



TWO BLUE TRIBUNE



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New Club Coach Bryan Thomas and captain Ben Neville are flanked by Graeme Taylor, Don Royce, Scott Mullen, Tony Jefferies, Max Ellis, President Neville Crane and batting coach Mick Wood.

Two Blues appoint new coach

DANIEL BREEN

NEWTOWN & Chilwell is confident a complete restructure of its coaching team will put the club on course for a rise up the GCA pecking order in 2010-2011.

The Two Blues enter their centenary season on the edge of dropping out of Geelong cricket's top flight.

However, the club believes it has the right people on board to turn its onfield fortunes around after a recent barren patch that almost resulted in relegation to division two.

Respected junior mentor Bryan Thomas has been appointed head coach and bowling coach for the coming season, while last season's playing coach Ben Neville will captain the club's 1st XI.

Experienced administrator Don Royce has returned to the club as director of cricket, while former premiership player Mick Wood will serve as the club's batting coach.

Neville said the club hoped the new set up would fast track the development of its raw but talented younger players.

"We're really looking to set things up. A lot of the guys who played ones last year weren't

ready but it was good experience and they know where to improve," he said.

"But we've got to win a lot of games of cricket because if we don't, I'd say we won't be looking good to stay up. We also want to do that in the right way and enjoy ourselves."

Newtown will also welcome an overseas player into the fold, with 18-year-old all rounder Sam Arthurton joining the Two Blues as part of the club's ongoing agreement with English county club Essex.

The Two Blues also hope to add up to five new faces to their 1st XI.

Craney takes over the reins

Club veteran and Life member Neville Crane was last Tuesday elected the 18th President of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club.

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Craney takes over the reins

After 46 years Neville Crane has reached a long time goal in becoming the 18th President of the Two Blues just as the Club prepares to celebrate its Centenary season.

Joining the Two Blues in 1964 Neville Crane has achieved almost everything possible in Geelong cricket and now has undertaken the task of setting his Club back on the road to on field success. The proud club has been languishing on the bottom of GCA Division One and while recognising the large task ahead Craney believes that with the support pouring in over recent months an on-field turn around is just around the corner.



President Neville Crane

Craney sits as the all time highest run scorer at the Club amassing 9770 runs at over 30 per innings in 386 matches.

Whether it be the business world or around sporting clubs Neville knows what is required for a successful organisation. His success with the Planwell Financial Group is evidence enough but Craney is under no illusion that the task to 'right the Newtown ship' will be an easy one.

The first step was the appointment of new club coach Bryan Thomas in a coup that was identified as being critical to the club's future plans. Meanwhile, the return of revered local administrator Don Royce from the Geelong Cricket Club has been a fillip for the restructure

of the Two Blues' playing department.

The next step was taken last Tuesday when the Club elected a strong committee which will have no qualms asking for the full support of members, players and supporters over the coming years in search of excellence.

Office bearers 2010/11

PRESIDENT:	Neville Crane
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Max Ellis
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Colin Cunliffe James Purcell Stephanie Shaw Scott Mullen
SECRETARY:	Stephanie Shaw
TREASURER:	Scott Mullen
GENERAL COMMITTEE	Rhys Bennett Warwick Hadfield Terry Hickey Tom Levick Brett Loats Phillip Morgan Mark Turnley Don Royce OAM Kevin Simonsen
CLUB COACH:	Bryan Thomas
FIRST XI CAPTAIN:	Ben Neville
PUBLIC OFFICER:	Stephanie Shaw
CURATOR:	Graeme Taylor
STATISTICIAN and PUBLICATIONS:	David Barnes
FIRST XI SCORER:	Stephanie Shaw
CLUB AUDITOR:	Milton Tattersall

New practice facility

In other news from Tuesday night's Annual General Meeting plans for the new practice facilities are well in motion with a massive investment to be undertaken in facility development. The facility, to be located in the north western corner of Stinton Oval, will comprise six turf wickets and four hard wicket nets with the first sod expected to be turned in the next month.

A Message from the Pres.....

At the Annual General Meeting last Tuesday evening, I was elected president of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club.

I want to thank the club for offering me that opportunity in our Centenary Year.

I also want to pay tribute to the past president, James Purcell, who I am pleased to say is staying on the committee in a senior role.

And also thanks to last year's committee for their unstinting efforts in often difficult times.

As many of you will already know we have been working long and hard to ensure those difficult times very quickly become history.

We have had some success recruiting a number of people who will help us do that.

They include our new Director of Cricket, Don Royce, new coach, Bryan Thomas, and new assistant coach, Mick Wood.

We are also in the business of recruiting new players, but at the same time, we're not in the business of simply pushing aside those players who have been with us through the hard times. Last year's Coach and First XI captain Ben Neville has been reappointed Captain. We are aiming to provide him with the quality of players that he deserves.

