



Victoria's Best Community  
Cricket Club 2019/20

# ANNUAL REPORT

2019/2020

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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: Brad Shadbolt

Members:       Stuart Brown  
                  Barry Calnon  
                  Stephen Connelly  
                  Christiana McCudden  
                  Anna Peeters  
                  Nick Ward (resigned October 2019)

### CRICKET CO-ORDINATORS

Men's Coordinator: Julian Delahunt

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

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.

2019-20 Brad Shadbolt

### Previous Winners

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

2019-20 Paul Grover ~ Louise DiChiera ~ Tim DiChiera

## Sponsors



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Cricket Kit: <https://www.cricketkit.com.au/>

## President's Report

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

Cricket in the time of Covid-19. Firstly, I hope you are all safe and well in challenging times. I'd like to acknowledge those from the Burra, and more broadly all, who are: medical professionals on the front line, teachers who've gone way above for all our kids and everyone else on the frontline. My and the club's thoughts for all those whose families have been impacted.

What I've been reminded of during lockdown over the last few months, is the critical role of community. The reminder served to reinforce why Edinburgh is the wonderful place and community it is, but also as a nice beacon to the coming season that what we do will be even more critical. It is this creation and delivery of week by week quality, player and parent enjoyment and the role in connecting our communicating that are our ultimate measures of success.

### Key Successes

We've had many successes on and off-field, culminating with Edinburgh being recognised as the best Community Cricket Club in Victoria and runner up in Australia. To name a few of the highlights:

1. **Club Growth and Competitiveness** – we grew in team numbers again to 36, with 13 teams making semi-finals, 8 grand finals and 4 premierships.
2. **Juniors in Seniors** – we had a record year of juniors playing seniors with strong progress with the girls into the women's team and the additional opportunities from the Men's 7ths.
3. **Junior Girls** – our program here has gone from strength to strength with our numbers growing, our stage 3 girls winning a club record 4<sup>th</sup> premiership in a row and our two stage 2 teams sharing the premiership when grand finals were unfortunately cancelled.
4. **T20WC Girls Gala Day** – off the back of a strong Burra representation at the World Cup final and some great work in our surrounding schools over the last few years, we staged a gala day for girls on March 11. This brought a lot of new girls to the game and club and was received sensationally well.
5. **Senior Women** – our senior women's team had a wonderful year. Under new coach Simon Fairweather, the group came together well, including many girls from the juniors playing regular games with the team under new skipper, Laura Jackson, just missing finals.
6. **Men's T20 Premiership** – our men won their first T20 title under Luke Robinson defeating Heathmont by 11 runs. This was a shining light in a tough year otherwise for the men's firsts. However, there was strong improvement in the grade's underneath with the 2nds and 4ths making grand finals and the 3rds and LOC team making semis.
7. **Men's 7ths** – our newest team was introduced under Richard Hinds to provide another opportunity for our juniors to play in seniors and to take advantage of Sundays on turf at BSO. The team had a great year in Mercantile, creating many valuable opportunities for kids, parents and others.

### Appreciation

I'd like to thank all those around the club who contribute in some way towards delivering on this. Many are thanked on the following appreciation page, but without the team managers, coaches, coordinators, captains, those who help generally with tasks around the club and to the Club Committee who continually go above and beyond, we could not achieve any of what we do. A special mention to this year's Duke, life member and club legend Brad Shadbolt, whose work across large parts of the club was rightfully recognised.

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## Call to Arms for 20/21

We will need all this help and more moving into 20/21. As the Financial report shows, we were spared the worst of the Covid-19 financial impact, but our finances were impacted through having to cancel junior and senior presentation nights, impacts to our sponsors and ongoing accommodation costs for those imports who cannot get home. This turned an anticipated net positive into a small loss.

We will likely face ongoing challenges financially and in volunteer demands. Whilst conscious there may be other parts of the community worse off, we are anticipating a greater share of our members will be facing financial hardship and, as always, we are committed to supporting them as we can. We've also got a number of our sponsors facing extremely challenging situations and unknowns around our capability to run events and the canteen and bar into next year. Further, we are unlikely to be able to bring our coaching imports out and will likely have additional volunteer demands around implementing Covid-safe measures.

What I can assure you is the outgoing Club Committee has done a significant amount of work on:

- Understanding and reducing costs – including cost modelling, finding cost savings, exploring opportunities for those not or less impacted to support those who are impacted; and
- Making it easier to help out – breaking roles into smaller roles with greater clarity on tasks.

