

# Nunawading Cricket Club - Presentation Night



Season 2013 TO 2014

## 'CAUSE WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS !!!



First XI Premiers

One Day Side Premiers



Under 12 B Premiers

## PRESIDENT REPORT

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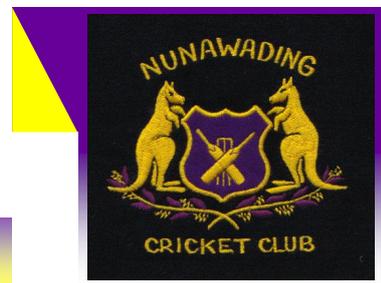
Welcome to the 2013/14 Nunawading CC Presentation Night. This is the night to reflect on and celebrate one of the best seasons in recent club history.

You will be very surprised to read that around 190 people represented Nunawading across both senior and junior cricket. These people all played a role in contributing to the following major achievements.

- Senior First XI Premiership
- One-Day XI Premiership
- Under 12B Lightning Premiership
- 20/20 Semi Finalists
- Milo In2Cricket Program

At the end of last season, the Club decided that major changes were required in the senior club to maintain pace with the continuing successes of the junior club and to ensure the on-going viability of the senior club given the recent poor performances across the grades but particularly in the First XI. Something had to be done or the future was bleak. We began an aggressive campaign to attract a quality coach to the club and quality players to the First XI and, with a combination of good luck and good management ended up with an elite coach in Roger Young and two of the best cricketers and best blokes, in Buddhika 'Buddy' Mendis and Trent Batchelor, we could hope for. Results, particularly in the First XI, where the focus had been on proper practice, match day preparation and playing 'limitation cricket', were immediate and sustained. The First XI went on to complete an undefeated season and win the Premiership. Trent Batchelor won the club and association batting averages with an amazing 877 runs at 87 and Buddy Mendis made over 700 runs and took 33 wickets. Nathan Larkins had his best ever season at Nuna making over 500 runs including an unbeaten 61 in the Grand Final. The journey back McIntosh Shield is now underway and our aim is to play Shield finals within 5 years. We now look forward to next season with optimism and energy and are already working on strengthening the First XI.

Outside the First XI, the senior highlight was the Premiership to the One Day side. This team only just got off the ground at the start of the season and was aimed at getting good blokes who used to play cricket with us back to Nuna to have a few games and rejoin the Nuna community. Well, what an amazing success this was as well with around 60 players representing Nunawading in this team alone and a very successful 22 game season saw the boys get better as the year went on and finish very strongly including convincing wins in the Semi Final and Grand Final. Scotty Millar had his best season of his 20 year Nuna career winning the club and association batting averages scoring almost 500 runs in 14 hits @ 61. Other famous Nuna names in Matty Jenkin and Scotty Jackson also averaged 50 and 70 respectively and Leigh Callander won the bowling average. It is great to see these Nuna luminaries wearing the purple and gold!



There is still work to do in the other grades, particularly the Second XI and Third XI who both had disappointing seasons. The Fourth XI, however, were a great success. This team focussed on junior-to-senior transition development comprising of up to six 12-13 year olds every game. The young Nuna boys did the club proud with sterling years from David Cowell junior, voted Best Player and Bowling Average winner, Cameron Clark who kept for much of the season, and Pat West who won the Kevin Steele Trophy. Other great talent including Luke Vasquez (4 wickets in one game), Michael Wharton, Aditya Munukutla, Josh Richardson, Jayden West and Zac Scully also wore the senior logos on their shirts for the first time. The boys finished a very credible fifth and had wins against finals teams in a great sign of things to come.

The Junior Club continues to excel and grow. The details of the season will be provided by Rob Nash in his report however we are continuing to develop some great cricket talent and a really solid junior program. Our Under 14's made the finals and Under 12B's won the Lightning Premiership for teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Planning for next season is already underway with a focus on improved individual and game-sense coaching for Under 14s and Under 12s.

We can do better socially but had a couple of great events in the Comedy Night and Sportsmans Night. This is an area for improvement that will be tackled in the off season.

