

Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club Inc.

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Yearbook 2011/12

Including club records
and statistics.



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DIRECTOR OF CRICKET:	Don Royce	
COACH:	Bryan Thomas	
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CAPTAINS: First XI	Ben Neville	
Second XI	Russell Mitchell	
Third XI	Frank Tuskes	
Fourth XI	Grant Whiteside	
Fifth XI	Phillip Morgan	
Sixth XI	Brett Bentley	
Seventh XI	James Purcell	
FIRST XI SCORER:	Ann Lynch	
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HOME GROUNDS

Firsts and Seconds at Stinton Oval, Queen's Park
 Thirds and Fourths at Shaw Oval, Queen's Park
 Fifths and Sixths at Belmont Common 2
 Sevenths at Belmont Common 1
 Juniors at various venues
 Milo In2 Cricket at Stinton Oval

Life Members – three of a kind

At the Club's Annual General Meeting on June 14th three Club greats were honoured for their outstanding contribution to the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club over a period of 45 years.

Ian Hastie, Andrew Green and Stephen Wells have all made different but exceptional contributions and were warmly welcomed as the club's 36th, 37th and 38th Life Members.



306 games of cricket is a monumental effort and Ian Hastie has played all those getting the best out of his ability and contributing at all levels over the past 27 seasons. 6523 runs at 23.98 as an upper order bat and 255 wickets at 19.26 as a swing bowler testify to that.

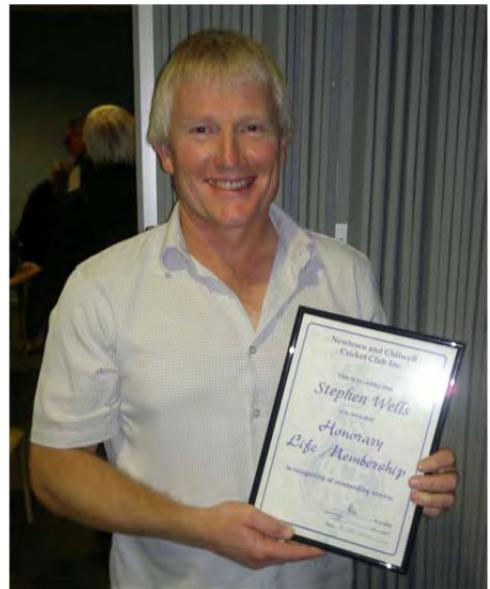
Over 200 of Ian's matches have been on turf and he has been a pivotal player in the Second XI for over 15 years with two premierships in that grade. Ian has made a large contribution to the junior section of the club back to the early 90s. and on committee.



Despite the outward bravado Andrew Green is one not to push himself into the limelight. A consistent and reliable contributor Greenie has earned his status as a true Two Blue since joining the Club in 1993. A former Club

President (7 years on committee) Greenie outstanding passion for the Club and his compassion has been highlighted in recent years in events such as the Jason Clark Foundation.

168 times he has passionately worn the Club cap scoring 3363 runs at 21.28 as an entertaining left hand bat. A 5th XI premiership has been a reward for the solid on field contributor who has excelled in his off field deeds.



Born into a Club dynasty Stephen Wells grew up at Queen's Park representing the state in both cricket and football having started his playing days as an 8 year old.

A six time Club premiership captain, coach and fearlessly aggressive competitor he also kicked off his outstanding career as a sporting administrator with a 10 year stint on the N&CCC committee.

Amassing 6664 runs for the club in all grades at an average of 31 in 225 matches, Wells scored nine centuries including a GCA record 237 in the 1st XI. 4627 in the 1sts averaging 33 saw him selected in the Centenary Team last season as a punishing opening bat.

Three very different club stalwarts who have added to our Club in their own ways and we congratulate and thank them for their contribution.

Vale – Keith Meaney

The Club was recently saddened by the passing of dual premiership player Keith Meaney. Meaney represented the Club over 90 First XI games for the Club from 1948/49 playing in the premiership that season and again in 1955/56.

As an opening bowling he formed a formidable partnership with N&CCC Centenary team member Peter Crichton.

In his 90 games he claimed 179 wickets at 19.12 with a best of 7 for 16. Handy with the bat Keith contributed 1278 runs at 14.69 with a highest score of 117 not out against Geelong West in 1952.



