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Club Details

Name of Incorporated Association: Templeton Cricket Club Incorporated

Address: Templeton Reserve, Templeton Street, Wantirna 3152

Registration Number: A003951R ABN: 67 166 894 583

Affiliated: Ringwood & District Cricket Association

Club Colours: Red and Blue

Club Committee

President: Sean Meehan Vice President: Tyson Henry Paul Taylor Secretary: Treasurer: Hayden Reidy Director of Cricket: Andrew Gottliebsen Steve Tasevski Junior President: General (Junior Secretary): Kristi Disney General (Child Safety Officer): Ben Morris General: Niraj De Silva

Other positions:

Delegates to RDCA: Sean Meehan, Paul Taylor, Tyson Henry

Senior Player Representative:

Veterans Representative:

Club Senior Coach:

Niraj DeSilva

Craig Baldwin

Andrew Gottliebsen

Club Legends

Paul Denton Jason Disney Brett Keys

Club Life Members

Norman BarnfieldJason DisneyArron VinenPaul DentonSimon DentonLuke SmallPaul OwenDavid ParkerPaul WilliamsMurray ParkerDean MorrisonStuart SimpsonIan WoodSean MeehanIan Garvey

Barry McClure Steve Johnson Andrew Hathaway

Brett Keys Phil Dewar Paul Taylor Graham Brookman Sam Bates Kristi Disney

Jason Denton Steve Tasevski

President's Report

In many ways, season 2020/21 was one of the most complex and challenging in the Club's 38-year history. When looking back at this period, the Club should be proud of what was achieved and the manner that we came together collectively to ensure this.

The most significant of these was addressing the impact of the Covid-19 global pandemic, whilst ensuring that we looked after the wellbeing of members and minimised the financial impact upon the Club. When planning how to tackle this, the Committee spent considerable time understanding our obligations as determined by government and Cricket Victoria guidelines and determining how we could provide a safe environment for our members and guests. I would like to thank Kristi Disney and Ben Morris, who as our Covid Safety Officers, ensured that the Club operated in a compliant manner, provided training to members and prioritised the wellbeing of our players and families.

Another significant challenge during the season was the impact of the groundworks at Milpera and Templeton Reserves which meant that for a large part of the season we had only one of our three home grounds available. During what turned out to be a longer than expected period of disruption, it made not only fixturing home games challenging, but also significantly impacted our junior and senior training schedule. I would like to thank not only Esky and all our junior coaches during this time, but also our Senior Coach Andrew Gottliebsen. Having to conduct senior training around multiple venues made it difficult for Andrew to work with our entire playing group to the extent he would have liked. The upside of this difficult time is that next season we will have three great home venues available to us.

The other challenge posed to us was on field, with our First XI promoted to the top tier of the RDCA senior competition. Whilst this alone was a significant test for our senior playing group, other hurdles such as not playing at our home ground for the season, a fixture of only one-day games, injuries and an ill-timed snap Covid lockdown made the season even more of a challenge. Despite a late season win against the eventual premier, unfortunately we find ourselves back in the Wilkins Cup for season 2021/22. Whilst ultimately, we were unsuccessful in realising our goal of retaining our position in Trollope Shield, the year was not without benefit as it showed us that we are not far from being a genuine competitor in the topflight. We will identify where we need to improve and develop a plan to enable us to not only achieve future promotion, but sustained success in the top division. With such a young, talented player list, and with a committed playing and coaching group, I am extremely confident that we will achieve this outcome.

Staying on field, it was pleasing to see that the Club's commitment to invest in our talented junior cricketers continued to pay dividends. It was a highlight to once again this season see young, home grown talent such as Heath Disney, Daniel Meehan and Nick Ascenzo continue to gain vital experience in our First XI team. With a raft of young players playing key roles in our second and third XI, we are well positioned to build a strong playing list in coming years. I would also like to thank our third and fourth XI leaders Joel Taylor, Ben Camfield, Craig Henry and Matt Syer for their efforts in encouraging our young players and showing them how to play the "taipans" way. Whilst for some Clubs it is a token gesture to include junior players in senior teams, I am immensely proud of how we actively promote young player development by ensuring that they play key roles on game day. The benefits of this approach were evidenced by our third and fourth XI qualifying to play finals, with our fifths only just missing out.

Whilst Covid and ground unavailability made the season difficult enough, being responsible for 13 junior teams as a first time Junior President and Secretary made for an extremely difficult set of circumstances for Esky and Kristi. The fact that the year was such a success from a junior perspective, with 3 additional teams (total of 13), 4 finalists and one premiership (U12-7) and great feedback from our parents, is testament to their hard work. Thanks to both of you.

Covid restrictions meant that when planning for the season ahead, it was impossible for the Committee to plan with any degree of certainty what social functions we could hold. With this, it meant that we needed to be creative in our thinking, which resulted in the Pre-Season raffle and a slightly different Superdraw. Given the success of these events, we will look at making the Pre-Season raffle an annual event and applying some of the learnings from Superdraw in future years. To finish the year, the Trivia night was a very successful event thanks to Kristi and her organising committee.

Whilst at the time of writing we are yet to finalise our accounts, all indications are that we will achieve a very strong financial result for the season. Whilst a large component of this is directly the result of Knox Council generously waiving our ground fees, a much better return on operations will be achieved. Key to this was the success of the pre-season raffle, the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, Superdraw and Trivia Night. A greater focus on financial management during the season including budget preparation and reporting from our first-time Treasurer Hayden Reidy was also a key reason for the improved financial result. Thank you to Hayden for your consistent effort and hard work during the season. The Club was also successful in being awarded \$15,047 in grant income in 2020/21. Whilst a proportion of this was to pay for increased operating costs due to Covid, significant funding was received for a scoreboard upgrade at Templeton (Knox Council grant) and the purchase of two large marquees (Department of Health). Whilst being away from our home ground has meant they we have not benefitted from these improvements this season, members can look forward to these in 2021/22.

During such a trying year, the Club was very fortunate to extend the vital relationships with our major sponsors Port Melbourne Containers (Simon Denton) and Urbangreen Projects (Arron Vinen). The Club is extremely appreciative of their commitment and looks forward to working with Simon and Arron in the coming years. And thank you also to our other sponsors for their ongoing support: ArrowPoint Bookkeeping (Dean Morrison & Andrew Morris), New Touch Industries (Brad Drury), Barware (Nick Starrenberg), Stuart Broadley & Associates (Ian Garvey), Wantirna Osteopathy (Jason Stone), ZJK Waterproofing (Steve Tasevski), Nello Campagnino (Apex Steel) and Glen Smiles Dentistry. I would also like to make special mention to Allan Gottliebsen, who whilst not an official sponsor, made a significant contribution to our Club during the season.

I would also like to thank our councillor Marcia Timmers-Leitch, a great supporter of our Club, who is always a source of valuable advice. Marcia's advocacy at the Knox Council directly benefitted our Club on a number of occasions this season. And on a similar note, I would also like to thank Jackson Taylor MP for his ongoing support.

Lastly, I would like to thank Tyson Henry, Paul Taylor, Hayden Reidy, Andrew Gottliebsen, Steve Tasevski, Kristi Disney, Niraj DeSilva and Ben Morris for their contributions as committee members. Whilst the aforementioned challenges made for an interesting year, through your hard work and contributions we made it to the finishing line in great shape.

I wish everyone well over the cooler months and look forward to seeing you all again in season 2021/22.

Sean Meehan President

Senior Club Records

Batting Partnerships

No.	1st Batsmen	2nd Batsmen	Partnership	Grade	Year	Against
1	W. Farrell	H. Norton	338	F Grade	88/89	Scoresby
2	P. Williams	S. McAuley	227	E Grade	99/00	Bayswater Park
3	N. Owen	J. Disney	270	Chandler	09/10	South Croydon
4	A. Teakel	L. Robertson	278	Wilkins	13/14	Kilsyth
5	B. Gibb	A. Vinen	230	Newey	07/08	Kilsyth
6	B. Moody	W. Farrell	201	E Grade	89/90	Kilsyth
7	M. Dejager	T. Rowe	220	A Grade	09/10	Lilydale
8	S. Shaw	M. Plant	239	CH 4	99/00	Ferntree Gully
9	D. Morrison	A. Teakel	198	A Grade	03/04	Lilydale
10	D. Shiels	S. Tasevski	91	M5	19/20	Wantirna Sth

Records

Highest Team Total:
7/542 H Grade 97/98 v Olinda
Lowest Team Total:
9/11 F Grade 13/14 v Ringwood North
Most Individual Runs in a Season:
1025 W. Farrell E Grade 89/90
Most Individual Runs in an Innings:
336* W. Farrell E Grade 89/90 v Scoresby
Most Individual Wickets in a Season:
52 N. Owen Wilkins 11/12

Most Individual Wickets in an Innings:

9/28 J. Nightingale B1 83/84 v Ringwood RSL

9/60 C. McPhee A1 88/89 v Eastfield

9/68 T. McCamley H Grade 09/10 v Boronia

Most Individual Catches in a Season:

27 **P.Miller** Pascoe/Wilkins 12/13

Highest Club Champion Points in a Season:

1067 J Disney A Grade 97/98

Perpetual Award Recipients

Pieter Bergshoeff Senior Club Champion: Lincoln Wong 574 Points

Norm Barnfield Senior Clubman Award: Craig Henry Murray Parker Presidents Award: Jason Disney

Wayne Farrell Senior All Rounder Trophy: Andrew Hathaway 399 Points

Senior Coaches Award: Mitchell Starrenburg

Junior Club Person of the Year: Kristi Disney

Junior Club Champion: Jackson Edwards 628 points

Season Premierships

Under 12-7

RDCA Awards

D Grade Batting Average: Paawan Dave

Senior Coach's Report

As the book closes on another season, it is my pleasure to put into words for you all the achievements and successful events from the season just passed.

