



ANNUAL **REPORT**

& FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2024-2025

PRESENTED ON 30TH MAY, 2025

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Office Bearers & Committee Members

Season 2024/25

President	Mark Keating
Vice President	Peta Ginnane
Treasurer	Lee Smart
Secretary	Ben Rogers
Committee Members	Lorey Bentley Ryan Bolton Tom Humberstone Meaghan Lavelle

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 15B
1967/68	C Turf	2012/13	Under 15C
1985/86	A Turf	2016/17	Under 17B
1988/89	A Turf	2019/20	Under 11A
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		
2024/25	A Turf		



Sponsors

Major Club Sponsor



Female Cricket Sponsors



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Junior Cricket Sponsors

Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Red Herring Digital



Bronze Sponsors



Annual General Meeting Agenda

Date & Time:	7:00pm, Friday 30th May, 2025
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	J. Ryan
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	

2023/24 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date & time:	7:30pm, Friday 31 st May, 2024
Location:	Clubrooms

	Item
1	Formalities
1.1	Apologies: J McDonald, N Keating Attendees: R Beer, L Bentley, B Rogers, T Humberstone, R Bolton, A Raiskums, M Keating, P Hetherington, L Smart, R Thomasson, T Flynn, P Ginanne, J Ryan
1.2	Endorse minutes of previous meeting - Moved: TH - Seconded: AR - Carried
2	Reports
2.1	<u>President's report</u> - As tabled - Flag and 70th celebrations are highlights this season 5/6 senior teams made finals, - Thanks to all captains, and congratulations to all association winners 3rd year in a row to have best player in the div - Junior program running well, need to focus on girls cricket - Well done to the U15s, a great result and good to see so many playing senior cricket - A big thanks to all of our junior coaches, sounds like most kids will be coming back next year - Thanks also to everyone who comes along to help at CB - Thanks to our committee, everyone puts in and it shows - Looking forward to the challenge of Div 3 - Thanks especially to TH and LB for their work on the social media and communications - Thank you to all of our sponsors, their contributions make a big difference
2.2	<u>Treasurer's Report (incl. financial statements)</u> - As tabled - A cash loss of just under \$5k - We have seen an increase in expenses and a slight decrease in our revenue - Fees have dropped in line with our membership reductions - Players budget sig. higher than last year, including paying a female coach - Sponsorship is down by ~\$5k, but \$135k over 5 years - Our current financial position future proofs us for the years to come and helps us keep our fees down - We're doing a lot of work which benefit our members
2.3	<u>Secretary's Report</u> As tabled

2.4	<u>Coaches Report</u> • As tabled • A really successful year, great to get a flag but a good season across the board • Great to see the same group continuing on and good to see strong performances across all grades • Thanks to Tom Humberstone for all of his work leading the 2nd XI
2.5	<u>Adoption of Annual Reports</u> • Move: LB • Second: PG • Carried
3.	Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
3.1	<u>Election of a meeting chair to oversee appointments</u> • B. Rogers nominated R. Beer • Seconded: RT • <u>Carried</u> • RB dissolves the sitting Committee and declares all positions vacant
3.2	<u>Election of President</u> • BR nominated MK, accepted • Seconded: RB • <u>Carried</u>
3.3	<u>Election of Vice President</u> • MK nominated PG, accepted • Seconded: LS • <u>Carried</u>
3.4	<u>Election of Treasurer</u> • PG nominated LS, accepted • Seconded: PH • <u>Carried</u>
3.5	<u>Election of Secretary</u> • TH nominated BR, accepted • Seconded: AR • <u>Carried</u>
3.6	<u>Election of General Committee</u> • BR nominated TH, accepted • Seconded: AR • <u>Carried</u>
3.7	• PG nominated LB, accepted • Seconded: TH • <u>Carried</u>

4	General business
	<u>T. Flynn</u> • What's the plan for coaching this year, across grades and at training? ○ JR says that it'll be about targeting specific players and keeping in touch with players

	<u>L. Bentley</u> • What's the plan for female recruitment? ○ Need some more players in the higher grades ○ Will look to utilise social media for promotion ○ PG suggests that some of the previous U16 girls may be worth getting in touch with <u>T Humberstone</u> • Looking at new apparel suppliers for the coming season, New Balance are looking pretty good • Will be ordering all new white/coloured kits before the start of the season <u>P Hetherington</u> • Recruitment going okay, have picked up a new keeper • JR and PH have been meeting with others and will continue to look for new players
5.	Meeting close: 7:40pm

President's Report

Mark Keating

The 24/25 cricket season was another fantastic year for the club. The highlight was the first X1 winning the premiership and earning promotion up to Division 2 in the VTCA. This is the first time in the club's history that our first X1 has won back-to-back premierships. Congratulations to Paul Hetherington and the team, as they won two exciting finals matches despite being huge underdogs in the semi-final. The team displayed great determination and resilience, with Paul leading the way in both finals.

