

# BAYSWATER PARK CRICKET CLUB A79484

## 20082009 ANNUAL REPORT



### Premierships

#### Wilkins Cup

Ben Beech (C) - Adam Waite - Steve Craigie – Mat Parker – James Davies – Marcus Adams –  
Jamie Devinish – Drew McKenzie – Tom Fay – Andrew Burke – Simon Varone –  
Brendon Trump (12<sup>th</sup> Man) – Jenny Varone (Scorer)

#### “I” Grade

Lachlan McKenzie (C) – Cameron Barlow – Joel Margenberg – Andrew Eustace – Brad Palmer –  
Aaron Swincer – Thom Mills – Sam Trump – Tim Mills – Steve White – Mick Robbins –  
Matt Lockie (12<sup>th</sup> Man) – Michelle Lockie (Scorer)

#### Under 12/3

Bailey Foran – Jesse Bashford – Jake Castelow – Eranga Ruwandeniya – Lachlan Walker –  
Michael Curry – Jaidyn Best – Andrew Curry – James Costello – Jeremy Mason – Alexander  
Huysing

James Davies – Steve Pascoe Medalist

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# Presidents Report

Preparations for this season began the day after the Wilkins Grand Final loss in 2007/2008, with the removal of the bowling machine from Guy Turner Reserve to have a frame and wheels fitted. Over the winter period saw the hardest work seen at the club by the committee executive and volunteers with the completion of the storage and coaching facility we now enjoy, submissions to council regarding the upgrade of the surface of Guy Turner Reserve and the extension to the Pavilion. The members of the also volunteered their time distributed 7000 leaflets to homes in the Dinsdale ward and parts of Wantirna through Volunteers from the club advertising the benefits of joining our club.

The storage and coaching facility was completed in August after work by club volunteers over the winter period which included 15 Saturday's. A great deal of thanks must go to the members and supporters of the club for their contributions throughout the construction. Ian Barlow supervised the construction of the facility and must be congratulated for the thorough and professional works and his commitment to the project.

The volunteers and contributors are listed below:

Ian Barlow	Paul Money	Keith Briggs
Bob Bailey	Doug Beaton	Marcus Adams
Paul Dodd	Mick Beaver	Sam Trump
Graham Wallace	Brian Trump	Josh Kazar
Adam Gill	Ben Beech	Cameron Barlow
Con McLoughlin	Chris Robbins	Darcy Gotch
Mick Harrington	Drew McKay	Wayne Dight
Simon Varone		

Thank you to all for contributing to the future of our club.

## City of Knox

The re-election of Councilor Adam Gill to the Dinsdale ward of the City of Knox allows us to continue our relationship with him and the council, much the way it has in the past 3 seasons. This past season saw the upgrade of our main oval to a drought resistant surface with the introduction of Summer Couch grass. Although we were assured we would not miss a game in the regular season, it seems the council may have been a little misguided and play did not commence until after Christmas. The ground improved dramatically every week after competition play resumed and was deemed in excellent enough condition to hold the "A" Grade grand final.

We received a \$10,000.00 grant to build our Storage shed, A submission for the extension of our pavilion has been lodged and has gone into a priority list and is now being assessed for funding of permits & plans in this year's budget and it is hoped that a soon to be completed application for minor works funding to continue improvements to our training facilities will be approved.

Our working relationship with the council throughout this season and the past 2 has been one of mutual respect with excellent communication in a professional manner, so much so that in the past 3 seasons not one phone call or letter of complaint has been received by the club for any breach of regulations outside their guidelines.

## **Senior Coaching**

Prior to last season's AGM in April Club Coach Mat Parker indicated to the executive committee of his intentions to step down. This was quickly followed by an approach to offer Assistant Coach Leigh Callander the position of head coach which he accepted, much to the delight of the committee. At this time we also decided to advertise for a Lower Grade coach with a specific goal of improving our lower grade players. Leigh also recommended Gareth Winsper to be appointed his assistant coach for the season. During the past 3 seasons the coaching department has enjoyed the full backing of the committee and the improved results have defiantly showed with Premierships in Both Wilkins Cup & "I" Grade.

### **Leigh Callander (Club Coach)**

Having been assistant coach for the previous 2 seasons, elevation to the head coach position was a smooth one for Leigh. In this position he had the full backing of the committee as was encouraged to lead the cricket department as he saw fit. He maintained an extraordinary high level of commitment to our club from the time of his appointment and throughout the season. His demand of high standards compelled the players to greater achievements including 2 Premierships. Leigh has recently stepped back from club coach, but will continue to be committed to our club in the future. The committee would like to thank Leigh for his dedication.

### **Paul Huysing (Assistant Coach Lower Grades)**

Paul's appointment was a direct result from advertising on the Cricket Victoria web site. His specific role was to concentrate on the lower grade players from the 3rds – 5ths and enhance their skills in all aspects of cricket under the direction of the head coach. Paul went about his work in a very effective manner and the results of his work with the players resulted in 2 of the 3 teams reaching the finals, with "I" Grade taking out the flag. With this season under his belt I believe Paul will be a much greater asset to the club in future seasons.

### **Gareth Winsper (Assistant Coach)**

Gareth's enthusiasm for the position was unquestioned during the season and he took to his new role with pride. Under the guidance of the head coach his contribution to our season was one of the high quality. Well Done Gareth.

### **Robin Court (Director of coaching)**

Robin once again gave his heart and soul to our club by completing and implementing changes to our training and coaching from an on field review he completed after last season. He commits himself to the club year after year and still has the passion for the club to continue.

Thanks Robin

The coaching department should be commended for conducting themselves in a most professional manner this season and have reaped the rewards for their commitment and hard work.

