

Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club Inc.



Annual Report
of season 2006/07

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Fifth XI	Neville Crane
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Scott Mullen

Well, the season just gone has been an extraordinarily difficult one for a number of reasons.

It was a season shortened by drought in which the grand finals were washed out and the premierships awarded to highest placed team despite it only being January.

It was a season without clubrooms because of the current refurbishment.

It was a season where despite it only being half a season, money was more important than ever because of the impending costs of the refurb.

It was a season where we had to run the major raffle after the season was already over.

And it was a season where we tragically lost one our valued committee members and true friend, Jason Clark.

Some might say why bother having a presentation night at the end of all that, what did we have to celebrate?

The answer to that is simple... quite a lot.

We had two teams make the senior final and one the Grand Final. Congratulations to Darren Fleet, Mark Turnley and the 2nd and 6th XI's respectively.

As you can see from the financials in Rhys's report, we can celebrate the fact that our club has made a substantial profit this year. This being despite the difficulties presented to fund-raising by not only not having many games, but also by the loss of our club rooms due to the refurb. This successful result is largely due to people paying their memberships on time, the efforts of Gilesy with sponsorship and the massive success of the major raffle.

We can celebrate the fact that in a few months time, we will have a brand new million dollar facility, the best in the GCA, which is in itself an enormous achievement.

We can also celebrate the fact that young guns, Darcy Del Rio and Jai Sheahan played in the successful Rockets team, and that two of our under 15 sides won premierships, yet another product of our wonderful junior program.

Adam Patching winning the GCA 4th XI batting average is just another thing for us to be proud of.

We've also set up some exciting new partnerships with clubs in England and we currently have James Ratcliffe playing for Enfield in Middlesex and John Rees is playing with Woodford Wells in Essex.

It's a testament to our club that we can provide these sorts of opportunities for our cricketers.

Moving forward, we are looking at ways to drought proof the club, which, in itself is a huge project but a very promising one. In the past couple of weeks we have committed to installing tanks to capture whatever rain does fall for use on our centre wicket area next season and are looking at opportunities to sprig the entire outfield in couch grass.

As ever, there are lots of people to thank, generally the committee members for the long and hard UNPAID hours of work... We're always looking for new faces on the committee, so if you think you've got what it takes, we would love to hear from you.

To every member of the committee this year, thank you for your faith and support. As we have done over the past few years, we continue to push the envelope and get that little bit better each year. Now the challenge ahead is to transfer that off field success into on field success.

GT and Cam once again worked tirelessly under extremely difficult circumstances to produce quality wickets for us for both training and match days and I think everyone would agree that our wickets have been right up there with the best in the comp. Hopefully next season with the new rooms we might actually be able to host some finals.

To Specs and Chisa, words cannot express how grateful we are for your efforts on the major raffle. Events like that are vital to the sustainability of the club and as always it ran without a hitch. Not only that, but as I mentioned earlier, it was one of our most successful ever.

At one point we considered, albeit briefly, cancelling the raffle for this year due to the state of the shortened season but these two guys once again came through with the goods and ensured an outstanding day was had by all and most importantly, the club.

To all the new players throughout the grades this year, thanks for coming on board and I hope that you have thoroughly enjoyed your first of many seasons that will hopefully make it a bit further into the schedule.

Warwick, Gilesy and Bretto are the essence of what clubs are made of. These three guys are undoubtedly the hardest working servants I have seen in my time at the club and I only wish we had a few more like them around the place and a few more awards to present to them. Without them and the work they put in week after grinding week, I'm sure the club would not be the strength it is rapidly returning to.

Mark Turnley set new records for us this season in terms of the number of junior sides we fielded and it is with enormous gratitude that we thank him for his tireless work. Often it may seem that this work goes unnoticed or unappreciated, but I can assure you it does not.

To Boris, thanks for making sure the fridges were always well stocked and we didn't go thirsty.

As I also mentioned earlier, we tragically lost Jason only a short time ago. The one good thing that did come out of his passing was it showed the strength and support that we have at the club. To all of you who made it down to the funeral and the memorial game... you were a true credit to both yourselves and the club.

Most of all, thanks to all our sponsors without whom we would not survive and to each of you who have supported the club over the past season.

Lastly, thanks to my wife and son, this season was probably worse than most in terms of emergency meetings and the like due to the state of the season but they always allowed me to do what I had to do.

Reviewing the overall operations of the club we're in pretty good shape. I know there are not too many other clubs this season that will post a bottom line like ours, and they all had clubrooms to operate out of.

We are now in the rebuilding phase after a number of disappointing seasons at First XI level. This means there are opportunities abound for the younger generation coming through and I encourage you to grab them with both hands. Rebuilding can be an exciting time for a club and I am sure that we are not too far away from achieving the successes of days gone by.

As I mentioned at presentation night, there is one point I would like to make very make clear about the future of the club ... And that is we want to make our club even more family friendly than it has been in the past.

It was great to see so many wives and partners there that evening and rest assured, you are all more than welcome on match days or any other time at the club. Whether it be to come for a coffee, a glass of wine or to kick back with your friends and watch some cricket, you are always welcome.

Once again we had the father-son Sixth XI led by Turtle, but we want to extend that welcoming arm more broadly to the entire family, that includes partners, grand parents and small children. One thing we will be having in our new club rooms is a crèche area for the kids.

When you look back over the years at names like the Hassetts and the Wells, these families have played a big part in our club, and its history.

I, along with many other members of the club are now proud parents, and there isn't a much better environment for a young person to grow up than in a sporting club.

Just ask young Sammy Mitchell, Jack Hastie, Jack & Millie Bentley, and in a few years time, Charlie Mullen or Archie Fleet where they love to go on a Saturday afternoon and I'm sure the answer will be... "to the cricket".

As Justin Langer said on his retirement, everything he learned about life, whether it was about leadership or about taking the kicks and keeping going, he learned through cricket. See you all ready to go in August.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Warwick Hadfield

First I would like to congratulate the two junior sides that won premierships in the Under 15's competitions, the under 13's who made their final and the Sixths and the Seconds for making their senior finals.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the players who represented our club, maintaining the high playing and other standards we set for ourselves as representatives of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club.

Thirdly, my heartiest gratitude to those who offered tremendous support to me in my first season of secretary, particularly the president, vice-president, chairman of selectors and treasurer and also our great friend, Jason Clark.

As others will discuss elsewhere in was not the happiest summer on the field for any number of reasons, not the least the drought.

In that particularly difficult situation, the club handled itself well, our president voicing our ideas at GCA meetings. Unhappily, and much to our surprise, other clubs weren't as willing to play cricket as we were.

One off-field success that was particularly pleasing was the implementation of a no pay, no play policy for senior cricketers. This was sensibly policed by Matt Suvoltos, who did an excellent job as the new Membership Officer.

While one of our roles as a cricket club is to provide to as many as possible the opportunity to play the game, this does not extend to the majority financing the recalcitrant few - a message we will re-enforce next season.

It should also act as encouragement to implement other policies relating to training and playing as well, an area where some improvement needs to be made, but again with sensible policing by the leadership group.

While we try to be as efficient as possible in the way we organise and play our cricket, we are an amateur club and the need to earn a living must be respected.

However, the cricket season runs from October to March and at the senior, turf level at least, it is not unreasonable to ask for a full, six months commitment.