## Major Projects

### 1. Turf Project

The turf project was completed with the final funds raised to cover the last items of required equipment and we got a full season of games on BSO. As the square takes and hopefully with more luck around weather, we will be able to get more games onto the ground in the future.

### 2. Digital Scoreboard


The new scoreboard is now installed and will be operating from round 1 20/21. I'm delighted to announce that during summer the scoreboard will be known as the Julian Delahunt and Brad Shadbolt scoreboard. This is great recognition of two long-term, wonderful volunteers who've worked across Board roles including President and Vice President, junior coaching and senior leadership positions and who are also the leading wicket-taker and runs scorer in the club's history.

### 3. BSO Grandstand and Rooms Upgrade

Planning works have continued here with a great design further developed. Yarra Council committed \$2.6M to the project, on top of the State Government's \$6.5M commitment from last season. Planning and approvals will likely take 12 months, before building commencing around this time next year and an expected finish date in late 2022.

Despite challenges with getting used to turf and covers, Murphy's Law on weather and Covid-19, the 19/20 season was another strongly positive one for Edinburgh. On behalf of the Club Committee we are delighted to present this report summarising the season that was.

Yours Sincerely



Stuart Whiley – President on behalf of the Club Committee



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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 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.
- **Brad Shadbolt:** this year's Duke who on the back of a lifetime's contribution took on the Treasurer role, continued as Chair of Selectors and was the primary interface with Steve Brown our curator.
- **Cameron Macdonald:** who took on the Junior Coordinator role from Stephen Connelly and performed with aplomb.
- **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.
- **Stan and Nick White:** congratulations to Stan who again tirelessly organised our excellent Atherton Gardens cricket program and to Nick who ran the 10 week program sensationally.
- **Laura, Hannah, Danielle, George, Luke and Ali:** our 6 imports played huge roles within the club, coaching 6 days per week as well as being significant players on-field each week.

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.
- **Sponsors** - all community organisations cannot operate without the support of valued partners. I would formally like to thank all our sponsors, but particularly our major partners: the Royal Derby Hotel, the North Fitzroy-Clifton Hill Bendigo Bank, C & K Traffic Management through Kevin Long and Blonde Robot for their ongoing financial support. 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 Yara Bend.
- **Croxton Special School** – thanks for continuing our partnership to deliver our All Abilities Cricket program. We look forward to growing this in the coming years.

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## BRINGING TURF BACK TO BSO

We would like to recognise now and into perpetuity those who have made the turf installation possible. The project from last season was completed this year with equipment purchases and games returning to BSO on the new turf.

The completion of the project returns turf to BSO for the first time in 34 years. Enabling turf cricket is a key milestone for Edinburgh and allows for a full cricket pathway for our great community club.

The installation was only possible via the generous support of many donors. This includes a few significant donations. The club now and all of its future memberships should be forever grateful for the support of these special members.

### Project Financial Summary

The table below shows the financial summary for the completed project. All future expenses are now anticipated as ongoing operational costs including depreciating the equipment which will need replacing at the end of its life. We may need further fundraising at a future point to cover this.

	Project to 14-May-20	Year 2019/20	Year 2018/19	Year 2017/18
<b>Turf - Donations</b>	<b>\$ 104,998</b>	\$ 5,175	\$ 90,537	\$ 9,286
<i>Comprised:</i>				
\$ ASF & Direct Donations	\$ 53,273	\$ 5,175	\$ 38,812	\$ 9,286
State Government	\$ 51,725	\$ -	\$ 51,725	\$ -
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 104,998</b>	<b>\$ 5,175</b>	<b>\$ 90,537</b>	<b>\$ 9,286</b>
Installation	\$ 79,025	\$ -	\$ 79,025	\$ -
Equipment *	\$ 19,626	\$ 11,715	\$ 7,911	\$ -
ASF @ 5%	\$ 2,262	\$ 2,262	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 4,084	\$ 4,084	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 104,998</b>	<b>\$ 18,062</b>	<b>\$ 86,936</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Project Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (12,887)</b>	<b>\$ 3,601</b>	<b>\$ 9,286</b>
<i>Cumulative</i>	<b>\$ 1</b>	\$ 0	\$ 12,887	\$ 9,286
<i>Equipment *</i>				
Capitalised	\$ 15,800	\$ 15,800	\$ -	\$ -
Expensed	\$ 3,826	\$ (4,085)	\$ 7,911	\$ -
	<b>\$ 19,626</b>	<b>\$ 11,715</b>	<b>\$ 7,911</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Notes:

1. Focus on cost reduction and the in-kind donation of Jay Garoni has allowed us to reduce the overall project cost by ~\$45K (from \$150K);
2. The turf installation phase of the project has been successfully completed without any impact to the club's cash reserves;

## TURF PROJECT HONOUR BOARD

### STATE GOVERNMENT

The club thanks the Victorian State Government and particularly our local member the Honourable Richard Wynne for its support and foresight in contributing \$51K towards our project.