## Seniors

It is very satisfying for the whole club to see our 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven progress to the Chandler Shield competition after finally winning the Wilkins Cup. Our club needed this progression to continue our growth both on and off the field. Club Captain Ben Beech and his team had to play some tough cricket throughout the season with some varying hurdles including playing home games at away grounds for the first half of the season. The 5<sup>th</sup> Eleven premiership victory under the captaincy of Lachlan McKenzie showed that the club was continuing to produce quality younger players of the future and upcoming depth in the next few years. So much was their dominance of their competition that they never lost a game after the Xmas break. Congratulations to both Ben & Lachlan and their teams achievements this season, it must be very satisfying.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Eleven under Ray Kazar's Captaincy finished the season on top of the ladder, but were unable to go further in the competition. Unfortunately our 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Elevens under the captaincy of Mike Finn & Ralph Wellington were unable to make the finals this season, but we are hoping for better results from the next season.

The U/18s coached by Gareth Bailey and Dave Mitchell performed well this season again by making the Grand Final. Unfortunately for the team well captained by Ben Prouse we were unable to win on the day.

Our younger players continue to gain valuable experience and with continua's commitment from them will see our seniors get even stronger in the coming season. Thank you to all our captains and the players for their commitment this season. Congratulations to James Davies on winning the Steve Pascoe medal for best & fairest in the Wilkins Cup Competition and the Con McLoughlin Medal.

## Juniors

Doug Beaton's junior committee continue to do an excellent job of forming our youngsters into the cricketers of tomorrow with a very professional outlook to our junior structure. They continue to be self contained and have created a great club atmosphere with their award nights throughout the season and work hard for the benefit of our club. This season all junior teams made the finals with the U12s taking out the Division 3 Premiership. Congratulations to coach Dave Curry and his team on a great win defeating the opposition team who had not lost a game up until that point.

This season we made a concerted effort to recruit boys and girls to our Milo in2cricket program coordinated by Troy Cogan with help from Donna Thomas, Colin & Kylie Southward and many others. They registered nearly 60 children and introduced an extra non competition grade.

Thank you to all the junior committee members, the coaches and all the volunteers that make up our junior section.

## Sponsorship

Thank you to all our Sponsors this season for your continued support of our club and for Peter Eagles for managing them. The committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued commitment to the club. Jackal Fencing, Bendigo Bank, Design Sheet Metal, Strap & Wrap Packaging Systems, ML Harrington Electrics, Saxon Sports, Textured Finishes & Solid plastering, Knoxfield Automotive, Mortgage Choice, Mako Performance, Cricket Excellence, Conte Services, Metro Cinemas, Boococks Meats, Bruce Beaton's Tiling, Snap Printing, Teja Hair & Body and Bridie O'Reillys.

## **Committee**

I would like to thank the members of the committee who supported the club and me this season. A special thanks to Jason Butcher, Ian Barlow, Ray & Julie Kazar, Ralph Wellington and Leanne Briggs for their commitment to tirelessly working for the club and to Dave Wallace earlier in the year.

As a committee we are working towards a better and more professional outlook on the club as a whole. We have recruited former club President Les Crowe to be our facilitator to devise and implement changes to the way we control our finances, the setting up of different self contained sections of the club including the on field cricket department and administration procedures, much like the junior department of our club. Many of these changes will be seen in the coming season.

The committee worked tirelessly throughout the winter months leading up to the season and continued to support the varying sections of the club to once again contribute to having the successful season we have enjoyed.

## **Bar & Vending**

Our fully licensed bar generates the most income at the club, without it we would not have a club. As part of our status with the Good Sports Program we sent 7 of our members to a responsible serving of alcohol course before the commencement of our season.

This season the bar turned over nearly \$54000.00 with a profit of nearly \$16000. The work needed to run and control the bar is enormous with ordering supplies, attending senior, junior & vets functions and being a step ahead of changes. The soft drink vending machine generates around 13% of our income and this season made a profit of over \$5000 - a good result.

Ray Kazar in his third season as bar manager managed to once again do a fantastic job and with the help of many volunteers including Sam Trump, Julie Money, Steve White, Ralph Wellington, Dave Singleton, Leanne & Sara Briggs and Sandra Kazar. This is a vital position within the club and one which needs constant review. We hope that Ray continues on next season. Thanks Ray

## **Social**

Leanne Briggs & Sandra Kazar were our Social coordinators this season and many people including myself say it was our best season ever. Their hard work throughout the season with help from Tara Lea, Sam Trump, Julie & Paul Money, Jenny Wallace, Jason Butcher, Keith Boulderson and many more. So good were the events it made for compulsory attendance from all sections of the club. Thank you to both girls and all who volunteered throughout the season and we look forward to both Leanne & Sandra's continued commitment next season.

Some of the events they organized and helped with were AFL Grand final day, Back to School, Melbourne Cup day, Halloween night, Club Christmas Party, Ladies Luncheon, Bendigo Bank T20, \$1000.00 Draw, Con McLoughlin Medal, 40 year celebration and Junior & Senior Presentation Nights.

Senior Presentation night with 148 seated members and guests was one of the highlights of the season; it was professionally organized and was enjoyed by all who attended. Once again well done to all those who contributed to a great year.

## Community

One of the very reasons our club has had the success we are enjoying at the moment is our involvement and interaction with the community around us. We have promoted community awareness in the form of identifying dangers in our area such as Fireworks; we have kept our immediate neighbors informed of our events and progression through our quarterly newsletter and continue to help our community where possible.

Our Twenty20 community charity match held for the past 4 years is one such event where both our club and our community come together for a common cause. This season the event evolved into a much larger one when the Wantirna CC, the Wantirna Branch of the Bendigo Bank and the Rowville & Wantirna Lions club came together to promote the match to not only raise funds for the research of Leukemia, but also for the Eliza Baird Foundation committed to caring for local girl Eliza Baird who suffers from a rare incurable skin condition.

Once again many volunteers contributed to a glorious day, with Jason Butcher coordinating, and together \$4865.00 was raised for each of our causes. In the past 4 years we have raised over \$15,000.00 towards Leukemia Research and in a letter received from Dr Peter Downie, Director of Clinical Oncology at the Children's Cancer centre, Royal Children's Hospital he thanked us for our extremely valuable and generous support, he said and I quote - Thank you once again for your extremely valuable ongoing support and please pass on my gratitude to all at the Bayswater Park Cricket Club.

