



Edinburgh Cricket Club

2015-2016

Annual Report

Premiers

Women's 1st
XI & T20
Vets 1st XI

Runners Up

Under 15 girls

Runners Up

Men's 1st XI
Men's 2nd XI
Men's T20

Semi Finalists

Under 14C
Men's 4th XI
Vets 2nd XI

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

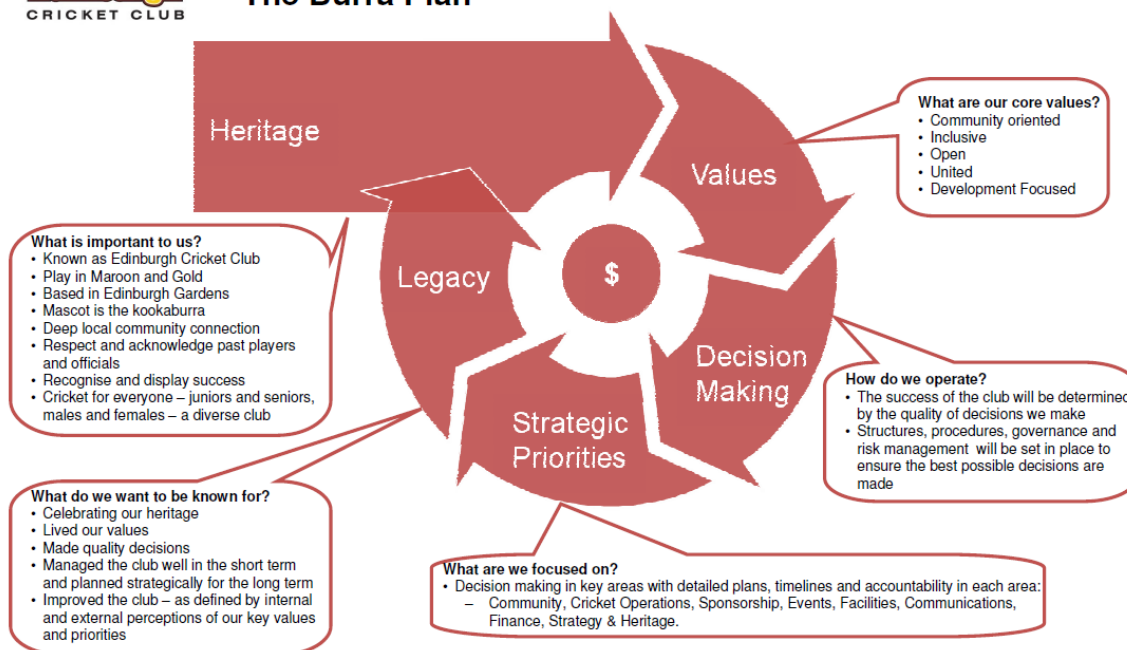


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Executive

President's Report

Dear Edinburgh CC Players, Members, Supporters and Sponsors

2015-16 has certainly been a challenging year both off & on the field, as the club continues to undergo unprecedented growth at the Milo In2CRicket, junior boys & girl's level.

I would like to formally thank the entire Executive team for their 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 2015-16. It takes an effort from everybody to make the vibrant, progressive, successful club & enjoyable environment we have.

All community organisations can not operate without the support of valued partners. I would formally like to thank Lion Nathan, the Fitzroy Victoria Bowling Club, Secret Agent buyer's advocates, the North-Fitzroy-Clifton Hill Bendigo Bank, the Royal Derby Hotel, the House of Golf (Flinders Street), Menz Club fashion and Blonde Robot for their ongoing financial support.

The City of Yarra through Kimberly Costello, Stuart Grant & Peter Mitten, again provided us with our fantastic facilities, grounds & support where needed and I look forward to working hand in hand again with them in 2016-17.

Financially we continue to operate efficiency & profitably to ensure we are able to meet any financial challenges that occur day to day & into the future.

Again we have been a leader & voice in our local community. Stan White (Life Member) again facilitated the Atherton Garden cricket program with the aid of Victoria Police and the City of Yarra, which resulted in some 30 children from the Atherton Garden being introduced to cricket.

The club cricket program was again run well by Director of Cricket – Stuart Whiley, which every weekend had some 350 members participating in various competitions. I would like to congratulate the premiership winning Senior Female team, nominated representative player at pathways/state/competition level, competition trophy winners and club trophy winners.

In my opinion, the re-establishment of the junior girls program after 4-5 years of hard work behind the scenes is an achievement that must be acknowledged. To see 11-12 junior girls represent the club every Wednesday was an outstanding achievement. I hope this program grows to become the natural feeder to our senior women team. Well done to all involved.

Top the members of the executive who have identified this as there last year – many thanks for your hours & hours of work & service. In particular Conrad French (President), Tim Chalke (Secretary), dynamic duo Caterina Stella (Junior Administrator) & Randal Nodin (Junior Co-ordinator), need to be recognised for the leadership, drive & vision they have provided over the last 4-years of service.

The cricket landscape in Victoria is changing as Cricket Victoria moves to create larger feeder regions for senior men & boys cricket. This will no doubt open up opportunities for the club executive to discuss what future path the club may wish to explore, i.e. turf, alliance with district clubs etc.... Senior women's cricket continues to grow within Australia & if we are to survive/sustain our current program and take advantage of the junior girls program/growth, I suggest we need to develop the senior women's program into two/three teams in the very near future. If we stand still – the program will cease to exist in 5-years & other clubs benefit from 20-years of internal work.

The continue development of our facilities with the City of Yarra & common user groups, and administration/governance of the club is something the current executive has reviewed and will

present their suggestions at the AGM. If we continue to grow as expected – a volunteer based administration is something I can't see providing the level of support required and we have again identified the need to upgrade our facilities to meet the needs of our program.
I look forward with interest to how the next executive continues to shape & evolve the cricket club.

In the end, my main hope is that you all enjoy your involvement & participation at the Mighty Burra. The club is only as good as you – the people within it.



Vice President – Edinburgh Cricket Club on behalf of the ECC Executive

Executive Committee

President: Conrad French

Vice President: Brad Shadbolt

Secretary: Tim Chalke

Treasurer: Nathan Hudson

Director of Cricket: Stuart Whiley

Men's Coordinator: Julian Delahunt

Women's Coordinator: Jane Seber

Junior Coordinators: Caterina Stella & Randal Nodin

Events Coordinator: Todd Delahunt

Affiliations

Eastern Cricket Association

Victorian Women's Cricket Association

Life Members

2014-15	Mildred O'Brien Ron Pennefather Phil Lowe	1996-1997 Craig Cook 1988-1989 Peter Shadbolt 1987-1988 Robert Greenaway
2013-14	Julie Allan	1985-1986 Ron Kelly
2012-13	Stan White	1981-1982 Wayne Warner
2010-11	Julian Delahunt	
2009-2010	Todd Delahunt	
2008-2009	Irene Bullock	
2004-2005	Barry Calnon	
1999-2000	Rob Simpson	

Service Awards

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.

2015-16 Matt Drew

Previous Winners

2014-15 Caterina Stella

2013 -2014: Bob Neilson

2004-2005 Todd Delahunt

2003-2004 Barry Calnon

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

Rob Greenaway Medal

Matt Green, Dave Edwards and Rob Geyer

Community Programs

Atherton Gardens

This was the sixth 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. It provides a platform for the continuous refinement of the Atherton programme which now sets a benchmark for the establishment of a cricket programme for youngsters within a socially challenging inner urban environment.

Our Atherton Gardens Project was highlighted in an article published on the Cricket Victoria website (News and Video section) at the end of this past season. The article summarised the development of the programme and its success in fostering cultural and community harmony, through cricket, within an inner city high rise estate.

Our aim, at Atherton Gardens, is to provide a programme format with activities/drills/games that are appealing, give maximum active involvement for the youngsters and are within their capabilities. That is, activities are age specific (younger/less experienced—older/more experienced divisions) but not gender specific. Another important point learnt from past programmes is the need for a low ratio of coaches/assistants to youngsters (ca 1:2or 3) as against ca 1:6 for similarly aged youngsters in a club environment. This season we introduced a T20Blast match format to the latter part of the programme.

The Atherton cricket programme was organised by Stan White and Jack Viola (ECC), Chris Gorrie (Cricket Victoria/Cricket Australia) and Chris McGeachan (Yarra Youth Resource Officer, Fitzroy Police). The programme consisted of weekly sessions of one hour to one and half hours run over the winter semester. Only one session was lost through weather. Fewer Club members were able to assist as coaches this season. The number dropped from 14 in season 2013-14 to 6. They were Kat Byron, Jack Viola, Murray White, Will Symons, Bob Neilson and Nick White.

The number of youngsters enrolled for this season's Atherton Gardens cricket programme was down from the usual high 20s to ca. 20, largely because of a time clash with a newly established homework class. Again, each participant was provided with an individual cricket 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. Several children returned from previous seasons because they had found the programme a pleasant experience.

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, furthering a sense of group cohesion. The older children, both boys and girls, were introduced to hard ball cricket.

A positive feature in past years has been the high number of girls participating in the programme. It was usual, at any one session, for there to be at least 50% girls. This season, the girl to boy ratio decreased over the programme from ca. 1: 1 to 1:2. This may have reflected the concurrent homework class but it may have resulted from the presence of fewer female coaching assistants. One aim of the Atherton Programme is to form a pathway that will lead some of the young participants to play junior cricket with the Club. No youngster took this pathway this past season.

When discussed with them, they indicated there was too much waiting around in cricket especially when compared to basketball which has become another optional summer sport available to them. This coming season we will reformat games to give continuous involvement and intend to provide a musical background where possible to drills and activities.

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) associated with the Fitzroy Police and to link this into the Club's junior programme. The Club also thanks all mentioned above who gave their time and support to the Atherton Cricket Programme. Swan Richards and the Cricket Kit are thanked for the provision of cricket gear to the youngsters of Programme.

Stan White

Cricket Operations

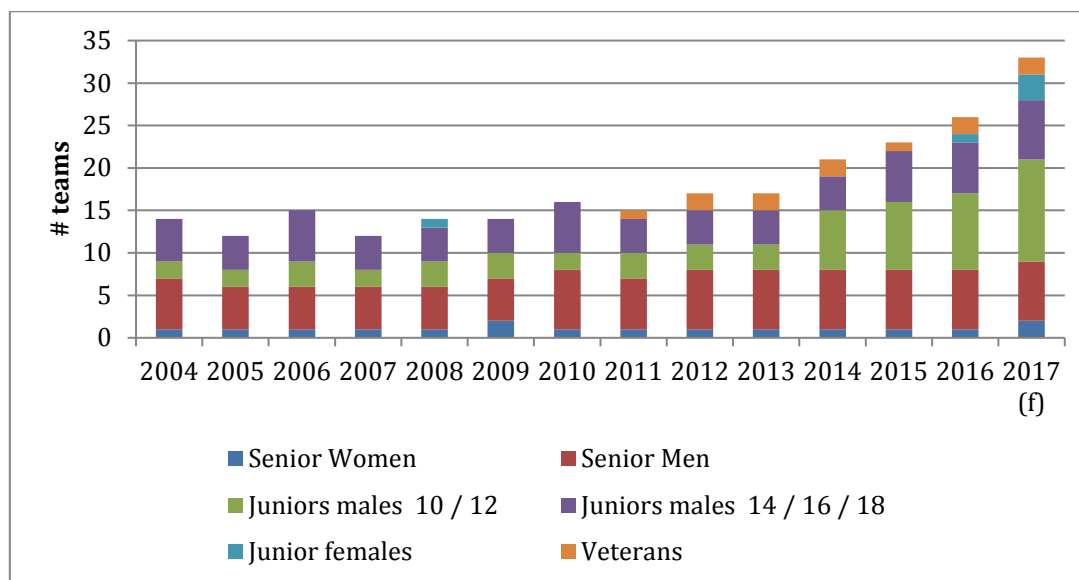
Director of Cricket Report

2015/16 represented another significant year on field for Edinburgh. The club continued to grow whilst also taking some enormous steps towards realising a number of its key cricket priorities. Our current position and potential changes within Victoria's cricketing landscape present both substantial opportunities and challenges that will be pivotal to how the club looks into the future.

The successful launching of our junior girls team this season was a huge step for Edinburgh as we seek to provide cricket for everyone. After much work from many over 3-4 seasons, it was great to get the girls onto the park. Pleasingly the girls had a very enjoyable season and numbers and skills grew throughout. Enormous thanks to coach Brad Shadbolt and manager Dean Campbell for guiding the team. Further, it was extremely pleasing to see the whole club, and particularly the senior females, getting behind the team and supporting at games.

Speaking of our senior females: what a season they had. The Mighty Burra dominated the full year with some excellent team and individual performances. Winning two premierships is no mean feat. The club is very proud of the efforts and results of the team, the leadership group and coach Paul Holden who together have completely turned around our female program. With this work, the junior girls developing and growth in female sport more generally, Edinburgh is now in an enviable position of building towards more teams and a full female program. This will continue to be a key focus of the Club Executive and a critical success factor for our future.

Junior numbers continue to grow. Since joining ECA in 2011/12, the club has almost doubled in size. As the below chart demonstrates, much of this growth is in the u10 and u12 age groups. This is testament to the effort and resources the club has invested in the Milo program as a feeder as well as the quality of the coaches at the u10 and u12 level. Continuing to improve this part of the club is vital to our future.



The growth in numbers presents a huge opportunity for the broader club if we can provide the appropriate program and pathway through the older age groups and into seniors. Pleasingly there was good progress again this season with two well supported junior forums feeding into further developments for the program. The club commenced specialist development sessions with head coach Syke on Sundays that received great feedback. Intra-club games were ran on Saturday evenings which were greatly enjoyed by the kids and the seniors and continuing these will only help to unite the club.

It was another strong season for the senior men with all of our teams playing some good cricket and whilst unfortunately there were no premierships, our firsts and seconds went very close in grand finals in ECA's top two synthetic grades. Pleasingly, junior numbers in seniors continued strongly. With the above trend in junior numbers, these numbers in seniors should grow strongly and balancing this with the interests of the broader group will be a strong focus into the future.

The Veteran's group grew back to two teams this season thanks to a lot of work from the leadership group of Matt Drew, Ross McIlveen and Duncan McKenzie. It was an excellent result for Ross' team to win the premiership in the last over of the grand final.

Collectively, the club is in a wonderful position but it is one that requires significant work to continue. Progress is being made but there is further work required to ensure that the administration and operation of the club is sustainable. As foreshadowed in Brad's report, the club is receiving regular communications from Premier Clubs. Funding for these clubs has been tied to Cricket Australia priorities and the clubs are trying to short-cut the work required by "acquiring" the strong parts of our club developed through the hard work of many over many years.

Edinburgh needs to make a decision on how we position our club for the future. With the status of our current programs discussed above and the pending changes to the structure of cricket in Victoria, the club needs to decide whether we continue as is, partner with a premier league club to act as a feeder for males and females and/or consider turf and positioning the club to provide a more complete pathway for our top end males and females across seniors and juniors. My view is that this decision cannot be made at the expense of our club values nor the community aspect of Edinburgh that provides its near-unique culture. I look forward to reviewing these options with our members in the future.

Enormous thanks to all our coaches, managers, captains and coordinators. The club just cannot get the teams and players on the ground each week without your significant efforts. To our players and supporters, thanks for being a part of Edinburgh. I hope you all had an enjoyable experience and will be back for a bigger and better year in 2016/17.

Stuart Whiley
Director of Cricket.

Cricket Awards

Secret Agent Team of the Year

- 1 Tegan French (wk)
- 2 Bianca Maes (captain)
- 3 Tony Jackson
- 4 Liam Moulday
- 5 Matthew Green
- 6 Mluleki Nkala
- 7 Damien DePassey
- 8 Will Horsley-Wyatt
- 9 Todd Delahunt
- 10 Chris Horsley-Wyatt
- 11 Bilal Haider
- 12 Sunny Mun

Awards

Stan White Medal	Jimmy Fear
Calnon Medal	Tony Jackson
Shadbolt Medal	Matt Green/Liam Moulday
Bullock Medal	Tegan French
Warner/Kelly Medal	Mluleki Nkala
Chancellor/Allan Medal	Bianca Maes
Olsen/Delahunt Medal	Matt Green

Senior Men's

First XI

The 2015/16 season was one that was filled with great hope and aspirations following our first grand final appearance the season before. However, five of the grand final team did not turn out again for the Burra this season for various reasons, which opened the door for others that have been crying out of increased opportunities in the first XI. One of the great highlights was the return of one of our star juniors, Murray White, following a stint with Melbourne Uni in district cricket. Throw in the return of club favourites Jay Garoni, Steve James, and new recruit Jeremy Beckett – the first XI had a new look. History would tell us that batting has been the Achilles heel for the Burra and 2015/16 was no exception in a season that was plagued with poor batting performances. A number of changes in the batting order followed in an attempt to find a combination that worked to lay a foundation that the middle and lower order could build upon to post a total for the bowlers to defend. Our bowling continued to be serviceable, with Julian Delahunt and Murray White leading the way with the new ball and 28 wickets a piece.

Despite hardly finding second gear, the Burra found itself on top of the ladder, one game clear, at Christmas. We really struggled after the break and the possibility of missing the finals altogether became a possibility. In the end we finished in second at the end of the both the regular season and finals series. The grand final was well fought out between Edinburgh and Boroondara. Club veteran Barry Calanon was present to give an motivating and inspiring pre match address to the lads and clearly showed the importance of the occasion, with a real focus on enjoying the moment and applying oneself. This will a moment that I will remember for a long time. After negotiating the new ball and early overs that proved such a challenged during the season, the Burra was in a commanding situation after tea at the drinks break at 4/145 as we looked to post a 200+ score. However, a tragic collapse saw us bowled out for 164 just 10 overs later leaving club legend, Brad Shadbolt, stranded on 37 not out. This was an opportunity squandered. Other contributions with the bat included English import, Jack Edgar (35) in his best innings of the season and Jay Garoni (29). It was an arm wrestle on day two, with excellent bowling performances from Mulukie Nkala (5/40) and Murray White (2/47); however, we simply didn't have enough runs leaving us in despair.

