

70TH ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENTS

PRESENTED 31ST MAY, 2024



**SEASON
2023/24**



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Office Bearers & Committee Members

Season 2022/23

President	Mark Keating
Vice-President	Peta Ginnane
Treasurer	Lee Smart
Secretary	Ben Rogers
Committee Members	Lorey Bentley Angus Raiskums Tom Humberstone

Life Members

V. Davies	D. Davies	L. Davies	A. Gleeson
J. Heslop	R. Lorimer	A. Smith	R. Cullinan
S. Ramsay	D. Kerss	G. Ravenscroft	G. Shoppee Snr.
C. O. Smart	P. Richardson	J. Terris	D. Lyon
P. Brownlie	J. Matthews	P. Halls	G. Watkins
L. Smart	G. Kennedy	A. Fishley	G. Matty
P. Wilson	M. Keating	B. Macdonald	S. Richardson
D. Keating	W. Allen	W. Kaszuba	G. Taylor
C. Richardson	M. Dobbie	G. Paterson	N. Keating
J. Bulbeck	R. Thomasson		

Premierships

Senior Premierships		Junior Premierships	
1962/63	A Matting	2010/11	Under 15 Boys
1967/68	C Turf	2012/13	Under 15 Boys
1985/86	A Turf	2016/17	Under 17 Boys
1988/89	A Turf	2019/20	Under 11 Boys
1990/91	B Turf	2020/21	Under 16 Girls
1992/93	A Matting	2023/24	Under 15 Boys
2001/02	B Turf		
2012/13	B Turf		
2016/17	B Turf		
2021/22	Womens Div 2		
2023/24	A Turf		



Sponsors

Major Club Sponsor



Female Cricket Sponsors



Junior Cricket Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



Annual General Meeting – Agenda

Date & Time:	7:00pm, Friday 31st May, 2024
Location:	Gellibrand Cricket Club, Digman Reserve

No.	Item	Responsible
1	Formalities	
1.1	Apologies	B. Rogers
1.2	Endorse minutes of previous annual general meeting	B. Rogers
2	Reports & Statements	
2.1	President's Report	M. Keating
2.2	Treasurer's Report (incl. financial statements)	L. Smart
2.3	Secretary's Report	B. Rogers
2.4	Coach's Report	P. Hetherington
2.5	Adoption of all reports and statements	B. Rogers
3	Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members	
3.1	Election of a meeting chair to oversee appointments	B. Rogers
3.2	Dissolution of the current Committee	Chair
3.3	Election of President	Chair
3.4	Election of Vice President	Chair
3.5	Election of Treasurer	Chair
3.6	Election of Secretary	Chair
3.7	Election of General Committee Members	Chair
4	General Business	
4.1	Call for general business items	B. Rogers
5	Meeting Close	

2022/23 Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Date & Time:	7:00pm, Friday 2nd June, 2023
Location:	Gellibrand Cricket Club, Digman Reserve

	Item
1	Formalities
1.1	Apologies: Lorey Bentley, Nick Keating, Paul Hetherington, Peta Ginanne Attendees: R. Beer, B. Rogers, M. Keating, A. Raiskums, M. Stowe, T. Humberstone, R. Thomasson, L. Smart
1.2	Endorse minutes of previous meeting - Moved: MS - Seconded: AR <u>Carried</u>
2	Reports
2.1	<u>President's Report</u> - As tabled - Had 13 teams, 3 female, 8 juniors, 30 in blasters, keen to build up blasters and female participation - Good on field results, no flags but will keep working - Looking to move the 4th men's XI to turf and will continue the focus on development - Well done to all comp award winners - Had good social functions, will look to hold more this season - Thanks to all committee members - Healthy overall financial position, cash balance has gone down but we have invested in the club - Thanks to all players and members for a great season - Keen to prioritise club culture for the coming season
2.2	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> (incl. financial statements) - As tabled - Has a cash loss of \$14k, a lot of which is taken up as one-off items, all are listed in the report - An operating profit of \$3k, which is strong result given increase in operating costs 97% margin on the bar, good to see a better result than previous years - Thanks to all of our sponsors, a terrific result - Bar takings increased and fees have dropped significantly - Grants have gone down, a bit harder to come by at the moment - Presentation Night in this year's financials due to EOFY date
2.3	<u>Secretary's Report</u> As tabled
2.4	<u>Coach's Report</u> As tabled
2.5	<u>Adoption of Annual Reports</u> - Move: MS - Second: AR

