

Bayswater Park Cricket Club

Annual Report 2014-15

2014-15 Committee

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Captains:	1XI- Mathew Parker 2XI- Leigh Brown 3XI- Michael Finn 4XI- Ray Kazar Women's- Sarah Smith Veteran's- Ray Kazar

President's Report- Michael Finn

Well Sharks another season has passed.

Thanks to my executive and all on the committee for their efforts. Special mentions must go to Mel Causer, Tim Court and Brendon Trump on their tireless efforts, without them the club would not survive.

Our junior club took massive steps forward this season and special thanks must go to Mel Causer and Marcus Adams for their effort, and who were very ably assisted by all the junior coaches including Justin Laughlin, Josh Kazar, Lachie Walker and Bailey Foran. Special mention should also go to Anne Marie Balej on her outstanding efforts for the club, as well as many of the other junior parents that freely give of their time to assist.

Again I say thank you.

Our Milo program was one of the largest in the state with over 80 participants and the highest female registration anywhere in Victoria – well done to all that supported the program and Justin Laughlin who again headed it up on the field.

To all the other volunteers across so many areas the club, our BPC family is simply not complete without you being there each season and your efforts are priceless so thanks again. Special mention goes to Ray Kazar for tirelessly cleaning the clubrooms all season in his own time.

Off field, our “Cinema Under the Stars” program continues to be a community high point and goes from strength to strength. The weather gods were not kind to us this season however we look to next year to grow it even further.

We saw several great social functions this season, all of which were outstanding successes. To the people that assisted in the planning and organisation of those functions a massive thanks again.

On field, we saw some shuffling when due to the work commitments of Daniel Ferguson, we saw Steve Craigie assume the head coach role and do a fine job. Thanks to our on field captains and leaders for their efforts also.

Congratulations to the 1XI's on making their first finals series since being in Trollope. We didn't get the result we were after but it stands us in good stead for next season to go one further and play off in the GF.

Also congratulations to the first 1XI for winning the “Spirit of Cricket” Award” which is a credit to them as men and to their leadership headed up by Mat Parker as captain.

Our outstanding Ladies team came runner up this season, after again, another great year. Well done ladies you are a true powerhouse of the competition and a dominant force.

I feel that we to stay firmly focussed on not settling for anything less than a premiership in the top grade and continuing to pursue the path started of developing a strong performance culture and with clear expectations for all players.

To our sponsors we say a massive thank you. Your support of our club is invaluable and we look forward to your continued support over coming seasons.

Looking forward, change is in the winds as I will not be returning as President .

So with that said, I feel that over recent years, history has shown clearly that with the help of an outstanding team of contributors we have moved the club into the best and strongest financial and administrative position it has ever been in – point blank.

This was a clear goal I and the executive had, one which still needs attention and ongoing work but for the most part I feel has been achieved.

I wish to incoming committee the best of success for the upcoming season.

In my view, the key to success both on and off the field is the quality of people you surround yourselves with, combined with a set strong of standards, clear expectations and balance against a consistent work ethic to improve.

Do this correctly and the result is a place where we can all share in the best of what our great club has to offer.

Secretary's Report- Melanie Causer

Another season is done and dusted, and although filled with new challenges, the end result was promising. On field we saw several of the familiar senior faces of past seasons step away as they focussed on changing family lives, careers and other personal commitments, but in turn it made way for some of our younger developing players to step up and take centre stage. Despite an adjustment to the playing group our 1XI, under the guidance of captain Mathew Park and coach Stephen Craigie, made it to the Preliminary Final, the furthest our 1XI's have made it in Trollope and our women's team got to the big stage for the second year running, however unfortunately couldn't quite take the prize. Our success did not stop with our seniors and for the first time in several years we had two junior teams make it to the Grand Final, with our U12's coming away as premiers.

Off-field, and away from Shark Park, we continued sharing in each other's lives and all that this entails. This season saw the two of our favourite couples, the now Ben and Elizabeth Beech along with Sam and TaraLea Trump tie the knot. As a club we wish them all the best in this new and exciting chapter of their lives. In addition to this we saw an increasing number of "new additions" to the Shark Park family with the births of Sarah and Jason Butchers little girl, Aria Joyce, in October, shortly followed by Warren and Kathryn Lechner's little man, Mason Alex, joining us in mid-November and the newest edition to the Mill's clan when Lilly Michelle arrived in early December. I'm sure the BPCC babies' bunch will continue to grow as the seasons go by.