Sincere thanks to all those who turned out to support us throughout the season and during our finals campaign – it was greatly appreciate.

It's been a privilege to lead the club over the past three seasons; however, the time is right for me to stand down and given someone else the opportunity to lead this great club. I would like to thank the club and the players for their ongoing support over the years. As the captains for all grades will tell you, it's not an easy job but we do it with the objective that each of you really enjoy your cricket and get the best out of your game.

Second XI

Season 2015/16 finished with a close Grand Final loss for the 2nd 11. We welcomed some new faces in George Hampshire, Jeromy Beckett and Regan Connell and welcomed back Matt Green and Chris Lomas after a few seasons away.

With a reduced 10 team Burt Shield competition and some new teams dropping down from McGibbon we knew the season would be a tough one. ECC was one of only two second 11s to be playing in Burt, so to make finals and almost take it out was a good effort for everyone who played for the entire season.

The season opened with five one-day games and it was important for us to begin well.

Round 1 Mt Waverly Catholics Vs ECC

Batting first we were in trouble at 1-2 and lost a series of wickets before George Hampshire (30) and Matt Green (61) steadied. Matt was joined by Steve James (24) for a solid partnership which helped us to a competitive total of 8/195. Matt the pick of the batsman.

Mount Waverly got off to a good start and were at one stage 3-157 in reply, as they still needed around 6 an over some tight bowling by Matt Green (3-22) and Steve James (2-32) put it just out of reach and we kept Mt Waverly to 8-189 sneaking home by 6 runs.

Round 2 ECC Vs Monash

Batting first again we put on 150 at BSO with Nathan Hudson (42) and George Hampshire (27) the best of the batsmen, while extras gifted us 32 handy runs.

We took consistent wickets in response; Billy Haider took the first two wickets to finish with 2-28. On the bouncy BSO deck Monash had no response to the off spin of CHW (3-12) and Jez Beckett (3-10) and the game was over quickly, Monash all out for 87 in the 27th.

Round 3 ECC Vs Mount Waverly Uniting.

We batted first again after winning the toss with a pretty consistent batting performance. Cal Mac (17) Jay Garoni (40) Matt Green (41) and Steve James (17) all contributed to get us to 9/169 off the allotted overs.

All our bowlers were on in response, with Mick Younger (3-32), Matt Green (2-5) CHW (3-8) and Cal Mac (1-3) combining to roll Mount Waverly for 72.

Round 4 Nth Balwyn Vs ECC

Playing bottom of the ladder Nth Balwyn in our next game we batting first (again) and solid contributions from George Hampshire (37) Jay Garoni (30) Matt Green (25) and some big hitting late from Steve James (29no) and Jeromy Beckett (25) which resulted in 50 runs being taken from the last 6 overs we finished with a healthy 8/198 off our 40 overs.

Nth Balwyn were looking OK at 2-76 in response, but some dropped chances made there total a lot better than it should be. Mick Younger took a few early to finish with 2-31, but CHW was the main strike bowler taking 5-18 off six to roll them for 102 in 32 overs.

Round 5 Vs St James Malvern Valley.

We lost the toss and for the first time for the season and found ourselves bowling first. We welcomed Faff DePassey into the twos and he thanked us by taking 4-31 in a devastating spell. Matt Green (2-32) and Jeromy Beckett (2-8) also contributed and we kept St James to 153 on a small, fast ground.

Nathan Hudson ensured the run chase would never be in doubt with a magnificent 71not out. He was well supported by Jono Coyne (32) and Matt Green (26not out), and we made the runs in 37 overs 3 down.

Rd 6 ECC Vs Mt Waverly Catholics.

For the start of the two-day games we played MWC for the second time in six weeks, this time at home. We won the toss and batted and with a sensational 85 from George Hampshire at BSO opening the batting and support from Will Symonds (26) and Harry Hopkins (27) we put the imposing total of 206 on the board.

Defending the following week was one of the strangest days to be involved with on the field. Wickets fell regularly with Mick Younger (3-23 off 13), Conrad French (1-17 off 12), Matt Green (0-13 off 13) and Steve James (2-9 off 7.3) all bowling amazingly tight lines.

We dismissed 10 of their 11 players for 8 or below, but one of their bats made 104not out in what was a really amazing solo effort from a total of 136.

Rd 7 Glen Waverly Cougars Vs ECC

Round seven was a shaky start then post tea run feast for the Burra when we travelled to GWC home ground. George Hampshire (66) was again in the runs and with Steve James they steadied the ship after we were 3-28 early. Jazza replaced George and put on 29 in an 80 run stand with Steve before being replaced by Jack Viola.

Steve James played an amazing innings, combining early defensive batting to steady with some massive late hitting to end up just 4 short of 150 in a dominant performance. Jack Viola (70not out) and Damien DePassey (30) kept up the onslaught and we were finally dismissed for 358 in the 77th over.

GWC were never really in the hunt, being rolled for 164 in 47 overs: Conrad French took 5-34 off 14 with some support from Mick Younger (2-56) and CHW (3-25).

Rd 8 ECC Vs AYC.

Round 8 was heated off in the second week and the match was drawn with ECC requiring 198 to win. Mick Younger took 5-45 with some cleverly constructed wicket balls surprising the batsmen into loose shots, while Will Symons took two screamers at gully.

Rd 9 St Pauls Glen Waverly Vs ECC – 1 day

Round 9 saw the two undefeated teams in the competition match up for the first time and also welcomed Chris Lomas back to the Burra.

Losing the toss and getting sent in we posted 148 after a slow start Jono Coyne 49 the only major contribution.

This was never going to be enough on the small ground and St Pauls cruised to victory in the 34th over 3 down.

Rd 10 Mount Waverly Uniting Vs ECC – 1 day

A second one-day match and the last of them had ECC travel o Mount Waverly. Losing the toss and having a bowl it was some ordinary catching from CHW and some lusty hitting from their lower order that left us chasing 172 for victory. Chris Lomos the best of the bowlers with 2-15 off his 8 overs.

In response ECC lost Lomo (17) and Huddo (8) before Regan and Jono combined for a 101 run stand. Regan was finally dismissed for 43 in a mini slump that saw ECC lose 2-0. Jono who was starting to tire after a great innings was joined by Will Symons, Jono (64no) was milking the deep field for ones while Will (26no) went aerial and got us over the line in the last over with a series of well hit boundaries in a great run chase.

Rd 11 ECC Vs Nth Balwyn

Playing the bottom side again, this time in a two day match at home should have been a pretty straightforward win, batting first we lost wickets consistently to be 8-85, Will Symons and Cal Mac both made 12, while Matt Green (21) and Jazza (15) also contributed to the total. CHW (49) was joined by Mick Younger (26) for a 9th wicket stand of 65 to get the Burra to 150 before CHW was dismissed. Mick and Billy added another 13 handy runs to get to the respectable total of 163.

North Balwyn put up an early fight, but an inspired spell of 6-19 off 21 overs by Matt Green was just too good for their batsman, all out for 92 in 64 overs.

With 40 overs left in the day and a lead of 71, the team got together and decided (to the delight of the skipper) that they were all keen on chasing the outright.

Setting the target was not off to a great start with Lomo dismissed first ball. CHW (26no) promoted himself to 3 and Harry Hopkins (17) combined put on 41 in 7 overs with a sporting declaration leaving Nth Balwyn 114 to get in 29 overs.

North Balwyn never stopped chasing the total, but in doing so lost wickets at regular intervals. Matt Green bowled unchanged from one end, finishing with 5-58 off 14.3 overs in a dominant display of bowling that gave him match figures of 11-77 off 35.3 overs. CHW did what he does and cleaned up the tail to finish with 4-17, the Burra emerging outright winners by 18 runs after being 8-85 batting first on day 1.

RD 12 STC Vs ECC – 2 Day game

Round 12 saw the skipper away for a bucks weekend.

ECC lost.

Rd 13 ECC Vs St Pauls Glen Waverly

The final home and away match of the year was a top of the table clash. A win and ECC have a home final Vs Mt Waverly. A loss means away Vs AYC.

Winning the toss we batted first at BSO. Huddo continued his great form in Burt Shield making 74 opening the batting sticking it out for three quarters of the innings. His partnership with Matt Green (57) really set up the ECC innings with Faff (42) and Conrad (19) able to hit away late to get the impressive total of 224.

St Pauls batted well, but having not spent much time on the ECC wicket were unaware of how difficult run making is. They left their charge too late and lost wickets at crucial moments. When their skipper fell caught in the deep for 79, it was all over. Matt Green finished with 2-17 off 17 overs during the middle period of the match which allowed CHW to claim 3 wickets late as the batsmen looked to score.

Semi-final ECC Vs Mt Waverly Catholics – 2day

With the ones getting BSO for their home final the twos elected to play at Ramsden St in Clifton Hill.

Winning the toss and having a bat looked like the wrong call when we fell to 4-20 before drinks with Mount Waverly bowling an exceptional line.

Jazza and Nick White batted the next 22 overs for a very patient 28 run stand before Nick was dismissed in unfortunate circumstances flicking a loose ball to square leg after a very patient 8 runs.

Jazza batted with grit and top scored (for the match) with 30 well made runs before Conrad French and Mick Younger added a crucial 19 runs for the 10th wicket. ECC all out for 96 in 64.3 overs.

With 12 overs to bowl on the day, ECC finished with 1-12, Faff taking an early wicket.

Resuming on Day 2, Faff was devastating taking 2 wickets in the first over of the day to have Mt Waverly 3-13. Mt Waverly put on 23 runs for the fourth wicket before Nick White came into the attack. A leg spin master class ensued and Nick took 3 for 12 to really put the pressure on. Faff picked up a fourth and final wicket to finish with figures of 17 overs, 10 maidens 4-8. Matt Green was miserly with 2-15 off 16 and Conrad French chipped with the last pole to bowl Mt Waverly out for 58.

Grand Final – ECC VS AYC

The twos won the toss in the Grand Final and elected to bat (no substitute for runs on the board). The start was even worse than the semi and we were reeling at 5-20 before drinks.

A handy partnership of 22 between Matt and Jazza steadied before Faff and Matt Green combined to get us to 90, Matt Making 54 in a fine innings. Faff showed his emergence as a classy all rounder with a well-composed 36, and with Conrad chipping in with 11 we managed to scrape our way to 134.

Special shout out to Lucian John, Harry Hopkins and Brayden Younger who between the three of them, out cheered the entire AYC contingent (circa 40 people).

With AYVC renowned for an attacking style the game was always going to finish quickly either way. They were attacking early, but Faff was up to the challenge, taking three wickets to have the game in the balance with AYC 3-34 at the close of play including the best three AYC bats.

Faff continued his devastating spell taking the first two wickets the following morning and Conrad chipped in with one to have AYC on the back foot at 6-53. Unfortunately for the Burra Faff injured his leg taking his 5th wicket and was unable to continue. With Mick Symons subbing the Burra kept at it, getting AYC to 7-74 and 8-120 but a series of dropped chances and with Conrad splitting his webbing and Faff unable to bowl we went down by 2 wickets in a closely fought game.

A great season for all who contributed to the twos, with a flag on the agenda for season 2016/17.

Third XI

This season Adam Nicholls chose parenting over cricket and thus I was handed the captaincy reins.

Coming into the season, expectations were a little unknown. Although we had made the grand final the past 2 years, a restructure of the number of teams in the grades above resulted in 4 teams being relegated into our grade. Thus resulted in the Mighty Burra 3XI competing against other clubs 1st and 2nd XI's sides.

Round 1 selection had the likes of Sunny Bhasin, Jono Coyne, Stu Whiley and Will Keating making it one the strongest 3rd XI sides to take the field. A crushing win by 110 runs.

Round 2; we welcomed the debut of 14 year old Doug Warren and 15 year old Harry Syson. The team had a great balance of youth and experience and we again got the chocolates against Boroondara (one of the teams coming down from the grade above) by a close 18 runs.

After a great start to the season, the tide turned and we lost the next 4 games. Highlights were Jarrod Ziemer and Faf scoring some runs while Billy continued to take wickets and the debut of another Junior Nick Nodin.

At this stage of the season tragedy struck in Karl Howard sliding to save a boundary, breaking his ankle and is sidelined for the remainder of the season. (He was the leading wicket taker at this point)

Round 7 and we were back in the winner circle, some say the reason was an absent captain. The younger, Younger making his debut.

Runs to Lucien John (46) and a great low order partnership between Sunny Munn (48) and Craig O'loughlin (30) saw the Burra bat all the overs for 260. Specialist number 11 (his choice) Billy Haider with another 30*

Burwood United Canterbury was never in it and watching grass grow was more exciting. All out for 123 off 62 overs. Wickets to the old timers Eamon Drew (4 for) and Will Horsley Wyatt (3 for).

At the Christmas break we needed to win most of the remaining games to make the finals. The 1st game of the New Year and the whole team was still on holidays. Within the 1st hour of play we were 7 for 29 and managed to scrap together a total of 85. Todd Delahunt top scoring with 30. Billy again with some runs, 11 at 11.

Round 10 and we welcomed back young Nick White and showed what the team could do when we were ready to play. Chasing down 173 with 3 overs to spare. Jarrod Ziemer (31) Nick White (33) Braden Younger (39) all played a back seat to youngster Callum McIlveen with a great knock of 46*.

A 16 run loss to Deepdene crushed our finals hopes. Wickets to Craig O'loughlin (3) and Todd Delahunt (3) Runs again to Nick White (30) Highlight of the game was playing with the Burra Legend Barry Calnon .

Last round we took on the arch rivals Clifton Hill whom with a win would finish top of the table.

Batting 1st we scrapped through to 149. Braden Younger (22) and again Bill Haider (22) at his beloved number 11 spot were top scorers.

149 runs on Alfred looks about 300 short. However, a fired up Billy Haider thought different. 12 overs 5 wickets and only 16 runs. Clifton Hill had been rolled for 68 and not only lost top spot but also lost home ground advantage for the finals. 6 months of no cricket left us with no option but to send them back in. We rolled them again for 183 but run out of time and overs to secure the outright.

Great finish to a year of up and downs. We had 42 players represent the Burra 3rd XI. A large turnover of players each game made it difficult to get a consistent team performance. However we have a great batch of youngster coming through the ranks and are proud of their efforts. To be the only 3rd XI in A (Shaw) grade is something all Burra people should be proud of.

Great Performance from Billy Haider whom would have won the bowling if he wasn't promoted for numerous games and whom also average 25.80 at 11.

Doug Warren never took a backward step and was always willing to open the batting against quick and experienced bowling attacked. One to watch for sure.

Harry Syson improvement was outstanding. Although he missed games for school cricket he returned and led the bowling attack and then was promotion to the 2nd XI. Look forward to seeing what he can produce next season.

Andy Olsen, always a pleasure to play and bowl in tandem with you. Andy takes a supporting role to his son Sammy Olsen. For those who don't know Sammy scored each game (including recording the

balls faced) and entered the scores into my cricket. The score book has never looked so professional. A massive thank you to Sammy. You're a Super Star and an important member of the Burra 3rd XI!

Thank you to all the lads for effort and support

Go Burra and look forward to next season

Fourth XI

Taking on the role as Captain of the 4's, was taken with pride and gratitude. I had to relinquish my post as Captain of the Vets team, so I could focus on a new and exciting longer version of the game. The proud history of the 4th XI has been tarnished recently, so a new approach was taken. We wanted to create an environment where we could develop 5-6 juniors each game, mixed with amazingly accomplished senior player group, where every player will either bat or bowl, and to create a "good feeling" on and off the field, making cricket fun again, enjoyable and create comradery.

We had a fantastic season, going through the season with 10 victories and only 2 losses, finishing minor premiers- then losing the semi.

In each game, we were in positions of strength, then all of a sudden a collapse. Each time we took the field, the inner belief was that next ball will provide a catch, and that we were always in with a chance.

This was highlighted by the game versus arch rival Clifton Hill. Sent in, thanks to Charlie Hyland who scored 105 out of our 144 total, we lost our way, with their most senior batsmen set at the crease at 5/126. We tightened the fielding, took our chances, bowled them out for 136. We got out of jail in a number of games, where someone stood up either a junior or senior player.

Our bowlers were lethal in most games, highlighted by the devastating spell from WHW coming off the long run, against Nth Balwyn, 3 wickets in 4 balls, and unplayable. He was vicious. Against East Doncaster, we had them 3/3, then 2 dropped chances- both Brad Scott and Liam Moulday were unplayable at Alfred Cres.

This was a great season, comradery, mateship and never give in attitude made my role a lot easier.

Season Highlights

- 31 players played for the 4th XI including a large number of juniors
- Minor premiers: 10 W 2 L
- Batting scores over 50

Charlie Hyland 105; Jarrod Zeimer 80*; Liam Moulday 80; Paul Moulday 71; Will Horsley-Wyatt 60; Sunny Munn 56*; Jerome Heywood 56; Dave Smith 53*; Paul Moulday 51.

- Bowling 3 wickets plus

W.Horsley-Wyatt 6/30; W.Horsley-Wyatt 6/87; S.Munn 5/35; L.Moulday 4/24; Sunny Munn 4/33; A.Rosowski 4/46 (SF); B.Scott 4/58 (SF); B.Scott 3/21; S.Munn 3/21; L.Moulday 3/23; C.Hyland 3/24; W.Horsley-Wyatt 3/24; C.Berry 3/31.

- 3 Players from 4th XI made ECC team of the year:

Liam Moulday, Sunny Munn, William Horsley-Wyatt

- Liam Moulday won the Shadbolt medal with 14 votes
- Batting award: Paul Moulday 289 runs
- Bowling award: Will Horsley-Wyatt 21 wickets
- Fielding: Liam Moulday 11 catches

As the leader of the one of the best teams I've been involved with, it wouldn't have been so enjoyable if it wasn't for the other senior cricketers in the squad, namely Will Horsley Wyatt, Sunny Munn, Brad Scott, Brent Johnston & Kevin Long. Throughout each week they were great advisors, for both on and off the field activities. THANK YOU AGAIN

I was extremely proud of our efforts, just falling short, due to player unavailabilities, ground selections and not winning the toss!!!

This will give us the incentive to go one better and play off for the grand final next season. Thank you to all involved.

