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Season 2025/2026 117th Annual Report

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Bentleigh Cricket Club - Our Profile

Bentleigh Cricket Club was established in August 1909 and in season 2025/2026, we celebrated our 117th season.

Our aim is to foster an active participation in sport (cricket) for junior and senior players of all ages and gender, while providing a responsible and enjoyable social environment for members, families, and supporters.

We currently have five senior men's teams, four senior women's teams, sixteen junior teams and run the successful Woolworths Blasters Cricket program (one of the largest in the region), as well as the Junior All-Abilities program.

Our Men's and Women's seniors are affiliated with Cricket Southern Bayside (CSB). The top four Men's teams play on a Saturday, and the fifths play on Sundays. All senior men's teams play on turf. The Women's teams played in the CSBW competition on Sundays.

Our juniors are affiliated mainly with SECA and are comprised of U16's, U14's, U12's and Rookies, an U15 side playing in the ISEC competition, and two girls' teams in the AGCC.

Our main ground is Bentleigh Recreation Reserve located at Arthur St Bentleigh (behind the Bentleigh RSL), with our second ground at Centenary Park Oval 2, located at Bignell Rd, East Bentleigh. Our Women's teams have played at the main ground, Bailey Reserve, and Centenary Park West. Our juniors play at Victory Park along with other grounds such as Lord Reserve as directed by Council, while our Woolworths Blasters run on a Friday night at our main ground in Bentleigh.

We welcome players of all ages, gender and skill, and encourage anyone to come down and be a part of what has been an amazing Club for more than 117 years.





Executive and General Committee 2025/26

The club would like to thank the Committee for the huge effort they put in, giving up their spare time to work tirelessly towards making Bentleigh Cricket Club a leader in best practice grass roots cricket clubs.

We are pleased to continue to present a gender balanced committee that includes a group of people that bring a diverse range of skills and talents to ensure that all our members are represented and that the best possible season of cricket is delivered to BCC members.

Once again, thank you to all Committee members for your great work this season.

Executive Committee

President	Jonathon Raju
Vice President	Alex Caravelas
Secretary	Jason Abraham
Treasurer	Paul Ciccarella
Junior Coordinator	Nathan Green
Women's Coordinator	Sally Bonham

General Committee

Natalie Powell
 Jackson Forster
 Trish Jeffery
 Rebecca Fontana
 Winnie Lim
 Lachlan Hutchison
 Roger Kellar
 Mark Gill
 Tim Mullane

Community Partnerships

Bentleigh Cricket Club could not operate without the great work of our local council. We sincerely thank them for their support throughout the 2025/26 season and look forward to working with them in the coming seasons.

Glen Eira City Council have been a key partner of the club for many years. Thanks to all the staff at Glen Eira City Council and especially the Sports Liaison Officer, Stacey McKenna for her ongoing support.

Thankyou also to our sponsors noted on the following page.



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Sponsors

The club is grateful to have had the support of the following sponsors for season 2025/26.





BCC Life Members

1929 - 30	J.J Courtney	1955 - 56	Charles Garnder	1988 - 89	John Diamond
1930 - 31	Herb H. Simmonds	1955 - 56	James Morgan	1989 - 90	Cedric Vanderwert
1931 - 32	Colin H. Middleton	1955 - 56	Edward Welch	1990 - 91	Russell Keyt
1932 - 33	Alf England	1955 - 56	Geoff Webb	1990 - 91	John Rogers
1933 - 34	Geo W. Sutherland	1966 - 67	Peter Robertson	1991 - 92	Bruce Sherwood
1934 - 35	Roy E. Krygger	1967 - 68	Les Warren	1992 - 93	Jeremy Keyt
1935 - 36	Arthur Dinn	1968 - 69	John Glass	1993 - 94	Michael Rogers
1936 - 37	Sid Allen	1968 - 69	Frank Gaunt	1998 - 99	Roger Kellar
1937 - 38	Allan McEwan	1970 - 71	Sam Dexter	2000 - 01	Anthony Rogers
1938 - 39	Col O'Brien	1973 - 74	Ron Laird	2002 - 03	Jon Raju
1939 - 40	Henry McEwan	1973 - 74	Ron McLeod	2003 - 04	Adrian McInnes
1940 - 41	Les McCulloch	1974 - 75	Brian Allison	2006 - 07	Craig Robinson
1941 - 42	Herb H Simmonds	1976 - 77	Ken Thom	2007 - 08	Paul Keelan (Glew)
1942 - 43	Jack Moss	1976 - 77	Tim Dolan	2008 - 09	Matthew Thorp
1943 - 44	Richard Dunard	1977 - 78	Eddie Gaskin	2010 - 11	Brad Coppens
1944 - 45	E. Clements	1978 - 79	Ken Osborne	2010 - 11	Paul Ciccarella
1945 - 46	Arthur Addison	1978 - 79	William Grant	2011 - 12	James Raju
1946 - 47	Reg Rowe	1981 - 82	Bernie McDonald	2013 - 14	Stephen McGinness
1947 - 48	Jack Davies	1982 - 83	Brian Lemerle	2015 - 16	Robert Ciccarella
1948 - 49	W.L. (Joe) Foley	1983 - 84	John Scriven	2017 - 18	Aaron Todd
1950 - 51	Jack Riley	1984 - 85	Gary McInnes	2019 - 20	Michael Foot
1951 - 52	Joe E. Lynam	1985 - 86	Peter Kemp	2020-21	Ms Winnie Lim
1952 - 53	Norm Armstrong	1985 - 86	Rick Connell	2022-23	David McNamara
1953 - 54	Roy Grant	1986 - 87	John Paine	2024-25	Robert Mott
1954 - 55	Owen Hollowood	1987 - 88	Steve Morgan	2024-25	Jason Abraham



President's Report

Introduction

On behalf of the Committee and Executive, I am pleased to present the Bentleigh Cricket Club Annual Report for the 2025/26 season.

I would like to thank all contributors to this report, particularly Jason and Paul for their formal submissions as key stakeholders. The reports that follow provide detailed insights into each program; accordingly, my comments focus on a high-level overview of the Club's performance, progress, and direction.



Club Growth and Performance

The 2025/26 season was defined by strong on-field performance and continued growth across the Club. We celebrated five premierships from 15 finals appearances, alongside continued expansion in participation and engagement. The Club now fields nine senior teams and 16 junior teams, including two junior girls' teams, as well as Blasters and All Abilities programs. We also have just under 450 registered players, 900 email subscribers and more than 3,400 social media followers.

While we celebrate our progress, we remain focused on continuous improvement. This season included significant investment in Club assets to enhance the experience for our members and to support long-term growth. A key initiative is our collaboration with the Bentleigh Football and Netball Club to upgrade the social rooms at Arthur Street, with completion planned ahead of the 2026/27 season. This project represents an important step in ensuring our facilities meet the needs of a growing and diverse membership base.

Importantly, the Club operates as a business and has responsibilities to its members, governing bodies, and the broader community. While the Club will report a financial loss for the 2025/26 season, this was both expected and deliberate. The season represents a period of investment—particularly in coaching, player development, and facilities—with a clear objective of returning to Championship Division, which we successfully achieved. We remain committed to prudent financial management, carefully balancing short- and mid-term priorities with the long-term sustainability of the Club. Further detail is provided in the Treasurer's Report.

Acknowledgements

Sponsors

A sincere thank you to all our sponsors, especially our major sponsor, the Bentleigh RSL, and our Premium Sponsors: Infinity Car Wash & Cafe, Bayside Companion Dog Training School, R&N Building Services, Boutique Homes, Gary Peer Real Estate, and Select Advice Finance. Your support is invaluable to our Club and plays a vital role in what we do.

Executive Committee

To our Executive Committee—Alex Caravelas (Vice President and Director of Men's Cricket), Sally Bonham (Director of Women's Cricket), Nathan Green (Junior Coordinator), Jason Abraham (Secretary) and Paul Ciccarella (Treasurer)—thank you for your outstanding contribution throughout the 2025/26 season. Alex, Nathan, Jason and Paul, your experience, composure and good humour helped guide the Club smoothly through the year. Sally, your willingness to embrace a new challenge and dedicate additional time to the Club has been instrumental in the



continued growth and success of our Women's Program for players, families and supporters alike.

General Committee

To our General Committee members—Jackson Forster, Rebecca Fontana, Natalie Powell, Lachy Hutchison, Trish Jeffery, Winnie Lim, Tim Mullane, Mark Gill and the ever-young Roger Kellar—thank you for your efforts throughout the 2025/26 season. This outstanding group of volunteers contributed across a wide range of areas, including senior and junior communications, social events, fundraising, merchandise, clothing and bar operations, to name just a few.

Coaches, Staff and Volunteers

To our Club personnel—Jason Jacoby (Men's Coach), James Raju (Assistant Coach and Men's Net Captain), Alan Abraham (Women's Coach), Marcus Barber, our senior captains, scorers, umpires and managers; Tim Woodruff (Junior Transition Development Lead); Lachy Hutchison, Ben Seabrook, Alex Cruickshank and Joe Vaughan (Blasters), along with all Blasters volunteers; Trish Jeffrey (All Abilities) and our mentors; and our Junior Program, including Mark Gill (Safety Officer), Natalie Powell (Comms), Renee Leighton (Merch and Apparel) and the many junior coaches, team managers, scorers and umpires—thank you. We truly would not be the Club we are without you. Once again, you have gone above and beyond to ensure the smooth running of all our programs, helping set BCC apart from other community sporting clubs in our area.

Overseas Players

A special thank you to our overseas players this season: Ben Seabrook, George Gowler, Myles Wood, Alex Cruickshank, Joe Vaughan, James Bartlett, Oliver Riddick, Charlie Scudder and Megan Cureton. Your knowledge, experience, camaraderie and support—both on the field and around the Club—have been outstanding. You are always welcome at Bentleigh Cricket Club.

Players and Families

To our players and their families—thank you for choosing Bentleigh Cricket Club. Your support, involvement, and commitment are what make this Club such a strong and inclusive community.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Pauline and our daughters, Eliza and Ruby, for their ongoing support, patience, and understanding. Their encouragement allows me to commit the time and energy required to serve the Club.

Closing Remarks

The 2025/26 season has been one of growth, investment, and achievement. We have strengthened our foundations while positioning the Club for continued success both on and off the field.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another outstanding season. I look forward to building on this momentum as we prepare for 2026/27.

Go Dees!!!

Jonathan Raju

President - Bentleigh Cricket Club



2025/2026 Treasurer's Report

As Treasurer of the Bentleigh Cricket Club for season 2025 / 2026 I am pleased to submit the Treasurer's Report of the Club to the members of the Bentleigh Cricket Club Inc.

This year our Profit and Loss Report shows a net loss in which part is attributed to expenses from the All Abilities program, which was Grant surplus from the previous season cross over.

Honoraria and Coaching expenses were also increased across the programs, in line with our on field goals, development and success.

Still a great effort considering further increased costs in expenses such as insurance, council/ground fees, utilities and others.

We have maintained a positive cash flow, our term deposits remain untouched and we continue to hold a healthy cash bank balance. We are in a very strong position for a local non for profit cricket club. The club also holds equipment (cricket balls) and apparel in stock.

I commend the current Executive Committee, General committee and members for all the hard work this year. It has been a great effort and our club continues to grow on and off the field.

Our position is still financially strong and I am sure this will help our future with on field success and ensuring our strong Senior men's, Senior Women, Junior programs and All Abilities program continue.



Some key figures/notes:

Sponsorship – Total revenue was up 22% from last year with some amounts of unpaid sponsorship which should be paid in the new financial year.

A big thanks to our sponsors that continued in 2025/26 and also to the outgoing sponsors for their previous years of contributions and support.

Grants – Unfortunately, no grants obtained this year. But remaining surplus from the All Abilities grant from last year was mostly used this year.

Events/Fundraisers – A good year in social and fundraising. Though the total fundraising income was down from last year, we had a higher profit – a great effort and thanks to everyone that helped and contributed.

Bar – Total income was increased by 33% from last year which also included a significant increase in profit.

Thanks to all that helped and managed the bar this year.



I believe the club is still in a very strong position. Although we had a net loss, all programs across the club receive what they need to, to achieve the overall plan, goals and success on and off the field.

My suggestion would be that we continue to aim to maintain the amount in our term deposits. This should keep us in very strong position for many years to come, if managed sensibly and correctly.

This also gives us the option to reinvest back into the club, across all programs or as a general club with equipment and/or facility upgrade/s.

I would like to thank our sponsors:

- Bentleigh RSL
- Bayside Dog School
- Gary Peer
- R&N Building Services
- Nick Staikos
- SolidLink Grates
- Swivslocker
- Select Finance
- Galaxy Manchester
- Boutique Homes
- UFinancial
- Bentleigh Old Boys
- Infinity Carwash (a new major sponsor for the upcoming 2026-27 season)

A special mention to our major sponsor Bentleigh RSL for their continued support and Bayside Dog School who contributed a large portion to go towards new sport equipment and kitchen/bar equipment.

I would also like to thank the Executive Committee and General Committee for all their support and hard work.

Paul Ciccarella

Treasurer

Bentleigh Cricket Club



Auditors Report



**BALANCE
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Audit Report to the members of Bentleigh Cricket Club Inc.

Scope

I have audited the financial report of the Bentleigh Cricket Club for the year ended 30th June 2026. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the Club on its preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting whereby revenue is recorded when it is received, expenses are recorded when they are paid, and no assets or liabilities, other than cash and bank balances, are recorded. Statements of Accounting Concepts and Accounting Standards are not applicable to the cash basis of accounting adopted by Bentleigh Cricket Club Inc.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it's is not practical for the club to maintain an effective system of internal controls over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to donations, subscriptions and fund-raising were limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, that might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly the payments and receipts of the Club for the year ended 30 June 2026 and its cash and bank balances as at that date in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described above.

