

Bayswater Park Cricket Club

Annual Report 2016-17

2016-17 Committee

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President's Report- Ben Beech

With another season over, the committee again have the fortune of being able to report on what has been another successful season in a number of aspects.

As you will see in the treasurer's report, we find ourselves in a position of strength financially, with an emphasis placed on reducing excessive costs and increasing revenue. As always TC has done a great job in tracking and reporting, so we are able to identify the areas where improvement is required, and try and find remedies where possible. Our profit this year comes despite additional costs towards the scoreboard and other projects so it's a great result and reflection of the work that has gone into the season.

Sponsorship numbers have also contributed to our position of strength. Brendan Sheridan did an exceptional job with financial contributions at over \$20,000 which was a large increase on last season. In addition to this we also have sponsors like Mick Harrington, Steve Beech and Ray Kazar who contributed financially and with time and work done on projects like the scoreboard, the honour board, upgrading premiership frames etc.; Hard to put a dollar value on this but invaluable all the same.

Socially, we again held successful events that continue to grow each year. Charity day is obviously the highlight of this, but events such as grand final day, reverse raffle, ladies lunch, trivia night, casserole night and our fortnightly shark park nights are so important for a variety of reasons; none more so, than getting people in our rooms and for us to be able to show that we are a strong family based club with values around inclusion of all. Huge thanks to Mel Causer for her work on charity day, Liz for the way she runs the social events in general and Brendon Trump for GF day and reverse raffle.

Cinema under the stars was again a great program, with three sessions held and over 4000 people in attendance. CUTS is one of the greatest concepts in our clubs history and it continues to be an amazing way to engage the community and highlight our club. Not only is it profitable, it's also rewarding, as seeing so many kids and families on the beloved Guy Turner makes all the work worthwhile. Finny and Ralph deserve great plaudits for their work on CUTS this year, especially Finny who is growing this event annually, to the benefit of BPCC.

Events such as CUTS and charity day are things we should be so proud of –as they are BPCC created and events that we own and take pride in. Along with our Milo program, the people power required and volunteers we call on to assist is vast; so to everyone who contributed and assisted, a big thankyou as the events simply cannot work without you. From Linda Bailey and Michele Lockie selling tickets at a CUTS event, to Paul Money cooking spit roasts for 200 club, there is no doubt that we have the best volunteer base of any sporting club in our area and whilst they are a few individual examples, the reality is I could have given 50 examples of great people doing great things to assist our club.

It would be remiss of me not to touch on the recipients of the volunteer awards at presentation night. Peter Colosimo, Tim Ewan, Ralph Wellington and Paul Dodd are what local sporting clubs are all about; Great people, who give their time, their efforts and their money, whenever needed, no questions asked. Whilst Paul, Pete and Ralph have done it for longer periods of time, Tim Ewan is one of the younger members of our club – someone who works shift work, lives in Pakenham, and

yet still finds time to be at the club to help out with juniors, Milo and CUTS. I wish everyone had Tim's willingness to help; and his willingness to contribute, as he is a fantastic person and volunteer. Thanks must go to all who were involved in our on field programs. Whilst there is room for improvement, I do believe we have the right people in the right positions to take us to success and we all need to continue to support them. Marcus Adams and James Court enter their second season as club coach and 1st XI captain with a more focused knowledge of what is required, and we have great belief that these two will lead us to success.

Congratulations to Ryan Toye (3rd XI) Sarah Smith (Ladies) and David Singleton (5th XI) who led their teams to finals cricket and showed themselves to be great leaders and role models. Whilst Ray Kazar (4th XI) and the five captains we used in the 2nd XI, had tougher seasons; we must still take positives and believe in the message. Sometimes success can't be defined in wins and losses; and especially relevant to our 2nd XI, the great improvement in some of our younger talent means the season certainly had great benefit.

Thank you to Mel and all of our junior coaches, team managers and milo co-ordinators for their great work with the junior program. Junior coaching is a great way to play a part in shaping the clubs future, but I can understand the hesitation of people to get involved considering the early morning wake up and then having to scurry off to your own game afterwards. We are so appreciative of anyone who puts their hand up to help out and will keep encouraging all our senior players to get involved with our junior program as the benefits and rewards are great.