Paul Moulday

Fifth XI

The 2015/16 season had many highlights and while we missed out on a finals appearance it was an enjoyable season and saw the continued development of many of the juniors who played during the season. A relatively stable 26 players played during the year with seven juniors playing their first game of senior cricket with Edinburgh and they were joined by the debuts of 4 senior cricketers including 3 fathers. Pleasingly juniors made up a third of the games played during the year with Jimmy Fear (12 games) , Matthew O'Meara (12 games) and Finn Blackman (8 games) becoming established players. Finn with 17 wickets won the bowling award having an outstanding season with the ball. Dave Micklejohn took out the batting award narrowly from Ash Rosowski .

The season can be categorised as one where we were always competitive but in a strong competition were never quite good enough to win the games to break into finals contention. Thanks to everyone who played during the season and also to the parents, partners and children that came along to support the team during the year.

Round 1 v BUCCC

The season was off to a great start winning the toss and batting against BUCCC. Doug Warren dominated the batting with an outstanding 109 no and it was great to have Jimmy Fear batting with Doug as he made his ton. Doug had opened the batting and was getting a bit tired and when Jimmy joined him he kept encouraging Doug to keep focused and helped him get to his century! Kevin Long (40), Andy Kemp (33) and Ash Rosowski (22) all got starts as we compiled 3/239 off our 40 overs.

Harry Syson (3/38) and Finn Blackman (3/30) on debut tore through BUCC's top order and they were quickly dismissed for 125 for a great win. Alex Czarny (1/16) also claimed his first senior wicket on debut.

Round 2 v Trinity Willison

The one that got away! Round 2 had us at home to Trinity Willison full of confidence. We won the toss and batted first Andy Kemp (41) and Ash Rosowski (29) got us off to a good start before a middle order collapse saw us slump to 9/100 before Finn Blackman (16) and Peter Shadbolt (18) came together and batted well to get the score to a competitive 142. Steve Andrews (1/28) and Finn Blackman (3/27) with pace and movement soon had the Trinity top order in trouble at 4/9. A further three wickets to Ron Pennefather (3/10) had Trinity in real trouble at 7 /53. Playing the last few overs with 10 players enabled Trinity to consolidate and two partnerships saw Trinity pass our score with two balls to spare a disappointing loss.

Round 3 v Boroondara

Boroondara won the toss and batted and lost regular wickets against some good pace bowling from Steve Andrews (3/21) and Ash Rosowski (2/14) to be 5/83. Dave Micklejohn (2/16) and Matthew O'Meara (2/10) in his second game bowling spin soon wrapped up the tail to have Boroondara all out for 117.

Matthew O'Meara (22) opened the batting and held the top order together but regular wickets meant we were soon in trouble at 5/50. Unfortunately wickets continued to fall and we were dismissed for 97, it was probably the most disappointing result of the season.

Round 4 v STC South Camberwell

STC batted first Steve Andrews (1/10) and Finn Blackman (2/8) soon had STC in trouble at 3/21. Felix Sharkey on debut bowled really well (1/8) and Jimmy Fear (3/42) bowling his leg spin was the pick of the bowlers and we had STC all out for 110. After losing Matt O'Meara (4) early Dave Micklejohn (62) and Ash Rosowski (44) who was having an outstanding season with the bat and was soon promoted , quickly consolidated and we passed STC's score one wicket down.

Round 5 v Heathmont

A road trip to Heathmont was on the cards for round 5, Tim O'Meara on debut joined Matthew as our first father son combination for the year. Batting first on a large lush ground we were soon in trouble and when top scorer Dave Micklejohn (16) was out with the score on 2/22 the rot set in. Felix Sharkey (8) and Liam Proe Carter (6) on debut were the only other batsman to show any resistance and with 6 ducks on the score sheet we were all out for a disappointing 43!

With a depleted bowling attack we showed some fight, with the slow outfield and some tight bowling from Ash Rosowski (2/11) and Felix Sharkey it took Heathmont 27 overs to pass our score!

Round 6 v STC South Camberwell

Back at Cox oval we won the toss and batted against STC. Matthew O'Meara (29) got us off to a great start before Ash Rosowski (75) continuing his great run of form and Steve Andrews (74) took to the STC attack. A quick fire 38 no from Finn Blackman enabled us to be 6/312 declared. With a dozen overs at STC we had them in trouble to be 1/209 at the end of the days play. Day two saw us take regular wickets with Finn Blackman (3/19) continuing his great season. Wickets were shared and we soon had STC all out for 53.

With the points in the bag we sent STC back in and they were dismissed in their second innings for 105. Wickets again were shared with Finn backing up his first innings wickets with a further 3/12. Andy Kemp the pick of the supporting bowlers with 2/0 and 2/15 across the two innings. James Connelly on debut bowled well but without luck for 0/14 off 4 overs.

Round 7 v Heathmont

In a quirk of the fixture we took on Heathmont again at a very dry Cox oval. Andrew Blackman joined Finn to be our second father son debutant for the season. Heathmont won the toss and batted and were able to put together some good partnerships as we struggled to take regular wickets. Finn Blackman picked up his usual 3 wickets to finish with 3/62, Dave Micklejohn bowled well for 2/66 and James Connelly (1/36) removed Heathmont's century maker with a sharp caught and bowled for his first wicket in senior cricket. Unfortunately by the close of play Heathmont had put on 9/338. We would need to bat well to chase that down!

Batting the following week Scott Dare (21) and Dave Micklejohn (55) were the only two batsman to get into double figures and with wickets falling at regular intervals we were soon all out for 139.

Round 8 v Toorak

Round 8 saw us take on eventual Premiers Toorak at their home ground. We lost the toss and bowled Steve Andrews soon had Toorak in trouble at 2/11 with the gun bat back in the shed. An ankle injury to Finn in the fourth over meant we were without our key strike bowler and one short in the field for the day! We took regular wickets and saw great spells of bowling from Felix Sharkey (1/31) and also Andy Kemp (1/28 off 16 overs) to support Steve Andrews (2/61 off 18) . Mark Foster on debut chimed in with his first senior wicket (1/26). A great effort by everyone saw Toorak finish with 212 at the end of play. We felt this was a really gettable score on their fast home ground. Unfortunately the next weeks play was called off due to the hot weather.

Round 9 v Deepdene

Returning after the Christmas break we were one game out of the four. Deepdene were in fourth position and a win would help us break into the finals (this was to be a common theme from here to the end of the season). With Oliver Squires on debut and with club legend Barry Calnon joining us for a rare game we had a strong side on paper at least. Winning the toss we batted and soon in trouble at 2/5. Steve Andrews (45) and Barry Calnon (15) steadied the ship. Jimmy Fear (28), Oliver Squires (21) and Ron Pennefather (23) all got starts but we lost regular wickets trying to push the run rate and were dismissed for 167. A competitive score but we would need to bowl well.

Deepdene got off to a flyer and we struggled to get a breakthrough. Deepdene lost their first wicket at 134 in the 26th over were on track for an early finish. Tight bowling by everyone meant that the game came down to the last over with Deepdene still needing two runs to win. Unfortunately they passed us with three balls to spare.

Round 11 v Deepdene

After a bye in round 10 we again took on Deepdene who had lost in round 10 and again a win would put us in the four. Winning the toss Deepdene sent us in, the top order all got starts Andy Kemp (15), Oliver Squires (20), Jimmy Fear (21) and Matthew O'Meara (18) but unfortunately we lost regular wickets to be 5/84. Our tail collapsed and we were all out for 119 before tea on Day 1.

Deepdene batted and we soon had them in trouble at 5/59 with Steve Andrews (3/33) the pick of the bowlers. Finn went down early with a back injury meaning we were one strike bowler down and unfortunately we were unable to maintain the pressure and Deepdene passed us 6 wickets down and went on to make 203. Two wickets each to James Connelly (2/22), Dave Miekjohn (2/24) and Ron Pennefather (2/28).

Deepdene sent us in and we were 4/107 at the close of play with Dave Miekjohn (32) and Andy Kemp (25) providing solid resistance.

Round 12 v Boroondara

Another must win game we won the toss and batted and were soon in trouble at 2/13 before Jimmy Fear (50) put together a great innings to steady the ship. Our third father son debutant Stephen Connelly (51 no) broke the trend of previous debutants (with runs) and also putting on a 23 run partnership with son James. With the tail wagging Stephen took the score to 207 after 57 overs. With 11 overs to bowl at Boroondara they got off to a flyer to be 0/48 at the end of the days play.

The following week Boroondara moved to 91 before Steve Andrews (2/32) broke through. Despite regular wickets Boroondara were able to get far too close for comfort losing their last wicket just 13 runs short. Wickets were shared with Ron Pennefather (3/23), Andy Kemp (2/22) and Dave Miekjohn (2/24) sharing the wickets. With Deepdene losing our finals hopes were still alive!

Round 13 v Trinity Willison

The equation was simple as we travelled to Frog Hollow win and we make finals! Trinity won the toss and batted. A wicket early to Steve Andrews (2/14) had them in trouble, a couple of grassed chances

meant we were unable to take advantage of the early breakthrough and Trinity were soon on top. We were unable to regularly break through and Trinity finished the day at 7/ 313 with Dave Micklejohn (3/63) the pick of the bowlers.

Dave Micklejohn (18) and Andy Kemp (27) got us off to a good start taking the score to 46 before four quick wickets saw us slump to 4/56. Steve Andrews (27) steadied the ship with Stephen Connelly (46 no) again leading the way with the bat and a 39 run partnership with son James (7).

Unfortunately we were well short in our run chase and finished all out for 192 our season was over.

One-Day XI

Ed. At the time of publication, there was no report available for the One Day XI.

Veterans

Vet's 1st XI

With 2 overs remaining in the Grand Final, 14 runs were required by Edinburgh, and the game was evenly poised. Over 35 was a good one for North Balwyn, only 3 runs scored but importantly for us, no wickets lost (the last pair were at the crease!). With 11 now required off the last over, it would require something special. A leg bye off ball 1 brought Club Life Member Ron Pennefather onto strike. After a casual glance around the field to identify the scoring zones, he faced up and placed ball 2 well over the midwicket fieldsman for SIX, with a very clean strike of the ball. Now that tilted the balance somewhat, 4 runs off 4 balls became a much more achievable task. Ron and Richard Blanche worked singles off each of the next 3 deliveries and off the final delivery of the game, Ron calmly swatted the ball past the square leg umpire and fieldsman for the winning runs! Well done Ron and Richard, but finally the Veteran's Grand Final "Monkey" was off our backs. Not only could we be a good home and away team, we were finally PREMIERS! (after more than a few Grand Final disappoints during our 6 season journey of Edinburgh Veteran's cricket teams.)

But to understand the finale, one must go back to the season beginning. With less than a fortnights notice, the ECA Veterans organising committee asked Edinburgh to rustle up a second Veterans team. Many phone calls, texts messages and emails later, we were able to deliver a second team. Congratulations must go to Matt Drew and Duncan McKenzie to manage to find a second team at such short notice and for every game, no forfeits by Edinburgh all season!

Game 1 for Div. 3 was at Ivanhoe. "Meet and Greet" in the car park enabled me to introduce myself to a number of new faces to ECC (and on a couple of occasions direct the new Ivanhoe players to their respective huddle!). Losing the toss, ECC had a bowl, main wicket takers were Tim Rath (4) and Anthony Somers and Ross McIlveen (2 each). Ivanhoe were restricted to 132, which was passed 3 wickets down in the 34th over. Anthony Somers and Darren Oliver both retired on 40 and with an 18no cameo from Ryan Dunn.

Match 2 was at BSO against Kew. Kew won the toss and batted. 9/150 cc was their total, wicket takers were Richard Blanche and Ross McIlveen with 3 wickets a piece. ECC were 4/153 in the 33rd over to record another win. Anthony Somers again retired (41) and Simon Jackson (40 ret) set up the win.

The next round was a forfeit from Richmond City. This was the end of Richmond City, and Div. 3 Veterans became a 5 team section.

Game 4 saw ECC again at BSO, playing the Deepdene Bears. I finally won a toss and decided to bat. Simon Jackson (41), Angus Lester (41) and Ross McIlveen (40) all retired, resulting in an impressive

4/192 cc after the 36 overs. When it was our turn to bowl, the wickets were shared between 5 different bowlers. Ross McIlveen was the only multiple wicket taker with 2. Deepdene Bears finished 8/158 at the close.

Our next match was an away game at North Balwyn, against the only other undefeated team. Our side was slightly depleted by a mixture of Christmas parties and music concerts. However, we fronted up with a team and had a crack. Again ECC won the toss and chose to bat. Richard Blanche top scored with 39, and Anthony Somers (26) and Ross McIlveen (20) the other 2 main contributors. ECC finished 5/138 cc. Then we were on the receiving end of a batting master class. North Balwyn passed the score in the 25th over, only 3 wickets down. Single wickets were taken by Richard Blanche, Simon Albiston and Ross McIlveen.

Another forfeit in the first game after Christmas from Ivanhoe meant we went over 6 weeks between games. Not exactly an ideal preparation heading into the finals.

Game 7 was the return game at Kew. Again ECC bowled first, Kew won the toss and elected to bat. 10 bowlers were used and Richard Blanche, Tim Rath, Richard Armstrong and Ross McIlveen all managed to take 2 wickets each. Kew were dismissed for 103 in the 36th over. ECC were able to snatch the win in the last over, 5 wickets down. Simon Jackson (40ret) and Darren Oliver (27) were the leading lights with the bat.

Semi Final day saw ECC play Deepdene Bears at BSO. The toss was won by ECC, and after a bit of discussion, we elected to bowl. Wickets fell at a steady rate, 7/48 at drinks. The innings concluded in 25 overs, Deepdene all out 69. Ron Pennefather with 4 wickets was the star with the ball, well supported by Richard Blanche and Richard Armstrong with 2 wickets each. (The captain lead in an unusual way, tore a groin in the 6th over, scored from over 13 until the end of the Deepdene innings. Then he organised the BBQ and had the snags ready at the conclusion of the match. It showed what a well oiled machine the Vets 3 team had become as they continued the "semi-final steamroll", with plenty of on field leaders directing traffic.) Angus Lester got our batting off to a flyer with a quick 30 and he was well supported by Richard Armstrong who remained 21no at the innings conclusion. ECC finished 3/72 after 26 overs. This meant that once again we were in a Grand Final, to play the only team that had beaten us during the season.

Grand Final day began in a similar way to the semi, win the toss, have a quick think and then go to our strength, we had a bowl! Richard Blanche bowled miserly without luck, 0/9 from 6 overs says it all. Tim Rath and Ross McIlveen with 2 wickets a piece were the only multiple wicket takers as North Balwyn amassed 6/164 from their overs. ECC then set about the chase to see if we could reverse the home and away result. After the early loss of Barry Calnon, we watched Angus Lester and Simon Jackson put on 50 for the next wicket. Angus was run out for 20, then Simon Jackson (and his dodgy calf muscle) retired for 40 and Emil Somers also retired for 40. An important 28 from Richard Armstrong left us at 3/140 after 32 overs. 4 quick wickets saw Richard Blanche and Ron Pennefather rescue our cause with an unbeaten 14 run partnership off those last 2 overs. Both players finished 11no.

So a few congratulations and Thank You's are all that remain. To Matt Drew as Vets Co-ordinator, a huge Thank You for emails, texts and any other form of communication method he could arrange (maroon @ gold carrier pigeons may be in the pipeline for next season!). To Duncan McKenzie, thanks for chopping and changing playing personnel to obtain our dual goals of both teams in finals and a chance to win a premiership. To the ECC committee, thanks for all the "little things", which in reality are the BIG things. Arranging keys to open and close pavilions, ensuring captains had correct balls available for matches and bar workers for home games all contributed to our season. To all the players who graced the field in this grade, thank you for doing what was asked, be it have a few overs off the field rotating fieldsmen, missing a bat this game because you had a hit last game, bowling more or fewer over than you would have liked and just putting up with my captaincy. A special thanks goes to Richard Schwartz, a consummate professional in doing whatever was asked of him, giving 100% at all times (especially in the field!) and an all round good bloke.

Inaugural Veteran's Premiership Captain,
Ross McIlveen

Vets 2nd Eleven – Season 2016 Report

The season started with one veteran's team however the association approached the club to see if we could cover the withdrawal of one of the teams in Division 4. After great discussion and a number of phone calls we agreed to nominate a second team. To get more numbers we approached parents of junior players to see what talent we could uncover, a VETS player marketing drive ensued. Matt Drew and I approached many, many dads at junior training sessions with positive level of success!

Round one was against Salesian Old Boys in Mt Waverley. We bowled first and the new talent came to the fore! U12A parents Michael Daffern and Chris Gill were reluctant to bowl too many overs to in their comeback game. Nevertheless that didn't stop Chris bowling a magnificent 6 overs with one wicket for only 17 runs. Craig Ross had lost nothing from the previous season bowling 6 overs 2/18. We were able to keep the opposition to a total 7/182. Chasing didn't start off well with the captain being given lbw for a duck! Tony Jackson tried his best to chase down the runs with a very quick fire 40 runs and was well supported with 18 from Draf. Matt Drew put together a well compiled 22 before being run out.

After the second round Glen Iris looked like the team to beat. With the opposition having a good bowling line up we were all out for 97 on Alfred Cres with Michael Daffern making 14 and I had a lucky but impatient knock making 42 retired. Having been set a small target on a small ground, Glen Iris were able to pass our score in 19.2 overs (oops!) and the only shining light with the ball being Michael Daffern with 2/8 off 3 overs.

Round 3, otherwise known as 'the game of the ring-ins'! The definition of a ring-in is "a horse or an athlete fraudulently substituted for another in a competition or event". I will leave the interpretation up to you!! The 'first' veteran's team were given a walkover and we had some places available for those who wanted a game. With names like Pennefather, McIlveen, Armstrong, Blanche and Rath we were never going to lose. Richard Armstrong batted well with a solid 35 and Ben McKenna 40 retired we were able to finish the allocated overs 6/167. Kew got off to a good start but with 2/13 from Ron Pennefather and 2/7 off 6 overs from Richard Armstrong Kew had the job in front of them. Kew ending up with 7/154 of the 36 overs.