Christopher Falkingham

Christopher Falkingham FCA & FCPA 6th July 2026

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Senior Cricket Reports

Men's Cricket Coordinators Report

Season 2025/26 has been a successful and rewarding season for the Bentleigh Cricket Club's Men's Program. Above all, it has been a year defined by people—our players, volunteers, coaches, committee and broader community—whose collective contributions continue to make this club a place of strong values, connection and achievement.

Our strength lies in our people. The club continues to foster a culture built on commitment, inclusivity and shared purpose. I extend my sincere thanks to:

- Committee and Executive members for their tireless efforts behind the scenes, ensuring the club remains well-run, competitive and a benchmark within the local cricket community.
- Volunteers, whose dedication—particularly throughout the finals series—was instrumental in supporting our teams and contributing to this season's success.
- Key contributors including Winnie, Rama, Nat, Trish and Stocksy, each of whom has made a significant and invaluable impact to our magnificent club.

Special acknowledgement must also be given to Trish for her outstanding work in communications and community engagement, significantly enhancing the club's profile; her presence behind the scenes in the comms department will be sorely missed next season.

Coaching & Leadership

Our coaching and leadership group has played a critical role in shaping both performance and culture:

- Jason Jacoby has embedded a strong, values-driven environment, prioritising people, development and team cohesion; we are delighted that Jacko will be coaching the Senior Men's Program for at least the next two seasons.
- Tim Woodruff (Junior Transition Development Lead & Chairman of Selectors) this year strengthened pathways between junior and senior cricket, highlighted by increased junior participation in senior programs and the establishment of the inaugural Craig "Harry" Robinson Scholarship. Tim will be sorely missed next season as he takes up an exciting Senior Coaching opportunity at Hampton Cricket Club.
- Jimmy Raju (Net Captain) has ensured the smooth operation of training every Tuesday and Thursday night, supporting and enabling focus for both players and our Senior Coach.
- Our Captains across all grades have demonstrated resilience and leadership, guiding 84 players through the season's challenges and successes.

On-Field Performance

Season 2025/26 was a historic one for the Men's Program, achieving three premierships in a single season—a first for the club. This accomplishment reflects years of focus on developing an environment where players can grow individually and collectively to achieve team success.

Key highlights for the season included:

- Premiership success for the 1st XI and a return to Championship Division next season
- Premiership success for the 2nd XI and promotion up to Division 2 for season 2026/27
- Back-to-back Grand Finals and ultimate Premiership Success for the Sunday 1st XI





Whilst Season 2025/26 proved to be a challenging period for our 3rd and 4th XI, it did provide valuable development opportunities for our leaders and broader playing group. I know that lessons learnt will be used to great value in season 2026/27 as we look to consolidate and have success across all five XIs next season.

We also saw many outstanding individual performances across the season, highlighted by Abie Sharma being voted MVP for CSB Division One in Season 2025/26, Matt Chasemore being voted the RGL Award winner and Joe Vaughan who capped another incredible year in the 2nd XI with back-to-back Club Championships.

Whilst we pause and celebrate the success of the season just gone, the club remains committed to ongoing improvement and sustained success for seasons ahead.

Player Development & Pathways

An emerging strength of the program this season has been the integration of junior talent into senior cricket. Initiatives such as our Academy sessions at the Junction Oval in early pre-season, the onset of the inaugural Craig “Harry” Robinson Scholarship for junior boys and girls and our ongoing commitment to player development strive to strengthen player retention and future player depth across all grades of cricket.

Overseas Players

We were fortunate to have many overseas players join us again this season. All players made significant and meaningful contributions both on and off the field. Our thanks to Ben, George, Myles, Joe, Gary, Big John, Jim and Zander for their impact and commitment during the season.

Looking Ahead

While we celebrate the achievements of 2025/26, our focus remains firmly on continued growth. The club is committed to:

- Challenging standards and driving improvement across all grades
- Strengthening player pathways and development programs
- Maintaining a culture that prioritises people first, strong values and purpose, with a firm conviction that performance will follow.

As we prepare for Season 2026/27, we do so with confidence, ambition and a shared determination to build on this year’s success.

Bentleigh Cricket Club continues to set the standard both on and off the field. This season has reinforced the importance of strong culture, committed people and clear vision—qualities that will underpin our ongoing future success.

Go Dees!!

Alex Caravelas

Head of Men’s Cricket



Women's Cricket Coordinators Report

2025/26 was another amazing season the Women's program at Bentleigh Cricket Club.

We welcomed Alan Abraham back as Head Coach, ably assisted by Marcus Barber, and headed into pre-season with a strong work ethic and a good foundation of returning players and new faces. Marcus also took on the role of Chair of Selectors this season, helping to manage the pre-game juggle across the four teams.

With lots of changes to the CSBW division structure, the women's game ramped up to 35 overs in Division 1 and 25 overs in Division 2 and remained as T20 matches for our 3rd and 4th XI.

We started the season with three (3) new captains across our Women's 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI, with Becki McWhinnie, Jodie Wright and Leanne Sugden stepping into new roles this season. Kim Suranyi returned to captain our 4th XI, before succumbing to injury mid-season and taking a break away from cricket. Nella Booth stepped up to captain the 4th XI for the remainder of the season.

Our captains did an amazing job across the season, motivating our teams to great on-field performances that resulted in 4 teams making semi-finals for the first time. With rain affected semis impacting the outcome, our 1st XI was the only successful team in making it through to the grand-final. With the Division 1 grand-final also being impacted by the weather, our 1st XI had to play on 2 separate days and unfortunately were not able to get across the line on the day. Finals cricket is a tough gig and unfortunately the weather and luck wasn't on our side at the end of this season & we didn't come home with the big prize. But we are all very proud of a great season for each team and the amazing individual and team milestones along the way.

Congratulations to our Men's 1s, 2s and 5s – so exciting watching you play all season & loved seeing and celebrating your success!

There have been so many highlights & things to celebrate this season including:

- New players across all teams including our full-season players Meg, Ellie, Rowen, Shae and Lexi and many other players, friends and family members who contributed with a few games to help us out with numbers!
- The first and only CSBW century for Meg in Round 2 - very exciting for Bentleigh as an original team in the competition to reach this milestone first.
- In another first was our 100 game milestone for our amazing Trishie J. Trish is the heart and soul of our program and the All Abilities program and the respect and celebrations from the league for Trish were outstanding.
- Multiple players reaching their 50 game milestones – Caz, Jodie, Nic and Bron.
- Chloe & Bron getting to play together, which reflects our continuation of bringing our juniors through to the women's program and Chloe going on to win the Craig (Harry) Robinson Scholarship was an amazing finish to her season.
- A 2 game cameo from Georgia, flying in from the UK for a holiday with Zander.

To our award winners – congratulations on your achievements this season. Your hard work, consistency, and love of the game have been amazing and it has been a joy to watch you play.

- 4th XI Best and Fairest, Batting Award and Bowling Award – Nella Booth
- 3rd XI Best and Fairest and Batting Award – Cat Weeks, Bowling Award – Marina Jansz





- 2nd XI Best and Fairest and Batting Award – Sarah Mullane, Bowling Award – Kerrie Plant
- 1st XI R&J Keyt Award and Batting Award – Maaya Quinn, Bowling Award – Ellie Campbell, Special Batting Award (100* runs v Beaumaris) – Meg Cureton
- Club Champion – Maaya Quinn
- Under 18s Award – Molly Andrews-Dodds
- Craig (Harry) Robinson Scholarship – Chloe Madigan

Congratulations also go to Charlie, Meg and Maaya who came away with league awards at the CSBW awards night. It is a well-deserved recognition of a great season for you all!

- Division 1 Leading Runs Scorer - Meg Cureton
- Division 1 MVP – Meg Cureton
- CSBW Team of the Year – Meg Cureton, Maaya Quinn and Charlie Scudder

I would like to extend a massive thank-you to our Coaches Alan and Marcus. Marcus stepped in to our Chair of Selectors role this season and negotiated many team selections and last minute changes – thank-you for taking on this role this season and for turning up every week to support our training and game days. We always appreciate your feedback, your humour and your support of our program! To Alan - there are countless hours that go in to preparation of our training sessions & managing a group of 50 women between the ages of 13 and 60 plus. No easy feat so well done on the wrangling again this year! Al has gone above and beyond all season and spends way too many hours on phone calls and messages. We appreciate everything that you do and look forward to next season!

To our team captains - Becki, Jodie, Leanne and Nella who have a big task every week through selection, preparation and game day hustle. It's not an easy job and we acknowledge all that you have done as our 4 first time captains for the club and getting 4 teams into the finals for the first time. Your leadership, support and dedication have been outstanding. Being a captain is often a thankless task and not everyone understands the work that goes on behind the scenes so thank-you!

To the committee and their constant support of the women's program. We are envied in the league for our whole club commitment and there have been more than a few times this season where I have been especially thankful for that support. It really shows out there when we put our club on display and we are very grateful to Jon, Jas, Winnie & Roger especially who spend so much time behind the scenes at the club. To Trish and Nat as well, your work on the socials is outstanding and a cut above any other club. Thanks to Alex for all of his support in this role and to Bec for the match reports, social coordination and general support throughout the year! A special shout-out to Jackson & Chris who also spent so much time at our events and behind the bar, we really appreciate all the time you have given to us this season.

To all our family and friends who come down to support, help with game day setup, scoring, cheering, and everything in between – thank you. Your contribution doesn't go unnoticed, and we couldn't do it without you.

As a group, we are very proud of what we achieved during the 2025/2026 season, with 4 teams making finals, some amazing individual milestones and some lovely new faces joining our club. Bring on the 2026/27 season!

Sally Bonham

Head of Women's Cricket



Senior Leadership Group 2025/26

Men's Coach:	Jason Jacoby
Women's Coach	Alan Abraham
Head of Men's Cricket	Alex Caravelas
Head of Women's Cricket	Sally Bonham
Men's Chair of Selectors:	Tim Woodruff
Women's Chair of Selectors:	Marcus Barber
1st XI Captain:	Ben Seabrook #
2nd XI Captain:	Alan Glenton #
3rd XI Captain:	Aaron Todd/Lachlan Hutchison
4th XI Captain:	Lucas McNamara
5th XI Captain:	Jackson Forster #
Women's 1st Captain:	Becki McWhinnie *
Women's 2nd Captain:	Jodie Wright *
Women's 3rd Captain:	Leanne Sugden *
Women's 4th Captain:	Kim Suranyi/Nella Booth *

*Finalist

#Premiers

Bentleigh Blue Inductees 2025/26

A 'Bentleigh Blue' is a playing cap that is presented to each player selected for the Senior First XI. While all Bentleigh Blues are special, these caps contain a unique number representing the players' place in Bentleigh Cricket Club history.

During the 2021/22 season the Bentleigh Blue was extended to include the Women's Team and each year all new inductees will be shown here.

The following players received a 'Bentleigh Blue' this season:

Cap #	Player Name (Mens)
177	Abie SHARMA
178	George GOWLER
179	Myles WOOD
180	Mitchell POWELL
181	Christopher McARTHUR

Cap #	Player Name (Womens)
42	Megan CURETON
43	Ellie CAMPBELL
44	Chelsea WEARNE
45	Rowen HULL
46	Maaya QUINN



Senior Perpetual Trophy Winners 2025/26

W.L. Foley Trophy	Senior Club Champion	Joe Vaughan
Women's Club Champion	Senior Club Champion	Maaya Quinn
R.G. Laird Trophy	Best 1 st XI player	Matt Chasemore
Ron McLeod Trophy	Best 2 nd XI player	Joe Vaughan
John Rogers Trophy	Best 3 rd XI player	Lachlan Hutchison
Raju Award	Best 4 th XI player	Jason Abraham
5 th XI Team Champion	Best 5 th XI Player	James McKay
R & J Keyt Trophy	Best 1 st XI player	Maaya Quinn
Champion Player	Best Women's Player 2 nd XI	Sarah Mullane
Champion Player	Best Women's Player 3 rd XI	Catherine Weeks
Champion Player	Best Women's Player 4 th XI	Nella Booth
Adrian McInnes Trophy	Best U/18 player	Mitchell Powell
Women's Junior Player	Best U/18 player	Molly Andrews-Dodds

Senior Batting and Bowling Award Winners 2025/26

Men's 1st XI Batting	Abie Sharma	732 runs @ 73.20
Men's 1st XI Bowling	Matt Chasemore	13 wickets @ 14.23
Men's 2nd XI Batting	Joe Vaughan	722 runs @ 55.54
Men's 2nd XI Bowling	Tim Woodruff	27 wickets @ 12.37
Men's 3rd XI Batting	Lachlan Hutchison	370 runs @ 33.67
Men's 3rd XI Bowling	Luke McGinness	16 wickets @ 13.50
Men's 4th XI Batting	Bayley Embelton	181 runs @ 25.86
Men's 4th XI Bowling	Jason Abraham	20 wickets @ 11.95
Men's 5 th XI Batting	Robert Mott	187 runs @ 93.50
Men's 5 th XI Bowling	James McKay	26 wickets @ 9.58
Women's 1 st XI Batting	Maaya Quinn	286 runs @ 47.67
Women's 1 st XI Bowling	Ellie Campbell	14 wickets @ 10.79
Women's 2 nd XI Batting	Sarah Mullane	298 runs @ 29.80
Women's 2 nd XI Bowling	Kerrie Plant	12 wickets @ 12.08
Women's 3 rd XI Batting	Catherine Weeks	216 runs
Women's 3 rd XI Bowling	Marina Jansz	Adj Economy 3.65
Women's 4 th XI Batting	Nella Booth	132 runs
Women's 4 th XI Bowling	Nella Booth	Adj Economy 4.03



Senior Coach's Reports

BCC is extremely honoured to have hard working Men's and Women's coaches who put in countless hours both at and away from the club.

Between being a mentor, a teacher, a counsellor and a friend, it is a tireless and, at times, a thankless job.

Read on to re-live the highs and lows of the season from our esteemed coaches, Jason and Alan.

