

Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club Inc.



Annual Report of season 2007/08

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Scott Mullen

Another season has drawn to a close and upon reflection, we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. Maybe not in terms of premierships silverware but certainly in terms of the direction the club is headed.

As you can see from the financials in Rhys' Treasurers' Report, not only have we made a substantial profit this year, despite the large costs associated with fitting out the rooms and drought initiatives, but are in fact in the best financial shape we have ever been in. This is great news for you, the members, as it means that next season we will be in a position to inject some serious cash into relocating and redesigning the practice facilities.

This result is largely due to people paying their memberships on time, our generous sponsors and the success of the major raffle.

We now have undoubtedly the best facility in the GCA and can hopefully mount a serious push to host finals next year. If it is good enough for Premier Cricket to play finals here... then surely it is good enough for us.

The partnerships we have set up with clubs in England have proved to be a great success as evidenced by Jaik coming out this season and Boyo having headed over there to hopefully take his game to a new level as well.

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

As ever, there are lots of people to thank, most of all 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 something to offer, we would love to hear from you.

As I announced at the Presentation Night back in April, this will be my last year as President. It is truly something that I have thoroughly enjoyed over the past 4 seasons but with new business ventures, it has meant that I simply no longer have the time to commit to the role. However, I will still be heavily involved on committee with major projects I want to see finished such as the practice facilities and working together with the CoGG to move the date of the Highland Gathering so we can host finals.

I would strongly encourage anyone who has ever considered a role on committee to, in the words of Lucas Friend, "Step Up". We are extremely fortunate to have a fantastic group of workers at our club and like any job it has its challenging moments but as I said earlier, it is also extremely rewarding.

To my committee, thank you once again for your faith and support. As we have done over the past few years, we have built up an extremely sound base for the years ahead. With a

few new faces next year, I'm sure that we can continue to set the club up for a big and successful future.

In particular, and in no particular order, I would like to thank Warwick Hadfield, Brett Bentley, Mark Giles, Stuart Day, David Barnes, David Murray, Gavan Clark and Greg Wells for their support over the past 4 years. Without you guys my job would have been a lot harder. Whether it be to physically help get something done or just to be there as a sounding board, you guys were always there for me and it is greatly appreciated.

To Bretto, thanks for showing us how the coach of a club should act. You have been a fantastic asset to the club and will be sorely missed next year. The new coach, whoever that may be, certainly has big shoes to fill. Your efforts with the seniors and juniors alike was a breath of fresh air and something you should be truly proud of.

At the president's Dinner back in Feb, I made mention of the efforts of Warwick Hadfield. He is always the one to sing everyone's praise from the rafters but very rarely receives any praise himself. Wizz, like Brett, you are a fantastic asset to this club and we will be forever grateful for your efforts.

To GT, thanks again for the tireless hours spent preparing wickets for both us and also Premier Cricket finals.

To Specs and Chisa, an enormous thank you for all your hard work with the major raffle. Events like that are vital to the sustainability of the club and as always it ran without a hitch.

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 at Queens Park.

One guy who did "Step Up" this year was Stuart Day. The Chairman's job is never an easy one and it was one he always did with a level of decorum not many of us knew existed in him. Congratulations Hoss on a job extremely well done.

Most of all, thanks to all of our sponsors and to each of you who have supported the club over not only the past season but many seasons.

Lastly, thanks to my wife and son. Every season the meetings and commitments seem to get greater and greater but as always they allowed me to do what I had to do. So thanks to you both.

Reviewing the overall operations of the club we're in very good shape, as I said earlier, we have posted a significant profit this season which will be poured back into the facilities you enjoy next season. There are plenty of other clubs who would love to be in that same position.

We have already started the process of finding a new coach and the playing side of things is looking on the up. With the experience that has been gained by some of young players

this year at the highest level, I am convinced it won't be long before we again hear the chants echoing across the valley on the last Sunday in March.

It has been great to see so many wives and partners come along during the course of the season and that is a step in the right direction. We are a family friendly club and you are always welcome on match days or any other time at the club.

It has been a great honour to be your President over the past four seasons and it is a time I will look back on with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. There are many great memories and I have made some terrific friends. I have also seen enormous growth and development within a lot of our younger players which has given me a great deal of satisfaction.

I wish the incoming President and indeed the entire committee all the very best for the year ahead and ensure them that I will still be around to help out wherever I can.

Thanks again to everyone for your efforts during the year and I look forward to seeing every one raring to go in August for a new and exciting season of cricket with the best facilities in local sport.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Warwick Hadfield

First, congratulations to Steve Skinner's side on winning their Under 13 premiership.

Secondly, congrats to the other junior and senior sides that played finals cricket.

At the last annual general meeting, we had a fantastic roll up, a sign of the quality people who have been involved our club over a long period of time; all wanting to make a statement of support. Thank you.

It is no secret that at end of the season just gone in June 2007, there were a lot of reasons to be concerned about our club. We had lost four senior players, the impact of the drought was yet to be known and if you wanted to, you could find plenty of reasons to believe, as a president from another club suggested, that Newtown was going nowhere.

Moving ahead to June 2008 and the way our club reacted to all the challenges has been nothing short of stupendous. Scott has already noted that our treasurer Rhys Bennett has given us the best bank balance in the club's history. The refurbishment of the rooms is just about complete.

Our ground is drought proof and is undoubtedly, especially with the addition of the sightscreens, the best in the GCA.

If that's nowhere, well I will move there tomorrow.

After the departure of the last coach, we held a complete review into our playing structure. We needed to be honest in our appraisal of performances and we were even though that upset people.

