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## Season 2023/2024 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Report

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Senior Division Premiers

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## Bentleigh Cricket Club - Our Profile

**Bentleigh Cricket Club was established in August 1909 and in season 2023/2024, we celebrated our 115<sup>th</sup> 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, a newly formed u15 side playing in the ISEC competition, along with an u17 side that combined with Murrumbena, and three girls team 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, Centenary Park (and McKinnon Reserve when it was out of action), 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 110 years.**





## Executive and General Committee 2023/24

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

<b>President</b>	Jonathan Raju
<b>Vice President</b>	Alex Caravellas
<b>Secretary</b>	Jason Abraham
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Ciccarella
<b>Junior Coordinator</b>	Jeff Forstner
<b>Women's Coordinator</b>	Jaqui O'Donohoe

### General Committee

Natalie Powell  
 Alan Glenton  
 Trish Jeffery  
 Louise Adams  
 Winnie Lim  
 Lachlan Hutchison  
 Emily Shepard  
 Roger Kellar

## 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 2023/24 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, Emily Beventyre for her ongoing support.*

**Thankyou also to our sponsors noted on the following page.**



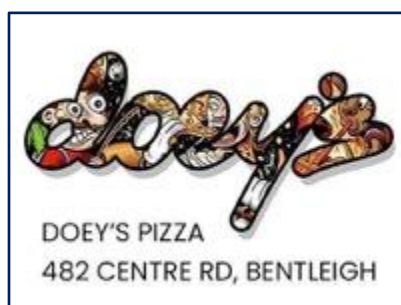
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The club is grateful to have had the support of the following sponsors for season 2023/24.





## 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		
1954 - 55	Owen Hollowood	1987 - 88	Steve Morgan		



## President's Report



On behalf of the Club's Committee and Executive, it gives me great pleasure to present this year's Annual report for the Bentleigh Cricket Club.

Thank you to all our contributors, and to Jason and Paul who have formal accountabilities and reports required, as key stakeholders.

The following reports from each of our heads will delve deeper into their programs, hence my comments are general and hope to be non-repetitive.

Our Club is growing bigger every season. With nine senior teams, 16 junior teams including 4 junior girls teams, Blasters and All Abilities programs, we have over 390 registered player, 750 email subscribers and over 2,800 social followers.

With more players and members than ever, a healthy, well managed bank balance, facilities to be proud of, and development programs for all levels, the Bentleigh Cricket Club is the benchmark of a community sporting club in our area, and I'd like to think more broadly. However, we are not resting on our laurels. This season saw significant investment in assets to make our Club an even better fit for our members with a view to the future. New investment in our clubrooms included new blue and red chairs, and significantly upgraded NBN/Wi-Fi capability, futureproofing for the ever-increasing technology needs of the Club and our members. We are also working with Council on new/upgraded training facilities at Arthur Street and new storage facilities at Bignell Road. More on these to come.

Importantly, taking all the above into account, the Club is a business, and has responsibilities to all members, governing bodies and the community. Our new investment means that we have operated at small loss for 2023/24. However, we have done this whilst easily fulfilling all commitments. Our Treasurer's report will provide more details on our financial health.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors, including our major sponsor the Bentleigh RSL, and our Premium Sponsors R&N Building Services, Woodards Bentleigh, Nick Staikos, Bayside Companion Dog School and Select Advice Finance. The importance of our sponsors' contribution to our Club is vital and cannot be understated.

As my first year as President (second time around), it was amazing to see just how cohesive and collaborative our Club is, not only on the field but off. This is obviously due to a lot of hard work and effort by many people over several years.

A key contributor to this effort is our most recent past-President, David McNamara. His time, effort, blood sweat and tears over the past five years has been instrumental to our Club being in the great shape that it is. Our many conversations and laps of Arthur Street over the past few years gave me first-hand knowledge of how much he cares for and has given to the Bentleigh Cricket Club. Dave and your family, from me and on behalf of the Club, thank you for all that you have done over the many years you have been part of the Club. I always look forward to your perspective and insights, and I hope to continue to tap into these over the coming years.

In addition to Dave, there are too many other hard-working volunteers and members to mention all of you individually. To do so would risk not mentioning everyone that deserves to be acknowledged. But here goes...