Men's Coach's Report – Jason Jacoby

Firstly, a huge thanks to Jon, the Committee and all the volunteers that make Bentleigh the special place it is. From a Men's Cricket perspective Jimmy Raju was exceptional as Net Captain once again and I can't thank him enough for his time and friendship. Alex Caravelas as Director of Cricket does a ton of work behind the scenes especially with all the new players as well as Jason Abraham and both were always there to support myself and players. A huge shout out to Rama and Winnie. The work you do and the love you have for the Club, and all the players is incredible.



On the field Ben, Al, Toddy, Hutch, Lucas, Jacko and all the other players who stepped in as Captain, thank you for taking on the responsibility and leading from the front. Never easy with all the challenges a cricket season throws at you, but all remained positive and supportive of the Club and your team and your players. I very much appreciated the fact that you all bought in to "Demons Cricket" and all played a huge part in the Clubs success today and into the future.

A special mention to Tim Woodruff who took on the role as Chairman of Selectors as well as coaching our junior turf team, Chairman of Selectors is a tough gig, but Tim was up to the task and worked terrifically well with the captains across all elevens. He is also a handy bowler!

This season we also had a couple of highly talented cricketers in Matt Chasemore and Abi Sharma join our club. You may have heard me say that we want to attract **good** people to the Club and if they can also play cricket that's a bonus. Well with Cheeks and Abi they well and truly ticked the box. These two made Bentleigh Cricket Club better with their willingness to help others, set the example and be open and welcoming to all.

We were also blessed with all our 'new' players seamlessly fitting into our club, our culture and just being great teammates. A special shout out to the overseas recruits and annual visitors George, Myles, Ollie, Zander, Joe, Gary, James who are all welcomed back at the Club at any time.

A quick shout out to: Stocksy for making and providing your Physio skills to anyone who asked. Hutch for organising Thursday Dinners on top of all the other work you do around the Club, your efforts with Jacko around the Club do not go unnoticed. To all who put their hand up to share their story on Thursday 'brothers' Night a big hug. Ben Seabrook for your work with the juniors and all the other overseas and local players who helped out, you are a big part of why the Club is what it is. Lastly a big thanks to all the players and supporters buying in to the Club Culture and being a positive influence and wanting to be better people and cricketers. Bentleigh CC is a special place.



We should probably talk about the actual results, but I do want to highlight that without a strong team off the field, incredible volunteers and players wanting to work together and care, on-field success is near impossible. Three Premierships is an outstanding achievement and add to the success of the Women's program with all teams making finals we should all be very proud of the Club. Everyone plays a part. Our 3rds and 4ths found it tougher this season with some talented players not playing this season or moving into higher elevens. With a number of juniors coming through and playing senior cricket we will bounce back quickly.

With the 1sts back in the Championship Division and the 2nds into Division 2, we will be faced with some challenges but I'm extremely confident with the Clubs amazing off field support and our players want to work hard, have fun, care, and play Demon Cricket we will see more success in 26/27. Where would you rather be!

Jason Jacoby

Men's Coach





Women's Coach's Report – Alan Abraham

The 2025/26 cricket season was another strong one for the women's program, both on and off the pitch. We were once again the only club who had four teams entered into the CSBW competition showcasing the strength of the program. It was also first time in the club's history that all four of the teams qualified for finals!

The on-field success was spearheaded by our captains, Becki, Jodie, Leanne and Nella, and our chairperson of selectors, Marcus, who all put in a huge number of hours working with myself to get the most out of the group. The season wouldn't have been the success it was without all of your behind-the-scenes efforts. Whilst it is never easy, having a strong group of leaders put us in a great position to succeed.



For the First XI the season will go down as what could have been. The team needed to be adaptable as we had a number of new faces and had fixture reshuffling throughout the season. Ultimately, we got through the year with strong performances right across the board, finishing second on the ladder. We made quick work of the semi-final and played off against St Kilda (for the fourth time in the season) in a Grand Final. Unfortunately, the weather and rules were against us as we were in a commanding position when the rain came down on Grand Final day. Unfortunately, this led to a restart on a reserve day which didn't go our way. This doesn't take away from what was another excellent season where we set the benchmark for the competition, we will be back up the top again in 2026/27.

The success filtered down to all our teams as the seconds had another successful season reaching finals once again, with a second place finish on the ladder. Unfortunately, the weather was against us on semi-final weekend too, getting the worst of the heavy rain we fell just short of another grand final. The threes also had a great season, finishing 3rd on the ladder and making finals again. Unfortunately, a matchup against Bentleigh Uniting's 1's proved to be too difficult on semi-final day, however consistently standing up against other clubs' best teams throughout the season was highly encouraging for our program and the strength we have. Finally, the fourths had another excellent year pulling through to make finals as well. Whilst the team was rarely consistent week on week, they were led very well by captain Nella and showed a huge level of development to qualify for finals. Unfortunately, we came up against the top team, Ormond in the semi-final who had proven they were the team to beat throughout the whole season. It was also very exciting to see more junior players make their debuts in the senior program, the development and skills of these players were on show as they slotted in and looked comfortable straight away.

To finish up I just want to say a big thank you to Jon and the rest of the committee for helping put together a wonderful women's program. To Marcus thank you for the countless hours you've put in for training and team selection, the extra hands make a huge difference, and we are all very appreciative.



Finally, to Sal, the amount of time and effort you put into the role this season was exceptional. This program could not succeed without everything you do behind the scenes, it helps make my job easier, so a huge thank you!

Well done to all the other programs at the club which each had another successful year in their own right.

Bring on season 2025/26 which will be another successful one for the red and blue!

Alan Abraham

Women's Coach





Senior Captain's Reports

BCC is always appreciative to those that raise their hand to take on captaincy roles. It's not an easy task but the rewards are guaranteed, win or lose.

Read on to re-live the highs and lows of the season from our 5 senior men's and 4 women's team captains, kicking off with our 1st XI team captain Ben Seabrook...

Men's 1st XI Report

After relegation in the 2024/25 season the player merry go round started again as the 1st XI looked to rebuild and recruit.

Abie Sharma joined the club, alongside Cheeks and Tully returning to the club after previous stints. Keeper/batter Myles and big quick George came in from the UK to add quality to the side. Expectations were high moving into the season with the heavy recruitment effort.

Cheeks set a club record with an astonishing 3 tons on the spin in rounds 1,2,3 where we had a strong start, with Abie starting nicely too. Having lost to the big 2 promotion rivals in Carnegie and McKinnon in the first half of the year left us in the top 3 into Christmas, not leaving us much wiggle room for error moving into post-Christmas.

Many stand out performances were shown in the first half of the year. Bim with his first club 5fer, Blitzzy with notable batting performances, Abie with his maiden ton and 5fer in the same game and Cheeks' 3 tons leading the way. Across the board, there were some proper team efforts and performances from all 12/13 squad members. A notable moment was Mitchell Powell coming in for his senior 1st XI debut, which was thoroughly deserved.

Post Christmas, the games came thick and fast with a double header on the first Saturday and Sunday back; 2 wins got us back under way. Alan A set his stall up making back-to-back 50s in this weekend for the 2s and then the 1s.

Another loss to Carnegie and McKinnon, then a shock defeat to Hampton left us hanging onto 3rd place moving into the last weekend. Maybe moment of the season, chasing 85 v Parkdale, Bim hitting two 6s in 3 balls to scrape us over the line to secure 3rd spot.

Into finals we had a tough test away at Parkdale, George and Tully stood strong with the ball and got us over the line in a tight run defence.

The big dance. We know the result, but this was one of the toughest and incredible games of cricket. Batting first at 3-18 and recovering to 5-267, with Abie starring with a mega 115. Into the defence, the day went from being in full control with the ball until the most stressful hour of





cricket unravelled. Sneaking by with a 15 run win, again Tully and George with 4 wickets a piece to get us home.

A huge season for the 1s and back into the CSB Championship Division.

Personally, I wish the 1st XI and the rest of the club all the best moving into the 2026/27 season.

Ben Seabrook

Captain – Mens 1st XI





Men's 2nd XI Report

In many ways, season 2025/26 felt more like the continuation of our previous year's efforts than the start of a new one. While we were lucky to be joined by a few new mates this year, we had a strong core squad of returning players, including two club favourites from the UK in Alex Cruickshank and Joe Vaughan. Having been knocked out of the semi's last March in a heartbreaking washout, there was a definite sense of unfinished business in August when the first balls of the pre-season hit the indoor nets. This year, we were back with one goal in mind - to win that flag and get ourselves back up into Div 2.



While ambitious, that goal looked possible when we convincingly beat old rivals, Parkdale, in the first round by 101 runs. Joe Vaughan (77) and Alex Cruickshank (4/12 off 7.5) carried over their form from the English summer to spearhead that victory and get our season off to a strong start. Pleasingly, though, while Joe and Alex would continue to contribute in big ways each week, it wasn't long before our local and developing players also took their opportunities to star and become key performers.

Harrison Barnes featured early to knock together 77, alongside 74 from Alex Cruickshank, in a near-outright win against Heatherton in round 2. Joe sent a message to the division in round 3 with 155* against Hampton, with support from newcomer Harry Mann's 43. Alex bagged 5 wickets against Middle Park in round 4, backed up in the second week by 127 from Joe and 59 from youngster Mitch Powell in a run chase that fell just short. And then Harry Mann dug in again to put together 47, in combination with 32 from Alex Caravelas, in a close one-dayer with Dingley. After 5 rounds, our 2 early successes were balanced against 2 losses and a draw.

From there, we shifted up a gear and took 2 more wins into the Christmas break. Round 6 featured a nail-biting, final-over run chase against Mordialloc, with Alex Caravelas (46*) and Alex Cruickshank (36*) ultimately getting us over the line, following from the earlier work of Joe Vaughan (30) and Tim Mullane (45). Round 7 was a 5-wicket win against Mentone, with a well-rounded bowling effort and a batting order that saw new clubman Chris McArthur opening with an elegant 75. A washout in round 8 closed the first half of our season.

The double-header weekend return in January couldn't have gone better for us, with a 19-run win at Heatherton on Saturday, and a 5-wicket win at home against Hampton on Sunday. Our squad at Heatherton was bolstered by Alan Abraham on loan in our top order scoring 50, in partnership with Tum Mullane (30). Tim Woodruff's 4/32, Ben Brooks' 2//29, and Harry Mann's 2/16 took care of the rest. Tim backed it up on the Sunday against Hampton with 2 more (2/26 off 8), this time in combination with Alex Cruickshank (4/27). This opening duo would go on to cause havoc amongst opposition top orders in the 2nd half of our season. Joe Vaughan (92) and Harry Mann (33) ensured we brought the run chase home successfully.

A little bit of mis-execution in our plans gave us a loss in round 11 at Middle Park, with a further setback in round 12 against Dingley. Tim Woodruff, Alex Cruickshank, and Joe Vaughan each featured with 2 wickets apiece, with Mitch Powell's 34 the only standout score on our side.

Our course correction came just at the right time, however, with wins in the final two rounds giving us some good momentum and setting us up nicely for finals at 3rd on the ladder. Making a habit of close-calls with Mordialloc, Ben Brooks and Jamie Ubachs got us to the target score in round 13 with one wicket in hand, after Joe Vaughan's 44, Mitch Powell's 35, and Tim Mullane's 36. Jamie had also featured heavily the week before with figures of 3/28 off 15 overs, bowling in



tandem with Joe Vaughan (5/33 off 19.4), despite still being in only his first few handful of games with the Twos.

Round 14 was a dress-rehearsal for the semis at Mentone, and a confidence booster after a 123-run win. Joe Vaughan featured with a near-flawless 97, accompanied by a steady 36 from Harry Mann. The absolute carnage that Alex Cruickshank and Tim Woodruff caused with the new ball was the real highlight, however, in a remarkable display of dominance. The pair left Mentone scrambling with 3 wickets before the first run was scored, ending with 3 and 4 wickets respectively, and each with economies under 2.

With that comprehensive win fresh in the mind, we played Mentone at Mentone again the following week for the semi-final. Winning the toss again, we were off to a slightly slower start with 32 from Joe, 30 from Mitch, and 19 from Alex Caravelas. This time, it was Dylan Rayen's chance to stand up, and so he did, playing to the match situation perfectly at each stage to steer us deep into the inning with his 35. This was a real breakout innings for Dylan, under immense finals pressure to get us to a total that would be not only defendable, but also make for a tricky chase. It should be mentioned that Dylan was also well-supported by his number 11 and mate, Ben Brooks, who kept out 48 balls to keep the partnership alive. As it turned out, Alex and Tim decided to follow up their double-act from the week before with a similar dominant partnership. Once again ripping apart Mentone's top order, they reduced their batting order to 7 for 26 before the first change. Alex finished that display with 3 for 28 off 9, and Tim with 4 wickets for just 10 off his 10. Ben Brooks cleaned up a couple, along with a run out, to end Mentone's first innings at just 56. Enforcing the follow-on, Jamie took 4 with the new ball to put an end to any potential upset, and sealing our spot in the grand final.

Since we had won our semi at 3rd on the ladder, and Dingley had beaten Middle Park at 4th, we actually ended up playing them at McKinnon oval as a "home" grand final. With plenty of finals excitement, we arrived to a wicket that had to have been cut to no less than 12mm, playing well into the hands of our in-form seam bowlers. Once again winning the toss, we elected to nevertheless bat first and put a score on the board. With absolute determination, Joe Vaughan was immovable at the top of the order and dug in to score 47 off 139 balls. His early efforts, along with Mitch (18 off 51), laid the path for Alex Caravelas (79 off 150) and Tim Mullane (34 off 72) to make some faster headway after tea. With a few wickets falling in succession at the end of our innings, we reached 222 within our allotted overs to give us a target that we felt reasonably comfortable defending.