The committee has become a very cohesive working unit, but the need for more members is pressing following the sad loss of Jason and the retirement of Mark Giles as senior vice-president. Mark did a highly professional job in updating the way we go about sponsorships and grants. This year, we have worked to improve the communication of club developments to players, members, supporters and sponsors. That should continue.

The refurbishment of the Queens Park Sporting Complex has been carefully overseen by our president to ensure again our club's voice is always heard. When finished and available to us in October, the new facilities will be a major boost to our club.

I fully support the president's policy that we make our club a more family friendly one by having facilities for partners and children as part of the new complex.

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in helping the club make a profit of \$...

The Major Raffle, thanks largely to Tony Devlin, Stuart Day and the indefatigable Graeme Chisholm, was one of the most successful ever.

At various times of the summer, despite the disappointments and setbacks, we did see the essential spirit of the club shine through. Major Raffle day was one of those.

Like many others, I would have liked the season to be both longer and for the semi-finals and finals, whenever they were played, to feature more Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club teams.

I have been involved with Brett Bentley in the role of attracting new coaching staff and players to the club. This is inevitably a slow process but good progress has been made in putting together a structure that we feel fits the future needs of the club.

The president has already confirmed that on the playing side, we are in the re-building process. Over the next few seasons, youth will be given plenty of opportunities. Thanks to Mark Turnley and the work of his volunteers, we have the junior programs and players to do this. Current senior players should also latch on to the opportunities that have presented themselves since the season ended.

Re-building brings with it a need for patience. In that regard, I would like to call on our life members, other former senior players and committee members to get right behind the youngsters, the whole club generally, as we go through this process. The more united we are, the shorter it will be.

One thing the new leadership group will do is to make training more focussed and more outcomes-based and ultimately more enjoyable.

The Transport Finance Home Loans Elite Cricket Coaching Clinic held last October was well received and, it is to be hoped, will be repeated next season. Both the club and Mark Atkinson, the former International cricketer who ran the clinic, learned from the experience, ensuring it will be even more advantageous and customised next season.

Of course, for next season to happen at all, we need rain, and we need to take other measures to drought proof our grounds at the same time as we re-build our playing strength.

Just as they did in 2006/2007, huge challenges lie ahead. There is no doubt that our club has the people and the processes to meet them head on.

COACH'S REPORT

by Brett Bentley

It was a season that in early August started so well with a high level of enthusiasm and good numbers at pre-season training but that finished not as expected or in a way that could be accepted.

When things do not go to plan there are genuine reasons. These included major injuries and some quality players being unable to commit.

This created some playing depth issues that hurt the club through the grades. Additionally, there was the shortened nature of the season because of water restrictions, resulting in more one-day games than most people would have liked.

The First XI had many opportunities to win games but could not close the deal. This can be attributed to many things on which we all have opinions. We can do little now to change those results but can do much to ensure that it does not keep on happening.

The 2nds showed under some great leadership and through the commitment of the 11 players to performing as a team just what can be achieved. It was often commented upon that the 2nds were not an overly talented side but they played for each other, something we can use for future motivation and also as a model for the rest of the club.

The 3rds, while not gaining the results on paper, blooded many juniors who showed the club has a bright future. We thank Paul Dowling, Jodi Parker, Col Cunliffe, Chris Hocking and a few other senior guys who played in the 3rds and who have assisted greatly in the development of the younger guys.

The 4ths & 5ths are a carbon copy of the 3rds and the senior guys who have assisted Warwick and Neville should feel proud of their efforts and know that the Club greatly appreciates what they have achieved in helping to rebuild the club in the correct way.

The 6ths father and son side continued to prosper and the word Mark Turnley has been doing down this end will be one of the main drivers behind this club again rising to the top of the tree.

They missed out on a flag due to rain - of all things - but can be proud of their efforts to make the grand final. I know they will keep striving to go one better.

I would like to thank Mark Turnley and his team for their ongoing commitment with the juniors this season. We have the biggest junior program by far.

The challenge for the whole club is to ensure we improve the standard of training and assist Mark and his team at every opportunity to ensure that we retain as many of these talented young cricketers as possible and that they become life-long Newtown people, with the emphasis on people as much as cricketers.

To captains, curators, committee and players thank you for your support under exceptionally trying conditions.

The future is bright for the club if we adopt a club first policy and are prepared to work hard, attend training, club functions and enjoy each others company as a club and not as a bunch of individuals!

Brett Bentley
Chairman of Selectors

FIRST XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Brett Bentley

The year on paper for the First XI looks a poor one but closer examination provides some positives that the club can move forward with.

Injuries to Yves Rousetty and Matt Jackson, the unavailability of Aaron Croft for the whole season, Ian Dalrymple in part, the retirement of Hayden Clarke and the loss of Rod Kiddle created depth issues.

This did have an upside as it allowed the debuts of Rhys Bennett, Cam Russell and Adam Lavars and further development of Nic Richardson.

The success of Shannan Gove with the new ball by taking top order wickets on a regular basis was a major plus for the club and another step forward for Shannon.

Overall lapses on concentration for short periods cost at least four games which meant a top four finish was missed. This was disappointing because generally the one day format did suit our side and we did play some excellent cricket in patches.

Barry Tsistas, the captain-coach for season under review, Simon Pearce and Michael Kelson have decided to leave the club and all move to Grovedale and I would like to thank them for the efforts while at our club. I would also like to thank John Rees, who is returning to East Belmont, for his efforts on behalf of the club.

The movement of these type of players leaves holes but we are confident of being able to cover them. Most importantly, next summer's First XI will be able to make a fresh start, putting the disappointments of the past two seasons behind them.

Thanks to Angelo Fatone for his efforts as scorer. Ange provided valuable feedback and stats to me and Barry, something that always helped identify areas in which we could improve.

I would like to thank all the players who represented the club this season and request that they all get ready for a big pre-season with a new coach and new captain plus one or two new players as well as. As is mentioned elsewhere in this report, our club is entering a re-building process. This provides great opportunities for those who want to take them.

SECOND XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Darren Fleet

Season '06' (and 1 day into '07')

The 2nd XI enjoyed some excellent success this season reaching another finals campaign and falling an agonising 18 runs short of back to back grand final berths.

The most pleasing of the successes during the year didn't come from a big ton or a big bag of wickets, (probably because neither of those actually happened) but came from the efforts of some very exciting up and coming young players.

Players such as Matt Suvoltos, James Ratcliffe, Cam Russell, Adam Lavars and Jason Clark all tried their hardest in their first full year on the grass and together those efforts provided the core strength that all good sides need

I couldn't possibly go on without mentioning the long term future of our great club, Jackson Davis and Brad Petter. Jacko is a tear-away out-swinging quick (and he's already quick) and Brad, a promising young leggie who can hold a bat. These two kids played their guts out in the morning, jumped into the oldies' car who broke land speed records to get them to the game on time where they turned performances often better than in the morning game.

Special thanks to the more experienced blokes Gags, Knackers, Eekie and Battler, you guys are exactly what I needed every week, another four sets of eyes to point out the things that I missed (and there were plenty).

As always many thanks to the Pres and the committee for their tireless efforts and to the best chairman of selectors going around Bretto, thanks for all that you do, your support and advice keeps disgruntled captains from going insane.

Cheers to everyone that I have forgotten, let's hope it rains soon so that we can start our campaign to become the most successful club in the future of the GCA.