With the premiership chase was back on track we came up against Burwood in round 4 at home on Alfred Cres. Burwood chose to bat first on the small ground and didn't get off to a good start losing both openers in the first 3 overs for a total of 6 runs. The first wicket was a Tony Jackson run out with a direct hit from the boundary, magnificent. Their middle order held up quite well and were able to get Burwood to a half decent score of 5/155 after 36 overs. Our bowlers were sensational with Greg Petrou 0/19 off 6 overs, Richard Armstrong 0/12 of 6 overs showed it's not always about wickets. Lance McKain a new VET's player to the club was a great surprise packet with 1/19 of 6 overs and Brett Munro 2/27 off 4. Darren Oliver snagged 2 wickets off his 5 overs and Craig Ross bowled well with 28 off 6 overs. Richard Armstrong and I opened and got a great start with an opening partnership of 71 when I went out caught and bowled for 36. Richard went on to retired for 41. The rest of the batters all got into the teens and got us through to 5/169 and our second win.

Round 5 saw us come up against the might of Mazenod OC who had an average score over the first 4 rounds of more than 200 so the job was ahead of us. Playing on a full synthetic ground Tim O'Meara got off to a shakey start with a few stray balls off the pitch, but I kept the faith. Tim finished the day with 3/32 off 6 overs. He was well supported by Richard Armstrong as usual but the find of the bowling innings was the emergence of our middle order bowlers in Andrew Blackman 1/29 and Tony Jackson 0/31 both off 6 overs. Great bowling guys. After being set 233 we got off to a slow start with Mazenod bowling really tightly. Richard Armstrong again batted well with a well compiled 22 and he was supported by 40 runs each from Ben McKenna and Tony Jackson. We were competitive but just dropped behind the run rate too far to make a game of it.

Whilst I was away sunning himself at a beachside resort the team had it up against them if we were to make finals. Batting first, Barry Calnon lining up in the familiar position of opener got the team off to a steady start with Darren Oliver coming in at number 3 putting on 19 runs. For some reason Matt Drew convinced the stand in captain (himself) that he should bat number 4 was run out for 2! Tony Jackson added 23 and Ben McKenna contributed a flawless 40. The team had a cameo from Paul Moulday with 15 runs. Chris Gill added 15 runs and we were able to compile 8/187 and put the team in a good position for a win. North Balwyn got off to a flyer with their top four batters adding 110 runs. However our bowlers had a never say die attitude and were able to get 7 wickets for 4 runs with Darren Oliver finishing with 3/15 off 6 overs and Tim Rath 4/11 off 4.5 overs. Great bowling guys.

The last round of the season was a must win against STC South Camberwell. With the strangest shape boundary I have ever played cricket on. A 35m boundary on one side and 100m on the other meant most runs were going to be scored from one end! I failed again in the opening position but Barry Calnon was able to compile a faultless 45 retired. The middle order came to the fore with Ben McKenna scoring 40, Tony Jackson 43, Michael Daffern a brilliant 37 and Lance McKain a well compiled 36 before retiring hurt with a hamstring. We were able to amass 246 for the loss of 7 wickets. STC South Camberwell put in a great effort chasing down our largest score for the season but they never really looked like getting there. Craig Ross was the best of our bowlers with 4/18 off 6 overs. Brian Wilson bowled his leg spin very tidily and ended up 0/20 off 3 overs. This win meant the team had made finals!

The semi-final was to be play at Mazenod OC on the rubber ground with an official umpire. Mazenod OC had a powerhouse batting line up and had never lost more than 5 wickets (excluding retirements) in an innings this season but our bowlers were in season best form. Mazendo OC were all out in 32.2 overs for a meagre 136 runs. ALL of the bowlers were fantastic and in form. The best of the bowlers was Richard York with 2/11 off 3 overs and Tim O'Meara with 2/6 off 2 overs. With the favourites to win the Division 4 competition on the ropes it looked like a formality to get through to the final but it wasn't to be. Ben McKenna and Barry Calnon got off to a slow but positive start up against very good bowling but ultimately lost our openers and we were 2/14 after 7 overs. Michael Daffern with 24 and Matt Drew with 20 were the only two batsman that put up a fight. We were all out for 90 with 4 of our batsman being caught in front lbw. Clearly the team didn't end up making the most of the opportunity. Mazenod OC went on to win the final against Glen Iris in a close game.

The semi-finals loss aside, as captain I had one of the most enjoyable seasons of cricket I have ever had thanks to the guys that played in the team. The quote of the season was made in the semi-final when I called out to Richard York standing on the boundary at deep point if he wanted to bowl, "what....you want me to bowl". I'd like to thank everyone that played and gave up their time to be part of the Edinburgh VETS 2nd eleven this season. My attitude was that everyone that came down for a game had an opportunity to have a bat and bowl and because of that I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and felt included. Thanks Guys.

Regards
Duncan McKenzie
Captain VET's 2nd Eleven – Season 2016

Women's

Women's XI

Round 1:

In the first game for the season we were up against our old rivals Craigieburn at home. It was a high scoring clash going down to wire. We batted first (the only time for the season) and made a very competitive total. This was thanks to Tegan Frenchs unbeaten 88 and Claire Traills strong 40. This

was the biggest total we had set for a long time but we knew that Craigieburn would be able to chase it down if we didn't bowl well. Craigieburn had a consistent run chase but we managed to get wickets at critical times. Victoria Podesta took the vital wicket of Va'auli. It went down to the last ball. Craigieburn needed 1 run to win. Debuting for Edinburgh was Emily Day. Day managed to achieve a direct hit run out to finish the match in a tie. Up to this point we had never beaten Craigieburn so we were now one step closer.

Round 2:

We were away at Spotswood for round 2. This was a strong performance from the whole team. Bowling first we restricted Spotty to 8/129 after the 40 overs. Thanks to Kath Fethers and Kat Byrons economical spells and wickets from Thihoa Gill and Bianca Maes. Going out to chase our aim was to keep our wickets and steadily chip away at the total. This was the key as the turf wicket we were playing on did not bounce at all. T French (28) and B Maes (86) made the total without losing a wicket and as result we won by 10 wickets.

Round 3:

Round 3 saw the return of Amanda Handcock aka Hank, left handed allrounder. We were playing our first T20 match for the season at Maribyrnong against EMP. Bowling first we only managed two wickets, Podesta and Hank getting these. Although our tight lines meant that they only made 88. Needing to play the patient game on a flat turf wicket again B Maes and T French went out to open. Tegan was caught for 5 by ex Australian player M Jones and Hank was in next and ended up making 16 for the first game back. T Gill was the next in and scored a PB with 23no with B Maes 29no, making the runs with 6 overs to spare.

Round 4:

Wash Out

Round 5:

One of the toughest opponents in our competition is Geelong. Luckily we had both of our matches against them at home. The first was a one day match in round 5. Geelong batting first made a strong 6/165 that would be hard to chase. Kelly McInerney was the pick of the bowlers with 8 overs, 1 maiden, 1/30. But the highlight was our fielding performance with 2 run outs. We ended up making the runs with two wickets down, B Maes caught for 69 and L Smythe bowled for 1. T French had another strong innings with 53no and Hank made a quick 22 to clinch another win for the Burra.

Round 6:

This season we managed to beat the Altona Roosters three times! The first time was an away one day match. This was the closest win of the season. Bowling first we struggled to get wickets for the first 20 overs. B Maes came on to bowl after the drinks break and got 6 wickets to get the Burra back into game. Altona finished with 8/145. This was on a very wet, flat turf wicket that was in very bad condition. B Maes went out for duck in the first over that brought C Traill to the crease. T French and C Traill had a strong partnership of 47 that made the foundation for the chase. Hank added on another 10 runs and T Gill another 20 runs with French. After losing wickets consistently we needed someone to stick around for longer. K Byron was the one. Together with French the pair put on 54 runs that meant when Byron went out we only needed 17 more runs to win. C Guenther added another 10 and J Seeber held out her end and along with French saw out the total 10 balls to spare. French finished on 78no.

Round 7:

In round 7 the Burra had a dominant T20 win at home against Melb Uni. Bowling first, K Byron was the star with 4 overs, 2 maidens, 4/6 and a run out. Kel Mac had a handy 3/9 as well. Chasing 45, C Traill opened and finished off with 24no alongside A Gibb with 5no and 2 catches.

Round 8:

Brunswick Forfeit.

Round 9:

Rounds 9 and 10 were on the same day. A T20 double header at BSO. The first was vs Geelong. After Geelong's batting innings we required an even 100 to win the match. Our bowlers were very economic including K Fethers 4 overs, 1/18. We only however got three wickets. Our batters were in good form chasing the runs down in the 17th over with only one wicket down. C Traill 18, B Maes 33no, T French 41no.

Round 10:

This was the second match of the day coming up against Plenty Valley for the first time this season. Last season Plenty beat us in both games so it was a good test to see where we were at. With another great fielding performance including two run outs they made 76 for 5 wickets. Maes, Byron and Fethers all with one wicket each. C Traill was on fire for the run chase with 40no alongside Maes 18no. The Burra win by 10 wickets in the 9th over.

Round 11:

The second win against Altona came in round 11 at home in a T20. The Roosters fell apart after opening bowling spells from Kelly Mac (4 overs, 2 maidens 2 for 3) and Fethers (4 overs 2 for 8). With Byron and Gill also getting wickets Altona finished with 8/56 from their 20 overs. The chase got off to a shaky start losing Maes and Byron early. Traill and Gibb steadied the innings with help from Fethers, Kelly Mac and Mia Sutherland who scored the winnings run in the 15th. Gibb guided us through with 21no.

Round 12:

Round 12/13 was the last double header before the T20 final. We were currently sitting on top of the table but needed to beat Jacana in the first match to remain on top and secure a home final. We had to travel for both games so it was going to be a big day. Kelly Mac had figures of 2/8 and Maes 3/18 from their 4 overs each. Podesta and Smythe also with 1 wicket each. Jacana finished on 68, 8 wickets down. On a very hot day on a very dry track we chased the runs only losing 1 wicket. French 28no and Maes 34no. We had secured top spot for the following week. But then had to travel to Craigieburn for a T20 final preview in the afternoon.

Round 13:

Our team learnt a lot from round 13. It was tough travelling over to Craigieburn and playing them in a T20 on a really hot day. We didn't bowl as well as we should have and they capitalised making a strong 93 after their 20 overs. We lost early wickets in the run chase and had our first batting collapse of the season. Although we lost the game we still managed to keep top spot and have a home final against Craigieburn the following week.

T20 Grand Final:

After a week of no sleep and preparation for our first ever T20 final we were ready to take on rivals Craigieburn at home. The whole squad was so ready for that match and everyone played out of their skins. As we had chased well up to this point during the season we elected to bowl first again. After some tight opening overs from Kel Mac and K Fethers the wickets started to crumble with Kel, Fethers, Maes, Byron and Podesta all sharing the wickets. We had Craigieburn stunned and 8/52 after their 20 overs. Half of the job was done but there was still 52 runs to make. B Maes and opened with a partnership of 21 before Traill was out for 11. French came in at first drop and finished the chase with Maes. French 12no, and Maes 27no. Burra were the T20 champions for 2015/15. This meant so much to the team after building such a good foundation during the season.

Round 14:

Wash Out

Round 15:

After such a great finish to the T20 fixture we didn't want to become complacent. Our next opponent in the one day comp was Plenty Valley. They ended up including three players from their 1st that made them a very tough team to play. The match was held at Alfred Crescent instead of BSO which meant that there were going to be a lot more boundaries. Their opening batter was hitting many fours and sixes and it took a very sharp catch from Traill to dismiss her. After this we were able to keep their total down to 107, bowling them out in the 36th over. Podesta managed a PB of 4.5 overs, 1 maiden, 3/10. Kel Mac and TSM Gill also got 2 wickets each. During the chase T French was on song again with a stella 62no alongside K Byron who finished on 23no getting the runs in the 17th over.

Round 16:

We were currently still on top of the one day ladder with only one loss for the season but we had to win every match to ensure two home finals. With only three rounds left we were away to Jacana again. Kel Mac was the standout bowler in the books with 3/24 off 9.5 overs but K Byron held down one end all day only giving away 8 runs from her 9 overs. Jacana were bowled out for 74 in the 37th over. French had another good innings with the bat making 35no with Maes 29no. Burra were winners by 9 wickets in the 18th over.

Round 17:

We came up against a very young and inexperienced Brunswick at home in round 17. We still had to get the job done and did so by bowling them out for 27 in the 19th over and making the runs with no wickets down. K Fethers 2/2, TSM Gill 2 for 5, Podesta 1/9, Gibb 1 for 6 and M French 3/2 in a great comeback match. Gibb and TSM Gill were both not out in the chase.

Round 18:

In order to get win the minor premiership and get home finals matches we had to beat EMP, Essendon Maribyrnong Park, away for the last home and away game of the season. It proved to be a tough day for the bowlers with one of EMPs veterans scoring an unbeaten 68. They finished with 3/136. We knew we had chased down bigger totals so we were confident we could do the job ahead of us. Coming in to open was T French and K Byron. After a strong opening partnership Byron was out for 10 which brought B Maes to the crease. French, 63no, and Maes, 54no, saw out the innings scoring the winning runs in the 29th over. We had the minor premiership and were to meet Altona in the first semi final at Alfred Crescent the following weekend.

One Semi Final:

During the season we had found Altona one of the toughest teams to beat, losing wickets in both matches against them. But we knew everything was on the line in this clash and we didn't want that to happen again. We bowled first again and sought early wickets to break their top strong top order. We used seven bowlers on the day and the wickets were shared amongst them. Kel Mac was the pick again with figures of 3/16 off 9 overs with 3 maidens. K Fethers was an inspiration as well after bowling through injury and taking the key wicket of the Roosters captain B Harris. Altona finished the innings with 8/99. So needing 100 to win, Maes and Byron had a fighting opening partnership of 40 before Maes went for 19. Byron followed soon after on 18. C Traill who had batted well against the Roosters previously didn't have much luck as she was caught for 8. That left French and A Gibb to see out the chase again. Gibb loves playing Altona and always plays well against them. French was 38no and Gibb 12no. We had secured a home final against Craigieburn after they had toppled Geelong on the same day. We would need to do the double against Craigieburn to hold both flags.

One Day Final:

Rounding out what was a truly amazing season for the Burra senior womens side was a home one day final win against arch rivals Craigieburn. After defeating them in the T20 final they were out to prove something the second time around. We knew we would have to play as well as we did then and even better to do the double. Winning the toss again we elected to bowl first as we had for almost the whole season. Our first breakthrough came when Fethers took an incredible diving catch to dismiss Craigieburn captain Bec Lines, from the bowling of Kel Mac. Soon after Kel Mac had another wicket during her opening spel. As the momentum had started to get away from us V Podesta came onto bowl her first spel. She took two crucial wickets and sorted out their top order.

Craigieburn double their score before we could have our next breakthrough coming from Fethers to have the total at 50. After some very tight overs from our bowlers they were ready to have sing in the final overs with four wickets in hand and only 74 runs on the board. Fethers made another critical breakthrough getting the wicket of S French who is known for her big hitting. Kel Mac finished off the tail taking 5/12 from her 9 overs. Fethers with 2/8 from 7 overs and Podesta with 2/16 from her 7 overs. K Byron was again very unlucky bowling with incredible patience with only 7 runs scored from her 6 overs with 1 maiden. Craigieburn finished their 40 overs all out for 79.

Smaller totals are always tricky to chase as the mental game comes into effect. Maes was out for a duck in the second over and Byron followed soon after, also for naught. French and Traill were at the crease together again to save our innings and season. Their partnership added 48 before Traill was dismissed for 26. Gibb and Gill also went out for ducks that meant our lower order batters had to try to stick around with French to make the total. Fethers added another 10 runs with French before going out. Kel Mac was next in. She had the experience to know what her role was and did it magnificently. She stayed with French to see out the chase and score the winning runs. We had won the one day premiership and done the double. French finished with 46no and was awarded player of the match.

The whole playing squad and coach Paul Holden fully deserved all the success that we had during the season and it was a privilege to be captain.

Juniors

In the past 12 months Edinburgh Cricket Club has grown to become the second largest cricket club in Victoria. This has come about in part due to a demographic surge in area but also, we like to think, because the Burra is a great place for players of all ages to enjoy cricket. The number of junior teams has doubled in the past 3 years from 8 teams in season 2012-13 to 16 teams in 2015-16.

The most exciting development this season has been the advent of our under 15 girls' team. Women's cricket at the Burra has been up and running for over a decade now with the woman this year taking out the WCCC North West Premiership. This season our number one priority was getting a girls' team up and running. Slowly over the preseason numbers gathered and we just had enough players for the start of the ECA Anna Lanning Spirit competition, which runs on a Wednesday evening. Despite their ages ranging from 8 to 13, the girls quickly bonded into a team and before long were playing some great cricket. Word spread and numbers grew over the season so that next season we hope to have 2 teams. Despite falling to Heatherdale in the Grand Final the inaugural season can only be described as a great success, and much thanks are due to Brad Shadbolt for his enormous energy and enthusiasm in coaching the team and also to Dean Campbell for putting his hand up to manage.

Season 2015-16 saw T20 cricket take off domestically with the Big Bash league attracting huge crowds – jumping into the top 10 for average crowd size globally. This helped boost interest in cricket despite a lack lustre Test summer, and Caterina saw a jump in post-Christmas inquiries for kids wanting to play with the Burra. Riding this wave, Duncan McKenzie suggested we run a series of intra club T20 matches on BSO for U14, U12 and U10 players on a Saturday evening following the seniors. Great BBQ food (thanks again Duncan!), terrific parent turnout, clement weather and buckets of enthusiasm from the kids made these games a great success and ensure a return in season 2016-17. A record 19 Edinburgh juniors featured in Representative competition over the summer with Julian Marshall, Darcy Munro and James Connelly playing in a premiership for the ECA U14s; James Fear, Maeve Jack and Sarah Campbell selected in pathways sides; and Harry Syson, Mark Foster, Finn Blackman and Douglas Warren all playing Hatch (Craig) cricket. As well as representative cricket many Edinburgh juniors made the transition into playing senior cricket this season. Senior Captains Todd Delahunt, Paul Moulday and Ron Pennefather are to be thanked in particular for guiding the Edinburgh juniors through into the senior ranks in record numbers this season.