	Item
3.	Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
	<u>Election of a meeting chair to oversee appointments</u> • B. Rogers nominates R. Beer, accepted • Seconded: RT • <u>Carried</u> • RB dissolves the sitting Committee and declares all positions vacant
	<u>Election of President</u> • BR nominated MK, accepted • Seconded: MS • <u>Carried</u>
	<u>Election of Vice President</u> • MK nominates PG, accepted • Seconded: BR • <u>Carried</u>
	<u>Election of Treasurer</u> • MK nominates LS, accepted • Seconded: MS • <u>Carried</u>
	<u>Election of Secretary</u> • Mk nominates BR, accepted • Seconded: RB • <u>Carried</u>
	<u>Election of General Committee</u> • MK nominates AR, accepted • Seconded: LS • <u>Carried</u>
	• MK nominates MS, accepted • Seconded: TH • <u>Carried</u>
	• RB nominates RT, declined
	• MK nominates LB, accepted • Seconded: BR • <u>Carried</u>
	• MK nominates TH, accepted • Seconded: MS • <u>Carried</u>
	• MK wants to try and get one other on the committee as we approach the season, all in favour • RB hands the meeting back to M. Keating • BR thanks to Ross Thomasson for his contribution over many years on the committee

	Item
4	General business
	<u>M. Keating</u> • Will present budget at the first committee meeting • Indoor training venue booked already, due to start in August • Keen to put a 70th anniversary sub-committee, need to get something happening • First Tuesday each month for meetings, first couple online • PlayHQ is progressing well, a list of things to be done before registrations can be opened • Website template will be ready by mid-June, might need some additional investment • Have resigned Saka, Jason Hibbert from Melton has signed up for this season <u>R Thomasson</u> • Need to address the cleaning situation, doesn't seem to be held to the same standards • MK to follow up with WSC • Need to revisit the supplier, cost was higher than expected this season <u>T Humberstone</u> • Need to get a scoreboard sorted prior to the season <u>M Stowe</u> • Need to make sure that communications re: events and club information are going out via coaches and captains • Not sure about numbers for U17 this season, need to do some work on garnering interest from players/families
5.	Meeting close: 8:05pm

President's Report

Mark Keating

The 23/24 cricket season was a fantastic year for the club. The highlight was the first X1 winning a premiership and earning promotion up to Division 3 in the VTCA. Congratulations to Paul Hetherington and the team for their continued perseverance and resilience after some agonising near-misses over the last 5 years. The club also celebrated its 70th anniversary, having started in 1953. Thanks to all the committee members and life members who have helped the club survive and thrive over those years.

As well as the firsts premiership, the seconds finished top of the ladder and the thirds finished fourth. Unfortunately, both teams went out in the semi-final, but it shows there is plenty of depth at the club. The fourths performed well in their first year playing Sundays on turf and debuted several U15 players during the season. The women's teams did extremely well to make the finals but went out in the semi-finals. It was great to field two women's teams again and we had many U16 girls making the transition to senior cricket. My thanks to Ollie D'Rozario, who took on the role of female coach this season and helped look after the U13 girls. Also, thanks to the captains of the senior teams – Tom Humberstone, Jonathan Rayson-Hill, Anthony Clack, Sofie Marsden and Ollie D'Rozario.

We had several players win competition trophies: Jacob MacDonald – best player VTCA Division 4; Tom Humberstone – most wickets VTCA Division 4 second grade; Jonathan Rayson-Hill – most runs VTCA Division C4; Ben Rogers – most wickets VTCA Division C4; and Daniella Viney – bowling average NWMCA Geoff Law Shield grade. As well, Paul Hetherington, Jacob MacDonald and Jason Hibbert were selected in the Division 4 team of the year. I would also like to acknowledge Scotty Richardson, who became the record holder for most games played at the club, moving past 350 games during the season.

The club fielded eight junior teams this season, including two girl's teams. We fielded combined teams for both the girl's teams and will need to work hard to strengthen our numbers for next season. We had just one team make the finals, with the U15s boys winning the premiership. Congratulations to Anthony Clack and Steve Berridge, the coaches of the U15 team as they were clearly the best team over the season and performed well in a tight grand final.

I would like to thank all our junior coaches – Derrick Hill, Paul Georgiades, Ollie D'Rozario, Anthony Clack, Steve Berridge, Aaron Greaves, Hamish McGee, Chris Garcia, Andrew Greaney, Geoff Sherrard and Edwin Lee. The coaches did a wonderful job developing players and making sure they had fun. The test of our junior program is not only about winning games but making sure the kids have fun and continue to play the game. Our Friday night Blasters program had 46 participants and it continues to be a reliable source of players for our U11 teams. Thanks go to Ben Rogers, Peta Ginnane, Dave Presley, Chris Keating, Cam Jackson, Sofie Marsden, Carys Nolan and Kylah Ginnane, who helped run the Blasters each Friday night. Overall, the club had 75 seniors registered, 70 juniors and 46 Blaster participants, totalling 191 registered participants in total.