As it turned out, Alex and Tim weren't yet satisfied after their back-to-back efforts at Mentone, and quickly set about making the most of the seaming conditions to once again dominate the Dingley top order batsman. Alex struck first, in the third over, quickly followed by Tim in the fourth, to begin the onslaught. We had Dingley 3 for 8 after Ben Brooks seized a run-out chance in the 7th over, and Tim rapped the pads in the 14th over to make it 4 for 25. One more from Tim in the 17th over saw Dingley at 5 for 34 by drinks. Joe Vaughan then took the opportunity to snag a couple for himself, before Alex and Tim returned for clean up duty to bowl Dingley out for 117. Alex finished with figures of 2/48 off 14.1, and Tim with 4/15 off 17 overs, including a staggering 10 maidens. The partnership bowling from those two throughout our finals campaign was truly some of the most dominant I've ever had the pleasure of witnessing up close.

With all that said and done, I'm thrilled to say that the Second XI were successful in our pre-season plans, and finished Division 3 Premiers.

While I've mentioned some great individual match performances above, I'd also like to mention a few other worthy achievements and notes from the year. Joe Vaughan topped the division batting once again this year, and it wasn't close, with 769 runs at an average of 54.93 including 2

tons. Tim Mullane (253), Alex Cruickshank (248), Mitch Powell (247), and Harry Mann (246) all featured in the top 20 for the division. Alex also finished 2nd in the division for bowling, with 32 wickets at 15.78, closely followed by Tim Woodruff with 31 wickets at a remarkable 11.26. Joe Vaughan's bowling featured again in the division top ten, with 24 wickets at 18.42.

Outside of these and other on-field successes we found this year as a team, I loved seeing the likes of Harrison, Hunter, Mitch, Dylan, Ben, and Jamie continue their development and play more and more important roles, with increased confidence. I can see those guys doing great things if they continue down their paths. And as much as their on-field contributions were obviously appreciated, the leadership and learnings that our more experienced players like Joe, Alex, and Tim shared with the younger guys this year were arguably even more valuable. Seeing our newer club members like Chris and Harry settle in and perform was great to see, as well as new faces to the side like Tom Lewis. And I have to say a big thank you to Alex Caravelas and Tim Mullane, who I was able to lean on countless times not only for on-field support, but also to step in for me and assist when I needed.

I'd like to close by thanking all the people who put in their time and efforts into making the club, and our team, the successful and fun place that it was. Thank you to our executive, our committee, our players and our volunteers. A big thank you to Winnie for continuing to feed us, and to Nat Powell, Sally Bonham, and the other volunteers who helped during the finals to ensure it ran as smoothly for us as possible. Finally, a massive thank you to the 2nd XI for an incredibly fun year.

Cheers

Alan Glenton - Captain – 2nd XI





Men's 3rd XI Report

In September I was given the honour of being asked to take the 3's captaincy by Alex which I happily accepted. We knew it would be a bit of a reset year with the loss of so much experience from previous years, but it was a challenge everyone brought into.

Unfortunately, we only won 3 games for the year, and heartbreakingly fell 4 runs short in the final game of the season which led to relegation. But despite all that there were many highlights and feel-good stories to show we are on the right track and will bounce back next year.

Firstly, the year of Lachy Hutchison was fantastic, stepping up after a year as Captain in the 4ths to make the role of #4 his own, with 370 runs for the year with two 50's and a run a ball 112 not out, and was an incredibly deserving winner of the John Rogers award as the 3rd eleven best player. Also, a big thank you is due to him for stepping up as Captain after I broke my thumb in the last game prior to Christmas.

Another massive positive was the year of Ajay Wood. As a 15 year old who stepped up to open the bowling for the majority of the season, to see his growth game by game was a pleasure to watch, who took 14 wickets for the year including multiple 3-fers, am expecting big things from him in years to come and hopefully isn't in the 3's for long as his progression continues up the grades.

The return of Sachi after 10 years away from the club was another great highlight, as he made that opening spot his own with some very good innings.

Jamie Ubachs & Dylan Rayen spent some time in our side, and with performances made their way to the 2's and performed admirably helping them catch a flag too, to see their growth in real time is a great thing.

Finally thank you to everyone who played in the side throughout the year, too many to name, thank you to Winnie for afternoon teas for even home game, it's been an honour, hope to come back better and stronger next year.

Toddy

Go Dees

Aaron Todd and Lachy Hutchison

Captains 3rd XI





Men's 4th XI Report

2025/2026 Bentleigh 4ths Cricket!

A year of ups and downs, a different team every week, a new captain, new faces and new challenges. Starting off the year, we had a strong team, plenty of experience playing with youth.

After the first couple of rounds we saw some of our players progress to the higher teams, which was awesome to see them get reward for their work and talent. However, this left us with some challenges trying to balance the team to get 4 points each week, but also give everyone a go.

We quickly learned that the grade of cricket we were playing has definitely improved over the past couple of years, which led to a few challenges, but it was an awesome chance to give our younger players a chance to play senior cricket at a high level.

With a different team every week, we had different opportunities arise for all players. The development of our youth was a massive highlight for the year. Gilly, Masum, Sorya and Jed all contributed significantly, played with confidence and helped the team consistently week to week.

Our senior players also contributed significantly across the year. Jason Abraham took wickets for fun and took the bowling award out easily, having multiple 3,4 and 5 wicket efforts. Chris Meister also batted well across the season at the top of the order, holding our batting line up in good stead to win the games we did. Adam Power had a great season, leading from the front with consistent encouragement and played with a smile on his face, while also guiding the juniors with their development, a true clubman!

Although wins were hard to come by, the ones we got were well deserved and well celebrated. Round 7 we bowled Beaumaris out for 92, Jason 3, Daniel McNamara 3. A great effort. Zander, David Wood and Bayley chased down the runs with ease, all making double digits with Zander making 40. Round 10, bowling Parkdale united out for 115, Jason 4 wickets. Chasing down the runs 2 down with a highlight of Bayley making an awesome 50 not out, Zander 30 and Power with the winning runs making 23!

Lastly our win against Chelsea, Debuting Ross Barlas took 4 and made 35 not out, winning us the game, with support of Nathan Kan (pictured) and Daniel. 3 awesome wins.

Although the season didn't go the way we hoped, we all had great fun and took plenty of positives from a season with so many challenges. Super proud of all the boys and girls, who took part in such an awesome year playing 4ths cricket.

Thank you to the club for giving me the opportunity to captain a great group of people!

Lucas McNamara

Captain 4th XI





Men's 5th XI Report

After falling agonisingly close last year with a grand final loss, the Sunday side was excited to make amends and go one better. Following a promotion to a higher division after the successes last year, we knew it would be much more difficult to see the same strong results. Thankfully, we were fortunate to retain much of the same playing group while also having the joy of welcoming new players to Bentleigh or just to the team.

With enthusiasm and youthful energy, we started the season in the typical fashion which is to say at the mercy of the weather. After the first five rounds we had three abandonments and mixed results with one loss and one win. It was after this point that we really started to hit our rhythm and went on to win every game but one before the Christmas break which left us second on the ladder.



We clearly cemented ourselves as one of the best teams in the competition and as we moved into the new year it was a matter of trying to avoid any injuries while keeping that momentum. While we had a few casualties which unfortunately meant some of our players weren't able to join us across different stages of the season, we played well and kept the energy across the side. We lost just one more game before reaching the final round of the home and away season. Our top two finish was secured, and results would have to go our way with an unexpected loss in another match for us to finish on top. We did our part and comfortably won our match with a bonus point. Then, in what may have ended up being all the difference, the top of the ladder Bonbeach lost and conceded their spot.

After all was said and done, we made finals with guaranteed home games across the entire series due to finishing on top of the ladder. This is despite me winning just the one coin toss across the entire 14 game home and away season. Our first game of the finals then began on what is a typical Sunday for us with a downpour expected. In this instance, it was going to be beneficial for us, as any abandonment due to weather meant that we would move on into the Grand Final. However, it would be necessary for this to occur before both sides had bowled 20 overs otherwise a game would have been considered played and DLS used to determine the winner.

We were playing Hampton at home, and it was said many times that day but if it wasn't a final, we would not have started the game. The weather was relentless with the rain never easing up. Despite the conditions, we played on with the opposition captain and umpires understandably keen for a result. We bowled first after winning the toss, but we struggled to get the key breakthroughs. Hampton batted with intent and on a day with horrible conditions they set an extremely strong score of 146 after using all 35 overs. It was then our turn to bat and with the rain pouring down it became tough to get set and make runs. We fought hard but the game was slipping away from us as we lost a few cheap wickets and the runs dried up. It was looking like the run was about to end there as we completed the 19th over.

It was at this stage, after pleading our case for many overs before it, that the umpires allowed us to put the covers down as the rain grew heavier. Hampton was well ahead with DLS and required just one more over bowled before they would have been declared the winners (pending a miraculous comeback win from us). As the umpires asked for the covers to be pulled off (with the rain still pouring) myself and the Hampton captain plead our cases as to why the game should be abandoned or alternatively whether we should bowl one more over to constitute a game. Miraculously, I managed to convince the umpires that the conditions we were playing in



were no longer safe and they called the game off. We scraped through into a grand final with one over to spare.

The grand final was the following week at home against Bonbeach. Not knowing what to do with myself after winning another coin toss, we bowled first. Bonbeach were always going to be a formidable side being the clear best all year, but our best hope was bowling them out cheaply. Unfortunately, that wasn't going to happen. We bowled and fielded well but they kept putting us across the rope. They batted selflessly as certain batters went after almost everything to just keep the runs ticking. They finished their innings on 191 which was always going to be a tough ask for our side. We fought hard but at 4/50 off 15 overs the game was slipping away from us. It was at this point the marvellous rain started to pour. We were being outplayed by a strong side, but the rain kept coming and eventually the umpires made the decision to call the game off. We were once again being given a lifeline with a rematch scheduled for the following week.

After being saved by the rain twice, we once again arrived home to play Bonbeach. After winning another toss somehow, we mixed it up and batted first which we had last done in round 1 of that year. After being saved by the rain two weeks in a row, we went into the game full of energy and it felt different very early on. It was tough batting with some very strong bowling. Through it all though Shane Levy stood tall as people fell around him. He finished the day making 54 with a brilliant knock and with the help of a few small cameos across the team, we managed to set a total of 125. Not a massive score but it was never going to be easy to chase it in a grand final.

From there, it started to click. After a small scare early with one batsmen teeing off, we started to really knuckle down and grind out our best cricket. Everyone played their role and the wickets kept coming with heroics being seen across the side. We had Ross Powell bowling his best spell of the year opening and taking three, Nathan Green running around in the field like a madman taking insane catches, James McKay once again tearing through the side with three wickets and allegedly the best caught and bowled in history. While only three are mentioned in the bowling innings, everyone could be included in this write up. We managed to bowl Bonbeach out for 92 securing the Premiership with Shane Levy being the well deserving best on ground.

It was a brilliant season with the ultimate reward at the end. It was an absolute pleasure to captain this group of guys, and they were well deserving of the success that came their way. Unfortunately, not everyone who played with us throughout the year was able to be out there with us but we couldn't have done it without them. What a win and what a team.

Jackson Forster

Captain 5th XI





Women's 1st XI Report

The Womens 1s had an incredible season, finishing second in the ladder overall and securing back to back grand finals. Whilst we fell just short of defending the flag, there were plenty of outstanding performances across the season and so much to be proud of.

I stepped into the big shoes of Lou Adams as Captain, with Charlie Scudder by my side as VC. We welcomed familiar faces in Sophie Barber, Louise Adams, Bron Parry, Chloe Vuong, Bec Fontana and Emily Selwood. We embraced returning players to the 1st team in Steph Hester and in her debut keeping season Jess Bonham. New faces joined the team as we celebrated baggy blues for Meg Cureton, Ellie Campbell, Mya Quinn, Rowen Hull and Chelsea Wearne.



Scoring almost 1900 runs and taking 89 wickets across 12 games, everyone played a key role and contributed throughout the season. A special mention to the first and only CSBW century scored by Meg. With Meg, Mya and Charlie being selected in CSBW's team of the season, it goes to show the high standards Bentleigh display on the field. We had 8 x 50 run partnerships and 5 x 100 run partnerships across 8 players. The 11 players on the field each week worked extremely hard throughout the season to develop their skills and standards across the year were exceptional.

Top Run Scorers:

Meg Cureton - 488

Mya Quinn - 286

Charlie Scudder - 281

Top Wicket Takers:

Steph Hester - 16

Ellie Campbell - 14

Charlie Scudder - 13



A huge thank you to Alan, Marcus and Jason for their hard work in coaching us this year. We really appreciate the hours that are put in to support our performances. Thank you to Sally Bonham for her dedicated support as Head of Womens. Thank you to our scorers, square leg umpire volunteers, drinks carriers and supporters. A season like we've had wouldn't have been possible without everyone's help.

We'll be back stronger and even more determined next year to bring home the flag, and have a lot of fun on the way.

Becki McWhinnie

Women's 1st XI Captain



Women's 2nd XI Report

This season marked some changes to the competition. Participating in the Division 2 of Classic series competition with 25 overs throughout, no maximum balls faced whilst batting and retirement extended to 80 runs. With some fresh faces to the team and some old faces returning we were hoping for a successful season. With my first season captaining a team, all fingers were crossed for the challenge ahead knowing I would be supported by Sarah Mullane, Kerrie Plant, Nic Lalor and Caz Ellul.

The first few games of the season we played well and managed to put several early wins on the board. With Sarah Mullane stepping back to the 2's her class as wicketkeeper and open batter shone scoring a half century in game 2. Great batting and bowling from Maaya, who played just 4 games before being heading to Div 1 for the remainder of the season, and great early batting from Monica Spurling. Ruby Raju stepped up from Div 3 last season to provide run in the field, and we were joined by newcomer from Mackie, Rowen Hull with the promise of pace bowling. Typical stingy bowling from Nic Lalor and wickets from Kerrie and Caz bode for a good season. With some Div 1 players joining the team in round 3 we had an easy win and with a washout in round 4, meant we headed into round 5 at the top of the ladder.

Round 5 was rain affected with covers on and off multiple times. With the match shortened we managed to secure a tight win in tough conditions against St Kilda.

