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Damian Shanahan joins Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club

Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club is proud to announce that former Geelong coach Damian Shanahan will play with the Two Blues this summer.

The 40-year-old had highly successful stints with Camberwell and Geelong in Premier cricket as a batsman, bowler, captain and coach.



Earlier this year, he announced he was stepping aside as coach of Geelong.

“We are thrilled that Shanners has chosen to join our club,” said club President Phillip Morgan.

“While his ability as a cricketer is something we relish enjoying, just having a person of his experience around the club is going to be good for us.

Our youngsters will benefit from his knowledge, in fact everyone at the club will.

He is one of the best credentialed cricketers in Victoria, and when you add his name to those of Marc Carson and Rod Kiddle, along with our Gooch/Insole scholarship holder Chris Pepper, there’s a lot of talent, a lot of wisdom, a deep well of cricket knowledge for everyone at our club to drink from as we encourage people to come and play this great game of cricket that we all love and want to nurture.”

Shanahan played 181 games for Camberwell before moving to Geelong where he took the club to a T20 flag and two club championships.

“One of the reasons I stepped down as coach of Geelong was

that I felt burnt out and that it was time for a fresh voice at the club,” Damian said.

“Another reason was family, I have two young children, Isabella and Xavier, I’d wanted to spend more time with. Queens Park is just down the road from where we live in Highton so the drive to and from cricket on Saturdays won’t be so long. And I also have a family connection to Newtown through my wife Rebecca, her father Gavan is a life member & major sponsor (Connect Tel) there and my brother-in-law Tim is a premierships player.

“It will be great just to be a player again, to relax and enjoy my cricket. At the same time, I am happy to help out when required in support of my great friend Marc Carson, the coach at Newtown.”

“Carso and I spent a lot of time together at Geelong where he gave me so much support.”

“I am looking forward to being able to return that favour.”

Two Blues 2015/16 Season Launch

Where: **Gold Diggers Arms Hotel,
(87 Skene Street, Newtown)**

Date: **Sunday October 4**

Time: **1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

Finger Food provided and cash bar.

The NCCC invite all players, partners, Life Members, sponsors, juniors, parents, friends and cricket lovers everywhere to attend the 2015/16 Season Launch.

The launch will be held upstairs in the magnificent Atticus Room at the Gold Diggers Arms Hotel, one of our greatest and longest standing sponsors.

Meet a couple of our new recruits in Englishman, Chris Pepper, Dominic Manthorpe as well as VCA legend and former Geelong CC Captain/Coach Damian Shanahan.

Catch up with old teammates and new.

See you there.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – THE YEAR AHEAD AT NEWTOWN AND CHILWELL CRICKET CLUB

Cricket season approaches fast and we have plenty of exciting innovations ahead which we will announce in the next little while.

On Monday, your committee held its monthly meeting and I thought I would give you an update on some of the things that came up for discussion.

The first relates to the arrival of Damian Shanahan to our club.

I am sure you all know of Damian's achievements in Premier Cricket.

His very welcome presence gives us something extra this year, working as he will with Marc Carson and Rod Kiddle to help players of all ages and abilities.

He also hits the ball very hard as anyone who has been at practice – and if you haven't, why not – will know.

Damian's arrival presented us with an issue – his GCA rating.

We are grateful that Stuart Day took on the case for us and we were able to get Damian a ranking of 4.5, effectively 5.

I would also like to say thank you to the GCA for listening to Stuart's well-reasoned presentation.

If you ever need a legal advocate, Hoss is your man. There have been other wonderful acts of generosity of note.

We are two young Englishman coming this year – Chris Pepper and Dom Manthorpe – and I would like to say thanks to Lisa Morgan and Karen Twaddle for enthusiastically agreeing to provide their accommodation.

It's no small thing to have a stranger come and live in your house, but it can also be a very rewarding experience as the Twaddles, Cranes and Hadfields will all attest.

The boys need transport and one of our life members has stepped forward in this regard – the great Chissa providing the boys with a car.

As ever, Pessie is working on a vibrant social calendar, beginning on October 4th with the official launch at one of our enduring sponsors, The Diggers.

I am thrilled to let you know that Pessie will have two wonderful resources to call on this year – Reeanna Pavletich and Kylie Chapman. It's going to be a ripper year on the social side with the club maintaining its record for providing top quality guest speakers at our President's Dinner. More details on that soon.