For someone who wasn't around the club throughout the season and measured success based on ladder positions for our top two teams, you may be of the opinion that our year wasn't the greatest – but as far as I am concerned, it couldn't be further from the truth!

The club as a whole confronted multiple head winds throughout the year due to restrictions associated with COVID and ground works, but never once as a senior group did we use it as an excuse – and continually we confronted the challenges with vigour, and I saw that this actually strengthened the fabric even more... and resulted us in taking a further step from the foundations built in 2019/20.

Starting with the fifths, I would like to acknowledge Trav Lee for all of his efforts in his first season as captain. He led the team with passion and oversaw many of our next breed of cricketers making their senior debuts – highlighted by the debut of Zoe Vozzo, our first ever female to play seniors at the Taipans.

Craig Henry and Matt Syer lead our fourths quite successfully, finishing with a final's appearance losing in the Semi Final to the eventual premiers. The team was a great mix of seniors with a wealth of experience and up and coming juniors — and the on field performance was perfectly balanced between the two as well, with all players playing their part across the year.

Our thirds were promoted after last season, and captains Joel Taylor and Ben Camfield were confident coming into the season that we were again going to have a successful year – and that proved to be correct with us making the semi-finals in our first year in the higher grade! The best part about the thirds this year that the bulk of our key players were players under the age of 21, with many of them still playing in the U16's!

After a twelve-month break, Ryan Gill returned to leading our seconds this year, and even though the team had been promoted two grades with a fortnight to go in the season we were still within a finals berth! As with the trend through the other teams, the seconds too had a massive input from players under the age of 21 with five players still playing junior cricket playing in the squad throughout the year.

Our firsts, led by Lincoln Wong, unfortunately have been relegated back down to Wilkins for season 2021/22 – but we saw enough on field during the season to know that with a couple pf small tweaks we will be back up in the top grade before too long. The season was highlighted by a great win again South Croydon, the eventual premier, and with four of the top 20 runs scorers in the whole league we have the foundations set for a quick rebound.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Sean Meehan and the whole committee for sensational leadership in what can only be defined as a difficult season off-field, and I can't wait to be involved again in season 2021/22!

Go Taipans!

Andrew Gottliebsen

Senior Team Reports

Port Melbourne Containers First XI Season Report Trollope Shield

Team Captain: Lincoln Wong

Award Winners: Batting Average: Coady Mitrevski 356 runs, average 32.00

Bowling Average: No qualification

Champion Player: Lincoln Wong 574 Points

Jason Disney Player of the Year: Ben Gerloff 48 votes

After a successful year and qualifying for a grand final, season 2020/21 saw the first XI promoted to Trollope shield after 4 years in the second tier. Following a shortened preseason, the club came into the season retaining the majority of our young preliminary final side while adding Knoxfield duo Adith Sundaresh and Kyle Povah to the squad, with the only notable loss of Alex Meehan to Ringwood.

Round 1 was an opportunity to test ourselves against last years Trollope grand finalists in South Croydon. Tys started promisingly picking up 2 key wickets before their experienced middle order were able to capitalise on some poor bowling. An impressive 8 over spell late in the innings from Luke Christey (4/41) restricted South Croydon to 206 on a fast ground. With the bat, the top order was unable to fire with Sam Carter (33) and Tys (17) putting together a good partnership late to drag our score to 110.

Another poor batting display in round 2 set our bowlers a tough task against Mooroolbark with Coady Mitrevski's 41 taking our score to 127. Some tight bowling from Nudge and Adi made for a tense finish before a questionable non-run out call sealed the game for Moorolbark.

We came into round 3 confident against an equally inexperienced Lilydale side. Another good bowling performance from Adi (2/27 from 8) kept Lilydale to a modest target of 171. After looking strong early at 0/35 we lost 3/10, with Ben Gerloff run out just before drinks to take the score to 4/59. From there we lost consistent wickets to be all out 20 runs shy with 8 scores under double figures. A tough loss that ultimately sealed our fates at the end of the season.

From round 4-6 our batsmen were able to consistently post respectable scores against good bowling attacks in Ainslie park, Montrose and North Ringwood. Ben Gerloff was the most consistent contributor during this period posting three 40s in four games, often to finish an innings. Coady Mitrevski enjoyed his new role opening the batting, regularly hitting 20-30s while Nudge lost the tag of a Wilkins bully hitting 90 against Ainslie in round 5. Unfortunately, the improvement with the bat coincided with a drop-in bowling and pressure in the field. In particular, an inability to take wickets meant teams were able to capitalise in the middle to late overs which made for easy run chases.

Still win-less after Christmas we played Wantirna South in round 7. Again, our inability to place pressure on batsmen and break partnerships meant Wantirna South posted the highest score of the season with 228 with decent contributions from Tyson (2/32) and Adi (3/42). At 2/43 Ben Gerloff and Coady Mitrevski came together for one of the best one-day partnerships the club has seen, timing their run perfectly to take the score to 179 before Loffy was caught for 63 off 62 balls. With plenty of work still to do, Kyle povah played an important role hitting a 6 first ball and three boundaries while Coads nearly got us to the end eventually being dismissed for 97 with 13 fours and a 6. Still needing 6 from the last over, Tys and Adi were able to get us home with Tys hitting a 4 off the last ball to get our first win of the season.

After losses in round 8 and 9, we came across South Croydon for a second time in round 10. After a slow start our top order were able to accelerate after drinks reserve. Heath Disney backed up his 36 against top side Montrose, with 20 at a run a ball to take our score to 187 on a slow Milpera reserve. In the best bowling performance of our season, we were able to Bowl South Croydon out for 154 inside 35 overs, with Daniel Raab taking 3/25 off his 8. A convincing win over an experienced side who were the eventual premiers highlights the capabilities of this young group.

Following a loss to Mooroolbark in round 10, a win against Lilydale would put us ahead on points and hopefully out of relegation. Unfortunately, the game was cancelled due to the 5-day lockdown meaning we had to win 1 of the last two games against an in form North Ringwood or Wantirna South at home. The last two matches followed the same trend as the majority of our season. Some good performances with the bat however a lack of bowling depth meant we were unable to restrict two very good batting line ups.

This meant that we finished a game clear on bottom and will play in Wilkins cup next year, a disappointing result given the hard work over the last 4 years to get us into this position. In saying this, with most of the playing group committing to season 2021/22, a possible return of some experienced personnel and the debuts of some exciting juniors next season, the club is in a strong position to challenge for a 1st XI flag and be back in the top grade in the coming years.

I would like to thank all the players for their efforts this year, as well as Gobby, Seano and Diso for your support.

Lincoln Wong

Highest Partnerships

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	CLUB	GRADE	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT
1	91	Niraj DeSilva - Coady Mitrevski	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	8	1	Ainslie Park 1st XI
2	110	Niraj DeSilva - Lincoln Wong	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	14	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
3	136	Coady Mitrevski - Ben Gerloff	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	7	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
4	64	Ben Gerloff - Sam Carter	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	14	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
5	67	Heath Disney - Kyle Povah	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	9	1	Montrose 1st XI
6	34	Ben Gerloff - Kyle Povah	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	6	1	Montrose 1st XI
7	No parti	nerships of 25 runs or greater					
8	27	Heath Disney - Luke Christey	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	8	1	Ainslie Park 1st XI
9	35	Ben Gerloff - Tyson Henry	Templeton Cricket Club	Lindsay Trollope Shield	6	1	Montrose 1st XI
10	No parti	nerships of 25 runs or greater					

Scores 50+ Runs

	Runs	Player	Team	Season	Grade	Round	Inns	Opponent
1	97	Coady Mitrevski	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	7	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
2	90	Niraj DeSilva	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	5	1	Ainslie Park 1st XI
3	89	Lincoln Wong	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	10	1	South Croydon 1st XI
4	79	Lincoln Wong	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	3	1	Lilydale 1st XI
5	63	Ben Gerloff	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	7	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
6	59	Ben Gerloff	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	14	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
7	58	Niraj DeSilva	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	8	1	Ainslie Park 1st XI
8	55	Niraj DeSilva	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	14	1	Wantirna South 1st XI
9	55	Lincoln Wong	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	13	1	North Ringwood 1st XI
10	50	Lincoln Wong	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	Lindsay Trollope Shield	14	1	Wantirna South 1st XI

3+ wickets in an innings

Player	Team	Season	0	M	R	W	Grade	Round	Innings	Opponent
1 Luke Christey	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	8	0	41	4	Lindsay Trollope Shield	1	1	South Croydon 1st XI
2 Lincoln Wong	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	6	2	16	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	5	1	Ainslie Park 1st XI
3 Daniel Raab	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	8	0	25	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	10	1	South Croydon 1st XI
4 Tyson Henry	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	8	0	32	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	6	1	Montrose 1st XI
5 Tyson Henry	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	7.4	1	33	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	9	1	Montrose 1st XI
6 Sam Carter	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	8	2	33	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	8	1	Ainslie Park 1st XI
7 Lincoln Wong	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	8	1	36	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	10	1	South Croydon 1st XI
8 Adith Sundaresh	Templeton 1st XI	2020/2021	7	0	42	3	Lindsay Trollope Shield	7	1	Wantirna South 1st XI

Urban Green Projects Second XI Season Report Ian Spencer Shield

Team Captain: Ryan Gill

Award Winners: Batting Average: Ryan Gill 224 runs, average 22.40

Bowling Average: Haran Gangatharan 17 wickets, average 15.53

Champion Player: Devenish Singh 338 Points

Jason Denton Player of the Year: Haran Gangatharan

The teams first season in Ian Spencer Shield was filled with plenty of competitive cricket and nail-biting finishes. Having moved up two grades since the 2019/20 season, we were embracing the challenge and looking forward to further developing and testing ourselves against a higher level of competition.