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## Cornerstone Donors

Peter & Gai Shadbolt      Barry Calnon

Jay Garoni (\*in kind)

## Platinum Donors

Rob Greenaway

## Gold Donors

Victoria Heywood      Kevin Long      Ron Pennefather

Jenny Cocks      Brent Johnston      Stephen Connelly

Scammell Family      Stuart Whiley      Northcote Lions Club

Anonymous

## Silver Donors

Christiana McCudden      Jane Seeber

Wayne Warner      Mick Symons      Jon Graham

## Bronze Donors

Mick Wright-Smith      Dean Campbell      Dean Robinson      Ross McIlveen

Amy Cohn      Chris Horsley-Wyatt      Simon Jackson      Millie Obrien

Will Horsely-Wyatt      Randall Nodin

## Donors

Carol King      Ann Miles      Cameron Conduit      Arantza Perez      Tim McCue  
Brenda Hughes      Stewart Denmead      Charlotte White      Paul Silver      Matthew Drew

Nick Ward      Richard Schwartz      Johnny Barnard      Rudy Baker      Alison Gibb

Geoff Fraser      James Culham

## Community Cricket

### WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST (FORMERLY MILO)

Our Blast program continued as one of the jewels in the Burra crown. The Burra had over 110 kids in Blast having a great time and learning the game every Saturday. Pleasingly, girls' numbers grew a lot this season. It remains one of the great sights to see BSO full of 100+ Blast kids, 60+ kids playing U10s and so many supporting parents.

The program is a priority for Edinburgh as it remains the major entry point for players into our club and for many of our older juniors into coaching at our club. We invest heavily in the coaching and are lucky to have the quality coaching from club coach Brad Mitchell and our poms, along with several of our younger seniors and older juniors who create great experiences for the Blast kids each week.

We continued to extend our Blast centres into after school hours care at Clifton Hill Primary, Merri Creek Primary and Princes Hill Primary. These were great additions for us, the kids and the schools and we would love to grow these in coming seasons.

We were lucky to again have some of our Blast kids get on the MCG for either the pre-test match training and lunchtime on Day 3 of the test.

### CROXTON

The club again partnered Croxton School to run our all abilities program. This season we enhanced what we offered at the school supporting a major gala day at the school and a number of Blast sessions at the school in Term 4.

### ATHERTON UPDATE – STAN WHITE

The Club's Atherton Cricket Program continued to be held at Atherton Gardens, within the Fitzroy high rises, as a part of the FASTA after-school sporting activities for primary school children. The overall FASTA programme is organised by the Yarra Youth Resource Officers (YYROs), chiefly Chris McGeachan, of the Fitzroy Police. Edinburgh runs the cricket component of the FASTA programme, held from 4-5 pm on Tuesdays during the 3<sup>rd</sup> school term. ACU student participation was less than in the past; generally 3 students participated in each session. The involvement of Cricket Victoria was less than in previous years. They provided playing shirts for each youngster but coaching support was limited due to internal demands associated with instigating the new Woolworths Cricket Blast programmes. Hopefully their support will continue.

As a consequence of the above, greater demands were placed on the Club to ensure that there were always at least 4 club coaches present at a session. Again there was an increase in the younger age group (5 & 6 year olds) requiring one of our coaches to be on hand from drop off time (3-45 pm) to pick up after 5pm, irrespective of weather.

A new development was a bridging programme to cater for Atherton FASTA youngsters who wish to return to cricket at a later date. This is reported below.

The number of youngsters remained at between 20 -30 per session, apart from when there was heavy rain or a clash with a significant cultural activity. The number of younger age group children continued to increase relative to older group (7-10 yrs) and for the first time there were always more younger than older youngsters

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and always more girls than boys. Atherton parents continue to find cricket an acceptable sport for their daughters, principally because it is non-contact. We were able to create greater space on the basketball court for the younger group by making use of the oval, which was free, for the older group. Six Atherton youngsters enrolled in the Club's Woolies Blast Programme. It was higher than for the recent past.