That just leaves our committee – a great group of people and a great group of administrators. The sheer volume of hours we put in as a collective group is one thing; but the passion we do it with is another. Personally, I appreciate everything you all do, and I know all of our members do as well. I look forward working with you all again and challenge you to continue to find ways to improve our club.

On a personal note, this year was a lot tougher than the season prior, with work and life responsibilities meaning I had less time to contribute. There is a lot of expectation on a president to 'know everything', be everywhere all of the time and across everything, which isn't always feasible so it was great to see so many people chipping in this year and helping out. I would like to personally thank everyone who has assisted me or helped me in any way possible; Whether that be a word of support, attending a meeting in my absence, or telling me we are doing a good job; it is appreciated, and regardless of what role you are in, a kind word, rather than a complaint, never goes astray.

Final thanks to my wife Liz who somehow understands my passion for this brilliant club and allows me to embrace it a lot more than I should. You are a great voice of reason and very honest which I appreciate and whilst you will not be on committee next season I know you will continue to support me in wanting the best.

Go Sharks.

Secretary's Report- Melanie Causer

And in the blink of an eye, season 16/17 is over. Although we didn't come away with any silverware this season, there were signs of great promise on field across the club, however due to my known lack about cricket, I'll leave that side of things to our captains and coaches and I'll focus on our off-field successes.

As I believe we always do, we thrived off-field. We collectively came together to celebrate one another's personal successes and continued to support those who are close to us and form part of the BPCF foundation.

This season, we hosted another successful interclub Charity Day, which saw us raise an incredible and record breaking \$28,011.24, which was split between MS Australia and the National Breast Cancer Foundation- two charities that are extremely important to our club. I was, and still am, blown away and humbled to think that our small, family focussed club was able to raise such a phenomenal amount of money. But it shows more than just our fundraising ability. It shows that as we all move forward with our lives, we will inevitably face different challenges, but being a part of this fantastic club means you will never have to face these challenges alone. You will always have an army walking along side you supporting you every step of the way.

Cinema Under the Stars (CUTS) continues to grow both for us as a club and to those who enjoy it, the local community. It is not a small feat to pull off and a big hats off must go to Finny and his tribe who always manage to pull it off.

As always, we hosted a number of social functions and fundraisers- Ladies Day, Reverse Raffle, TastePoint, Con Mac and Presentation Nights. Thank you not only those who organise these events, especially Liz Beech, Brendon Trump and co, but also to those who continue to get behind and support them, for it is these types of events that allow us to function and grow.

The committee stayed consistent from 2015/16 with all members going around for another season. Ben Beech continued to lead the troupes as President, Brendon Trump continued on as Vice President with the support of Ralph Wellington who also shared this title and Timothy Court once again had the tough job of being treasurer, with the support of Andrew Eustace who continued as Vice Treasurer.

I cannot sing the praises of these four people highly enough. They all have careers, ambitions, families and friends that consume their lives like the rest of us do. Yet they put countless hours (often which go unnoticed) to ensure that Bayswater Park Cricket Club continues to be the best version of itself- a family friendly, well respected club.

Beech, Ralph, Trumpy, TC and Eusty, thank you for all you have done in your positions and thank you for the unwavering support in mine.

The club and how it runs does not just rely on a couple of people though. 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.

Last but definitely not least, to my partner Sam and little mate Madi, than you for continuing to support me in all that I do. Thank you for being the calm amongst my storm, my voice of reason and helping me find the balance that at times gets lost.

Senior Coaches Report- Marcus Adams

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the players, the committee and our supporters for all their efforts throughout my first season as coach.

There were many ups and downs throughout the year, but I am certain that we have taken steps in the right direction.

Our future is very bright and our junior program is giving the senior group a large group of quality players moving forward. It has been a long time since we have had this many under 18 players in our top three grades and it only sets us up for success in the not too distant future.

To my assistants, Justin and David, thank you for first of all putting your hand up to work with me and secondly, for being great role models for our group. Your work is appreciated by everyone, none more so than me.

To our captains, James, Brendon, Jason, Ryan, Ray and Singo, every week we put out five competitive teams and under your guidance and leadership we all gave our best. Thank you for your efforts this year.