The season saw the club continue to make effective use of the new clubrooms with some great social functions across the year. The new facilities are making a dramatic difference to the social functions and retention of players. There were some particularly good social functions run through the year, including the trivia night, the 70th anniversary, ladies wine day, past players day, the big draw, and the presentation night. These functions were well attended and made full use of the rooms. One area for improvement is to get a full social committee up and running in 24-25. This will help run more functions and generate some new ideas for functions. I would like to thank all sponsors - a complete list is included in the annual report. Please give these local businesses your full support.

The club is fortunate to have a strong committee who are committed to fulfilling their roles, my thanks and appreciation to Lee Smart (Treasurer), Ben Rogers (Secretary), Peta Ginnane (Vice President), Tom Humberstone, Lorey Bentley and Angus Raiskums. Thanks also to the people who helped when asked during the season. We would welcome any additional volunteers to be on the committee. We can find you a role for you without it being a great imposition on your time.

Going forward, I hope we can expand our social functions to include partners, past players, parents, and supporters. We want to see more people at the club watching our senior and junior games. The core of our senior men's playing list is made up of players from our junior programme, hopefully this continues with the U15s coming through now. Our U16 girls are now ready to play senior women's cricket in the future. The senior men's team will face a new challenge moving up to Division 3, but we have already locked in one recruit and are looking to add more. Paul has stepped down from the captain-coach role but will continue to captain the first X1. Jim Ryan will move up to become our coach and I know he has ideas on how to get improvement from the current player list. Paul and Jim will make a great team in their new roles.

Finally, I want to thank the committee, coaches, players, sponsors, and supporters. The club has a strong committee and is in a healthy financial position. The club had a successful year and continues to take steps to ensure its sustainability in future years. Our vision is to be a successful club by providing a welcoming environment to the whole community. We want to be able to give people an opportunity to play cricket in a fun and learning environment. The club had a successful year and continues to make strides in recent years which sets us up for the future.

Mark Keating

President

Treasurer's Report

Lee Smart

The club has finished the season with a total cash balance of \$73,727.79 compared with \$78,411.70 for the 22/23 season, made up as follows:

	30/04/2024	Op Bal @ 1/5/23
Term Deposit	66,507.46	63,676.29
Bendigo Bank main account	5,978.42	14,558.30
Bendigo Bank statement account	256.06	57.11
Cash on Hand - 30/04/2024	985.85	120.00
Total Cash Balance	73,727.79	78,411.70

This represents a cash loss of \$4,684. While it's a significant drop in our Cash Balance, it is something we had budgeted for given the increase in player payments, reduction in player fees and expected drop in sponsorship. In the last three seasons we spent over \$65,000 on furnishing the clubrooms and buying cricket related equipment for the club. Most of these items are one off purchases that won't require replacement for many year. This season major purchases included Frogbox and Hessian.

If you take out the capital items we have almost broken even. Bar sales dropped although we had several great functions. It is probably a reflection of players not coming back to the rooms on Saturday and not having a home grand final. Remarkably we have been able to achieve a margin of 101% considering the price of everything has gone up significantly.

Running the cricket club these days involves a lot more expense due to things such as cleaning, player payments, more umpires, providing apparel free of charge and the general increase in costs. Our sponsorship is at levels we could only dream about ten years ago. Since Ben Rogers has come on board he has been responsible for generating the bulk of our sponsorship which takes a lot of work. Just in the last five seasons we have recorded 134k in sponsorship. This helps pay for our equipment and supports our women and juniors programmes. Thanks go out to Ben and our sponsors.

Due to our financial position we are to provide drinks and food at prices far below any other club in the competition. When players from other clubs come here many remark on how cheap our prices are. Not only that but our membership fees are amongst the lowest too, with a free apparel thrown in. We are also able to provide great facilities for our players and members that are up with many bigger clubs. Being involved with the club when we were lucky to have \$1,000 in the bank, it is great having such financial stability.

While it doesn't under the remit of the Treasurer, it can't be left unsaid what a season this was. After 20+ years without a senior flag, it was great to finally nab one. A shout out must go to Paul and the team who have shown great resilience who despite being so close over the last four years have finally reaped the reward for their efforts. I am looking forward to us taking the next step in Division 3.

In summing up, thanks go to our sponsors wonderful support as well as Ben's continued efforts in sponsorship and support of our sponsors. Thanks also to our players, past players, supporters and families who support the club and make it such an enjoyable experience to be part off.

Lee Smart
Treasurer

Secretary's Report

Ben Rogers

In last year's report, I lamented the feeling déjà vu we all experienced around the end of March. But not this year...