We had fewer experienced coaches available because of clashes with school or university commitments. It was very helpful to have Michaela and Eamon available for all sessions with Callum, Nick, Felix and Jerome helping when available and assistance from the ACU students. Katie Shadbolt, who was talking her Duke of Edinburgh Award and brother, James, readily took on coaching rolls. This year we involved all in either running a session or a drill, which hopefully will increase our future coaching pool.

*Acknowledgements.* The City of Yarra and Bendigo Bank are thanked for their continuing support. Special thanks go to Chris McGeachan for his enthusiastic management of the FASTA Programme and to Chris Corrie, Cricket Victoria, for his support. The Club also thanks the coaches named above and the ACU students who gave their time and support to the Atherton Cricket Programme. Swan Richards and the Cricket Kit are thanked for the provision of cricket gear. Finally, Club President Stuart Whiley and Club Treasurer Brad Shadbolt are thanked for always "being there" to ensure rapid backup and assistance.

## **Development of an Atherton- Burra bridging programme**

Whilst we get a steady stream of Atherton youngsters continuing into our junior programme, many try another sport. Later some, both boys and girls, wish they had taken the path to Burra cricket. Unfortunately, they do not have the confidence to try late age junior cricket and the Club does not have a bridging programme to help them. Midway through this past season, the Club was approached by a local secondary school regarding a senior student who wished to play cricket and who had been associated with the Atherton Programme in his early primary school years. The Club developed for him, a bridging programme which enabled him to both integrate into, and to contribute on- field, in an already established older age junior team. The student has indicated he wishes to continue with cricket and to play senior cricket with Edinburgh next season. The Club will keep in contact with him over the coming winter. The Club now has a workable bridging programme for the future and the following are thanked for their part in what was, at times, a rocky path to final achievement- team coach, Laura, and manager, Sally, for their patience; Nick for his chatty and always encouraging coaching; school contact, Alistair, for advice readily given whenever required and Swan of Cricket Kit for gear.



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## Treasurer's Report

Edinburgh Cricket Club ('ECC') ended the 2019-20 financial year with a loss of **\$3,485** earnings before depreciation and after considering the depreciation schedule for the acquired Plant & Equipment, predominantly related to the Turf Project, the Club's consolidated loss for the financial year 2019-20 was **\$5,515**. This result must be viewed in the context of the closure of the Turf Project and the Club's first-ever season on Turf at *the* Brunswick Street Oval.

Furthermore ECC has not escaped the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Unfortunately, two key revenue events, the Junior & Senior Presentation were cancelled which also prevented us from conducting our annual merchandise 'clearance' and various sponsors/creditors were required to suspend/cancel their final commitments. Nevertheless, ECC continues to maintain a sound balance sheet upwards of **\$60k**, with available cash reserves of **\$43k**. The annual delta in the previous two-year accumulation of cash reserves is traced to the afore-mentioned plant & equipment commitment as a direct result of the Turf Project embarked upon during 2017-18.

The Turf Project was closed during the financial year, with a further **\$5,175** in donations received and **\$1,091** of direct Turf installation costs required, resulting in a balance for the project at **\$4,084**. This balance was transferred to ECC cash reserves and directly assisted in the provision of the Brunswick Street Oval net upgrade completed by the City of Yarra, to store the newly acquired plant and equipment, and further turf works by the contractor to assist with the "grow-in" of our five-pitch turf square.

Upon review of ECC financial model at the end of FY 18-19, the executive moved to report & review the Club's Profit&Loss through Income, revenue including the Club's 4 'Profit Centres' at a Contribution Margin/Net Income and Expenses. As such, the comparatives have been re-stated and, in 2019-20: -

- **Income** continued to grow by 9% in comparison to FY 18-19. Our Club's primary streams continued to be:
  - **Club Membership** - grew to \$111k, with the contribution breakdown:
    - Junior Membership 65.5%
    - Senior Men Membership 24%
    - Woolworths Blast Membership 4.5%
    - Veterans membership 4.5%
    - Senior Women membership 1.5%
  - **Sponsorship** - decreased in net total, but able to raise some \$25k
  - **Grants** - an increase of 11% compared to the previous year.
- **Contribution Margin** In aggregate, the 4 Profit Centres maintained a small net positive, growing circa \$1.5k (14%). In particular: -
  - **ECC junior cricket camps** Net continued to grow, by some 18%.
  - Our **Events** Margin grew \$2k (despite the COVID-19 cancellation of both our Junior & Senior Presentation Nights)
  - **Merchandise** continued to impact the cash reserve negatively to circa \$7k. This could be explained in part by the junior section moving to coloured playing outfits, along with the afore-mentioned lack of opportunity to conduct an end-of-season clearance sale.
- **Expenses** though, increased by some 13%, with our notable investments including:

