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Marc Carson joins the Two Blues

by Nick Wade, courtesy of *Geelong Advertiser*

NEWTOWN & Chilwell has landed the first major signing of the GCA off-season, securing the prized services of retired Geelong fast bowler Marc Carson.

Carson's signing comes as the club last night celebrated the return of local cricket legend Rod Kiddle, who was unveiled as non-playing coach.

Carson, who took 442 wickets from 229 matches over a celebrated Premier Cricket career, will take on a senior leadership role as the Two Blues strive for back-to-back finals appearances.

Kiddle, a two-time Newtown premiership player, retired from playing at the end of last season after a distinguished career that also took him to Leopold and Grovedale.

He was the first player to score a century for the Geelong in Premier Cricket and went on to score almost 8500 runs in GCA first grade.

Club president Phil Morgan regards Kiddle as "probably one of the most highly respected cricketers in Geelong".

Carson's hunger for the contest burns as bright as ever and his arrival in the GCA sets up the prospect of a dream showdown against former Geelong spearhead Trent Walerys when the Two Blues take on St Joseph's.

"With the amount of players coming back into the GCA system, all clubs are getting stronger," Morgan said.

"Clubs have been more strategic with their recruiting and we're very fortunate with the quality of players in the league. It's a tough market."



Marc Carson's career at Geelong Cricket Club

Debut season 1997/98

- 229 Club matches (6th overall)
- 1st XI player no 49, played in all XIs
- 166 1st XI matches (5th overall)
- 442 Club wickets @ 19.77 (2nd behind Trent Walerys 527)
- 331 1st XI wickets @ 20 (2nd behind Trent Walerys 374)
- 6 times 1st XI bowling average winner
- 2 times 2nd XI bowling average winner
- Bakker Award Club Champion 2012/13
- 2 times Premier Cricket Team of the Year
- Victorian 2nd XI player

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N&CCC'S exclusive interview with Marc Carson

N&CCC: Welcome to the Two-Blues

MARC CARSON: Thanks

N&CCC: You had a celebrated career in the VCA, you would have been sought after by a lot of clubs. Why Newtown?

MC: When I got the call from Newtown, I thought I would do the right thing by the club and go and have a chat because I have so many good friends from there. I played 10 years with Aaron Croft and he's a ripper bloke ... one of the best. Don Royce was at Geelong when I arrived and I really admire him. Luke Muller is also from Newtown. So we had a chat and here I am.

N&CCC: Our new coach, Rod Kiddle, also had a fine VCA career, part of it with Geelong. Did you play with him?

MC: No I only met Rod for the first time last week, but Croftie, Don, Bluey, they all speak so highly of him and I am really looking forward to working with him.

N&CCC: In your interview in The Geelong Advertiser, you said one disappointment for you is not winning a premiership at Geelong. Does Newtown offer you that opportunity?

MC: Without the determination to win a premiership, I couldn't play cricket. I make no apologies for being a pretty competitive sort of bloke. And determined. That's the way I've been since I started playing cricket in the bush. Look from what I know, Newtown is a pretty young side. What we need is for everyone to buy into what Rod and I are wanting to do. If we get that, then success generally takes care of itself.

N&CCC: You've just taken on a new job which is one of the reasons for retiring from VCA cricket, tell us about that.

MC: I am working with Wyndham City Council, looking after all their sports grounds.

N&CCC: So as an expert on sports grounds, one of the first things we might get you to do is rate our facilities at Stinton Oval, we're pretty proud of them, as you will no doubt quickly find out.

MC: Happy too, yes, I do hear they're pretty good. They also tell me your groundsmen always produce a good wicket and there's always a bit in it early on for the quicks. Looking forward to finding out if that is true, too.

N&CCC: Thanks Marc, you'll enjoy meeting those groundsmen, Simmo and especially the incorrigible GT, just as the whole club will enjoy having you on board.

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Two Blue New Life Members

The Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club welcomed two new life members at its Annual General Meeting on June 10th. Phillip Morgan (left) and Mark Turnley (right).



Neville Crane nominated Mark Turnley, that motion seconded by David Murray and passed unanimously.

Then in a surprise movie, Graeme Chisholm took the floor. "I am not going to beat around the bush on this," he said. "I am going to nominate Phil Morgan. "The President had been sounded out about life membership in recent weeks but declined the honour. Chisa and a few others weren't having that, Chisa perhaps because his own career is so inter-twined with Morgo's, that it afforded him the opportunity revisit some shared finest moments. "But it's not about me," Chisa added with a wry grin. "It's about Morgo."