Stan White, former ECC Junior Co-ordinator and life member, has since 2008 been running the Atherton gardens cricket program, introducing the game to kids in the Fitzroy high-rise flats, many of whom have never seen the game before. We thank Stan and other Burra players for this great ongoing initiative.

None of the junior program would be possible without the considerable contribution of senior players and parents in their roles as coaches and managers of junior teams. From organising rosters for tea and scorers, to making sure we have enough players each week and providing lifts out into the leafy eastern suburbs, the team manager's role is a very important one and for this we are all grateful. Thanks to our managers Kate, Alison, Bronwyn, Kyle, Richard, Christiana, Denzil, Jonathan, Andy, David, Paul, Andrew, David, Matt, Cluny and Dean for all your fine efforts. And to our Burra coaches – a terrific mix of parents, senior players and poms – thank you for providing our young cricketers with your guidance this season. Thank you Richard, Peter, Cameron, Brad, Matt, Duncan, Angus, Dave, Matt, George, Paul, Kris, Jack, George, Ash, Sunny and Eamon.

Finally I would like to thank the Edinburgh club executive for the tireless support of the junior program, in particular Vice President Brad Shadbolt, Director of Cricket, Stuart Whiley and Caterina Stella our Junior Administrator who has handled the growing number of juniors with great patience and aplomb.

Go Burra!
Randall Nodin
Junior Co-ordinator

Under 10 Green

It was the first year of club cricket for the entire Edinburgh Green team and the players, parents, coaches and management had an immensely enjoyable season. This was in large part due to the excellent organisation of Edinburgh's junior administration, which is handling the demands of rapid growth expertly. The supply of equipment, communication, running of training facilities and added resources such as the provision of English imports Jack and George as nets consultants was greatly appreciated. All contributed to an enormous improvement in the skills and performance of our team.

Bowling on the narrow Cox Oval pitch, and fielding on a patchy surface later in the year presented a great challenge for the boys and they learnt some lessons that will hold them in good stead in future years.

After such a great initiation, I expect a large number of our players will move up the grades in years to come.

Thanks particularly to team manager Kate Silvagni, the many parents who helped on match days and junior co-ordinators Randall Nodin and Catrina Stella for their support and encouragement.

Player assessments

Thierry Aughterson: Showed exceptional improvement with his now classical batting technique, bowled consistently throughout the season and was always very eager to learn and improve.

Asher Carter: A great learner who was willing to make major adjustments to his batting and was scoring freely by the end of the season. Showing great potential as a fast bowler and only needs to improve his length to take a lot more wickets.

Xavier David Hanna: A natural fast-bowler who quickly learnt to match his enthusiasm for raw speed with the need for consistent line and length. Will take plenty of wickets in the future. Batting improved rapidly as he learnt to play straight and pick the right ball to hit.

Darcy Dunn: Easily the youngest player in the team but one of the biggest achievers. Proved himself to be a natural talent with the bat and metronomic with the ball against much bigger opposition. A hugely popular teammate.

Leroy Dunn: A terrific all-around season. Has a solid batting technique and is learning to build an innings and increase his scoring options. Showed promise as a hard-to-hit spinner in the second half of the season bowling a consistent line and length.

Elias Demant Rundgren: Excelled with both ball and bat. His quick left arm inswingers took plenty of wickets and his aggressive, unselfish batting was valuable. Will only improve as he scores more on the off-side and organises his defence.

Asher Dunning: A later-starter who made tremendous strides throughout the season. Always willing to take advice and showed great improvement with the ball by lengthening his run-up, improved his ball-striking and running between the wickets and worked really hard in the field.

Pablo Gooi: Always very enthusiastic and determined, Pablo played some terrific innings and his aggressive running between the wickets set the standard. Has

UNDER 10 GREEN SEASON 2015-16

TEAM MEMBERS

Asher Carter
Asher Dunning
Darcy Dunn
Darcy Hornsby
David Oliver
Elias Demant Rundgren
Harley Mileto
Lachlan Haydon
Leroy Dunn
Leroy Hinds
Pablo Gooi
Sam Mellody
Thierry Aughterson
Xavier David Hanna

COACHING/UMPIRING

Richard Hinds

MANAGER

Kate Silvagni

mastered the basics with his bowling and consistency will come with some more hard work in the nets.

Lachlan Haydon: A stylish batsman who always looks totally in control at the crease and who will flourish in the longer formats. Bowled some good spells of medium pace and will gain consistency with experience.

Leroy Hinds: Had an excellent all-around season. Took plenty of wickets with his tight medium-fast bowling, was very well organised with the bat while gradually increasing his scoring options and was always looking to be involved in the field.

Darcy Hornsby: A big improver. Was bowling ultra-consistent line and length by the end of the year and, while very unlucky with the bat in a few games, showed enough to suggest he will make plenty of runs in the future. Also shone with the gloves when given the chance behind the stumps.

Sam Mellody: Outstanding both behind the stumps where his sharp wicketkeeping regularly caught the eye and with the bat where he consistently punished the bad balls and made the most of his time at the crease.

Harley Mileto: Hampered by an arm injury early in the season but worked very hard to become a consistent performer. Having developed a straighter bat and straighter bowling arm, Harley finished the season strongly with the ball particularly and will be an even greater contributor in future seasons.

David Oliver: Improved every aspect of his game markedly and was making valuable contributions with bat, ball and in the field by seasons end. With the bat, particularly, seemed to benefit from time in the middle and his confidence to play shots has grown.

Richard Hinds (coach).

Under 10 Maroon

With six second year U10 and seven new and talented first time players the U10 Maroon side enjoyed a successful season, with bat, ball and most importantly in forming a strong and supportive team environment.

Having 13 players meant rotations were required whilst bowling, which impressively the team managed themselves, with only a little guidance and no complaints. Often our team filled in when the opposition was down on numbers in the field, which the boys did very sportingly, including the occasional demise of one of our batsman due to some great fielding and catching.

The U10 Maroons should be congratulated on their excellent running between the wickets, which was often commended by the opposition coaches, this certainly helped in building match winning totals on more than one occasion.

Throughout the season every player made a great contribution to the team with some outstanding performances. To sum up the season I will profile each player and their season highlights.

Tom Alexander: Had an exceptional season with the bat, hitting a season high 105 runs at an amazing average of 35.00, with a top score of 18* in game 13. Often finding the boundary or very professionally defending the good balls with great technique. He was also terrific in the field and bowling, in particular backing up in the field. In all Tom took 7 wickets, with his best performance being 2/1, he took 2 wickets on 3 occasions.

Luca Conduit: Continued on with his strong performance from the back end of his opening season, scoring 36 runs at an average of 9 and impressed with the ball taking 5 for 33 from 19 overs. His best bowling was 2/0 in game 7. Luca was a strong leader on the field and showed the way with running between the wickets.

Ari Lynden-Bell: Replaced Luca in the team after the Christmas break and took over where Luca left off, taking 4 wickets from 8 overs in the last 4 games. Ari put his body on the line on more than 1 occasion in the field, stopping certain fours with some great fielding.

Fred Culham: Continued to develop as a great all-round cricketer. One of the strongest fielders in the team, Fred certainly saved a number of runs and then did some great work with the ball taking 7 wickets for 47 off 23 overs, with his best bowling of 2/5 coming in game 4. The batting highlight was a top score of 11* in game 8. A keen cricketer with a great work ethic at training.

Louis Hodder: A passionate cricketer with the skills to match. Louis starred with the ball taking 8 wickets for 41 off 24 overs including 6 maidens. His best figures were 2/0 off 1 over in the final game of the year. He certainly did his part with the bat scoring 69 runs at an average 8.6 and a top score of 17*. Louis took the gloves for 3 matches and demonstrated the skills of his idol, Gilly.

Jack Mortimer: A great all round performance in his second season. Noted for his accurate bowling Jack took 4 wickets for 55 off 25 overs including 4 maidens. An excellent contribution with the bat scoring a total of 70 runs, including a highest score of 15 in game 2. Jack displayed great skills and leadership in the field, chasing down or stopping most balls in his area and in the second last game taking one of the catches of the season with great 1 handed caught and bowled.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Tom Alexander
Luca Conduit
Ari Lynden-Bell
Fred Culham
Louis Hodder
Jack Mortimer
Harry Paterson
Joe Schickerling
Xavier Brown
Jamieson Cohen
Henry Nicholls
Lytton McAteer
Daniel Riches
Liam Watt

COACHING/UMPIRING

Cameron Conduit
Kyle Mortimer

MANAGER

Kyle Mortimer

Harry Paterson: A strong end to a season full of improvement. Harry highest 2 scores came in that last 2 games with a top score of 10 in game 13. Great to see the confidence return to his bating and running between the wickets. Excellent contributions in the field and with the ball, being instrumental in a number of run outs.

Joe Schickerling: Sets the standard for team camaraderie and support, always offering an encouraging few words for his team mates. Joe's bowling improved markedly this year, with a fantastic effort in game 6 of 3 for 7 off 3 overs. Joe protected his wicket with a rock solid batting approach and was instrumental in adding to the run total by maximising the byes and extras taken with strong calling and running between the wickets.

Xavier Brown: Made significant improvements with his bowling and batting through the year. In the second last game he took 2/8. His best batting was in game 8 with 8 runs. A really spirited team mate from the sidelines and certainly not one to take a backward step. Would be counted amongst the most improved.

Jamieson Cohen: After securing Jamieson's services from the Clifton Hill cricket club Edinburgh U10 Maroon benefited from his consistent performance. Significantly, Jamieson scored in all but one of his innings with the second most runs for the team of 72 at an average of 14.4 and a top score of 10*. His bowling steadily increased in speed throughout the summer.

Henry Nicholls: One of the most improved players in the team, he came into his own after the Christmas break and had a spectacular game in round 13, taking 2/0 off two overs and scoring 12 not out with the bat, including 3 fours. Henry scored over 60% of his season runs in the last 4 games.

Lytton McAteer: Certainly one of the biggest improvers over the season, Lytton delivered a fantastic bowling display in game 11 with 2 wickets for 4 runs. Lytton never waived from one of the key team goals of strong calling and running between wickets, despite being on the wrong side of some great fielding by opposition teams and losing his wicket a few times in runouts. His continued effort and sportsmanship must be commended.

Daniel Riches: Capable of delivering an unplayable ball with his fast left handed bowling, Daniel consistently improved with both ball and bat throughout the season. Scoring a total of 47 runs and a highest score of 9 in game 11. A great fielder and thrower, but most noteworthy was the catch of the season in the last game, a hard flat pull shot caught overhead on the boundary to prevent a six.

Liam Watt: A very impressive leg spinner, who opened the season with 3/6, the best bowling figures of the season and finishing the season with 8 wickets for 69 off 23 overs. It should be noted that Liam had a few extra wickets during the season that didn't count, as it was the opposition players first ball, this actually denied him a hat-trick in the first game. Liam's batting also showed great improvement and he finished the season with a highest score of 9* in game 11.

A special mention must go to Cameron, our coach, who setup the season with his ability to build a team that looked out for each other and supported their team mates in great spirit. Every game was played with genuine enthusiasm and in the spirit of having fun.

As Team Manager, Kyle Mortimer ensured the matches ran like clockwork during the season, and went above and beyond by organising several team functions during the season to help players and parents bond, and celebrate achievements. Kyle stepped up to coach in the second part of season without hesitation, to add to his Team Manager duties.

A huge thank you to Mark Schickerling and Cletus Brown who put in a massive effort by taking the boys for training sessions and on game days, helping to keep the boys focused. Also thanks to all the parents for their support and rotating the match day duties in padding up, providing morning tea, counting balls and scoring.

Under 10 Burgundy

At the start of the season the U10 Burgundy team came together with only one player having played competitive cricket before. We set some goals focussed on having fun, playing the game in the right spirit and developing some basic skills. Now, at the end of their first season, we couldn't be prouder of the boys and the improvement in their cricket as individuals and, more importantly, as a team.

The performance in their first game was amazing given their inexperience – we were highly competitive with many of the boys scoring their first runs and a few taking their first wicket. Other team highlights included the second match against North Balwyn Maroon in round 6 which showed how far the boys had improved from their first game; and the round 8 game against Kew Junior Black when we took all 10 wickets and conceded only 49 runs. However, the highlight of the season was the performance in round 12 against Kew Junior Black which ended in a tie (second of the season!).

Across the season the improvement in all areas of their cricket was marked – bowling accuracy, fielding, catching, defensive batting, running between the wickets (most games) and backing up in particular. The team also played in the right spirit throughout, supporting and encouraging each other and having fun. We hope that the boys have developed a life-long love of the game and go on to play cricket for many years.

In terms of personal best / individual highlights:

Ollie Adams – our hired gun from the north had a great year. After taking his first wicket in round 1 against North Balwyn Maroon he bowled well (and fast) throughout the year recording his best figures of 1/0 twice – in round 3 and 6. With the bat Ollie also got on the score sheet in round 1 and made his highest score of 17* in typically aggressive style in round 12 against Kew Junior Black.

Joseph Barnard – Joey's cricket improved enormously throughout the year - his defence with the bat and bowling accuracy in particular. Joey took his first wicket in round 3 against Balwyn and recorded his best figures of 1/5 in round 14. After getting off the mark in round 1, Joey recorded his highest score of 4* twice, in round 12 and 14 and is still talking about 'that pull shot'. Joey was also the first in the team to take 2 catches in a game (round 8).

Freddy Cole – While Freddy took his first wicket and made his first official run in round 8 against Kew Junior Blue, the undoubted highlight for Freddy was his dominant performance against Kew Junior Black in round 12 where he made his highest score for the year of 6*, including smashing one through the covers off the last ball to tie the game. The rest of the team chanting his name after the game as they walked off the field was one of the great moments of the season.

Dylan Colyer – The fast bowling cult figure with the long run and the 'ball point' at the top of his mark, Dylan took his first wicket in round 7 against Kew Junior Purple and went on to terrorise batsmen with his best figures 1/2 in round 11. Dylan also greatly improved his defence with the bat and was very hard to dislodge – his highest score was 4* in round 6.

Seb Donnellan – While always focussed on the team, Seb took particular delight on those weeks when he out-did his brother with bat or ball – and he had a few of those to enjoy. As skipper, Seb took his first wicket in round 1 with best figures for the season of 2/4 in round 8. Seb's first runs came in round 2 and made his highest score of 8* in round 13 in the derby, leading the way with some outstanding running between the wickets.

Henry Gangoiti – Henry had lots of great performances throughout the year but in round 5 he really dominated. Taking on the Balwyn Blasters Henry recorded his best

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TEAM MEMBERS

Dylan Colyer
Freddy Marmo
Frederick Cole
Henry Gangoiti
Jack Moston
Joseph Barnard
Joshua Murray
Kai Sanders
Lachlan Green
Marco Holmes
Oliver Adams
Roman Moxon
Samson Kemp
Sebastian Donnellan

COACHING/UMPIRING

Matt Green

MANAGER

Richard Colyer

bowling figures of 1/0 and his highest score of 10*. Henry's first runs came in round 1 and his first wicket in round 2. Henry also worked hard in the field and improved his catching.

Lachie Green – Lachie showed his great batting technique throughout the season, only getting out 3 times from 14 hits. He recorded his highest score of 8* in round 12 against Kew Junior Black after scoring his first run in round 1. With the ball Lachie also showed great technique and accuracy and took his first wicket in round 5 and twice took 1/0 (round 5 and 14) as his season best.

Marco Holmes – Marco improved remarkably throughout the year with bat and ball and displayed an unflagging enthusiasm for the game and want to improve. Marco took his first wicket in round 8 which was also his best bowling for the year of 1/0. With the bat, Marco belted 8* in round 3 as he got his year's tally going and took a great catch in round 12.

Samson Kemp – Samson was a great team man all year contributing on all fronts. His batting got rolling early making runs in round 1 and flayed the bowling for his highest score of 6* in round 7. Samson took his first wicket in round 8 which was also his best bowling for the year – 1/0. Samson affected a great run out in round 13 and fielded and kept well.

Freddy Marmo – Not content with his left arm rockets, Freddy switched to left arm leg spin during the year to great effect – culminating in his best bowling figures of 2/4 in round 8. Freddy's first run off the bat came in round 3 and showed great leftie style in making his highest score of 8* twice, in rounds 9 and 14.

Jack Moston – Jack had a really consistent year performing extremely well with both bat and ball. Jack took his first scalp in round 4 and which was also his best bowling for the year of 1/1 (which he also achieved in round 9). With the bat, Jack kicked off the season really well top scoring in round 1 and went on to record a highest score of 17* in round 5. Not always convinced by the coaches directives on front foot defence, Jack kept the boundaries flowing all year and also contributed well in the field with a number of catches and run outs.

Roman Moxon – Roman was a dominant batsman throughout the season, notching his first runs in round 2 and scoring a season high 15* in round 3 – being the first in the team to retire. Roman improved his defensive technique significantly during the year and also contributed with the ball with his first wicket coming in round 7 with best bowling of 1/1 in that round and also in round 9.

Josh Murray – Josh is our 'Mr Cricket' with his love of cricket obvious. Josh bowled well all year with his first wicket coming in round 3 and best bowling of 2/0 in round 5. Josh made runs from round 1 with his highest score of 7* in round 12 and has a great technique to take him forward.

Kai Sanders – Kai must have had a strong dislike for the Kew teams as he lifted in those games to record his first wicket (round 7), best bowling (1/2 – rounds 7 and 10), first runs (round 2) and highest score (6* round 12) against them. Kai had a great all-round year and will clearly be a better player than his Dad.

On a personal level I would like to thank the boys for their enthusiasm and commitment – it was a really rewarding experience to coach the team. I would also like to thank the parents for endorsing and supporting the approach we took in running the team and developing the boys' skills and for your encouragement of the boys on a weekly basis – and for the morning teas, scoring and umpiring.

A big thanks also to Richard for all his work organising the team behind the scenes as Team Manager and to Ben for helping out with the coaching.