I am thrilled to confirm that Florianne is doing the arvo teas at Queens Park again this summer. That was a cultural change that our club has been striving for for years.

I urge you to get along to the season's launch because will have a host of announcements to make, in relation to events, anniversaries, new playing gear, an area in which Brendan Twaddle has been doing an outstanding job.

As with any season, we have players leaving and players arriving.

To those who have chosen to play their cricket elsewhere, all the best and thanks for your contributions over time.

To those who have chosen to play with us this year, a hearty welcome.

I urge everyone to make yourself known to the new boys – senior and juniors alike.

I can't say too often how important our juniors are to our club.

Tony Jefferies reported that the numbers were good on junior registration day, and there is already great interest in the Milo program.

Thanks Jaffas, and all your assistants, particularly Dev, BJ and Anni for their help.

Great congratulations too to the Newtown boys selected in the Bakker Squad – Matt Thacker, Sam Bain, Tom Thiele, Jack Royce and Oscar Hill. You and your mates are the future of our club.

Last Monday, we decided on the membership fees for 2015-2016. They are the same as for last summer.
Senior – \$320 less \$50 if paid by October 31st.
Concession – \$250 less \$50 if paid by October 31st.

If you have any problems with your membership, speak with Tom Levick.

Every year, we think deeply about what to charge members. We do endeavour to keep them as low as possible, but it costs a great deal of money to run a cricket club and while we try to meet those costs via other revenue streams, membership fees will always be a vital part of our finances.

Accordingly, I ask you to pay your memberships as soon as you can.

At the meeting we noted that Grant Dew, the President, and David Barnes, the Administration Officer, had resigned from their positions at the GCA.

I would like to place on the record our gratitude for their work on behalf of cricket in Geelong.

I know it's early days, but another group of people I want to thank right now is the in-coming committee. First, I thank them for putting up their hands to do the job.

Secondly, I thank them for the support they continue to give me as president.

We feel really confident about the summer ahead, confident in the coaching department we have been fortunate to put in place, confident in the junior program that Tony Jefferies and his colleagues will be running, confident that as a club, we have a clear idea of where we are going, and how to get there.

So get to training, get to our events, get behind what Greg Wells called us in his magnificent speech at the Centenary Dinner – THIS CLUB, OUR CLUB.

ANOTHER RECRUITING COUP FOR TWO BLUES

July 8th, 2015 |  Author: [Frank Tuskes](#)



Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club supporters who revelled in watching young Daniel Lawrence's superb array of strokes against GCA bowling attacks and then write his own piece of history for Essex Cricket are thrilled to learn the "Two Blues" have secured another talented player from the academy.

'His name is Chris Pepper and according to Essex he is a very promising all-rounder,' said club president Phillip Morgan.

'Chris maintains the very powerful and highly successful bond between our club and Essex through the unique "Gooch / Insole Scholarship" we established almost a decade ago now.

'Players like Jaik Mickleburgh who played against Australia this month, Jon Carpenter and Dan Lawrence have enriched our club not just on the field but off it.

'Because they come from a highly professional outfit like the Essex Cricket Academy, they add to the knowledge of our own coaching staff & players.

'Add Chris to all of Marc Carson's & Rod Kiddle's years of experience and our club from juniors right to our first XI can draw on a deep well of knowledge. We all are looking forward to his arrival in early October'.

For the record Daniel Lawrence became the third youngest centurion in County Cricket history in April, 2015 when he scored 161 at the Oval versus Surrey.

9 Questions with Chris Pepper

August 9th, 2015 |  Author: [Frank Tuskes](#)

Chris Pepper is the Gooch/Insole Scholarship holder for 2015/2016. We caught up with him in his Essex home and put 10 questions to him.

1. Okay Chris, the most important question first, you've probably been talking to some of the former scholarship holders about us, what have they told you?

A. I've heard it's a great club, with great people, in a nice area near the coast, with warm weather with lots to do. I've been told we are a relatively new team with a desire to improve and play competitive cricket, whilst having a good time

2. Can you name all of the other Essex players who have come to Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club?