This season saw the re-election of Michael Finn, Brendon Trump and Timothy Court as President, Vice-President and Treasurer respectively. As I've said in seasons past, the work these guys do is invaluable and more often than not goes unnoticed.

Finny once again worked tirelessly to both obtain new and retain existing sponsors. It is with the utmost confidence I say, that without his work in this area, our club quite simply would not exist. In addition to this, and despite the weather gods being against us, he continued to drive Cinema Under the Stars, which year by year is growing and gaining momentum.

Trumpy had a different and difficult year this year after sustaining a wrist injury in the off season which saw him undergo surgery and sidelined from the field for the season. This was no doubt hard for a guy who has spent the vast majority of his summers doing what he loves, and that is play cricket. Despite this, he was still an integral part of the club and more so the committee with his work behind the scenes.

TC's guru accounting skills, coupled with his wealth of knowledge for both the game and workings of the association were again instrumental. Tim quietly worked away in the background, not searching for accolades, yet still exceeding all of our expectations.

As Finny announced at presentation night, he will be stepping down at the end of this season as president. Over his five year term in the role, I think I speak on everyone's behalf when I thank him for all his hard work and efforts he has brought to Bayswater Park, not only as president, but for his work in the areas of sponsorship, Cinema Under the Stars and captaining our 3XI team in season 2014-15. Given his strong ties to the club, Finny will always be a part of the mechanics of Bayswater Park, but we wish him all the best as he takes a much deserved break from the forefront of the committee.

TC has also given notice that due to work and family commitments; he will be stepping down as Treasurer next season. Like Finny, Tim will never be able to fully remove himself from the club and

its day to day running's (much to his protest 😊), but in relation to the role he has played over the past two seasons, we thank him for his commitment and dedication to the position.

The club and how it runs does not just rely on a couple of people. Its success is a combined effort. To the rest of the current committee, captains, coaches- both junior and senior and all those who volunteer their time and/or services in one capacity or another, I sincerely thank you for all you do. In addition to this, we take our hats off and thank both Ray and Sandra Kazar. Nothing was, or is, too much trouble for this dynamic duo. From Ray's captaining of both the 4XI and Vets, as well managing the bar and cleaning the club rooms off his own back, coupled with Sandra's organisation of social functions, assistance behind the bar at events and on game days as well as the myriad of other tasks they carry out.

Finally, and most importantly, a huge thank you goes to our players, their family and friends and supporters, for it is you as both cricketers and people who make Bayswater Park Cricket Club the place it is.

Senior Coaches Report- Stephen Craigie

This year was always going to be challenging, with the departures of up to 10 key personnel from the top two grades from the season prior. It meant that a lot of pressure would come to bare on the rest of the playing group. But with this pressure also comes opportunity. It was great to see the likes of Daniel Thomas, Phil Leach and Cam Ray make their debuts in the 1XI and also to see the likes of Thomas McDonald getting some much deserved exposure at the top level. All these guys deserved their shot at the top grade and proved to us all they are more than capable of performing against the competitions best.

The facts discussed above also brought challenging demands on the lower grades as well. Throughout the season, 2XI captain Leigh Brown, 3XI captain Michael Finn and 4XI captain Ray Kazar, were continually battling to field sides regularly. This not only can become a headache for them, but it has a huge effect on the stability of their sides which unfortunately was representative in some of their results. A huge thank you to you guys for battling away and never giving up in such a trying environment. You all should be extremely proud of your efforts this season. I certainly am.

As a debut captain in the 1XI, Mat Parker could not have asked for much more. He was fantastic to work with and our regular discussions throughout the season, albeit robust at times, were integral to us getting the best out of the group we had. To make it to the preliminary final, and along the way finishing second on the ladder, coupled with winning a couple of games outright, was a huge achievement and a real step in the direction we want this club to go. Congratulations Parks and all the best in the coming seasons.

To all the players, a huge thanks for your efforts this year. In hindsight there were plenty of things I would have done differently but for a variety of reasons I couldn't deliver on them all. As I made aware at presentation night, I will no longer be continuing as coach for next season so I would just like to once again thank all the members of the committee, the captains and all the players for giving me the chance to work with you all and improve each other as not only cricketers but as individuals also. It was truly an honour to coach Bayswater Park Cricket Club and it is something I will hold close to my heart.