## 40 Year Celebration

In February we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with what many described as one of the best days held at the club for many years. Many past players were present on what was a mild day after the temperatures reached 46.4 degrees in Melbourne the day before. Presentations were made to a team made up of players from the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 years and a team from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 20 years. A free lunch, slideshows, drinks and good humor were the order of the day with a tinge of sadness when news filtered through of the destruction of 1979/80 Premiership Captain/Coach and Life member Ron Taylor's Property in Narbethong the night before. Ron was treated to a BBQ a few weeks later, where he was presented with his plaque as Captain of our team of the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 years.

## The future

With the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> eleven this season and our promotion into Chandler Shield the club will now find itself with not only the normal challengers associated with cricket clubs, but many new challengers as we strive to cement our position in the top grade. We will have to find greater and more varied ways of raising funds to continue our growth. We will need to find more sponsors and continue to introduce more purposeful methods of controlling & accounting for our finances. We will all need to work together and continue to rely heavily on our volunteers and supporter base to help us establish us in Chandler Shield and build our club to greater heights. We will need to continue our commitment to our juniors and we will be required to have a holistic outlook both on and off the field if our club is to continue to succeed.

## In Conclusion

The club as it stands has a great foundation to carry on into the future with the confidence to achieve great heights. We have a strong bank balance, with successive years of over \$5000 profit. We have many experienced leaders to continue the hard work put in both on & off the field to achieve whatever we want if we put our minds to it.

I have enjoyed my time as president this time around and with any good club such as ours we need to evolve and bring in new people and new ideas into our club.

I wish Bruce Beaton good luck with his commitment to the club as our next President and I am sure he will bring new ideas to the club and continue to lead it in the way it has in past seasons.

I would also like thank Ann & Michael for their support and to everybody else who supported the club & me throughout this season and past seasons. I look forward to our future with confidence.

See you next season when the SHARKS begin to circle

Thanks

**Paul Dodd**

## **Secretary Report**

Congratulations to all who are associated with the Bayswater Park CC, a very successful year was had, with all aspects both on the field and off, and the best of luck to all for the coming years as a Chandler club this has been a great achievement.

It is now time to look forward to the future and a significant part of this will be in the administration of the Club, a part which is often overlooked by the majority of the Club members.

Les Crowe has volunteered his time to assist and oversee the implementation of a business structure / Plan which we believe will greatly improve the overall operation, The first step will be to implement a strong Financial group which will be able to set budgets for the other structure groups and good strong reporting system which will track and record transactions.

The next few years are going to be an exciting time for the Club and will be a great time to be part of the journey, best of luck to all and to the new committee next year.

Ian Barlow

Secretary

BPCC

## Treasurers Report

I am pleased to report that at the conclusion of the 2008/2009 season the Bayswater Park Cricket Club has returned a profit to date of \$9799.50. This includes \$4400 of income from the 2007/2008 season that had not been collected at the time of the last AGM. This in effect makes our profit for the 2008/2009 season \$5399.50 which is down by approximately \$2000 from the profit returned in the previous season.

This is a very positive sign for the club, with us now making a profit of in excess of \$5000 two seasons in a row. It is also an especially pleasing result given that for the majority of the season, we never looked like making a profit of more than \$1000.

The Bar was once again the key to our success turning over an additional \$8000 in income from the previous season. Vending and Fundraising continue to prove to be reliable sources of income, while sponsorship was down \$2000.

Over the past 12 months I have continued to endeavor to improve our accounting and reporting practices. This is proving to be a very slow process, however progress is being made slowly.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted me in the past season.

Go Sharks !!

Timothy Court

Treasurer 2008/2009

## Senior Coaches Report

What a memorable season 2008-09 has been at BPC. This was the season that saw the club's 1<sup>st</sup> XI achieve the highest level of success it ever has in the club's 40 year history, by winning the Wilkins Cup premiership and being promoted to Chandler shield. Combined with a gutsy premiership victory in the 5<sup>th</sup> XI, it was great to see hard work and desire achieve great results for the club and the players of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> XI. The club also achieved 5 wins twice this season which was the first time for many years.

I would like to make special mention to my assistant Coach's this season, Gareth Winsper and Paul Huysing. Both of these guys were in brand new roles for them for the first time and adjusted to the demands of these roles well over the season. Coaching is quite different to playing, and I believe that they offered a lot in respect to coaching, and did the best they could to assist the Head Coach, the players and the club throughout the season. I believe that both of the assistant Coach's are very valuable assets to BPC.

One of the goals of the Coaching staff at the start of the season was to have four sides representing the club in finals. The club ended up with three, however all 5 sides were still a chance of playing finals on the last Saturday of the home and away season.

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and 5<sup>th</sup> XI on playing finals this season. The 3's would be very disappointed with their finals exit in straight sets after finishing on top of the ladder. The experience and hurt of the two finals losses will hopefully be in the future, something that makes us more equipped for winning. The 4<sup>th</sup>'s were up there all season and were just pipped at the post. It was a great effort from Ralphy and his team on doing so well for most of the season, yet quite disappointing to see them miss out after being right up there all season.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI never seemed to find their feet throughout the season and there was not enough consistency or application shown by enough players in that team. Well done to the Captain Michael Finn on being a positive contributor with the bat and to Colin Van Druemel on his many match saving and respectable performances in the team. This season was a great opportunity for all players in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to become more talented, successful and respected cricketers, whilst creating the opportunity to enjoy team success with their teammates. Unfortunately not enough players committed to standing up, rather than standing back.

Many thanks to the Club Captains and for the hard work, commitment and sacrifice they have put in. No player ever really knows what it's like to be a Captain and the responsibilities that go with the role unless you have ever been a Captain committed to Captaincy.

The committee once again was extremely supportive of the playing group, the Captains and the Coaching staff with anything that we needed or requested without question. The hard and unseen work from those on the committee can't be measured, however was a major contributing factor as to why the club had arguably its most successful season in its history. Thank you very much too all committee members who worked so hard for BPC this season. You should be very proud.