Anthony Devlin also spoke in support of Morgo's elevation, which he accepted in his usual self-deprecating way. "I have enjoyed a lot of wonderful moments at this club, learning from a lot of fantastic people," he said. "At a certain stage in your life your begin to reflect on those, and then consider the ways in which you might offer new generations the chance to enjoy all the things that I have."

Mark Turnley, like Morgo a premierships captain on the hard wickets, and also a Trojan for the club's junior cricket programs, said he was

humbled to accept the honour. "As Greg Wells said at the Centenary Dinner, it is all about the club," he said. "I am humbled to be among some of the names up there on the honour board, humbled and extremely grateful." Mark Turnley is the club's 40th life, Morgo the 41st.

The club also honoured Jason Thiele's Under 13 side which was the club's only premierships team in the 2013/2104 summer. His youngsters are featured on the front cover of the fabled Barnso's Bible, the club's year book.

"It is highly appropriate that we put them on the cover, and feature them across the season in our other publication," Phil Morgan said. "These boys are the future of our club. "I started out at about their age with people like Specs and Twads, and we're still here. "In 20 years time I want those blokes to be sitting in the rooms after a hard day of senior cricket and reflecting on this premierships, and the fact that they featured on the front cover of Barnso's Bible.

"It's all part of our 'one club' approach, whether you're in the Have A Go program, a junior player, on hard wicket or on turf, you're part of this really special thing, as Turtle reminded us ... this club, our club."

Playing stats only partly reveal the outstanding commitment by both Morgo and Turtle to the Club.

Both have made long lasting contributions at committee, junior level and to the culture at the N&CCC.

Hearty congrats Mark and Phil, 40th and 41st N&CCC Life Members.

Phillip MORGAN

Debut season 1980/81

<u>June 3, 2014</u>	1STS	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	5THS	6THS	7THS	TOTAL
GAMES PLAYED	2	20	28	46	143	80		319
PREMIERSHIPS	-	-	-	-	2	3		5
INNINGS	2	20	25	41	127	80		295
NOT OUTS		1	3	2	16	4		26
HIGHEST SCORE	7	66	93	69	148	126		148
AGGREGATE RUNS	7	265	501	796	3182	2765		7516
AVERAGE	3.50	13.95	22.77	20.41	28.67	36.38		27.94
DUCKS	1	6	2	2	8	2		21
CENTURIES					2	3		5
50s		2	2	1	15	18		38
CATCHES		17	5	26	80	67		195
STUMPINGS				1		1		2
OVERS BOWLED		88.67	147.83	141	159.5	152.87		689.87
MAIDENS		16	30	16	35	26		123
WICKETS		7	22	14	38	23		104
RUNS		174	386	269	369	512		1710
AVERAGE		24.86	17.55	19.21	9.71	22.26		16.44
5 wickets/innings			1					1
BEST BOWLING		2/23	5/28	4/57	4/12	4/15		5/28
BALLS PER WICKET		78.00	40.32	60.43	25.18	39.88		39.80
RUNS PER OVER		1.96	2.61	1.91	2.31	3.35		2.48



Mark TURNLEY

Debut season 1999/00

<u>June 3, 2014</u>	1STS	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	5THS	6THS	7THS	TOTAL
GAMES PLAYED				7	71	101	2	181
PREMIERSHIPS				-	3	-	-	3
INNINGS				5	72	96	2	175
NOT OUTS					2	8		10
HIGHEST SCORE				24	51no	57	23	57
AGGREGATE RUNS				53	940	1735	36	2764
AVERAGE				10.60	13.43	19.72	18.00	16.75
DUCKS				1	10	8		19
CENTURIES								
50s					1	5		6
CATCHES				3	28	54		85
STUMPINGS								
OVERS BOWLED				7	95.5	142.33		244.83
MAIDENS				1	10	14		25
WICKETS				2	21	40		63
RUNS				26	440	684		1150
AVERAGE				13.00	20.95	17.10		18.25
5 wickets/innings								
BEST BOWLING				1/9	3/15	4/15		4/15
BALLS PER WICKET				21.00	27.29	21.35		23.32
RUNS PER OVER				3.71	4.61	4.81		4.70



Rocket's back!

Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club is proud to announce that Geelong cricket legend Rod Kiddle will coach the club in season 2014/15.



Rod Kiddle, and in action. *Source: News Limited*

“I can't think of a better person to coach our club,” said N&CCC president Phil Morgan. “Rod, or Rocket has we know and love him, is one of the most decorated players in the history of Geelong cricket, one of the few to have averaged more than 40 across his whole career.

“He is a two time premiership player with the Two-Blues and has also served Leopold and Grovedale with great distinction in recent years.”