After a Round 1 loss to the eventual premiers, Ganga made his return to the team in Round 2, helping himself to 3/16. Unfortunately, although the game ended as a draw on field, a countback saw Mooroolbark awarded the 4 points. In the teams first win in Round 3, the runs were shared between Povah, Chenz, Jordan and Heath Disney, our score of 169 too much for Wantirna's 1st XI finishing their innings 7/162 Heath continued his great form in Round 5 with a career high 87* in what was the innings of the season, The Prince earned his 1st XI cap No.185, presented the very next week. Round 7, Devesh Singh's 4/19 helped us bowl out Croydon North for 166, a last wicket stand from Logan Butler and Mitch Starrenburg getting us over the line 9/167 on the final ball of the day.

Highlights of the back end of the season included the debuts of Jackson Edwards and Paawan Dave, both showing great promise and will no doubt be great contributors for years to come. A return to form with the bat for Tyler Hoogwerf and Reidy as well as a match winning 4 wicket performance from Dan Meehan in Round 14 closed out our year.

The practice of playing in tight games against quality opposition will be a great experience for our young team. Lego and Zane playing every game making significant contributions with the ball. Overall it was a competitive year in our new grade, the team finishing 2 games out of finals cricket.

A massive thanks to Gobby and Sean for your leadership through an extremely challenging year, Tash for scoring and all 22 players who graced the field, looking forward to sharing Saturdays again with you all soon.

Gilly

Highest Partnerships

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	CLUB	GRADE	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT			
1	97	Devesh Singh - HAYDEN REIDY	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	14	1	Croydon North 2nd XI			
2	60	Tyler Hoogwerf - Daniel Meehan	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	7	1	Croydon North 2nd XI			
3	81	Heath Disney - Kyle Povah	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	3	1	Wantirna 1st XI			
4	80	Heath Disney - Jordan Livanidis	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	5	1	Mount Evelyn 2nd XI			
5	36	Devesh Singh - Nicholas Ascenzo	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	2	1	Mooroolbark 2nd XI			
6	44	Nicholas Ascenzo - Jordan Livanidis	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	3	1	Wantirna 1st XI			
7	33	Ryan Gill - Haran Gangatharan	Templeton Cricket Club	lan Spencer Shield	2	1	Mooroolbark 2nd XI			
8	No parti	nerships of 25 runs or greate	er							
9	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater									
10	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater									

Scores 50+ Runs

Runs	Player	Team	Season	Grade	Round	Inns	Opponent
87*	Heath P Disney	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	Ian Spencer Shield	5	1	Mount Evelyn 2nd XI
67	Devesh Singh	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	Ian Spencer Shield	14	1	Croydon North 2nd XI
53	Devesh Singh	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	lan Spencer Shield	13	1	Croydon Ranges 2nd XI

3+ wickets in an innings

Player	Team	Season	0	M	R	W	Grade	Round	Innings	Opponent
Devesh Singh	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	8	2	19	4	lan Spencer Shield	7	1	Croydon North 2nd XI
Logan Butler	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	6	0	27	4	Ian Spencer Shield	10	1	Wonga Park 2nd XI
Daniel R Meehan	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	8	1	31	4	Ian Spencer Shield	14	1	Croydon North 2nd XI
Haran G Gangatharan	Templeton 2nd XI	2020/2021	8	2	16	3	Ian Spencer Shield	2	1	Mooroolbark 2nd XI

Third XI Season Report D Grade Neil Tull Shield

Team Captains: Joel Taylor & Ben Camfield

Award Winners: Batting Average: Paawan Dave 273 runs, average 39.00

Bowling Average: Kieran Ambrose 15 wickets, average 4.13

Champion Player: Ben Camfield 309 Points

Brett Keys Player of the Year: Paawan Dave 31 points

The season 20/21 was always going to be a bit different with a few changes due to the Covid Virus, the main one being that all games were to be one dayers! Looking at the season now the main effect from this change was our middle order bats (often our younger guys) didn't really get a chance to build an innings, they had to score from the start. This was also due to the consistency of our top order.

The season for us was going to be all about the younger players. Most games we had 2-3 players under 19 and 4-5 15 and under. The idea was to put these players in situations where they could use/develop their skills which could influence the game result. I think this really worked well with all our younger guys playing match winning roles throughout the season. I think from Club perspective this season's third 11 has had a great season. We had three players consistently make runs and force their way into the second 11. While they didn't score as freely as they had been, they got a look at the next level and know where they need to be to succeed, which I know they will. We also had a few other that were knocking on the door of the seconds, with a bit of hard work they could also get there next year. With the guys going up it gave opportunities to players in the fourth 11 to get a look at the next level too, also with some hard work I'm sure they will become regulars too.

From a team perspective I think this season was very successful. We finished the home and away season in second spot on the ladder with 9 wins 3 losses and 2 draws (due to covid). We were a very consistent team, this showed in the stats with 8 of our bats scoring between 130-190 and our batting average winner scoring 270@39. With the ball our five main bowlers took between 12-15 wickets, the bowling average winner taking 15 @ a misely 4.13. It was also very pleasing for us as a team to win the games against the sides that were struggling a bit with younger guys taking the reins and doing what they do well. While the end result of the season was disappointing losing a semi-final without really giving ourselves a chance, we can't forget the successes we had and more importantly the development and improvement our younger players.

My team highlight this season was our last game. Sitting second on the ladder needing to win to stay second and get a home final, we came up against a team that if they won they would have played finals. We got off to a great start taking two wickets in the first over. After a controversial run out things got a little heated, we stuck to our game and ended up bowling them out for 58. Then the guy who was run out and was still carrying on, opened the bowling (he has played at a higher level and bowled quick) tried to hit and intimidate our young batters to no avail. The guys dug deep and after a fiery spell we passed them 1 down. It was great to roll a quality side and then our young guns stand up for us with second spot on the ladder on the line.

My highlight with the ball was the super spell from Gilly. He came on to bowl on a damp day with the opposition in control at 1/50 chasing 160. He preceded to bowl his next 8 overs taking 7/12 including a bamboozling hattrick. It was great to be out there to see it. My highlight with the bat was Paawan's 86. He opened the batting and took control from the start. He worked his way to 50 playing some great cricket, then decided to do the team thing try to get us to a big score. He played some great shots before he unselfishly gave up his wicket.

I have really enjoyed myself this year watching the growth and development of our youth, and with a little team success it has been great fun. I would like to thank Bob Cat for his help with the team this year and hope he enjoyed it as much as I have. I would also like to thank Gobby, Seano and the rest of the committee for all your hard work in getting us onto the park with all the covid challenges.

Highest Partnerships

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	CLUB	GRADE	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT
1	88	Brett Levis - Paawan Dave	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	10	1	Croydon Ranges 4th XI
2	75	Paawan Dave - Jackson Edwards	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	1	1	Croydon Ranges 4th XI
3	84	Jackson Edwards - Nishith Dave	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	13	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
4	73	Jackson Edwards - Paul Williams	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	13	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
5	35	HAYDEN REIDY - Zarak Durrani	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	4	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
6	69	Joel Taylor - Ben Camfield	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	13	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
7	66	HAYDEN REIDY - Joel Taylor	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	4	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
8	33	Paul Williams - HAYDEN REIDY	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	2	1	Warrandyte 4th XI
9	40	Joel Taylor - Glenn Edwards	Templeton Cricket Club	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	1	1	Croydon Ranges 4th XI
10	No part	nerships of 25 runs or greater					

Scores 50+ Runs

Runs	Player	Team	Season	Grade	Round	Inns	Opponent
84	Paawan Dave	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	10	1	Croydon Ranges 4th XI
68	Brett S Levis	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	7	1	Chirnside Park 3rd XI
66	Paawan Dave	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	9	1	Boronia 4th XI
55	Paul W Williams	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	13	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
54	Joel Taylor	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	10	1	Croydon Ranges 4th XI
54	Jackson D Edwards	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	13	1	Wonga Park 4th XI
50	Paawan Dave	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	1	1	Croydon Ranges 4th XI

3+ wickets in an innings

Player	Team	Season	0	M	R	W	Grade	Round	Innings	Opponent
Gurpreet Sidhu	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	8	4		7	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	8	1	St Andrews 4th XI
Kieren Ambrose	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	8	1		6	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	9	1	Boronia 4th XI
Christopher Williams	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	2.5	0		4	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	2	1	Warrandyte 4th XI
Josh j Taylor	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	8	0		4	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	2	1	Warrandyte 4th XI
Dillon D Fernando	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	8	0		4	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	7	1	Chirnside Park 3rd XI
Kieren Ambrose	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	6	1		3	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	7	1	Chirnside Park 3rd XI
Thomas Edwards	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	6	1		3	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	14	1	Chirnside Park 3rd XI
Josh j Taylor	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	8	3		3	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	14	1	Chirnside Park 3rd XI
Thomas Edwards	Templeton 3rd XI	2020/2021	8	0		3	D Grade (Neil Tull Shield)	13	1	Wonga Park 4th XI

