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Our Mission



ECC MISSION:

Be the **best community cricket club in Australia**: Producing a battalion of dedicated club cricketers/fans/administrators of all genders & backgrounds by providing **Cricket for Everyone** & being a **progressive place where people want to be**.

Leverage our scale, location & quality of people to provide:

Cricket For All	A Progressive Place Where People want to be	Community Partner of Choice	Exceptional Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading female club: Premier & Community• Best in class junior program: service all levels• Men's cricket for all abilities, interests & skills• Expand Cricket For All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent facilities• Welcoming & inclusive culture:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration & Events• Lifelong connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active engaged with key stakeholders – CV, CoY,• Sponsors• Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financially Sustainable• Resource Sustainable• Strong Governance

Live & celebrate our values: community oriented, inclusive, open, united & development focused.

Established 1978

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Committee and Awards

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Stuart Whiley

Vice President: Richard Hinds

Secretary: Jane Seeber

Treasurer: Barry Calnon

Director of Cricket: Stephen Connelly

Members: Stuart Brown (resigned)
 Will Horsley-Wyatt
 Chris Horsley-Wyatt
 Christiana McCudden
 Anna Peeters

CRICKET CO-ORDINATORS

Women's Coordinator: Katrina Struc

Junior Coordinator: Cameron MacDonald

AFFILIATIONS

Eastern Cricket Association

Mercantile Cricket Association

Cricket Victoria – Women's Community Cricket Competition

LIFE MEMBERS

2019-20	Matthew Green		
	Ross McIlveen		
2015-16	Brad Shadbolt		
	Andy Olsen		
2014-15	Mildred O'Brien	1996-1997	Craig Cook
	Ron Pennefather	1988-1989	Peter Shadbolt
	Phil Lowe	1987-1988	Robert Greenaway
2013-14	Julie Allan	1985-1986	Ron Kelly
2012-13	Stan White	1981-1982	Wayne Warner
2010-11	Julian Delahunt		
2009-2010	Todd Delahunt		
2008-2009	Irene Bullock		
2004-2005	Barry Calnon		
1999-2000	Rob Simpson		

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SERVICE AWARDS

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh was introduced to recognise an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, dedication, effort and input to the club throughout the season.

2020-2021 *Cameron McDonald ~ Stephen Draffin*

Previous Winners

2019-20 Brad Shadbolt

2018-19 Jane Seeber

2017-18 Richard Hinds

2016-17 Julian Delahunt

2015-16 Matt Drew

2014-15 Caterina Stella

2013 -2014: Bob Neilson

2004-2005 Todd Delahunt

2012-2013: Conrad French

2003-2004 Barry Calnon

2011-2012: Stuart Whiley/David Moulden

2002-2003 Barry Calnon

2010-2011: Sally Marsden

2001-2002 Barry Calnon

2009-2010: Naresh Pereira

2000-2001 Peter Hille

2008-2009: Stan White

1999-2000 Peter Hille

2007-2008 Andy Olsen

1998-1999 Julian Delahunt

2006-2007 Barry Calnon

2005-2006 Irene Bullock

Rob Greenaway Medal – awarded for outstanding service over time

2020-2021 *Sam Olsen ~ Angus Lester*

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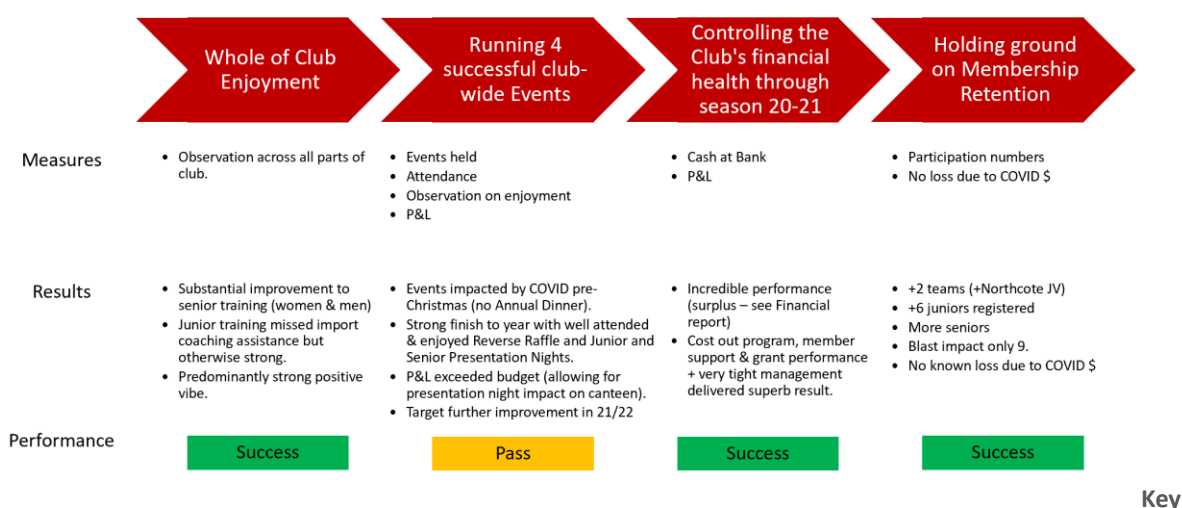
President's Report

DEAR BROADER EDINBURGH COMMUNITY: PLAYERS, MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS:

How incredibly grateful are we that we're able to review a cricket season? How incredible that this even seems incredible?