Unfortunately we didn't bring home any silverware this season, but as a group we can all see that we are not far away.

To Ben and the committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to coach this amazing club. It is truly an honour and while everything didn't go exactly to plan, hopefully this is just the start of a great partnership.

As a group we are very early into our development plan. We all have improvements to make (yes even the older guys) and if we are all willing to do the work together, then our success will be all the sweeter.

Have a great winter and I look forward to seeing you all at pre-season in August.

Sharks

1XI Report- James Court

Season 16/17 could be described as a season of lost opportunities. However despite this the senior playing group that we have developed over the past number of years should be approaching the upcoming season with great opportunism.

The start to the season was terrible. We suffered a comprehensive 8 wicket loss in round 1 to NRCC and were sitting on the bottom of the ladder winless after round 4.

Our season turned after this point and we were able to win 3 of our next 4 games. The 1 loss out of those 4 games being by 1 run against Lilydale where we managed to lose our final 7 wickets for 36 runs.

At this point of the season we were in touching distance of the top 4. However any hopes of playing finals would be dashed after a round 9 loss to Warranwood.

Round 10 was now effectively a grand final as it was a game we couldn't afford to lose. It also gave us an opportunity to avenge our terrible round 1 performance against NRCC. This game pretty much summed up our season. Bowling first we had NRCC 6-86. Relentless pressure and team bowling had us in a dominant position. This was all undone as we failed to take a wicket after that and they amassed a competitive 6-203. In reply we got off to a great start and at 2-146 we had the game under control. Then as we had for most of the season we allowed the opposition back into the game losing 7 wickets for 53 runs. However unlike the losses against Lilydale and Warranwood we managed to hold our nerve and Josh Kazar with assistance from Blake Swanson were able to polish off the required 7 runs that we required for the win.

We ended the season in 7th position with 4 wins and 6 losses. This after not winning a game until round 5. Other than round 1 we were in winning positions in every game. We defeated the 3 teams directly above us on the ladder, lost by 1 run to Lilydale who ended the season on top of the ladder and never got the chance to chase down a gettable score set by the eventual premier WSCC due to a wash out. We also managed to lose against 2 of the 3 sides that got relegated.

We must all put a lot of work in to our catching in the preseason. Batsman need to be mentally stronger and able to convert starts of 30-40 into match winning scores. Our bowlers need to finish off their good early work. Our final 20 overs all season was a problem. We let batting teams off the hook too many times. We must be ready from round 1 next season unlike this year. There is enough talent and depth in this group to expect that we should be pushing for a finals place.

On behalf of the 1st X1 I would like to thank Michelle Lockie for giving up her Saturday afternoons to keep score for us. I know we all appreciate the time and effort that she puts in to her role. Having to sit through those heart stopping finishes must have been difficult.

I would also like to thank Doggy, Bob Bailey and all of our loyal supporters and volunteers who come and watch us week in week out. Once again we weren't the easiest side to watch and I'm sure you were all left scratching your heads on more than 1one occasion during the season. Despite this you all turn up each and every week to support us.

Personally I would like to thank Ben Beech for his constant harassment over the past 5 or so years. To be back at the club that I grew up at and to be spending time playing with the same guys who I played in junior premierships with has been really enjoyable.

Finally I would like to thank all of the partners especially my wife Melissa for allowing us to play the game we all love. Considering Melissa spent most of the season heavily pregnant I am extremely grateful for her constant support.

2XI Report- Brendon Trump and Jason Butcher

2017 wasn't the most successful of seasons, with only two wins for the year we found ourselves looking for positives from other areas of the game, not based purely on wins.

We couldn't seem to get a settled side for most of the season; with over 25 players filtering through the side it was difficult to find stability.

Our batting was what really let us down, which resulted in us being bowled out for less than competitive scores in most games. I believe it's something that we really need to work on moving forward. If we can learn to bat out our overs and set ourselves up earlier in the innings then I think we will find success.

On a positive note, I was very happy to see the progress of some of our younger players that came into the side.

Jordy Rutherford was a shining light at the top of our batting line up and did his job most weeks. Seeing his progression this year from a tentative batsman to a man walking out knowing his role and being more than able to deliver on that was great.