The plan is to meld the new players into the mix right through the grades ensuring an improvement in not just our performances, but our enjoyment of the game.

At the meeting I said, with half a smile, that there will be a changed attitude this year to absences.

I've long had a view that there are only two reasons for missing cricket - death and being in hospital. That applied Tuesday and Thursday as much as it did Saturday.

I know the world has changed since in recent times, but I am sure, as we enjoy our cricket more that we will all renew our commitment to training and being available on Saturday.

It is great to have Don Royce back working for our club. He is one of the most respected Cricket Mentors in our region. Both Don and Bryan have been sharpening their claws down at The Geelong Cricket Club over the last decade as preparation for their next task. We are attracting quality players to the club already simply because of their presence. Don and Bryan will be primarily responsible for the training program this season, that hopefully will entuse many more to participate. I am expecting quality time between the same starting and finishing time each Tuesday and Thursday. They will have more to say about what they expect as we get closer to the pre-season.

I just want to say that we have in Bryan and the team we are building around him the sort of structure that looks to share the load.

We're also looking to share the load off the field a bit more.

We want to triple our sponsorship this year, and in future years. We can't do that leaving it to just one person. We have already expanded the Sponsorship group from one to six. As well as an increased off ground Coaching staff we have the cost of the relocation and establishment of our new Practice Wickets to address. We would appreciate hearing from you as to prospective sponsors that we could approach. We believe that we have designed an appropriate range of Sponsorship packages that will offer sponsors value for their assistance. Please contact any of Phillip Morgan, Terry Hickey, Brett Bentley, Mark Giles, Gavan Clark or myself in this regard.

What we are doing with the Sponsorship Group we are endeavouring to do in principle with other major portfolios. In particular we also want to lessen the load on people like Scott and Steph, our new Junior Cordinator, and our Turf Captains.

If you can help us, put your hand up now.

There's no better time to be involved in our club.

I look forward to working with you all as we celebrate 100 wonderful years at our club.

Neville Crane
President
N&CCC

Pre-Season training dates and venues known at this time are as follows:

Geelong Indoor Sports Arena
13 Gravel Pits Rd
South Geelong

Sundays 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
September 5, 12.

Fridays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
September 3, 10, 17.

Two Blues to celebrate centenary season

In December 1910 the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club was formed as one of four teams to compete in the newly formed Geelong Cricket Association.

While teams had competed in turf and matting competitions from the areas of Newtown and Chilwell as far back as the 1850s. However, the new 1910/11 season saw the first use of residential boundaries in a structured competition base.



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**Season 2010/11 will see the N&CCC celebrate
the centenary in style.
Stay tuned for event announcements.**

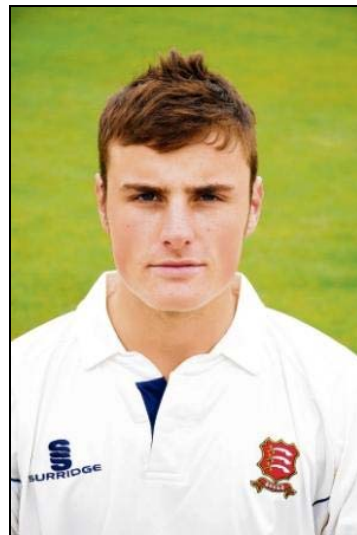
Comber makes Essex impact

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AT the start of the 2010 English season, Clacton cricketer Michael Comber set himself the target of making his First-Class debut for Essex this summer.

With just over a month of the season gone, Comber has already fulfilled his ambition – and done so by playing a key role against a Test nation.

The 20-year-old all-rounder starred for Essex in their five-wicket victory over tourists Bangladesh at the Ford County Ground, Chelmsford.



Michael Comber made an impact for Essex against Bangladesh

The Essex allrounder spent the 2008/09 season with Newtown and Chilwell as part of an ongoing agreement with the English County club.

Comber received glowing praise from Essex club captain Mark Pettini for his performance. The youngster, who still plays for his home town club in the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League when available, took one for 44 off seven overs in Bangladesh's first innings, as they were bowled out for 231 in their first innings.

He then struck 19 off 27 balls coming in at number eight, as Essex posted 313 all out in reply.

Comber was effective with the ball again in Bangladesh's second innings, this time taking two for 34 from seven overs, including the dismissal of dangerman and top-scorer Mohammad Ashraful, who was trapped LBW for 61.

The Essex debutant was next in to bat when his side wrapped up victory in their second innings, but he had already made enough of an impact to suggest more opportunities will come his way.

Skipper Pettini told the Gazette: "It was great for the young players to do so well against an international outfit, including Michael, who bowled well.

"The ball was swinging which made it difficult for the Bangladesh batsmen and Michael produced a couple of nice spells and his wickets were deserved.

"It was good that he made an impact with the ball, as he is really more of a batsman, so there should be more to come from him."

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