Round 6 saw Monica smash an amazing 72 off 76 balls for another win with another rain affected and shortened match against Brighton in round 7 we had an easy win again. Mid-season we were top of the ladder and playing well.

The second half of the season saw some losses as we struggled for player availability, with players filling in Division 1 due to injury and unavailability. With players from Division 3 and irregular fill-ins covering we had 3 losses in 4 games to lose top spot which proved costly come finals time.

Round 8 was our first loss of the season against Caulfield with players seconded to Division 1 to cover injury and unavailability. With 4 players filling in the team, the lack of batting and bowling depth proved too much on the day against a strong opposition. Round 9 was another win against a lower team. Rounds 10 and 11 saw two consecutive losses against top 4 teams and we tumbled from top of the ladder to third position.

In the last three games of the season against lower teams, we had a hat-trick of wins which saw us claw back second place on the ladder. There were standout performances with half centuries from Kerrie, Sarah, Bron and super-tight bowling from Nic and wickets all round from Adriana, Monica, Caz, Kerrie, and me.

The last game of the season was unfortunately the semi-final against Mackie at McKinnon oval on turf. In rainy and wet conditions that we would not have played in any other week of the season (nor Grand Final) the game played out. We bowled first. With Kerrie slipping whilst bowling in the 5th over (her first for the day) and injuring her calf, it meant we were a class bowler short and a strong fielder down. We continued in the rain and our bowling struggled in the conditions against a couple of Mackie's better batters. As the rain continued, the pitch was extremely slippery by the time we got to the crease making it difficult to bat and run freely and with confidence and stay on our feet at times. An amazing performance by Kerrie who could not run, so batted with a runner, and solid batting by Caz meant we gave Mackie a scare as we got



closer to their total, but we fell short. It was a gut-wrenching way to finish the season and the cricketing days for some of our older team members.

Although we never got to lift the trophy this year, we had an enjoyable season and did our club and ourselves proud. As well, the development of some of the younger players will hold the club in good stead moving forward. Sarah Mullane is a star who continues to play and conduct herself with class week in, week out. The improvement of Ruby Raju in the field and with the bat was a joy to see and well-deserved for all the hard work she puts in training. It was fantastic for Leiha May to come back for the second half of the season after the hardships she has faced. She has the potential to be a fabulous player for the club with bat, ball and in the field. Unfortunately, with Rowen Hull being pulled between Div 1 and Div 2 all season, she could not fulfill her potential in either team. To be able to have bowled consistently 4 or 5 overs each week, I feel would have benefitted her development and her performance. Hopefully, this can be achieved next season, and she can continue to grow and improve. Monica Spurling is such a strong hitter and showed real improvement with her bowling proving to be another weapon in her game.

We had 23 players play in our team this season, which at times was challenging. Improved player availability across all teams would mean a more stable team week to week and could have led to a better outcome for some of the losses.

A big thank-you to Alan and Sally for their support and enormous hard work throughout the season. As well, thanks to Marcus, Jason, and John for all their help through the year on and off the field. And a very big thanks to my Div2 support crew – Sarah, Kerrie, Nic, and Caz.

Jodie Wright

Women's 2nd XI Captain





Women's 3rd XI Report

With 12 games completed in our home-and-away season, we secured 10 wins and just 2 losses—both against the sides who ultimately finished above us on the ladder. This record reflects an excellent season and highlights the growth and development of our players compared to last year.

Standout performances were a regular feature throughout the season. Sue delivered an outstanding spell in Round 5 against Parkdale United, taking 3/9, with Coppa contributing 25 not out in the same match. Sue backed this up the following game against Beaumaris with another exceptional performance of 3/5, continuing what has been a remarkable season with the ball.



With the bat, Coppa was consistently reliable, scoring 25 against Ashwood and an impressive 38 not out against Elsternwick in Round 10. It was no surprise she claimed the Batting Award, finishing the season with 216 runs.

Not to be outdone, Marina—who joined the team later in the season—took out the Bowling Award. Her ability to bamboozle opposition batters with her high, loopy yet accurate deliveries made her a standout performer.

Coppa also capped off a stellar season by winning the Best & Fairest Award—well deserved not only for her batting, but also for her tireless efforts in the field, chasing down countless runs from her position at fine leg.

In the race for Club Champion, our captain Leanne finished 9th—an impressive achievement. She scored 145 runs for the season and was clearly the standout fielder in the division, finishing with 10 catches and 4 stumpings.

One of the highlights of the season was our thrilling 1-run victory against Ashwood in Round 7. We managed to hold off their in-form batter, who finished on 44. A crucial second-last over from Catrin, conceding no more than 4 runs, meant we entered the final over with 11 runs to defend. In a tense finish, we held our nerve to come away with a memorable win.

While we didn't make the Grand Final, our consistency throughout the season ensured we were always in contention. Across the season, we bowled 1,565 balls, scored 1,318 runs, and took 71 wickets—strong team contributions across all facets of the game.

It has been an absolute pleasure to captain such a fantastic group of women. Hopefully, everyone has continued to build their skills and deepen their love for the game while enjoying their Sunday afternoons together.

Buckle up for an even bigger and better season next year.

Leanne Sugden

Women's 3rd XI Captain





Women's 4th XI Report

I want to start by thanking everyone who made this season possible, including all the players, coaching staff, committee, supporters, and the many others who dedicated their time and efforts throughout the year.

The Bentleigh Women's 4th team had one of our best seasons to date. We had many players coming back for another season, but almost as many new players – some who had never played before.

We finished the season in great shape ending up 4th on the ladder having played 13 games, won 6 and lost 6 with one washout. This was despite playing a lot of our games with only 8 players.

Our first round saw us playing against Parkdale and we eventually lost the game.

Round two saw us up against Bonbeach and we won that game with a whopping 4 overs to spare – no mean feat in a 20 over game!

Our round 3 game was washed out, but the next game was against Parkdale united and we won again. Rounds 5, 6 and seven saw us bruised by three losses in a row. The next game at the beginning of December we had to forfeit due to a lack of player numbers.

The new year bought new vitality to the team, and we won rounds 10, 11, 13 and 14.

This flying end to the season put us into the semi-final round. Unfortunately, we came unstuck here and lost to Ormond on a wet, windy game day.

A special mention must go to Chloe Madigan for taking out the junior scholarship! I predict great things for this talented young player.

Next season the whole team is looking forward to a cohesive season, with some great game days and some social events thrown in the mix.

Bring on 2026/2027!!

Nella Booth

Women's 4th XI Captain





Junior Cricket Report

What a season it has been for our Junior program in 2025/26. Once again we continued to see growth with 165 players and 17 teams across the SECA, AGCC and ISEC Associations. This makes it the largest season ever for Juniors at the Bentleigh Cricket Club.

In season 2025/26 we fielded the following teams;

- 5x Rookies Mixed SECA
- 1x U12A Mixed SECA
- 1x U12B Mixed SECA
- 2x U12C Mixed SECA
- 1x U14A Mixed SECA
- 1x U14B Mixed SECA
- 2x U14C Mixed SECA
- 1x U14B Girls AGCC
- 1x U15B Mixed ISEC Turf
- 1x U16C Mixed SECA
- 1x U18A Girls AGCC*

**Joint team with Beaumaris CC*

On the field we had 8 of 12 eligible teams make finals and two teams made it through to Grand Finals, with both matches home games at Victory Park. Pleasingly both our U12C team (Coach: Michael Oakes / TM: Zoe Rohrer) and our U14C team (Coach: Rob Stark / TM: Andrew McLellan) were WINNERS on Grand Final day, an outstanding achievement by all concerned. The support of our Bentleigh families and friends showed the true spirit of our club and it reinforced what a great community we have.

In 2025/26 it was fantastic to be able to field teams at the highest grade in U12A, U14A and U18A Girls (joint team with Beaumaris). It remains a strength of our Junior program that we can offer opportunities to young cricketers across a variety of age groups and gradings to ensure there is a place for each and every junior to compete and thrive in community team sport at Bentleigh CC.

At the foundation of our Juniors is our Rookies with many players coming through our highly successful Blasters program, and this year we fielded a record 5 Rookies teams. To the new coaches and those coaches entering their second season I cannot speak highly enough of what fantastic mentors you have been for these kids to enable them to go out and enjoy their cricket with their mates. For this we are so grateful and we hope these players have many more seasons in the red and blue.

We had 5 new coaches join our program this season along with several members of our Senior Men's and Women's programs taking on training roles, and I'd like to thank all of our Junior coaches, team managers, scorers and volunteers. You are key to getting our kids on the field every week and supporting them to be the best they can be and represent our club in the best possible way.

We introduced some new elements to our Junior program this season drawing on the expertise and experience of our Senior players and leaders around the club. We will aim to build on these ideas to ensure our "one-club" approach continues into the future.





The Cricket Blast program (Friday evenings) and Summer Holiday camps, with 180 attendees, were once again a great success. I'll repeat what I wrote last year – these programs are the envy of other clubs in our region. Thank you so much to the program leads and volunteers that deliver these popular programs with such enthusiasm.

Our season summary:

- 15 Mixed Teams
- 2 All Girls Teams
- 165 Junior players (+16 on last season)
- 44 new junior players to the club including 8 from BCC Cricket Blast
- 20 Coaches and 17 Team Managers
- 11 Juniors playing Senior cricket (7 debutants)
- 9 Representative players across U12 - U18 including state level
- 8 teams made Finals
- 2 teams made Grand Finals
- **2 Premiership winning teams (U12C & U14C)**

Junior Team Summaries

SECA Mixed Teams

Rookies: 5 teams

Coaches: Marcus Healy, Brett Anstey, Darren Baker, Andrew Holmes and Paul Follett

We had 5 Rookies teams for the first time this year and a total of 42 Rookies players. Of this 8 players came up from our Cricket Blast program and we had 12 new players to the club playing their first year of cricket. Three of our Rookies teams consisted mostly of second year players and this showed on the field with many dominant performances. Our teams of first year Rookies also showed outstanding growth and development to finish their seasons strongly.

What is most pleasing is to see the young players having a go and supporting one another. Our coaches and volunteer support crews (it takes a village) create such a great environment for our young players to thrive.

U12A: 1 team

Coach: Stephen Jones

This season we fielded a standalone U12A team which consisted of players coming together from the previous seasons U12B and U12C teams along with some new players to the club. Despite a season where wins were hard to come by the team were consistently competitive in what is typically a tough level of competition. The season may have panned out differently but for a couple of narrow losses at the start of the season and untimely weather interventions but the team stuck together, worked hard and played with great spirit until the end of the season. Thanks to coach Steve Jones and his team of keen support staff.

U12B: 1 team

Coach: Andrew Stadelmann

Our U12B team comprised a majority of second year U12 players with some new players to cricket. This is still a relatively young team and they were extremely competitive all season finishing third and competing in a Semi-Final against Hampton. Despite a narrow loss in the Semi-Final they can be very proud of their efforts. Coach Andrew has instilled a great



camaraderie within the group and they are such an enthusiastic, supportive and talented team. We can't wait to follow their cricket journey.

U12C: 2 teams

Coaches: Ravi Henderson (Sat U12C) and Michael Oakes (Sun U12C)

Once again we fielded 2 teams in the U12C SECA competition which reverted back to a one-day only format this season. For several players this was their first experience of hard ball cricket and they all did brilliantly.

Both teams had very competitive seasons with our Sunday team finishing top and winning their way through to a home Grand Final. A dominant display saw them bring home the trophy and for debut coach Michael this was a great reward for an outstanding season of development.



The Saturday team finished fourth for a Semi-Final against the top side and despite a great showing they fell just short. For many of this group it was their second year of U12's with many players having outstanding individual seasons and developing great friendships.

U14A: 1 team

Coach: Rohit Guliya (matchday) / George Gowler (training)

Once again we fielded an U14A team, half of which were players from last seasons team and several players coming up from the U12's along with some new players to the club. It was clear from the outset that we had a competitive team and it needed to be as every Home & Away fixture is a challenge in what is a very competitive grade.

To finish with a positive win-loss record and making Semi-Finals is great achievement and just reward for a group of talented players that work hard and really enjoy their cricket. The team challenged the eventual premiers in their Semi-Final but despite falling short should be super proud of a fantastic season. Big thanks to Senior player George Gowler and TM Rohit Guliya who took on the matchday coaching role.

U14B: 1 team

Coach: Alex Gerdan

Our U14B team welcomed a couple of new players but the majority of the team has played together for several seasons, and this is very evident in their mateship and extended family support.

This is probably our most even team with great individual performances spread across the group (eg. 5 players scored 50's across the H&A season). A strong season by the team saw the team finish fourth for a Semi Final but they ultimately fell short. The coach commented that despite strong individual performances the team has "never quite put it all together" so there's plenty of optimism for their cricket moving forward. It was also great to see a few of the group have their first taste of turf cricket in our U15B ISEC development squad.

U14C: 2 teams

Coaches: Rob Stark (U14-3) and Rob Loft (U14-4) / Joe Vaughan (Training coach)

We fielded two U14C teams this season with team Stark having a dominant season culminating in a top place finish, a nervy but defining Semi-Final win followed by a dominant home Grand Final success, a very deserving outcome. The coach pinpointed a narrow 1-run loss (their only



loss of the season) as a turning point for the group where they went to work on their fielding and players drove the standards whilst not losing sight of the fact it still needs to be fun.

Our other U14C team blended players from previous season U14's, U12's and new / returning players. Bringing players together can take time but coach Loft did an outstanding job with the group and it's a credit to the all the players, families and volunteers with the team playing their strongest cricket at the back end of the season and we can't wait to see the players/team go from strength to strength in future seasons.



U16C: 1 team

Coach: Alex Cruikshank (training) / James Morgan (TM / Matchday coach)

This was the second season in U16's for the majority of the team and with the group having played several seasons of cricket together we continue to see individuals developing their game. Some outstanding individual achievements and nail-biting wins propelled the team into finals and the Semi-Final was hard fought, but despite being on top for periods of the game the team fell short. Special shout out to Masum Patel who captained the team each week and showed great leadership throughout the season through good times and tough times. Several of the group also debuted in Senior cricket and we hope many continue their journey in the red and blue.