Thank you and all the best for next season.

1XI Report- Mathew Parker

Season 2014/15, as most seasons do, experienced a number of highs and lows. It saw us achieve six wins including two outright, allowing us to finish 2nd at the completion of the home-and-away season.

We experienced, for the first time ever, finals cricket in Trollope Shield. For our group to get a taste of finals is an invaluable learning experience. The intensity and pressure rises, something we have not been exposed to for some time. We were defeated by better teams in both finals; however I believe we walked away with a lot. The club's support during the finals campaign was brilliant. It's important we use this experience as a driving force to better ourselves, to stretch ourselves further. We want finals cricket to become a habit!

Where did this improvement come from in season 2014/15?

There were a number of players that took their opportunities. Individuals grew and gained more experience and confidence. We are developing new leaders. Our bowling had improved on last season – with better bowling partnerships, we were able to sustain longer periods of pressure. Our one-day cricket had improved – we showed more aggression with the bat in both games. We were able to chase scores on numerous occasions this season, which was a monkey off the back. When there was a sniff of an outright victory, we took our chances.

We had four debutants this season – Mirranay, Thomas, Ray and Leach – who, at times, all had a positive influence on the contest. These signs indicate we are growing in depth.

Unfortunately our batting didn't continue to progress on last season's performance, and we weren't able to achieve any 100-plus run partnerships. We will improve in this area next season; the focus will remain on building partnerships. Let's face it, there is plenty of room for improvement in our training standards; we are only going to get out of this what we put in. Our consistent training habits will be significant in how we track moving forward.

The competition is going to be tougher next season. We all need to get better. We don't have players at a specific standard where we can afford to take shortcuts and still produce exceptional results. It's going to take commitment, sacrifice, discipline and a desire to compete if we are to give ourselves a chance in another finals campaign. Remember, we want finals to become a habit!

On a personal note, I'd like to thank the committee on allowing me the opportunity to captain this season. You certainly look at the game from a different perspective. Stephen Craigie as coach and vice-captain has been tremendous in support. Jenny Varone as our scorer, I am very appreciative of your role – thank you. I say this with pride: on numerous occasions, positive comments were made by umpires on how we played the game and our on-field behaviour. Win, lose or draw, we continue to play the game in the right spirit.

I'm grateful to be given another opportunity in captaining again next season, and look forward to the challenges.

Marching on together.

2XI Report- Leigh Brown

After going so close to making the Grand Final last season, this year the 2XI was full of new (and some old) faces after almost all players from the Preliminary Final side were either playing higher, at another club or simply not playing at all. Early on, this made it very tough for us as a team as the vast majority of our team had not played at this level or played lower grades for the past few seasons.

After a horrendous start where our batting failed to stand but our bowling was solid, we achieved two wins prior to Christmas. Unbelievably, we were only a game outside of the top four. After Christmas, we lost a few close games after putting ourselves into winning positions but failing to capitalise on our opportunities. Many of our players were forced to find out the hard way (by losing) about how to handle high pressure situations, whether you're bowling, batting or even fielding. Once these skills are learned though, they will be executed regularly and winning will again become a habit in the 2XI.

As always there are players who surprise you and rise above expectations every season. If someone had told you prior to the season that Daniel Thomas would win Con Mac, play 1XI cricket and be genuinely feared by opposition batsman, you would have thought they were crazy. Well these three things happened and more. An important reason why DT broke through though is that he listened to senior players and then he executed their advice at training but most importantly, during games. We can only hope that DT stays on with BPCC for years to come because he has the makings of a special player if he puts in the time, effort and commitment he did this year.

John Harford stepped up and batted at three all year, showing he was more than just a slogger and could occupy the crease for long periods of time. Towards the end of the season, Harfinch's intensity also improved and he was scoring more frequently, taking pressure off teammates. Now he needs to set himself goals to remove poor shots when he's set and his fielding, particularly catching.

Also, well done to Ryan Toye who bowled well all year in a variety and whose vice captaincy proved vital. Thanks to TC for doing the vast majority of admin for me like putting in scores, paying umpires, etc. and for opening the batting, proving to himself that he still has what is required to play 2XI cricket by seasons end. Thanks to Beechy, Konks and Vozzo for chipping in and playing, helping with the development of the team.