At that end of that review, I made the call that we should appoint Brett Bentley and Darren Fleet as our coach and first XI captain. Scott's feelings in his report on Brett's performance say it all. In 2007/2008, we had a club coach.

As for Darren, he is a natural leader. It was especially pleasing to see him also prove that he is a serious first XI cricketer.

Another innovation which reflects well on our club as one that understands a successful future means honouring a rich past is the introduction of the Merriman Medal. Congratulations to Russell Mitchell, the inaugural winner. Thanks to the Merriman family, too, for allowing their name to be attached to the award for our club's best senior cricketer of the year.

The level of commitment from the committee this year has been inspirational.

Matt Suvoltos has done a mighty job getting on top of membership.

Millie Fleet has given us our most successful year in terms of sponsorship income.

Mark Turnley is the best junior co-ordinator in Geelong. His efforts, and those of Garry Simpson and a host of other assistants are to be applauded.

Rhys Bennett is the quiet achiever and a balance of \$80,000-plus is quite an achievement.

As for the president ... we would not have a ground, club rooms and who knows what else if it wasn't for his tireless efforts.

Stuart Day is not a committee member as Chairman of Selectors, but he is a highly valued worker for our club.

In 2007/2008, we dug deep. And just about everywhere we dug, we found gold.

One major challenge lies ahead of us now. To get our senior cricket sides performing to their potential. And isn't potential the optimum word here, all those young fellas coming through who need only a bit more self-belief, a bit more experience, a bit more confidence to look the pathetic sledgers in the eye and tell them to nick off. Or even better, just beat 'em.

I must thank my family; all of whom made considerable sacrifices on behalf of the club this year.

Christopher gave up a job and a house in Queensland to come back and help us out when, in the words of the coach, we were in "shitter's ditch" for a wicketkeeper. James made his car, bike and IT expertise available to help out Jaik Mickleburgh when he arrived. Alison didn't blink when I said "by the way we are going to have a young English cricketer living with us for four months". The time she put in helping keep Jaik in the country was tremendous.

We set ourselves the goal of being the family club in 2007/2008. We well and truly achieved that in so many ways. It was uplifting to see wives, partners and children at most club functions.

Again, thanks to everyone who assisted me with the secretary and other duties.

We showed we are a great club, one that does things from the bottom up, not from the cheque book down.

Having people at our club who want to be here, rather than because they're paid to be here, will stand us in good stead in the years ahead.

COACH'S REPORT

by Brett Bentley

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Newtown and Chilwell cricket club for their efforts this past season.

When we started planning for the season we knew that things had to change, we needed to unite the club and make all who play and support feel welcome and apart of the club. This aspect had fallen away and was seen a major weakness of the club. Warwick Hadfield did an enormous amount of work assessing where the club was at and also where we wanted it to go and how we were getting there we wanted to go. His contribution especially before a ball was bowled in anger was nothing short of massive and as a club we are very lucky to have him involved.

The season was one of many challenges of which in most part we met head on and on overall I think we succeeded. This was due to working on spreading the load via the skippers, the Prez and the Chairman which worked very well and with some new skippers in Locho, Col and Frankie they gave some new ideas.

Training was an area that needed a change which we did by way of having input from many people to improve and mix it up a bit so guys would not get bored and feel that they were getting something out of it. "The Pom" who really showed the way in this area was a great asset to the club and brought a level of professionalism that rubbed off on many in the club.

Whilst results may not have been all that we wanted on the grass the hard wicket boys and juniors sides really went well and overall the club started to enjoy each other's success which is what a club is all about.

The leadership shown by the following guys Darren Fleet , Scott Mullen , Tim Clark, Den Royce, Damian O'Loughlin, Col Cunliffe, Frank Tuskes , Jamie Pescott, Warwick Hadfield , Specs , Turtle , Steve Lewis , Paul Sheahan, Stuart Day , Adam O'Connor , Andrew Green , Terry Hickey , Neville Crane, Rhys Bennett , Ange Fatone , Margo , David Barnes , Gary Simpson and many others are the reason why this club is on the rise and will continue to do so because we have many quality people and leadership and good qualities are more valuable than a few wickets and a few runs .

I would like to thank in no particular order Bryan Thomas, Damian Shannahan, Bernie Petter , Greg Wells , Graeme Taylor , Tony Jefferies, Mark Turnley , Nic Richardson , Jaik the Pom , Warwick , Locho's , Fleety , Col , Frankie and Hoss for the work and assistance at training which is a major reason why things started to improve.

To all the players and supporters we have a platform on which to launch but it will only progress if we continue to work hard and enjoy each other's success and take a whole of club approach to cricket. If we do this I am sure we will be singing that song a lot more often and winning flags and creating another successful chapter in the history of this great club.

To Hoss thanks for your support as Chairman of selectors a job very well done Fleety well done you put your hand up when others were predicting doom and again showed what a great leader of men you are, Prez top job again we are truly lucky to have you as well and to Mark Turnley and Gary Simpson and all the juniors coaches and managers well done boys the club is seeing the fruits of your labor.

Lastly I would like to thank the club for the opportunity to coach the club I really enjoyed it!

Go Two Blues!!!!!!

FIRST XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Darren Fleet

This year certainly promised to be different for the mighty two blues, with the loss of 4 quality players from the one's including the captain coach.

A lot of people from around town predicted doom and gloom for a long time to come. Not the people that matter though, The NCCC players, coaches, committee and supporters.