ISEC Sunday Turf team

U15B: 1 team

Coaches: Nathan Green (Matchday) / Tim Woodruff (Training / Development)

This season we did things a little differently with a real focus on player development through turf cricket experience. Tim Woodruff (2nd XI premiership player) and Junior Talent & Development (JTDL) came on board as a development coach and was a valuable mentor to the group. A squad of 17 players (12-15 years old) played and the team was consistently competitive with close matches (win and loss) against the eventual Grand Final sides. With 12 sides in the competition, and grading games counting toward ladder positions, making finals can be tough and the team finished 5th just 1/2 a game outside the finals places. But what we saw as the season developed was a real comradery within the playing group, supportive families and new friendships forming within the BCC community. To me this is what success looks like.

AGCC Girls

This season we had 2 teams play in the AGCC competition with a number of girls also playing in the mixed SECA and in Senior Women's cricket.

U14B: 1 team

*Coach: Stephen Collett (Matchday) / Bron Parry (Assisting)
Meg Cureton (Training) / Charlie Scudder (Training)*

A young side comprising most of our U12 Girls from last season (several girls were still U12 eligible) played their first year of U14 hardball cricket with great enthusiasm. In a strong 10 team T20 competition the team was always full of effort, support and smiles





and despite the win-loss record we saw plenty of player development from the group with 2 of the girls going on to play, and perform strongly, in our Senior Women's cricket sides. A couple of wins, including a strong win in the final round of the season, shows that there is plenty to work with in the group and we think the future is bright for many of these girls who are just at the beginning of their cricket journey.

U18A: 1 team

Joint team with Beaumaris

Coach: Adam Ryan (Beaumaris CC)

Once again former Bentleigh CC premiership player Adam Ryan coached the combined Bentleigh (4 players) & Beaumaris squad in the U18A T20 competition. Playing on Tuesday evenings continuity in the squad is a weekly challenge with Representative commitments (including National championships) but the team once again had a great season finishing second with an 8-2 record. A nail-biting Semi-Final loss was a disappointing end but this team represents an opportunity for girls playing high grade cricket in other competitions a chance to just go out and enjoy the game with their friends (often against friends in opposition sides) and the spirit shown, win or lose, is a great reminder about why we play the game.

Representative Cricket

The number of our talented players making Representative teams reinforces the great work that has gone into our Junior cricket programs and we congratulate all participants, we are proud of the way they represented our club and we saw some outstanding individual and team achievements within the Representative and State levels.

Player	Competition
Ishita Tiwari	U16 Victorian Metro Squad (U16 National Championships)
Anushka Mehta	U16 Victorian Metro Squad (U16 National Championships)
Riva Guliya	U16 Northern Territory Metro Squad (U16 National Championships)
Anushka Mehta	U15 Marg Jennings Cup
Falak Syeda	U15 Marg Jennings Cup
Aarisha Archaya	U12 VMCU - C Fatone Shield
Maya Marom-Lalla	U12 VMCU - C Fatone Shield
Ajay Wood	U17 VMCU - Jim Beitzel Shield
Neal Guliya	U14 VMCU - R Allen Shield
Nathan Shaw	U14 VMCU - R Allen Shield
Griffith Jones	U12 VMCU - K Mitchell Shield



Juniors playing Senior Cricket

This season we had 11 Juniors playing Senior Men's or Senior Women's cricket for Bentleigh CC with 6 players debuting in the red and blue. A special shout out to Mitchell Powell (still a Junior) who made his debut in the Men's 1st XI and received baggy blue cap #180 from former BCC President and Life Member David McNamara. Mitchell was a key contributor in the success of our 2nd XI premiership winning team earning promotion to CSB Division 2.



The Junior Committee along with Senior Coaches and Program leads made a conscious effort this season to increase the number of Juniors transitioning to Senior cricket and we did see progress in this area.



I'd like to thank Men's Coach Jason Jacoby, Women's Coach Alan Abraham, JTDL Tim Woodruff and all of those senior players in actively assisting and supporting our juniors at training and through matchdays to make their transition into senior cricket a memorable experience.

Furthermore, it's always a joy when we have Bentleigh CC juniors & parents gracing the same field on matchday, as we've seen with the McNamara's and other families over past seasons. This year we had Oliver McKay join dad James, Oliver Powell join dad Ross, Chloe Madigan join mum Bron and Luke Gill join dad Mark (technically the latter was called on for a one-off sub-fielding gig but it still counts).

A special shout out to our Juniors that welcomed the Men's 5th XI onto the field for Grand Final Day with a "Guard of Honour" and to junior players Mitchell Loft & Hudson Grima for their outstanding support of Senior cricket in Season 2025/26.

Their support culminated in the boys doing the coin toss for the Men's 5th XI Grand Final vs Bonbeach...and just for the record we won the toss and we won the Premiership – well done boys. Cricketers are superstitious types so we'll book you in for the coin toss next year.





Skills Development

Once again we offered opportunities for skills development for our Juniors at all age levels:

Demons Academy

A new initiative in 2025/26, driven by the program leads, coaches Jason Jacoby and Alan Abraham, and JTDL Tim Woodruff, saw ~16 players invited to participate in our Demons Academy consisting of 4 pre-season indoor sessions at the high performance centre and home of Victorian Cricket the CitiPower Centre. Invitees consisted of a mix of 'older' higher grade juniors along with our younger Senior players (essentially 15-21 year olds). Whilst the pre-season net sessions provided an opportunity to work on the technical aspects of the game the sessions also focused on why we play cricket and strategies to manage the mental side of the game. Programs such as these reinforce our Junior to Senior pathway for players that are eager to develop their cricket.

Specialist Skills Training

This season Juniors again benefitted from the experience and knowledge of Ben Seabrook (Men's 1st XI premiership captain). Ben attended Junior training sessions and provided skill development with the feedback again very positive.

Many families have also taken up the opportunity for private 1-1 sessions with Ben Seabrook and Women's 1st XI player Charlie Scudder and the club is lucky to benefit from the experience of these talented cricketers at our club.

Batting Masterclass

Returning from last season were the "Batting with Ben" Masterclass sessions focusing on the key pillars of batting – footwork, head position, scoring opportunities and positive stroke play. In total 27 players took up the opportunity and we ran 4 x 2-hour sessions in December and January.

Wicketkeeping Session

In March Senior Men's Coach Jason Jacoby ran a specialist wicket keeping session for 10 of our young keepers teaching the fundamentals of what is such a crucial team role, but sometimes overlooked in the junior coaching space. We appreciate Jacko's extensive expertise in this area, and this is something we will again look to build upon in Season 26/27.

Junior Cricket Camps

The Junior Summer Cricket Camps held over the December and January school holiday period were once again very popular with 180 registrations across the 6 sessions (9 days in total). Pleasingly the participation increased +15% on the previous year as we welcomed a number of new families from outside of our Junior program.

The 1-day and 2-day camps are always popular with our Blasters and younger Junior families so once again a big thank you to coordinator Ben Seabrook, assistance from Alex Cruikshank, administration from Natalie Powell and all of the support from our wonderful Senior and Junior players that helped to run the sessions keeping it fun yet meaningful to inspire the next generation of cricketers at Bentleigh CC.

Feedback / Welfare

We ran a round-table feedback session at season's end with Junior Coaches, Team Managers and Junior Committee. Thank you to all those that attended and for the constructive feedback.



The club continually looks for opportunities to develop skills, engagement and provide a positive environment for juniors at all levels and age groups and once again we will be working on ways to build upon and improve our program into Season 26/27. We welcome any ideas from within, or outside of the club, in support of our program moving forward.

We remain committed to the safety and welfare of our junior players and families during training, match days and social events. This also includes the diligent permission from all junior parents for photo use across our social and digital platforms and we thank all participants for their active cooperation. Thanks to Mark Gill (Child Safety Officer) and Natalie Powell for ensuring the club is delivering on our responsibilities in child welfare and support.

Our club, along with other sporting clubs and the wider community, were shocked at the tragic accident and passing of sports mad and talented cricketer Ben Austin, just doing what he loved. Our thoughts were with his family, friends and community as we paid tribute to Ben at Junior and Senior matches in November.

Milestone Games in 2025/26

Congratulations to **Daniel McNamara** on playing his **100th** game for Bentleigh this season (Juniors & Seniors).

Congratulations to the following players who reached the **50 games** milestone: Jed Russo, Will Whitley, August Dalidakis, Cooper Jones, Matthew Birkenleigh, Charlie Skinner, Charlie Gerdan, Sebastian Hatting, Thomas Morgan and Maya Marom-Lalla.

As a new initiative this season we presented milestone players (50 games / 100 games) medallions at the Junior Presentation Night. We hope all these players play many more games for the mighty red & blue.

Social Events

Junior social events were well attended throughout the season including the whole of club season launch (Arthur St Clubrooms) and the end of year BBQ complete with a “not such a big surprise” visit from Santa. And the biggest event of all was our Junior Presentation / Awards night in March wrapping up our biggest ever Junior year at Bentleigh CC. *See Awards below for further details.*

Thank you to Senior Coaches Jason Jacoby and Alan Abraham for attending the Junior Presentation Night and presenting our Junior Team of the Year. Your attendance and support is testament to our one club culture.

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers at each social event, the Bentleigh family is certainly strong and we value the support of the Junior program from our Executive & General Committee, senior players, junior players, parents, siblings and other volunteers. A massive thanks to the BBQ team on Presentation Night who surpassed last season’s record shift with another outstanding BBQ performance enjoyed by our families.

Awards / Congratulations

Congratulations to **Yashwant Singh** as the **Season 2025/26 Junior Club Champion**. Yashwant had an outstanding season in U14A and took home a number of SECA Awards in addition to our club champion award. Congratulations also to our Junior Team of the Year (page 51).



Craig "Harry" Robinson Scholarship

A new initiative, announced on Junior Presentation Night, was the Craig "Harry" Robinson Scholarship. Named in honour of a Bentleigh CC Life Member who revitalised our Junior program in the early 2000's, the Craig "Harry" Robinson Scholarship was, and will annually be, awarded to two (2) Junior player(s) who;

- *are transitioning into Men's and Women's Senior cricket, and*
- *have shown growth in their effort, willingness to learn and grow their cricket ability and performance throughout the year, and*
- *have attended senior training, played senior cricket (minimum 2 games) and shown a desire to continue playing senior cricket at Bentleigh CC, and*
- *demonstrate the clubs values through their actions.*



We were delighted to have Craig and family in attendance to present the award to **Luke Gill** and **Chloe Madigan**. Congratulations to these two very worthy recipients who have shown great attitude and commitment to their Junior cricket and transition into the Senior programs.

Tim Woodruff (JTDL) provided a great introduction of Craig's contribution to Bentleigh CC and the Junior program on the night. Thanks Tim, and other Senior players/Committee, for advocating this new initiative. These types of acknowledgements, beyond runs and wickets, reinforce the importance of club values and club culture, past and present.

I'd also like to acknowledge the earlier work put in by former Junior Coordinator Jeff Forstner and Natalie Powell in establishing the foundation of this new scholarship.

Sponsors

A big thank you to our Junior program sponsors **Gary Peer Real Estate** and **Bentleigh RSL** for another season of support. We greatly appreciate your investment in community sport and supporting our club and families. Your support is crucial in assisting us deliver the best possible Junior program we can.

Junior Committee 2025/26

I'd like to thank each of the volunteers who dedicated their time to ensure we can deliver the best possible program in Season 2025/26:

Junior Coordinator	Nathan Green
Junior Secretary / Child Safety Officer (CSO)	Mark Gill
Junior Talent & Development Liaison (JTDL)	Tim Woodruff
Communications & Marketing	Natalie Powell
Merchandise & Apparel / Social Events	Renee Leighton



I would also like to acknowledge the work of Tim Woodruff, in his junior development role the past 2 seasons, who leaves to take up a Senior Coaching position (best of luck) and Maddy Jansz who stepped down from her role as Girls Coordinator prior to this season. Maddy's work through 24/25 included coaching the U12 Girls and her commitment was highly valued and appreciated. Thanks Tim and Maddy.

Also a big thank you to the amazing Trish Jeffery who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes on marketing & communications supporting our Blasters, Juniors, Seniors Men's, Senior Women's and All Abilities programs.

Bentleigh CC is a family focused community club and thrives because of the great people and families that we have, our members. This is your club and if you would like to have a say in the future of our club then please reach out and discuss a role in our Junior Committee or other volunteer opportunities.

Thanks to the President Jon Raju and the Executive for their support this season. With extensive programs including Men's & Women's cricket, All Abilities, Cricket Blast and Holiday Programs the Executive and General Committee are acutely aware of the importance of a successful Junior program and remain committed to ensuring a strong foundation from which great cricket clubs thrive.

Finally another big thank you to all the players, parents and families that uphold the values of the Bentleigh Cricket Club and maintain our strong standing in community sport and within our local community. Let's all continue the great work into season 26/27 and beyond.

