind to recall the U16Cs solitary win, harking back to the halcyon days of late October ...

Rather, I measure success by aptitude and attitude. By enthusiasm and improvement. By those standards, the Under 16Cs is one of the more successful units you will encounter ...

Sean Brickhill - You always know when Sean is playing cricket, because opposition batsmen's ears begin to bleed. A megaphone of positivity in the field, Sean's voice is one of his - and the team's - greatest assets. With the in-built ability to bludgeon bowling attacks, Sean's aggressive batting can also bring about his downfall, if not tempered with the occasional piece of serenity. From wicket-keeping, to spin, and even firing in (medium) pace yorkers, Sean will be a quality addition to any future cricket team ... once he works out which role he wants to play!

Patty Chapman - Our early season rock at the top. Possessing a sound technique and the ability to punish loose bowling, Patty was an ideal candidate to open the batting. A shame to lose him towards the latter end of the year, as the boys could've used him to help them post larger totals.

Finley Crameri - A late order batsman who definitely possesses the ability to play up the order. Very strong off the back foot, on either side of the wicket, and can be quite damaging to a bowler's frugal figures. He has developed useful leg spin, worth persisting with.

Alex Czarny - Alex - or 'Pup' as the boys often call him - holds the most important trait of any cricketer: unbridled enthusiasm. His love for the game is patently evident and shows in his results. One of the safer sets of hands in the team, Alex's several crucial catches, along with his genuine wicket-taking ability with the ball, make him a constant threat. Indeed, had he played the entire season, he may well have been vying for the bowling award. Attentive and eager to learn, Alex has a bright future in the game.

Harry Fear - There's laidback, laconic, and sedated ... then, there is Harry Fear. A more relaxed - possibly comatose! - athlete you will be lucky to find on any sporting field. Harry's use of flight with his leg spin is unparalleled, and he could become a top order batsman if he so desired and applied himself accordingly. A fantastic young fella to have around the group, Harry remains the only person I have EVER seen take a catch using only his knees!

Lucien Finch - Good natured, committed and a calming influence amongst the team, Lucien holds many admirable traits. His ability to produce an extra 10km/h with his bowling, late in the season, was one of the more rewarding aspects this scribe witnessed. Possessing genuine pace when steaming in, his bowling began to rattle many a batsman. Will hopefully spend some time in the off-season teaching Tom how to stay injury-free whilst playing drums ...

Louis Magree - was the only player not rushing to celebrate Shooter's wickets in the last game ... as it meant he finished second in the season's bowling tally! An amazing accomplishment from a supposed wicket-keeper to collect six scalps. His late-season glove work illustrated the all-round capabilities Louis holds. When focussed for the entire match, Louis is rarely out of the game.

Thomas Magree - An enthusiastic character with the ability to strike a clean ball a long way. Once this is converted into cricket strokes along the ground, Tom will accrue runs galore. Unluckily had his season cut short through a bizarre drumming injury, or we would have surely seen more of his accurate - at times beguiling - bowling, knocking over opposition batsmen.

John Maguire - One of the leaders amongst the group, John skippered the U16Cs on several occasions; usually opening up the batting in the process, with his clean striking. Occasionally donning the wicket-keeping gloves, John is an all-round cricketer whose vocal contributions never wavered throughout the season.

Otto McKinnon - What a revelation! In his first season playing this glorious sport, Otto showed plenty of instinctive ability and a terrific work ethic. His positive attitude and willingness to perform the "one percenters" such as backing up a fielder's throw or continually heaping encouragement on his teammates, made him hugely influential in the field and a joy to coach. His determined batting progressed nicely with each game, and he need not be as reluctant a bowler as he seems. I genuinely hope Otto continues to play, and enjoy cricket.

Ben Peach - A metronome of accurate, attacking bowling, Benny is ideal to steam in with the new ball. Coachable, and keen to improve, Ben is a delight to have around the nets every training and on game days. His stoic determination with the blade was never more evident than in his peerless last knock, as he valiantly held his nerve, whilst watching the carnage unfold from the non-striker's end. I have absolutely zero doubt that Ben will develop into a sensational cricketer and I know he will be a welcome addition to all his future teams, for many years to come.