To our Executive Committee, Alex Caravelas (Vice President and Director of Men's Cricket), Jaqui O'Donohue (Director of Women's Cricket), Jeff Forstner (Junior Coordinator), Jason Abraham (Secretary) and Paul Ciccarella (Treasurer), thank you for everything that you have done in season 2023/24. To Jeff, Jason and Paul, your experience, calmness, and humour in your respective roles



ensured that this season moved ahead as it should have. A special thanks to Jeff for the three years that he has spent as our Junior Coordinator. What an awesome job. While he is moving on from this role next season, he will thankfully still be involved in the Junior Program to support our in-coming Junior Coordinator. To Jaqui and Alex, your willingness to take on a new challenge and devote even more time to your programs and the Club was critical in ensuring that we continued to grow and excel as a club for all our community and cricket players, young, old, experienced or new to the sport. Your enthusiasm, openness, frankness, inquisitiveness, and attention to detail has made this season a joy to be a part of.

To our General Committee, Winnie Lim, Trish Jeffery, Emily Shepard, Natalie Powell, Louise Adams, Alan Glenton, Lachy Hutchison and the ever-young Roger Kellar, thank you for all your efforts this season. In addition to managing our extremely successful Blasters and All Abilities programs, this group of volunteers is truly amazing and covers a massive range of activities including senior and junior communications, social events, fundraising, merchandise, clothing, and the bar just to name a few.

It is with some pleasure but no surprise that the Bentleigh Cricket Club was named as the Best Administered Club by Cricket Southern Bayside in 2023/24. We are recognised for what we do and how we do it.

To our cricket personnel, Jarrad Dowling (Men's Coach), James Raju and Jason Abraham (Men's net captains), Roger Kellar (Men's 1XI Team Manager), Ruby Raju (Men's 1XI Team Scorer), Andrew Walton (Women's Coach), Alan Abraham, Dave Mullane, Marcus Barber and David Nankervis (Women's assistant coaches), all of our senior captains and other senior scorers, umpires and managers, Lachy Hutchison, Ben Seabrook and Josh Cantrell (Blasters) and all of the Blaster volunteers, Andrew Walton, Trish Jeffery, and Emily Shepard (All Abilities) and all of our All Abilities mentors, and our massive team of Junior coaches, team managers, scorers and umpires (of whom there are truly too many to mention), we truly wouldn't be the Club we are without all of you.

To our out-going Senior Men's Coach Jarrad Dowling and Senior Women's Coach Andrew Walton, thank you for your collective time and energy that you invested in our senior playing group. Alex and Jaqui will cover your efforts more deeply in their reports.

A special comment on our overseas players who played for us this season. To Ben Seabrook, Josh Cantrell, James Bartlett, Charlie Quarrell, Ben Norton, and Alex Hooton, the knowledge, experience, mateship, and help that you provided on the field and around the Club was truly fantastic. You are all welcome here anytime.

Penultimate thanks to our players and their families. Thank you for choosing the Bentleigh Cricket Club as the club where you want to play your cricket and where you are happy to support your family and friends. Our volunteers do what they do, so that you can have a Club to call your own, one where you are welcome every day of the week.

Final thanks to my wife Pauline and my daughters Eliza and Ruby. Their support for me and their involvement and passion for the Club, made it easier for me to take on the role of President this season. Their patience and understanding of the amount of time that I spent at the Club and on Club business means that I can continue to commit my time and energy to the Club for a little while yet.

Enjoy the Break, see you soon for season 2024/25.

Go Dees!!!

Jonathan Raju

President - Bentleigh Cricket Club



## Treasurer's Report

As Treasurer of the Bentleigh Cricket Club for season 2023 / 2024, I am pleased to submit the Financial Statements of the Club to the members of the Bentleigh Cricket Club Inc.

This year our cash flow shows a small loss. Still a great effort as the club invested in small equipment purchase (new chairs) and has unpaid sponsorship invoices.

We have surplus cash flow, substantial term deposits and a healthy bank balance.

We could consider a further or increased term deposit or maintain access to our current cash flow.

The club also holds cricket ball stock and clothing (apparel) 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.

A special note is made of the recycling arrangement with Lions Club of Moorabbin through Gary McInnes. Gary has been collecting the cans and bottles from the club and recycling them through the container deposit scheme. The result is that BCC received \$235.60, and Lions Club received approximately \$550. A terrific arrangement as BCC is only too happy to help the local community out.