Fourth XI Season Report Modified 5 Grade

Team Captains: Craig Henry & Matthew Syer

Award Winners: Batting Average: Rick Meehan 226 runs, average 56.60

Bowling Average: Tom Nurse 16 wickets, average 13.50

Champion Player: Rick Meehan 366 Points

Steve Tasevski Player of the Year: Rick Meehan 29 points

Highest Partnerships

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	CLUB	GRADE	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT				
1	52	Jason Stone - Grant Walters	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	1	1	St Andrews 8th XI				
2	118	Jason Stone - JOHN CODY	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	1	1	St Andrews 8th XI				
3	43	Andrew Hathaway - Mark Walters	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	SF	1	Scoresby 4th XI				
4	102	Jason Stone - Zarak Durrani	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	14	1	South Warrandyte 5th XI				
5	102	Jason Denton - Andrew Hathaway	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	11	1	Mount Evelyn 4th XI				
6	94	Andrew Hathaway - Rick Meehan	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	10	1	St Andrews 8th XI				
7	49	Paul Williams - Rick Meehan	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	5	1	Eastfield 4th XI				
8	48	Rick Meehan - Steve Tasevski	Templeton Cricket Club	M5 Grade	9	1	East Ringwood 5th XI				
9	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater										
10	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater										

Scores 50+ Runs

Runs	Player	Team	Season	Grade	Round	Inns	Opponent
59	Rick L Meehan	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	9	1	East Ringwood 5th XI
55*	Paul W Williams	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	5	1	Eastfield 4th XI
54*	Jason D Denton	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	11	1	Mount Evelyn 4th XI
53*	Rick L Meehan	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	11	1	Mount Evelyn 4th XI
53*	Craig Henry	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	4	1	Warrandyte 7th XI
52	Rick L Meehan	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	2	1	Mount Evelyn 4th XI
51*	Andrew Hathaway	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	10	1	St Andrews 8th XI
51*	Jason N Stone	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	1	1	St Andrews 8th XI
50*	Craig Henry	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	1	1	St Andrews 8th XI
50*	Jason N Stone	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	6	1	Wantirna South 5th XI
50*	Jason N Stone	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	M5 Grade	14	1	South Warrandyte 5th XI

3+ wickets in an innings

Player	Team	Season	0	M	R	W	Grade	Round	Innings	Opponent
Tom Nurse	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	7	3	16	4	M5 Grade	10	1	St Andrews 8th XI
Ben Morris	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	2	1	6	3	M5 Grade	1	1	St Andrews 8th XI
Kieren Ambrose	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	5	0	11	3	M5 Grade	4	1	Warrandyte 7th XI
Tom Nurse	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	2.5	0	14	3	M5 Grade	SF	1	Scoresby 4th XI
BRODIE STONE	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	7	1	16	3	M5 Grade	11	1	Mount Evelyn 4th XI
Steve T Tasevski	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	7	1	30	3	M5 Grade	13	1	Warrandyte 7th XI
Jay Tasevski	Templeton 4th XI	2020/2021	5	0	46	3	M5 Grade	1	1	St Andrews 8th XI

Fifth XI Season Report Modified 6 Grade

Team Captains: Travis Lee

Award Winners: Batting Average: No qualification

Bowling Average: No qualification

Champion Player: Sebastian Pascoe 191 Points

Craig Baldwin Player of the Year: Sebastian Pascoe

Season 2020/21 was a tough season for all grades due to Covid 19. But with the RDCA having an Covid plan in place, cricket could go ahead. I decided to put my hand up for the captaincy this season due to Steve Tasevski taking over as Junior president and junior coaching. It started with a win with Croydon north forfeiting then rd 2 we played against the team who at the end of the season with be M6 premiers. Wonga Park showed the reason why they went undefeated in the season with a well-balanced team and we lost by 8 wickets getting bowled for 90 at home then when we played Wonga Park away we got bowled out for 70 and lost by 7 wkts. They showed us where we were at and lessons that needed to be learnt to improve in for the upcoming years. Thank you to the dads Ben Morris, David Graham, Michael Vozzo, Greg Talbot and Jordan Lanham for all filling in when we were desperate and also Sam bates, Sean Meehan as well.

What I have seen this year I am very optimistic on what's to come for the development at the Templeton cricket club. The youth who are starting their senior cricket years at the age of 14 has made to realise how quickly these young kids can learn and grow. Their attitude and eager to be out there and want to be involved has made my job easy throughout the year. Since I am not familiar with most of the juniors and when the team is picked on the Thursday night, I will jump on my cricket to check what are the players strengths and weaknesses and utilise it on game day. There has been a few that I have picked out and needed a mention that has really impressed me this season is Seb Pascoe – always wants to improve, Cooper Ryan – great attitude, Ryan Morris - thinker, Luke Walters- always involved and impressed with his spin bowling, Zac Disney- confident potential leader, Jay Tasevski – Tryer, Noah Lanham – brings effort and Sanjay Ravichandran – great attitude. As a mark of history, we also had our

first ever female representing the seniors Zoe Vozzo playing against Croydon ranges with her father Michael Vozzo at Croydon Primary School.

Our great wins were against South Croydon when Templeton needed 50 of the last 6 overs and Steve Tasevski came to the crease and hit sixes everywhere at Schultz and Heathwood when we won by 8 runs and bowled them out in the final overs. Both were tight finishes. The disappointing loss was against Chirnside park when it was a rainy and windy day. When the rain came Chirnside needed 30 of 5 overs I thought we will win this but we seemed rush because there was a big cloud hovering in the east and it was close. The last over Chirnside needed 5 runs and we needed 3 wickets. We got 2 wickets in the first 3 balls then the lowered order batsman cross batted it and it trickled for a boundary, so scores were tied and then 2nd last ball was a dot then the last ball all the fieldsman were in cause we all knew they were going to run. So, the batsman hit it to matt Brookman then he threw it to Hathaway as he was keeper that day and he spilled it and they went through for the winning run.

One of the other positives is that since the higher grades could not play at Templeton Reserve because the ground was getting done and once it was ready RDCA allowed the home team of the lower grades to play there. I got very excited. It was a privilege to play at the hollowed turf the eastern suburbs.

As an overall season I found it promising for our juniors as our bowling is very good but what we are lacking is batting depth that hopefully that we can get some experience senior player who can bat so that the juniors can bat around them and learn how to play against the matured bodies of senior players. If we can retain the juniors the club has a bright future. A big thank you to all 34 players who took part in the Templeton 5XI this year and for those who helped fill in around Christmas and new year's holiday period. Much appreciated.

Highest Partnerships

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	CLUB	GRADE	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT			
1	83	Sean Meehan - Kevin Zhang	Templeton Cricket Club	M6 Grade	9	1	Croydon Ranges 6th XI			
2	62	Kevin Zhang - Sam Bates	Templeton Cricket Club	M6 Grade	9	1	Croydon Ranges 6th XI			
3	49	Andrew Hathaway - Lachlan Talbot	Templeton Cricket Club	M6 Grade	4	1	Chirnside Park 6th XI			
4	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater									
5	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater									
6	No parti	nerships of 25 runs or greater								
7	30	Sebastian Pascoe - Grant Walters	Templeton Cricket Club	M6 Grade	8	1	South Croydon 5th XI			
8	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater									
9	34	Steve Tasevski - Yoga Yogaraja	Templeton Cricket Club	M6 Grade	5	1	South Croydon 5th XI			
10	38	Grant Walters - Ben Morris	Templeton Cricket Club	M6 Grade	13	1	Chirnside Park 6th XI			

Scores 50+ Runs

Runs	Player	Team	Season	Grade	Round	Inns	Opponent
53*	Andrew Hathaway	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	M6 Grade	3	1	Warrandyte 8th XI
51*	Andrew Hathaway	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	M6 Grade	6	1	Heathwood 5th XI
51*	Matthew B Brookman	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	M6 Grade	6	1	Heathwood 5th XI
51*	COOPER D RYAN	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	M6 Grade	9	1	Croydon Ranges 6th XI
50*	Kevin Zhang	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	M6 Grade	9	1	Croydon Ranges 6th XI

3+ wickets in an innings

Player	Team	Season	0	M	R	w	Grade	Round	Innings	Opponent
Noah Lanham	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	7	2	14	3	M6 Grade	4	1	Chirnside Park 6th XI
RYAN N MORRIS	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	4	1	15	3	M6 Grade	13	1	Chirnside Park 6th XI
RYAN N MORRIS	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	6	0	18	3	M6 Grade	5	1	South Croydon 5th XI
Sebastian Pascoe	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	5	0	22	3	M6 Grade	3	1	Warrandyte 8th XI
Ben Morris	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	5.4	0	23	3	M6 Grade	13	1	Chirnside Park 6th XI
Luke Walter	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	7	0	28	3	M6 Grade	6	1	Heathwood 5th XI
ZAC DISNEY	Templeton 5th XI	2020/2021	6	0	60	3	M6 Grade	9	1	Croydon Ranges 6th XI

Veteran's T20 Competition

Batting

PLAYER	MAT	INN	NO	100S	50S	os	48	6S	MINS	HS	RUNS	AVE.	STR.
Vozzo, Michael	3	3	1	0	2	0	14	11	22	69	166	83.00	296.4
Vinen, Arron V	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	4	8	31	69	23.00	237.9
Disney, Jason D	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	3	43	46*	49	49.00	163.3
Taylor, Joel	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	20	22	36	36.00	257.1
Henry, Craig	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	9	16*	28	28.00	121.7
Bates, Sam B	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	9	20	10.00	250.0
Meehan, Sean	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	12	6.00	200.0
Payne, Paul	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	8	12	6.00	150.0
Denton, Jason D	3	2	1	0	0	0				2*	4	4.00	80.0
Tasevski, Steve T	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	4	2.00	133.3
Aquila, Bruno	3	2	0	0	0	0				2	3	1.50	60.0
Syer, Matthew	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1.00	100.0

Bowling

PLAYER	MAT	0	M	R	w	5WI	10WM	вві	AVE.	STR.	ECN.
Taylor, Joel	3	5	0	44	2	0	0	2/26	22.00	15.00	8.80
Tasevski, Steve T	3	3	0	19	1	0	0	1/19	19.00	18.00	6.33
Vozzo, Michael	3	4	0	28	1	0	0	1/18	28.00	24.00	7.00
Pik, Garry	3	4	0	34	1	0	0	1/7	34.00	24.00	8.50
Payne, Paul	3	6	0	48	1	0	0	1/25	48.00	36.00	8.00
Denton, Jason D	3	1	0	4	0	0	0		NA	NA	4.00
Bates, Sam B	3	1	0	6	0	0	0	0/6	NA	NA	6.00
Disney, Jason D	3	1	0	12	0	0	0	0/12	NA	NA	12.00
Vinen, Arron V	3	1.4	0	14	0	0	0		NA	NA	8.40
Aquila, Bruno	3	3	0	16	0	0	0	0/16	NA	NA	5.33

Junior President's Report

The 2020/21 will long be remembered, but in a lot of ways will want to be forgotten. Firstly, I'd like to thank everybody for their efforts in dealing with the Covid situation we were faced with. The signing in, sanitising and social distancing all became a chore at times but had to be done as best we could to the letter of the law to ensure the season got off the ground. A huge thanks to our Covid officer Ben Morris for his tireless work behind the scenes to ensure our players and officials followed the correct protocols required to get us up and running.