THIRD XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Paul Dowling

Greetings Two Blues Clubman from Central Victoria where unfortunately we have had to be placed on Stage 2 Water Restrictions (tic). Unfortunately our season was cut short due to the lack of involvement of Mother Nature as her tears we could not shed. Well at least there were no washouts.

Season 2006, there was no 2007 the club wanted to introduce a program to encourage our promising Juniors, not quite ready for Turf, yet having the ability to maybe step up, being challenged in a competitive environment, supported by a few older fellows & some not so older fellows.

So our season started out with some 4 - U17, U15 kids and a couple of wins on the board, finishing up in our last game with 2 guys over 30 and 7 kids 17 and under, going down narrowly chasing a score over 200.

The competitive spirit and untapped enthusiasm made my season more fulfilling than I could have imagined, making me realise there is more to the game than statistics, which has probably been my focus throughout my cricketing life.

Looking across to the covers and seeing the Cheshire grin of 'The Master' as we affectionately dubbed him, a future leader in my opinion, Tom Bates and the belief these kids had in their abilities reinforced for me the fact the club had made the right decision & should continue this in future seasons.

Of course we cannot ignore the fact that there was some outstanding performances throughout the year which was a lynch pin in some very good wins.

The opening partnership between Knackers and Hock a pleasure to watch and the 3 good scores Hock put together.

Jackson Davis with a 5 wicket haul versus. Bell Post Hill, Blake Anderson's steady form with the ball & his highest score in the seniors and Jason Clark's consistent contribution with the ball.

I apologise to all those bowlers out there, but must make mention of Col Cunliffe's spell producing four suckers, but then letting us down with the bat, I don't know to be considered an all rounder you must also make runs when it count's.

Brendan Twaddle's highest score opening the batting must also be mentioned and Tim Sanderson's consistent performance behind the stumps.

I was extremely proud to be in charge of these fine young men and thank the club for voting me as captain for the Third XI. Unfortunately life takes some unusual twists and I found myself relocating away from Geelong and cannot continue what was initially started. I look forward in following the fortunes of our kids and will not be surprised if these kids push our club back up where we belong, a force in the GCA.

Good Luck to everyone in the impending seasons and support your club in anyway you can by attending training & as many function's as you can.

The reward will be a successful club and some more premierships.

FOURTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Warwick Hadfield

The 4th XI was as good a mix of the old and the new as you would always like to see at this level in any club.

We introduced two new members to the club, Luke Howie and Terry Hickey, both of whom showed that in addition to their cricket skills, they had the other qualities we like of Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club players.

We also had a number of junior players appear for us, some playing their first game of senior cricket for club championships points with us.

Congratulations to Darcy Del Rio, Dean Turnley, Campbell Bishop, Oliver Theobald, Anthony Wilson and Jacob Simonsen. All of these blokes are future turf players with the club.

As is Jorden Lewis. Despite still being eligible for the Under 15's, Jorden has been playing senior cricket longer than a lot of senior cricketers.

Watching his development over another summer – something I have been doing now for half a dozen seasons – was special.

Though nothing was quite as special as Adam Patching's monument performance at Torquay. We didn't have a lot of highlights this summer, but Adam's almost double century is something to be burned forever into the memories of those who saw it. It wasn't just the palings on fences adjacent to the cricket ground that were in danger of being smashed, but the Tiger Moths flying sightseers over Torquay.

Stuart Day and Phil Morgan contributed a few handy knocks, the latter in support of Adam Patching in a 130 run partnership, the former in a stand of 125.

Stevie Lewis batted and kept with his usual flair and consistency and was highly supportive of the captain, as was Phillip Morgan, who handled the field placings with his usual dexterity.

There were other personal bests during the summer, James Hadfield making his highest score in senior cricket and finishing with his best batting average.

Despite all this, we didn't make the finals and that must be recorded as a disappointment.

At times against the sides that did make the finals, we did it tough. But never did a head go down and that is something positive to take from the season, as was the success from the final game at Lara, a good win built on the back of another excellent innings by Adam Patching and an excellent team performance in the field.

FIFTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Brett Bentley

A few months before the season started the 5ths side had been withdrawn due to lack of numbers by the committee which made retired Legend NEVILLE CRANE come out of retirement to continue the side.

Neville harassed and with his well known determination organized enough players and it turned out to be a success with quite a few juniors playing Tim Simpson, Scott Sanderson , Blake Whelan and Zac Stokes making some excellent contributions with bat and ball and especially in the field.

A few older blokes played as well and we had some good wins, but with a shorten season did not make the finals. The side allowed some players who had time constraints to play and stay involved like Frank Tuskes, Grant Whiteside, Andrew Green, Ty Casboul, Paul Gage and Andy Lee.

The Fifths will have a future as it provides another vehicle for us to provides a mix of two and one day cricket option to our juniors and senior guys who cannot commit week in week out which is very important in retaining people playing the great game of cricket and passing on some of their knowledge to the younger guys coming through the ranks.

Thanks Neville, it wasn't all plain sailing but it was worth it for the long term future of our club.

SIXTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Mark Turnley

A magnificent season, albeit shortened by drought and finishing in a washout, was remarkable and memorable for many more reasons beyond the irony of our fickle long term weather conditions.

Steve & Jordan Lewis need no introduction at the club, it was great while they played a memorable three games with us in the 6ths, they also found a home in the 4ths.

Paul and Jai Sheahan were welcome additions to this year's team, Jai missing just one match. Paul's record is legendary, adding the batting average to his trophy cabinet, while Jai will no doubt forge his own way, batting number three, and opening the bowling, all at age 13 just a start.

Andrew and Campbell Bishop played every game, both now entrenched in the Newtown family. Big Bish missed the batting average by a percentage point, not bad for 43 year old bowler who played his first game of senior cricket last season. Cam showed his all round skills with some hard hitting, tight bowling and brilliant fielding.

Dean Turnley missed just one game, when at year 8 camp, the same game his Dad, Benny, Jai and both Bish's all smacked fifties retired. Dean managed a season, and club high, 18 wickets including a pb of 4-13 with his ever developing leg spin.

Jason and Sam Connelly got serious late in the season and combined experience and raw talent to a level beyond our division.

Graeme Chisholm and his sons George and Tom shared a family moment in perhaps one of our best victories of the season. Priceless memories as Graeme took the catch that secured Tom's first senior wicket, standing beside wicket keeper George at slip. George & Tom will play hundreds more games of cricket, none more special.

John and Mason Wood joined the fun early in the year and not only batted beautifully together, but bowled in tandem as Wood senior claimed a wicket.

Les and Scott Sanderson made a cameo appearance before helping out the 5ths. Scott being almost lapped running a three with Paul Chapman will remain a mini highlight. He went on to win the Fifts bowling average.

Big hitting opener Benny Hunt bought a Mildura mate, Julian Groves with him asking for a game. Do you want a bowl mate asked the skipper? "Yeah when the others have had a go, bit rusty," was the shy reply. Well when that rust eventually disappeared after a few games bowling 4th change, we knew we had a serious bowler.

Almost unfair to have a guy like that in this grade, good luck on the turf Monkey! You were fantastic, a runaway winner of the bowling average. Darcy Delrio is an absolute star in the making, wicketkeeping at the business end of the season and guiding us to victory with the bat in a memorable win against Bell Post Hill in the last round. He is a deserving winner of the Captain's award.