Our position is still financially strong, and I am sure this will help our future with on field success and ensuring our strong Senior and Junior programs continue.

Some key figures/notes:

**Sponsorship** – Total sponsorship revenue had a slight decrease from last year. Mainly on account of unpaid sponsorship due to financial difficulties.

A big thanks to our sponsors that continued in 2023/24 and to the outgoing sponsors for their previous years of contributions and support.

**Grants** – Various members have applied and worked on grants. We received only a small amount this year, considerably down compared to previous years, but probably a reflection of our current financial position.

**Events/Fundraisers**– A good year in social and fundraising with our events totalling a good profit A great effort and thanks to everyone that helped and contributed.

**Bar** – Bar was also good for the year providing much need funds for everyday club operating costs. Thanks to all that helped on the bar this year.

I believe the club is in a very strong position. Probably the strongest financially, I know of. We should continue to aim to maintain our term deposits. This should keep us in very strong position for many years to come, if managed sensibly and correctly.





I would like to thank our sponsors:

- Bayside Dog School
- Soundstorm Entertainment
- Bentleigh RSL
- Woodards Bentleigh
- R&N Building Services
- BOQ
- Nick Staikos
- SolidLink Grates
- Swivslocker
- Select Advice Finance
- Home Comforts
- Device Technologies

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



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. 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

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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 2024 and its cash and bank balances as at that date in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described above.

Christopher Falkingham FCA & FCPA 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## Senior Cricket Reports

### Men's Cricket Coordinators Report

Season 2023/24 was a busy season for the Men's Program.

We saw:

- 80 players played at least one Senior Men's Season game in Season 2023/24
- 20 Debutants
- 8 U/18 players playing Senior Men's Cricket
- 5 Father-Son combinations playing together in the same side at various times during the season
- 12,427 balls faced
- 4 Centuries by four separate individuals
- 34 Half Centuries
- 73 Ducks
- 898 4's
- 74 6's
- 16,006 balls bowled
- 9 Five wicket innings
- 453 maidens
- 499 wickets
- 170 catches
- 10 stumpings and 28 runouts

This season saw two out of five Men's teams make finals after our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, 4<sup>th</sup> XI and 5<sup>th</sup> XI were all promoted to higher divisions from the previous season.

Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI who ran out Premiers in Season 2023/24 for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year – an unprecedented and incredible achievement. Well done to Steven Booth and the boys!!

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI also went so very close in Season 2023/24 falling short in the Grand Final by 3-wickets; the loss will light a fire for those players going around again to go one step further in Season 2024/25.

Congratulations to all our individual and team award winners, particularly those that received Cricket Southern Bayside awards at the Association Awards night in early May 2024.

Our wonderful club would not be what it is today without the tremendous passion, support and generosity of time from its many volunteers; thank you to the individuals who provided support, inspiration and dedication across the course of Season 2023/24. In particular, a huge thank you to James Raju (Assistant Coach), Steven Booth (Chairman of Selectors), Roger Kellar (Net Captain), Ruby Raju (1<sup>st</sup> XI Scorer) and Winnie Lim (Afternoon Tea Extraordinaire) for your time and commitment across the course of Season 2023/24 supporting the Men's Program.

To the Captains of all five Men's XI's – your leadership, role modelling, management, and support was outstanding – you all did a magnificent job this season, at times in very trying circumstances, however all shone through with flying colours – working through the balance of youth and experience with performance and opportunity. Whilst we did not have a season where all five teams reached finals,





each team had victories with respect to win / loss and in terms of performance and development across the season that sets a firm foundation for season 2024/25 and beyond.

To our players – commitment, persistence, talent and passion at every level made training and playing alongside each individual incredibly rewarding. It was magnificent watching many of our young developing cricketers spend hours and hours honing their craft with their mates, becoming better cricketers and better people every moment of every day. Our players are our lifeblood – it is imperative we provide each player with every opportunity to improve as cricketers and achieve personal and collective team success at the Bentleigh Cricket Club.

This season was also Jarrad Dowling's last season as Captain / Coach of our wonderful club. Thank you Jarrad, for your commitment to the Bentleigh Cricket Club over the past eight seasons – eight seasons as a 1<sup>st</sup> XI player in Baggy Blue Number 126 and four seasons as Captain / Coach. Your dedication, structure and attention to detail has meant you have set a firm foundation and framework for us to build and grow into the future. You cannot underestimate the ongoing impact your footprint will leave at our fantastic club. Your acknowledgement of the past, and recognition of the importance of a strong club culture will continue to resonate with the Men's, Women's, and Junior Programs well into the future.