Tom Shute - What a season for Shooter! Another youngster who was incredibly easy to coach, as he is attentive and eager to improve. And improve he did! Tom's willingness to grind out an important knock for the team did not go unnoticed, nor did his flamboyant strokeplay towards season's end. But the real tale of the tape was in Shooter's bowling. Often picking up a wicket in his first over, Tommy took home 10 in total, and with it, the coveted and richly deserved bowling award for season 2013-14.

Aaron Tatchell - A natural athlete who exhibited excellent hand-eye co-ordination in the field, coupled with boisterous vocal support for his team mates. Capable of bowling quality spells, replete with a bag of tricks where even Azza himself admits he's not sure what's coming out next! New to the sport, he would be footy's loss and cricket's gain were he to pursue this summer pasttime. Here's hoping he does.

Sunny Munn
U16C Coach

Batting	Bowling	Fielding	Coaches Award	All rounder
1 st Patrick Chapman 2 nd Finley Crameri 3 rd John Maguire	1 st Tom Shute 2 nd Alex Czarny 3 rd Louis Magree 3 rd Ben Peach 3 rd Harry Fear	Otto McKinnon	Sean Brickhill	Lucien Finch Thomas Magree Aaron Tatchell

Juniors' Outstanding Individual Achievements

50 Runs in an innings

Chris Campbell	80*	Rd 8
Will Symons	69*	Rd 2
Chris Campbell	69	Rd 9
Josh Robinson	63	Rd 4
Doug Warren	62*	Rd 4
Josh Robinson	61*	Rd 2
William Clark	58*	Rd 6

Jon Graham-Perez	57	Rd 3
Josh Robinson	56	Rd 5
James Fear	51*	Rd 5
Chris Campbell	50*	Rd 5
Patrick Chapman	50*	Rd 2
Doug Warren	50*	Rd 5
James Fear	50*	Rd 4
James Fear	50*	Rd 8
Harry Syson	50*	Rd 4
Lucien John	50	Rd 9
Harvey Daffern	50	Rd 3

50 matches for ECC

Sean Brickhill
 Lucien Finch
 Nicholas Nodin
 Tom Shute
 Declan Smith

Selected in Representative Teams

Chris Campbell	Northern Falcons Under 16
Will Symons	Northern Falcons Under 16
Callum McIlveen	Western Waves Under 16
Giovanni Colarossi	Preston Hatch
Max Gray	Coburg Hatch
Tom Hall	Brunswick Hatch
Josh Robinson	Preston Hatch
Declan Smith	Brunswick Hatch
Harry Hopkins	ECA Under 16
Doug Warren	ECA Under 14

Milo

Again in 2013-14 the ECC ran a Saturday morning Cricket Australia MILO program at the Brunswick Street Oval. Some 50-60 children ranging from 5 – 10 years old were provided with a range of batting, bowling, fielding and match play drills.

A big thank you to Harry Galpin, Maddie French, Matt Green, Stuart Whiley, Julie Allan, Dave Meiklejohn, Chris Horsley-Wyatt, Tegan French and Conrad French who regularly attended to help coach the sessions.

The MILO program wouldn't have been a success without the Saturday morning BBQ run by various members of the club – a special thank you the Senior Men's 2nd XL who regularly assisted. I look forward to some 8-10 children progressing in to the ECC U/10's and to us again running MILO in 2014-15.

In some exciting news, ECC and Cricket Victoria have agreed to launch a T20 Blast MILO program on Wednesday nights in 2014-15. Stay tuned for more announcements on this in the coming months.

Brad Shadbolt

Finance

Financial Summary

The club's financial plan focuses on ensuring the sustainability of the club whilst providing sufficient financial support to invest in on-going cricket coaching and success, the overall Edinburgh experience provided to our members, their families and club supporters and our community programs.

The club has covered expenditure through:

- greater cash management and reporting on bar revenue and membership fees;
- increased membership numbers; and
- increased sponsorship income.