The culmination of the season was our outstanding semi final victory against the previously undefeated St Josephs. That game will no doubt stand all the 14 year olds in great stead for their future careers. Unfortunately we didn't win the flag, nor did we lose it! How a season shortened by drought can end 10 weeks early in a washout will remain a modern day mystery. But boy we had some fantastic fun, played some great cricket and forged some lifelong friendships and memories, and hopefully we helped nurture a few NCCC senior players on the path to bigger things. Good luck boys. Thanks to the club for all the support.

Honour roll 607 Win/Loss ratio



	Played	won	lost	drawn	Ladder position
First XI	10	4	6	-	13 th of 14
Second XI	11	7	4	-	4 th of 14
Third XI	9	3	6	-	9 th of 14
Fourth XI	9	3	6	-	10 th of 14
Fifth XI	7	4	3	-	6 th of 11
Sixth XI	11	7	4	1	runner up
TOTAL	57	28	28	1	46 club championship points = 8th position

49.12% won 49.12% lost

Century (3)

Adam Patching 191 in the 4ths versus Torquay in round 3
Adam O'Connor 112 in the 3rds versus Geelong West in round 5
Steve Lewis 106 in the 4ths versus Newcomb Dist. in round 7
 Matt Sheridan 100 in the under 17 Gove versus Geelong West
 Jarrod Andrews 149 in the under 17 Just versus Highton

5 or more wickets in an inning (2)

Barry Tsitas 5/52 in the 1sts versus Thomson in round 1
Blake Anderson 5/12 in the 3rds versus Geelong West in round 5

Partnerships

100 runs for the 6th wicket by Luke Sharry (65) & Matt Suvoltos (61) versus Thomson on 14/10/06 in the Seconds.
 130 runs for the 2nd wicket by Phil Morgan (69) & Adam Patching (191) versus Torquay on 4/11/06 in the Fourths.
 103 runs for the 3rd wicket by Mick Kelson 46 & John Rees (56) versus Torquay on 4/11/06 in the Firsts.
 107 runs for the 3rd wicket by Adam Lavars (73) & Darren Fleet (48) versus North Geelong in the Seconds.
 201 runs for the 1st wicket by Adam O'Connor (112) & Chris Hocking (86) versus Geelong West on 18/11/06 in the Thirds
 103 runs for the 3rd wicket by Colin Cunliffe (70 not out) & Blake Anderson (32) versus Geelong West on 18/11/06 in the Thirds
 100 runs for the 5th wicket by Cam Bishop (53 ret) and Andy Bishop (51 ret) versus Guild-St Marys on 18/11/06 in the Sixths
 101 runs for the 1st wicket by Chris Hocking (73) & Andrew Green (26) versus Grovedale on 25/11/06 in the Thirds
 131 runs for the 5th wicket by Nick Sutcliffe (67) & Josh Grabowski (48) in the under 17 Just on 2/12/06..
 118 runs for the 4th wicket by Steve Lewis (106) & Stuart Day (54) versus Newcomb & Districts on 2/12/06 in the Fourths
 111 runs for the 2nd wicket by John Rees (77) & Simon Pearce (52) versus East Belmont on 3/12/06 in the Firsts.
 103 runs for the 4th wicket by Simon Pearce (75 not out) & Josh Hunt (62) versus South Barwon on 9/12/06 in the Firsts
 125 runs for the 4th wicket by Stuart Day (91) & Warwick Hadfield (52 not out) versus South Barwon on 9/12/06 in the Fourths.

Milestones

Steve Lewis made his 4000th run during round 1.
John Rees made his 2000th run with the club in round 2.
Shannan Gove took his 50th wicket in round 2.
Neville Crane became the first player to pass 9000 runs with the club in round 3.
Matt Suvoltos made his 2000th run during round 3.
Mick Kelson made his 1000 club run in round 3.
Adam Patching passed the 1000 run mark in his record breaking 191 in round 3.
Rhys Bennett played his 100th game in round 4.
Colin Cunliffe played his 50th match in round 4.

James Bottomley played his 50th match in round 4.
Warwick Hadfield played his 100th game in round 5.
Mark Turnley played his 100th match in round 6.
Adam O'Connor played his 200th game in round 8.
Darren Fleet made his 2000th run in round 7.
Scott Mullen played his 50th match in round 7
Scott Mullen took his 100th wicket in round 7
Anthony Devlin took his 250th wicket in round 9.
Andrew Garrigan made his 1000th run in round 9.
Ben Neville made his 2000th run in round 8.
Neville Crane played his 350 match in round 10.

Outstanding performance

Adam Patching's 191 in the 4ths versus Torquay in round 3 is the highest individual score recorded in the Fourth XI and the equal 11th highest in the club's history.

Average Winners 2006/07

Vin Hassett Medallist	First XI	batting	Simon Pearce	408 runs @ 45.33
Greg Wells Medallist		bowling	Barry Tsitas	17 wickets @ 28.18
	Second XI	batting	Andrew Garrigan	295 runs @ 36.88
		bowling	Darren Fleet	16 wickets @ 14.94
	Third XI	batting	Andrew Henderson	178 runs @ 35.60
		bowling	Jason Clark	13 wickets @ 14.69
	Fourth XI	batting	Steven Lewis	265 runs @ 37.86
		bowling	Warwick Hadfield	13 wickets @ 14.46
	Fifth XI	batting	Neville Crane	155 runs @ 25.83
		bowling	Scott Sanderson	7 wickets @ 18.86
	Sixth XI	batting	Paul Sheahan	197 runs @ 39.4
		bowling	Julian Groves	16 wickets @ 10.31

Note 2006/07 average qualifications:

1sts & 2nds for batting: 6 matches, 5 innings, 160 runs. Bowling: 6 matches, 12 wickets, 40 overs.

3rds, 4ths, 5ths, 6ths: Batting: 5 matches, 5 innings, 160 runs. Bowling: 5 matches, 12 wickets, 40 overs.

Captain's Awards

First XI **Shannan Gove**

This season saw Shannan become one of the region's most improved bowler. In just about every game Shan would have an early break through spearheading our bowling attack to become one of the top bowlers in the competition. Pup's desire to get him self up the batting order also went un noticed with many nights after training staying back on the bowling machine. Even though the promotion didn't work up the batting order it gained a lot of respect from team members with Pup becoming a great team member on and off the field.

Second XI **Matt Suvoltos**

The winner this year was prepared to do all the hard yards, including running up the Aphrasia Street Hill during pre-season. Having played with NCCC for more than a decade, he took it up himself to doing everything possible to get the best out of himself, rarely missing training, really putting in during matches and happily, getting his just rewards with both bat and ball. Additionally, he did a fantastic job for the club overall in getting everyone to pay their memberships on time while serving of the club committee.

The winner of the 2nds's Captain's Award is Mattie Suvoltos - Darren Fleet.

Third XI **Jason Clark**

The winner of the Captain's Award for the thirds is Jason Clark. He has done all the right things, he is a team player. He had excellent performances all year - Paul Dowling.

Fourth XI **Phillip Morgan**

I can think of many people who did more than enough to deserve this award in a really tough season - David Kibbis for opening when I asked him, Lukje Howie and Terry Hickey for being two of the best new recruits a club could ask for, the Lewis's who stuck with us through thick and thin, but this year, I have the undiluted pleasure to return an honour he once bestowed on me. The winner of the 4th' Captain's Award is a man who is both a good supporter both on match day and the ones in between and the owner of an excellent cricket brain, Phillip Morgan - Warwick Hadfield.