The young bowling brigade consisting of Jesse, Kyle and Jordan Margenberg stood up for us most weeks; we have some real talent in these guys. Jesse took 21 wickets for the year and the spin duo also took twelve and eight wickets respectively.

These guys however were shown the way by Thomas Macdonald. His figures did not show how important he was to this side, bowling huge amounts of overs and always being called on in tough times.

It was a very challenging season, frustrating at times but I feel that we have all come out of it stronger. I enjoyed being around these guys all year and I hope that I get another opportunity to captain them, hopefully with more success.

Huge thanks to my main man, Jason Butcher, who captained alongside me. With Jason's busy schedule meaning he wasn't able to train during the week his Saturday morning sessions took off. Thank you for all your support and hard work, I hope I wasn't too much hard work.

I hope that all the boys enjoy a safe off season and come back to shark park hungry for success!

We're not far off boys!

3XI Report- Ryan Toye

After a tough couple of years in the 3s, season 2016/17 was a lot more enjoyable. We won 5 games and played finals for the first time in years. Unfortunately it was a disappointing end to the season losing in the elimination final, however finals was a huge achievement.

The key thing for the 3s to build on next year will be consistency. When we won, we really won, with the two stand out performances being a round 2, 10 wicket win against Scoresby and rolling finals contenders Wonga Park for 67 in round 14 to make the finals. But some of our loses were very disappointing, almost losing out right to the bottom team at the time and being unable to defend 90 runs in the last 10 overs against Wonga Park due to some poor bowling and fielding.

The return of Lachlan Mckenzie after Christmas was huge for the team. 17 wickets at an average of 11.76, which included a 6fa, 5fa and a 4fa, Choc made a big impact and turned our season around. Other standout bowlers for the year were Jordan Margenberg, who constantly took wickets for not many runs, and the always reliable Andrew Eustace and Chris Gibson who could come on and take wickets when needed.

As for the batting, constant changes to the order did not do us any favours. We were susceptible to middle order collapses but I was always able to rely on Tim Court up the top of the order, to never throw away his wicket. Chris Gibson and Joel Margenberg stepped up every week and contributed regularly with the bat particularly in times of need, and we were lucky enough for Stephen Craigie to help us out when we was available, averaging 62 from the 5 games he played.

The future is bright with a group of good young kids coming through. Before injury, we had Jayden Mitchell opening the bowling, who was bowling fast. Bailey Cowman, a classy batsman who stood up in the final, when everyone else fell around him. Hunter Bevis, Marty Nellen and Brodie Challis all contributed at stages during the year and I expect all of them to play higher grades next season.

Thank you to Tim Court for his vice captaincy during the year and also captaining the team when I was unavailable. To the other leaders in the team, Chris Gibson, Andrew Eustace and Joel Margenberg, thank you for helping me out during the season, it was appreciated.

Being Captain for the first time I didn't really know what to expect, but all the boys who played this season made it so easy for me so a huge thank you to you all. Also a big thanks for our afternoon teas, clearly the best in B grade!

On a personal note I'd like to thank Lucy for all of her support, which largely included her pretending to care when I needed to talk cricket and putting up with my moods after our losses.

Enjoy the off season boys. Here's to building even further on how far we've come next season.

Go Bombers!

4XI Report- Ray Kazar

After a fantastic year we had in the 4ths last season, it was going to be hard to beat that, but with some new kids in the team, we were optimistic of making the finals, if not winning it again.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be, and we did not make the Finals. Our Batting was disappointing with only four Half Centuries scored for the entire season. There were a lot of changes from last season, but my aim was to give as many younger guys a go and see what happens.; and I wasn't disappointed. Each and everyone one of them did a fantastic job.

Gareth Hodgkiss , Hunter Beavis , Brodie Chalis , Jaydan Mitchell , Bailey Cowman , Patty Fitzgerald, Sammy Abott and if I missed anyone I apologise. They all contributed in their own right, and the main thing I was happy about, was the majority went up to higher grades.

A special mention to Patty Fitzgerald, who not only won our Bowling award, He won the Competition Bowling Average as well which is a fantastic achievement for a 16 year old.