Financially, the club is in a very sound position. We took risks at the start of the season that could have considerably weakened our financial sustainability if things did not go to plan but they did...and some. Great results from the bar, driven off the fact that Nuna is a great place to be after junior cricket on a Friday night and senior cricket on a Saturday night and a major increase in player personnel supporting the club were the key reason for this result. Also of significant value to the Club is the support of our sponsors. Contributions from our long term partner, JC Consulting (Jason Cutrupi), Corsec Security (Paul Bradley), Bendigo Bank and Dench Meat and Chicken as well as All Purpose Property Inspections (Ian Donaldson) allowed the club to make the investments we did as we had financial coverage. We are indebted to them for their generosity and hope their support will continue well into the future. Our turnover is way up on recent years and, despite the considerable extra expenditure incurred, the Club made a good operating profit and placed funds in the bank for future re-investment into cricket at Nunawading.

Next season we plan to have the First XI very competitive in a higher grade, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI's competitive and to continue the junior-senior pathway program that may see us field as many as 7 senior sides as the good vibe around the club is attracting many junior Dads, who want to have a game with their sons, and former players to return. How good is that !

We have turned the corner at Nuna, have experienced success on and off the field for the first time in many years and must now continue to improve in both these areas so that we can achieve our aim of being a leading, successful and progressive community cricket club.

Get on board, it's going to be a great journey ! C'Mon Nuna boys.

Dave Cowell

## THE SCRIBE

Well, what a difference a summer makes. In one summer the Australian cricket team went from being the Poms's bunnies to a resounding 5-nil drubbing which saw the coffin lid yet again sealed shut on English cricket. Not being one to be disappointed by such a thing the Scribe, in his third person referring ways, couldn't help but ask himself why was this the case.

In his infinite wisdom the Scribe then answered his own question. Culture and coaching. That was the difference. The culture change after Darren Lehmann took the coaching helm piloted the way for this metamorphosis. Apparently the team relaxed a bit more, returned to a focus on fun and enjoyment whilst maintaining high levels of professionalism. Clearly it worked and the Ashes returned to where they rightfully belong.

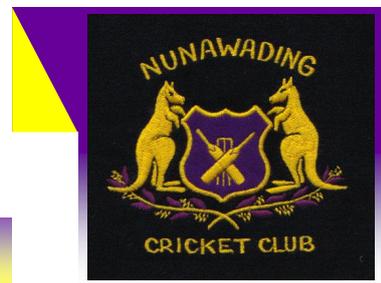
The comparison can be made with Nunawading who this season emphasized a coaching driven culture change which was bought into right across the club. Throw in a few handy additions and all of a sudden the First XI couldn't lose a game. This culminated in a much needed and desired premiership which had the club buzzing across three weekends of finals cricket.

The One Day side (5<sup>th</sup> XI) also peaked at the right time and brought home another Nunawading flag which was a fantastic achievement by the club and the boys. Danny's team showed consistency all year and to see some great club stalwarts return and enjoy premiership success was certainly an absolute highlight.

So two premierships would lead one to think that that success had been achieved and this would hardly be an inaccurate assessment however one of the club's lesser known achievements was the 4<sup>th</sup> XI. The 4ths did not play finals but did not finish bottom. They managed a few wins over the course of the season, forfeited a game or two and were beaten more often than not. So what is this achievement Scribe I hear you ask. Well here it is .... Patrick West, Michael Wharton, Cameron Clark, David Cowell (jnr), Luke Vazquez, Aditya Munukutla, Josh Richardson and Zach Scully. What is so great about that group of names? Well, not one of them is over 14 years of age, in fact only two of them (Patrick & Michael) are 14 the rest are 13, some 12. Not only that David Cowell (the younger) also took out the bowling average. Clearly his captain showed great wisdom and insight in trusting young Dave to continually get the job done, which he did.

When you also consider that Patrick West, Michael Wharton, Luke Pearson and 12 year old Flynn McGuire also played in a C Grade game in the last week of the season and more than held their own, this is a sign of great things to come. Here's another few names for you. Jayden "Westy" West, Rohan Roy, Michael Cowell, Tom "Suds" Wharton, Aidan Gant, Ben Harfield, Kieran Maharaaj and Lachlan Jessup could all make their senior debuts next season. There is a fantastic foundation for future and long term sustained success.

The club consistently fielded five senior teams this season and six in the final week. The junior club fielded five teams each week as well as a robust Milo in2Cricket program run brilliantly by 2<sup>nd</sup> XI player Paul Allen. That's ten teams folks, 11 in the final week of the season plus Milo. Not only that, parents of junior players are also filtering into the senior ranks. Brad Gant, Michael Pearson, Ajai Thalpiyal, Rob Nash and Chris McGuire all played senior cricket this season. A few more are keen for next season as well.