Kiddle, who retired from playing at the end of last summer, says coaching at Queens Park was “the perfect opportunity”.

“It is a great chance pass on all the knowledge and experience to a new generation of players,” he said. “It would not have felt right to have stopped playing and just walked away from cricket.

“I was fortunate enough to play with and learn from a lot of wonderful cricketers. I think you have a responsibility to give something back to the people, and the game, that has given you so much.

“That was one reason to taking up the job at Newtown. But mostly it's about the friendships I made during my first time with the club.

“My young family also wanted to be part of the club and I couldn't think of a better environment for them. I had other opportunities to coach but this was the one I wanted most to work out.”

Kiddle played 86 games for N&CCC, scoring 2560 runs at an average of 39.38.

He also took 68 wickets.

The two First XI premierships came in seasons 1999/2000 and 2000/01.



“We had two wonderful sides back then,” Kiddle said.

“But best of all, we had a great club atmosphere, and while winning games of cricket will always be important to me, a one club approach, surrounded by good people all celebrating each other's performances, no matter what grade they are playing, is also something I love being part of.”

ROCKET'S RECORD

OVERALL

- Played for VCA clubs Prahran, Geelong/Nth Melbourne & Geelong
- First player to score a century for the Geelong First XI in the VCA – 143.
- A record four time league batting average winner. GCA
- Eight years of VCA cricket, debuting at the age of 17
- Four GCA premierships
- 263 1st XI matches with Leopold, Grovedale and N&CCC
- Scored almost 8500 GCA First XI runs.
- One of three players to have averaged more than 40 runs over entire GCA career.
- 10 years experience as a GCA First XI captain and coach.
- Two decades of experience as batting coach, focusing on technique and temperament.

at Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club

- Two premierships as captain-coach
- 86 games
- 2560 runs at an average of 39.38.
- Highest Score – 158 not out
- 68 wickets.

N&CCC'S exclusive interview with coach Rod Kiddle

"I had other opportunities to coach but this was the one I wanted most to work out."

N&CCC: Welcome back Rod.

Rod Kiddle: It's good to be back.

N&CCC: So I guess the obvious next question, after leaving us a few years back to extend your marvellous GCA career at Grovedale and Leopold, what's brought you back to Queens Park?

RK: There are a lot of things you think about when you make a decision like this. I like to describe it as the perfect opportunity. It is a great chance pass on all the knowledge and experience to a new generation of players. It would not have felt right to have stopped playing and just walked away from cricket. I was fortunate enough to play with and learn from a lot of wonderful cricketers.

I think you have a responsibility to give something back to the people, and the game, that has given you so much. I want to pass on all that I have learned over a long period of playing at the top level. There have been so many experiences, things that have worked, things that haven't. That's what experience is all about. Through those experiences, the good and the bad, I have learned how to plan to win personally, and as part

of a team. I know there would have been a huge void if I had just retired and walked away from cricket without doing something that would help the next generations of cricketers to enjoy so many of the things that I have had the privilege of enjoying. That was one reason to taking up the job at Newtown. But mostly it's about the friendships I made during my first time with the club.

N&CCC: No doubt a huge part of those friendships is the bond formed whenever you win a premiership. As captain-coach, you helped us win two. Tell us about those years.

RK: Well there's no doubt we had two wonderful sides back then. But best of all, we had a great club atmosphere. We won premierships in other grades too, during my time here, and I always enjoyed the success of those teams.

I believe in a one club approach, that everyone from the Milo players, to your juniors, to your hard wicket players and your turf players are part of something special. Newtown is that sort of special club and that's something that's attractive not just to me, but to my young family. They also

wanted to be part of the club and I couldn't think of a better environment for them. I had other opportunities to coach but this was the one I wanted most to work out.

N&CCC: So can you give us a bit of an idea of what you see for the club next season?

RK: Well before next season, there's a pre-season. As I have already indicated, planning and preparation are a big part of the way I have played my cricket, both as an individual and as a leader of a team. I don't think you can predict too far ahead in any sport. There are always so many factors that you can only guess at ahead of you. All you can do is prepare yourself in the best possible way. That's why I want to see as many people as possible at pre-season training. If they're not there, it makes it pretty hard to share all the information I and the rest of the leadership team have to pass on.

So the simple message at this stage is get to training, get yourself fit, get yourself mentally set up to play good, hard cricket.

If you kept getting out the same way last year, let's have a talk about it and see what you're doing wrong, the same thing if you're a keeper or a bowler. Let's have a look at you.

Over the years, it has always been something I enjoyed, seeing a young person with a bit of talent then helping them to get the temperament and technique right so that they can fully enjoy that talent. And let's focus on that word enjoy, too. That's the sort of atmosphere I remember from my first time at Newtown, people enjoying each other's company, and when they came along, each other's successes.