Brett, Warwick and myself sat down to lunch well before the start of the season and set ourselves three goals:

1. Play as many deserving, loyal young Towners as possible
2. Finish higher on the ladder than the star studded line up did the year before
3. No matter what rebuild a club environment where there are no individuals

You might not think that these are the most ambitious goals but there is merit to them, because all three goals scored a tick.

The club is now a family again, united and on the same path to success, we played good young Newtown cricketers - six Towners and a Pom that will one day play for England (only if he puts away the pull shot).

Most importantly we achieved more than most people thought and finished higher than the team of champion individuals from 06/07.

As a captain, this year was obviously tough but extremely rewarding. Telling young Towners like Jai Sheehan, Jackson Davis and Brad Petter that they we be playing their first game in the firsts was a joyous experience, seeing them do well at that level and the joy that they got from that was overwhelming.

Lots of people to thank,

The committee and in particular Scott Mullen and Warwick Hadfield, Our clubrooms our ground and our beer (without doubt the best in town) wouldn't be what they are today without those two blokes.

The cockroach, Brett Bentley, support, leadership, respect and everything that a coach should be and more. Feels weird not talking 20-30 times a week on the phone since seasons end

All the players form this year but a big thanks to my vice captain Tim Clark, Chuck took the reigns for two of the games (we won them both) without batting an eyelid, he wasn't really a vice captain on the ground, the boys were lucky that they had two captains out there, things that I missed he was all over and made my year that much easier. Thanks Chuck

Last but not least my loving wife and son. Mil and Arch. Always putting up with my moods after a a loss, or a run of bad outs and just not being at home enough.

To all that I have forgotten and shouldn't have I am sorry but you know that i am grateful.

SECOND XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Damien O'Loughlin

Thank you to the club for giving me the opportunity to Captain the Seconds this year, in what we knew was going to be a challenging and potentially not very successful year on the ground. Fortunately, success can be measured in a number of different ways and I would like to briefly reflect on a couple of these areas to highlight the total enjoyment I got out of the role.

Firstly we did enjoy a couple of victories for the year, which is what cricket is all about, and we were also able to put ourselves in winning positions in the majority of games we played. This is a tribute to all the guys that played in this side, as at different stages of the season we were all a little down on form and confidence. Combine this with changing personal, some ordinary ground and pitch conditions and dare I say it, unusual umpiring decisions, it was a terrific effort from all to front up and continue to compete.

All the guys continued to work on their games to the point that we were able to occupy the crease for longer periods when batting and bowl consistent line and length to the opposition. These were the simple skills of the game that the coach Brett had spoken about and encouraged us to work on. Hopefully this season can be a base that all the guys can work of to develop there games to the next level. In effect, I think we had a season where we learnt to “play ugly” to keep ourselves in the contest.

The last positive I would like to highlight is the total support I had from the players, the coach Brett, chairman of selectors Stuart and captains of the other grades. Each and everyone enjoyed the successes, supported in the difficult times, respected each others opinion and most importantly, stuck to the task of working within our capabilities to get the best out of ourselves for the club. There were some terrific individual performances on the field from old, young and in between, all equally as important as each other and very satisfying as a skip to sit and watch. Congratulations to all. Of the field, a very special thank you to Steph for not only scoring but being a part of the club and making the life of myself and the players so much easier.

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable year at a great club and I'm looking forward to donning the blue cap and charging into battle next season to enjoy the highs and lows of whatever this great game throws at us. When a lot more wins start coming our way, as individuals and a club we will enjoy them twice as much because we earnt them and the difficult seasons of the past will be a badge of honor.

THIRD XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Colin Cunliffe

The 2007/2008 the Thirds season was a mixture of highs and lows which ultimately culminated in a loss in the first week of finals to the eventual premiers. At times during the final we threatened to take the win, mainly due to the burning desire of each Newtown Chilwell player to give everything they had to give. So much so that it would have been interesting trying field a side the next week given the injuries we endured in trying to give that little extra.

Falling short of ultimate premiership success isn't something I consider as failure or a waste of people's time. The thirds prepared young players for the transition from hard wicket to turf. Nic Boyanton and Jordan Lewis benefited from opportunities given to them in the thirds and became regular turf cricketers. Both these players returned and performed well in our final and I think even more importantly they will be long term players for our club.

The young players that passed through the thirds benefited from the positive example set by the more senior players that found a home in the thirds. Matt Treloar, Terry Hickey and Ash McHarry are not only talented cricketers that play the game in the right spirit, they are also outstanding community minded citizens. For our club to be truly great we need to develop people on and off the field and these guys are fine role models for many at our club.

Some of the highlights that kept the crowds rolling through turnstiles include Grant Whiteside's inside edge to claim a last ball victory against Lara, Matt Treloar bowling thunderbolts against North Geelong, Luke Sharry's wood cutting sixes, Ian Hastie weathering new ball spells and Ash McHarry catching low flying missiles. We also had characters such as the Kiwi, Knackers and Lucas Friend that the crowds just seem to love or hate. It was all 'good for cricket' and made captaining the side an honour.

In conclusion I would like to thank the President and his committee for their off field work because without their commitment we wouldn't have this great club. I would personally like to acknowledge the support of Brett Bentley, Stuart Day and Frank Tuskes as I struggled with my own form. It is during the tough times that you realise that we are all in it for the benefit of our club and it's members and I now look forward to catching up with the old and meeting the new in the 2008/2009 season.

FOURTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Frank Tuskes

What an enjoyable year of cricket was had in the 4th XI and may I formally thank everyone who contributed to the success. It was a pleasure to Captain a team that listened to my instructions and thrived on any challenges that I set. From my point of view it was enjoyable to watch the youth come through and see the more experienced players perform to their optimum.