It is important to acknowledge that season 2023/24 presented significant challenges; we had close to 30 players cycle through each of our 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> XIs across the course of the season. Whilst our players consistently demonstrated agility and adaptability, it must be a realistic and important aim for our club to achieve greater stability across all teams to ensure we build a collective mindset and greater sense of team across the entire men's squad in Season 2024/25 and beyond.

Let's grow from the challenges, build on the successes, and come back bigger, better, stronger and more passionate than ever as we strive to achieve personal and team success at every level for this amazing club in season 2024/25.

Go Dees!!

Alex Caravelas

Director of Men's Cricket

Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI  
Premiers





## Women's Cricket Coordinators Report

As we celebrated 40 years since our first women's team and premiership win, it is a testament to the tremendous growth and success of our women's program at Bentleigh Cricket Club, particularly in the last few years.

This year, we faced the exciting challenge of fielding a fourth team, a significant milestone that initially filled us with apprehension about having enough numbers. However, the collective effort of our coaches, captains, and leaders ensured we were well-prepared for the season. Special thanks to our captains; Sarah, Louise, Sally, Emily, and Rhiannon, and our vice-captains, Bron and Jess, for their unwavering support and hard work behind the scenes. Their efforts ensured that we could enjoy every game day to the fullest.



This season, we achieved amazing results with

- 19 new players
- 188 Wickets for our bowlers
- 7 Stumpings
- 40 Catches
- 3810 Runs

Three of our teams made it to the semi-finals, while the fourth team only narrowly missed out, reflecting our dedication and hard work across the group! Although we didn't secure a premiership cup this year, our second team made it to the grand final for the third year in a row.

The season was not just about skill development and game day performance but also about our love for cricket and the social connections it fosters. It was inspiring to see players' dedication to improving their skills and their enthusiasm on game days. The diverse group of women coming together to enjoy cricket on Sunday afternoons was a joy to witness.

A highlight of the season was the camaraderie back at the club post-game, with music, beverages, and the occasional karaoke. Although we missed out on Pink Stumps Day this season, we successfully held our inaugural Pride Round. Despite the heat preventing us from playing that round, the celebration was a memorable event, thanks in large part to Emily's excellent DJ efforts and the decorations – thanks to Jodie, Nic, Kerrie, Kat and Marina for their work on this event. I look forward to us making Pride Round a permanent fixture in our calendar.

Throughout the season, we saw five mother-daughter playing pairs, eight baggy blues presented, five players achieve their first half-century in batting, and celebrated numerous milestones and achievements. In the weeks that we were worried we wouldn't have numbers to field four teams, we had sisters, mothers, daughters and even some of the wives from our men's program join us to have a game and have some fun! There were also times we had Sunday morning team shuffles due to illness and I am so grateful to the group who took this in their stride and put the broader groups needs first.

A massive thank you to our head coach, Andrew Walton, and assistant coaches, David Mullane, Marcus Barber, Alan Abraham, and David Nankervis. Their dedication and expertise were invaluable. Additionally, thank you to all the helpers on game day, from scoring, to umpiring and those cheering us on. A big thankyou to the broader club and particularly the committee for their support.

Taking on the role of head of women's cricket this season was both challenging and rewarding. Seeing all the smiling faces on Sunday afternoons after a game of cricket in the sunshine made it all worthwhile. I am excited about what we can achieve next season, both in terms of skill development and personal satisfaction. Here's to another fantastic season ahead!