I would like to thank Paul for his leadership of the club over the past six years. Paul has notified the club that he will not be continuing as captain or coach next season. The first X1 has made finals every year during Paul's tenure, capping it off with premierships in the past two seasons. Paul has made the team competitive every year and managed to bring the best out of the players. Our thanks go to Jim Ryan as well – Jim was coach last year, but he too has indicated he will not be pursuing the role for the coming season. Just recently, the club has appointed Ben Coddington as captain/coach. Hailing from the UK, Ben has played cricket in Australia in recent years with Taylors Lakes, Druids and Caulfield South. Ben brings a wealth of coaching experience to the club, at both senior and junior levels. We welcome Ben on board and look forward to the next exciting chapter in the club's progression.

As well as the firsts premiership, the seconds finished fourth on the ladder and the thirds finished second. Unfortunately, both teams went out in the semi-final, but it shows there is plenty of depth at the club. The fourths performed well playing Sundays on turf and debuted several U13 players during the season. The women's teams did well to make the finals but went out in the semi-finals. My thanks to Ollie D'Rozario, who took on the role of female coach this season and helped look after the girls as well. Also, thanks to the captains of the senior teams – Ryan Bolton, Jonathan Rayson-Hill/Nick Keating and Jo Clements in the thirds, Anthony Clack, and Ollie D'Rozario.

Congratulations to Jacob MacDonald who won the VTCA award for best player in Division 3. As well, James Ryan, Jacob Macdonald and Brayden Macdonald were selected in the Division 4 team of the year.

The club fielded eight junior teams this season, including two and a half girl's teams. On the boy's side, we fielded 3 U13 teams, 1 U11 team and 2 U10 teams. Two of the U13 teams made finals, with the U13B team making the grand final. On the girl's side, we fielded an U16 team, a combined U13 team with Williamstown Imps and for the first time in the club's history, an U11 girls' team. Hopefully, this can provide future growth for our girl's program.

I would like to thank all our junior coaches – Derek Hill, Paul Georgiades, Ollie D'Rozario, Aaron Greaves, Hamish McGee, Chris Garcia, Alex Lavelle, Geoff Sherrard, Edwin Lee, Mark Darmanin and Daniel Otter. 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 junior teams. Thanks go to Ben Rogers, Peta Ginnane, Dave Presley, Lee Smart and Chris Keating, who helped run the Blasters every Friday night. Overall, the club had 81 seniors registered, 98 juniors and 46 Blaster participants, totalling 225 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, wine day, past players day, the big draw, and the presentation night. These functions were well attended and made full use of the rooms.

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 go to Lee Smart (Treasurer), Ben Rogers (Secretary), Peta Ginnane (Vice President), Tom Humberstone, Lorey Bentley, Ryan Bolton and Meaghan Lavelle. 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.

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 highly 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. We have certainly achieved this goal over the past season.

Mark Keating

Treasurer's Report

Lee Smart

No report can begin without acknowledging the back-to-back premierships achieved by the club. This is a great result for all players, families and supporters. After a twenty-year drought it is a great feeling, and a reflection of the hard work put in by not only the players involved but the Committee and club members who support them.

Total cash balances for the FY24/25 and FY23/24 seasons:

	Cl Bal @ 30/4/25	Op Bal @ 1/5/24
<i>Term Deposit</i>	69,194.50	66,507.46
<i>Bendigo Bank main account</i>	3,674.37	5,978.42
<i>Bendigo Bank statement acco</i>	201.95	256.06
<i>Cash on Hand - 30/04/2025</i>	200.00	985.85
Total Cash Balance	73,270.82	73,727.79

This represents a cash loss of \$457. On face value this seems a satisfactory result, however, a number of payments had to be deferred to post close of the financial year. We transferred \$12,000 from our Term Deposit complete our commitments for FY24/25 so they will be reflected in the FY25/26. While revenue increased substantially, so did our expenditure on a number of items, especially apparel.

Revenue wise sponsorship and grants amounted to \$51k. This is almost single handedly raised by Ben Rogers without whose dedication would mean we would be unable to provide the cheapest fees, food, drinks and functions in the competition as well paying for equipment that benefits all. Have a look at some of the larger clubs around the comp and we have better or equivalent facilities, none of which comes without significant investment.

Our bar takings were down which can be improved on with greater participation in functions and more support from players and members post training and games. A lot is put on for the benefit of players, so it would be great if it was reciprocated. Unfortunately, our margins were down due to increased costs. Soft drinks had their first increase in price in over a decade. With rising costs, we may need to adjust alcohol prices next season. During the off season we will work on a budget for the forthcoming season.