Fifth XI **Grant Whiteside**

Grant Whiteside is this year's winner of the 5ths Captain's Award. Grant winning was the only player to play every game in the 5ths for the season. He also did a great job with assisting the captains, his keeping was of the highest quality and he made some goods runs in the top order. - Neville Crane.

Sixth XI **Darcy Delrio**

The Captain's award for the Sixths this year is awarded to a player who played in every match including the washed out Grand Final. Without question he batted in any position required to suit the team or match conditions, making a personal best with 61 not out to set up victory against Bell post Hill. When asked if could help out with wicket keeping he instantly agreed to give it a try. He was an instant success with the gloves, and quite possibly anything he sets his mind to.

The Captain's award for the Sixth XI in 06/07 goes to young gun Darcy Del Rio.



GCA Fourth XI batting average was won by **Adam Patching with 298 runs @ 78.5**

JUNIOR REPORT

by Mark Turnley

In season 06-07 Newtown & Chilwell fielded a club record number of 12 junior teams, with three teams in each junior division of Under 11, 13, 15, 17. This saw Newtown & Chilwell with the largest junior program in the region, fielding three more junior sides than the next largest clubs, located in growth areas of Lara & Grovedale. With the teams requiring 12 coach / managers, 12 kits, up to 14 players per side, as well as a venue to play their games, the logistics were difficult but, thanks to the support & participation of all the parents, volunteer coaches, managers and club personnel involved, ran like a well oiled machine. The 12 teams were named in honour of club life members. Despite the drought and the clubroom refurbishment, a fulfilling and successful season was completed achieving all our major objectives of participation, enjoyment, advancing skill levels and embracing the spirit of cricket. Sincere thanks to all parents, volunteers and administrators who helped make it all possible.

Allan Wells was the new Milo Have a Go co coordinator taking the group on a Thursday evening at Stinton oval. Allan was supported by Andrew Green, Ian Hastie and a band of willing parents. Allan did a fine job and embraced what is a crucial pathway to our junior system.

U 11 Carroll. Craig & Scott Hosking have done a fantastic job with this team for two seasons, not only talented and successful but enjoyed themselves immensely. Although this level is primarily participation Craig's team managed to outscore every opponent they encountered with most of the group ready to advance onto under 13s.

U 11 Merriman. Steve Kip was a welcome first season volunteer coach, doing a fine job with his group. Steve and his team embraced the spirit and relaxed format that is Friday evening juniors. Steve was supported by a willing group of parents at training and on game evening.

U 11 Wells. Coach Paul Sheahan has completed his 2nd season with assistance this year from Russel Mitchell. Paul's group seemed to draw all the road trips but still had a great season with plenty of their team still in under 11s next season. Young dynamo, Zac Sheahan, played beyond his years, helping out in under 15s whenever they were short.

U 13 Barnes. David Barnes has taken his group from Milo have ago through two years of under 11s and now two seasons with his 13s. A fantastic season saw the boys miss a grand final berth by just one run. Some fantastic personal achievements included **Adam Box** winning the association bowling average. David has secured a new part time position at Geelong premier cricket which will see him spend more of his time at regional headquarters, providing a valuable connection for the club.

U 13 Pearce. Coach Tony Jefferies is a former hundred game 1st eleven player. He has also taken this group through both under 13 seasons. Aably assisted by his brother Peter, this talented group have some bright prospects particularly with Mitch Davis and Tom Jefferies. Although their semi loss was a disappointment the boys had defeated the eventual premiers comprehensively in the final home and away round.

U 13 Royce. Steve Skinner, a first year coach and former junior at the club, generously volunteered his time to help this promising group of players. Although beaten by a very strong team in the Grand Final, they had a very successful season and enjoyed the fact that a parent was

not coaching. Steve was a popular figure among his group, with Patrick Eastman an extremely talented player already identified in regional representative squads.

Under 15s level is where experience and body size starts to play a role. With the need to begin to grade teams, we decided to extend the year level to three teams this season. This helps us cater for the needs of those whose playing ability may vary from pathway squads to the social and participation level. The result was an outstanding success not only for the club but more so for the players as they got to experience more opportunities than they would have with just two larger teams. Under 15 training has always presented a challenge but thanks must be extended particularly to John Wood and Andrew Bishop for their assistance this season. Thanks also to Andrew Bishop who managed the winning under 15, division 1, country week team.

U15 Taylor Gary Simpson, having already spent four seasons in between both sons Lachlan & Tim in the under 13s, moved on to coach at U15 level. Gary has wonderful family support with wife Chris a perennial source of assistance for the juniors. This year's team consisted of both experienced and rookie players, some in their first year at the club. Their performances were exceptional and credit to Gary for his skill in managing their development. Promoting leadership roles to David Boyle, Tim Fluker and Jack Thackeray, they narrowly missed out on a Grand final berth with an unlucky semi final loss. Gary was a deserving winner of the Vic Profit award for services to juniors

U 15 Chisholm Our first all Sunday team coached by life member Graeme Chisholm, this group has largely been together since under 11s as friendship and schoolmates. Their first season in under 15s was a challenge handled wonderfully by all players, not to mention their wily coach. To secure a premiership in an open division was an outstanding achievement. Tom & George Chisholm and Mason Wood all joined the ranks of father son, senior players, much to the delight of Graeme and John. George Cameron, Eddie Ratcliffe, George & Tom Chisholm had terrific seasons. The skill development of the team, along with their depth and ability to share the workload, was matched only by the teams social gatherings, and celebratory efforts of their coach.

U 15 Cambridge Back to back flags were secured along with some outstanding individual achievements, Jane Neil representing the state at schoolgirl level, Darcy Delrio & Jai Sheahan following their captain, Campbell Bishop's, footsteps in representing the Barwon region. Those three, along with Scott Sanderson, Jordan Lewis, Dean Turnley and Lachlan Dowling all playing in the senior grades. Scott won the bowling average in the fifth eleven as a 14 year old. Dean was equal highest wicket taker in the seniors, and backed that up with another 18 in the juniors. Jordan developed magnificently in the seniors and was brilliant in the junior finals. Coach Mark Turnley thanked his helpful network of parents including Andrew Bishop, Mig Delrio, Paul Blight, Paul Sheahan, Paul Summers & Steve Lewis. Cambridge captain Campbell Bishop, Darcy Del Rio, Jai Sheahan & Dean Turnley were all members of the successful GCA Div.1 under 15 country week team.

Under 17s Apart from limited over bowling restrictions the players are now being prepared for senior ranks. Unprecedented player interest has enabled us to field three teams this season. Our graded Just division has been supported by the Gove and the Clark teams. Some outstanding individual performances through the season could not quite materialise into any finals participation. The introduction of the "Transport Finance elite coaching clinic" was a huge success at the start of the season. The drought condition of the grounds forcing a premature end to the senior season had a reasonable impact on under 17 training, but through the help of Les Sanderson, Bernie Petter, Steve Sutcliffe, Tim Clark and Phillip Bates the three teams all saw

out the season admirably.