Vale – Peter Cass

The Club was saddened last week to hear of the passing of Peter Cass. Peter played in the club lower elevens in the late 70s/early 80s.

CASS, Peter John. —
Aged 48 years
Dearly loved son of Marlene and David (dec). Much loved brother of Christine and friend of Peter. Devoted husband of Joy and adored Dad of Madison and Gemma. I am so proud of what you have become and it is so unfair that your life had to end so early and with lots of suffering. When you meet up with Dad he will look after you as he always did and there will be two proud Yorkshire men talking cricket. Breathe easy my beautiful son. I love you - always have - always will.
— Mum.
A Service to celebrate Peter's life was held in Melbourne on Friday, 21st October.

Vale – Philip Bates

BATES, Philip. —
Our sympathy to Molly, Tom and Eliza. Friend and popular member.
— Patrons, President, Committee Members and Past Players of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club.

Vale – Len Reid

The Club was saddened last week to hear of the passing of legendary player of the fifties and Club Captain Len Reid.



The last time we had the pleasure of Len's company was at the Centenary function back in March when by hook or by crook he was going to attend and more importantly stay after collapsing at the function. Having been told he would have to attend hospital, Len's reacted was 'be blowed' and back in he went!

To say that Len was stiff to not be a member of the Centenary team is an understatement. A team that could have had 40 to 50 players selected, Len's non selection caused much debate!

- Joined the club in 1957/58, playing four seasons including three Golden Era premierships
- Club captain in 1959/60 – the middle year of the Golden Era of three consecutive premierships
- 48 games with the club scoring 1052 runs at 25.2 with a highest score of 111 against Leopold in 1959. 76 wickets at 18.71 including a best of 6/86 against Geelong West in 1961.
- Len also represented the GCA at three VCCL Country Week carnivals – 1958/59/60 – all premierships!

During the last season Len played at Newtown he lived in Donvale – near Dandenong, in Melbourne. He hitchhiked to the game in Geelong every week.

Very early in the season Len was fortunate to get a lift from Footscray to Geelong, and managed to establish such a relationship with the driver that it was agreed that if Len could get to Footscray at the same place and time each Saturday he would be guaranteed a lift to Geelong.

Obviously it was not possible to keep this up indefinitely and Len shifted around in his work on a regular basis. He told us that he just loved his years at Newtown, and that it was a pleasure for him to play for the club despite his travel problems in his last season.

He is remembered by his team mates as an unassuming talented gentleman who was an excellent captain.

Over 60s relish their day at the 'Park

On November 29th, Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club helped host a visit to Geelong by around 30 England Over 60s players and their partners.

One of the GCA's legends, Robert Agg, fulfilled a boyhood dream at the age of 63 of captaining Australia. That was the main game at Kardinia Park against an England side that include Ray Swann, father of the English off-spinner. The English won.

Down at Stinton Oval, where we hosted an England XI playing the Geelong over 60s, it was a different story. The locals prevailed.

But forget the result for a minute and reflect upon just how brilliant it was to see the names Geelong and England in red letters up on Barnso's scoreboard. It certainly was a red letter day, for our club, for our game, and for our region.

The "two and froms" after a disastrous trip to New South Wales couldn't believe the facilities we had to offer them here in Geelong.

Those that played on KP thought it as good as any ground they had ever seen – and the pitch.

And when they got down to Queens Park, they joined the chorus of their colleagues who spent the day there in declaring it one of the best club cricket facilities they had ever seen.

GT had produced a belter.



The game was decided in the penultimate over. Clare's food won rave reviews.

The chink of English coin at the N&CCC bar was a great thing to hear.

Next morning, we got an email from one of the best cricket administrators Geelong has had and will ever have congratulating N&CCC for the way it hosted its game, then the function afterwards.

There were a host of N&CCC people who put their shoulder to the wheel to make it happen. No names, we – and they – know who they are. There is no I in N&CCC, but there is a U in club.

Every accolade was deserved.

Others – and we know who they are, too - can spend their lives in childish self-denial, but Queens Park, Stinton Oval, GT's pitches, the sightscreens, the new practice facility, the men's shed, the balcony, the rooms, the aspect across the ground, through the ancient trees and on to the Barwon, they make it a no contest.