Hope to see you all back next season in the Maroon and Gold – Go Burra!

Under 10 Gold

Season 2015-16 was again an enjoyable year for all children and parents involved. The U'10 grade is a development grade – with all children being given the opportunity to bat, bowl, field and keep wickets on a regular basis. The group have forged a strong bond and managed to win a few games along the way – which was great for everybody's (mainly the parents) sense of achievement.

A junior team wouldn't be able to function without an able Team Manager – and this year we had the dynamic duo of Paul & Megan Grover. Many thanks to them who organized all the off field requirements for 2015-16 and managed to keep the coach out of too much trouble!!!

I need to formally thank Chris Campbell, George Hampshire, Jack Edgar and Mluleki Nkala (Syke) for their assistance coaching and mentoring the U10 Gold players on a Tuesday night and Saturday morning. And special mentions must also go to the legion of mums & dads who were always on hand to help when needed.

Also to Junior Coordinator – Randall Nodin and Junior Administrator – Caterina Stella – a massive thank you from all involved In the U'10 Gold group – we appreciate your efforts in organizing the ECC junior program, which enable us and 200 others to have a game with appropriate equipment/resources each week.

The awards for 2015-16:-

All Rounder's: James Shadbolt, Sasha Pereira, Owen Eade, Alex Hyatt

Keeping: Katelyn Shadbolt & Keira Grover

Batting: Elliott Harris, Ned Van de hoeven , Lewis Balston & Isabella Smith

Bowling: Henry Harrison, Ted Smith, Oscar Bowditch-Brown, Elijah Bowditch-brown

I would ask all the children to ensure they work on the following for next season:-

- Listening to the coach's/parents instruction
- Defense first & running between the wickets when batting
- Following through when bowling.

To those children who move into the U'12 next – good luck, remember that the key to cricket is enjoying the game and that your first coach knows best!!

To the children who are returning for another year of U'10 cricket – practice, practice, practice.

Enjoy the winter – Go Burra

Brad Shadbolt

Coach of the Mighty U'10 Gold.

UNDER 10 Gold

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TEAM MEMBERS

Alex Hyatt
Byron Dumbleton
Elijah Bowditch-brown
Elliott Harris
Henry Harrison
Isabella Smith
James Shadbolt
Katelyn Shadbolt
Keira Grover
Lewis Balston
Ned Van de hoeven
Oscar Bowditch-Brown
Owen Eade
Sasha Pereira
Ted Smith

COACHING/UMPIRING

Brad Shadbolt

MANAGER

Paul Grover

Under 12A

Edinburgh made the decision to field their first team in the Under 12 A division this year, not quite sure how the year would unfold but knowing we had many great young cricketers at the club who were up for the challenge.

With barely a week together to train and get to know the new rules – full length pitches, heavier leather ball and two day matches – the team did a terrific job of bonding and grappling with the many cricket lessons from the coaches.

Whilst the learning curve was steep it is fair to say that the team did extremely well. The team's highlights included each of the 3 games won, securing a dramatic tie against Kew in heavy rain at the BSO on the last ball and battling out a hard fought draw on the hottest Saturday of the year. Most of all the team learnt many of the really important lessons in the highest grade of cricket whether it was with the ball, playing their role in the field or building a team score through batting. They should be really proud of their efforts and spirit.

Some personal highlights for the team::

Rudy Baker – Having worked hard through the winter on his cricket Rudy's ironically hit his straps in the extreme heat! His gritty innings opening the batting in the very hot conditions vs Glen Iris Peel putting on 30 runs with Dash. The happiness on his (very red) face when he came off was inspiring for all. Rudy then followed this up with an innings of 28 N/O* vs BUC Gold and steadied the ship when wickets were tumbling around him, showing real grit and determination. Rudy was also a master of the maiden and he bowled very economically all year.

Harry Broderick- One of just Under 10 recruits, Harry very soon cemented himself as a valuable all-rounder in the team. His 33 vs Kew and 20* vs BUC Gold when he put on 36 for the last wicket stand with Max were stand out innings. Harry also put down some great fast deliveries and has an incredible throwing arm that had opponents fearful of whether to take a run or not!

Billy Daffern – Billy was a very important member of the team – often steadying bowlers and fielders at critical times. He exemplified grit and determination with his bowling and felled many cocky batsman such as the wicket taken against Balwyn North when the big hitters were threatening and the spell against Trinity when only 3 runs came off the last when the batsman were seeking to score fast.. With Batting Billy's 11 no. against Ashwood after nearly knocking himself out was awesome. Equal first in the dry sense of humour stakes with Harry!

Max Daphne – Max had quite a breakout year in 2015/16 – showing great skill with his bowling but also with the bat. In the game against Kew Junior Max figured in a partnership of 35 with Connor and then bowled the last over conceding only 2 runs and getting 2 wickets to help us tie the game. Max's bowling efforts had him up amongst the best in the A division and his batting confidence was no doubt helped by his many good U14 efforts too. It was great to watch (and hear) Max out on the pitch for Burra.

Quinn Doherty - Whilst Quinn's year was interrupted with an untimely broken wrist Quinn pre-Christmas he returned in 2016 with relish! His 1/3 against Mont Albert including a freakish one handed caught and bowled was great reward for his improved line and length. The look on the face of the opposition coach when he took the catch in that game spoke volumes! Quinn also batted well in the last few innings – hitting a couple of big fours when such were really needed. He has shown great development with both bat and ball – (also in equipment usage, as he finally seems to be able to bat without his box appearing near one of his knees.)

Lachie Gill – Lachie took on a tough role this year being keeper for 98% of the time – often in tough long innings. Lachie worked incredibly hard and benefited from his keeping coaching and adapted immediately. His “none shall pass” attitude was fantastic. The three catches against Surrey Hills included two blunders down the leg side were a highlight that had (one) of the umpires finding it hard to hide his delight. Lachie also loves a big swing at the ball and played an important role in getting runs to get over the line against Ashwood. Finally thinking he wanted a bowl in the last 15 minutes of the last innings of the last game Lachie scored a wicket – not something all gloved Gillies can claim!

Connor Lester- Conner had a standout year with bat and ball. There were many great efforts but in particular his second bowling spell vs Glen Iris Peel (4/23) when we chased a lot of leather but he persisted and took some great wickets was a real credit. With the bat Conner built many good innings including a 40 no out in the one day match against Mont Albert. He hit some beautiful cover

and straight drives. IT would be remiss not to mention that Conner topped the ECA bowling for all of Under 12A – well done Conner!

Tom Miletto- In only his second match Tom hit a beautiful 50* vs North Balwyn – that made us all proud. It was an innings that he built patiently against a team that ultimately made the Grand Final with a variety of shots and clever singles. Tom proved a hard nut for the opposition to dismiss and was also was a key contributor in the field with his awesome catching in the last game vs Trinity Wilson really on show.

Jules Pellegrino was the other of our two under 10 graduates. Jules' worked so hard on his batthing and had many good contributions. His innings vs Ashwood putting on 61 with Connor set us up for victory and had the opposition parents clapping him loudly off the ground when only a freaky direct hit had him just out of the crease. He also snuck through quite a few batsmen's defences with a consistent line and length bowling resulting in 7 wkts for the year. His love of cricket and learning was infectious and he was a very popular member of the team. The epitome of a great team man.

Ethan McKenzie- Ethan is another of our key all rounders who was really hitting his straps when the cruel backyard hazard cut the year short. His innings of 27 *vs Surrey Hills Gold in which he put on over 50 with Connor was crucial to leading the side to victory. He then followed this up with 5 overs 1/9 in the same game and some blindingly fast deliveries. He was a big loss to the team when his season was cut short, not just because of his great all round skills but his leadership and cricket nous a true Clubman!

Massimo Nodin – Massi had an amazing season with the ball – leaving many batsmen bemused at what just happened. He was really consistent and his well disguised pace combined with full length brought the rewards it deserved. In just the second game Massimo tore through the North Balwyn line up in a blistering display that saw him take 4/19 and had us on the boundary all excited. Massimo also hit some great fours to help secure the win over Ashwood when we needed all of our team to contribute. Massimo was a mature influence on the team on the park and a leader of the future.

Dashiell Spencer White – Having weathered some tough opening spell against the top teams Dash proved himself a gritty stayer on many occasions (when not getting run out!). He dug in hard in his vital innings vs Glen Iris scoring 23 having opened the batting then returned in searing heat when the wickets were tumbling. Surviving with a not out saw out the draw in a touch game. Also we cannot forget his bowling spell & in particular novel celebrations vs Trinity Wilson when he took 3/20 off 6 overs. Dash bowled very economically all season underlining the importance of good consistent line and length.

Under 12B

The first season playing in the under 12s for most of the players and a season that reflected the change in emphasis that 2-day matches bring, All the team members contributed to the development of their cricketing endeavours in what was a very competitive but enjoyable grade. Congratulated by other teams for applauding the efforts of opposition players and their fine sportsmanship the team and parent group well represented the club and themselves.

Luke Campbell was a little surprised by his selection for U12B but his team first attitude, perennially engaging smile and steady contribution with bat and ball proved him worthy of a place. He saved the best for last with a delightful 16 NO, 1/8 with the ball and a dynamic runout in Round 9. His effort never waived and was justly considered the player most dedicated to the team this year.

Michael Daffey's experience in the U12s last season made him critical to the team's development this year. Quick with the ball and steady with the bat Michael's ceaseless work at deep square leg cut off certain 4s throughout the season. His season highlight was a rock steady 15 runs, 1/9 with the ball and a blinder of a catch at square leg in Round 4.

Tyler Drew batted well again this season to deliver 62 runs and had to be the unluckiest bowler in the team but his resolve was great and never more so than when he stayed unflinchingly at the crease to achieve a personal best of 27 NO (including four 4s) and a sensational catch at point in Round 6.

Jack Driscoll had a fine season with the ball that once again saw him take 7 wickets and was the bowler most often chosen to close out the innings when the pressure was on. The highlight of his season was a marvellous 4 over spell in Round 9 where he bowled 2 maidens and finished with figures of 1/3 – outstanding.

Riley Flood dominated with the ball and in the field with 10 wickets and a staggering 12 catches and 3 runouts for the season. Wearing his heart on his sleeve, he finished with an economy rate for the season that only conceded 2 runs per over including terrific figures of 3/1 in a single over in Round 1.

Tai Hill is a fast mid-order batsman whose season was about the how the hardness of the step up to U12Bs requires a player to draw on the hardiness of his character. This he did week in and week out and delighted us all with a season best of 16 slashing runs from a handful of balls in Round 5 to set up the team win against Glen Iris.

Will Kaye has developed into the grittiest of opening batsman and has the best nickname for a bowler in years (The 'Cobra'). A brilliant season average of 54 with the bat and a dedication to valuing his wicket saw him give the team the right start in a number of innings. A season tally of 109 runs was capped off with a chanceless 33 NO in the final round to set up victory for the team.

Rory Kennedy, Captain of choice by his team mates and coach, has the temperament to make a fine skipper and is a stalwart batsman under pressure. Rory's off side shots are classical and he amassed a stylish 92 runs batting mostly at No 3. His season highlight was a gloriously cool-headed 33 NO in Round 5 that saw him lead the team to victory when at one stage all looked lost.

Tom Ladson, each game there is nothing finer than seeing Tom effortlessly scoop the ball up from fine leg hurl it back with his rocket arm and see the ball hit middle stump. A deceptively quick slinging action that unsettles batsmen, his season highlight was a commanding personal best of 12 NO and 1/14 off 4 overs in Round 9.

Will Moore is universally regard as the toughest player on the team as he played a 1-day match in Round 3 with what turned out to be a broken collar bone rather than leave the team short in the field. A classic medium pace style he was instrumental in the team victory in Round 9 by giving his all to return great figures of 2/14 off four very controlled late innings overs.

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TEAM MEMBERS

Jack Driscoll
Kirin York
Luke Campbell
Luke Campbell
Michael Daffey
Riley Flood
Rory Kennedy
Stanley Nicholson
Tai Hill
Tom Ladson
Tyler Drew
Will Moore
William Kaye
Yenka Silberstein

COACHING/UMPIRING

Matt Drew

MANAGER

Denzil Flood

Stanley Nicholson, Vice-Captain of choice by his teammates and coach, presented himself as a deft opening bat, taking on the best of the opening bowlers and always running like a hare to turn 1s into 2s for a credible 62 runs for the season. His development to bowling genuine leg spin was a triumph and a fantastic season best performance of 4/9 in Round 8 delighted the supporters from both teams – “bowled Shane”.

Yenka Silberstein brought the team much needed patience as a result of his season in the U12s last year. A teasing swing bowler, Yenka stormed home with 6 wickets in the last 4 matches. His season highlight was a ‘triple threat’ performance in Round 9 of 9 NO, 2/8 off five overs and an audacious single game record of 4 catches in the field.

Kirin York is the most stylish of all our bowlers and looks every inch the proper fast bowler. At times unplayable for even the best opposition batsmen and only conceding a miserly 2.5 runs per over, Kirin was ruthless as the first choice opening strike bowler and his performance in the team's Round 5 win of 4 overs, 2 maidens, 2/2 was stupendous.

Under 12 C(1)

With eight players retained from the previous season, we had six new players start in the team. In many instances, having a team of 14 players can present many challengers particularly in ensuring each player has an equal contribution to the team's success. Thankfully, due to the dynamics of the team and their collective spirit, it never presented itself as an issue.

Throughout the season every player made a great contribution to the team with some outstanding performances. To sum up the season I will profile each player and their season highlights.

Patrick Quilty: Had an exceptional season with the bat, hitting a season high 95 runs, with a top score of 16. His best performance was four fours off five deliveries. He was also terrific in the field and bowling. As the year progressed, Paddy's confidence grew and he became a key member and favourite of the team.

Finn Cleary: Impressed with hitting 84 runs at an average of 14. Made great improvements as the season went on and developed great eye ball coordination. In the last four games made 51 runs alone. Great work in the field with some great catches and made great improvements with his bowling with three wickets.

Josh Fitts: Had a terrific year with his bowling taking seven wickets at an economic rate of 3.04. He was the leading wicket taker for the team. Also very impressive with the bat and fielding. Contributed greatly to the team spirit and was an great team leader. One of the best runners between wickets.

Tom Ward: Displayed excellent batting technique. Towards the end of the season made some of the best cover drives I've ever seen in the team. Showcased to the team on his batting style. Highest score was 19. The transformation by Tom in his batting technique was one of the highlights as a coach. His fielding and bowling skills also made big improvements.

Flynn Coyler: Second half of the season saw Luca transform from a shy reluctant bowler to become the most consistent and disciplined bowler of the team. An outstanding commitment to improving his bowling saw this transformation, taking six wickets at an average of 11.5. His batting and fielding also saw great improvements. Luca is a great example of what hard work and commitment can do.

Sam Ward: A true leader particularly amongst the bowlers. Sam has a natural ability and rhythm when it comes to bowling. His batting and fielding was also very impressive and showed great leadership amongst the team.

Xavier Di Scala: Performed well with both the ball and the bat. Made 140 runs with an average of 18.17 . His bowling average was 5.7 one of the most economical bowlers in the team. Highlight was a one handed catch to win a game early in the season. Great work done in the field.

Aidn Watt: Had an excellent second half of the year particularly with keeping and batting. One of the stand out fielders within the team. In the last four games made 45 runs with a highlight of 15 runs in round 13. Made a fantastic contribution to the team by travelling from Kyneton to play his games at the end of the season.

Jack Oldfield: Made significant improvements with his bowling and batting through the year. In the last game took two wickets. His best batting was in game 11 against Balwyn with 11 runs. Really started to understand the importance of running

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TEAM MEMBERS

Aemon

Aidn watt

Finn Cleary

Flynn Coyler

Hamish Harvey

Huxley Williamson

Jack Oldfield

Josh Fitts

Matthew Federico

Patrick Quilty

Patrick Schickerling

Sam Ward

Tom Ward

Xavier Di Scala

COACHING/UMPIRING

George Di Scala

Mark Schickerling

MANAGER

Jonathan Quilty

between wickets in second half of the season.

Huxley Williamson: A fantastic first season. Made huge improvements in all aspects of the game. Bowling showed real discipline taking five wickets. As the season progressed his confidence in batting made great improvements. Well done on a great year Kieran.

Aemon: Had a spectacular season with his bowling and made great improvements as the year progressed. Taking six wickets for the year at a rate of 3.76. His best figures were 3/4 in round 14. He batted particularly well in the second half of the season. A pleasure to coach.

Hamish Harvey: After a sluggish start, Hamish made some significant improvements in the second half of the season. The highlight was his 16 not out with two fours against Balwyn. He also picked up some handy wickets through the season and made a number of run outs.

Matthew Federico: Showed great improvement throughout the season considering he only joined the team half way through. A big hitter of the ball, had no problem adjusting within the team. Highlight was 9 not out against Boorondara. Made huge improvements on his bowling.

Patrick Schickerling: Joe showed great improvement throughout the season. His batting in particular was very impressive, with an ability to place shots around the field. Good consistency in runs in the second half of the year. Made great improvements with his bowling.

Finally, I would like to thank Johnathan Quilty, our team manager, and mark Schickerling a co coach who both made the season run like clockwork. Also thanks to all the parents for their support and who all helped out in padding up, providing snacks and scoring.

Under 12C(2)

The season began with 8 players elevated from the U/10s Gold, and blending 7 other boys into the mighty U/12s Burgundy. The boys rekindled last years' friendships, and became a very robust and talented team. From the first training session in October, it has been a privilege to be involved with such a great bunch of boys, who always arrived on time for training, were like sponges taking on advice to better themselves, they respected each other and there opposition. We started the season with 3 losses, however, the third loss was by 1 run, giving the boys some renewed confidence. After the stirring win against Richmond in the rain, another 1 run loss followed. Then it all came together at home...Fairfield Park. Winning the next 3, including the infamous match against eventual minor premiers Booroondara, where our mild mannered team Manager Andy had steam emanating from his ears!!!!

During the Christmas break, I received the most uplifting news you can imagine. Taran was making his comeback after his illness. Upon our return, Taran fitted into the line-up as if he hasn't missed a beat. We finished off the season in 7th position, winning 6, losing 8, however, we lost 3 games by 1 run.