U 17 Clark. Tim Clark approached the club with the proposal of a social side of school / footy mates and offered his services to coach. The club was delighted to give it a try with the basis of getting more young men playing cricket. Their season may have been a little up and down, but their enjoyment and camaraderie was second to none. Judging by some of the performances, we have exposed some excellent talent, which may not have occurred had we not given them the opportunity. Matthew Sheridan was a century maker and batting average winner. Tim had the support of many senior players including Sam Clark and Rhys Bennett.

U 17 Gove. Phillip Bates has been a fantastic addition to our coaching staff and offered his services without reservation. Phil has taken his group through a terrific and rewarding year. Even in defeat Phil would always find a positive and at no stage found fault with any of his team. Despite struggling for numbers Phil always rallied the boys together, finishing the season with their best win for the year. Oliver Theobald skilfully captained the team with the able support of Tom Bates. Both are fine young men who embraced enthusiastic roles in the senior 3rd & 4th grade teams. Thanks also to Phil who volunteered his time to manage an under 17 team at country week.

U 17Just. Our graded team was managed by Les Sanderson and Bernard Petter. Bernie in his first season at the club offered specialist coaching and was a fantastic addition to the junior coaching staff. Les is a true stayer, being a previous turf player who has spent the last eight seasons coaching through the junior grades, a fine achievement which the club appreciates greatly. After a sluggish start this super talented team lost just three games during the season, with a narrow loss to Grand Finalists Barwon Heads costing a finals berth. Nick Sutcliffe was outstanding with the bat, and bottom age Jarred Andrews slammed a brilliant 149 against Highton. Whilst it may be a slightly disappointing result for the year to just miss finals, the team consisted of many outstanding young talents, cherry ripe to make the transition to the senior ranks. Jackson Davis lead the way claiming the Ted Hood award. Thanks to Les for his years of service and good luck to all graduating under 17 players for their senior careers.

Thanks to the club President, Scott Mullen, and his committee for their support of junior cricket in providing the biggest and best junior program in the region. Special thanks to Warwick Hadfield, Brett Bentley and Simon Pearce for their assistance and support at training during the season. More thanks to Scott Mullen, Julie Delrio and Donna Sheahan for their work on the junior team photos and all those who made junior presentation night successful.

The Junior section, in particular the Cambridge team, would like to acknowledge the sad passing of one of our most loyal supporters and club mates in Jason Clark.

RIP Jase.

Major awards – Junior section 2006/07

Ted Hood Trophy awarded for outstanding playing ability and sportsmanship in the juniors.

Nominations for the award take into consideration performances on the field, training attendance, conduct at junior and senior level. This season's winner has been a standout in so far as his conduct, training and playing ethic and performance at senior level. He broke into the second eleven early in the season. Following good performance in the thirds he represented the second grade in seven games, claiming nine wickets, and was 12th man in their semi final loss. We encourage and look forward to his career progressing further as he graduates to senior ranks. Congratulations to **Jackson Davis** a deserving and worthy winner of the Ted Hood Trophy.

In a unique circumstance Jackson has become a member of the first father/son combination to win the trophy. Jacko's Dad, Harvey, won the award in 1969, Harvey coincidentally was coached by Ted Hood.

Vic Proffit for contribution to the Juniors

Worthy nominations for this award are previous winner Les Sanderson, life member David Barnes, Former 1st eleven players Paul Sheahan and Tony Jeffries. First year coaches Steven Kip, Steve Skinner and Phillip Bates have all embraced the NCC philosophy of giving everyone a go. But this year's award has been won by an exceptional volunteer in his fifth year as coach. His work ethic and administrative skills are second to none. He has already been a successful coach at under 13 level. Having spent four seasons in between both sons at that age level, he is a true servant of the club and the game. Without question, offering his services for some of the not so glamorous jobs at the club, and fulfilling them admirably. He has also become the go to fixture trouble shooter for the Geelong Junior Cricket Association. Spending many hours on a Sunday and long into the evening with his excel spreadsheets, he has forged a reputation as a fair minded and hardworking confidant of the coordinator at our club and the GCA. Congratulations on a terrific year **Gary Simpson**.

James Farnie Trophy for the best performed team at the club has been won by our under 15 **Cambridge**, narrowly on a count back from the Chisholm title holders.

Junior award winners 2006-07

Team	Batting ave.	Bowling Ave.	Coach's Award
Under 13 Pearce	no award	no award	Mitchell Davis
Under 13 Barnes	no award	no award	Daniel Carragher
Under 13 Royce	no award	no award	Lachlan Chomley
Under 15 Taylor	Tim Fluker	David Boyle	Andrew Wilson
Under 15 Chisholm	George Cameron	Eddie Ratcliffe	Bernie Chomley
Under 15 Cambridge	Jorden Lewis	Dean Turnley	Jane Neil
Under 17 Gove	Tom Bates	Tim Simpson	James Hunt
Under 17 Clark	Matthew Sheridan	Blair Kelly	Luke Kelly
Under 17 Just	Nick Sutcliffe	Anthony Wilson	Jacob Simonsen

Special Awards

Jarrold Andrews under 17 Just 149 v Highton

Matthew Sheridan under 17 Jarman 100 v Geelong West

George Chisholm under 15 Lloyd semi final 5 for 12 .

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Rhys Bennett

Season 2006/2007 was interesting to say the least. A shortened season would have many believing the books might take a bit of a pounding however we have managed to do quite well. This year we managed to post a profit in excess of \$20,000 - a terrific effort considering the shortened season.

I would like to congratulate all the members of the committee who put in the hard work that was required to run our club in such a difficult season. Thanks to the president Scott Mullen for helping me out with the MYOB. I had no idea how to use it, (some would say still don't) but he has managed to train me up as best he can. There have been countless afternoons spent at my house at the end of each month, balancing the books. Thanks Scotty. Well done to Gilesy for again getting so many important sponsors on board. Given the shorter season they proved vital to our club, as always and we are thrilled to have them on board. Also thanks to Matty Sav, his new membership regime proved a success. The problem of last season whereby people didn't pay their memberships on time was dramatically reduced.

At the beginning of the season the chequebook, MYOB and bank balance were reconciled, and all books balanced so that we could start fresh.

It is important to note that even though the season ended early the decision was made to go ahead with the major raffle. This proved an excellent success for the club, thanks largely to Chisa, who sold 50 tickets. An incredible effort really, well done Chisa!! We managed to post almost \$10,000.00 profit for the day which was up on last year, great effort.

As for next year, the water situation may still play a part yet, but financially we will be in a good position. There will likely be some large expenses associated with the new rooms however, they should be fantastic and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to getting in there for a beer!

Hopefully we can get some more blokes (and women) on the committee. The clubs needs all the help it can get and everyone can contribute in some way!

Some points to note on the attached financials are that whilst it shows a net profit of \$17,169.72 that figure is actually higher for 2 reasons. Firstly, there is still \$1,000.00 that at the time of writing is still to be rebanked from the EFT Float (shown under COGS) and the second is a loan of \$1,500.00 made to help pay the costs of Jason Clark's funeral which will be repaid when his estate is settled in the coming weeks. Hence the profit figure is actually \$2,500.00 higher than shown on this report.

The list of outstanding debtors is also already included in the income figures. All of these are expected to come in over the next couple of weeks.

One large expense we have just paid which has also affected the bottom line dramatically is our half share of the new beer system for the clubrooms. This was at a cost of just over \$3,800.00.

Until next season.