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- **Coaching** - again some \$80k of Junior, Woolworths Blast and Senior (Women & Men) coaching which included Accommodation, and in particular our 5 UK coaches contracted to assist implementation;
- **Cricket balls** - an increase of some \$11k due to the new CA junior formats and ECA policy of non-composite ball use in U12 & higher. NB: a compromise has been struck for the future that will save - going forward - \$5k+ on this season's ball costs.
- **Turf Preparation** - a new cost, albeit fully budgeted for per the Forecast and
- **Club Administration**, including an administrator to, inter alia, ensure more than 35 teams in Edinburgh Cricket Club colors take the field each week and 100+ Woolworths Blast Kids enjoy the hallowed turf of the Brunswick Street Oval and surrounds.

Overall, a somewhat disappointing result cash reserve wise, albeit maintaining a sound Balance Sheet for the future. Moving forward it is evident that ECC need to review:

- New income streams
- Income stream invoice period and collection
- Point of Sale transaction modality, availability and record
- Merchandise shop investment to ensure the minimum financial outcome reported is cost neutral
- Coaching investment vs impact thereto
- Ongoing Turf Maintenance cost
- Expense capping & consolidation

Thank you to all our valued sponsors; The Royal Derby Hotel, Tasty Trucks Australia, Clifroy Limited trading as Bendigo Bank Clifton Hill / North Fitzroy Community Bank, Jellis-Craig Clifton Hill, Bontempo Pizzeria and Cricket Kit.

Thank you to the Professor Anna Peters and other members who assisted in obtaining successful grants for our various community and junior programs, through the opportunities presented by organisations such as; The City of Yarra, Fitzroy Rotary Club, Office for Women in Sport and Recreation within the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and Cricket Victoria.

Thank you to the ECC members and community who continue to contribute financially to ensure the stability of the club. Membership continues to be the lifeblood of the organisation.

**Bradley Shadbolt – Treasurer**



**Champion Junior Girls won again, with finals cut short due to COVID (picture from a previous year)**

## Junior Co-ordinator's Season Report

Keys. Last May when Stephen Connelly asked me if I would consider taking over the Junior Coordinator role from him that was my immediate concern. Having observed and participated in "key" dramas in the prior two seasons as a Team Manager could I step into the fray?

Reflecting now on what has been a very successful season for the junior teams at Edinburgh it was only late in the season when some key dramas surfaced. What I hadn't anticipated after the country has lived through one of the worse droughts on record was that rain would be the biggest headache we would face for the season. For future reference if the Bureau of Meteorology starts to talk about the Indian Ocean Dipole turning negative around September then prepare for an interrupted season!

We fielded 25 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had 6 x U10s teams, 8 x U12, 5 x U14, 2 x U16 and four girls' teams playing mid-week. The challenge of having such a large compliment of teams is accommodating them on the grounds we have available, particularly working around the turf wicket area at BSO with all the wet weather we experienced. Thanks to everyone for accommodating these challenges.

The performance of our girl's teams was nothing short of outstanding, marred only by grand finals being cancelled due to the COVID outbreak. The Stage 3 girls team were due to play their fourth grand final, and our two undefeated Stage 2 teams were facing each other in an inter-club final. In the weekend competition we had four teams out of a possible eight that made it through to the finals, with the U12A and U14A's playing off in the grand final but unfortunately falling short on the day. The U14A's also played off in the T20 decider without success. Such a high participation rate in the finals speaks volumes for the work that the club has done over a number of years in developing capable young players who strive to do their best in the spirit of the game.

In a coordinating role like this it is those that are at the frontline that deserve the most praise and recognition. Firstly, a big thanks to Stephen Connelly, my predecessor in this role, for all the great systems and documentation that he had put in place, and for the wise counsel he has provided me over the season. It is a role where you really "don't know what you don't know" until the various issues present themselves. I really do appreciate your support throughout this season.

The reality is that it is the coaches and team managers who do the heavy lifting week-in week-out during the season and without exception you all did a fantastic job which I evidenced through the minimal issues that presented themselves come Monday. My sincere thanks to you all - without you putting your hand up the game would not go on.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players across the club. To Paul Grover (Girls), Stephen Connelly (U16), Matt Drew (U14), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Louise Dichiera (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on the ALC roles. Louise took on the U10 coordinator role in addition to being an amazing Club Administrator, and carried out both tasks exceptionally well.