Finally, a special thanks to our English imports George, Jack and Charlie, providing much needed guidance and support, our much loved team manager Andy Olsen and all the parents made the season very enjoyable and run smoothly. My highlight for the season was that each player made a contribution, and achieved a new personal best, with some outstanding performances.

Antonio Raso: Antonio had an amazing season. The "Don" average before the final game was 122. As the season developed he had a hunger and desire to get better, and displayed leadership skills in organising the field during play. He achieved his goal of getting new personal bests, with bat and ball- winning the batting and second in bowling awards. New highest score of 21* and new best bowling figures of 2/3. Great season Antonio.

Patrick Kingham: Patrick had an outstanding season, as our main strike bowler. He has improved all aspects of his game, and showed strong leadership on field. Very popular member of the team, again Patrick showed his improvement with new high score of 10* and best figures of 3/3. Well done Patty.

Sam Olsen: Is there anything Sam can't do? He continued his good form from late last year, and really blossomed into a star batsman, wicket keeper, fielder, bowler and scorer. His best season culminated in coming second in the batting award. The most energetic keeper at the club, Sam was always on the look out for dismissals, his read of the game is amazing. Again, Sam improved his batting high score to 23* and best figures of 2/2. Great season Sam.

Thomas Romano: Tom was always extra keen to bat or bowl first. As the season developed he sharply improved his bowling through practice and practice, getting to the stage of becoming the quickest bowler. His fielding became a weapon, and was always backing up and taking the stumps. His improved was displayed with the new ball, taking 2/2, top score of 13*. Well done Tom.

Thomas Tyrell: Tom showed great improvement in all aspects of the game. Developed his fielding to a senior standard, taking an amazing catch. Popular member of the team, Tom made his new high score of 11*, and best figures were 2/5. Great season Tom.

Will Sweeting: This was Will's first season of cricket. Wow, he looked like a natural bowler, with a great rhythm and action. As the season progressed, Will became more confident in all aspects of the game, especially batting and fielding. He left it to the last game to take one of the great catches of the season. High score of 6, best bowling 2/2. Well done Will.

Sam Moulday: Sam continued his improvement, however, he hit a hurdle by

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TEAM MEMBERS

Amon Brock
Antonio Raso
Asher Baade
Carlos Paastch-Rubio
Darcy Varghese
Dylan Murphy
Fergus Hope
Hugh Collins
Patrick Kingham
Sam Moulday
Samuel Olsen
Taran Child
Thomas Romano
Thomas Tyrell
William Sweeting

COACHING/UMPIRING

Paul Moulday

MANAGER

Andy Olsen

breaking both wrists after round 2. He came back after Christmas, showing great dedication while he was away and developed his bowling into left quick. Sam managed to make new high score of 14, and took figures of 1/3. Well done Sam.

Taran Child: Coming into the team after Christmas, Taran slotted back into the line-up with ease. In the field, he attacked the ball, and his bowling developed very quickly. A popular member of the team, Taran made 1* and took 1/4. He promised he will be back bigger and stronger next season. A great effort Taran.

Asher Baade: Great season, he worked hard on his bowling and batting. He changed his game from wicket protector, to an aggressive batsman. This worked well, hitting the ball crisply, unfortunately, fielders got in the way taking great catches each week. Popular member of the squad, our leg spin/off spin wrong un doosra bowler contributed new high score of 8* and figures of 2/6. Great work Asher .

Dylan Murphy: He really grew as a cricketer this season. He is a natural sports person, who starred in the field. A popular member of the team, he took the catch of the season, diving forward , and in the same game, 2 direct hits for run outs and took a wicket. He continued his improvement with high score of 6* and figures 1/3. Great season Dylan.

Fergus Hope: A very popular member of the team, Fergus continually wanted to improve his game. This fierce determination came through after the break, when a new confident Fergus arrived. His batting and bowling were exceptional, making new high score of 5, and taking 1/2...We were both very proud of his goal to bowl a maiden...which he did. Great stuff Ferg.

Darcy Varghese: A promising start to the season was dampened by another broken arm. He came back after Christmas, and improved his skills very quickly. Darcy has a passion for the game, and is always the player backing up in the field and getting down to each ball. High score of 4* and figures of 1/6. Great effort Darcy.

Hugh Collins: Again, Hugh showed great improvement throughout the season and was determined to improve all his skills- which he did very well. He played the most elegant cover drive of the season, getting his PB in batting 7* and bowling 2/1. A highlight was the fielding performance in the last game- great stuff Hugh.

Amon Brock: Amon was a new addition to the team, and had not played previously. If I could give an award for most improved, he would win it. A very popular member of the team, Amon worked hard on his batting and bowling, peaking on the last game, bowled amazingly taking 2/2, and high score 4*. Great season Amon .

Carlos Paatsch-Rubio: A talented and popular cricketer, Carlos showed great aptitude in a number of innings. He was given a specific task, and followed it to a T. His leg spin was a highlight and batting continued to improve. High score of 16, and took 1/1. Well done Carlos.

I look forward to doing it all again next season.

Paul Moulday

Coach U/12C Burgundy

Under 14C(2)

The Mighty U/14 C's enjoyed what was a landmark season, for many of the boys. A steady start to proceedings saw this superb group of young men build & improve, culminating in a well earned finals berth.

The boys bonded brilliantly together, instantly creating an inclusive & friendly environment in which to thrive.

Hayden & Ned proved nigh on immovable with the bat - our rocks at the top. Coupled with his stoic defence & elegant strokeplay with the bat, Hayden's seam-upright bowling was a treat to watch.

Ned's consistently positive attitude, superb catching & relentlessly infectious voice in the field saw him deservedly take home this year's Fielding award.

Unlucky to be pipped for that same prize was Ander, who will do well to spend the off-season registering his cannon of a right arm, as a deadly weapon. His electric fielding & stump-to-stump bowling kept us alive in many matches.

Two of the true highlights of the 2015/16 season were the phenomenal debut performances of both Dut & Louie.

Dut is a natural bowler who amazingly managed to pick up a wicket in his first ever over of cricket. Louie is an extremely talented all-rounder who should certainly stick with the sport. His natural leadership instincts came to the fore as the season progressed.

The youngsters of the group in Sweeney & Patrick were readily accepted into the fold & more than held their own. Sweeney was ever-inquisitive & always looking to improve; he will only grow & develop in seasons to come. I have no doubt that Patrick will build on his already evident talent & become a most accomplished cricketer.

Some of the biggest improvements came through the performances of both Lachie & Sammy. When Sam is positive & backs himself he is able to give a true account of his many abilities. Lachie's second half of the season was a sensation. Whether it was the newly purchased bat, or simply the newfound confidence of the bloke wielding it, Lachie provided ample entertainment with his lusty late season hitting.

When it comes to late season hitting, look no further than Nico, whose imperious knock blasted us into the semis & secured him a coveted batting award. When Nico wasn't slapping bowlers to all parts of the park, he was busy steaming in & forcing his teammates to hop around the nets, in self-preservation.

One such teammate was Oscar; the epitome of a true team player. Literally batting everywhere from the opening spot down to number 11, bowling both pace & spin, & often taking on wicket-keeping duties; there was nothing Oscar didn't try his hand at - & make a success. His calm demeanour & enthusiastic influence around the squad, made Oscar a treat to coach.

Another who excelled in all three facets of the sport was the effervescent Rohan. His powerful batting & attacking bowling style saw him win silverware in both categories, but it was his loquaciousness that will remain forever etched in this scribe's memory.

Last, but by no means least, is Eric. A classy fast bowler, Eric continually skittled batsmen's stumps. With blade in hand himself, he was nearly impossible to dismiss. Rumours abound around the playing group that Eric only got himself out once, in order to obtain an average for the season...

UNDER 14C(2)

SEASON 2015-16

TEAM MEMBERS

Alexander Nikolajuk
Dut Bol
Eric Choi
Hayden Bant
Lachlan McAlpine
Louis Barton
Max Daphne
Ned O'Leary
Nico Glas
Oscar Kingham
Patrick Kingham
Rohan Anderson
Samuel Doyle
Sweeney Taylor

COACHING/UMPIRING

Sunny Munn

MANAGER

Andrew Kingham

All told, a highly successful season of results was - in my opinion - far outshone, by the vast levels of improvement & enthusiasm exhibited by the boys as a whole.

A season defined by attitude & aptitude, this group of young men were a joy to coach & I sincerely hope they all return to play again next year - & for many seasons to come.

If so, the future is bright for Edinburgh Cricket Club.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the parents involved over the course of the summer, & special thanks to Andrew for his indefatigable work in taking on the role of team manager.

Without all the transportation, preparation of teas, scoring duties & general organisation, these boys simply wouldn't be able to enjoy the wonderful sport of cricket.

So - Thank You to all involved in a fantastic season & I hope to see you all again next summer!

Sunny Munn

Under 14B

What a mixed season for the U14B team with 3 losses, 3 draws and 3 wins. However the wins came in the final matches of the season over teams lost to previously, reflecting the enormous improvement over the course of the season. Ultimately the team missed the finals by just a small percentage.

While the late season wins were an obvious highlight of the season, a great source of pride was in how the boys coped with the losses and poor weather that marred the first 6 rounds, never dropping their heads and still having fun.

The team was well coached by future England test superstar Jack Edgar (you read it here first), with invaluable training assistance from Richard Blanch. Special thanks should also go to Steve Chetcuti for taking on the scorers role, thus saving other parents the headache inducing task of putting dots and numbers on a piece of paper while being pestered for a score update. The team was managed by Paul Grover who was so poor should never take on that role again!

Round 1 – An early sunset game against Kew with the result in our favour when bad light stopped play. Would the boys get to prove who the better team is later in the season? Highlight was Ethan hitting out towards the end in order to win and selflessly sacrificing his wicket with a runout – surely he would never get runout again!

Round 2 – A close game against Burwood with one highlight being Dante opening the batting and getting 22 not out to kick off his fine season both batting and bowling. Another highlight was Ewan clean bowling one of their gun batsmen just on the tea break also kicking off a greatly improved season with 3 clean bowled. A loss but a team we would get to play again.

Round 3 – This was tough game against eventual runners up North Balwyn. A low total was easily headed however a highlight was the bowling of Sam who took half the wickets finishing with 2 wickets for just 16 runs off his 6 overs. Eventually Sam went on to take a team high 7 wickets.

Round 4 – Week 1 saw us bat first against a team of older, bigger boys from Boroondara. As such batting was tough but Jakob and Xavier put on a good partnership to display their cricket prowess with both eventually scoring over 50 runs each for the season. Rain robbed us of the chance to bowl them out cheaply.

Round 5 – We question the drinking water of the eastern suburbs as a team of giants from Ashburton turn up to smash overs 6 runs an over. Although Massimo proved the worth of pitching up getting 1 for 10 from 4 overs. The following week we bat well to get our highest score of the season for the loss of only 4 wickets with the highlight being Hemi batting though the first season and making 44 runs. A performance that saw him promoted to the A-team.

Round 6 – It was over to the sloped, tricky grounds of Hislop Park to battle to disciplined bowlers of Canterbury with wickets tumbling. However Angus provided a highlight of controlled batsmanship to be left the last-man standing with 13 not out in our lowest total of the season. This time heat robbed us of the chance to bowl them out cheaply.

Round 7 – A New Year and seemingly a new team with the first of 3 big wins. This time the highlight was Elliot playing a magnificent Captain's knock for a top score of 32 runs setting him up for an eventual season total of over 100 runs.

Round 8 – A real chance to quantify the improvement in the team with a return match against Burwood and a big win. A highlight this time being 40 runs from Miles who scored over 90 runs for the season even though he missed the first 3 weeks. Another highlight was Archie returning from a broken arm to take a diving catch landing on said arm in addition to a great clean bowled.

Round 9 – Finally it's the return game against Kew to settle the question from Round 1, with the boys again winning easily. We were also treated to the highlight of the season with Hugo scoring the only 50 for the season and getting the highest aggregate score (121 runs), highest batting average and best bowling average – not bad for someone who missed 5 weeks.

UNDER 14B SEASON 2014-15

TEAM MEMBERS

Angus Kelly
Archie Taylor
Ethan McKenzie
Ewan Grover
Hemi Dietrich
Xavier Wilson
Jakob Chetcuti
Elliot Blanch
Hugo Callaghan
Dante Colosimo
Sam Taneski
Miles Fricke
Massimo Nodin

COACHING/UMPIRING

Jack Edgar

MANAGER

Paul Grover

Under 14A

Last years U14A team was Edinburgh 1st season competing in A grade, as we only retained the 1 player from that team this season was always going to be a good challenge, we selected the boys who were ready to challenge. Expectation was high given the majority of our team was made up from last seasons U12 B Grade premiership side, given the age of most boys I believe they performed at a very high level of cricket and challenged most teams and were competitive in nearly 100% of games played. Development of these boys over the season has been wonderful to be a part of, I look forward to further improvement again next season as they face their next challenge.

We only achieved the one win this season which made it all the more special when it final happened, a credit to the boys as they maintained positive and upbeat all season as they were very close to win a number of games. Edinburgh Cricket Club would be very proud to have such a fine group of young players represented in the Eastern Cricket Association

A big thank you to all players and parents, it has been good to meet you all and I look forward to working with you again soon. Special thanks to the boys who filled in when we were short of players, if not for you boys we would have really struggled, Miles Fricke, Ethan McKenzie, Tom Mileto and of course our team mascot U10 player Sebastian Donnellan who made our win against STC possible

James Fear

Our team Captain who led from the front all season with the bat making the most runs and our highest individual score,80 not out. James made a total of 241 runs, 5th best overall in the U14A grade competition and this has won him our award for the best batsmen this season at ECC. Well done James, you have been a great role model for our boys, you show good commitment and always ask for the best from your players which has earned you their respect. James was also awarded the honour to represent ECC when he was selected by the Metropolitan Inner South East Scorpions to play in the U14 Victorian Bushrangers State Championships where he performed well

Darcy Munro

Appointed Vice Captain of our team by James Fear, Darcy rewarded his Captain with good leadership skills and provided good knowledge of our team mates and our opposition. Darcy was also named Vice Captain of the Des Nolan U14 Premiership team who played for the Eastern Cricket Association in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union where he had a fantastic carnival and showed he will be a future leader. Darcy made 85 runs for us this season and is awarded our 2nd batting award

Ben Donnellan

This young boy is still eligible to play U12 cricket however he chose to challenge himself against better opposition and prove his ability to his team mates. Bens efforts this season were awarded when he was selected to Captain the Josh Browne U12 team who played for the Eastern Cricket Association in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union where he had a brilliant carnival as was awarded the Most Valuable Player. Ben made 81 runs for our team this season and is awarded our 3rd batting award

Josh Ward

Josh would be 1st person picked in any cricket team, a very good young cricketer who has a wonderful personality and is a pleasure to coach. Josh represented ECC when he was selected to play for Victoria in the Cricket Australia State Championships in Brisbane where he took 6 wickets @ 15.75 runs per wicket, fantastic achievement. Josh also took the most wickets for our team this season, 8 @ 14 runs per wicket and is awarded 1st bowling award

James Connelly

UNDER 14A SEASON 2015-16

TEAM MEMBERS

Ben Donnellan
Clement B Lazzaro
Darcy Munro
Finlay Bennett
Harrison Thompson
Hemi Dietrich
James Connelly
James Fear
Joshua Ward
Julian Marshall
Max McKenna
Miles Fricke
Thomas Clark

COACHING/UMPIRING

Kris Marshall

MANAGER

David Clark

Chosen by his Captain to open the bowling as he used the new ball well always bowled a good line and length asking questions of every batsmen, this resulted in achieving an economy rate of only 3 runs per over. James good bowling seen him selected to represent ECC in the Des Nolan U14 Premiership team who played for the Eastern Cricket Association in the Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union Carnival where James performed extremely well taking 7 wickets @12.7 runs per over with an economy rate of only 2.1 runs per over, very good bowling. James also took equal most wickets for our team this season 8 @ 15.75 runs per wicket and is also awarded equal 1st bowling award

Harrison Thompson

Very good leg spin bowler who can mix it up with the better batsmen in our competition, economy rate of only 4.1 runs per over which where all good leg spin bowlers rate. Harrison has a very good understanding of his game and leg spin bowling, at times this season he did not bowl to the best of his ability and was able to go back to the basics, work at his technique and perform well the following game. Bowling against Kew round 3 we were looking like chasing a big total until Harrison bowled us back into the game taking 3 wickets for 21 runs off 6 overs and reducing our chase to only 108. Harrison best performance this season was our final game against top side Boroondara where he bowled 6 overs and took 3 wickets for 27 runs. Harrison also took equal most wickets for our team this season 8 @ 17.38 and is also awarded our 1st bowling award

Tom Clark

Looks like a good batsmen out of form, was never troubled by any bowler, played both pace and spin well, all Tom needed was one good innings and I think he would have been away. Tom bowled well this season taking 6 wickets @ 8.83 which shows that no batsmen was able to take runs off his bowling. Toms best game was against Mont Albert where he achieved the figures of 4 wickets for only 8 runs and put our team in a very winnable position. Tom has taken a big step forward this season and I would encourage him to continue to play cricket at the highest level possible

Clement Lazzaro

Clem started the season well and we had all expected he would have a big summer, Clem missed a bit of cricket and this impacted on his performance. Clem and I discussed how important it is for his cricket to prepare well and when he did this his bowling was excellent. Clem clearly has a love for cricket and with a big preseason campaign and a solid commitment next season I am very confident he will achieve what he desires

Max McKenna

Max and I had many discussions this season about his leg spin bowling, he is aware this is the most difficult form of cricket to conquer, if Max is to succeed as a leg spinner he must make the commitment to practise much more than others. Max struggled to find his place with bat and ball in A grade this season he did however keep us entertained, at times I would see Max dancing a little gig as the bowler was steaming in to bowl and at other times he would perform cartwheels and hand stands and then somehow would still be able to field the ball on the boundary line and run out a batsmen with a direct hit. The first time we all saw Max run out a batsmen with a direct hit we were all amazed, then he did it again and again proving this was no fluke and that he has a brilliant ability and the reason why this season Max will receive our fielding award, well done Max

Hemi Dietrich

Hemi played 5 games with us this season in A grade and 4 games in B grade, decisions did not go his way early on however he showed great determination to turn this around and warrant selection to play A grade again after Christmas. Hemi was eligible to play U12 this season and could have Captained our B grade team however is very competitive and wants to play at the highest possible level, Hemi brings great energy to his team and bats with good intent. I really enjoyed watching Hemi bat against Deepdene where he made 23 runs at better than a run per ball and only went out putting his team first when he was run out trying to lift our run rate. Hemi is a pleasure to coach and will be presented with my Coaches award this season

Fin Bennett

Fin only played 4 games with us this season before moving to the USA, I am hopeful he has found an expat there who enjoys his cricket as much as Fin. I am confident if Fin had played a full season he would of served up some good performances, he is missed by all and we wish him well

Julian Marshall

James Fear appointed two Vice Captains this season and Julian was one, he rewarded his Captain with 73 runs and 5 wickets. Julian struggled to start this season however finished well, by his own standards won't be happy with his contribution and will work hard in the off season Julian

represented ECC in the Des Nolan U14 Premiership team who played for the Eastern Cricket Association in the Victorian Metropolitan Union where he enjoyed a good carnival and was awarded as the best bowler and leading wicket taker.