Without overplaying the 2020 superlatives, this season was the most complex and, in many ways, the most rewarding in my memory. For much of last winter as we locked down at home there was significant doubt as to whether we would even get to play. When we did emerge only a few weeks late, there were substantial requirements to do so safely. I never imagined approving a >\$3K cricket club invoice for sanitiser, let alone the volunteer work involved in return to play guidelines. Given this, to have almost played a full season is remarkable.

In this light, the club's executive simplified success down to 4 criteria against which we believe we performed stunningly:



We did not escape unimpacted by COVID, with the key items sacrificed due to COVID restrictions being not being able to run the Annual Dinner, delaying our celebration of new life members Matt Green and Ross McIlveen, and an inability to run our community programs at Atherton, Croxton Special School, and most other school programs.

On-Field

On-field we had an almost year across the board. Pleasingly we had more players of all ages most of whom had a wonderful time and generally we were very competitive, while falling just short of finals in the first two men's teams. A combination of COVID training restrictions and the availability of former coach Chris Branigan as an Assistant coach led to a significant improvement in training structure and by all reports – player enjoyment.

The senior women had a great rebuilding season under new coach Alice Edinburgh-Northcote U18 girls rep team which was another great step forward for the Burra as a leader in the women and girls' space.

I wanted to formally farewell and express our enormous gratitude to outgoing senior men's captain/coach Brad Mitchell. Brad is leaving us after 4 seasons where among many things he led Edinburgh to its first

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two first XI Premierhips, including a premiership in our first season on turf. Brad is a wonderful clubman who did everything asked from Cricket Blast to leading holiday camps and taking on senior women's coaching role on short notice for one season. We wish Brad well and hope to see and celebrate his contributions well into the future.

We are very excited to have announced Suraj Randiv as Captain/Coach into the future. Suraj has a strong record of international cricket and recently in Premier Cricket for Dandenong. As importantly, Suraj is dedicated to making the transition from top level player to successful club coach and mentor. We are pleased he has chosen Edinburgh CC to take the next step on this pathway and we believe his experience, teaching ability and enthusiasm will be an asset across all sections of the club.

Finances - a note of Caution

Our financial performance is extraordinary both in terms of the work done to prepare and deliver it and in its once off nature. It is well worth noting the club's indebtedness to Treasurer Barry Calnon grew again. Barry did a phenomenal amount of work modelling COVID impacts, controlling costs and tightly monitoring P&L.

With regards the result, we are again very fortunate for the generosity of those members who were willing and able to offer COVID donations. Donors are recognised on following pages and in many cases were the same donors who have contributed to the turf fund. Further, we had the benefit of significant once offs. We are facing several challenges moving into next season, not least of which being Yarra Council's proposal on substantially increased ground hire and we will need ongoing prudence and efforts.

Appreciation

It takes an enormous amount to deliver a cricket season at the Burra in normal circumstances but given COVID the voluntary work required was next level. Beyond the acknowledgements mentioned in the following pages, I wanted to specially call out:

- Steve Draffin – one of our Dukes of Edinburgh – who took on many tasks voluntarily, including helping Richard Hinds with bumping in/out of facilities, running the bar each week, and team managing the U18 girls' team.
- Cam McDonald – our other Duke – who beyond the regular Junior Coordinator activities, worked tirelessly with Steve Connelly, Jane Seeber, Richard Hinds and others to get our Return to Play plan developed, approved and implemented so that we could get started.
- Anna Peters – whose work on grants is best in class and was pivotal to us accessing the many once-off opportunities that came up due to COVID and in turn the financial result.
- Will Horsley-Wyatt – our Member Protection Officer – that handled a number of sensitive and time consuming issues with aplomb.

As a club, the quality and dedication of our volunteers are our biggest asset. We are extremely fortunate for their service and this should never go unacknowledged.

Future

I am delighted to share this report with the details contained of an extraordinary year. Edinburgh has come through it in exceptional state and despite the challenges we have faced and continue to face, we are well set for a fantastic season and beyond. The planning continues for our rooms upgrade and I hope within the coming 12 months we'll see construction commence. For the coming season, we are in great hands with Alice and Suraj as head coaches.