Brad Gant managed to combine a full season of 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket whilst coaching our Under 12 Blackbeards who brought home the Under 12B Lightning Premiership to add more silverware to the Nunawading trophy cabinet for this season.

Success breeds success. Should we bolster our ranks next season and have those younger players from this season push into higher grades as the new batch come through, combined with culture change and a solid coaching platform, the sky is the limit. Potentially we can return to the halcyon years we once enjoyed however resting on our laurels will achieve nothing.

The Scribe is supremely confident that generational change combined with a coaching template geared to meet our club's requirements will see a very healthy club moving forward and what exciting times it will be. Who's with me .... ?

Optimistically Yours

**The Scribe (The Scribe is an anonymous club observer who's identity is protected by national security legislation. Any attempt to ascertain the identity of the Scribe is punishable by 20 years in prison, a \$100,000.00 fine, both or a David Cowell introductory speech).**



**The future of our club.**



**JUNIOR REPORT****Junior Report**

It gives me great pleasure to report on my first season as Junior Section Manager for Nunawading Cricket Club. After taking over the role at the end of the 2012/13 season, I had big shoes to fill in trying to ensure the great work achieved by David Cowell was not undone. While I am still learning the role as I go, I look back on season 2013/14 with a sense of happiness and reflect on the continued further advancement for the Nunawading Cricket Club Junior program. The season saw Nunawading with the following teams and performances:

**U14 – (13 boys).**

This team and the junior club were ably led by co-captains Patrick West, Michael Wharton and vice-captain Joshua Richardson. After finishing 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, the boys were unable to win their semi-final. Darcy O'Connor coached our most senior junior team again this season, and continued to work closely with the boys and develop their games. This work was further enhanced with approximately half of the team playing semi-regular competitive senior cricket on Saturdays. This exposure to a higher level of cricket will obviously assist the boys cricketing experience will hold them in good light for next season. A massive thanks to those senior players who supported / played with these boys when playing senior cricket.

**U12B (Blackbeards) – 13 boys.**

Finished an unlucky 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, however went on to win the Lightning Premiership. Brad Gant coached this team for the first time this season, and was exceptional with his coaching and interaction with the boys. Many positive reports were received across the club from the work which Brad undertook. Most of these boys will be playing U14 next season and are 'ready to go'.

**U12C (Buccaneers) – 13 boys.**

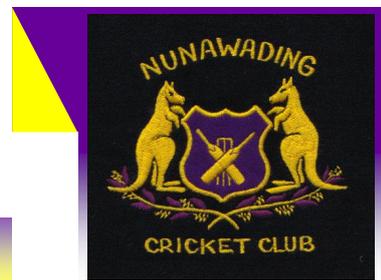
The purpose of this team was developmental with many players still eligible for Under 10 cricket. With that in mind ladder position was irrelevant and the focus was on fun, development and an introduction for many players into competitive cricket. After coaching an U10 team last year, Russell Warburton coached this team this season and did an outstanding job – which I had the opportunity to witness first hand. Russ continued to work with the boys and help them develop varying aspects of their games. Despite their ladder position, through circumstance, the boys were able to play a 'Lightning Premiership semi-final' and obtain additional experience, which I know they all enjoyed.

**U10/Anklbytrs (Buccaneers)- 13 boys (+ one boy who came up from Milo at the end of the season).**

Wayne Bould put his hand up to coach this team at the start of the season, and his enthusiasm was fantastic. This team is very close, with all families/players coming from our local feeder school Burwood Heights Primary. There are a number of talented boys in this team, who are now more than ready to play competitive U12 cricket next season.

**U10/Anklbytrs (Blackbeards) - 11 children**

A massive thanks to the parents of the children in this team. The team had various coaches this season, however new parents to the club John Lourens and Ajai Thapliyal and in particular Team Manager Tamara Scully ensured the boys and girls all enjoyed their cricket. This team had 5 new players to the club, and they worked together really well.



### **Milo – 33 participants**

Paul Allen ran a great program and was well supported with regular assistance from parents and volunteers. These children are the future of the Junior Program. Again, some great feedback was received in relation to this program. Most of the Milo participants this season were younger than previous years, however given the fantastic program that Paul ran, we are hopefully most will be back in 2014/15 – with a view to having many play Anklbytrs in 2015.

This is a total of 96 junior participants across the junior club. Hopefully next season we 'smash a ton' – and 'go well past the century'.