To Kyle, keep your head up and work hard on your batting (shot selection and concentration) in addition to your bowling (line and length). One bad season primes you to become a better cricketer and will make you appreciate your good form even more. To the same extent, the message is applicable to Josh Kazar although he played much more consistent cricket later in the season. Overall though, thanks to all the boys that played in the 2XI and contributed in their own ways during the season. Thank you to Boldy and Glenn Mac for both scoring at times during the season, it's always much appreciated and distinguishes the best clubs from the rest of the pack.

Being the second time I've captained a team at the club, I realised very quickly that each year you do it, you can improve yourself as a cricketer, leader and person by the end of the season. This can only be done with the support of people from the cricket department such as Parks, Wobbles, TC and Ray and the executive of the committee so thank you to them all. Hopefully, I'll be lucky enough to fill the role again next year and continue to lead an ever improving group of young men.

Finally, thanks to Carly for supporting me during the season and to Ethan for always making sure items were removed from my kit bag during the week.

With the strength of new coaching staff and recruits (hopefully) in addition to the return of some familiar faces, there is no reason why the rest of the club's teams cannot take that extra step and return to finals action.

3XI Report- Michael Finn

This season will be remembered as a character-building season for all who played, where many players were elevated into A Grade cricket for the first time.

With several very strong 2XI teams and a 1XI team as well as a couple a very strongly established 3XI teams, we knew early on it was shaping as a year of learning and a year of development.

In the end we had a tough year achieving two wins for the season, going very close to at least two others which we should have won but didn't, allowing us to stay off the bottom and remain in A grade.

This was important so the guys that played this season can come back next year, a year bigger, stronger and faster and better prepared for another A grade challenge.

The spirit and morale in the team was exceptional and every player contributed in a way that allowed us to stand tall as a team even in the hardest of matches.

To the guys that bowled well done, it was tough going at times but all of you will be better next season having had the learning experience of bowling against better batsmen.

To the batsmen, we did some very hard yards this season. In the midst of that some of you found that if you applied yourself well you can actually compete and win as a batsman in A Grade, achieving some great batting results so use that next season and take the next step in your batting and know that you belong.

Massive thanks must go to Michelle Lockie who was number 12 on our team sheet but number 1 everywhere else. Saturday cricket would not be the same without her.

Thanks to everyone that played this season, hold your heads high and take the opportunity to go to the next level in 2015/16.

4XI Report- Ray Kazar

What an achievement it was to get a Team out on the ground each week. All in all, we had 42 players who played in the 4XI throughout the season, to which the club pays thanks you all. In that 42, we had five women who helped out when we needed help. Thank you to Sarah Freyse, Sarah Smith, Penny Harford, Ash Maher and Emily Wellington for their help.

There was one game where we were looking at having to forfeit, but with a few phone calls, and with some people only being able to play one week, we ended up getting 15 players to help out that game. Thank you to all. And we nearly won too!

To all our younger guys who played throughout the year, Gareth Hodgkiss, Daniel Southward, Marty Nellen, Jarrod Rutherford, Sam Abbott and Dylan Brisbane, well done to you all.

Our main aim was to make sure that we got a team on the field each game, regardless of if we won or not, and this was achieved. The first four games were competitive but winless. Then we started hitting our straps and started winning games. In the end, we won seven games, lost seven and only missed the finals by one game. Fantastic effort by all!

What was also satisfying was that we had beaten three out of the four finals teams throughout the season, including the Premiers in Lilydale who had only lost one game, which was against us.

Another pleasing aspect was the comments we received from other teams regarding the way we played the game. A lot of opposition teams commended the way we played our cricket with the majority saying we were the best team they had played this season in relation to our good spirit and the friendly way we play our game. A good accolade to get.

I would like to thank Peter Colosimo who was Captain at the start of the season, but had to step down because of work commitments. To Mick Rutherford and Sean Abbott for scoring when their sons were playing in our side. To Robyn Court and Ralph Wellington for their help throughout the season and a huge thank you to Dale Christey, who basically just wanted to help out the Team in any way he could. Cheers Fridge.

If I have forgotten anyone I apologise, but I do hope that you all saddle up for next season.