**Jaqui O'Donohoe –**

**Head of Women's Cricket**



## Senior Leadership Group 2023/24

<b>Chairman of Selectors:</b>	Stephen Booth
<b>Men's Coach:</b>	Jarrad Dowling
<b>Women's Coach</b>	Andrew Walton
<b>Director of Men's Cricket</b>	Alex Caravelas
<b>Women's Director of Cricket</b>	Jaqui O'Donohoe
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain:</b>	Jarrad Dowling *
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain:</b>	Alan Glenton
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain:</b>	Stephen Booth*#
<b>4<sup>th</sup> XI Captain:</b>	Jason Abraham
<b>5<sup>th</sup> XI Captain:</b>	Nathan Green
<b>Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Captain:</b>	Sarah Mullane & Louise Adams *
<b>Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain:</b>	Jaqui O'Donohoe *
<b>Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Captain:</b>	Sally Bonham & Emily Shepard *
<b>Women's 4<sup>th</sup> Captain:</b>	Rhiannon Robinson

\*Finalist

#Premiers

## Bentleigh Blue Inductees 2023/24

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)
164	Joshua CANTRELL
165	Matthew CHASEMORE
166	Benjamin BROOKS
167	Michael HENDERSON

Cap #	Player Name (Womens)
26	Becki McWhinnie
27	Rebecca Fontana
28	Jodie Wright
29	Sophie Barber
30	Hollie Lurie
31	Chloe Vuong
32	Kerrie Plant
33	Ritisha Kanuri



## Senior Perpetual Trophy Winners 2023/24

W.L. Foley Trophy	Senior Club Champion	<b>Amit Mehta</b>
Women's Club Champion	Senior Club Champion	<b>Kerrie Plant</b>
R.G. Laird Trophy	Best 1 <sup>st</sup> XI player	<b>Josh Cantrell</b>
Ron McLeod Trophy	Best 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI player	<b>Charlie Quarrell</b>
John Rogers Trophy	Best 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI player	<b>Timothy Mullane</b>
Roger Kellar Trophy	Best 4 <sup>th</sup> XI player	<b>Amit Mehta</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> XI Team Champion	Best 5 <sup>th</sup> XI Player	<b>Chris McKay</b>
R & J Keyt Trophy	Best 1 <sup>st</sup> XI player	<b>Louise Adams &amp; Becki McWhinnie</b>
Champion Player	Best Women's Player 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	<b>Kerrie Plant</b>
Champion Player	Best Women's Player 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	<b>Leanne Sugden</b>
Champion Player	Best Women's Player 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	<b>Valerie Mag</b>
Adrian McInnes Trophy	Best U/18 player	<b>William Blitz</b>
Women's Junior Player	Best U/18 player	<b>Frankie Shepard</b>

## Senior Batting and Bowling Award Winners 2023/24

Men's 1st XI Batting	<b>Ben Seabrook</b>	580 runs @ 64.44
Men's 1st XI Bowling	<b>Shane Jeffree</b>	10 wickets @ 18.20
Men's 2nd XI Batting	<b>Alan Abraham</b>	203 runs @ 29.00
Men's 2nd XI Bowling	<b>Michael Henderson</b>	10 wickets @ 22.2
Men's 3rd XI Batting	<b>Tim Mullane</b>	499 runs @ 55.44
Men's 3rd XI Bowling	<b>Adrian McInnes</b>	17 wickets @ 10.53
Men's 4th XI Batting	<b>Robert Mott</b>	234 runs @ 78.00
Men's 4th XI Bowling	<b>David McNamara</b>	7 wickets @ 10.43
Men's 5 <sup>th</sup> XI Batting	<b>Stephen Collett</b>	140 runs @ 28.00
Men's 5 <sup>th</sup> XI Bowling	<b>Chris McKay</b>	18 wickets @ 11.11
Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Batting	<b>Amelia Hart</b>	146 runs @ 73.00
Women's 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Bowling	<b>Frankie Shepard</b>	17 wickets @ 9.41
Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Batting	<b>Kerrie Plant</b>	304 runs
Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Bowling	<b>Kerrie Plant</b>	Adj Economy 2.85
Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Batting	<b>Leanne Sugden</b>	166 runs
Women's 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Bowling	<b>Sue Schulz</b>	Adj Economy 2.77
Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> XI Batting	<b>Val Mag</b>	104 runs
Women's 4 <sup>th</sup> XI Bowling	<b>Val Mag</b>	Adj Economy 3.25



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> XI team captain and Club Coach Jarrad Dowling...

### Mens 1st XI Captain's Report

In season 2023/24 we decided that it was going to be a year of continued growth for our Bentleigh juniors, with a continued focus on the junior program merging more seamlessly into senior cricket. It is extremely pleasing to sit back and look at the improved numbers of BCC juniors now comfortably transitioning into the senior program whether that being as new senior cricketers, or as juniors also playing at senior level.