Of course, I, along with the rest of the committee, are keen to see successes across the board. We are looking for development in our junior ranks, depth in women's divisions, and growth in Cricket Blast. We are seeing all of that, however, the satisfaction and excitement of a First XI premiership has set the bar high. It is something for which we have been thriving for so long, and as it turns out, it's as good as I had imagined.

It has been a lot of hard work, and we've had our fair share of disappointments in getting there, but the win was sweet. It was made even sweeter by the full knowledge of how much people like Mark and Lee has poured into getting us there. Obviously, I wasn't out there when Callum Doyle planted himself under that skied ball, but I celebrated the win as if I were. We all did.

The First XI flag was the icing on the cake, but there's a lot to be said for the cake itself.

We again performed well financially, and it is satisfying to know that everyone contributed to our financial position. Attendances at social events and fundraisers were terrific, fees were paid (and in good time), and we continued to benefit from a committed group of sponsors.

All of our sponsors are listed earlier in the report. Their generosity is greatly appreciated, and their engagement in what we are doing as a club is really exciting. I look forward to working with them all again in the 2024/25 season and encourage all of our members to get out there and support them wherever possible.

Another strong year for our junior program, topped off by an Under 15 Boys premiership. We saw growth and improvement across all grades, with some terrific results throughout. Sincere thanks must go to all of the coaches for their efforts in wrangling kids (and parents), and the hard work they put in to make sure that the skills are not just developing but are developing in a supportive and enjoyable environment. A big thanks also to all the parents for their efforts in supporting the coaches and being involved in club activities.

Thanks to everyone who came along and helped us with the Cricket Blast program. I really cannot stress enough; how important this is for our future and our club culture. Another huge effort from Mark, supported by a band of volunteers and parents, all of whom made a great contribution. Special thanks to Peta, Dave, Chris, Kylah, Carys, and Darren for all of their help regularly throughout the season.

I'd like to thank everyone who sat on the committee this season, Mark, Lee, Peta, Tom, Lorey, and Angus. All are committed to the cause and really put the hard yards in this season. As members, I do not think that it is fully understood just how lucky we are to have a hard working, functional, cohesive, dedicated group of volunteers to steer our ship. Many clubs don't.

Thanks again to everyone for another year to be proud of.

Ben Rogers
Secretary

Coach's Report

Paul Hetherington

The 2023/2024 season came with the ultimate success we had craved for so long. A first XI flag, 23 years in the making. It could not have been won in any more spectacular fashion as we looked to be in significant trouble on many occasions. Finishing second and earning a home final, one could only feel like we were due to break our drought. After a nail biting win in the semi-final where we needed ten runs for the last wicket (after a few suspect LBWs), Ben Toyne and Brayden MacDonald dug deep to win the hard way. A perfect lead up to what would be a brutal grand final, against a team that had the wood over us throughout a number of years. At 6/83 that trend looked to continue before a history defining partnership between Mike Keating and Ross Thomasson was the key in us setting a total of 226. Again at 1/96, Moonee Valley looked to be cruising, before the Macdonald brothers compiled a very good bowling display leading Gellibrand to the brink of victory. Needing about 20 for the last wicket the ball was hit up in the air and Callum Doyle (ice in his veins) took the catch. Gellibrand are finally first XI premiers again. A season rounded off by having Jacob MacDonald win player of the year for the competition and seeing Jason Hibbert one of three players to make the First XI Team of the year.

The Second XI year had many successes with it, but it was a familiar tale of having so many positives, yet just falling short during our finals campaign. Undefeated throughout the whole year, the seconds lost to the eventual premier for the fifth consecutive year. Another season that will eat away and motivate the group moving forward. Congratulations to Tom Humberstone on winning the bowling aggregate for the competition, as well as a very successful five year tenure as second XI Captain. We are delighted that Tom will continue to be on the committee and support the club.

The third XI had made a second consecutive finals appearance. A new look with Johnno as captain replacing Nick Keating. Started off flying winning every game up until Christmas! As often happens unavailabilities post-Christmas and a few injuries having its flow on effects with the thirds. A scorching Saturday for the semi ensured we had to bowl first and ended falling short by 30 odd runs. Congratulations to Johnno on his first season in charge winning the batting aggregate for the competition.

For our fourth XI, we had a developing year, with a new leader. Anthony Clack playing the kids and educating them will no doubt have significant benefits moving forward. I am fully confident in the process we are undertaking for the fourths and expect to see improvement again next year. It was also great to see some of our more experienced cricketers fill in for the fourths to support the development and performance of the team.

On a personal level, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude at being provided with the opportunity to Captain Coach this great club for the past five seasons. It is with tremendous pride, I now hand over to James Ryan and have no doubt the future is in great hands with him at the helm and an amazing committee.

Paul Hetherington
Captain/Coach