Our wonderful English recruits were very well supported by the committee and the whole playing group, and in particular the McKenzie and Dodd family's who opened their homes for Adam and James to feel comfortable and an important part of BPCC whilst they were in Australia. Thank you, as quality people contribute greatly to quality clubs.

I believe that BPCC should attempt to create a brother/sister club with Adam and /or James' UK clubs to build a relationship where our players who want to travel to and play cricket in the UK can play with their club/s and their players can play with us.

There is never a guarantee that any player or team in this club will ever play finals, grand finals or win premierships ever again. Those who have achieved a senior premiership understand how hard they are to win, and how much pain, sacrifice and genuine commitment is required to reach the top. They also understand the jubilation in winning and it is why they want to do it again and again and again.

I would like to thank Jenny Varone and Andrew Sharp for their commitment to the club and the endless loyalty they continue to show to it. The club is a much better place for these two people being a part of it.

To all of the supporters, members, players who have played juniors at the club and the life members, I am so happy for you to have witnessed the first ever Wilkins cup 1<sup>st</sup> XI premiership this season. It has been many years in the making and I thank you for over the years putting in place what we have at BPCC today. I hope we have made you proud.

Finally to all of the players and the club as a whole, I would like to thank you for the acceptance, support and commitment that has been offered to me over the last 3 years. It has been a challenging and most enjoyable experience. In this time we have shared many good times and much success. I wish the club well in the future and look forward to contributing to the club in the years to come.

Never ever give up, stand tall, be proud of being a BPCC cricketer and be a part of the future forward journey, always keeping in mind that BPCC should always be hard to be beat and that sharks can never ever go backwards.

Go Sharks.

Senior Coach.  
**Leigh Callander.**

# 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captains Report

An outsider looking in to our club, would look at our season and perceive it as that of an ultimately successful season with 2 premierships, multiple teams in finals, and the ultimate goal of winning through to Chandler Shield being realised. As an insider, it would also be easy when looking back on the 2008/2009 season, to gloss over the issues we had and the challenges we faced whilst on our way to what we now recognise as the biggest moment in our club's 40 year history.

In Reality, the 1st XI and the club faced much adversity before the Christmas period. Multiple unavailability's made selecting the teams with a correct balance a torrid affair, and made the ultimate necessity for consistency both in performance and selection that much harder. Guy Turner being unavailable, forcing the 1st and 2nd XI to play Sundays at 'neutral' grounds was also a speed bump that we made bigger than it needed to be. Despite our best attempts at keeping things as much the same as possible, the reality was that we were asking guys who have committed to our club for little reward and little other reason than playing for a great local club with friends, to put away their entire weekends and commit Saturday and Sundays to cricket. Our guys to their credit, did what they could; but the easiest way to judge any challenge is on results, and it was clear that the 1st XI did not turn their season around until after Christmas where Saturday cricket; and the flow on effect of that - Saturday nights at the club, watching the vets on Sundays and the morale and culture that build within a group due to this - was the norm.

Perhaps the biggest challenge we as a group faced, and the one that would ultimately either make or break us, was a 'what is he doing' rather than a 'what am I doing' attitude, which in my opinion was a flow on effect at the perceived failures of the past 2 seasons. A negative attitude and culture was on the cusp which was obvious to all leaders within in the club and something we needed to change in order to ensure we didn't 'waste' a season. A lot of credit needs to go to individuals such as Andrew Burke, Brendan Trump, Gareth Bailey and Simon Varone who really stood up and helped Leigh, his assistants and I set an example of what needed to be done at training. Being a follower is easy, it always will be easy to follow a trend within a group rather than putting your head on the line and being a leader, which often means going against what your mates want, and these 4 individuals helped change the trend of training/preparation and communication. As always, our guys saw the right way to do things and ran with it; and our training sessions after Xmas and even more so, towards the end of the season were of an amazing standard. This coupled with an honest session with all the players and coaches gave us an opportunity to; ask the tough questions of each other; put it on any individuals who we thought were not contributing; and wipe the slate clean. And thus get on with the season.

It would be impossible for me to show enough praise to the group of players who represented our first XI, and it's somewhat unfair for me to individualise the praise but certain people took such great steps this year that they deserve to be acknowledged.

**Drew McKenzie:** For the first time, Drew played every game of the season in the 1st XI. There were some lows, but they were also mixed in with some brilliant highs such as his 80+ vs. Montrose in round 3 and his 25 ball 60 against East Ringwood in round 6. Drew along with his partner in crime Marcus Adams, was put in the slips after Xmas and was breathtaking, after Christmas between the two of them, they did not drop a catch whilst taking in excess of 15 which allowed our bowlers to bowl to the plans I set and gave the team so much confidence.

**Adam Waite:** Adam, after a tough start to season opening the batting, was relegated to number 8 in the last game before Xmas, and was subsequently dropped for the first game back after the break. Obviously disappointed, we needed him to go down and get some runs as I had told him he would be opening in the 1sts when he came back in. He did what everyone knew he would; he worked hard on his game training up to 4 or 5 times a week, got some results in the 2nds including a century and earned his way back into the 1sts. This culminated in an amazing innings of 120 V Ainslie Park in the 1st XI. For an 18 year old to go through the up's and downs thousands of miles from home, and come back to make that century shows what an amazing cricketer he is, and more importantly shows what an amazing person he was and what a strong character he was.

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**Marcus Adams:** in 07/08 Marcus took in excess of 40 wickets, won our club championship and was widely regarded as the best player in the Wilkins competition. Unfortunately for Marcus his bowling was not at the previous year's standards, but as always he kept on rocking up to training, kept on challenging himself to improve and ensure his batting was at such a level that he was 2nd in our batting average. Seeing Marcus get the first 3 wickets in our grand final, then take 2 amazing catches was such a proud moment for us all; A true Bayswater park bloke who has gone through the up's and downs.