Two of the larger expenditure items involve a new website for the club and the sound system. While we had grants to cover some of the cost there is still a significant outlay. We also had a huge outlay in apparel where we had to pay out a previous contract. Going forward we really need to be more proactive on our ordering and ensure we don't overstock. In the meantime, we need to move a lot of stock that we have, some of which has been ordered free of charge for our juniors.

Running a cricket club in years gone, while a struggle at times, was pretty simple. Basically you could rely on bar sales and a couple of sponsors. These days the commitments are much greater, especially regarding player payments, the number of teams and outlays for things such as cleaning, waste, frogbox, internet, etc plus capital expenditure for new equipment for the rooms and the ground. Our financial position, however, will continue to be strong and enable us to meet our commitments, expected and unexpected.

In summing up, thanks go to our sponsor's 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 of. I can't wait to see us compete in Div 2 against some old rivals like CYs, Digman, West and Imp under our new coach Ben Coddington.

Lee Smart

Secretary's Report

Ben Rogers

Another successful year, capped off by another First XI flag – a lot of hard work, but worth it.

The sinking feeling of driving from one ground to the next in late March, only to see us miss out on another semi-final or grand final win, is beginning to feel like a distant memory. To ensure the memory remains distant, and doesn't go back to feeling fresh, we need to keep working hard.

That hard work starts well before the summer, so, my first round of thanks goes to the committee.

We're lucky to have a very dedicated and diligent committee - Peta, Lee, Tom, Lorey, Ryan, and Meaghan, all led by Mark – who go above and beyond to ensure that each player, coach, parent and supporter are looked after. Not every club is lucky enough to have a well-run committee, but we can all be proud of the way our club operates.

I'd also like to thank all our sponsors, many of whom have been contributing to our success for several consecutive years. As I said at the Presentation Night, sponsorship is a two-way street, it is essential that each of our members do everything they can to support our sponsors. Each one of you walking into these local businesses and saying that you're a member of the Gellibrand Cricket Club, goes a long way to building on-going connection with the sponsors, which benefits the whole club.

There is another group who don't often get a mention, but who do contribute significantly to our on-going success, the staff and Councillors at Hobsons Bay City Council. Local government is far-and-away the biggest sponsor of community sport, and we're lucky to have a Sport & Rec team who are good at what they do, easy to engage with and see the value that we provide to the community. We have also enjoyed the support of Councillors, past and present, which continues to be of huge benefit to the club.

Speaking of government, I would like to thank Melissa Horne MP for her continued support, not only in attending important events, but for her proactive and genuine support of our funding applications and fundraising efforts. Melissa's support has benefitted us greatly and I appreciate her efforts.

Thanks also to our curator, Gerard Walsh. Gerard has been with us for many years and always goes above and beyond to ensure that our wickets are among the best in the competition. I encourage everyone to say hello to Gerard whenever they see him at the ground and thank him for his hard work.

Finally, I just wanted to say thank you to our outgoing First XI Captain, Paul Hetherington. For six years, since he agreed to join the club over a steak dinner, Paul has worked hard to make us more competitive – and I think we can all agree, it has paid off. I've enjoyed working with Paul, and while I wish him all the best for the future, I do hope he stays a little longer.

I'm looking forward to beginning the next chapter, and welcoming Ben Coddington into the Captain/Coach role. I'm confident that Ben will make a terrific leader, both on field and off, and I expect everyone will roll up their sleeves, put their own individual ambition to one side, and make a real fist of Division 2.

I'm excited to see where we can go from here – Ben.

Men's First XI Captain's Report

Paul Hetherington

The 2024/2025 season had the ultimate success, as for the first time in Gellibrand Cricket Club history won back-to-back 1st XI premierships. No team had ever won two consecutive flags in any grade. It was a situation, where may "lightning does strike twice", as we were able to get the better of Moonee Valley at the same venue we delivered their loss the previous year. It was also an opportunity to provide some revenge, as we knocked off Caroline Springs in the semi-final. We have moved from division 5 to division 2 in the space of four years. The club has a lot to be proud of.

Another year where the club moved all elements in the right direction, the senior teams, women teams, junior teams and administrative level. Three out of four senior teams reached the finals, with both the 2nd and 3rd XI losing home finals unfortunately. The seconds and thirds have provided themselves with significant opportunities over the past two years but have been unable to capitalise.

Three players were recognised for outstanding years in the VTCA team of the year and those were Jacob MacDonald, Brayden MacDonald and James Ryan. Jacob was awarded the player of the year for the second consecutive year.

It's an exciting time for the cricket club, as we're moving to the highest level of cricket the club has embarked on before. This is a significant step, as we will be able to renew old rivalries from the Williamstown District Club Association.

Also, a change in leadership, as Ben Coddington will step into the position as captain coach for 2025/2026 season. We wish him all the best.

I'd personally like to thank everyone for their continued support through my tenure at Gellibrand Cricket Club. It has been a privilege, being able to lead over the past six seasons.

Thanks.

Signing off,

Paul Hetherington