The club had a total of eight centuries recorded for the season, the 4ths contributed to six of these. Who can forget (He will remind me forever) when Jamie Pescott went absolutely mad on Shaw Oval and proceeded to smash Bell Post Hill to all parts for a whopping 231. The 4ths made the highest total of 477 against Bell Post Hill, the second highest total in our clubs history.

Our bowling and fielding was also very high with everyone continually bowling in the right areas and taking the regulation catches. I will never forget the Semi Final against St Josephs in 40+ degree heat, we defended about 220 against a very experienced batting line up. We had everyone bowl to the plan with catches taking place that were simply fantastic.

I thank the experienced players who assisted me in my first season of Captaincy. I received some flak for allowing experienced players set fields. I didn't have a problem with it and when you play with names like Steve Lewis, Paul Sheahan & Jamie Pescott then it would be ignorant on my part not to listen. I thank them very much for their contribution, especially in passing on the knowledge in the game we love. I hope Paul, Steve & Jamie continue to play in the 4ths next season as I believe that success we had this season is the fundamental strength in nurturing our youth to become better cricketers, especially when they proceed up the grades in the following seasons. There were many others who assisted; thank you for the contribution.

It's a shame that more turf players who don't think they can contribute at a high level don't come down the grades and assist with developing the youth. It was my highlight of the year to watch the development in boys like Jacob Simonsen, Anthony Wilson, Tom Bates, Scott Sanderson, James Blight, Ollie Theobald, Tom Roberts, Dean Turnley, Tim Sanderson and others. I look forward to the next crop of youth for 2008/09 season, they are the future of the club and this is what drives us more experienced players to continue. Good luck to those guys who go on to the higher grades, I look forward to watching their development.

Congratulations go to Brett Loats for winning this seasons Captains Award in his first year at NCCC. Attitude and integrity, Brett has bucket loads of it and more.

Well done to Paul Sheahan (4ths Batting Average) and Cam Russell (4ths Bowling Average) on their respective awards. Both shouldered the responsibility for both the bat and ball respectively and were thoroughly deserving winners.

Thanks to Brett Bentley and Stuart Day for all of their hard work and support. I appreciated the long hours we spent at selection, most of the time it was you guys explaining to me how we could only take eleven on the field and not the fifteen guys I wanted.

We made it through to the Grand Final but unfortunately were unable to bring home the Premiership trophy, I hope all the players remember that sinking, hollow feeling and make sure that if they play in another Grand Final that they do everything in their powers to make sure the result is different. Thanks for a fine season to all who played in the 4th XI 2007/08 season.

FIFTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Warwick Hadfield

Cricket's greatest cliché sums up our season: Catches win matches.

We didn't catch nearly enough and it cost us dearly. That and some of the worst lbw decisions you could ever want to see, but down on the plastic, they were, are and always will be a part of the game about which you can only shake your head. When you can see in the guy's eyes he knows he's cheated, you don't need to say much else.

However, there were plenty of things about which to reflect positively.

Phillip Morgan, one of the best people I've ever played cricket with in my 40 years in the game, passed yet another milestone - 6000 runs. He was also a valuable adviser in the field and a brilliant supervisor for Big Red. Congratulations and thanks mate.

It was great to be part of Anthony Devlin's celebrations for his 300th game for our club. What a true Two Blue bloke Specs is.

Blightie's century was simply one of the most brilliant moments you could experience at our level of cricket.

In him and Tom Bates and Zac Stokes, we have uncovered some very solid Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club citizens. I want to see these fellows, and the likes of Ollie Theobald, playing and prospering for the Two Blues for years to come.

We had a solid group of senior players in Stuart Day, Benny Jackson, Tony Marinelli, Anthony Devlin, Slade Stanley, Jesse Thomas, James Purcell and James Hadfield.

None could ever have been accused of not trying, of not wearing their baggy blue with pride and dignity, no matter which way the game was going.

That always made being the captain a privilege. Thanks.

SIXTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Mark Turnley

Cricket is a game of numbers, sometimes mundane statistics, can seem quite irrelevant to those who do not share the passion for the game. For the sake of the annual review, of the 6th ranked senior team at our club, here are just a few significant ones.

We played 16 matches won 5, lost 11. Four of those losses, by narrow margins, could have easily been wins, however, not a game passed without drawing a positive sign. Perhaps the most significant stat of all, was 57 players used, yes, FIFTY SEVEN. Some clubs would be proud to have that amount of members!

This being the year of rebuilding, saw bleeding players a far greater priority than actually winning the immediate contest.

The over all achievement for the season was that 57 players got an opportunity to represent our great club, be involved in a friendly team atmosphere and, win, lose or draw, have some enjoyment with mates, father's, son's aged between 13 and 60 something. Personally I would like to thank each and every one who took the opportunity to be part of the season, yes we struggled a few times, against many of the mature aged teams we did encounter, but the continual feed back upon handshakes following each game, was that we conducted our self with distinction and played the game in the right spirit. Without fail the consistent message was "well done, you guy's are on the right path".

Captain Mark Turnley was the one player to play all 16 matches, his highlight being an undefeated fifty on his 50th birthday, his trusty deputy and opening bowler, Andrew Bishop missed just one match. Bish was our warhorse opening bowler, deservedly receiving the bowling average.

Junior"gun" Patrick Eastman played 13 games, was an exiting prospect and a star on the rise, his first, and final, year in the grade, 10 wickets, & 285 runs just missing the batting average trophy. His skill, aggression and lack of fear at the batting crease was a sight to behold. His 3 Fifties including 71 against Leopold were a mere pre-cursor to his senior career. He is also developing left arm bowler and crack fieldsman.