To the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to Captain once again, to all players who played in the 4ths, thank you for making it so enjoyable to Lead this Team.

To Scott Fitzgerald, thank you for scoring each week.

5XI Report- David Singleton

The 5XI had an indifferent start to the season mainly due to the weather and ground availability. Once we eventually gained some momentum we had an extremely successful season winning 6 out of 9 games to finish 2nd on the ladder and securing a home final. Unfortunately it was a repeat of last season and we were bundled out convincingly in the first week of finals. With Sir Robin Court displaying great skill and competitiveness to be the man stay of our batting with well made 56 as the only performance of note.

I, and the club should be again extremely proud of the 5XI display throughout the season. We played the game of cricket in the right spirit. Extremely keen to win and hard to beat, but in doing so played sense of fun and enjoyment. As this is what our game is about it.

Just like last year the club mantle was to improve our young crickets and inexperienced crickets as they take their first steps into season cricket. This aim I can say we achieved. Over the last 2 seasons the continued improvement of Ryan Gilmore and Daniel Southward has been astonishing. Both at times this season played key roles in partnerships that won us games of cricket, the joy that brings not only themselves but to the older member of the side is what I feel lower grade cricket should be about. Matt Sheridan had a fantastic season in the 5XI. His development from round 1 to the finals was huge. Bowling faster and with greater control, as the season grew longer. This all came together when you ripped a game apart taking 5/4 in the last round of the season. Matt has a huge future at BPC, and is someone I look forward to watch bowling for many years to come.

I would also like to make a special mention to Sean Abbot playing his first season of cricket (I want to mention his age). Sean's willingness to work hard on his game, take on any challenge I asked of him during the year, and be the ultimate teammate made him an invaluable member of our club. Sean 46 with the bat was my personal highlight of the year.

To Jamie and Devenish and Eoin Fay thank for helping out in the 5XI during the season. Your performance on the field along with leadership played an important role in our successful season.

I would like to thank Pete Colosimo and Robin Court for all the support and hard work over the last 2 years. These two people are what makes local sporting clubs like ours great. Their want to help others improve and their willingness to do anything that is asked of them off and on the field is never ending. Thank you boys.

I would like to personally thank my great mate and VC Dale Christey. Without you none of this would have been possible. Your enthusiasm to help and support others even to your own detriment is remarkable. I and the 5XI couldn't have asked for a better leader; thank you mate.

Junior Report- Melanie Causer

Where did that season go? Again I am so proud of where this small club, consisting of some truly fantastic families, has ended up.

Although we weren't able to take away the silverware this season, there was still a lot to be celebrated amongst our junior club.

I suppose in taking the time to write this report, it gave me the opportunity to stop, sit back and reflect on what the season was and what it meant to me personally from the perspective of a third season Junior Coordinator.

A large number of our U12s from the previous season graduated to our U14 team leaving quite the hole, but in turn, quite the opportunity. We gained some new recruits as friends of existing player and a couple of our Veteran Milo Players stepped up to the plate and rounded out the crew. All of our players grew and improved in one way or another and at seasons end, finished 6th on the ladder- just one game out of the finals. This is a promising sign from our youngsters- many of them who technically could have been playing U10s.

Our U14s has a huge challenge from the get go this season. After winning the grand final last season, they were our only junior team to move up the grades. Not just one grade, but two, which now saw them in U14-2. Whilst myself and the coaches has some apprehension about this big jump, our boys took the challenge head on and went from strength to strength. Like our U12s they only just missed out on finals, but regardless, they have a bright future ahead of them and I'm looking forward to what I'm sure will only be a season of successes in 2017/18.

Now on to our U16s. A large number of our 2016/17 U16's moved into our senior program this season, which like our U12s, left a large hole in the team. As a result we teamed up with Kilsyth to develop a merged side, and what a great decision that was. Although they didn't have a huge amount of success on-field, the way they formed new relationships with each other and matured was something I am, and they should be, proud of.

Everything we witnessed both on and off field could not have been achieved if it was not for a group of dedicated guys, who of their own accord committed to assisting to develop the skills of our next generation of cricketers, and that is our coaches- Lachie Walker and Jesses Christensen took on our U16s, Chris Gibson returned and Phil Sankey joined our U14 coaching panel and Matt Whitty (Dad to Jack and Tom) and Josh Kazar had the role of nurturing and developing U12s.