Nathan Green

Junior Coordinator



U14C Premiers (Coach Rob Stark)



U12C Premiers (Coach Michael Oakes)



Junior Leadership Group 2025/26

Junior Coordinator:	Nathan Green
Junior Secretary:	Mark Gill
Junior Development Pathway Mentor	Tim Woodruff
Junior Communications	Natalie Powell
Junior Merchandise, Apparel & Socials	Renee Leighton
All Abilities Coordinator	Trish Jeffery
Blasters Coordinator	Lachlan Hutchison

AGCC Under 18 Coach:	Adam Ryan (Beaumaris)
Under 16-1 Coach:	Alex Cruickshank
Under 15 Coach	Nathan Green/Tim Woodruff
Under 14-1 Coach	Rohit Guliya/George Gowler
Under 14-2 Coach:	Alex Gerdan
Under 14-3 Coach:	Rob Stark
Under 14-4 Coach:	Rob Loft/Joe Vaughan
AGCC Under 14 Coach:	Stephen Collett/Meg Cureton/Charlie Scudder
Under 12-1 Saturday Coach:	Stephen Jones
Under 12-1 Sunday Coach:	Andrew Stadelmann
Under 12-2 Saturday Coach:	Ravi Henderson
Under 12-2 Sunday Coach:	Michael Oakes
Rookies 1 Saturday Coach:	Paul Follett
Rookies 1 – Sunday Coach:	Marcus Healy
Rookies 2 – Sunday Coach:	Brett Anstey
Rookies 3 – Sunday Coach:	Darren Baker
Rookies 4 – Sunday Coach:	Andrew Holmes



Junior Team of the Year 2025/26

The Junior Team of the Year honours was created in season 2012/13 and acknowledges performance by junior players in the applicable season. Inclusion is based on individual performance, team make-up, and generally equal selection numbers across junior team age groups.

Name	Team	Selection
Nathan Shaw	U15B	Batter
August Nichols	U12B	Batter
Anushka Mehta (VC)	U18 Girls	Batter
Oscar Stark	U14C	Batter
Yashwant Singh	U14A	All Rounder
Leo Hopley	U12C	All Rounder
Griffith Jones	U12A	All Rounder
William Murchison	U14B	All Rounder
Matthew Birkenleigh	U16C	Wicketkeeper
Charlie Deutsch-Burley	U14C	Bowler
Maya Marom Lalla	U12C	Bowler
Masum Patel	U16C	Bowler



All Abilities Report

What an incredible 5th season we've had in our All Abilities program!

Throughout the season, our participants have continued to develop their catching, bowling and batting skills, while embracing new challenges each week as we've "levelled up" our activities. The progress they've made and the confidence they've gained has been truly inspirational.



We've also been introducing game-play scenarios to help participants experience what it's like to play an actual match. Our structured sessions are designed to help everyone get the most out of every activity, while having plenty of fun and celebrating every individual achievement along the way.

What makes this program so special is the positive impact it has not only on our participants and their families, but on Bentleigh Cricket Club as a whole. It reflects the welcoming, inclusive and community-focused culture that our club is so proud of. Through our All Abilities program, we're creating opportunities for everyone to experience the joy of cricket, build friendships, develop confidence and feel like they truly belong. It's a program that enriches our entire club and demonstrates that cricket really is a game for everyone.

A huge thank you goes to our five amazing young mentors – Andrew, Juliet, Bailey, Molly and Jasper. They have been an integral part of delivering the program each week, and it has been wonderful to watch the strong bonds they've built with our participants. Their patience, kindness and teamwork make such a positive impact, and this program simply couldn't run without them.

We're also incredibly grateful to our dedicated volunteers – Marina, Drew, Jodie, Bron, Chloe, Sophie, Louis and Wes – for generously giving their time and helping make each session such a success. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community.

The weekly highlights always included singing the club song, enjoying Zooper Doopers and a sausage at the end of each session, and of course, smashing cricket balls around was everyone's favourite activity!

We wrapped up the season with our much-anticipated Pizza and Presentation Night, where we celebrated each participant's individual achievements and enjoyed spending time together as a group.



A special thank you to Em Shepard for helping create our All Abilities program and for continuing to support it each season. Your passion and commitment have helped shape the program into what it is today.

Thankyou also to Vic Health and Select Advice Finance for continued financial support.

We can't wait to see everyone back next season!

Trish Jeffery

All Abilities Coordinator





Cricket Blast Report

Once again, our Blaster's program has been an absolute highlight for the year as it continues to be a key pathway for the introduction of juniors into our cricket club. We grew our participants up to 92 as we again split our participants into Junior and Master Blaster groups.

The Junior Blasters group saw us focus on learning the fundamental skills of the game and building team skills while Master Blasters sees the Blasters play modified mini games in a format that aims to prepare our juniors for rookies and further cricket ahead while also building other key social skills and having a great time while doing it.

The energy around the program and the whole club every Friday is electric as we share the oval with the All-Abilities program, women's training as we have some tunes pumping and of course a few snags sizzling away! It's terrific to see so many balls

Of course, none of the above is possible without the help of every person who volunteers each week. We have been incredibly lucky for a number of years to have the program guided by highly skilled coaches and players, and this year were led by George, Alex and Joe with plenty of help from Ollie along the way. The help from both the women's and men's players who volunteer each week, as well as parents and those who step up and help with running the bar, cooking the BBQ and all the other tasks both big and small is fundamental to being able to keep the program running smoothly and successfully so to everyone who has helped a massive thank you!

We are already planning for the year ahead so I look forward to welcoming both new and returning Blasters to all the fun that come with a season of Blasters!



Lachy Hutchison

Blast Coordinator





Junior Award Winners 2025/26

Junior Club Champion	
Roy Krygger Trophy	Yashwant Singh



AGCC U18		
Batting	Anushka Mehta	279 runs @ 69.75
Bowling	Falak Syeda	6 wickets @ 15.65
U16 1		
Batting	Matthew Birkenleigh	151 runs @ 30.2
Bowling	Masum Patel	16 wickets @ 8.19
Fielding	Jed Russo	
Most improved	Sorya Kiran	
Coaches Award	Luke Gill	
Player of the Finals	Thomas Morgan	
U15		
Batting	Nathan Shaw	355 runs @ 88.75
Bowling	Oliver Powell	7 wickets @ 7.43
Fielding	Beau Green	
Most improved	Charlie Deutsch-Burley	
Coaches Award	Max O'Brien	
U14 1		
Batting	Yashwant Singh	369 runs @ 73.80
Bowling	Yashwant Singh	15 wickets @ 9.00
Fielding	Max O'Brien	
Most improved	Vince Shah	
Coaches Award	Arnav Patel	
Player of the Finals	Anirudh Shashikiran	

U14 2		
Batting	Charlie Gerdan	197 runs @ 39.40
Bowling	Jonty Bhujoharry	11 wickets @ 10.36
Fielding	Harry Nailon	
Most improved	William Murchison	
Coaches Award	Lenny Nunn	
Player of the Finals	Harry Nailon	
U14 3		
Batting	Oscar Stark	251 runs @ 62.75
Bowling	Charlie Deutsch-Burley	13 wickets @ 5.54
Fielding	Leo Tarulli	
Most improved	Neil Sonurkar	
Coaches Award	Vidit Dhole	
Player of the Finals	Sid Nandigam	
U14 4		
Batting	Hudson Grima	108 runs @ 36.00
Bowling	Siddharth Basa	6 wickets @ 6.50
Fielding	Charlie Skinner	
Most improved	Jed Benton	
Coaches Award	Lucca Comito	
AGCC U14		
Batting	Charlotte Collett	171 runs @ 28.50
Bowling	Maya Marom-Lalla	8 wickets @ 15.13
Fielding	Maayra Upreti	
Most improved	Tanishq Menon	
Coaches Award	Arini Dutta	



U12 1 Saturday		
Batting	Oliver Croxford	145 runs @ 24.17
Bowling	Griffith Jones	12 wickets @ 8.33
Fielding	Dawood Imran	
Most improved	Aarush Gautham Jain	
Coaches Award	Oscar Forbes	
U12 1 Sunday		
Batting	August Nichols	151 runs @ 50.33
Bowling	James Stadelmann	8 wickets @ 6.00
Fielding	Jax Crothers	
Most improved	Ashton Milhalos	
Coaches Award	Jack Burgess	
Player of the Finals	Ben Stuart	
U12 2 Saturday		
Batting	Hudson Partridge	170 runs @ 21.25
Bowling	Maya Marom-Lalla	19 wickets @ 4.26
Fielding	Xavier Silom	
Most improved	Gabriel Henderson	
Coaches Award	Dhruv Bhosale	
Player of the Finals	Lachlan Gough	
U12 2 Sunday		
Batting	George Mossop	151 runs @ 50.33
Bowling	Leo Hopley	8 wickets @ 8.25
Fielding	Flynn Rohrer	
Most improved	Tommy Oakes	
Coaches Award	Frankie Voukelatos	
Player of the Finals	Flynn Rohrer	

ROOKIES 1 Saturday		
Batting	Darcy Follett	
Bowling	Elijah Alagaratnam	
Fielding	Shaylan Singh	
Most improved	Charles Deutscher	
Coaches Award	Samuel Freeman	
ROOKIES 1 Sunday		
Batting	Thomas Healy	
Bowling	Jack Logan	
Fielding	Lachlan Graham	
Most improved	Harvey Simms	
Coaches Award	Archie Mullett	
ROOKIES Sunday		
Batting	Edward Gouin	
Bowling	Kiyaan Nadesan	
Fielding	Clark Komen	
Most improved	Miles Komen	
Coaches Award	Samir Singh	
ROOKIES 3 Sunday		
Batting	Eddie Williams	
Bowling	James Wood	
Fielding	Francis Baker	
Most improved	Ollie Cranefield	
Coaches Award	Jack Creffield	
ROOKIES 4 Sunday		
Batting	Fletcher Holmes	
Bowling	Jethro de Reuck	
Fielding	Alexander O'Reilly	
Most improved	Raahyl Patel	
Coaches Award	Louis Park	



Family News

For over 115 years BCC has had a long history of being a family club. To that end, we love to celebrate our family's news. If you have any news that you would like to share with the club, whether it be good or sad, please pass on to the Secretary for wider distribution, and allow our past and present family to celebrate with you.

Engagement/Wedding

Congratulations to **Adam Rodda** who got engaged to **Mady** during the season and then surprised everyone at the engagement party with a wedding. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Rodda on a wonderful day.



Wedding

Congratulations to 2nd XI Premiership Captain **Alan Glenton** who was married to long time partner **Sophie** two weeks after hoisting the Premiership Cup on 11th April at the Glaushaus Inside in Cremorne. Wishing the happy couple a wonderful time together.



Wedding

Congratulations to Women's 1st XI captain **Becki McWhinnie** who was married to partner **Tom** on February 26th in Wilsons Prom (in between Semi-Final and Grand Final games!)



Baby

Congratulations to new player **Michael Varga**, who not only immersed himself in the club after joining half way through the season, but also on the safe arrival of his and Elle's, baby daughter, **Winter Liora Varga**, on 25th March 2026. Dad has already started teaching her the art of leg spin bowling.





Historical Club Honours and Awards

Roger Kellar Award presenting the Coseley Trophy Honours

The Roger Kellar Award for Best Club Person is known as the Coseley Trophy and is awarded at the end of each season.

1959/60	W.L. Foley
1960/61	E. Sorrell
1961/62	P. Robertson
1962/63	K. Crook
1963/64	K. Crook
1964/65	K. Crook
1965/66	S. Dexter
1966/67	G. Webb
1967/68	R. Laird
1968/69	E. Thomas
1969/70	B. Allison
1970/71	D. Grace
1971/72	A. Newstead
1972/73	N. Glass
1973/74	E. Gaskin
1974/75	A. Austin
1975/76	G. Young
1976/77	J. Paine
1977/78	P. Kemp
1978/79	R. Connell
1979/80	G. McInnes
1980/81	J. Rogers
1981/82	J. Scriven
1982/83	G. McPhee
1983/84	G. McInnes
1984/85	S. Morgan
1985/86	Ms. D. Semple
1986/87	R. Hogan
1987/88	D. Ward
1988/89	Mrs L. Crane
1989/90	R. Connell

1990/91	R. Kellar
1991/92	J. Rogers
1992/93	W. Stylianou
1993/94	M. Rogers
1994/95	R. Kellar
1995/96	B. Sherwood
1996/97	G. McInnes
1997/98	A. McInnes
1998/99	G. McInnes
1999/2000	A. Rogers
2000/01	A. Todd
2001/02	R. Kellar
2002/03	A. Taylor
2003/04	M. Thorp
2004/05	M. Thorp
2005/06	L. Jones
2006/07	R. Borowski
2007/08	L. Jones
2008/09	P. Glew
2009/10	P. Ciccarella
2010/11	R. Keyt & R. Kellar
2011/12	S. McGinness
2012/13	P. Ciccarella
2013/14	R. Keyt & W. Lim
2014/15	R. Keyt
2015/16	M.J. Foot
2016/17	R. Kellar
2017/18	R. Kellar
2018/19	R. Kellar & M.J. Foot
2019/20	J. Abraham
2020/21	T. Jeffery

2021/22	J. Forstner
2022/23	Jo. Raju
2023/24	N. Powell
2024/25	L. Hutchison
2025/26	N Green