Club legend Neville Crane was also a cornerstone of the team in his 10 games, imparting much of his somewhere nearing 50 seasons of cricketing experience, like a wise mentor to many of the wide eyed rookies, Craney also wrote his name yet again, into the record books with an all time club best, 96 run tenth wicket partnership with Dean Turnley. Neville also bagged his umpteenth batting average award.

Ned Clonan was a loyal & enthusiastic member during his debut season, participating in 9 games with his bowling & batting developing to see him become a key player in the group. David Boyle showed enough in his 8 games that the higher grades will suit his development as he enters his final junior year next season. Wicket keeper James Purcell

found a home with the team as he took the gloves in the last 7 matches, a willing scorer and fine example as a clubman. James was a deserving winner of the captains award. Jack Thackeray also deserves a mention in his debut season, plenty of promise with the bat and the ball.

Further numbers we can boast for the year are: 10 father son combinations. The return of 5 past player parents, (Barnes, Chisholm, Davis, Jefferies Peter, & Jefferies Tony,) Two mature aged debutants Paul Eastman & David McPherson. Apart from the odd bout of muscle soreness, they would have also cherished playing in the same team as their son.

A significant contributor also, Gary Simpson who supported, scored, substituted, & played when required. A great clubman, most appreciated.

Not to mention 23 junior debutants. Of those 23 debutants, in 07-08, way too many to summarise in this column, chances are some may just follow the path of many before, to become long term club players at who knows what level. Some may be future committee men, office bearers, sponsors or social supporters.

The significant fact is they will always have played their first game of senior cricket at N&CCC. We hope that this was memorable, and their career at the club is long & prosperous.

N&LCCC 2007/08 MAJOR AWARDS

Jim Perry – Brett Bentley
Syd Johnston – Scott Mullen
James Fairnie – Under 13 Royce
Ted Hood - Jai Sheahan
Vic Profitt - Tony Jefferies

Merriman Medallist – Russell Mitchell
Vin Hassett Medallist - Cory Mathieson
Greg Wells Medallist - Scott Mullen
Top 10 batting – Paul Sheahan
Top 10 bowling – Scott Mullen
Player of the Season – Steven Lewis

Average Winners 2007/08

Vin Hassett Medallist	First XI	batting	Cory Mathieson	262 runs @ 23.82
Greg Wells Medallist		bowling	Scott Mullen	30 wickets @ 16.87
	Second XI	batting	Russell Mitchell	296 runs @ 29.60
		bowling	Brad Petter	16 wickets @ 25.75
	Third XI	batting	Ian Hastie	314 runs @ 31.40
		bowling	Matt Treloar	13 wickets @ 17.62
	Fourth XI	batting	Paul Sheahan	511 runs @ 63.88
		bowling	Cam Russell	19 wickets @ 13.32
	Fifth XI	batting	Warwick Hadfield	185 runs @ 23.13
		Bowling	Warwick Hadfield	16 wickets @ 15.56
	Sixth XI	batting	Neville Crane	217 runs @ 27.13
		bowling	Andy Bishop	20 wickets @ 18.15

Note 2007/08 average qualifications;

1st - 4th XI Batting; 7 Games, 7 Innings, 200 runs Bowling; 7 Games, 70 Overs, 15 Wickets

5th XI Batting; 6 Games, 6 Innings, 180 Runs Bowling; 6 Games 60 Overs, 13 Wickets

6th XI Batting; 9 Games, 9 Innings, 200 Runs Bowling; 9 Games, 50 Overs, 15 Wickets

In the case where no-one has qualified, the average will be awarded to the highest run scorer / wicket taker.

Captain's Awards

First XI	Cory Mathieson	Second XI	Jackson Davis
Third XI	Matt Treloar	Fourth XI	Brett Loats
Fifth XI	Tom Bates	Sixth XI	James Purcell

Honour roll 708 Win/Loss ratio



	Played	won	lost	drawn	Ladder position
First XI	13	4	8#	1	10 th of 14
Second XI	13	3	10#	-	13 th of 14
Third XI	14	7	6	1	6 th of 14
Fourth XI	16	12*	4	-	runner up
Fifth XI	11	4	7	-	6 th of 9
Sixth XI	16	5	11	-	7 th of 10
TOTAL	83	35	46	2	52 club championship points 11th place

42.17% won 55.42% lost

* won outright #lost outright

Centuries (8)

Paul Sheahan	112 not out in the 4ths versus North Geelong round 3
Steve Lewis	124 ret hurt in the 4ths versus Bell Post Hill round 8
Jamie Pescott	231 in the 4ths versus Bell Post Hill round 8
Andy Garrigan	119 in the 2nds versus Manifold Heights round 9
Frank Tuskes	138 not out in the 4ths versus Manifold Hts in round 9
James Blight	101 in the 5ths versus Highton in round 8
Luke Wierzbowski	172 not out in the 4ths versus Leopold in round 11
Paul Sheahan	108 not out in the 4ths versus Torquay in round 12.