Finally, thanks to club President Stuart Whiley and the executive who genuinely put 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 in 2020-21.

Cameron MacDonald – Junior Coordinator



## Senior Teams – Captain's Reports

### ECC FIRST GRADE MEN

Grade/Competition: Wright Shield

Captain/Coach: Brad Mitchell

Season Results: Home and Away season (7th) T20 Kookaburra Cup (Premiers)

Season highlights/summary:

Season 2019/2020 saw the first XI return to Brunswick St Oval for the first time since its historic premiership season of 2017/2018. The start of our season was impacted greatly by inclement weather, this made it extremely difficult to gain any form of momentum and several teams were able to get the jump on us.

While we were extremely competitive for a large portion of the season, we were unable to stay in the contest for long enough to swing results in our direction.

Some positives that came from the season include:

- Five debutants (Steve Tsonas, Aaron Miatke, James Fear, Nalin Nipiko and Ali Batey)
- Defeating Heathmont CC in the Kookaburra T20 cup Grand Final (the first time the club has won this competition)
- The individual performance of George Humphries, (39 wickets @ 13.69) is an incredible effort considering he missed the first 3 home and away games.
- The emergence of Edinburgh juniors Nick White and James Fear having their first full season in the first XI

I would like to thank George Humphries and Luke Robinson for their effort and commitment over the past two seasons. Both have been brilliant in terms of their on field contributions, their efforts in coaching and mentoring the juniors of our club have also been outstanding. I speak for everyone when I say that you will be missed dearly, thank you and well done on leaving us as premiership players.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Stephen James, Brad Shadbolt and Luke Robinson, all whom stood in as captain during my absence at different periods throughout the season.

Lastly, I would like to thank Stu Whiley and the committee for once again giving me the opportunity to lead the club. While it was a little unusual for the first XI to not be playing finals, we are certainly making steps in the right direction as we aspire to reach Dunstan Shield.

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## ECC FIRST GRADE WOMEN – CRICKET VICTORIA WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CRICKET COMPETITION (ONE DAY SHIELD AND T20 SHIELD NORTH)

Captain: Laura Jackson

Coach: Simon Fairweather

Season Results: T20 5th and One-Day 6th

Debuts- Georgia Hogg, Caitlin Jack & Bianca Broadbent Siciliano

Season highlights/summary:

This season we had a new coach, Simon Fairweather who was a great addition to the Burra. We have seen the most improvement from the women this season and it is all down to Simon. Every week we had good numbers down to training, both days, as the club originally were only scheduling Tuesdays. On top of good turnout at training, Simon offered extra practice on weekends which many women were taking part in.

Our season results don't show how good the season has been for us as a team. The top of the table in both formats has been very close, and we only missed out on finals by 4 points in the T20 and 2 points in the 1-Day.

The highlight of the season has got to be defeating both Frankston and Coburg. The win against Frankston in the T20's, who have been reigning champions for several years, was just the beginning of our amazing season. Coburg had 2 Sri-Lankan international players and at that point in the season, they hadn't lost a game! The best part of these games is that we won as a team and not a single person dominated the game. It showed how good we were as a whole unit.

We did struggle for numbers around the Christmas and January period. This was due to Juniors being busy with school work and the holiday period. However, towards the end of the season we were doing better and at one point we had 16 available.

The juniors played a massive part in the team this year. We consistently had Phoebe Nelson and Mikaela Kennedy playing and they performed very well. On top of that we had Madeline Hennessy, Anna Stephens and Caitlin Jack making consistent appearances during the weeks. This season has been a great year for junior involvement with a good core group of senior women to balance it out. Not forgetting to mention Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano having her debut at 12 years old against Melbourne.

During my time at Edinburgh, this has by far been the best year for the club. We played so well and had a great time doing it. I hope everyone continues to next season and I hope to see even more Juniors step up and continue to enjoy their cricket and the great club that is Edinburgh!



**First Burra Women to play on BSO Turf!**

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## ECC SECOND XI

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## ECC THIRD XI – F TURF

Grade/Competition: F Turf

Captain: Angus Lester

Season Results: Lost semi final; 2nd place on ladder

Season highlights/summary:

The season started with a 15 run loss to Mulgrave(the eventual Premiers) despite a magnificent century by the experienced campaigner Mick Symons. 2 weeks later revenge was sweet when we beat Mulgrave by 25runs.