Junior Report- Melanie Causer

It seems like only yesterday that we were uncovering pitches and setting up club rooms for season 2014-15, yet here we are, six months later getting ready for another winter.

This season was my first season as Junior Coordinator, and despite its challenges as I found my feet, I would have to say it was also one of my most rewarding seasons at Bayswater Park Cricket Club. There was great success both on and off the field in our junior club. We fielded an U12, U14 and U16 team, registered a team in the inaugural South Eastern T20 Blast competition and had over 80 youngsters turn up to a Shark Park on a Friday afternoon in the ten weeks leading up to Christmas to take part in our Milo Cricket Program. In total we had over 120 kids form our junior club this season. Amazing.

Our U12s, where do I start with these kids? Ranging from 8-12 years of age by seasons end, it's fair to say they brought a smile to our faces each and every Friday night at they took to the field chasing success. From week to week they grew, both as cricketers and as people. Partnerships were developed on field and friendships were forged off field. These friendships did not stop with our players and extended to their parents. I spent many a Friday evenings, particularly in the back end of the season, watching our U12s thrive, but I often had to question who was having more fun? Our kids who were dominating the competition or their parents who were enjoying a beverage or two and a weeks worth of gossip on the sideline ☺ Both myself, as Junior Coordinator, their coaches and Bayswater Park as a whole were both thrilled and filled with immense pride as the team's hard work paid off, when less than forty minutes in to day two's play, Bayswater Park 2/76 defeated Mooroolbark 10/71 and the boys became premiers of the U12-4 RDCA competition.

Our U14s were another big success story. At the start of the season things were looking bleak when we were struggling to field a complete side. This was soon overcome when our nine players merged with South Croydon's three players to form a combined team. This was beginning of great things. The boys took the merge in their stride and results began to show. At the end of the Home and Away season the boys had nine wins, one loss and a washout which saw them finish second on the ladder. After an impressive semi-final win, they were through to the big dance, and what a dance they performed! Despite walking away as runners up, this group of boys displayed some incredible cricket skills and I can't wait to see them continue to develop in the seasons to come.

Next to our U16's, to be honest I'm not sure where to start with these guys. Despite only winning one game for the season, I can with the utmost honesty say, that I have never met a more enthusiastic, willing and supportive group of young men in my time at the club. If their attitude and hunger to develop continues, I have no doubt that their success is just around the corner.

As I mentioned earlier, this season was the first time the RDCA ran a T20 Blast competition which saw teams of kids aged between seven and eleven, come together on a Wednesday night to play a game of cricket in the growing popular T20 format. Eight of our youngsters who had outgrown the Milo program but weren't quite ready to take on the competitive nature of our U12s took part in this program and by all accounts had a blast (pardon the pun) in doing so. The skill improvement that was evident from the commencement to the conclusion of the program was incredible and we look forward to these young cricketers joining our competitive side in the coming seasons.

Lastly, we look at our Milo program....wow...just wow! 80 kids and their families adorning Guy Turner Reserve every Friday afternoon was incredible. To see these little tackers not only learning and improving, but enjoying the sport of cricket, really made it all worthwhile.

Reward for our youngest cricketers came shortly after Christmas when eight of our girls from the Milo Program were selected by Cricket Victoria to attend day three of the Boxing Day test and show the crowd, of over 40,000 people, the skills they had acquired during plays break. What an incredible experience this was for these eight lucky girls. The rewards however did not stop there! In early January, three of our T20 Blast participants were selected to attend the Melbourne Stars T20 match against the Sydney Sixers, where in front of over 22,000 people they presented the Melbourne players with their game day cap and in turn received a signed hat to take home with them. Again, another amazing experience for our next generation of superstars.

As I mentioned earlier, this was my first season as Junior Coordinator, and though I look back on it fondly, the success of our junior season would not have been possible if it weren't for the support and assistance of the following people.

Firstly to our competitive coaches- Marcus Adams, Justin Laughlin, Josh Kazar, Lachie Walker and Bailey Foran. You willingly give up your time to ensure that our young ones get the best grounding they can for their cricketing careers. Many see the hours you put in at training and game days, but few people know and understand that you equally match or exceed this time behind the scenes to ensure the experience they kids have is first class.....so.... I extend an enormous thank you to each of you for not only all you did both on field and behind the scenes for your players, but for support and encouragement you offered me throughout the season. Thank you for being patient with my overall lack of knowledge for the game, thank you for taking the time to explain on a weekly basis what a cover shot was, despite the fact that you knew by the following week I would be forgotten, but most of all thank you for making this experience as enjoyable and rewarding as it has been.