5 or more wickets in an inning (6)

Dave Boyanton	5/39 in the 1sts versus North Geelong round 3
Dev Royce	5/26 in the 3rds versus Newcomb round 6
Scott Mullen	5/40 in the 1sts versus Bell Post Hill round 8
Matt Jackson	8/47 in the 2nds versus Torquay round 12
Brett Loats	5/30 in the 4ths versus Torquay round 12
Cam Russell	6/50 in the 4ths versus Geelong City round 13

Partnership

106 runs for the 1st wicket by Frank Tuskes (51) & Andrew Green (56) versus Geelong West 4ths on 13/10/07.
 110 runs for the 1st wicket by Russell Mitchell (59) & Sam Clark (48) versus Grovedale 2nds on 10/11/07.
 124 runs for the 3rd wicket by Matt Suvoltos (87) & Jimmy Bottomley (58) versus Grovedale 3rds on 10/11/07.
 236 runs for the 4th wicket by Steve Lewis (124rh) & Jamie Pescott (231) versus Bell Post Hill 4ths on 8/12/07 – **new record 4ths partnership.**
 144 runs for the 5th wicket by Jamie Pescott (231) & Scott Sanderson (19) versus Bell Post Hill 4ths on 8/12/07.
 96 runs for the 4th wicket by Neville Crane (62) & Dean Turnley (28no) versus Bell Post Hill 6ths on 8/12/07 – **new record 6ths partnership.**
 100 runs for the 6th wicket by Frank Tuskes(138no) & Steve Lewis (37) versus Manifold Heights 4ths on 12/01/08.
 179 runs for the 5th wicket by James Blight (101) & Tim Snaderson (96) versus Highton 5ths on 26/01/08.
 138 runs for the 2nd wicket by Alex Stanley (77) & Russell Mitchell (64) versus Leopold 2nds on 2/02/08.
 168 runs for the 6th wicket by Luke Wierzbowski (172 not out) & Matt Sheridan (68) versus Leopold 4ths on 2/02/08 – **new record 4ths partnership.**
 149 runs unbeaten for the 1st wicket by Paul Sheahan (108 not out) & Tim Sanderson (32 not out) versus Torquay 4ths on 9/02/08.
 110 runs for the 5th wicket by Jordie Lewis (67) & Ian Hastie (72) versus Torquay 3rds on 16/02/08.
 129 runs for the 3rd wicket by Ash McHarry (74) & Jamie Pescott (59) versus Geelong City 3rds on 1/03/08.
 120 runs for the 4th wicket by Jamie Pescott (85) & Andrew Green (55) versus Newcomb & Dist 4ts on 8/03/08 – quarter final.

Milestones

Paul Sheahan 100th match in round 1
Matt Suvoltos 150th match in round 3
Warwick Hadfield 200th wicket in round 4
Phil Morgan 150th catch in round 4
Anthony Devlin 300th match in round 5
Brett Goggin 3000th run in round 5
Frank Tuskes 100th match in round 5
Luke Sharry 100th match in round 5
Luke Sharry 100th wicket in round 7

Russell Mitchell 8000th run in round 9
Grant Whiteside 300th catch and 50th stumping in round 9
Frank Tuskes 2000th run in round 9
Paul Sheahan 2000th run in round 12
Matt Jackson 100th wicket in round 12
Ben Jackson 100th wicket in round 12
Warwick Hadfield 1000th run in round 13
Phil Morgan 6000th run in round 13

Outstanding performances

Brad Petter took 3 for 24 including a hat trick in the 2nds versus North Geelong on 21/10/07. All batsmen dismissed LBW.
The 4th XI set a new record innings score of 6/477 against Bell Post Hill in round 8 – 2nd highest team score in the Club's history.
Jamie Pescott's 231 against Bell Post Hill in round 8 was a record 4th XI individual score and the second highest Club individual score.
Grant Whiteside took his 300th catch and his 50th stumping with the Club in round 9 (Jan 12, 2008) against Manifold Heights
Mark Turnley opened the batting and remained 56 not out in the 6th XI's total of 134 all out against Geelong City on 19/01/08.
 However, he did not 'carry his bat' as under competition rules he had to retire at 50 runs but was later able to resume his innings.
 Coincidentally it was his 50th birthday.
The Fourth XI defeated Torquay outright without losing a wicket in round 12 (Feb, 2008). Torquay 104 and 105 lost the N&CCC 0/149 declared (in 16 overs, Paul Sheahan 108 not out) and 0/72.
Ash McHarry took four catches in an innings (5 for the match) as fieldsman versus Geelong City 3rds in round 13.

The Pair

Jackson Davis versus Grovedale 2nds in round 4, October/November 2007
 Nick Richardson versus Grovedale 1sts in round 5, November 2007.
 Grant Whiteside versus Grovedale 2nds in round 5, November 2007.

JUNIOR REPORT

by Mark Turnley

Under 11s

While early numbers were down, we managed to enrol a second team which allowed us to play both teams at home on Friday nights at Shaw oval.

Tony Jefferies ran the more experienced Merriman team and James Stokie came on board to coach the first year Wells group. An early season start led to some frantic team management & personnel issues but to the credit of the coaches and all the parents, they managed to pull together a great social group, who were graded into the same level, allowing us two inter club home games as season highlights.

Although the age group is based on participation, the taste for match conditions are replicated as the pairs bat or bowl their share of 4 over's. Tony and James were fantastic mentors to the group and were ably assisted during the season by Peter Duffield, Michael Coghlan, Paul Shannon, & Grant Whiteside to mention a few. First eleven players Nick Richardson & Jaik Mickelborough took a net session with the group which was also greatly appreciated.

Under 13

Three teams entered in the 13's were headed by the Graded Royce section coached by Steve Skinner and managed by Bruce Garret. The boys had a terrific finish to the season after limping into the finals, defeating the top team, then going on to take out the Prestigious Royce premiership in style, over the highly fancied Grovedale. Captain Lachlan Ansell, Tom Gribble, Nick Daymond, Daniel Smith, & Toby Sudweeks will all graduate under 13's as experienced juniors, ready for the next level of pathways as they continue their rapid development.