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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the NEWTOWN and CHILWELL CRICKET CLUB
will be held in the Queen's Park Sporting Complex
on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 - PRESENT

2 - APOLOGIES

3 - ADOPTION OF MINUTES of previous Annual General Meeting as attached.

4 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES of 2006 AGM

5 - CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inward

5.2 Outward

6 - ADOPTION OF REPORTS including President's Report and Treasurer's Report

7 - ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 - PRESIDENT

7.2 - SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

7.3 - VICE PRESIDENTS (two)

7.4 - SECRETARY

7.5 - TREASURER

7.6 - GENERAL COMMITTEE (minimum five) (no seconder required)

8 - GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 - HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

- Public Officer

- Honorary Auditor

8.2 - GCA structure 2007/08

8.3 - Sporting Complex refurbishment

9 - OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Queen's Park on the 14th of June, 2006

1. Present: Scott Mullen (chair), Stuart Day, Mark Giles, James Purcell, Paul Sheahan, Jai Sheahan, Jason Clark, Warwick Hadfield, Rhys Bennett, Barry Tsitas, Paul Marinelli, Steve Lewis, Jordan Lewis, James Lewis, Tony Marinelli, Simon Pearce, Andrew Green, Brett Bentley, Greg Wells, Matthew Suvoltos, Grant Whiteside, David Barnes, Tony Devlin, Darren Fleet, Michael Kelson, Les Sanderson, Gary Simpson, Graeme Chisholm, Tim Clark, David Kibbis, Frank Tuskes, Mark Turnley, Tony Gove (33)

2. Apologies: Phillip Morgan, Robert Chisholm, Aaron Croft, Brian Edwards, Don Royce OAM, Adam O'Connor, Gavan Clark, Graeme Taylor, James Taylor, Luke Sharry, Chris Hadfield, James Hadfield. (12)

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous meeting:

Nominated: T Clark

Seconded: D Barnes

Accepted

4. Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

5. Correspondence: Nil

6. Adoption of Reports:

S. Mullen noted the significant financial improvement on last season and committee and members alike were thanked for their contributions toward this. It was also noted that there are still some who for some reason try to avoid paying membership and these individuals need to make sure they are paid up in full and on time.

Reports Adopted: Nominated: M Suvoltos
Seconded: P Marinelli

Before declaring all positions vacant, S. Mullen thanked all the outgoing committee for the efforts during the season, especially those who have been on committee for a long period of time and weren't standing again for 06/07. He stated it was true indication of the work put in that we rose highly on the GCA ranking and did not lose a point in the off field areas.

7. Election of Office Bearers:

	Nomination	Mover	Secunder	Accepted	
7.1 President		S. Mullen	A. Green	J. Purcell	Yes
7.2 Senior Vice President		M. Giles	S. Day	W. Hadfield	Yes
7.3 Vice President		M. Suvoltos	T. Devlin	D. Barnes	Yes
Vice President		J. Purcell	S. Mullen	B. Bentley	Yes
7.4 Secretary		W. Hadfield	J. Purcell	A. Green	Yes
7.5 Treasurer		R. Bennett	D. Barnes	S. Day	Yes

7.6 General Committee:

Nomination	Mover	Accepted
M. Turnley	R. Bennett	Yes

J. Clark	S. Mullen	Yes
B Tsitas	S. Mullen	Yes
B. Bentley	M. Giles	Yes
D. Kibbis	S. Day	Yes
M. Kelson	B. Tsitas	Yes
F. Tuskes	M. Giles	Yes
S. Pearce	B. Bentley	Yes

8. General Business and Important Matters

8.1 Public Officer: David Barnes
Honorary Auditor: Held over

8.2 GCA Structure 2006/07

S. Mullen outlined the GCA structure for the upcoming season. This year it will drop from 16 sides in Div 1 to 14 with Highton and St Peters getting dropped to Div 2. The exact format is yet to be finalised but more than likely it will be 9 x 2 day and 4 x 1 day games with a final 6 still in place. It was again noted the steady rise up the rankings ladder over the past 2 years which was a great credit to both the committee and members alike. 3 years ago we were ranked 9th, 2 years ago 6th and last year 3rd. This puts us in 6th place on the 3 year rolling average on which promotion / relegation is judged. The only area we lost points was for losing games so an improved year on the field should see us go higher again. The committee and player group were again commended on their professionalism both on and off the field.

A number of proposed rule changes have been put forward to the GCA which are being assessed by management at present and we should hear back on them at the July general meeting. These included changing to Kookaburra balls, changes to one day rules, finals venues to be voted on by clubs, maximum 12 sides in Div 1, salary cap, hard wicket starting times and a greater education of umpires and their interpretations of rules.

8.3 Sporting Complex Refurbishment

S. Mullen explained that we have had our initial grant for the refurbishment increased to \$775k with a further \$75k being allocated to the power station upgrade and fire hydrant facilities. This means the entire scope of the initial project *should* be completed in one hit. At present it is in the tender stage and if all goes according to plan work *should* commence as soon as the GAFC last home game is out of the way but we will know more by mid to end of July. It was also noted that the refurb will cause some disruption to bar and kitchen facilities so revenue is more important than ever so it is imperative that membership is paid up in full and on time, if not early.

8.4 Geelong Cricket Club Turf Training Facility

B. Bentley outlined the new training facility which has started construction at Geelong CC and should be completed by the end of the year. It was stressed the importance of an international standard facility in Geelong and members were asked to consider donating funds toward the project should they be in a position to do so. The club has agreed to donate \$500.00 and anyone wishing to donate should contact Brett to co-ordinate as the funds will also be acknowledged as coming from NCCC as well as the individual concerned. If we can raise a significant amount of funds on behalf of the club, it may give us an advantage in gaining access to the facility once complete over other GCA clubs.

8.5 Scorers for 1st and 2nd XI

S. Mullen acknowledged the terrific contribution by James Taylor over the past 10 years and stated that due to work commitments, James would be unable to do the job again this season. It was asked of members that they approach Scott or Warwick Hadfield should they know of anyone who may be interested in taking over the role for either the 1sts or 2nds as we need

one for each side.

8.6 Changing of Shaw Oval Pitch

The question was asked from the floor about the Shaw Oval centre wicket. S. Mullen informed the meeting that another request had been put in to CoGG to relocate the wicket 10 metres to the east. This was to improve safety by taking the concrete run-ups of the practice wickets out of play. It is being considered in the current budget and we should have an answer back from council by the start of July.

9. Other Important Matters

9.1 Life Membership Nomination – Tony Gove

G. Chisholm nominated Tony as the 32nd life member of the club. He outlined Tony's significant contributions since joining the club in 1991. Tony captained the 2nds for 4 seasons and as acted as chairman of selectors for a further 5 seasons. He served for 15 years on committee including 9 years as senior vice president and 7 years as junior coordinator and was instrumental in the implementation of our extremely successful Milo-Have-A-Go program. He has played in 4 premierships in the 3rds, 4ths and 5ths including one with his son, Shannon in 03/04 and was a worthy recipient of the Jim Perry trophy. Tony played 125 games, taken 160 wickets and made 1581 runs including 3 centuries and an unenviable pair against Joeys in the 4ths.