The club achieved a surplus of \$9.9K this year, increasing the club's net asset position to \$58K (\$57k cash). Whilst this is a strong result, it is supported by a significant saving on potential coaching incentives that were not paid. Disappointingly the club is still owed approximately \$2K from pledged ticket sales at events.

The club is well-placed financially and in a position to invest in club facilities in the coming years. Focusing on cash management and expenses, improvements in financial operations, as well as providing profitable, value for money services to our members is critical, particularly as we continue to grow as a club.

Key performance indicators

	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Income	122,484	108,202	111,603
Expenses	112,553	104,450	97,694
Profit	9,931	3,752	13,909
Net Assets	58,128	51,840	48,088

Commentary and key focus areas in 2013/14

1. Improvements in financial operations:
 - There has been a focus on continued improvements in financial operations including debt collection, financial reporting and stock control.
 - Streamlining of membership fee and event ticket payment processes will be implemented in 2014-2015.

2. Sponsorship:
 - While there was a pleasing increase in sponsorship revenue of over \$6k, the club was short of its budget due to less funding received from major sponsors.
 - The Royal Derby Hotel came on board this season as a new Major Sponsor and by all reports both the pub and Burra club members have been very happy with the result. It is hoped this relationship will grow further in the future.
 - All club members are encouraged to support current sponsors and sign up new sponsors where relationships can be mutually beneficial (sponsors and members). This will ensure a sustainable sponsorship income stream and helps keep club costs lower.
3. Membership:
 - Membership revenue increased by approximately \$10k in the 2013/14 season primarily due to a fantastic 60% increase in the Women's fee revenue and a 36% increase in the Junior's. A big thank you goes out to the Women's team and Junior coordinators, Caterina Stella and Mick Symons, for their work increasing these numbers.
4. Coaching:
 - There was an increase in coaching investment at all levels and feedback from this has been anecdotally positive yet we will have a clearer picture of this when the annual survey details are released.
 - Costs could have been higher as most contracts had coaching incentives, which for a combination of reasons were not paid out this season.
5. Events:
 - Event revenue was down by almost \$4k this season due to a lower number of attendees at the annual dinner and, disappointingly, a number of tickets for the reverse raffle not being paid for. However, these events still delivered positive fundraising income and attendees hugely enjoyed both nights, which is a great result.
 - The club trivia night was a great success, not only raising 17% more income than expected, but also being an extremely fun night for all those who attended.
 - The club's focus for events is to balance profitability with the delivery of quality events that people want to attend.
 - 2014/15 season will focus on improving ticketing systems, encouraging higher attendance and providing venues that cater not only for playing members but also their families and friends as well.
6. Facilities:
 - The club focused on re-investing in facilities to ensure the experience for all members, supporters and players is enjoyable, friendly & family orientated

Finance Reports

For a copy of the financial report for 2013-14, please speak with the Club Secretary or Treasurer.

Coterie Groups

Duchesses of Edinburgh

Now in their second year "The Duchesses of Edinburgh" continued to support their Burra partners and the club in 2013/14 not only by attending many games but also helping raise funds for the McGrath Foundation in conjunction with Pink Stumps day.

The coterie hopes to grow their membership over the coming years so if your partner wants to join up, be sure to invite them along to one of the Duchesses events next season.

Club 78

The Club 78 concept stagnated in 2013-14 and the executive will look to re-launch the concept in 2014-15 in an attempt to reconnect with past players and supporters of the club.

If you are interested in assisting with the Coterie, please contact the club through Conrad French or Brad Shadbolt.

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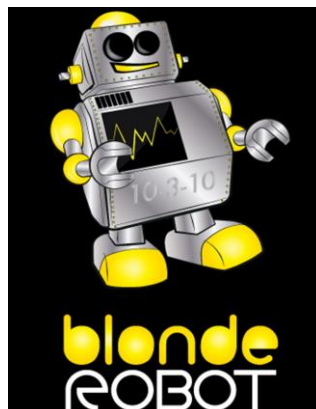
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