Bentleigh Blue Honours - Mens

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1	BCC (Reserved)	33	Michael JACKSON (snr)		65	Jeff KEYT	2002/03
2	Ronald LAIRD	34	Adrian JOHNSTONE		66	Paul CICCARELLA	2002/03
3	William (Bill) GRANT	35	Stuart JOHNSTONE		67	Robert CICCARELLA	2002/03
4	Sam DEXTER	36	Stephen PEAKE		68	Paul KEELAN	2002/03
5	Tim DOLAN	37	Jon RAJU		69	James ROBINSON	2003/04
6	John LORKIN	38	Anthony ROGERS		70	Chris SEISUN	2003/04
7	Frank POWER	39	Damien SCALES		71	Robert BOROWSKI	2003/04
8	Robert (Bob) RIDDLE	40	Craig WILLIAMS		72	Michael RIACH	2004/05
9	Peter ROBERTSON	41	Paul CHERNIKEEFF		73	Daniel BROADHURST	2004/05
10	Alan SOUTER	42	Matthew CHERNIKEEFF		74	Troy GILL	2004/05
11	Les WARREN	43	Arthur KARZIS		75	Daniel CLARKE	2004/05
12	Ian WATSON	44	Craig KERNICK		76	Ben TAIT	2004/05
13	George YOUNG	45	Glen LEHNER		77	David MCNAMARA	2005/06
14	Mick ALLINSON	46	Gerard MCBURNEY		78	Scott DOLE	2005/06
15	Stephen DE NIESE	47	Adrian MCINNES		79	Paul EVANS	2006/07
16	Bruce DUPEROUZEL	48	Wayne PICKERING		80	Ben RUSSELL	2006/07
17	Eddie GASKIN	49	Andrew POWELL		81	Fahd AHMED	2006/07
18	Ken OSBORNE	50	James RAJU	1993/94*	82	John ABBOTT	2007/08
19	Russell PERIERA	51	Cameron GREENHILL	1995/96*	83	Lucas JONES	2007/08
20	Terry ALLINSON	52	Jerome CASPERSZ	1996/97*	84	Brendan FERREIRA	2007/08
21	Graham BARTHOLOMEUSZ	53	Justin CASPERSZ	1998/99*	85	James COLE	2008/09
22	David DRESSING	54	Craig ROBINSON	1998/99*	86	Julian ROBERTS	2008/09
23	Geoff TAMBLYN	55	Jason JACOBY	2000/01	87	Darren FARAMUS	2008/09
24	Russell KEYT	56	Paul NAGEL	2000/01	88	Eli HAYES	2008/09
25	Kevin BARTHOLOMEW	57	Tim KELEHER	2001/02	89	Aaron TODD	2008/09
26	Rohan EISHOLD	58	Ashley GILBERT	2001/02	90	Peter ROACH (c)	2009/10
27	Steve HAMILTON	59	Robert MOTT	2001/02	91	Chris HILL	2009/10
28	Jeremy KEYT	60	Russell ASHEN	2001/02	92	Chris STREET	2009/10
29	Mick LA'BROOY	61	James ROBERTSON	2001/02	93	Alex CARAVELAS	2009/10
30	Robert OEHM	62	Paul NEWTON	2002/03	94	Clint HENDRY	2009/10
31	Bruce SHERWOOD	63	Ravi UNANTENNE	2002/03	95	Sese BAU	2010/11
32	Bruce ROSCROW	64	Adam TAYLOR	2002/03	96	Rarua DIKANA	2010/11



97	Adam RYAN (c)	2011/12
98	Paul SUMMERSKILL	2011/12
99	Dave GELBART	2011/12
100	Aaron VAN STADEN	2011/12
101	Dillon D'SILVA	2011/12
102	Tom ROLPH	2012/13
103	Stephen LUCAS	2012/13
104	Ben ALLCOCK	2012/13
105	Michael KEYT	2012/13
106	James LEATHER	2012/13
107	Richard LEATHER	2012/13
108	James CORBETT	2012/13
109	Greg TODD	2013/14
110	Bevan GRIGGS	2013/14
111	Thanuja MUDIYANSELA	2013/14
112	Tom SEPHTON	2013/14
113	Chris WILLIAMS	2013/14
114	Roshan LIVERIA	2014/15
115	Alex ROBERTS	2014/15
116	Ryan MADDOCK	2014/15
117	Shawn FINDLAY	2015/16
118	Laren GUTHRIE	2015/16
119	Tom MEREDITH	2015/16
120	Vibhor YADAV	2015/16
121	Martyn CLEMENTS	2015/16
122	Morgan FOOT	2015/16
123	Alan GLENTON	2015/16
124	Simon ANDREWS	2016/17
125	James BADROCK	2016/17
126	Jarrold DOWLING	2016/17
127	Michael JENNINGS	2016/17
128	Tim MULLANE	2016/17
129	Adam RODDA	2016/17
130	Andrew KING	2016/17
131	Samuel MOUZAKIS	2017/18
132	Josh ARKSEY	2017/18

133	Daniel RICHARDSON	2017/18
134	Mitchell SPENCER	2017/18
135	Andrew J WALKER	2017/18
136	Shane JEFFREE	2017/18
137	Archie STROUD	2017/18
138	Michael LEVY	2018/19
139	Vishva WEERAKOON	2018/19
140	Ruwantha EKANAYAKE	2018/19
141	Matt STONIER	2018/19
142	Coenie NEL	2018/19
143	Mark SCHNIDER	2018/19
144	Steven BOOTH	2018/19
145	Tully FOOT	2018/19
146	Ollie BOCKING	2019/20
147	Brendan DREW	2019/20
148	Samuel JOHNSTON	2019/20
149	Thilan THUSHARA	2019/20
150	Max HOWELLS	2019/20
151	Nalin VIMUKTHI	2019/20
152	Freddie HORLER	2019/20
153	Alan ABRAHAM	2020/21
154	Kyle BROOKE	2020/21
155	Gregory BUCKLEY	2020/21
156	Om SATIJA	2021/22
157	Luke MOTT	2021/22
158	Jake LA'BROOY	2021/22
159	William COLLINS	2021/22
160	Jermaine LEVY	2022/23
161	Chamindu MATHRA	2022/23
162	Ben SEABROOK	2022/23
163	William BLITZ	2022/23
164	Joshua CANTRELL	2023/24
165	Matthew CHASEMORE	2023/24
166	Benjamin BROOKS	2023/24
167	Michael HENDERSON	2023/24
168	Jacob APTED	2024/25

169	Nicholas CRITCHLEY	2024/25
170	Alex CRUICKSHANK	2024/25
171	Joshua MURPHY	2024/25
172	Hunter WOODRUFF	2024/25
173	Joe VAUGHAN	2024/25
174	Bimal SHAH	2024/25
175	Harrison BARNES	2024/25
176	Luke MCGINNESS	2024/25
177	Abie SHARMA	2025/26
178	George GOWLER	2025/26
179	Myles WOOD	2025/26
180	Mitchell POWELL	2025/26
181	Chris McARTHUR	2025/26



Bentleigh Blue Honours - Womens

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1	BCC (Reserved)	
2	KEYT Family	
3	ROBINSON Family	
4	KEMP Family	
5	Trish JEFFERY	2021/22
6	Sarah MULLANE	2021/22
7	Caitlin SEXTON	2021/22
8	Louise ADAMS	2021/22
9	Shreenu BHASKAR	2021/22
10	Kim KENNEDY	2021/22
11	Carol HANDTKE	2021/22
12	Bron PARRY	2021/22
13	Reyce MACTIER	2021/22
14	Kellie RUNCIMAN	2021/22
15	Caz ELLUL	2021/22
16	Kristie MCNAMARA	2021/22
17	Stephanie HESTER	2021/22
18	Adriana ROTONDI	2021/22
19	Maddy JANSZ	2021/22
20	Kim HAZENDONK	2021/22
21	Jess BONHAM	2022/23
22	Frankie SHEPARD	2022/23
23	Amelia HART	2022/23
24	Ishita TIWARI	2022/23
25	Leanne SUGDEN	2022/23
26	Becki McWHINNIE	2023/24
27	Rebecca FONTANA	2023/24
28	Jodie WRIGHT	2023/24
29	Sophie BARBER	2023/24
30	Hollie LURIE	2023/24
31	Chloe VUONG	2023/24
32	Kerrie PLANT	2023/24

33	Ritisha KANURI	2023/24
34	Emma FORDYCE	2024/25
35	Jaqui O'DONOHUE	2024/25
36	Charlie SCUDDER	2024/25
37	Lily SCUDDER	2024/25
38	Emily SELWOOD	2024/25
39	Georgia WYNNE-JONES	2024/25
40	Katherine GOURLEY	2024/25
41	Falak SYEDA	2024/25
42	Megan CURETON	2025/26
43	Ellie CAMPBELL	2025/26
44	Chelsea WEARNE	2025/26
45	Rowen HULL	2025/26
46	Maaya QUINN	2025/26



RGL Award

The RGL Award (named after Ronald George Laird), is awarded to the **best 1st XI player** in that season as voted by 1st XI players and officials.

1984/85	B. Sherwood
1985/86	B. Sherwood
1986/87	B. Sherwood
1987/88	R. Laird
1988/89	M. La'Brooy
1989/90	M. La'Brooy
1990/91	A. Ryan
1991/92	B. Roscrow
1992/93	B. Roscrow
1993/94	B. Roscrow
1994/95	K. Bartholomew
1995/96	Jo. Raju
1996/97	M. La'Brooy
1997/98	A. McInnes
1998/99	A. McInnes
1999/2000	W. Pickering
2000/01	A. McInnes
2001/02	A. Gilbert
2002/03	W. Pickering
2003/04	A. McInnes
2004/05	J. Robertson
2005/06	A. McInnes
2006/07	A. McInnes
2007/08	P. Evans & M. Riach
2008/09	A. McInnes

2009/10	C. Street
2010/11	P. Roach
2011/12	C. Street
2012/13	C. Street
2013/14	G. Todd
2014/15	C. Williams
2015/16	S. Findlay
2016/17	S. Andrews
2017/18	M. Spencer
2018/19	R. Ekanayake
2019/20	J. Dowling
2020/21	B. Drew
2021/22	G. Buckley
2022/23	B. Seabrook
2023/24	J. Cantrell
2024/25	B. Seabrook
2025/26	M. Chasemore





Ron McLeod Award

The Ron McLeod Award is awarded to the **best 2nd XI player** in that season, as voted by the 2nd XI players and officials.

2001/02	A. Taylor
2002/03	M. Goodwin
2003/04	T. Roger
2004/05	B. Russell
2005/06	D. Clarke
2006/07	G. McBurney
2007/08	B. Russell
2008/09	L. Jones
2009/10	L. Jones
2010/11	D. Clarke
2011/12	L. Jones
2012/13	B. Allcock
2013/14	M. Keyt
2014/15	R. Mott
2015/16	P. Ciccarella & A. Patel
2016/17	T. Gill
2017/18	S. Booth
2018/19	M. Clements
2019/20	M. Stonier
2020/21	M. Stonier, M. Shnider, S. Booth
2021/22	S. Booth
2022/23	A. McInnes

2023/24	C. Quarrell
2024/25	J. Vaughan
2025/26	J. Vaughan





John Rogers Award

The John Rogers Award is awarded to the **best 3rd XI player** in that year as voted by 3rd XI players and officials.

1996/97	C. Kellar
1997/98	B. Russell
1998/99	R. Borowski
1999/2000	A. Taylor
2000/01	F. Jansz
2001/02	B. Munro
2002/03	K. Griffiths
2003/04	L. Jones
2004/05	A. Van Staden
2005/06	G. Meier
2006/07	J. Lane
2007/08	S. McGinness
2008/09	S. Singh
2009/10	M. Walsh
2010/11	S. Sayeed
2011/12	T. Gill & D. Velleman
2012/13	M. Anderson
2013/14	A. Van Staden
2014/15	A. Patel
2015/16	R. Clancy
2016/17	M. K. Foot
2017/18	A. Grove
2018/19	D. McNamara
2019/20	D. McNamara
2020/21	L. Radchenko

2021/22	D. McNamara
2022/23	J. Bartlett
2023/24	T. Mullane
2024/25	J. Bartlett
2025/26	L. Hutchison





Raju Award

The Roger Kellar Award was renamed the Raju Award in 2022/23 to acknowledge the amazing contribution of the Raju family over a long time at the club and is awarded to the **best 4th XI player** in that season, as voted by the 4th XI players and officials.

2006/07	A. Awati
2007/08	P. Newton
2008/09	J. Bhatia
2009/10	J. Heagney-Stear
2010/11	M. Walsh
2011/12	S. McGinness
2012/13	S. McGinness
2013/14	S. McGinness
2014/15	D. McNamara
2015/16	D. McNamara
2016/17	J. Forster
2017/18	D. Mullane
2018/19	L. Hutchison
2019/20	M. Foot
2020/21	J. Abraham
2021/22	J. Abraham
2022/23	C. Meister
2023/24	A. Mehta
2024/25	L. Hutchison
2025/26	J. Abraham



MVP 5th XI Award

This Award is awarded to the **best 5th XI player** in that season, as voted by the Club XI players and officials.

2015/16	S. Patel
2016/17	No award
2017/18	T. Foot
2018/19	No Award
2019/20	R. Mikosza
2020/21	J. Forster (Red) S. Collett (Blue)
2021/22	L. McGinness
2022/23	N. Green
2023/24	C. McKay
2024/25	J. Forster
2025/26	J. McKay





R & J Keyt Award

The R & J Keyt Award is awarded to the best Women's 1st XI player in that season, as voted by the 1st XI players and officials. The award, first presented in the 2018/19 season was named after Russell and Jackie Keyt in the 2022/23 season.

2018/19	T. Jeffery
2019/20	L. Adams
2020/21	L. Adams
2021/22	L. Adams
2022/23	B. Parry
2023/24	L. Adams & B. McWhinnie
2024/25	L. Scudder
2025/26	M. Quinn



Women's XI MVP Awards

The Women's XI MVP Award is awarded to the **best Women's XI player** in that season, as voted by the Women's XI players and officials, and was first awarded in 2020/21 for lower XI's.

	2 nd XI	3 rd XI	4 th XI
2020/21	K. Hazendonk (Blue)		
2021/22	J. Bonham		
2022/23	J. Wright	Md. Jansz	
2023/24	K. Plant	L. Sugden	V. Mag
2024/25	K. Plant	M. Spurling	V. Mag
2025/26	S. Mullane	C. Weeks	N. Booth



Adrian McInnes Award

The Adrian McInnes Award was introduced in season 2009/2010 and is awarded to the **best male Under 18 player to play in a senior team.**

2009/10	A. Glenton
2010/11	J. Lim
2011/12	M. Clements
2012/13	M. Keyt
2013/14	L. Johnstone
2014/15	S. Mouzakis
2015/16	J. Evans
2016/17	T. Mullane
2017/18	T. Mullane
2018/19	T. Foot
2019/20	T. Foot
2020/21	A. Abraham & T. Foot
2021/22	N. Stein
2022/23	N. Stein
2023/24	W. Blitz
2024/25	M. Powell
2025/26	M. Powell

U18 Girl Playing Senior Cricket Award

This award was introduced in season 2022/23 and is awarded to the **best female Under 18 player to play in a senior team.**

2022/23	F. Shepard
2023/24	F. Shepard
2024/25	M. Andrews-Dodds
2025/26	M. Andrews-Dodds