From round 4 when Mick(give me one more) Younger & Laura(“Interesting fact”) Jackson joined the team there was no doubt we had the best bowling attack in the competition. These 2 were backed up by Bilal(I didn’t see the camouflaged tram”) & Todd(I can open the batting)Delahunt.

From round 4 only 1 opposition side got past 160. As the season progressed despite the terrible weather our batting improved as the batsmen learned how to build an innings on the varying turf wickets.

We had significant contributions from Barry( I’ll hit it straight to the fielder)Calnon, Nathan (Its Micks fault I’m late) Hudson, Denesh (Every 2nd week I play for my Sydney club) Hewa-Gamage, , Pat(hop along) Slattery, Simon(the elite athlete} Jackson & Brendan (direct hit) McKavanagh.

During the season we had important contributions from many others including some young players such as Cooper(11wkts) Forsman, Jerome Heywood, Eamon Perreira, Lucien John, Mark Foster, James Connolly & Jonny Perez.

In the semi final despite a brilliant bowling & fielding performance bowling Donvale out for 91 & 70 (Laura Jackson 21overs 8/23)we had our most disappointing performance with the bat being bowled out for 45 & then getting 9/95 off 16overs in a fighting effort.

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I would like to thank the club for their support this season. Although we didn’t get the flag this season, with a mixture of youth & experience the team & the club can take this season as a great learning experience and a solid base to improve.

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## ECC FOURTH XI – ECA B SYNTHETIC (HOLZER SHIELD)

Captain: Andy Olsen

Season Results: Runner's Up (9 wins, 3 losses, 1 draw)

Individual Awards and Milestones:

Batting – Shane Taylor (473 runs @ 39.4)

Bowling – Andy Olsen (21 wickets @ 15.1)

Team of the Year – Shane Taylor, Andy Olsen

Season highlights/summary:

Despite ending with a heartbreaking Grand Final loss, 2019/20 was another fantastic season from the men and women of the Mighty 4s. As usual, there was a good balance of old farts and young talent with 36 players in total playing at least one match.

The regulars were back - Shane "Doctor" Taylor was again a destructive force with 473 runs (@ 39), including 50s in both finals. Always entertaining, his swashbuckling 115 against arch enemies Glen Waverley was the season's top score. He spent less time behind the stumps with Sammy Olsen putting in an impressive season as keeper. Sam also showed he could bat for long periods of time against the best bowlers in the grade – when he puts some weight on his 13 year old frame, he will start making some big scores. Sean "Stringer" McCormick was consistent with bat and ball, again making important runs in finals. He is clearly one of the best couple of fielders in the comp too, his brilliant direct hit run out against the Cavaliers in Round 7 turning the game. Dani "Shower Cap" Collins showed glimpses of brilliance with bat & ball but showed even greater talent obtaining phone numbers of opposition players. Definitely a first for the 4s.

There were a few who had breakout seasons, most notably Hannah "Nigella" Mansell. In her third season with the 4s, she stamped herself as one of the grade's best bowlers with 6/20 against the Cavaliers before xmas. Her form continued in the finals with 4/46 in the Semi and the first 2 wickets of the GF. 17 wickets at 14 was a brilliant season. "Retiring" back to the UK, Hannah is a wonderful person and a 4s favourite - we all wish her well for the future.

Wilbur "Helmet" Horsley-Wyatt (16 wickets @ 7 and a sub-2 economy rate on Alfred) and Dave "Wide Mid On" Smith (101 runs @ 51 including a sublime 50\* vs Cavaliers) played a lot fewer games this season but were consistent contributors while debutant Ben "Crumble" Appleby had a great start to his Burra career, saving his best for the Grand Final with bat and ball.

There were plenty of cameos – Brendan McKavanagh played 2 innings, making 60 and 110, Pat Slattery only played finals, second top-scoring in the GF, Eamon "Percy" Pereira put on a masterclass in the Semi Final with a majestic 78\*, Simon "Action" Jackson hit his first ever (verified) six in a brilliant 82\* vs St Paul's & Cooper Forssman destroyed Glen Waverley late in the season.

Most pleasingly, we saw some youngsters show a lot of talent. Hayden Nunn, Max Daphne & Connor Hastings didn't play a lot of cricket in the 4s this season but are stars of the future. Hopefully we will see them for a few games as they progress through the senior grades.

Thank you to everyone who played for the 4s this season – I appreciate the captaincy and look forward to seeing what cricket looks like post-COVID.

Go Burras.

