



# AGM FORMAL REPORTS

2021/2022

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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"><li>• Leading female club: Premier &amp; Community</li><li>• Best in class junior program: service all levels</li><li>• Men's cricket for all abilities, interests &amp; skills</li><li>• Expand Cricket For All</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excellent facilities</li><li>• Welcoming &amp; inclusive culture:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Celebration &amp; Events</li><li>• Lifelong connections</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Active engaged with key stakeholders – CV, CoY,</li><li>• Sponsors</li><li>• Communications</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financially Sustainable</li><li>• Resource Sustainable</li><li>• Strong Governance</li></ul>

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:        Stephen Draffin  
                     Caitlin Jack  
                     Will Horsley-Wyatt  
                     Christiana McCudden  
                     Anna Peeters (resigned)  
                     Jack Viola

### 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.

2021-2022      *Jon Graham*

### Previous Winners

2020-21 Cameron McDonald ~ Stephen Draffin

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

2021-2022      *Jane Seeber*

## President's Report

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

It is my pleasure and privilege to present this report on behalf of the Club Board to you with the upmost appreciation for the ongoing support and contributions from each of you towards our amazing club.

While minor in complexity and even consequence to the rest of society, the last two seasons have thrown enormous challenges at all local sporting organisations. Edinburgh was no exception, but thanks to the wonderful, talented people that make up our club, we've come through in excellent shape.

Edinburgh's biggest strength, our best-in-class junior program, had another strong season. Our Blast numbers recovered in part based on offering sessions across Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning for the first time. We held the number of junior teams with there being so many wonderful stories weekly – let alone across a season – that they cannot be mentioned here. I encourage you to review the junior season report from Cam McDonald to take some of these in. And I won't let the reference pass without expressing enormous praise to Cam who has again lead the Junior part of the club with aplomb.

Notably, the ongoing strength of our juniors was also evident in higher ranks with Edinburgh juniors Darcy Munro, Tom Mileto and Doug Warren all playing Premier Firsts in 21/22 and Callum McIlveen having an exceptional year in the Premier Seconds.

Our senior women made great strides in the season with 3 great wins, improving results and most importantly a team enjoying their cricket together again. An enormous thanks and congratulations to Alice Johnston who has lead the team for the last two seasons and is moving to Sydney. Alice, also recognised as the competition's best player, has been a brilliant leader for Edinburgh on and off field and has greatly developed our women's and girl's programs and the connections between.

We were delighted to welcome Suraj Randiv as our men's coach and first XI captain. The first XI had a tough season in terms of results, but lead by Suraj it was a transitional season with the team significantly younger and improving week on week. We look forward to working with Suraj and the group to continue to build and ideally to rapidly return to Wright Shield.

The other men's and veteran's teams continue to represent Edinburgh fantastically each week. Special thanks to all our captains and to Chair of Selectors Brad Shadbolt, who we're always fortunate to have but with Omnicron causing havoc on availability, they did a phenomenal job in even more trying circumstances to get us on the park.

As it needed to, the quality of the pitches on BSO improved out of sight thanks to new curator Luke Cooney and Swan Richards going above and beyond on the new ride-on roller that we invested in.

Nick White led the delivery of a new program in partnership with Special Olympics. Edinburgh has always prided itself on providing cricket opportunities for all and this program was another excellent example that we look forward to building on in coming seasons. Nick was a busy boy, also delivering a program at Sacred Heart PS as a make up for COVID again interrupting our Atherton programs.

Given the challenges of the last two seasons, we are remarkably well set up for the future:

- Our new clubrooms and facilities that will entrench us as having the best local sporting ground in Melbourne are now fully funded with the State Government committing a further \$6M to building. Planning has progressed to hopefully securing approval prior to you reading this.

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- The club's finances have survived through COVID and we've strengthened our reserves even after paying for roller thanks to Treasurer Barry Calnon's leadership, the work of many across the club and the generosity of our members with time and often money.

As we look forward we do face a few challenges, notably the ongoing limited green space in the City of Yarra and the need to continue to cultivate that relationship and exercise the benefits we provide the broader community. Fortunately the club has a long, unrivalled history of delivering on this.

Finally, I'd like to thank the enormous efforts of the volunteers on the club committee. The last two years have challenged the group and they've risen at every opportunity. Our two newest members, Caitlin Jack and Jack Viola were enormous contributors in making us younger, broader in our views and more connected to our playing groups.

Special thanks to the outgoing Anna Peters. Anna has been instrumental in our strategy development over time and notably in writing and delivering our grants.

## 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 Board:** 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. While challenging currently, we would also like to thank the Yarra Council for their ongoing support.

**Crickets Victoria:** thanks for the support and trust to promote and deliver quality programs.

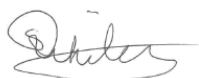
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**Sponsors** - all community organisations cannot operate without the support of valued partners. In another challenging year for sponsors, our major partners, the North Fitzroy-Clifton Hill Bendigo Bank went above and beyond with additional COVID support and Swan Richards at Cricket Kit continued to be an exceptional support. We excitedly welcomed Jellis Craig on board as a new major partner that we look forward to working with.

**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.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Whiley', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Whiley – President on behalf of the Club Board



## Junior Co-ordinator's Season Report

Whilst we were hopeful coming into this season that COVID would not be as disruptive as it had been the year before, the first round was again delayed until early November as restrictions continued to limit public gatherings. And true to form Melbourne's spring weather turned it on with the first weekend washed out, but once the season was underway there was only one round cancelled due to COVID in the week prior to Christmas.

It has been a reasonably successful year for the club as we have reached the end of the season with six out of a possible 12 teams making the finals in the weekend competition, and at the time of writing three of those teams playing off in the grand final. In the girl's competition we had two of four teams making the finals and Stage 2 Gold making it through to the grand final.

We fielded 24 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had six U10 teams, five U12, five U14, three U16 and one U18, with the girl's competition fielding four teams across the three stages.

We saw a return to representative cricket this season with 11 boys and 2 girls being selected to represent the Eastern Cricket Association. Six of our players were in winning teams; Jules Cameron and Seb Donellan in the U14's and Xavier DiScala, Finn Cleary, Connor Hastings and Sam Olsen in the U16's. Well done to all those who were selected in representative sides.

The season only happens because of the tireless work of the 60 people who take on the role of coach or team manager to coordinate training and match day each and every week. As always, they did a sterling job and as is often the case any initial self-doubts that they are capable of completing the role are soon put to bed. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) also play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players. To Jo Bradley (Girls), Matt Cleary (U16), Will Gordon (U14), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Andrew Walton (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on this important role. Louise Dichiera again did an amazing job as Club Administrator in helping parents navigate their way through the season, particularly those that are new to cricket and require direction and support which Louise does so very well.

Finally, thanks to the Club Executive for the support you have provided me; Stephen Connelly as my sounding board, Richard Hinds for ensuring grounds and equipment are available – and to quickly replenish items that invariably go missing - and President Stuart Whiley whose passion for cricket runs 24x7!

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club for the 2022-23 season.

**Cameron MacDonald**

**Junior Coordinator**