Off the field, the shoes left behind by Sean Meehan weren't going to be filled by only one pair of feet. A plan was devised in the off season for me and Kristi Disney to take over as a team. The transition was made very easy, solely due to the body of work Sean had put together during his reign for when the time would eventually come to pass the baton. Kristi's enthusiasm and eagerness to tackle the role head on was refreshing as much as it was reassuring, that the Club was in good hands. Her numerous fundraisers throughout the season and continual communications to inform everyone what was going on, ensured that the Club was in great position.

On the field, the club is only getting bigger. This season we fielded two u/10 teams, four u/12s, two u/14s, two u/16s, two girls' teams and a u/18s T20 side. We added one trophy to the cabinet with Greg Williams' u12/7s beating Warrandyte on their home deck. A huge achievement to win it the hard way after finishing fourth, with two great run chases both in the Semi and Grand Finals. A great effort for a first-time coach, assisted by Team Managers Lucia and Rachel. Well done everyone.

To our other Grand Finalists, the u16/5s unfortunately it wasn't to be on the day. An enjoyable season was had by all involved though. Great camaraderie and banter, combined with some exciting cricket, the boys made Talbo and Yoga extremely proud.

The stage three girls got very close to the ultimate prize also. A sensational season with continued improvement on a weekly basis was great to see. Their team spirit shone through on a wet and dreary Mt Evelyn day with the game going right down to the wire only to just miss. Well done Diso and Kylie on a super year.

The u14/2s had a stellar season with everybody playing their role to an extremely high level. In another tight one, our boys just missed in the last over. Well done again to Diso, PT, Ben and Gilly.

Thank you to all other coaches and team managers.

- Adrian and Lucia, Ekant and Manjush, the u/10s is challenging, but rewarding.
- Mark and Nikki, Para and Shaun, the 12s are young but really blossomed under you guys. Thanks to Damo as well.
- The great feedback from both the u14/7s parents and kids showed the superb job Mark Walters did. Well done mate. A big thank you to Kylie also.
- Thanks to Renee Weidemann for looking after the u16/2s again.
- The stage two girls improved week by week. Arron, you did an outstanding job. Thanks, Sean, for re-entering the fold as team manager again.

A huge thank you to our sponsors for your continued support and to everybody who played a part.

See you next year. Steve Tasevski & Kristi Disney.

Junior Team Reports

Under 16-2 Season Report

Coach: Steve Tasevski Manager: Renee Weidemann

Award Winners: Batting Average: Daniel Meehan 204 runs, average 29.14

Bowling Average: Paawan Dave 9 wickets, average 16.67

All Rounder: Daniel Meehan 339 Points

The 2020/21 was one of frustration both on and off the field. Covid interruptions, coupled with an extremely talented bunch of kids that didn't quite put it all together on match days, was a tough watch at times. When the boys clicked, they were unstoppable, as was evident in the last game of the season beating the eventual premier relatively easily. But at other times, their unwillingness to take the game on was a little disappointing.

On a positive note, the continual individual development of every single player was very pleasing to see. The boys all worked hard on fixing their flaws, whilst taking the stronger

parts of their game to another level. Although this necessarily didn't transfer to Saturday mornings, it definitely did to the afternoons and for those that played representative cricket. All the boys have shown they are comfortable at the senior level they currently play at. The next step may be uncomfortable as they continue up the grades, but the hard work ethic they possess will hopefully hold them in good stead for their future development.

A big thank you to Renee Weidemann for managing the side and to all the parents that have helped out along the journey as well.

For the boys that have finished their junior careers, it's been a great ride and a privilege to have been a part of it. Thanks.

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Under 16-5 Season Report

Coach: Greg Talbot Manager: Yoga Yogaraja

Award Winners: Batting Average: Lachy Aka 223 runs, average 33.29

Bowling Average: Noah Boehl 12 wickets, average 11.00

All Rounder: Lachy Aka 393 Points

Coaches Award: Om Desai

The U16/5 side arose from a conversation about the need to build a second U16 side to accommodate all players at that level. Whilst there were sufficient numbers in terms of age and cricket development to the fill the U16/1's there wasn't a side for a number of other players that was until Lachie Talbot and the boys from Wantirna College embarked on a recruiting drive that bought six new players to the club, some of whom had never played competition cricket. And from this the Mighty Ducks were born!

Coaching the team was an absolute pleasure and this was mainly because the team was made up of a group of young men who were always up for a laugh and a bit of mischief, while at the same time they were incredibly respectful towards me, Yoga (our team manager) and anyone else involved in officiating a game.

As for their attitude towards their oppositionyeah/nah...maybe not so much. But they did get better!

After their first game it was necessary to have a conversation about the difference between banter and abuse. It took a couple more conversations until they finally got it but once they did, they were great. Sam Moodie and Liam Isherwood went on to deliver some of the funniest lines ever uttered on a cricket field and on one occasion the opposition umpire went on to declare that "you guys have made my junior season…that was some of the funniest s**t I've ever heard…I couldn't even see what was going on for the tears of laughter".

That aside the team performances were outstanding.

Even though our bowlers would sometimes emulate Mitchell Johnson by tearing down superfast deliveries towards third slip or fine leg and 'extras' was almost always amongst our highest scorers, through hard work and tenacity every bowler had their day at some stage. A couple of these include:

Om Desai: Quick, tireless and consistent Noah Lanham: Heaps of turn, great line and length

Noah Boehl: Fast arm ball that always gets wickets

Rishab Arora: Dependable

Lachy Aka: 5/21 off 4 overs vs Norwood

Lachie Talbot: 4/13 off 2.5 overs (including a hat trick) vs Seville Burras

Kyle Coghlan: Terrifying

Batting wasn't much different however it was great to see that we had identified some gritty top order batsmen in Yathvin Yogaraja, Om Desai, Luke Walter and Noah Lanham. In the middle order we saw the likes of:

Liam Isherwood: Smacked one of the biggest sixes seen at Schultz Reserve to win a

game and make his first 50

Sam Moodie: Effortless boundaries Rory Genietz: Natural hard hitter Lachy Aka: Hates going out

Kyle Coghlan: "Heeeeeeeeeee batter, batter, batter, batter.....swing"

Some other notable stats:

Liam Isherwood: 55* vs Seville Burras Liam Isherwood: 42* vs Norwood

Kyle Coughlin: 67 vs Croydon RangesKyle Coughlin: 40* vs Croydon RangesLachy Aka: 44 vs Croydon Ranges

As for fielding the team improved markedly and in the second semi-final they left behind their penchant for the odd dropped catch and occasionally allowing the ball trickle between their legs on the way to the boundary. In that game their fielding was almost faultless with Luke Walter giving some best on-ground performances at mid-off saving heaps of runs.

For the most part the boys were very good at training save for the day I was the only one to turn up to training one Monday night during school holidays and another night when it was wet and cold. On that occasion I drove passed the other half of the team that hadn't shown up for training at a bus stop - apparently heading out for dinner.

The team was also lucky enough to be supported by one of the finest gentlemen the club has known in Yathvin's dad Yoga. Yoga was our team manager who came to training week in week out and scored every game. This included many games towards the end of the season when 'Yath' was unable to play due to a broken wrist. Yoga always made sure that MyCricket was updated and that the boys 'stats' were recorded for prosperity. His scorebook may well be noted as the neatest and most legible record of junior cricket ever documented!

The boys were also well supported by their parents and friends and it was always great see everyone at the games. Craig Moodie, for example went to great lengths to ensure the player's sugar levels were peaking for the second half of the game by delivering an arrangement of donuts for the lads to devour at each innings break!

In all it was a lot of fun. The Mighty Ducks proved to be great group of players who improved week on week, and it is a credit to them that they were runners-up at the season close. Whilst they developed as cricketers, I also saw a lot of personal development in terms of transitioning from boys to young men and I'm really proud of that!

Greg Talbot

Under 14-2 Season Report

Coach: Paul Taylor / Ryan Gill / Jason Disney

Manager: Ben 'Mr Cricket' Morris

Award Winners: Batting Average: Jackson Edwards 343 runs, average 57.17

Bowling Average: Keaton Bottrell 15 wickets, average 6.13

All Rounder: Jackson Edwards 628 Points

Coaches Award: Jay Tasevski

As I am sure you would all agree, we were very lucky to even see the season commence given the challenges everyone was facing. Whilst we were limited in the amount of preseason training that we were able to complete, the fact that the kids were out and about was so pleasing to see.