I would like to thank all of the Coaches, Team Managers, volunteers and parents who all helped make the season a success. Darren, Ken, Dylan, Zac, Buddy and Dave Cowell all ran/assisted the coaching programing. Parents assistance with after match catering and assistance is also highly valued. It makes our club what it is.

Special mention to Darren Wharton who has played a massive role in the Junior Coaching over the last 5+ years. Darren will be having a season or two off from a formal role – (although I know he will not be too far away to help out). Thanks also for your support to me Darren this season.

Finally, with the increased numbers of Junior participants, comes additional support being required. Planning for next season is already underway, and in particular:

- Likelihood of having an additional U14 team next season (that will be 6 teams plus Milo)
- Possibility of establishing a presence in Saturday morning cricket in order to ensure our great facilities are in use all day Saturday, have a purely Nunawading presence on Bob Saker Oval all day and have enthusiastic players ready to go for seniors should the need arise.

- Transitioning the next phase of junior players into senior ranks and have last season's players from the junior program pushing up the senior grades.

- Further recruiting drive to attract additional/new Milo and U10 players for 2014/15. This will include endeavouring to form even closer relationship with Burwood Heights Primary School (ie more than just running 2-3 days of school clinics).

- Ensuring the focus on our higher age groups/grade children is directed to on-field performance. Whilst the need to ensure fun and enjoyment is paramount, we must provide our players with the best coaching we can.

- Establishing a more formal Junior Committee (to help spread the work and ensure that we maintain what we have).

I also would like to recognise the efforts of the Association especially Peter White and Ross Chambers as they were great in accommodating our requirements throughout the season.

Finally, but most importantly, a massive thank you to all the children. Seeing you train on a Wednesday night, and play on a Friday night is what it is all about. Big smiles are an indication of the enjoyment that everyone is having, and cricketing skills are always increasing. Friday post match continue to be a very family orientated affair that is often commented on by visiting teams. I look forward to seeing you all back next season.

Rob Nash Junior Section Manager



**SEASON AWARDS****T.A. Reeves Trophy (Best First XI Player)**

Won by	:	Buddhika Mendis	19
		Trent Batchelor	19
Votes	:	Buddhika Mendis	19
		Trent Batchelor	19
		Marc Lamont	7
		Nathan Larkins	7

**Trevor Hutchins Trophy (player of the year)**

Won by	:	Buddhika Mendis	883
		Trent Batchelor	783
		Scott Millar	565
		Nathan Larkins	515

**Terry Harris Memorial Trophy (For young player development)**

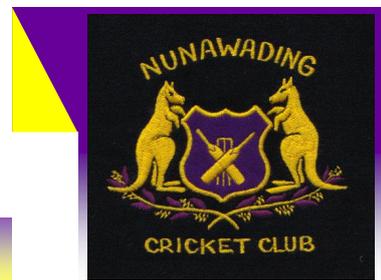
Won by	:	Patrick West
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**Graeme Harris Memorial Trophy (Best Clubman)**

Won by	:	Zac Dunlop
		Dylan Jellett

**Kevin Steele Memorial Trophy (Best player in finals)**

Won by	:	Trent Batchelor
		Buddhika Mendis



## SEASON AWARDS

### Team of the Year

Presented by: Kev Rosemeyer

BATCHELOR, Trent	12 inns @ 87.70, 877 runs, Best 206	
MILLAR, Scott	14 inns @ 61.13, 489 runs, Best 55*	
	and 15 wkts @ 16.60, Best 3/9	
LARKINS, Nathan	13 inns @ 61.56, 554 runs, Best 108*	
MENDIS Buddhika	13 inns @ 59.00, 708 runs, Best 136*	
	and 33 wkts @ 14.27. Best 6/58	
JENKIN, Matt	10 inns @ 49.83, 299 Runs	
WEST, Mal	9 inns @ 44.83, 269 runs, Best 91	
JELLETT, Dylan	7 inns @ 47.80. Best 101*	
GANT, Brad	9 inns @ 41.00. Best 78	
LAMONT, Marc	20 @ 18.75. Best 3/24	
	and 163 runs @ 27.17	
LORD, Phil	19 @ 13.11. Best 5/31	
CLARK, Derek	20 @ 14.30 Best 3/16	
O'NEILL, Scott	23 @ 15.26. Best 4/27	