**Simon Varone:** Before Round 1 - I told Simon I didn't think his wicket keeping was up to scratch and that he wouldn't be selected in the 1sts as a keeper. 6 months later he was a 1st XI premierships player; and he may never understand how important a player he was for us. His performance in rd 11 V Warrandyte making 15 not out batting at 11 and helping us win the game took us into a finals spot and his keeping was as solid as ever. Grand Finals are won by blokes like Simon; not the team's best player; but a guy who wants it more than most and will do anything possible to help the team succeed.

Every player who represented our 1st XI this season deserves a medal. Every player that has represented our 1st XI throughout my time as captain deserves a medal; as they have all contributed in many ways along the way. Every single player has had success, and the toughest thing of being a successful club is that we were not able to give so many deserving players more 1st XI games. Players such as Tim Hall, Gareth Bailey and Ben Prouse will be brilliant 1st XI players in the years to come and we need to ensure they are integrated into the 1st XI requirements of expectations and performance.

I would like to thank Leigh Callander and Mat Parker who in their time as head coaches contributed so much to this premierships year. The amount of time dedicated to our club is never realised by people who are not within the inner circle. It was not uncommon for Leigh and I to spend an hour a day on the phone, and then catch up after work for another hour, just in the hope that we might be able to help improve someone's game by 1%. Leigh stepping down this season is a big loss for our club, but his impact on the playing group, actually makes it an opportunity for individuals to step up even more than they have. For 3 years we have promoted leadership from within, and expected our players to do without being told; next season this will be seen more than ever.

I would also like to thank Paul Huysing, Gareth Winsper and Robin Court who were integral members of the coaching panel this season. Guys like these three mentioned, and those such as Ralph Wellington who has filled the lower grade assistant position previously are invaluable. A Big thanks must also go to the committee; that who appointed me, and that who have always provided a support base for me and made it known that they had great belief in my ability to lead this group; many on our committee are much maligned and often ridiculed but the work many of these members do is plenty, and the respect they have earned is great.

On A personal level, this season has been perhaps the greatest challenge of my career. Cricket, at our level is such a fine game, and the need to train and work hard on your game is great. Not being able to commit the time I have in the past to training has hurt, but in a way it has made me a better player, person and leader. Having a poor year results wise made me ensure that I was contributing as much as possible in other parts of my game and I enjoyed the leadership aspect this year more so than ever. I have always said it is easy to lead good players. 3 years ago we had 4 or 5, last year we had 6 or 7 - Now it seems we have 10 or 12 players who all know what is expected of them, and what the captain and their team mates need of them. This is why we won a premierships; because the individual attitude quickly became a 'What can I do for my team' attitude.

It has been such a brilliant and challenging year and I am so lucky and honored to have been a part of it. The 2 greatest moments of my life both came in the season gone; being announced vice captain of our team of the 2nd 20 years, and then captaining our club's 1st XI premierships and taking us into Chandler. Sometimes I need to pinch myself, and wonder if everything was just a dream; and that is what being a part of this club is; it's a dream come true. I look at our Wilkins cup premierships trophy every night and I think about and appreciate what every single Bayswater Park person has done to get US to this moment. In Times of reflection I sit back and realise what Bayswater Park and to a greater extent local sport is all about. We are some of the luckiest people in the world to play and socialise with the people we love, true mates. We get to pull on our beloved shirt, and that emblem sits proudly on our heart - all the while playing a sport we love. Now that is living the dream.

The best is still Yet to come

**Ben Beech**

## **Overview:**

The 08/09 season promised a great year of results on paper, however it will be remembered as a frustrating one and a series of missed opportunities for the 2nd X11 to make its mark during the course of the season, resulting largely in the un realised potential of many of its players who simply failed to consistently perform in roles they were given. My main goal was to deliver structure, consistency and mature leadership reflecting the clubs core values and expectations of its top 22 players. Allowing the team to develop by each player learning, accepting and growing into their given roles within the team to build a strong team unit. And further allowing individuals to have opportunity with both bat, ball and attitude to perform to their best under a set team game plan to benefit the team. This proved a difficult goal to realise on a consistent weekly basis.

## **Strengths:**

It was clear that on the few occasions during the season when the team clicked it was a formidable unit and was capable of beating anyone in the competition. Evidenced by the fact we beat easily the top team (South Warrandyte) and the eventual premiers (Templeton). Our bowling line up especially after Xmas became very consistent and was the key to the success we did have. Our top 4 of Bailey, Eagles, Van Druemel and Trump were easily one the best 2 line ups in the competition all year and will be again next year for sure. Josh temple proved on occasion that he can also take key wickets when needed however needs to be become more consistent with his line to be a real threat. Our lower order batting was also a highlight with the likes of Bailey, Van Druemel, Trump and Finn regularly doing what the top 6 could not which was occupy the crease and score runs.

## **Challenges:**

Our main issue faced was our inability to score runs. The top 6 batsmen consistently failed and placed immense pressure on the remaining players to post a half decent total in most weeks to go out and defend. This was most certainly the case particularly before Xmas where the team only won 2 of its matches with only one of those matches being due to a reasonable batting performance (Vs Templeton), the other being due to an outstanding bowling performance at St. Andrews. On average the top 6 batsman contributed only 118 runs between them for the season, which means we on average we 6 /118 in every match we played. We on 7 occasions we lost a wicket in our first 5 over's and on 4 of those occasions lost a wicket in the first 18 balls of the day. So clearly our largest issues was our top order batsmen who failed to make runs or even occupy the crease in lieu of making runs. This can on several occasions be attributed to good deliveries, but overwhelmingly the wickets fell due to poor mental application and shot selection by players who on paper should have known better. In many cases repeating the same dismissals over consecutive innings in consecutive matches to the team's detriment.

Consequently this immediate pressure we were being placed under weekly due to poor batting was very new to many of the players who had been used to being on top and winning for the last 3 seasons. Many of those players did not cope well mentally with being on the back foot which led to the second major issue which was some of those players in the team not accepting their given roles, not being prepared to play as a part of a team and not being prepared to be lead under pressure. In the midst of major pressure and constant losses certain players lost focus and chose to be unfocussed in their attitude and on field discipline. Becoming very self absorbed, on many occasions taking the field and giving less than 100% in their efforts. This was a lack maturity and in some cases respect for the club and themselves under pressure and must be a major focus in some players next season if indeed the team is to move past its current placing on the ladder. To be a leader, one must first prove they are truly prepared to be lead.