To those that assisted with our T20 Blast kids, Ben Beech, Damien Vozzo, Marcus Adams, Peter Eagles, Warren Lechner, Stephen Craigie, John Harford and Josh Kazar, thank you for your assistance with these sessions.

To Milo's King of the Kids, Justin Laughlin, thank you for once again stepping up to the plate and coordinating the activities. Coordinating 80 kids at the best of times is no mean feat; let alone when the vast majority of them are under the age of seven years. Milo wasn't a one man show, and to this I am also sincerely thankful to the likes of Robin Court, Ian Barlow, Daniel Thomas, Josh Kazar, John Harford, Michael Finn, Tom Mills and Tim Mills who assisted on field, as well as Bec Court and Michele Lockie who managed the off field chaos.

To the likes of Kylie and Col Southward who assisted in whatever capacity was needed in the junior club, Anne Marie Balej who took on the role of U2 team manager and Mick Rutherford who assisted and mentored across the juniors, thank you for you do and continue to do.

Finally, thank you to all of our players' parents and families who juggle, home, school and often work life to give their child(ren) the opportunity to be part of the Bayswater Park Cricket Club family and love of the game of cricket. Enjoy the off season (although I know for many of you it will be filled with footy, soccer and the likes) and we look forward to seeing you back at Shark Park in season 2015-16.

Under 16 Report- Marcus Adams

Where does one start when talking about these young men? They are absolute superstars. They were always committed to the cause and each other which is what you look for in both a teammate and an individual. While the seasons results weren't always in our favour, that didn't diminish the kids endeavour or work ethic which is a credit to them all.

We were spectacular in some games (most notably chasing Wonga Parks 240 losing only 1 wicket) and then not so good in others (getting bowled out twice in a day by South Warrandyte) Regardless of how they had performed the kids always left with a smile on their face and had given their best efforts.

I gave everyone an opportunity captain the team and to make all the decisions that come with captaincy (pick the batting/bowling orders, set fields, before game speeches, talks at fall of wicket, etc..)

They all did this job admirably and I wouldn't hesitate in calling upon any of them to captain again. We had some super individual performances through the season, in particular with the bat. Jordan Rutherford (102*) and Hunter Bevis' (55*) partnership of 180 vs Wonga Park was the season highlight for me, not only are the scores impressive but it was their application to the task and their willingness to bat for a long period of time that gave me the most satisfaction.

I have a few thank yous to give and to keep it short I won't explain why, but they were all a massive help to me this season and without them I'm not sure we could have had as much fun as we did. So to Col, Kylie and Alyshia Southward, Mick Rutherford, Mr Challis, Mr Hood, Bruce Beaton, Justin Laughlin, Josh Kazar, Stephen Craigie and finally Melanie Causer, thank you for all your help.

I think as a group we only lose Jordy to the senior group so there is great potential in this group for some success next season if they can stick together and work as hard as they did this season.

Under 14 Report- Justin Laughlin and Josh Kazar

The u14 season started with us struggling for numbers. After a few phone calls, we were able to merge with South Croydon to field a side. The side combined nine players from Bayswater Park, two U12s doubling up on a Friday night in their own age division and then backing it up on a Saturday morning, and four from South Croydon.

The boys started off slowly together but were able to enjoy success on the field and led to the boys forming great friendships rather quickly. The season progressed and the boys started playing some very good cricket.

Stand out performances from the year included Tom Lennon who made 54 runs against Croydon Ranges, Munir Safi making 54 runs against Boronia, Tom Lennon with 3/4 off four overs against Montrose and our opening partnership against Wonga Park of over 100 runs in which Bailey Cowman contributed 43.

The boys finished the season second on the ladder with nine wins, one loss and a washout. This meaning we would play a home final against Wonga Park. The match was played in great spirits and we were able to win the match. This was largely due to the bowling efforts of Zac Ramadge (3 wickets), Jarrod Hillam (2 wickets), Munir Safi (2 wickets) and Liam Field who also took a wicket. Again our openers recorded a 100 run partnership with Bailey Cowman the last batsmen out just falling short of a half century on 48.