From a 1st XI perspective, we also continued to push to provide new opportunities for those who have been in the system for a period of time, and have demonstrated the club values and behaviours, worked hard and performed on the field. It was another year of development for key future players Luke Mott, Jake La'Brooy, Alan Abraham, Will Blitz, with the addition of another debut of a BCC junior in Ben Brooks. All of the young Bentleigh lads have continued to improve over the last few years, leaving the club in good hands when the transition of the existing senior leaders eventually happens.

With this junior cohort continuing their development journey, the club decided that we needed to also continue to surround those lads (and the entire playing list) with quality senior players and humans. With the quality of our players both senior and emerging, we knew that we had the goods to have a 'proper crack' at winning a flag. As such, a couple of phone calls to key 'recently retired' players in BCC Life Member Rob Ciccarella and former RGL winner Brendan Drew, and star player (and close friend) Matt Chasemore, and we were pulling together a very high quality squad. Add to this the returning services of experienced Shane Jeffree and Chamindu Mathra, star import Ben Seabrook and a highly touted off-spinner from the UK in Josh Cantrell and we once again had the perfect mix of youth and experience to continue to deliver at a high standard on field, as well as provide a rich environment for continued growth and development across the senior men's program.

Overall a bittersweet season. Some off-field struggles in terms of availability, injury and lack of discipline, fortunately didn't impact on field performance. We grew as a team, we grew as men and we learned to deal with adversity together. We learned from one another, we grew up as individuals and as a team and we forged our way back into fighting for that coveted 'blue triangle', a premiership.

The T20 series gave opportunity to young players to develop and gain valuable experience in a high pressure environment that is T20 cricket. I am proud of our efforts to claim the trophy for the one day competition winning 5 out of 6 matches, finishing second on the two day ladder with 3 wins, 2 losses and a draw, to finish second on the overall table and heading into finals with home ground advantage. A huge semi final win against Bonbeach in oppressive heat in back to back 40 degree days, setting a comprehensive 274 to win, with Bonbeach falling 27 runs short. Into the Grand Final we go, to face our arch rivals South Caulfield.

The Grand Final will be a match that will not be forgotten by the BCC community for a long time. It will forever be remembered in my eyes as the one that got away. I was very proud of the team for digging in and scrapping it out right up until the last ball. A game we had in our grasp, and lost it in a couple of



key moments with both bat and in the field. After being dismissed for 216, we had South 7/218 when they passed us in the 83rd over. A disappointing loss and one that all players who played in that game, and those who watched from the sidelines will have learnt a lot.

As I step away from cricket this season, I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Bentleigh Cricket Club family for taking me in and trusting me with the significant responsibility that is player, captain of the first XI and coach of the club. It has been a huge honour, and I hope my decisions and actions in these formal capacities have had a positive influence at an individual and team level, that our skills, match awareness and preparation have improved and that we as a club have continued to honour the history and legacy of those who have worked so hard and tirelessly before us. I am proud of the club for continuing to strive to be the best local club there is in the local area, a destination club and one that is open to all. As important, I am grateful for the community and lifelong friendships I have made.

A shout out to Rammer for his unwavering support for both me personally and for the club, that undoubtedly wouldn't be the place it is today without his passion, loyalty and deep commitment. You're a special one of a kind person Rammer, and one we as a club community should cherish. Winnie, in much the same light when it comes to loyalty and love for the club and the players across the board.

A special mention to Dave McNamara for his incredible tenure as President, Jon Raju as Director of Mens Cricket and most recently as President, Paul Cicarella and Jason Abraham for their tireless effort and commitment to keeping BCC at the top both on and off the field. Too many great people to mention, so I will end with saying 'thanks' to everyone for making our great club such a wonderful and welcoming place to be, and for continuing to be open to change and committed to ongoing improvement.

Goodluck to Jason Jacoby as the new Head Coach, and Ben Seabrook as 1st XI Captain, two great men to take the club into the next phase.

Jarrad Dowling

Captain - 1<sup>st</sup> XI - Bentleigh Cricket Club





## Mens 2nd XI Captain's Report

This season was my first as captain, and from the outset I want to thank everyone who lent me their support and guidance throughout the year, and trusted in me to take care of the team. Particular thanks to all the 31(!) players who appeared in the side throughout the summer, for the commendable approach you brought to the game and your teammates, and resilience in what was at times a tricky season.