Craig Hosking & Kevin McMahon looked after a talented squad of mainly bottom age boys in the Clark team. They also had a terrific year just missing the finals in a 14 team competition. Bernie Mcguane was one of Craig's many parents to assist, as well as managing a country week team in January.

Paul Sheahan looked after the Pearce team with assistance during the season from Peter Jefferies, Mark Kershaw & Ross Campbell. The group also played finals, just missing out, after having an unlucky day, losing to the eventual premiers.

Under 15.

A successful season, the fact we fielded three teams, was at time difficult, but managing the numbers around school and family commitments, at times, had a significant impact on player availability. The club and all three teams owe many thanks to, Tony Jefferies, assisted by Harvey Davis, with the bottom age Taylor group, Gary Simpson assisted by Dave McPherson with the ever developing Barnes team, and Graeme Chisholm assisted by Phil Harrison with the super talented Geelong College group, aptly named Chisholm. Although coming up short in their quest for consecutive grand finals victories the Chisholm group was always at training and managed Saturday College, and Sunday club cricket admirably. A star studded line up including names such as, Harrison, Ratcliffe, Stienfort, Chisholm(s), Cameron, Carr, Goodear, Johnstone all with undeniable talent. Unfortunately

College duties may take precedence next season but the club will always be their welcome home base.

Gary's Simpson's team was led brilliantly by Patrick Eastman, Jack Thackeray, Ned Clonan, Alex McPherson and Isaac Cato. The boys finished the season with a 50% win/loss ratio after a terrific run chase to make more than 200 as their season's highlight.

Tony Jefferies' squad were fairly undermanned but managed some excellent victories in a tough grade. Tom Jefferies was a standout all season with the ball & bat, while Mitch Davis, Cam Duggan & James Whelan all having some great games.

Under 17

Two very competent teams were fielded in the under 17 section. The Graded Just team in division one, and the Crane team entered the next tier in the very competitive, division two Jarman. Mark Turnley and Phil Bates were the respective coaches. The Crane team performed admirably all year making the finals in a great season. Top age captain Tom Bates was a fantastic leader with Jeff Smith & Zac Stokes all having brilliant seasons to finish their junior career. David Boyle, James Blight & Scott Sanderson also had great seasons and will be first class candidates for top division next year. Unfortunately the team had a down day in the finals proving unlucky, as their victors went on to win the pennant. Phil did fantastic job with his group and thanked Paul Blight who scored throughout the season.

The Just team had a mixed year missing the finals on percentage, after letting a couple of winnable games slip earlier. One of the club's favourite son's, Jorden Lewis was rewarded for a terrific pre season with Captaincy of the number one junior team. Steve Lewis shared the umpiring duties all season which along with the scoring of Chris Simpson, was a great help. Senior players Sam Connelly, Josh Grabowski, Jarrod Andrews, Matt Stokes & Jack Clonan completed their final year as NCCC juniors while playing seniors at Bell Park, not an ideal scenario, but to their credit, the boys were committed juniors, until the final game. Jarrod Andrews had a magnificent year with the bat, scoring 375 runs, Tim Simpson made the most of his opportunities and Jai Sheahan showed glimpses of brilliance taking 5 for 13, last round. Darcy Delrio, like Jai, was eligible for under 15 but showed class at top of the order. Good luck to all players at the end of their junior career, Trust the time with NCCC junior's is fondly remembered.

Sometimes it can be difficult to continuously instil a common message to different teams, playing at different venues on different day's. But one pleasing outcome, were sign's of genuine leadership among the maturing players. Leadership in sportsmanship as well as, acceptable Newtown & Chilwell conduct, at both training and on game day.

Thanks to the support of the senior administration of the club in president Scott Mullen, proven to be a forward thinking & tireless champion of the club.

Secretary Warwick Hadfield also formed part of a dynamic team leading our club into the future.

Thanks to Scott Mullen, Donna Sheahan & Julie Del Rio for making up the end of season team photo's for our presentation night.

Many thanks to all the volunteer coaches, managers and parents who pitched in during the season. An extra large thank you to our senior coach Brett Bentley, who did his very best to make the junior training & playing day's enjoyable. Brett was a driving force in teaching, observing and nurturing all of our juniors in a way that made them all part of the Newtown

future. As a club we also make no secret of the fact that we would love to see as many juniors as possible graduate to senior club level. Modern day reality says that is not always the outcome, however we unreservedly welcome any past or present junior to become part of our senior playing group, hopefully they can embrace all that is good about our club.

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

This prestigious award for most promising & outstanding junior at this club season 07-08, has a star studded list of previous junior winners who have gone on to become great senior players. Luke Muller, Russell Mitchell, Paul Sheahan, James Bottomley, Shannon Gove, to mention just a few. As we can appreciate through our rebuilding phase, many of our leading juniors already are making inroads to our senior ranks.

Candidates for this year's award, in no particular order are.

- Patrick Eastman played his first senior season in the 6th Grade and is a star on the rise, 10 wickets and 285 runs, as bottom age under 15 playing seniors speaks for itself.
- Under 17 captain Jorden Lewis, magnificent pre season spent 6 games in the 2nds, played a final in third grade, with another junior season to come. Never misses a training session, a club veteran at 15 years of age.
- Jarrod Andrews had a fantastic year with the bat, electing to play seniors at Bell Park made it difficult for consideration in this award, a huge talent, would be welcome to return anytime.
- Darcy Delrio missed the start of the season while overseas for school but was brilliant upon his return, also play a couple in the seconds, making a belated bid for the award. Extraordinarily Darcy still 2 seasons of juniors to play.
- Honourable mentions to graduating juniors Tom Bates & Jeff Smith who complete their junior years as ready made senior players.