We travelled to Scoresby to play in a Grand Final which was a remarkable achievement in itself after only just managing to get a side on the field at the start of the season. The boys played their best game of the year but were unable to come away victors losing the game by sixty runs. Highlights of the game were Munir Safi's 31 runs, the bowling of Lachie Bright who trapped the competitions best bat in front for LBW and Jarrod Hillam's 2/9 which included the wicket of the Scoresby captain who was on 44.

The coaches could not be more proud of the boys who gave it their all on the day and every other game during the year. It was truly remarkable to see these young boys mature and strive to be the best cricketers they can. Each and every week we were astounded by how quickly the boys were advancing their skill whether it be batting, fielding, bowling or encouraging their team mates. The boys played every game in the right spirit and were often complimented on their on-field behaviour.

We hope the boys continue their cricket with Bayswater Park as they have great potential and will become great senior players. It has been an honour to coach these boys and am looking forward to watching these kids become great cricketers and hopefully play alongside them in the senior sides in the not too distant future.

To the parents, we thank you for your efforts in getting the boys to the game and providing them with something to eat at innings change. Also for the support of the coaches and players on game day it is great to see you all celebrating wickets and cheering the boys on.

We would also like to thank the efforts of Mel Causer in organising the side and her tireless efforts behind the scenes contacting parents and co-ordinating with South Croydon. Also, to Marcus Adams for his help in coaching both the players and us as coaches.

In closing a big thanks to all and we hope to see you all back next year.

U12 Report- Lachie Walker and Bailey Foran

The Under 12's have had a great season with lots of laughs, tons of fun and plenty of good cricket.

We've had a great side this year with loads of new faces and it was great to see several of our Milo Cricketers graduating to our competitive competition.

It's been a great season which took us all the way to the grand final and saw us walk away as the U12-4 Premiers.

We hope that the players are as proud of themselves as we as coaches are. The progress they have made, both personally and as cricketers, throughout the season has been incredible. There has been a huge amount of improvement from everyone in the team which certainly showed as the season progressed, improvements which we are looking forward to watching continue throughout their cricketing careers. There is a lot of potential within this playing group and we strongly encourage them to continue working hard.

Season 2015-16 will be an exciting time and we hope to see each of you back at Shark Park chasing more success.

Once again, congratulations on a terrific season, we've had an absolute blast being your coaches.

Women's Report- Sarah Smith

The 2014/2015 season didn't quite start off where we left off in the previous season, losing three out of our first four games. After a reassessment we decided that we needed to go back to basics and focus on developing our skills to a higher level. All credit to the girls, as from this point we never looked back, losing just one of our next 13 games.

Having only just missed out on the T20 grand final by percentage, our eyes now turned to the grand prize. By the last home and away game for the season, we had cemented second spot guaranteeing us a home semi-final. We were matched up against Upper Ferntree Gully, having been bowled out for a disappointing total of 83 last time we met, we needed to bowl and field extremely well, and that we did. Restricting UFG to just 61 runs, Penny led the way with the outstanding figures of 7/12 off 10 including 4 maidens.

With the goal within reach, we played Mt Martha in the Grand Final. Unfortunately the result did not go our way and we walked away as runners up. In saying that, we come away better from the experience and have learnt from our mistakes.

Some individual achievements from the season include Penny Harfords incredible 32 wickets at an average of 9.4, with her best bowling being 8/7 off 10 overs against Pakenham which gave her the much deserved accolades of being named Victorian cricketer of the week.

Michelle has taken her wicket keeping to another level taking five catches, six stumping's and a run out, the most by any wicket keeper in the league.

Kellie was our Ms. Consistent this year taking 19 wickets and making 358 runs for the season.

Kirsten, our spin bowler took 18 wickets at 13.3, with her best bowling figures of 5/13 of 6 overs.

Dee's first season as a Chicket started off with flying colours, making an incredible 326 runs, which fitted into the batting line up quite nicely.

Ashleigh somehow has a knack of always getting a wicket when coming on to bowl, and made her highest score of 35 with the bat.

Sarah Freyse adds stability to our team with bat and ball, as she has cemented the no. 7 spot in our line-up.

Alana always brings the "X-Factor" to the field with her high energy and enthusiasm; we can always rely on her to get us through the hard times.