## **Looking forward to season 09/10**

The major focus for the season coming must be in the following areas if the team is to realise its potential.

### **1. Leadership**

The team must continue to have strong, mature and consistent leadership delivered by a captain who is not one of the boys and is prepared to hold players directly accountable for their attitudes and actions in the event of poor performance. Someone who is also a great leader with previous experience in leading and developing players, people and culture on many levels.

Next season is not the time to experiment with untried leaders however good their intentions are when the team desperately needs to have success. Remembering very clearly that a good player or a good guy is not automatically a good or great leader. We already have the blueprint of success by modeling against the firsts in over the last 3 years. There has been a consistent Captain and leadership that the playing group in that team has had to go by. Which then follows into the consistency of roles, expectations, game plans and attitudes that build and develop as they same people are implementing them each year?

The players as they grow therefore understand that to be a part of that team they know what they must do in all areas to gain that spot as the goal posts aren't changing from season to season by different people coming in and delivering their versions of what they feel that means which creates uncertainty and confusion amongst the playing group.

The seconds must follow the first's model of the last 3 years also if it wants the same successes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 players of 09/10 need to fit into the vision for the team and where it's going as delivered by the captain on behalf of the club. The club should not modify its outlook and leadership group to suit the players who won't change their attitudes or views from last season - now more so then ever it must not be the tail wagging the dog in this situation. Now is the time to hold firm and maintain focus if success is to come after a hard 08/09 season.

## 2. Key players/changes need to be identified in two areas to build a strong cohesive unit moving forward, these are

- A: Players who will be a part of the future success culture of the team. These players MUST be accountable, coachable and demonstrate a willingness to work to a team plan. There is a great opportunity now to take a group of young good players between 16-22 years and mold them into the next great 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 team of the next 2-3 seasons which then becomes the next great first team when these guys get into their early 20's.
- B: Players who must be now be replaced looking forward by virtue of poor performance or poor attitude or both. If nothing changes then nothing changes and many of the same players who have made up the team for last 3 seasons without success must either next season perform immediately or make way for next younger hungrier players to come and take their place - some guys have had their time and in some cases for different reasons after this seasons results their time should be just about up. Egos will be bruised but this needs to happen so the shift in attitude and mental focus can occur and a winning culture can be re established. Most importantly, the same people who have been responsible in part for the team's poor season this year by virtue of their own poor application and or attitude cannot be allowed to front up again next season and deliver same attitude. This becomes poison in its effect on younger minds and history will repeat as it has done for now 4 years with a near enough is good enough outcomes and our new breed of younger cricketers 16-20 yrs old being taught by these slightly older guy to play that way as they are still in teams and positions of influence.

## 3. Development of the top 6 batsmen

Everything that can be done should be done to identify and then place major emphasis on the development of a strong reliable top 6 batting line up. In particular the top 4. Ben Prouse should be there, as should be such new talent as Taylor Leggate is he matures up should be developed at number 3, as well as grabbing the under 18 player who opened the batting for us then leaves to play at Templeton in the seniors (can't remember his name). If we rebuild the top 6 to a more hardened unit that can occupy the crease and make runs we have the bowling line up to support it. With the right leadership and attitudes the success we missed this year will follow as a matter of course next season.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the powers that be for the opportunity to captain the team this year, and would welcome the chance to do it again next year.

Regards,

Mike Finn

## 3rd Eleven Report – Ray Kazar

The 3rds did not start the year on a good note. Losing the first two games, we hit some form after that, and we did not lose another game in the Home and Away season. Again, the thirds used an abundance of players. We had used 29 prior to Christmas, but settled the Team down after Christmas and using 32 Players all up. Our juniors played some pivotal roles again in this Team and in a few occasions they had won us the game. What we had tried to do like previous seasons is give the young blokes a go and they did take their chances with both hands.

After finishing the Home and Away season on top we went into the finals with confidence. But the finals were a different Kettle of Fish. We could not put it together in the most important time of the year. We were chasing 290 in the Semi against Norwood and we could only manage 117. The Prelim Final against Wonga Park in a rain delayed game could have gone both ways but again we could not take the Chocolates home. We made 142 and Wonga passed us with 10 minutes to go. Due to the rain of course. Very disappointing end to the season considering the efforts we had done during the year. Only one stand out with the bat was Leachy with 51. Ryan Toye bowled well taking 3 for 47 off 19 over's and Jason Butcher 2 for 25 off 14 over's. We did have the talent to go all the way but it wasn't to be this year.

Some notable batting performances this year were:-

Tim Hall	181 n/o vs.	Ainslie Park
Leigh Brown	180 vs.	Templeton
Phil Leach	148 vs.	Lilydale
Tim Court	97n/o vs.	East Ringwood
Taylor Leggate	94 vs.	East Ringwood
Leigh Brown	92 vs.	Wonga Park

All these players deserve credit even though the latter just couldn't get to triple figures, an absolute fantastic job to have three centurions in the Thirds.

Jim Day	76 & 51	Mitchell White	56 n/o
Ben Weekes	72 & 63	Ray Kazar	55
Luke Sheffield	71 & 59	Josh Temple	54
Phil Leach	72 & 51	Ben Prouse	54
Jason Butcher	68	Jamie Devenish	50
Tim Court	66		

Our Bowling Contributors were:-

Dale Christey	5/24 & 5/45
Ryan Toye	6/18

The majority of our wickets were shared around this year. Unfortunately Fridge had to concede that his shoulder was not up to scratch and we missed him big time in the latter part of the season, but to get the services of Jason Butcher was a big bonus.

To our Batting and Bowling winners, Tim Court and Frank Costantino, a fantastic effort, to all the players thank you so much for making it an enjoyable season. It was a pity we could not go all the way. To the Committee and the coaching panel, thank you again for the opportunity to help the 3<sup>rd</sup>'s once again.