A. Daniel Lawrence and Jaik Mickleburgh

3. How did you get started in cricket?

A. I started playing on my annual family holiday to South Africa (where my mother is from and the team I support), on my grandparents farm, with my brother, dad and cousin. I then joined a small village club in Wendens Ambo at the age of 9 and continued playing from there.

4. Tell us a bit about your cricket, from what we hear, you're a decent bat and a handy fast bowler.

A. I am a right-handed middle order batsman. I look to be positive as much as possible. I am a right-handed medium fast swing bowler. I also value myself as a handy fielder in the cover/point area whilst also being confident in the slips.

5. What are your ambitions in cricket?

A. To play professional cricket for Essex County Cricket Club in the next few years. Would love to play international cricket after that (as most would), but still got a lot to learn and improve on before.

6. From a cricketing point of view, what do you hope to get out of your time in Australia?

A. I would like to learn and adapt to different playing conditions, learning to deal with different challenges such as faster and flatter wickets. As well as improving my all round game to better me for the future.

7. Is there a travel destination to which you hope to get while you are in Australia?

A. I would like to see other parts of Australia such as Sydney and the Gold Coast, whilst potentially visiting an island off the coast such as Fiji if the time allows.

8. What has been the biggest thrill/achievement of your cricket career so far?

A. Scoring 98* for the London & East of England against the North in a tricky situation. Of course representing Essex academy and the second eleven are also up there, as well as representing England U17 invitational eleven. Travelling to Sri Lanka with four other academy players last year for a cricket camp was also a highlight of my career.

9. Who is your cricketing hero?

A. Jacques Kallis. Best all-rounder of all time in my opinion. I am a huge fan of his.

GCA Division 1 Fixture 2015/16

Round 1 Oct 10 S/Barw v Leop <u>City v NCCC</u> Lara v E/Belm BPH v Grove North v St Joe Murgh v West	Round 2 Oct 17 <u>NCCC v S/Bar</u> E/Belm v City Grove v Lara St Joe v BPH West v North Leop v Murgh	Round 3 Oct 24 & 31 S/Barw v E/Bel City v Grove Lara v St Joe BPH v West North v Murgh <u>Leop v NCCC</u>	Round 4 Nov 7 & 14 Grove v S/Barw St Joe v City West v Lara Murgh v BPH North v Leopold <u>E/Belm v NCCC</u>	Round 5 Nov 21 & 28 S/Barw v St Joe City v West Lara v Murgh BPH v North Leop v E/Belm <u>NCCC v Grove</u>
Round 6 Dec 5 & 12 West v S/Barw Murgh v City North v Lara BPH v Leop <u>St Joe v NCCC</u> Grove v E/Belm	Round 7 Dec 19 S/Barw v Murgh City v North Lara v BPH Leop v Grove <u>NCCC v West</u> E/Belm v St Joe	Round 8 Jan 9 North v S/Barw BPH v City Lara v Leop <u>Murgh v NCCC</u> West v E/Belm St Joe v Grove	Round 9 Jan 16 S/Barw v BPH City v Lara Leop X St Joe <u>NCCC v North</u> E/Belm v Murgh Grove v West	Round 10 Jan 23 & 30 Lara v S/Barw City v Leop <u>BPH v NCCC</u> North v E/Belm Murgh v Grove West v St Joe
Round 11 Feb 6 & 13 S/Barw v City Leop v West <u>NCCC v Lara</u> E/Belm v BPH Grove v North St Joe v Murgh	Round 12 Feb 20 & 27 Leop v S/Barw <u>NCCC v City</u> E/Belm v Lara Grove v BPH St Joe v North West X Murgh	Qualifying Final Mar 5 & 6	Semi Final Mar 12 & 13	Grand Final Mar 19 & 20

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Round 1

Tue 20 Oct (5:00 PM) Geelong City v **Newtown & Chilwell** Richmond Crescent...

Round 2

Tue 10 Nov (5:00 PM) **Newtown & Chilwell** v Leopold Stinton Oval...

Round 3

Tue 17 Nov (5:00 PM) South Barwon v **Newtown & Chilwell** South Barwon

Round 4

Tue 1 Dec (5:00 PM) Lara v **Newtown & Chilwell** Lara Reserve - Oval 2

Round 5

Tue 15 Dec (5:00 PM) **Newtown & Chilwell** v East Belmont Stinton Oval...

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