Under 15 Girls

Remember & note down 2015-16 as a landmark year for the Edinburgh CC. The re-birth of the ECC Junior Girls, after one season under the guise of Irene Bullock in the early 2000's, occurred on the back of enormous work from Randall Nodin, Stuart Whiley & Caterina Stella.

To start the season with 7 junior girls who had played a total of 20-games of cricket between them and then to grow our number to 12, develop our skill sets, increase interest outside & inside the club, win a few games along the way and finish by playing in a modified rule Grand Final – was & is truly amazing!!



ECC Junior Girls

Grand Final Side 2015-16

Special mention must be made of the leadership of Sarah Campbell & Sophie Rush, who co-captained the team, but more important lead, encouraged and ensured the group bonded as one.

Any junior team wouldn't be able to function without an able Team Manager – and this year we had the very efficient & calming influence of Dean Campbell. Many thanks to Dean who assumed the role after the coach had had a few heated discussion with ECA. He then organized all the off field requirements to run smoothly for rest of 2015-16 and managed to keep the coach out of too much trouble!!!

I need to formally thank Paul Holden (Women's Coach), Chris Campbell, George Hampshire, Jack Edgar and Mluleki Nkala (Syke) for their assistance coaching and mentoring the U'15 junior girls players on a Wednesday & Thursday night. And special mentions must also go to the legion of mums & dads who were always on hand to help when needed.

I need to formally thank the club members who week in, week out turned up in masses to support the girls. The support at the Grand Final was nothing short of amazing – thank you.

To Director of Cricket – Stuart Whiley, Junior Coordinator – Randall Nodin and Junior Administrator – Caterina Stella – a massive thank you from all involved In the U'15 Gold group – we appreciate your efforts in organizing the ECC junior program, which enable us and 200 others to have a game with appropriate equipment/resources each week.

UNDER 15 Girls SEASON 2015-16

TEAM MEMBERS

Audrey Betts
Caitlin Jack
Katelyn Shadbolt
Keira Grover
Liv Robertson
Madeline Hennessy
Maeve Jack
Mikaela Kennedy
Olivia Baxendale
Sarah Campbell
Sophie Young

COACHING/UMPIRING

Brad Shadbolt

MANAGER

Chris Campbell

The ability of the group was recognized with the following girls being selected in Representative cricket:-

- Sarah Campbell: Northern Falcons U'14
- Sophie Young: ECA U'14
- Maeve Jack: ECA U'14
- Mikaela Kennedy: ECA U'12
- Katelyn Shadbolt ECA U'12

The awards for 2015-16:-

Batting: Joint award Sarah Campbell & Sophie Rush

Bowling: Mikaela Kennedy

Participation: Katelyn Shadbolt, Caitlin Jack, Maeve Jack, Keira Grover, Olivia Baxendale, Oliva Beck, Audrey Betts, Madeleine Hennessy and Grace.

I look forward to the program increasing to possibly two teams next year – with one a development focused team and the other a semi competitive/development team for the older girls.

Enjoy the winter – Go Burra

Brad Shadbolt

Coach of the Mighty U'15 Junior Girls

Under 16C

The Mighty Under 16C team have been amazing to coach and 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. We won 4 games this season and drew a couple due to rain and only just missed out on finals. The team highlight of the year for me was when we chased down 202 at Cooper Reserve in round 5.

A big thank you to all the parents for coming to support the boys every week and providing the afternoon tea. Special thanks to Cluny and Rowan who took on the role of team manager this year.

Ok now onto the players. In alphabetical order we have:

Aleksander had a very solid year and his bowling really developed as the season went on. In the latter part of the year Aleksander bowled some fantastic spells and it all came down to a simple thing – pitching the ball up.

Finished the year with 3 wickets at an average of 28 and a bowling best of 1/10.

Aleksander was our most unlucky batsman for the year and ended up with 40 runs at a healthy average of 13.33.

At the start of the year I was very surprised Pascal was in our team, I thought he could have played in the higher grade but I was stoked to have him. I thought he was going to take 20 wickets this year but the kids just weren't good enough to get bat on ball to get the edges.

Don't worry big fella, next year I can see already that it will all come together and you will have a cracking season. Pascal ended up with 3 wickets at 35 with a bowling best of 2/27 including a wicket first ball of the innings which you really don't see too often.

Also had a pretty good time with the bat notching up 84 runs for the year.

Downtown Brown as his new nickname goes had a great year, really coming good with the ball in the last half of the year and ended up equal 2nd in the bowling with 8 wickets at a seriously good average of 10.5. His best was an impressive 3/3 but it was his last game of the year where he took 3/15 to stamp his name on a trophy that was most impressive.

Highlight of the year for Downtown, and the reason for his nickname is when he was batting and couldn't score he said to me while I was umpiring "I can't hit anything, I better get out soon". Next two balls he went Downtown over long off for two fours in a row.

Shortsy as we like to call him had a ripper season with bat and ball and was the first to put his hand up to do some of the tough stuff like opening the batting when no one else wanted to. Simon took an impressive 5 wickets for the year and just missed out on a trophy. He would have had more if the batsmen were good enough to snick one.

Shortsy probably doesn't agree with me on this but he did have a very good year with the bat also. Especially when opening and seeing off their opening bowlers. The runs will come next year mate I am very sure of this.

The Raff! The Raph became an instant favourite of the whole team and I think it's fair to say we are all stoked he won the bowling award.

UNDER 116C SEASON 2015-16

TEAM MEMBERS

Aleksandar Gillian
Connor Nunn
Darcy Greig
Henry Sweeney
Liam Proe-Carter
Lloyd Skinner
Matthew O'Meara
Ollie Renkin-Brown
Pascal Apostoloff
Raphael Glaspole
Simon Foley
Zander McMaster

COACHING/UMPIRING

Eamon Drew

MANAGER

Tim O'Meara

Raph ended up with an impressive 11 wickets at an average of 14.36 and was always the go to man when we needed to tie down the middle order. As good as Raph was with his bowling this year I still think the highlight was his almost 6 in the round 1 at Alfred Crescent.
Onya Raph and congratulations on winning the bowling award mate.

Mr Casual, just takes it all in his stride. Had a great year with the gloves. Took 3 catches including a one hander in round 1 which earned him his nickname of Mr Casual. Also involved in a run out. But it was when Darcy got out from behind the stumps and had a bowl that we realised we needed to bowl him more. Took 2 wickets in 2 balls to give him the bowling figures of 2/2. I think next year we might need to get some more overs into Darcy. Darcy also wins best comment this year, narrowly taking it ahead of Raph.

It was when he was fielding and he dived for the ball and ended up with a big mud stain on the front his jumper I said 'Your mum is not going to be happy with you' and then quickly realizing that was a bit sexist I followed up with 'or your Dad of course. Who does the washing'.
Darcy's reply was 'neither, we have a washing machine'.

Zander is the spiritual leader of the side. Always chirping on the field and is one of the best fielders we have.

Like his haircuts this year his bowling was a bit all over the shop at times but when he got it right he was far too good and far too fast for the batsman. Took 3 wickets across the year with his best day being 2/22.

But it is with the bat Zander really tears a game of cricket apart. Zander has come third overall in the batting with 111 runs at 22.20 and it was this year he notched up his first 50. Zander also played some senior cricket this year and from all accounts carried himself in a very mature way so I'm quite proud of that. Congratulations Zander on winning a trophy this year mate.

The quiet achiever. Conor just goes about it with no fuss.

I actually feel a bit bad now that I've coached him for 3 years and still haven't got him a nickname but I can feel that next year is the year mate.

Conor didn't take as many wickets as in previous years but we worked on a few things at training and we got him coming around the wicket and he had instant success with his best figures for the year of 2/18.

Because of Conor's awesome attitude and willingness to do whatever I ask him this year he wins my coaches award. Well done mate!

Sushi boy. What a great year mate. Just all round class.

179 runs at 35.8

5 wickets at 23.8

4 catches = equal first

Just a wonderful year mate and I am seriously stoked you notched up your first 50.

Congratulations Liam for winning the batting trophy for second most runs!

Lloyd I had a great time coaching you this year mate. I know we had conversations about pace vs spin and I think you have the right idea. Bowl pace while you are young but I really think later in life some left arm tweakers might be the way to go.

Had a really solid year with the bat coming in 4th with 66 runs and a season best of 23. Lloyd took 8 wickets this year at an average of just 12.75 which is a very impressive average when you consider her bowled the most overs this year.

Congratulations Lloyd on winning a bowling trophy for equal second and being the man Raph was most fearful of taking out first place.

One of my perennial favourites, Beef is just a little legend to coach.

It was in the later part of the year we realised he is the best opening bat in the team and he really began to shine. Came in 5th in the club batting with 62 runs for the year at 15.50 which is outstanding and was only 4 runs shy of 4th place.

Also starred with the gloves and took the equal top catches for the year with 4 and for this Henry wins this years fielding award. Congratulations Beef!

I know this isn't in alphabetical order but I wanted to save the skipper to last. Matthew had an outstanding season with bat and ball and also in the field.

Matthew made 258 runs this year at 43 and came second in the league batting. The other team was letting their kid bat to 60 so really Matthew should have won the whole lot. Highlights were the two 50's with the bat.

But it was as a skipper Matthew came along leaps and bounds. At the start of the year some of the field placements were a bit haphazard but at the end he was setting the field exactly how I would have. He also made sure everyone got a go and really shared the bowling around. You did a fantastic job Matthew and congratulations on winning the batting award.

Under 16B

The U16B's have had a mixed season. It is a team with incredible amounts of potential and we find ourselves disappointed to have not made finals however I hope the boys have enjoyed their season and I personally have seen development in every single one of them.

Jon Graham-Perez: Jon has captained throughout the season and shown some excellent leadership qualities and has set the example to the rest of the boys both on and off the field. With his batting he has valued his wicket and very rarely thrown it away, occupying the crease for long periods of time. He has been our most consistent bowler throughout the season very rarely goes for more than 2 an over!

Douglas Warren: Dougie has shown some excellent maturity with the bat this year especially considering he is playing an age group above himself. He has opened the batting for the majority of the year and has consistently batted overs seeing off the opening bowlers and the new ball. I have been really impressed with his attitude at the crease and his 120 runs for the season is an injustice as I have retired him on numerous occasions. He also shows potential with his left arm off-spin picking up a couple of important wickets.

Mark Foster: Macca has also opened the batting for most games this season and again I've been impressed at how solid Mark is and comfortable he is facing up to the new ball. He is also an extremely talented wicketkeeper with fantastic natural hands and very rarely concedes byes. Mark's attitude to both training and games have been first class, he is always listening and looking to improve.

Will Clarke: Will has been one of our top performers, in all aspects with bat, ball and even in the field. His 81 against Bulleen is one of, if not the best innings I have seen in a junior game, totally tearing apart the bowling attack whilst still playing technically correct cricket shots. He has been our leading run scorer with 141 runs for the season and also collecting 8 wickets at an average of 10.88.

Nick Nodin: Nick has also contributed very well with the bat being our second top run scorer with 133. Nick paces his innings extremely well, picking up singles early in the innings and also being able to find boundaries as he gets his eye in. Nick's injured shoulder restricted his bowling this year but whenever he has been called upon he has been very consistent and often ties batsmen down.

Harry Syson- Harry has been our leading wicket taker for the season with 9 at an economy rate of less than 3, he has lead the bowling attack superbly, bowling with pace and control. His ability to swing the ball both ways is an exceptional attribute. Harry's batting has also impressed me this year, albeit with limited opportunities. His 29 against Bulleen with wickets falling around him showed that he is certainly capable of being on opening bowler AND a top order batsmen. Harry played his 2nd grade senior debut this year which is a fantastic achievement.

Jerome Heywood: Jerome has a fantastic attitude to cricket, always wanting to be involved and in crucial situations always puts his hand up with bat and ball. There is plenty of talent to back that up as well, his 28 against Trinity Willison showed a great balance of not losing his wicket while not allowing the bowlers to get on top of him. Jerome also made a senior 4th grade 50 this year which is a fantastic achievement. Jerome has lots of potential with his bowling and has shown that in glimpses this year, the extra bounce he gets puts batsman in trouble.

UNDER 16B SEASON 2015-16

TEAM MEMBERS

Felix Sharkey
Jerome Heywood
John Graham-Perez
Joshua Bradley
Nicholas Nodin
William Clarke
Cooper Forssman
Finn Blackman
Harry Syson
Harvey Daffern
Warren Douglas
Mark Foster

COACHING/UMPIRING

George Hampshire

MANAGER

Matt Forssman

Felix Sharkey: Felix has had a strong season and contributed with both bat and ball throughout, his swashbuckling 50 early on in the season against Canterbury showed the potential he has with the bat. He is extremely consistent with the ball and his late swing causes many problems for batsmen. He has taken 7 wickets, his best figures being 3/16 against Deepdene Bears.

Cooper Forrsmen: I have seen a lot of progress this year from Cooper, particularly with the ball. He has bowled 21 overs and only conceded 50 runs from those overs which is an excellent return. Cooper also has lots of potential with the bat. We have seen as the season went on how he matured and worked very hard on choosing the right ball to go after and which ones to leave or defend. His 22* against Surrey Hills was extremely valuable in what turned out to be a very tricky run chase.

Finn Blackman: One of the youngest players in the team yet one of the strongest players in the comp. Week in week out Finn troubles batsman and he and Harry often have sides 3 down by the end of their opening spell. His 7 wickets for the season do not show the quality which Finn has bowled at, however his 4/21 against Ashburton Willows was where he finally got the reward for his bowling efforts. He can also hit an extremely long ball for his age and over the course of the season has shown he also has the ability to bat long periods of time if required.

Harvey Daffern: For a player he could still be playing U14's he has certainly not looked out of place, he has a bowling average of less than 10 and has shown the ability to consistently bowl really good areas. His 3/28 against Clifton Hill (which should have been 5/28 had we taken our chances) showed the progress Harvey is making. Harvey has also worked extremely hard throughout the season on his batting, he has a very good eye for the ball and is also solid in defence, with a very cut shot in particular.

Rory Buggle: This was Rory's first year at the Burra but he has fit in perfectly and one of the loudest characters in the dressing room. He has also contributed on the field, with some handy quick-fire knocks at the end of the innings to boost our score. His 1/5 off 3.2 overs in round 5 showed his ability to tie down batsmen and bowl to a set field.

Joshua Bradley: Josh has made progress this year with his wicket keeping claiming 6 victims throughout the season and shown improved footwork behind the stumps stood up especially. He has a fantastic attitude to both games and training as he always looks to further his development and that is starting to show and his hard work is paying off.

Outstanding Individual achievements

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50 runs in an innings

James Fear	50*	Rd7	STC South Camberwell
James Fear	80*	Rd5	North Balwyn Maroon
Matthew O'Meara	52*	Rd5	Canterbury Townsend
Matthew O'Meara	50*	Rd8	Kew Junior Black
Hugo O'Callaghan	52*	Rd9	Under 14B F J Dobeli
Tom Mileto	50*	Rd2	Under 12A R J Barker
Zander McMaster	50	Rd5	Under 16C H Wilkinson
Felix Sharkey	50*	Rd2	Under 16B T R Bellis

William Clark	81*	Rd3	Under 16B T R Bellis
Liam Proe-Carter	53*	Rd9	Under 16C H Wilkinson

Selected in representative teams

U16

Will Clark	ECA U16
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U15 Girls

Katie Shadbolt	ECA U12
Catlin Jack	ECA U12
Maeve Jack	ECA U14 Emus
Sophie Young	ECA U14 Emus
Sarah Campbell	ECA U14 Northern Falcons

U15 Boys J.G. Graig (formerly Hatch)

Harry Syson	Brunswick
Mark Foster	Kew
Finn Blackman	Kew
Douglas Warren	Kew

U14

James Fear	U14 Inner South East Scorpions
Julian Marshall	ECA U14
Darcy Munro	ECA U14
James Connelly	ECA U14

U12

Ben Donnell	ECA U12
Connor Lester	ECA U12
Tom Mileto	ECA U12
Miles Fricke	ECA U12
Josh Ward	State Schools Victoria Boys

Finance

Financial Summary

A copy of the financial summary was distributed separately at the meeting.

Finance Reports

For a copy of the financial report for 2015-16, please speak with the Club Secretary or Treasurer.

Coterie Groups

Duchesses of Edinburgh

Club 78

The Club 78 concept has been in hiatus now for a number of years. The executive are actively considering options to reconnect with past players and supporters of the club.

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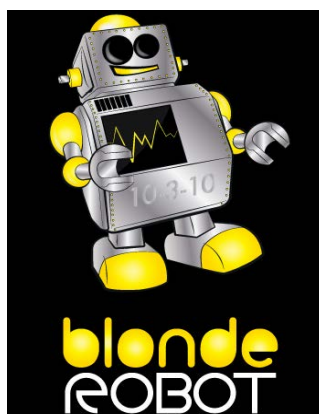
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