



Inc.

# TWO BLUE TRIBUNE

The official organ of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club Inc.



## Heart takes over the reins

Scott Mullen was elected the Club's 15th President at the June Annual General Meeting.



Joining the club for season 2001/02 as player Scott made his First XI debut last season and enjoyed his bowling role in the Seconds flag back in March. A club key sponsor over recent years Heart's club involvement reached new heights when he joined the General Committee last season and his enthusiasm and commitment was recognised at Presentation Night when he was awarded the Jim Perry Trophy as the club's most valuable playing member.

The affable photographic guru heads a new Committee structure aimed at streamlining our administration process.

PRESIDENT	Scott Mullen
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	David Murra
VICE PRESIDENT	Stuart Day
VICE PRESIDENT	Mark Turnley
SECRETARY	Chris Hockin
TREASURER	Tony Marinell
General Committee:	Tim Matthews
	Tony Gove
	James Taylor
	Paul Marinelli
	Ben Jackson
	Grant Whiteside

## Playing Group Meeting

## Two new Life Members

**At the Annual General Meeting in June Anthony Devlin and Grant Whiteside were elected as Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club's 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Life Members joining a select group of club luminaries.**

### Anthony "Specs" Devlin - N&CCC Life Member

- First played with the Club in 1981/82, making next season his 24<sup>th</sup> season of senior cricket for the NCCC
- Games played 271, ranging from the 2nds to the 6ths
- Runs 5028 runs from 253 innings, @ 22.65, 24 half centuries and 4 centuries, with a highest score of 116.

- Wickets 244 wickets from 1979 overs, @ 20.61, with 9 bags of 5 for and best figures of 6/24. Amazingly Specs has conceded 5029 runs with the ball, one more than he has made with the bat. Specs' runs per over with the ball stands at 2.54, which is about 8 times his own strike rate.
- Catches - 80

There will be a meeting of all club players at the end of July.

It will be held at Queens Park Sporting Complex on **Wednesday 28th July at 7:30pm.**

Anyone unable to attend should contact Tim Matthews on 0438 433 546 or [timmymatthews@bigpond.com](mailto:timmymatthews@bigpond.com)

Attendance at this meeting is vital for all players so as to keep informed of the pre-season training schedule as well as the details of the playing structure for season 2004/05.

## Seconds and Fifts grand final photos available on-line

To view the images, simply go to [http://www.scottmullen.com.au/members/\\_login.asp](http://www.scottmullen.com.au/members/_login.asp) and enter the following details.

Username: NCCC  
Password: PREMIERS  
(These fields are both case sensitive so please enter them exactly as shown above)

For anyone wishing to purchase any of the images, this can be done online by clicking on the shopping cart icon below each thumbnail (larger images can also be viewed by clicking on the actual thumbnail image).

## Coaching Courses

Level One and Two coaching courses are to be held in Geelong this spring. Please check the website or contact Chris Hocking for details.

- Premierships - 4 from 10 GF appearances, including one premiership as Captain.
- Years on Committee - 10
- Coached Juniors – 2 seasons
- Ran the bar for a couple of seasons, although we kept the bar open for the hours now as Specs did back then I dare say our Liquor License would be revoked
- Laid carpet at the Club, laid the vinyl in the bar, numerous 'emergency' repair jobs
- Laid the practice wickets and center of Shaw Oval
- Umpired a 5ths semi-final after the appointed umpire turned up drunk. As a result he missed Ben Neville's 128 against North Geelong at East Belmont. He's umpired 5<sup>th</sup> XI matches staged on Stinton Oval
- Done his share and more of clean-up.
- He's collected grog from the Diggers because he drives a ute and nobody would or could get there
- Specs helped Graeme Chisholm out with the Major Raffle, selling tickets at first, and going on from there. He now co-ordinates the Major Raffle on his own, although Chisa does 'audit the books' on Specs prior to each Raffle beginning. A huge job for this club, as without this raffle we would not make a profit
- The Thursday night raffle was originally Hoss's Pot, but after one season it became Specs' Pot as he had done the majority of the work selling tickets each Thursday night. He did lose the key to the jackpot box and we had to take the door off its hinges every week in order to find a winner, but that just added to the excitement of it all
- There aren't many jobs Specs hasn't done for the club, and I can't remember him knocking back any requests to help out, making cordial, washing dishes, dropping off forms to the GCA, vacuuming, mowing boundary lines, helping level the turf wicket, you name it, he's done it.
- He's also a great ambassador for our club around town. He knows everyone and they know him. Michael Kelson probably wouldn't be playing for us this year if hadn't known Specs from his days working at the Diggers
- Piston Can't Stand Up winner - twice
- Boris Jarvis Ratshit Cup winner – thrice

### **Grant Whiteside - N&CCC Life Member**

Grant's outstanding club service and playing over a long period is greatly acknowledged around the club and this award is a very well deserved honour.