We were very fortunate to have such a great group of boys and parents which meant we were really looking forward to the season ahead and confident in what the group could achieve. The boys really got out of the blocks early playing some fantastic cricket early on and winning a number of early games with some outstanding performances from everyone in the team. Under the leadership of our Co Captains Jackson Edwards and John Cody the most pleasing thing to see were the overall efforts, positive attitudes and contributions from all players. This saw the team go undefeated all the way through to Christmas. There were a number of outstanding performances from all players.

We continued to perform strongly in the new year taking the momentum and team spirit that was on display throughout the earlier part of the season. We lost our first game in Round 9 and we learnt the top four teams were all very close with Warrandyte undefeated up until the last couple of rounds, Mooroolbark the form team beating both Warrandyte and ourselves and Kilsyth on a roll winning 5 games in a row coming into finals.

The finals series continued to be a very tight contest for all four teams with some of the most exciting cricket being played. Warrandyte drew with Kilsyth in their semifinal meaning Warrandyte progressing through as the higher rated team. We played Mooroolbark with us

winning the toss and batting first and posting 8/100 off our 25 overs with some impressive batting from John Cody (37) and some solid contributions from Yonal (11), Seb (14) & Zac (16 not out). Mooroolbark started well and were well on their way in achieving our total. Our boys were then able to get back in the game with a couple of quick wickets from Sunuka (2/10) and Ryan (3/7). It was pleasing to see 3 run outs with some great fielding from Jay, Yonal, Seb & Jackson. It came down to the last over with Mooroolbark needing 4 runs and us 2 wickets. John Cody took the ball and bowled an amazing last over in a pressure situation to see us win by 3 runs.

The Grand Final against Warrandyte was always going to be a tough and competitive game. We won the toss and batted with Jackson (15) and Cooper (18) getting the team off to a great start. John (40 not out) then played one of his best innings for the season, with Seb (15) & Zac (14 not out) continuing the momentum. We ended up 7/143 off our 25 overs which was a great score on a quick ground. Warrandyte got off to a good start without losing their first wicket at 85. All bowlers were bowling good areas and everyone working hard in the field. It was always going to be a close finish, but we were not expecting how it was going to play out. The boys got 2 more wickets with the score on 99 and we started to get some momentum. A couple more wickets 5/113. A partnership of 18 then a run out and amazing hat trick from Seb (4/24) taking the score to 8/131. Another wicket 9/137 with 9 balls remaining with some tight bowling from Ryan. The last over saw Warrandyte requiring 5 runs. Max bowled a brilliant over, backed up by the boys in the field giving their all. Warrandyte got the runs of the second last ball of the game. What an unbelievable game!! We were so so so proud of all the boys efforts and the spirit of which they played the game not only in the Grand Final, but all season. Well done boys!!

All the boys played such a huge team role all season:

- Jackson Edwards really kicked us off with the bat each week showcasing why he is one of Templeton's most promising junior players the club has seen. His glove work behind the stumps was top class. I'm sure he loved the one wicket he got against Mooroolbark bowling a few overs on the rare time he had the gloves off. Two 36 not outs against Seville and Healsville were great to watch.
- Cooper Ryan in a new role opening the batting and getting the team off to a great start with the bat each week. The coaching crew enjoyed the conversations with Cooper pre-game, talking about getting his eye in and taking his time to build an innings. Then we would watch him first ball swing and hit one over mid-wicket for four!! 19 versus Wonga Park and Warrandyte in the GF were brilliant.
- **John Cody** bowling extreme pace and backing up with the bat each week. There were a number of opposition players that could vouch for the pace John was bowling in some games. 40 not out in the GF was huge!
- **Max Taylor** really took his bowling to a new level, taking the new ball on a number of occasions taking wickets and bowling in good partnerships. Also showed some solid performances with the bat. His 3/3 versus Mooroolbark and 3/11 versus Kilsyth were outstanding.
- **Jay Tasevski** was similar to Max, he bowled tight and consistent which was great to watch. Jay took a number of wickets as well as entertaining the group with his swing at everything batting. 1/5 and 1/7 versus Montrose and Wonga Park were typical of Jay's tight bowling.
- **Keaton 'Sheik of tweak' Bottrell** showed why he is the best leg spinner in the competition. He had a number of games where he shut down the opposition scoring

- taking wickets and going for no runs off his bowling. His 6 wickets for 8 runs against Mooroolbark was unbelievable, as was his 3/14 versus Montrose. Congratulations to Keats for winning the competition bowling average also, an amazing achievement!!
- Sanuka Gunatilake was new to Templeton this season and proved he is very good player. Very solid with the bat and bowling consistent off spin, he proved a reliable contributor each week. 3 for 7 versus Wonga was great to watch as was the 20 not out versus Montrose.
- Yonal Gunawardena was also new to Templeton this season, he like Sanuka proved very good with both bat ball and ball scoring runs and taking wickets each week. His 3/16 versus Seville and 24 not out versus Montrose were exceptional.
- **Sebastian Pascoe** really evolved his game the longer that the season went on. Improving each week with both bat and ball he produced some outstanding results. Getting a hat trick in the GF (4/24) was amazing as was his 49 versus Warrandyte. His 3/16 versus Seville was great to watch.
- **Zac Disney** also evolved delivering some great results and partnerships with the bat whilst taking a few wickets with the ball also. He displayed some great enthusiasm in the field also. His 22 not out versus Montrose & 35 not out versus Warrandyte were great knocks.
- **Ryan Morris** proved to be one of the most economical bowlers, quite often bowling his 3-4 overs for next to no runs whilst delivering couple of wickets. Some key bowling spells in some big games. His 3/2 versus Wonga Park and 3/7 versus Mooroolbark in the SF were huge for the team at critical times. A solid 14 not out with the bat versus Wonga Park.
- Adithya Ravichandran really improved both batting and bowling over the course of the season, quite often required to bowl a tight spell or keep the score board ticking over with the bat. His 1/2 versus Wonga Park great bowling.

Special thanks really need to go to Ryan Gill for training the boys each week and coming down to games to show your support was greatly appreciated.

Mr Cricket Morris was outstanding, well organised and kept everyone well informed. Thanks heaps Mr C from everyone.

Also, to Glenn Edwards, Ravi, Joel for helping to umpire or score or whatever was asked. To all our parents of the boys thank you so much we really appreciate all your support. Final thanks to the committee in particular to Eski, Kristi & Sean, your work is outstanding and truly appreciated. Thank you for all your hard work.

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Under 14-7 Season Report

Coach: Mark Walters Manager: Kylie Reidy

Award Winners: Batting Average: Zoe Vozzo 132 runs, average 44.00

Bowling Average: Mitchell Rossitto 10 wickets, average 13.10

All Rounder: Zoe Vozzo 187 Points

Under 12-2 Season Report

Coach: Steve Tasevski Manager: Damian Taylor

Award Winners: Batting Average: Jake Ryan 109 runs, average 15.57

Bowling Average: Tom Vozzo 11 wickets, average 6.45

All Rounder: Tom Vozzo 248 Points

Coaches Award: Cooper Lynch

The 2020/21 season had its challenges, both on and off the field. With everybody in the same predicament after a very limited preparation due to Covid, we were always going to take some time to get the rust out of the system.

With the majority of the team the same as the season before, the step up to the 12/2s on paper alone seemed like a steep one. The additions of Tommy and Wyatt to the side (who had both played in a similar grade previously) proved to be invaluable with great contributions all season long.

At a quick glance, the win/loss column at seasons end didn't appear all that great. Zero wins and just one tie would seem like a failed season on the surface, but in fact it was the complete opposite. There wasn't a game that I felt we were ever out of. We matched it with every side in the competition, pushing the eventual premier twice and looking the winner in a lot of other games. The experience gained and character built in close losses will hopefully hold the boys in good stead for the future. Congratulations to all involved on an enjoyable season.

Thank you to Damo Taylor for volunteering his time as Team Manager, and to all other parents that helped along the way.

Esky.

Under 12-7 Season Report

Coach: Greg Williams

Manager: Rachael Hose, Lucia Hetherington

Award Winners: Batting Average: Oscar Williams 214 runs, average 42.80

Bowling Average: Oscar Williams 12 wickets, average 4.25

All Rounder: Oscar Williams 369 Points

Coaches Award: James Wyatt

Our 12/7 team had good continuity with eight of eleven players returning from the previous season. We welcomed Giuseppe Strati from our 12/2 team and Kridey Rajdev who could have played under 10 but decided to challenge himself in the under 12's. Our team had finished outside the finals for the past two years, so we were not expecting to play finals. Our team goal was teamwork and participation with all players getting an equal chance to develop their cricket skills.

We started our season in 2020 slowly by going three wins and three loses, we averaged eighty-five runs per innings. We were close in all matches; we lost Round1 by five runs and Round 2 by three runs. Our players continued to train hard and we went to our Christmas break with good signs of improvement.

When we returned in 2021, we had two games abandoned due to Covid. Our players skills really began to click and we won three games out of our final four games and qualified for finals.

The season turning point was in Round10 at the Heatherdale Ponding Basin with Aahaan and Tristan. Aahaan Kamdar came in to bat at number four and hit five fours in his 24 off 18 balls. Tristan Beaugeard came in to bat at number seven and hit two fours and one six in his 17 off 20 balls. From this point our batsmen opened up their shots and the results and we averaged one hundred runs per innings. In Round12, our two opening batsmen setup the win. Ryan Burgess-Small hit four fours in his 21 off 18 balls. Oscar Williams hit eight fours and one six in his 52* off 39 balls.