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My recommendation is the time is right for the incoming Executive to lead a club process of developing our new strategy to continue to be the best cricket club in Australia and to challenge the benchmark of what we can deliver for our community.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Whiley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Whiley – President on behalf of the Club Board

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APPRECIATION

Collectively we are facilitating many opportunities and much joy for so many cricketers of all ages each week. This is only possible when the many mobilise to support and the club would like to thank everyone involved in making this happen at the Burra:

- Our coordinators - age level, seniors and vets
- Our Coaches and team managers and
- Anyone who helped score, umpire, set up or pack up equipment or any of the other tasks required to mobilise one game of cricket, let alone 36 games plus Cricket Blast each weekend.

The club would like to specifically mention:

- **Club Committee:** thank-you and congratulations to the entire Board for their outstanding efforts in continuing to make the club run and executing our strategy. We continue to be recognised as the leading cricket club in Australia.
- **Louise Dichiera:** a huge thanks to Louise who continued as our Administrator. Louise's performance is critical in ensuring such a big club continues to run.

Edinburgh does not exist in a vacuum and we can only achieve what we do with the support of our other vital stakeholders. We would like to thank the following:

- **City of Yarra, Parks Victoria & State Government:** Edinburgh is greatly appreciative of the access to our grounds and facilities for the ongoing access. We would like to thank the Honourable Richard Wynne, former Mayor Daniel Nguyen and Councillor Jackie Fristacki and the rest of the Yarra Council for their ongoing support. To Trent Carpenter, Steven Jackson and team at council, thank you for continuing our strong relationship which hopefully continues for many years.
- **Cricket Victoria:** thanks for the support and trust to promote and deliver quality programs, as well as strong guidance on and through COVID requirements
- **Sponsors** - all community organisations cannot operate without the support of valued partners. I would formally like to thank all our sponsors, but particularly the North Fitzroy-Clifton Hill Bendigo Bank for their incredible support this season. To all our members – please support them where you can.
- **Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community** – thanks to the other members: Fitzroy Junior Football Club, Fitzroy Football Club and Fitzroy Tennis Club for the work we are doing to improve our respective clubs and the community around us.
- **St Kevins Old Boys Cricket Club** – thanks for the ongoing partnership to allow our juniors turf cricket exposure at McCutcheon and Olney. Particular mention to Steve Brown who curated Brunswick St for us as well as continuing to prepare the grounds at Yarra Bend.

Junior Co-ordinator's Season Report



If there is one symbol to define this season, for me it is this one. Whilst it doesn't conjure up positive memories it is a reminder of the enormous effort that went in to playing cricket this year and to get through the season without any COVID-related mishaps was a great outcome and a credit to everyone for following the protocols.

Bar the cancellation of one round on February 13 when Melbourne went into a brief lockdown, the season went relatively smoothly and the weather was kind. We fielded 24 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had 4 x U10s teams, 7 x U12, 6 x U14, 2 x U16, 1 U18. The lack of pre-season training meant we were unable to undertake any grading sessions and

relied on prior year performance as a guide and on balance we got the player allocations right. The majority of our teams were competitive and we had two teams out of a possible thirteen make it through to the finals, with the U12B Yellow and U14C Yellow making it into the semi-finals.

In this girl's competition, this season was a year of transition with our 4-in-a-row premiership winning senior team (Stage 3) mostly all having to move on with four taking up coaching roles with the junior girl's teams, as well as some playing for the Women's team. This gave the club an opportunity to move some younger players into the Stage 3 team who were competing against much bigger and older opposition, continually improving as the season progressed. The intermediate girls (Stage 2) had sufficient numbers for two teams and our junior team (Stage 1) had a fun season under the guidance of our Club President and two ex-players culminating in another grand final.

The COVID Officer was a new role that we added to the line-up this year and along with the coaches and team managers you all did a fantastic job and the club and broader parent group owe you an enormous debt of gratitude because without you the games would not go on. One thing I have noticed this year is that we all seem to be getting more savvy with MyCricket with there being fewer issues both on game day and finalizing the results – plus we all seem to be getting the hang of the key routine.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players. To Paul Grover (Girls), Matt Cleary (U16), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Andrew Walton (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on the ALC roles. I would like to single out Tim for doing a power of work in helping me with the team allocations at the commencement of the season. Louise Dichiera again did an amazing job as Club Administrator in keeping everything behind the scenes ticking over.

Finally, thanks to the Club Executive for the support you have provided me; Stephen Connelly as my go-to person for guidance on sorting out issues, Richard Hinds for doing a huge job juggling grounds, turf issues and equipment, and President Stuart Whiley who genuinely puts the junior program at the top of the priority list given it forms the pipeline of talent for the senior teams of tomorrow.

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club for the 2021-22 season.

Cameron MacDonald – Junior Coordinator