Grant is a club veteran beginning his senior involvement with the club as a player in the 1982-83 season. In the seasons since Grant has represented Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club in greater than 250 games in all elevens except the Firsts. Included in those games are four premierships. Grant has also captained sides for three seasons.

Grant has been a very valuable contributor to the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club on the playing arena amassing 4909 runs at an average of 22.73 including four centuries and a top score 162.

Grant's wicket keeping record is outstanding and sees him sit second on the All Time list of dismissals at the club for a wicket keeper. Although not always 100% effective, as he did obtain the Iron Gloves Award for season 1998-99, Grant's dedication to the difficult role is unquestionable.

Grant has also embarrassed 11 batsmen with their scalps and has only won worst bowler to take a wicket once, in season 2000-01.

Off the field Grant's commitment, passion and love of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club has always shown. He was involved with Juniors through the Mid-eighties. His involvement being rewarded with the Vic Proffitt Memorial Trophy for Contribution to Juniors in season 1987-88.

Grant Whiteside's most outstanding contribution to the club was in his efforts as club treasurer for six seasons. Grant was able to keep the club trading in the black during this period which included presidencies of Messrs O'Connor and Green. Even more importantly Grant was able to see the club strongly through the very difficult and confusing period of GST introduction. His efforts and investigations often frustrating always time consuming were magnificent and always greatly appreciated by the committee.

Grant's efforts as Treasurer were acknowledged with him being awarded the Syd Johnston Memorial Clubman's Trophy in season 2002-03. Grant has continued his involvement with the committee and is serving as a general committee member currently.

Grant in his time at the club has become part of Queen's Park furniture and is a person this club has been greatly blessed to have involved.

## *Letter from The Pres*

Well another season is rapidly approaching and the time has come to start thinking about what we, as individuals, want to achieve from it. We should all be thinking about the areas of our game where we can improve, and striving to master those things in pre-season, as well as making our strengths even greater... as the catch cry went last year "the standards you set are the standards you get".

This season promises to once again be an exciting one both on and off the field and there has been a number of exciting changes in both areas:

Tim Matthews has been re-appointed as coach and the player list is again looking very strong. If anyone knows of someone who may be looking at changing clubs, they should contact either Tim or Brett Bentley to follow up. Now is the time for the youth of the club to validate the faith that has been shown in them in recent times and step up to show that Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club will be a force to be reckoned with for many years to come. The likes of Bottomley, Boyanton, Kelson, Rees, Wiseman & Co. proved last year that they have what it takes, and that experience should see them propel themselves into the elite this season. The "veterans" Kiddle and Clarke possess an enormous amount of talent and knowledge that can be of enormous benefit to us all, regardless of what grade you are playing, and they (along with the rest of the leadership group) are always approachable if you are seeking some advice with your game.

As with recruiting, new sponsors are always welcome and any details of prospective sponsors should be passed directly on to me to follow up. Remember, the more sponsors we have, the more we can subsidise your equipment and functions etc.

The administration of the club has embarked on a long term plan which will see NCCC thrive in the coming decades and the implementation of business like structures will ensure the financial stability of the club for the future. The things that were implemented last season will again be re-enforced to ensure that we are the force that we rightfully deserve to be and we have also been proactive in gaining a voice on GCA management which should go a long way to ensuring the integrity of the competition.

I would like to personally thank all of you for placing your faith in me to run the club this season and I am sure that with the help of the management team we have in place, we can go a step further and reap the rewards next March.

Each and every one of us should be thinking about premiership glory from a personal level and doing your utmost for NCCC to once again put us where we belong as a real club championship contender.

As always, there is an ongoing stream of work to be done around the club and it is only with the help of volunteers who generously give up their time that we have the facilities and functions that exist today. The department heads will from time to time ask for some assistance in getting things done and I ask that *YOU* be the one to put your hand up to help out. What will only be a small amount of time for each of you will go a long way to ensuring that our great club remains that way.

At the time of writing this, the playing structure is still a little unclear but we should have that information from the GCA before the player group meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. This along with a number of other structures will be revealed at this meeting so it is imperative that you all do your best to get there.

In order to make sure we have an up to date contact list and respect your privacy, can everyone wishing to receive emailed information regarding the club please send an email to [scott@scottmullen.com.au](mailto:scott@scottmullen.com.au) with "NCCC List" in the subject line and you will be included in all future correspondence.

I look forward to having a laugh and a beer with you all over the course of the season and wish you all the best both on and off the field.

Cheers *Scott Mullen*

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