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## ECC FIFTH XI – ECA CARR SHIELD E GRADE

Captain: Ron Pennefather

The 2019/20 season was a season of halves half the time we batted well and half the time we bowled and fielded well, often it didn't occur in the same match! When it did, we were able to produce some very competitive cricket. There were many highlights during the season including:

- Sam Olsen (32) got the season off to a good start against St Pauls with a fine opening stand with Andy Kemp (33)
- Connor Hastings (31) of a 50 run partnership in his first game for the year in round 3
- Jack Curnow scored the lone 50 for the year with a fine 68 against Mazenod
- The team had it best win for the year defending 133 against grand finalist Richmond Union on the back of some fine stroke play from Max Daphne with 40 at No.4.
- Hugo O'Callaghan batted with great maturity to rescue the team from 8/27 with 20 overs to bat to avoid an outright loss. Remaining 28 not out and holding in a last wicket partnership with David Meiklejohn to avoid outright defeat against Richmond Union
- Bowling out STC for 59 on the back of some great swing bowling by Sam Gill (5/22) and Justin Amor (4/8), Sam also backed up the wickets with 35 no.
- Second year keeper Scott Dare only letting a 2 sundry go past against STC as they made their way to 355
- Stephen Connelly and Jim Pirie finally found their spot as an opening combination with the first 50 run opening partnership of the season in round 11 .

It is always great to be joined by a few juniors during the year and to watch them develop as both cricketers and people. This year the group was led by Max Daphne who took out the bowling award for the 5ths for the season. During the year Max was joined in the bowling attack by Hayden Nunn, Connor Hastings, Harry Mitchel and Sam Doyle. Sam Olsen and Hugo O'Callaghan when available contributed with the bat and both were great behind the stumps.

During the year we were also joined by a number of new players including Sam Gill second in the bowling and batting for the year, Callum Boyd who turned his hand to most things. Jack Curnow who scored the only 50 for team during the season. Paul Pirie and Tom Hannerman also debut during the year.

Andy Kemp (244 runs) led the batting for the year with Jim Pirie & Sam Gill tied for second with 138. Dave Meiklejohn returned to lead the bowling attack and we found new roles for Jim Pirie and Justin Amor who during the year we found could hold catches in slips. Jim topping the fielding with 8 catches and Justin second with 5.

Thanks to everyone who played during the season, Andy Kemp, Stephen Connelly and Scott Dare who all helped out on the field and filled in as Captain when needed. It was another very enjoyable year.

Go Burra

Ron Pennefather

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## ECC SEVENTH XI – MCA SUNDAY D GRADE

Grade/competition: Mercantile, Sunday D

Season Results: Won 7, drew 3, Lost 10 (sixth).

Batting: Jon Graham 221 runs (24.56)

Bowling: Max Daphne 17 wickets (10.88)

Captain: Richard Hinds

Team of the Year:

Jon Graham

Tom Graham

Paul Moulday

Finn Cleary

Sam Olsen (WK)

Max Daphne

James Shadbolt

Hayden Nunn

Jamie Smyth

Kieran York

Alex Fargarasan

Leroy Hinds (12th man)

The Sevenths were created to provide a fun way for parent-child combinations to play together, for juniors to get more game time and to give lower grade players a chance to play on turf. All our objectives were met. We had close to 50 players compete in at least one game, 15 parent-child combinations and the first of hopefully many female participants.

The Mercantile D proved a good competitive standard while allowing our youngest juniors to compete. It was particularly encouraging that our junior batters such as Tom Graham, Finn Cleary, James Shadbolt, Noah Dekker and Leroy Hinds used our games to have long stints at the crease, and our young bowlers including Kieran York and Hayden Nunn challenging themselves against some decent senior batting.

While we did not put a strong emphasis on results, we were competitive most weeks and had stirring wins over the very strong Donvale team and against top-placed Flemington Colts in the T20. But it was the sheer enjoyment of being on the field together, and of parent-child combinations playing together, that was the real highlight.

Congratulations to our trophy winners Jon Graham who had a fantastic season with the bat and Max Daphne who provided boundless energy and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Also a huge thanks to those such as Jon Graham, Paul Moulday, Richard York, Jamie Smyth, Brad Shadbolt and many others who provided practical help and guidance for our juniors during the season. Hopefully, this was just the first of many great seasons for the Mighty Sevenths.

Richard Hinds (Captain)

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ECC ONE DAY XI – ECA LOC 4

ECC VETERANS FIRST XI – VETERANS DIVISION 1 PCFA SHIELD

ECC VETERANS SECOND XI – ECA VETERANS DIVISION 4

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