Each of these guys brought something unique and valuable to the table when they took on the role as coach and our players continual personal improvement was proof of this. The hours they put in at training and on games days were equally matched or exceeded with the work they put into our juniors behind the scenes.

I know the players and parents are thankful to each of these guys for going above and beyond week in and week out, but for me personally I extend my sincere gratitude to each of them for all they do. Not only do they give a considerable amount of time to the club as players or parents of players, but they too have families and other commitments of their own that they often have to juggle or miss out on to be with our youngsters. So thank you, thank you, thank you!

To our Team Managers, Mandy, Bron and Scott, thank you for all your off field efforts throughout the season. I know our coaches sure appreciated everything you did, as did I.

To Robin Court, Ian Barlow and the rest of the crew who again supported our growing (80+ kids) Milo Program. There are no words to show mine and the committee's gratitude for your time and dedication to the program. It is a tough gig at times, but one which this club so heavily relies on. This is where it all starts. We draw our littlies in at this level; we teach and nurture them over a few years before handing them on to our junior program, who continue the work.

As I wrap things up, I thanked him in my Secretary's report, but I want to thank him again. To my partner Sam and his little Miss Madi, thank you for your support- for allowing me take the time to grow a part of our club that I think is beyond worthwhile. You continue to share your Friday nights with Milo and U12s, you often push me out of bed on a Saturday morning so I get down to the U14s and 16s and most importantly for you remind me of why I do what I do when at times I have lost sight of the reasons.

Finally thank you to all of our junior parents. Thank you for not only your time but also your support of both the players and the club. I have enjoyed continuing to get to know you and your families throughout the season and I look forward to you being a part of our great club for years to come.

Under 16 Report- Lachie Walker and Jesse Christensen

To come.

Under 14 Report- Chris Gibson and Phil Sankey

This season was always going to be a challenge for the under 14's. After winning the premiership in 14-4's we lost a few key players including our two wicket keepers and we were promoted two grades into the 14-2's.

The boys were quite nervous about playing in such a high grade and we had 5 or 6 first year under 14s players. We decide on co-captains as we thought we had two exceptional leaders in the team that had different leadership qualities that the boys would learn a lot from throughout the season.

Nerves and doubts were quickly disappearing as we won our first game of the season in the first round! From there on the boys started to believe that it wasn't as daunting as first thought and started to play with confidence in all aspects of the game. Our players fought out each game and really took it up to every team we played, we lost a few really close games which if we won one or two of them it would have seen us play finals which would be a huge achievement.

The improvement in the team from the start of the season to the end has been great to watch, some of the first year players have shone when we have tested them and thrown them in the deep end and the more experienced stood up when required.

I have absolutely no doubt that these boys will have great success in the future if they can stick together and keep working hard on the simple things that we have spoken about. I look forward to watching them all play some great cricket in the years to come.

GO SHARKS!

U12 Report- Matt Whitty and Josh Kazar

Season 2016/17 for the under 12s was a new chapter for the Sharks. We had 13 regular players then we had 3 players who filled in for one game during the year. From the 13 players we had 5-6 kids who were playing cricket for the first time. This created an interesting situation where we had to teach basic skills to some while helping further develop others.

After winning back to back premierships in the U/12s the side was originally placed in U12/2 by the RDCA, but after explaining what we are dealing with and having Mel on our side. We were able to be moved back to U12/4 which was probably the best fit for our team.

For Josh and I, we were given the opportunity to teach kids who had never been taught before. Three of the players Hayden, Aadi and Ezra had never bowled before and needed immediate attention with their actions before they could bowl in a game. This was a challenge that we both undertook to have these players bowling in a game by round 4. It happened! This was fantastic for these kids!

The season started with Round 1 being played at Ringwood High School as a Sharks home game. Due to weather, ground availability and conditions we were unable to use Guy Turner. We struggled to get the full game in due to it being dark very early in the second innings. In almost pitch black conditions the boys won by 2 runs, a great start. The challenge that all coaches were facing in this age group is that of the 86 runs scored between both sides in a 20 over game, 56 runs were extras. Our side had some 8 and 9 years old kids playing and it is a challenge to bowl the full pitch. Some weeks we got it right and others we struggled. The fielding was the same. As the season progressed Josh and I found the kids concentration dropped off late in the game. I think a long week at School wore a few of these young lads down.