If you're one of the people around 10 years ago, it will be great to catch up. If you've arrived since I've left, let's get together and start to get to know each other. And I say this to everyone, no matter what level of cricket they are playing at Newtown, if you've got a question about your game, please ask the coach. That's what he's here for.

N&CCC: Thanks Rod, see you at training.

RADIO \ After reporting from all over the world, sports journalist Warwick Hadfield has set up a studio in Geelong, writes JULIA MILLARD

One of Australia's most recognised voices is broadcasting to more than a million people every weekday morning right here in Geelong. From his home studio in Newtown, Warwick Hadfield has been presenting the sports report for the ABC *Radio National Breakfast* program for the past 18 years. After years of travelling with his career, he first moved to Tasmania and then settled in Geelong in 1997.

"One of my lines is when a town has two phone books it's too big. That's what I loved about Hobart and that's what I love about Geelong. You can have all the attributes of a good city without having all the traffic jams and the congestion," he says.

The 61-year-old says the ABC radio opportunity arose while he was working with ABC in Tasmania.

"While I was working as the marketing manager, I discovered I loved talking into a microphone. They couldn't get me out of the studio. So when an opportunity came to have some on-air time, I just jumped at it," he says with a laugh.

Hadfield says radio is just like anything else.

"It's a craft and you just have to learn it. It's just a privilege to go into people's homes. I have so many people tell me that they stop doing what they are doing and preparing for their busy day just to listen. It makes you think you owe it to them to produce something a bit special," he says.

"We tend to do more than the plain old sports results. We try to find something that really fleshes out the story. I am always trying to find something historical or something a bit special or humorous. You can get the bare facts from the web these days, so what I'm trying to do is give the listener more than that."

Hadfield is no stranger to the journalism scene. He has been reporting for radio and newspapers for about four decades.

"My father was a depression baby, so he was adamant that when I left school I was to get a job in the public service. In his era you could not be sacked in the public service so I got a job as a clerk in the Justice Department. There was a part of me that knew it wasn't really what I wanted to do so I started writing for local newspapers on the side," he says.

"When I was about 29, I thought if I'm going to become a journalist I've got to do something really radical. I moved to England and I applied for about 100 jobs at local newspapers and didn't get one. I then applied for three on Fleet Street and got all three.

"I ended up working for London's *Daily Telegraph*. It had six pages of sport everyday. It was a great place to write."

Hadfield says when he returned to Australia, that experience was enough to land him a job at *The Australian*.

"*The Australian* was a wonderful experience as well. I covered major sport all over the world. The chief sports correspondent was an amazing gig."

As the correspondent, he reported on the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and says it was a career highlight. He has also covered Commonwealth Games, Test cricket, rugby league, rugby union, soccer, AFL, tennis, hockey, sailing, and more.

Sport has always been a love for Hadfield, so it's no surprise his career is shaped around it.

"When I was about 13 or 14, sport resonated with me more than anything else. I wagged school to play sport, I missed out on a high school examination to play in a rugby league grand final, which was made worse by the fact we lost," he laughs.



(REG RYAN)

HOME & HOST

"I think the other thing I discovered was that you could write beautifully about sport. There were great sport writers that didn't just give the score, they wrote eloquently. People like John Arlott and Sir Neville

Cardus had a huge influence on me and showed me that you can write sport more deeply than just giving the score.

"The highlight of my career was writing about international sport alongside men and women who were regarded as the best in the profession of sports writing. It was amazing. I also got to see many wonderful achievements.

There were three gold medals awarded in Seoul for Australia and I was there for all of those."

Hadfield has written about a dozen books, with about four of those books written alongside Kevin Sheedy. They are currently in the stages of writing a proposal for their next book together.

But writing books is not Hadfield's only forte; he has

written two play scripts and plays guitar in a band with three other musicians.

The band, which has a country/pop style, wrote and released a self-titled album called *Dancing with Socrates* in 2007. They recently returned from Tasmania where they recorded new songs and are planning to release their EP *Different Roads* in August.

The radio presenter is all for the Geelong community, too. He is on the committee for the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club. He played at the club for more than a decade until last year. He also serves on the committee for the Smart Geelong Network and had a stint as communications manager with the Geelong Cats for three years.

"It's really amazing seeing the quality of people here in Geelong who are doing great work. I'm a great believer in this community. I've adopted it, and it's adopted me," he says. \

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• Tune in to ABC's Radio National Breakfast program (621 AM) to hear Hadfield reporting every weekday from 6am. www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/

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