M. Giles seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by the members.

9.2 Life Membership Nomination – David Murray

G. Wells nominated "Beak" as the 33rd life member of the club. He outlined Beak's contributions since debuting in 1984/85 which included 6 years on committee including stints as president, senior vice president and junior vice president. He has won the Jim Perry, the Syd Johnston and also the Platypus. Many a year has been spent behind the bar and his maintenance work continues on to this day. This was culminated by his massive overhaul of the turf roller a few seasons back when converting it from phase 3 power to petrol. Only Beak would think to install a nice shiny new motor and then take to it with an oxy torch so the crims didn't think it was good and pinch it. In 149 games for the club, Beak has made 3584 runs including 6 centuries, taken 166 wickets and taken 71 catches. He has played in 1 premiership for the club and despite playing in a 1st XI flag for South Barwon against NCCC in 75/76, we still think he's a good bloke.

S. Day seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by the members.

S. Mullen noted that unfortunately Beak couldn't be here to accept his life membership due to a serious accident to Lynne's son Tom, but it would be presented at the first function for the season. He wished Tom, Beak & Lyn all the best for a speedy recovery.

9.3 Thank You

A. Green thanked S. Day for his work on committee over the past 11 seasons which was seconded by S. Mullen

Meeting closed 8.35 p.m.

Obituary



Vale Dick Hassett

A long innings completed, and the curtain falls on a cricketing generation with the passing of **Dick Hassett**, aged 97, the last surviving member of a famous Geelong and Newtown sporting family and Victorian cricket's oldest living player.

Although he only played six games with the N&CCC way back in 1928/29, Dick Hassett is etched in club folklore. Educated at Geelong College, Richard (Dick) along with brothers, Harry and the legendary Vin, Dick was an N&C premiership player. Harry and Dick played in the '28/29 side while the family's youngest, Vincent, was to follow in their footsteps in later seasons.

Dick's six games of the 1928/29 season were certainly action packed and included 143 runs at 23 and 35 wickets at a miserly 8.34. His 9 for 16 in the semi final of that premiership season stands to this day as the best bowling performance in the Club's history. Some sort of achievement over nearly 80 years!

Rumour has it that he was also involved in the run out of the 10th wicket.

The brothers' efforts, of course, were somewhat surpassed by Lindsay who after playing with the Newtown Matting CC in the mid 20s went on to captain his country and become a national sporting legend.

HASSETT. Dick.

Sept. 8, 1909 _ Nov. 16, 2006

Loved and loving husband of Ileen (dec.), father of Jennifer (dec.) and Richard and grandfather of Anton.

A Superb Innings Completed.

Brother and friend of Vin and Shirley (both dec.) uncle to Peter, Tim, Greg and families. Innings of 97, last of the team to be bowled out on life's pitch.

Obituary



Vale Jim Perry

Publican of the Gold Diggers Arms Hotel, a sponsor of the N&CCC over four decades.

The Club's most prestigious trophy as Most Valuable Playing Member was donated by Jim Perry in 1967. Jim passed away on March 13, 2007 aged 87 years.

Obituary Vale Jason Clark



On Friday, March 23 the funeral of our valued player, committee member and good friend, Jason "Boris" Clark was held at Lake Bolac. The members of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club who attended the funeral, wearing their club caps, formed a guard of honour for Jason at the cemetery. The club president, Scott Mullen, and secretary, Warwick Hadfield, also presented this tribute to Jason at the funeral service.

SCOTT: "On behalf of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club, Warwick and I would like to thank the family and friends of Jason Clark ... or Boris as he was affectionately known ... For the opportunity to speak here today.

WARWICK: Boris came to our club with the general introduction that he was Nathan's brother, which meant he was automatically accepted as a good bloke.

For the people of Lake Bolac who perhaps don't know of our relationship with "the Clarkies", as they are often called, we already had the highest regard for Marcel, a premierships player, and of course also Adam.

Very quickly, Jason established his own character within the club. SCOTT: With the bat, he would give it his best shot ... Well, to be honest, he only had one...

And with the ball, he was the fiercest of competitors. Off the field he could be pretty fierce as well.

WARWICK: One night/morning that sticks in the memory came in October last year when we held an elite coaching clinic on a Sunday morning.

Boris had had a big night after a long day in the field and fallen asleep on the lounge in the club rooms.

SCOTT: The boys decided the best course of action was to pile whatever they could find all over that lounge - tables, chairs, life size cut outs of Steve Waugh, whatever they could find.

In the middle of the night, Boris woke up needing to use the little boys room. Through the haze in his head he reckoned the tables and chairs *must* be arranged in this unique way because it was for the clinic.

So rather than disturb anything out he clambered, went to the toilet, clambered back in under the pile of tables and went straight back off to sleep.

At least he could say he got to sleep with Steve Waugh.

WARWICK: About 10am, he emerged looking very worse for wear and came over to where the clinic was being conducted "Aren't you using the club rooms," he said.

No mate.

"So why have you arranged the chairs and stuff ... ?"

He stopped ... The penny dropped ... He's been had.

SCOTT: It would also be remiss of us not to talk a bit more about Boris the cricketer because the season just gone was a stellar one for him.

Outside of double wicket, he played his first game on turf.

He had trained with great dedication all year and had almost been picked a few weeks prior, but for a late change in the competition from two day to one day games and suddenly a whole bunch of blokes became available again.

But Boris took that setback on the chin, and just kept playing and training as hard as he had done all year which usually meant a lot of overs into the wind.

He wasn't the quickest of bowlers, old Boris and we used to joke that he ran in faster than he actually bowled the ball.

WARWICK: But he was an increasingly clever bowler.

Eventually, in December, he got his chance on merit, in the creams, in the sprigs, on turf.

He didn't get a wicket in his first game, but happily, it was one of those weekends with a Sunday match as well. And it was at Queens Park, on Stinton Oval, the place that had become Boris's second home ... Well he spent at least one night there! :)

And I was there to see it, too.

Jackson Davis and James Ratcliffe took the new ball, Cam Russell had a trundle too and East Belmont were 0-38 before Boris got his chance.

Hadders was up over the stumps, as we said, Boris wasn't that quick, as Fleetie set the rest of the field. All over the ground and up in the stands people were willing Jason's first wicket - for him and for the team.

It was a beauty, the opening batsman who had flogged 30 of the 38 runs so far, clean bowled.

Boris didn't just celebrate, he took off. I reckoned we could have sold him to NASA who could have strapped a dozen space shuttles to him and put them into orbit as he leapt around in celebration.

His team-mates running too him were celebrating more than the fall of a wicket.

They were celebrating a wonderful personal triumph for Boris who had become a much-needed symbol for our club that if you put in the hard work, you will be rewarded.

SCOTT: That reward also included playing in a final on grass as well, as we said, it was a great season for Jason the cricketer.

The other aspect of Boris that will be sorely missed will be his great work as a member of our committee.

It was remarked among the senior executive only a month or so ago what a great find he had turned out to be as the manager of our club rooms.

Simply, you gave him a job to do and it was done.

WARWICK: Everyone is suffering a great loss as we sit here today - a son, a brother, a boyfriend, a nephew.

At Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club we have lost a cricketer, a committee member and a friend.

Boris, where ever you are, I hope the captain gives you a few overs with the wind at your back.

No one deserves it more."

On Sunday, March 25, we also held a minutes silence before the start of the 20/20 game at Shaw Oval.

Jason's family had asked for that game to go ahead and it was wonderful to see so many of his relatives and friends, especially those who had made the trip from Lake Bolac, present at the ground. Both Friday and Sunday were days when the true spirit of our club shone through