If you don't believe us, just ask the lovely woman from St Joeys from a few weeks back when our neighbours from across the river visited.

This the finest place to play – and watch - cricket in Geelong.



Australian skipper Rob Agg presents Ray Swann with his man on the match award for the Over 60s Test.

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Past Players in fine form last Saturday

The heavens may have opened during the week and on Saturday, but it certainly didn't deter 50 plus of the Club's greatest enjoying each other's company and reminiscing of the glories of the past 30 years.

Whilst the rain tumbled down, the premierships from '81/82, '91/92 and 2001/02 were regaled, dissected and reconstructed with each story sounding better than the one before. Greg Wells, Dale Pearce and Russell Jones recounted the glories of the 'Platinum Era' flags of '81/82, Bruce Nunn the '91/92 1sts and Phil Morgan the 2001/02 6ths flag.

As the stories got better and better, one thing became clearer – the quality of people in the room and their deeds on and off the field had made the Club the envy of Geelong cricket.

It was a great get together. More Club Presidents in the room than you could poke a stick at and great memories shared by great mates.

Hearty congratulations to organisers Ken Le Hunt and Max Ellis who would have been chuffed not only by the numbers in attendance but the real feeling of the need for these Past Players events to grow and prosper. Thanks also to Kev Simonsen who kept us well watered – some more plentifully and much longer than others!

In the words of Goose and Ken "Let's keep the Past Players concept developing and help build the Club to a First XI premiership this decade". The only decade in the Club's history that hasn't seen one.

Don Royce recalls the sensational events around the '81/82 First flag.....

Last Saturday's player's reunion brought back memories of a rarely told set of events in March 1982, that were associated with the 1st XI's fourth of six consecutive premierships.

As Greg Wells reminded us at the reunion, we finished below Thomson at the end of the home and away series and could not afford to risk a draw in any form and especially not one resulting from a nocturnal visit by vandals. With NCCC in a commanding position needing only a couple of wickets and them needing another 150 odd runs on the 3rd and final day of play, I decided to pitch a tent with my 10 year old son (Dev) and spend the last Friday evening of the season on sentry duty, camped by the South Barwon CC wicket.

We awoke around 6.30am to find the wicket intact but were unsettled by an area a few metres from the wicket that was mattress like when you walked on it. Further investigation indicated that this area was actually waterlogged. There were no mobile phones in those days but the Two Blue network was strong and within a very short time a large number of Club members were in attendance with all manner of spades. With the help of the City of South Barwon's Grounds Superintendent (Pre Council amalgamation) who'd responded to a knock on his front door, we located the long forgotten and leaking pipe about 60 cm below the surface. It must have been around 9 am when a couple of fellows took off in a ute for the Clark Rubber shop and the rest of us began digging a pit to expose the damaged pipe and frantically do what we could to slow the leak.

Although the pipe was bound with tape, the water continued to bleed, so we filled the pit with blocks of foam

rubber, flawlessly covered the pit with the grassy sods, relocated the unwanted soil (evidence of a plumbing job) and quietly withdrew from the field before the host officials, opposition players and spectators arrived.

Fortunately we were in the field and their remaining batsmen walked to and from the wicket from a direction well away from the slowly filling pit and while batting for the short time that they did, they didn't ever appear to be aware of the goings on just off the wicket.

When the 10th wicket fell to give us a well earned and comprehensive 4th consecutive, 1st XI premiership, we celebrated, but it was only about 30 minutes later that our well managed and well kept secret revealed itself, as the pit and its surrounds gave up and the water oozed onto the pitch.

I reckon the guys who were there that morning should gather for a photo before it's too late, if it's not already.

Don N Royce



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Phil Morgan, Tony Leeds, Russell Jones, Don Barton, Doggie Morrow and Graeme Chisholm.



Russ Mitchell, Dale Pearce, Jim Alexiades, Tim Mitchell, Ian Simpson and Phil Twaddle from the '81/82 2nds flag.



The '91/92 1st XI



Greg Sands, Don Royce and Tim Mitchell.



(Sarge), David Barnes, Ken Davis and Greg Wells.



Dickie Dalton, Dale Pearce, Russ Mitchell, Graeme Taylor Phil Marshall and David Barnes.