Great to see last years winner Jackson Davis has become an established first eleven player, Jacko became the first son of a previous winner to be awarded the coveted trophy.

This year we have our second son of a previous winner to receive the award. This player, like his father made his first eleven debut as a 14 year old, which in itself is an outstanding achievement. The winner of this years Ted hood award is Jai Sheahan

As with Darcy, Jai is still eligible for two more seasons of juniors, From a club perspective Jai is a model junior player, never misses training, always willing to help the team, easy to coach, easy to captain, brilliant when required. He is entrenched in the regional pathway groups at the Rockets & now Dowling squads.

Aside from his 1st 11 Debut, Jai's junior highlight was a magnificent bowling performance in the last Under 17 home & away game.

His mesmerising, 5 for 13, to destroy the St Josephs batting line up, was an unforgettable moment in junior cricket.

Taking out the N&CCC under 17 Just bowling average, still eligible for under 15, is also an extraordinary feat.

Congratulations 2007-2008 Ted Hood winner Jai Sheahan.

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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 18, 2008 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 2007 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

9 - OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

7.4 Secretary W. Hadfield D. Murray D. O’Loughlin Yes

7.5 Treasurer R. Bennett D. Barnes S. Mullen Yes

7.6 General Committee:

Nomination Mover Accepted

M. Fleet M. Giles Yes

A. Green W. Hadfield Yes

F. Tuskes A. O’Connor Yes

J. Purcell S. Day Yes

When appointed senior captains to become committee members.

8. General Business and Important Matters

8.1 Public Officer: David Barnes
Honorary Auditor: Milton Tattersall

8.2 GCA Structure 2007/08

S. Mullen outlined the possible GCA structures for the upcoming season. Up in the air because of the drought. Second XI could be a hard wicket competition. First XI Competition could be played on both Saturdays and Sundays to give clubs access to the available grounds. Trying to get a number of grounds up to speed with re-sewn grass so that competition will go ahead.

8.3 Water Update

GCA and CoGG at loggerheads over the costs of re-sewing grounds. Negotiations underway involving GCA, Geelong Amateurs Football and Netball Club and CoGG to get water tanks to Queens Park. It is unlikely that water restrictions will be lifted in the next five years, if ever, so it is important to drought proof Queens Park, and to do the job properly now.

8.4 Refurbishment Update

S. Mullen informed the meeting that the refurbishment was if anything ahead of schedule and many “extras” will now be included in overall costs including air-conditioning and fully commercial kitchen. NCCC would still need to purchase tables and other equipment. NCCC will have the best facility in the GCA.

8.5 Coaching Update

W. Hadfield addressed the meeting on the end of season review, outlined the extensive process of searching for a new coach and captain, and explained why the choices for 2007/2008 were made, including the appointment of Brett Bentley as coach and Darren Fleet as First XI captain. Brett Bentley then briefly outlines his strategies for the seasons ahead – to develop a new NCCC approach to playing cricket, to develop a new off-field culture, to bring on the young players, at the same time giving opportunities to senior player whowant to work and train hard at their game.

9. Other Important Matters

9.1 Thank you

Before declaring the meeting closed, S. Mullen again expressed his thanks to all those who had worked for the club over the past 12 months. W. Hadfield also asked for a round of applause for the President’s efforts, particularly in relation to the drought problems and the refurbishment, during that time. Special thanks again to Mark Giles and a welcome to Millie Fleet.

Meeting closed 8.25 p.m.

Obituary



Vale Geoff Wells

Patriarch of a cricket dynasty

Sometimes you are lucky, just plain lucky. Sometimes in your life you are blessed to meet someone, be quietly influenced by them and those around them, and just be plain lucky to have met them along life's journey. I have enjoyed such fortune in knowing Geoff Wells.

Last November the Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club lost one of its greatest influences with the passing of our 9th Life Member Geoffrey Marcus Wells aged 85.

On a weekend when the rains finally tumbled down and the Club had little success to celebrate it is time to put things in perspective and celebrate the life of one of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club's greats.

Geoff Wells was one from the old school, a total gentleman, honest as the day is long, always a contributor yet never seeking the limelight. And if anyone deserved the limelight at our club Geoff Wells was the one.

Having joined the club, newly married to Margaret and new to Geelong in 1947, he was to spend the next 50 years quietly achieving, significantly contributing and proudly looking on as his Club became the most dominant force in Geelong cricket. Geoff loved his sport, football, golf and cricket.

As a player he captained the club, enjoying his twilight years as long term 2nds skipper.

He made 6863 runs at around 30 in over 280 games which including 7 premierships, five in the First XI.

As an administrator he contributed for a dozen years, four as Treasurer.

As a Life Member he continued to contribute for 40 years after his election, sometimes as assistant coach and always as an avid supporter.



A proud Geoff Wells with cricketing sons Allan, Greg and Stephen.

The fact that his sons Greg, Stephen and Allan were able to be involved when the club was at its most successful stands as a tribute to Geoff. Between the four they total 21 First XI premierships, an unparalleled performance in Geelong cricket.

We all have been blessed to have met or be affected in some way by Geoff along the way and have all benefited. Our sympathy goes to Marg, Kevin, Greg, Stephen and Allan and their families.

A great inning magnificently played with style and class.

- David Barnes TBT Editor