To Frank as Vice Captain, a fantastic effort mate, both as a leader and not only with the Ball but also with the Bat in the end. To Boldy our everlasting scorer, a big thank you once again. To Sandra for doing so much, to everyone one else who helped during the year thank you so much, I'm sorry if I have missed anyone.

Ray Kazar

## **4<sup>th</sup> XI Captains Report**

This season the Fourths got off to a good start, winning 4 out their first 5 games. In a very competitive grade, we went on to win 7 games. Unfortunately losing 5 games resulted in us missing out on the finals by 2 points.

Some of the better performances this year came from Luke Sheffield, who made 230 runs in the first 6 rounds and then moved up to the 3rds; Robin Court, as reliable as usual with 213 runs and 16 wickets; and Ash Onley, making 199 runs with an average of 199 from 5 hits.

To all the guys who played in the 4<sup>th</sup> XI this season – thank you for all your efforts. A BIG thank you to Robin Court and Jason Butcher, who did a great job captaining the side when I wasn't there. Further thanks go to Butch for providing ongoing support and advice on the field.

I would like to thank Leigh Callander and the assistant coaches for their training regime that improved the 4ths skill level enormously. Thanks also to Ben Beech for his support in the selection room, especially when discussions about sides seemed to go round in circles.

With the amount of younger guys and Juniors' showing their talents this season, and moving up in the grades next year; and with our First XI and Fifth XI winning premiership flags – it is clear our club is in a very strong position.

I am very proud to be associated with Bayswater Park Cricket Club – let's hope that next season we can continue to be successful and competitive. Part of that success lies not only on the field, but also off it.

I'd like to thank Christine, Mae and Emily too for their support throughout the year. (Even though they all LOVE Lutzy).

Ralph Wellington

## 5<sup>th</sup> X1 Report

Good start to the season with two wins, landing us with more confidence with Leigh behind the wheel.

Afterwards however was a big slump and we only won 1 out of 5 games. I think we just couldn't bat at all. We had a really strong team on the bowling sides and we even managed to bowl blokes out for under 150 nearly every time. It just came down to batting collapses.

I think that we picked it up however, with solid performances from Eusty, Lutz, Lewy Micheals and a few others who pitched in along the way. Really good to see Mickey get some form back as well.

I think Tom should get some credit for the way he batted and fielded all season, just seem to get himself out stupid ways, a bit like Cam.

Best mentions again Lutz n Eust for seeing us through the finals, both with the ball and Eust with the bat – posting scores in every game.

Just really good to come away with the win for the season and I think all the boys are pretty proud of themselves.

Not much more I think I can add

Lachlan McKenzie



## WOMENS TEAM REPORT 2008/09

After struggling to get more than 8 on the field last season, we started off this year with a few new gun recruits and by the end of the season we had 15 players on our list. Training this year saw a completely new outlook from the team. Considering that we could only just manage 4 players to attend last year, by mid season we had 10-12 turning up regularly, which saw huge improvements from every single player.

Due to last seasons lack of players we ended up 6<sup>th</sup> on the ladder; however this season we sat at 3<sup>rd</sup> for most of the year. An unlucky home stretch before finals saw us playing the other teams in the top four the last four rounds with us eventually finishing 4<sup>th</sup> with 8 wins, 7 losses and a wash-out. Unfortunately this meant we would have to play Kingston Heath (overall Premiers) in the Semi Final for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in as many weeks and whilst we gave them a good run for their money, we were outplayed by the better team on the day.

There were too many individual highlights to mention them all, so here is just a few: Peta Durose on making her first 50, Tina Baldry & Anne Reid with a match-saving last wicket partnership in an otherwise forgettable game, Vicki Downs with consistently solid batting, Sarah Smith and Lecia Baldry each with a few 50's in their belts and some great bowling spells from Penny Harford, Kellie Jones and our own super spinner, Kirsten Bindley.

If we can keep all our players and work as hard as we did this season, we will most definitely be a big chance to end up on top next year and hopefully come away with a flag.

- Lecia Baldry

## Masters 2 Report for season 2008/2009

The year started slowly with no Captain, no playable home ground and we were unsure of who we had available to play. Thanks to Bob Bailey and Greg Andrews, they made a number of calls in the week before the first match and we scrambled together a good side for round one.

New to the over 40's this year were Garrath Ridd and Jim Buckley, with cameo appearances at vital times during the year from Bruce Beaton and Ralph Wellington, who both made valuable contributions. We'd love to see these two as permanent additions next year.

We started the year narrowly losing to Croydon Ranges by 5 runs and then going down to Wonga Park, who went on to win the competition in an undefeated season for them. Pleasingly, we did, get on a roll without losing another match until finals, and finishing the regular season in 2<sup>nd</sup> position. This was a great effort and a credit to all players.

Vital to our success was a strong opening batting combination rotating between Bob Bailey, James (Pommy) Cheshire and Garrath Ridd, and a strong and deep bowling attack. Pommy was particularly successful with the bat this year by reaching the compulsory retirement score of 40 in 4 of 6 innings played, and only dismissed twice when he was in late 30's trying to hit a six. We also had important contributions from all players during the year at important times, although injuries and unavailability didn't help, particularly with Peter Ruddock missing about ½ the season for various reasons. Pete had been our best player in the previous 2 years – maybe age is catching up with him too!

The bowling depth was fantastic, with the formula of opening with Paul Dodd and Marty K , followed by 6 over's each from Pommy and Frank Constantio bowling downhill. Col Southward also took some important wickets following Doddy from the difficult bowling end. This allowed us to rotate some of our change bowlers in 2 over spells and I believe this depth was an area we had over our opponents and would have made a big difference had we made more runs in the final.

The season ended in disappointing fashion by losing to Templeton in the semi final. We made a good start batting with Garrath and Bob getting us off to a great start, but the middle order failed and we only made 140 odd. This was not enough, and even though we fought the game out well and gave them a scare, we were about 20 runs short.

Looking forward to next year, we hope to have most of the players available that played this year, and with some other ex BPCC stalwarts reaching the 40, we should improve our depth, and if nothing else, get some younger legs running around the outfield.