We had many highlights for the year,

- Maddick a 2nd year player bowling consistent line and getting his highest ever score batting. The smile on his face when he walked off was priceless. Maddick was also outstanding in the field.
- Andrew and Josh Whiteley batting together and over the season both taking big steps in improving their cricket. Andrew was our leading wicket taker and just missed the bowling award. Both boys worked very hard on improving. Josh particularly hated going out !
- Binu and Joel, our 2 smallest and youngest players bowling well every week and both trying to take "Classic" catches at training. Both will be good junior players for BPCC over the next 8 years.
- Hayden, Aadi and Ezra bowling their first overs in competitive Cricket after never bowling including when Hayden took his first wicket. The kids ran from everywhere to celebrate.
- Jaylan and Noah ability to wicket keep and keep the encouragement up most weeks. Jaylan had a smile on his face every time we saw him. While Noah was always thinking about his cricket. Noah loved his regular cheer up cuddles from Nick.
- Nick Sheridan Just loving his cricket, He hit a massive 6 at Guy Turner one week then took wickets the next. Nick tried to improve every session he attended. Nick was in charge of

morale. When players looked down or upset Nick was in charge of giving out hugs and high fives which we all loved.

- Suvan our cricket tragic, He loves his cricket and even missed training to either watch the tests or attend the games at the MCG. Suvan bowled a tight line and was rewarded with the bowling award. Well done Suvan.
- Jack making his first 51*, hitting some big sixes and being our leading run scorer and being our most reliable fielder and player. Jack was the comps leading run scorer for the regular season and also won our Batting award making 191 runs @ 23.88. Well Done Jack.

For the season we made a total of 1101 runs and took 67 wickets, finishing 6th on the ladder just missing the finals finishing with 5 wins 4 loses and a draw.

In conclusion I would like to thank the following people who assisted Josh and I throughout the season. Mel Causer, what a huge asset she is to the Bayswater Park cricket Club, a wonderful worker who is so reliable. Thanks for your support and dedication to the junior program Mel.

Mandy for taking on the role of team manager. Although you couldn't score your help sending out texts and emails and suppling snacks and drinks for the kids was great and made our job easier.

Matt Sheridan, Daniel Southward for helping with umpiring, scoring and any other jobs that we needed. Thanks and good luck with your cricket.

To the Bayswater Park Cricket Club, Thanks for the opportunity to coach these kids and hopefully leave a positive footprint on them. With People like Ben Beech, Mel Causer, the Kazar and the Southwards and many more involved the club is in great hands moving forward.

Women's Report- Sarah Smith

Season 16/17 was always going to be an interesting season with not knowing where we would stand. Our goal was always to play finals but with only 8-9 players every week we all knew it would take something special. And something special it was.

Coming into the Christmas break we had only lost one game. Sitting nicely on top of the ladder with each and every one of the girls having performed when needed.

Finishing 3rd on the ladder we would end up playing Ringwood in the semi-final, knowing that our best cricket is as good as there's. It was always going to be an interesting game. Unfortunately it just wasn't meant to be.

No words can describe how proud I am of the girls, to finish where we did and play the high level of cricket we did, with never really more than 9 players on the field is amazing. Just think what we could do if we trained and if we could get a full side every week.

Kellie what can't this chick do! She bats and bowls. A perfect all-rounder that only every captain can ask for. I'm going to miss batting with you.

Michelle consistently the league's best wicket keeper playing 17 games and only letting through 17 buys how many people can say that. She doesn't know it yet but is being promoted up the batting order next season.

Ashleigh's career high of 11 wickets. It seemed as though every time you would throw her the ball she would find you a wicket.

Penny the line and length specialist our strike bowler. You can always rely on Penny to tie down an end.

Sarah the in-close specialist impossible catch don't worry she will catch it.

Frankie a year off first not only her first wicket and finished the season with 2 wickets and her first catch!!