In our final two games of the season we played North Ringwood. In Round13 we played away and got bowled out for 57 runs and lost the match. Our team were looking ahead to playing finals. It came down to our last game Round14 vs North Ringwood at home, win the match and we make finals. We batted first and scored 88 with Aahaan Kamdar saving the innings with three fours.in his 23 runs off 20 balls. We had to bowl North Ringwood out to win. We managed to bowl them all out in the eleventh over. Nicholas Hetherington took two wickets in one over, 1 over 2/7, Oscar Williams took two wickets in two overs, 2 overs 2/4. Giuseppe Strati took two wickets in one over, 1 over 2/4. Kridey Rajdev took an absolutely screamer of a one-handed catch at square leg running at top speed. Sam Hose took one wicket bowling and Tristan Beaugeard took one wicket bowling. The team fielded superbly, it was a complete team effort.

With the win we qualified as the fourth seed in the top four finals bracket. In the semi-final we played away to Wantirna South, the minor premiers and strongest team in the competition. We won the toss and bowled, our nerves showed, and they scored 111. At the break some of our players thought our season was over, we reminded each other that it is a marathon not a sprint. It was a very flat pitch, I was confident our boys could chase the target down. Giuseppe Strati and Jesse Lanham opened and saw off the new ball, both scoring six runs. Wantirna South were bowling well, the run rate was low and their players were very confident of the victory. Then our batsmen took the game away. Ryan Burgess-Small came in and played aggressively hit two fours in his 13* Oscar Williams came in and the run rate needed to lift, he hit five fours in his 29* Tristan Beaugeard came in and batted very well, hitting two fours in his 16* Aahaan Kamdar came in and hit two fours in his 13* off 10 balls, crucial runs in the last few overs. Nicholas Hetherington hit the winning runs and our team was into the grand final!

In the grand-final we played away to Warrandyte, they were a young side however they batted first and played well to make 102, again we were a bit nervous in the field and contributed some extras to their total. When it came time to bat, we had confidence from the semi-final that we could chase down a big total. Giuseppe Strati and Jesse Lanham opened and saw off the new ball, Giuseppe scored five runs and fell to an excellent ball. Jesse Lanham scored 12 runs and anchored the innings. Ryan Burgess-Small came in and took control making 7* when Warrandyte started to get on top. Again, Oscar Williams came in and the run rate needed to lift, he hit three fours in his 26*. Tristan Beaugeard came in scored 7 against some of their best bowlers. James Wyatt came in at number six with the game in the balance. He hit two fours in his 14 runs off 12 balls and showed such determination and grit. Aahaan Kamdar came in scored 6* and hit the winning runs.

We finished our season playing 12 matches with eight wins, four loses and being the U12/7 champions Much of the above describes individual efforts. The thing which I will always remember from this season is the team effort, spirit and comradery the players showed. They grew so much as a team, together.

This also reflects in our players statistics:

- Tristan was our main wicket keeper. He is a true all-rounder scoring 18 runs in Round5 and 16 runs in the semi-final. He finished Top 30 for bowling and batting in U12-7 division.
- Ryan became a key to our batting, batting at first drop he played many key innings including 13 runs in the semi-final and finished Top 30 for batting in U12-7 division.
- Nicholas continued to grow; he loves his cricket so much. His bowling developed; he took two key wickets in Round14 when we had to win to make finals.
- Sam really improved his bowling. He twice got two wickets in Round1 and Round6, he finished in Top 30 for bowling in U12-7 division.
- Aahaan came into the season as a very strong bowler, he continued to improve his bowling which his batting exploded. His Ponding Basin innings of 24 in Round7 set the tone for our season. Aahaan finished in Top 30 for bowling and batting in U12-7 division.
- Jesse really developed his bowling and took on a key role as our opening batsmen, seeing off the new ball and his Grand Final innings set the foundation for victory.

- Kridey could have been playing U10 this season. He has a great bowling run up and got two wickets in an inning twice, in Round5 and Round13. His catch in Round14 to win the match was sensational. Kridey finished in Top 30 for bowling in U12-7 division.
- Giuseppe, new to the team this year. Giuseppe provided veteran leadership and captained our side in critical matches. His 12 runs in Round4 and 7 runs in Round13 are memorable as they 'saved the innings'. Giuseppe fined in the Top 30 for batting in U12-7 division.
- James always brought enthusiasm and effort, he really excelled in bowling maidens he was very unlucky not to have more wickets. He caught a screamer in Round 5 and his batting really improved. Scoring six runs in Round6 to save our inning and a great innings of 14 in the Grand Final.
- Oscar had a season to remember. All of his work training and in the nets paid off, he made some small changes to both his batting and bowling and saw the results. He didn't like Esky telling him to bowl over the wicket, but he saw the difference.
- Oscar finished as the best bowler in the U12-7 division. His batting was a joy to watch and he won games in the last month of the season. Oscar finished in the Top 30 for bowling and batting in U12-7 division.

I am very proud and honoured to be part of the TCC U12-7 season. This would not have been possible without the help of our Team Managers; Rachael Hose and Lucia Hetherington. They were always there on game day and helped out which made my job easier.

In addition, I would like to recognise Kristi Disney and Steve Tasevski who provided great support and allowed me to grow as a coach. They provided Para and myself the opportunity to do a Level1 Coaching course and I truly believe their 'Senior at Junior Training' idea was a key milestone in the development of our U12-7 team.

A season to remember...

Greg Williams

Under 12-8 Season Report

Coach: Para Ekanayake Manager: Shaun Newton

Award Winners: Batting Average: Adam Veljovic 194 runs, average 48.50

Bowling Average: Jack Newton 10 wickets, average 7.80

All Rounder: Adam Veljovic 344 Points

Coaches Award: Fergus Gibson

It was the first year of competitive cricket for all players in U12/8 and we had a terrific 20/21 season. In keeping with junior cricket philosophy, we focused on kids having fun, teamwork, learning and improving, and providing opportunity to all players regardless of the match

result. Every player was given the opportunity to captain and open batting to build their confidence. Players were not told what to do, rather guided and encouraged to experiment and develop their understanding of the game. It was wonderful that 12/8 made it to the semi-finals winning 8 games out of the 11 played during the season and loosing SF in a very close game to Wonga Park. Many players improved vastly throughout the season and some players also took an interest in specialising in areas like spin bowling, wicket keeping etc. which was an outstanding outcome.

After winning 8 games in a row, we lost our last 3 games to Wonga Park mainly due to poor performances with the bat. However, performance against Wonga Park can be attributed to the level of maturity of such young players experiencing competitive cricket for the first time. I have no doubt, players will use this experience to horn their skills as they continue to improve their game.

I also want to acknowledge the wonderful support from the TCC officials; Kristi, Esky and Sean throughout the season, which turned out to be a challenging year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Sincere thanks to the officials for their energy, culture, encouragement and support to ensure everything ran smoothly. Also, throughout the season, Shaun and I received fantastic support from our parents both during training sessions and games. They certainly made my job as coach easier and enjoyable.

Reflecting on some of the outstanding individual performances, Adam Veljovic led the team from front with his consistent performance with significant contribution with the bat, ball and in the field. He recorded his highest score against Bayswater park scoring 36 runs. Coach's award winner Fergus Gibson was a standout demonstrating several attributes throughout the season such as coachability, sportsmanship and continuous improvement. Fergus also should be commended for his contribution behind the wickets.

Some of the highs during the season include our 4th game in the season where TCC only managed to score 50 runs in the 23 overs, which was our lowest scoring game. However, chasing only 50 runs, Eastfield lost wickets in quick successions and were all out for 42 runs in 16.4 overs handing an 8 runs win to TCC.

Our 2nd game against Heathwood was our highest scoring game for the season. After electing to bat, TCC scored a mammoth total of 173 runs in 23 overs with great batting performance from Adam Veljovic (32 runs), Devin Ekanayake (21 runs) and Mitchel Ferguson (21 runs). Opposition team only managed to score 4/78 in their 23 overs.

Overall, 12/8's had very successful season playing great cricket, learning, growing, making friendships and most importantly having fun. I am sure players are looking forward to the next season and can't wait see them returning to play cricket again. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to coach this team. Thank you!

Para Ekanayake

Under 12-9 Season Report

Coach: Mark Howley Manager: Nicole Ryan

Award Winners: Batting Average: Shlok Thaker 87 runs, average 29.00

Bowling Average: Rhys Disney 5 wickets, average 10.20

All Rounder: Kobe Ryan

Coaches Award: Shrey Patel

This seasons under 12-9 Boys team was comprised primarily of the players from the previous season's U10 Blue side. Being a bottom-age side, many of the players were eligible to play in U10 again this season. Our season was definitely one of two halves.

The season started well with back-to-back away wins against Chirnside Park and Warrandyte. At the completion of Round 5, and with a bye in Round 6 prior to Christmas, we were well placed sitting 3rd on the ladder, with 3 wins and 2 losses.

The cancelling of Rounds 7 & 8 for the bottom-age U12 sides and with play being abandoned in Round 9, our first game of 2021 was played on the first Friday night in February.

After an 8-week break, we started the year with a loss to Warrandyte at Milpera.

Round 11 was also abandoned due to poor weather and loss to Wantirna South in Round 12 left us needing two wins from the remaining two rounds to guarantee a finals berth. Unfortunately, an away loss to South Croydon in Round 13 all but assured that we would miss a Top 4 spot.

A consolation prize (of sorts) was a final round win against South Croydon at Milpera. It was definitely our best whole-team performance of the year and a great way to finish what was an interrupted season. The spirit in which the boys finished off the season was fantastic and filled me with great pride.

We finished the season in sixth place, only out of the finals on net run rate.

The playing group really clicked by seasons end and a marked improvement in all aspects of their games was noticeable. They are a wonderful group of boys who, I'm sure, will be playing together for many years to come.