Congratulations goes to Pommy Cheshire for an outstanding year with the bat, and Frank Cotso for a well deserved bowling award. I would also like to think we had a group that enjoyed playing together. We played some very good cricket and we played in good spirits and enjoyed a laugh (usually at Bucko's expense). I am very proud to be associated with this group of blokes.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the entire playing group for supporting me in captaining the side, and in particular to Bob and Greg for ensuring we had a team each week and tasks such as money and vote collected weekly. Also, Doggy was selfless as usual in making himself available to play, scoring, and other unnoticed jobs that need to be done. It people like these that make the club what it is.

A also congratulate the club senior side for their terrific achievement in taking the club to Chandler Shield and the Committee for the work that they do in making the club function as successfully as it does.

Regards

**Andrew Robinson**

## **Masters 3 2008/2009 Report**

During the season we had two wins against Mt Evelyn and Olinda. We managed to reach our first finals (ever), scraping in by .02% over Warrandyte. The first final was played at Mt Evelyn with them batting first and making 8/196. With luck on our side (thanks to the mornings encounter with Richo and Sheedy's advice, never take your eye off the ball) we made 0/203 winning our first ever final.

That meant that we were to play Wonga Park in the Grand Final. We all gathered at Silcock's reserve to play our first EVER grand final. With lots of club supporters coming along to watch we went into bat first and made 6/161. Unfortunately they were too good for us making 2/163. It was a fantastic effort from all the guys, and next year hopefully next year the Richmond family day will fall on the Grand Final. As we need all the luck we can get.

Batting average went to Neil Thomas.

Bowling average went to Anthony Thomas.

Peter Swincer Medal went to Peter Swincer.

Go Bayswater Park (Tiger) Sharks

**Anthony Thomas Captain Masters 3**

## **Con McLoughlin Medal 2008/2009**

Hosted by Jason Butcher & Brendon Trump this seasons Con McLoughlin Medal held at our home clubrooms at Guy Turner Reserve on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> proved to be one of the many outstanding highlights of the season. The standard of the DVD on the evening outshone anything previously produced and culminated with James Davies winning the Medal. Special highlights from the night were Andrew Burke's Facebook, The good, the bad and the ugly skit from the thirds and Steve Craigie's ball on a platter.

James polled 14 votes on the evening to pull ahead of Steven White, Robin Court, Andrew Burke and Ben Beech.

James, who was recruited from England would go on to be best on ground in our premierships side, win the Steve Pasco Medal for best & fairest in the Wilkins competition and our Club Champion award said in his acceptance speech that he was grateful of Bayswater Park for asking him to come overseas to play and hoped he could help us win a premiership to go with his C Mc Medal.

Congratulations to both Jason & Brendon once again and to all who volunteered their help on the evening to make this a great event.

## Senior award Winners

Best Club person	–	Doug Beaton
Bob Cain Memorial Trophy	–	Leigh Callander
Mick Finn Memorial Trophy	–	Lachlan McKenzie
Con McLoughlin Medal	–	James Davies
Club Champion	–	James Davies
Fulvio Contatore Memorial Award	–	Phillip Leach
Best Under 21 player	–	Adam Waite
Coaches Award	–	Luke Sheffield
1 <sup>st</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	Mat Parker
1 <sup>st</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Tom Fay
Captains Award	–	Andrew Burke
Player of the finals	–	James Davies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	Tim Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Gareth Bailey
Captains Award	–	Ben Prouse
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	Tim Court
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Frank Costantino
Captains Award	–	Mitchell White
4 <sup>th</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	Robin Court
4 <sup>th</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Robin Court
Captains Award	–	Stuart Munro
5 <sup>th</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	Steve White
5 <sup>th</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Steve White
Captains Award	–	Thom Mills
Player of the finals	–	Andrew Eustace
Ladies Eleven Batting Average	–	Lecia Baldry
Ladies Eleven Bowling Average	–	Lecia Baldry
Ladies Eleven Captains Award	–	Kellie Niven
Masters 1 <sup>st</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	James Cheshire
Masters 1 <sup>st</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Frank Costantino
Masters 1 <sup>st</sup> eleven Best & Fairest	–	James Cheshire
Masters 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eleven Batting Average	–	Neil Thomas
Masters 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eleven Bowling Average	–	Anthony Thomas
Masters 2 <sup>nd</sup> X1 Peter Swincer Award	–	Peter Swincer
Legends Eleven Batting Average	–	Rob Murphy
Legends Eleven Bowling Average	–	Colin McKenzie
Legends Captains Award	–	Brian Trump

## Junior Award Winners

Best Junior Club person	–	Glen McDonald
Neil Clayton Medal	–	Josh Kazar
Hicks Family Memorial Trophy	–	Thomas McDonald
Monk Family Shield	–	Josh Kazar
Court Family Shield	–	Jake Castelow
Under 18 Eleven Batting Average	–	Ben Prouse
Under 18 Eleven Bowling Average	–	Taylor Leggate
Under 18 Eleven Coaches Award	–	Joel Margenberg
Under 16 Eleven Batting Average	–	Mitchell White
Under 16 Eleven Bowling Average	–	Daniel Walton
Under 16 Eleven Most improved	–	Kieran Brimelow
Under 16 Eleven Coaches Award	–	Thomas McDonald
Encouragement Award	–	Dasun Ruwandeniya
	-	Vu Bui
	-	Chris Lee
	-	Travis Mitchell
Under 14 Eleven Batting Average	–	Jackson White
Under 14 Eleven Bowling Average	–	Josh Kazar
Under 14 Eleven Most improved	–	Harley Ford
Under 14 Eleven Coaches Award	–	Jackson White
Under 12 Eleven Batting Average	–	Jake Castelow
Under 12 Eleven Bowling Average	–	Eranga Ruwandeniya
Under 12 Eleven Most Improved	–	Andrew Curry
Under 12 Eleven Best Team Player	–	Lachlan Walker
Under 12 Eleven Coaches Award	–	Michael Curry