Dee can bat anywhere from opening to coming in at 4. And not to mention can bowl a bit was well. Shelley "the super sub" Weather is batting at 3 or having to bowl a few cheeky overs she's always up for a challenge.

Emily /rocket the girls have never cheered so loudly than when you got your first run. She reminds me of myself at her age.

Evelyn may have only played the last part of the season but has been become a vital piece of the puzzle.

Lastly I would like to thank a few people who without them we wouldn't have been able to be so successful.

- Judith for filling in almost every week.
- Linda and Pinky for coming and supporting every week and Linda jumping in and scoring as well.
- Raphy for scoring and for giving a certain umpire a serve when I couldn't.
- Nags for all of our game tactic chats. Even though I didn't listen half the time.

Lastly a huge thank you to Ashleigh, Kellie and Michelle for not only captaining the side when I couldn't, but for putting up with my grumpiness on a Friday night when I relies we only have 7 players again.

Veteran's Report- Ray Kazar

The Vets, we played a total of 4 games this season, so it was a bit of a lull of a season. As usual, we go out there giving it our best, but also having a bit of fun. We picked up a few new players this season, so we are looking forward to a promising year next season.

Thank you to all players who gave their time to have a game, and hopefully we can win a few games next season and be as competitive as we did this year.

Next season we will have a new Captain in Paul Kerr, who was one of our major contributors this year, and obviously well-known at our club. Very good All rounder

2016-17 Awards

Senior On Field Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
1XI	Josh Barrett	Justin Laughlin	Justin McConchie	N/A
2XI	Phil Leach	Jesse Christensen	Jordan Rutherford	N/A
3XI	Timothy Court	Lachlan McKenzie	Chris Gibson	Jordan Margenberg
4XI	Mick Robbins	Patrick Fitzgerald	Gareth Hodgkiss	N/A
5XI	Eoin Fay	Peter Colosimo	Cooper Bevis	Robin Court

Women's On Field Awards

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

Veteran's On Field Awards

Veteran's Team	Batting	Bowling	Captains	Player of the Finals
Vets 1	Paul Kerr	Grant Wilson	Tim Rial	N/A

Junior On Field Awards

Senior Team	Batting	Bowling	Coaches	Player of the Finals
U16	Hunter Bevis	Matt Sheridan	Liam Field	N/A
U14	Jarrold Hillam	Jarrold Hillam	Shivam Patel	N/A
U12	Jack Whitty	Suvan Gogulapati	Nick Sheridan	N/A

Senior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	Josh Barrett David Singleton Jamie Devenish Mathew Parker
Bowling	Lachlan McKenzie Matt Sheridan Thomas Macdonald

Women's Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	Sarah Smith
Bowling	Kellie Emmett

Junior Batting and Bowling Recognition

Award	Recipient
Batting	N/A
Bowling	Hunter Bevis Lachlan Bright

Senior Club Awards

Award	Recipient
Con McLoughlin Best and Fairest	Justin Laughlin Thomas Macdonald
Veteran's Best and Fairest	Paul Kerr
Robin Court Senior Club Champion	Josh Barrett
Robin Court Women's Club Champion	Sarah Smith
Fulvio Contatore Memorial	Chris Gibson
Michael Finn Senior Memorial	Tim Ewan
Best Club Person	Pete Colosimo
President's Outstanding Club Person	Ralph Wellington
President's Outstanding Club Person	Paul Dodd
Club Coaches Award	Peter Colosimo
Best Under 21 Player	Josh Kazar
Player of the T20 Series	Marcus Adams

Junior Club Award

Award	Recipient
U16 Club Champion- Hicks Family Shield	Hunter Bevis
U14 Club Champion- Monk Family Shield	Jarrold Hillam
U12 Club Champion- Court Family Shield	Jack Whitty
Neil Clayton Junior Club Champion	Jack Whitty
Keith Smith Best Junior Club Person	Bronwyn Bithell

Team of the Year

Recipient
David Mitchell
Sarah Smith
Jamie Devenish
Josh Barrett
David Singleton (C)
Eoin Fay
Simon Varone
Justin Laughlin
Patrick Fitzgerald
Justin McConchie
Jesse Christensen
Penny Harford (12)