Highlights of the season include:

- Xavier Van der Lit's bruised and battered not out performance against a strong Warrandyte bowling attack in Round 2;
- A season-high 45-run partnership between Kobe Ryan and Shlok Thaker in the Round 4 win against Wantirna South;
- Kobe's 35* in the Round 4 loss to Warranwood; and
- Shlok's 19* and Dheer Chaudari's 2/0 in the final round win against South Croydon.

A personal thanks to Nic Ryan and Kristi Disney for all their help during the year. Thanks also to all the parent helpers for scoring. Special mention to Charlee Ryan for assisting at training and on match days, and to Anand Thaker for filling in as coach during my absence in Round 13.

Mark Howley

Stage 3 Girls Team Report

Coach: Jason Disney Manager: Kylie Reidy

Award Winners: Batting Average: Emma Bavage 78 runs, average 26.00

Bowling Average: Ava Robeiro 10 wickets, average 9.60

All Rounder: Kamryn Disney 283 points

Coaches Award: Kaitlyn Clarke

The start of the season saw a change in the overall structure of the competition from the traditional teams by age group moving to Stage 3, Stage 2, Stage 1 set up with a couple of levels in Stage 2 and 1. Templeton had two teams, one in Stage 3 and one in Stage 2 – Spirit (b).

We were looking forward to the season and our chances with this new format as almost all the girls returned as well as the arrival of both Kaitlyn Clarke and Kate Montgomery adding some great talent to our team.

We were able to win 4 out of 5 games up to the Christmas break with some fantastic cricket skills on display from all the girls. The overall team spirit and fun they all displayed each week was the most pleasing part of the first half of the season.

We continued to perform strongly in the new year taking the momentum and team spirit that was on display throughout the earlier part of the season. Whilst we were competitive each game, we fell short in a couple of games but were still confident going to finals after finishing second on the ladder.

The finals series was going to require a huge effort from all with the top placed Mt Evelyn the clear favorite, but the girls were confident that they were up for the challenge. We played Heatherdale in the semifinal with not much separating both teams throughout our previous encounters. We bowled first with Heatherdale scoring 5/70 off their 20 overs. All the girls bowled well not going for many runs from each of their overs. Our fielding was amazing with 3 run outs from the girls, some great teamwork all round. With the bat again there were contributions from everyone. Main scorers Ava (10 not out), Kamryn (11), Jayde (11 not out) and handy partnership to get us over the line from Emma (6 not out) & Kaitlyn (6 not out). We finished 5/74 and passed Heatherdale with one over to spare.

The Grand Final promised to be a bumper game against Mt Evelyn as they had been undefeated all season, so it was going to be a tough task. The lead up to the game was a difficult time with the sudden passing of Ava's father Gerard Rebeiro, our love and thoughts are with Rathna and family. We batted first with the girls finishing 7/90 off our 20 overs which was a great effort all round. Top scorers were Kamryn (19), Jayde (10 not out), Emma (14) and Kaitlyn (12 not out). We got an early wicket from Ava, then there were a couple of steady partnerships from Mt Evelyn taking their score to 45 before our next wicket off the bowling of Kaitlyn. We then hit back with two wickets from Ava who was on a hat trick with the score at 4/69. Then another two wickets with the score at 6/81 off the bowling off Kamryn. Mt Evelyn was able to steady and ended up passing our score 6/93. The girls all battled hard bowling and fielding well. Ava (3/11), Kamryn (2/13) & Kaitlyn (1/16) were the wicket takers. Whilst we ended up falling short, I was so proud of the girls, the way they played, their efforts on the day and all year, their genuine love and care they displayed for Ava it just shows the reality of life and what truly is important. All the parents are super proud of all the girls. A big thank you also to Mt Evelyn, their support and humility in tough circumstances was appreciated.

It really was an enjoyable season overall; the girls are just amazing:

- Charlee Ryan in between injuries stepped up opening the batting and doing a great job for the team. She also tried her hand at wicket keeping and performed extremely well. Her 21 not out & 13 both against Launching Place were brilliant. As was 13 versus Heatherdale. Well done Nugget.
- **Muthu Velmurugan** took her batting to a new level and opened up with Charlee doing a great job. She also showed some promising signs with the ball throughout the season. Her 14 not out against Launching Place and 2/10 with the ball versus Heatherdale were fantastic. Great job Muthu.
- **Kamryn Disney** captained the team and did a fantastic job. Making sure everyone was involved, playing a role and giving everyone an opportunity was great to see. Contributing with both the bat and ball was a huge effort. Key highlights 35 & 33 not out versus Heatherdale as was your 19 and 2/13 in the Grand Final. Well done Kam.
- Ava Rebeiro played a key role all season opening the batting or in the top order as well as opening the bowling. She had some brilliant performances with key highlights 21 not out versus St Andrews, 14 not out versus Mt Evelyn and an outstanding performance in the Grand Final with bowling figures of 3/11. Your resilience in the Grand Final in the toughest of circumstances was just unbelievable.
- **Zoe Vozzo** was also amazing all season showing so much skill and excelling with both bat and ball and dynamite in the field. Her 30 not out against Launching Place where she smashed the ball all over the place was huge. As was her 22 against Heatherdale. Well done ZoZo.
- **Jayde Reidy** had a huge season which saw her win the competition bowling average. She continues to get better and better. With the ball 4/11 versus St Andrews and 3/8 versus Heatherdale were outstanding bowling. As was her 10 not out with the bat in the GF. Huge effort Pocket Rocket.
- Emma Bavage had a great all-round season even trying her hand at wicket keeping and doing a great job. Key highlights 18 not out versus Launching Place, 17 not out versus St Andrews & 14 not out in the GF versus Mt Evelyn. A handy 2/9 versus Heatherdale was great also. Well done M&M.

- **Kaitlyn Clarke** was new to the club and fitted in right from the start. She had some outstanding results with the ball, 2/8 versus Mt Evelyn, 2/11 versus Launching Place. Her confidence with the bat grew as the season went on with a huge 12 not out in the GF. Great work Kaitlyn.
- **Kate Montgomery** was also new to the club and proving to be a comical character. She performed well with the ball a key highlight of 2/11 versus the top team Mt Evelyn and 1/8 versus Heatherdale. She voiced her distaste for batting but performed against Mt Evelyn making 7 not out. Highlight was her catch and celebration against Heatherdale with the whole team going berserk!! Well done Kate.
- **Helena Aquila** played only the one game with us as she was playing Premier Grade cricket with Ringwood. She was able to work her way up to the 2nd Eleven team which was an outstanding effort in such a high level of cricket. Congratulations H, we all know that you will continue to move your way up the ranks and all of us will be watching closely supporting you in your endeavors.

We were very fortunate to have such a great group of parents which meant everything ran smoothly and the girls had all the support to enjoy their cricket. A huge thank you to you all for your efforts.

Special thanks to Kylie Reidy for all her work as Team Manager, it truly was appreciated. Thank you for keeping us all informed, scoring and making sure everything ran smoothly. Also, to Arron Vinen who put his hand up to coach the Stage 2 Girls team, well done mate you did a great job with the team. Thank you for all your support and efforts.

Final thanks to the committee in particular to Eski, Sean and Kristi (committee work and Co Ordinator of the girls teams) your work is outstanding and truly appreciated. Thank you for all your hard work.

Cheers everyone,

Jason Disney

Stage 2 Girls Team Report

Coach: Arron Vinen
Manager: Sean Meehan

Award Winners: Batting Average: Sarah Meehan 87 runs, average 17.40

Bowling Average: Makayla Vinen 3 wickets, average 26.00

All Rounder: Sarah Meehan 97 points

Coaches Award: Grace Kelly

The 2020/21 Season of Stage 2 Girls Cricket brought me plenty of joy throughout the Season from the first Sunday training session all the way through to our final game of the season against Warrandyte. We had a mix of ages from 10 - 14 years. It was pretty balanced with 5

older girls and 5 younger. I felt our "older girls" really helped out the younger girls and made them feel very much loved and part of the team. The younger girls all looked up to the older girls as their "Loving Big Sisters". Only a few of the girls had played Cricket before so it was very new to most of the players.

I said from the start of the Season that myself as Coach, I wanted the Girls to learn the very basics of Cricket, improve their skill set each week and most importantly have fun whilst playing. I know we achieved all of that and no matter what the scoreboard said, the Girls always had a smile on their faces.

Unfortunately for our Girls, we didn't win a game for the Season however, that didn't matter to them or I. We were achieving what we set out at the start of the Season. The improvement of all the girls was so pleasing to see even in our first game against Vermont, we had 7 Girls either retire or be not out at the end of our innings and 4 girls take at least 1 wicket. Not a bad effort in our first game.

As the Season went on, we came up against some very good and experienced Cricket teams and we suffered some very hard losses, but the girls kept on coming to training, learning and improving. We did struggle with the ball at times by gifting the opposition extras in terms of no-balls and wides however this did improve as the Season went on. The biggest achievement for the season was we only got bowled out twice for the entire Season. This is such a great positive note. The girls can bat and defend their wicket. Learning to hit the ball into gaps and running between the wickets will come as we gain more experience.

I would like to thank Seano for putting his hand up as Team Manager. You are an absolute gem and I appreciate all the effort you put in for me, Kristi Disney for setting up everything Covid for us so we could get on the ground to play, answering all my emails and calls during the year, Esky for providing the club kit with everything you could ever require 10 times over for a cricket team.

Thank you to all the Parents for getting the kids to training every week and setting that alarm for the early Sunday morning games.

To all my Girls, Alana, Yana, Sarah, Grace, Meesha, Chloe G, Chloe S, Holly, Myra, Makayla & Ayla, thank you for a wonderful Season. I hope you all stick with playing Cricket at this great Club, you are all fantastic young ladies and you have all done an amazing job this Season and I can't wait to get in the nets next Season and see you all improve again.

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Appendix: Annual Financial Statements for Season 2020/2021