**SEASON AWARDS****1st XI**

Batting Average

Won by : Trent Batchelor 877 @ 87.70

Bowling Average

Won by : Buddhika Mendis 33 @ 14.27

**2nd XI**

Batting Average

Won by : Paul Allen 140 @ 28.00

Bowling Average

Won by : Phil Lord 18 @ 11.61

**3rd XI**

Batting Average

Won by : Jeff Woolley 183 @ 22.88

Bowling Average

Won by : Derek Clark 10 @ 13.80

**4th XI**

Batting Average

Won by : Darren Wharton 165 @ 33.00

Bowling Average

Won by : David R Cowell 7 @ 21.57

**1-day XI**

Batting Average

Won by : Scott Millar 489 @ 61.13

Bowling Average

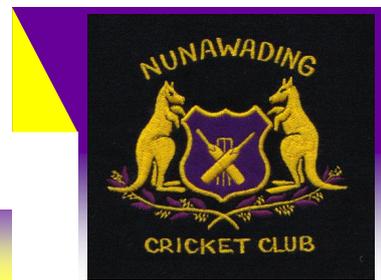
Won by : Leigh Callander 15 @ 14.53



## STATS 2013–2014

Partnerships	Team	Partnership	Wkt
Trent Batchelor - Nathan Larkins	1sts	270	2nd
Darren Wharton - Thushitha Ranaweera	4ths	187	2nd
Derek Clark - Nick Singh	3rds	183	3rd
Matthew Jenkin - Andrew Siebel	1-day	177	1st
Nathan Larkins - Buddhika Mendis	1sts	155	3rd
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Trent Batchelor - Stuart Hamilton	1sts	135	1st
Malcolm West - Ryan Marshman	2nds	117	7th
Nathan Larkins - Buddhika Mendis	1sts	114	3rd
Matthew Parashis - Malcolm West	2nds	113	4th
Jeff Woolley - Brad Gant	3rds	110	1st
Buddhika Mendis - Marc Lamont	1sts	100	6th





## BATTING STATS

Highest Scores		
Trent Batchelor	1sts	206 Rd 5
Trent Batchelor	1sts	155 Rd 9
Buddhika Mendis	1sts	136* SFinal
Buddhika Mendis	T20	108 Rd 2
Nathan Larkins	1sts	108 Rd 10
Trent Batchelor	1sts	105 Final
Buddhika Mendis	1sts	104 Rd 2
Adam Hewitt	2nds	101 Rd 3
Dylan Jellett	4ths	101* Rd 2
Nick Singh	3rds	100 Rd 4
Dhan Ranaweera	4ths	100 Rd 10
Cameron Clark	U14's	50*

Most Runs	
Batchelor, Trent	877
Mendis, Buddhika	708
Larkins, Nathan	554
Millar, Scott	489
Woolley, Jeff	305
Jenkin, Matthew	299
Gant, Brad	287
Siebel, Andrew	276
Jackson, Scott M	276
West, Malcolm	269
Cowell, David R	253
Hamilton, Stuart	241
Croft, Gareth	240
Jellett, Dylan	239



**BOWLING STATS**

Most Wickets	
Mendis, Buddhika	33
O'Neill, Scott	23
Clark, Derek	20
Lamont, Marc	20
Lord, Phillip	19
Cowell, David R	19
Ranaweera, Dhan	18
James, Chris	17
Callender, Leigh	15
Millar, Scott	15
Dunlop, Zac	14
Morilly, Steven	14
Mackie, Glen	14
Marshman, Ryan	13
Sinclair, Steven	12
Cardamone, Mick	11
Dalton, Will	11
West, Patrick M	11

Best Figures	
Marshman, Ryan	7/37
Mendis, Buddhika	6/58
Lord, Phillip	5/31
James, Chris	5/35
Cowell, David R	4/2
Imlach, Heath	4/17
Vazquez, Luke	4/19
McNabb, Ken	4/21
Mackie, Glen	4/22
Cardamone, Mick	4/26

Bowling economy rate (40 overs minimum)		
Henry, Ryan	43.5	1.73
Lord, Phillip	119.5	2.08
Harrison, Roger	42	2.23
Mendis, Buddhika	210	2.24
O'Neill, Scott	149	2.36
Ranaweera, Dhan	111	2.52
Cowell, David R	90	2.86
Cole, James	40	2.9
Lamont, Marc	126	2.97
Clark, Derek	93	3.08
James, Christian D	133	3.2
Callender, Leigh	67	3.25
Voellner, Ash	93	3.32