Frankie, Shelly, Cassandra and Harmony turn up every week and give 100% on the field, if it wasn't for them we couldn't field a side, so I whole heartedly thank them for their contribution.

As captain I couldn't be more proud of the girls. Not only for the way we came together after a poor start to the season but for how they handle themselves regardless of the end result. We know what needs to be done next season, now it is just a matter of executing it.

Lastly I'd like to thank the girls for putting up with me as captain again, even when I'm grumpy. A special thanks to Ashleigh for stepping up and captaining when I couldn't, to Kellie for always talking through strategies with me and Penny for collecting umpires fees, keys and getting and washing the pants off the boys.

Off field I extend my thanks to Geoff Bindley for scoring every week, Linda Bailey for her afternoon tea supplies and Marcus Adams for always being there to help us out.

Veteran's Report- Ray Kazar

The Vets once again had an enjoyable season with a total of 11 new players having a game throughout the season. Even though we did not win a game, we still had a lot of laughs which is what the Vets are all about.

Our batting did not go to plan, but our bowling and fielding was quite good. All the new players were impressed with the Cricket Club, and vow to come back next season for another go.

Hopefully next season we can get a win on the board.

2014-15 Awards

Senior Onfield Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
1XI	Marcus Adams	Justin Laughlin	Justin Laughlin	Troy Gstrein
2XI	Phil Leach	Daniel Thomas	John Harford	N/A
3XI	Michael Finn	Gareth Hodgkiss	Martin Nellen	N/A
4XI	Tom Mills	Robin Court	Daniel Southward	N/A

Women's Onfield Awards

Women's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
Chickets	Sarah Smith	Penny Harford	Penny Harford	Penny Harford

Veteran's Onfield Awards

Women's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
Vets 1	Ray Kazar	Ralph Wellington	N/A	N/A

Junior Onfield Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Coaches	Player of the Finals
U16	Marty Nellen	Jayden Mitchell	Hunter Bevis	N/A
U14	Munir Safi	Tom Lennon	Liam Field	Munir Safi, and Bailey Cowman
U12	Tom Whitty	Romesh Martinus	Daniel King	Jarrod Hillam

Senior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	Marcus Adams Michael Finn John Mirranay
Bowling	Jason Butcher Andrew Eustace Chris Gibson

Women's Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	N/A
Bowling	Penny Harford Kirsten Bindley

Junior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	Jordan Rutherford
Bowling	Jarrod Hillam

Senior Club Awards

Award	Recipient
Con McLoughlin Best and Fairest	Daniel Thomas
Women's Best and Fairest	Sarah Smith
Veteran's Best and Fairest	Greg Morton and Mark Hickinbotham
Robin Court Senior Club Champion	Marcus Adams
Robin Court Women's Club Champion	Sarah Smith
Fulvio Contatore Memorial	Michael Finn
Michael Finn Senior Memorial	Ray Kazar
Best Club Person	Melanie Causer
Heidi Victoria Outstanding Club Person	Keith Boldiston
Heidi Victoria Special Achievement	Michele Lockie
Club Coaches Award	Sam Abbott
Best Under 21 Player	Daniel Thomas

Junior Club Award

Award	Recipient
U16 Club Champion- Hicks Family Shield	Jordan Rutherford
U14 Club Champion- Monk Family Shield	Tom Lennon
U12 Club Champion- Court Family Shield	Romesh Martinus
Keith Smith Best Junior Club Person	Anne Marie Balej and Michael Rutherford

Team of the Year

Recipient
Marcus Adams
Michael Finn
Thomas Mills
Phil Leach
Cam Ray
Josh Temple
Ray Kazar
Troy Gstrein
Justin Laughling
Tom Macdonald
Daniel Thomas
John Harford

2014-15 Premiers

U12-4

Recipient	Match Details
Jacob Bright	<p>Bayswater Park Cricket Club vs. Mooroolbark Cricket Club</p> <p>Friday 14 and Friday 21 March 2015 Guy Turner Reserve</p> <p>Bayswater Park: 2/76 Mooroolbark: 10/71</p>
Lachlan Bright	
Jarrold Hillam	
Riley Masterson	
Kyle Balej	
Romesh Martinus	
Suvan Gogulapati	
Tom Whitty	
Daniel King	
Ravinder Chhatwal	
Rowan Alex	
Nic Lennon	