We found ourselves in a pretty tough ladder this year, with 5 of the 8 teams being first XIs. Ultimately we were able to snag 2 wins, with a handful of matches abandoned due to weather. However, for me, the success of our season was measurable in other ways, with some amazing individual and team efforts to recognise, emerging leadership within the team from guys like Alan Abraham and Charlie Quarrell, and the exemplary mateship that surrounded it all. I was also really pleased to see guys like Luke Stocks getting new opportunities and seizing them with both hands, quickly cementing himself as not just an important part of the bowling attack, but also part of the team-first culture.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the seasons for me was seeing the development in our young players, and Will Blitz really kicked that off for us in round 4 with an unbeaten 93 off just 83 balls. Securing our first win and featuring 15 fours and 2 sixes, his innings was an awesome display of attacking ability and Will's potential to be a key part of any batting order.

On the other end of the batting spectrum, round 11 against Beaumaris starred the young Nick Critchley, who stood up and toughed out difficult batting conditions when the rest of the order struggled. Showing immense concentration and discipline throughout a gruelling 151-ball innings, his 33 runs on that day was nearly enough to pull out a miraculous win when combined with Charlie Quarrell's 44. Although we fell just short of our target, that day was a great lesson in batting to the conditions from the youngest player on the team, and should bring Nick lots of confidence for the start of his senior career.

There were also some amazing bowling efforts throughout the year, including two within the same match in round 13. This round was one of my personal highlights not just for the year, but in my cricketing career to date. Ending in tied scores after 2 innings each, we took home the points thanks to a first-innings win that featured standout performances with bat and ball. But Bentleigh GOAT Adrian McInnes and newcomer from overseas, Alex Hooton, shouldered the match's heaviest burden in a lean bowling attack. They combined for 9 wickets off 36 overs, and 5 wickets off 25 overs respectively throughout both innings. And Adrian's final over restricting Cheltenham to just 6 runs, including a run out on the last ball to tie the game, was as exciting as it gets. That win came at the perfect time in the context of the season's toil and felt like the best reward for a team that continued to have belief in one another despite a season's worth of built-up pressure.

I should also give special mention to our award winners this year – Alan Abraham taking the batting award with 203 runs at an average of 29, Michael Henderson taking the bowling award with 10 wickets at an average of 22.2, and Charlie Quarrell winning the Ron McLeod award. Congratulations to those guys, and to everyone else for their efforts throughout the year.

Next season should bring a lot more opportunity for this group. The club is very lucky to be filled with not just great players, but great people, and I'm very excited to see what these guys can do next year. Good luck to our overseas players in their home seasons, and I look forward to seeing everyone else back next year to build upon the hard work they put in over this past season.

Cheers

Alan Glenton - Captain – 2nd XI

Bentleigh Cricket Club





## Mens 3rd XI Captain's Report

The 3s had a mix of young fellas, really old boys and some guys that just want to turn up and play with their mates and have a laugh.

While we take game day very seriously, we love to have a laugh at each other and enjoy the team's and individual success.

Playing in Div 4 we are mostly playing against Second eleven teams, which is great for the club and the younger guys that wish to push through the grades, to get a taste of the competition.

We had a fantastic season only losing the one game for the year, (I think it feels like it's been years not a few months since end of season)

The first half of the year the competition wasn't that great; we won all the games quite easily.

When two day cricket arrived this evened the comp up, we lost our first game back and we got pushed pretty hard in some of the other games. Batting first in 2 day cricket was not to our liking, but our group had a deep belief that no matter what we scored our bowlers would do the job, we often only made 140 and bowled teams out for 80.

The semi final and the Grand Final was a representation of this, with backs to the wall in both games, fighting spirit and dead set dogged belief got us home

Having said that the bowlers came through for us, one of the best individual performances I've seen was Nick Critchley who batted the whole day for 90 odd not out in the semi final, he opened the batting and carried his bat for the day.... Getting us to a target we could defend. Nick and Mitch putting on around 50 for the last wicket in the semi final.

The Grand final, we chose to bat and got rolled for 141, at stumps we had Brighton 4/34 at stumps, the next day our relentless bowling we finally broke them and soon had them 8/58 and finished by around 230 on the second day..... which made for long celebrations.

Well done fellas

Fantastic season and Thank you to all of you that helped during the season

Love being around and playing cricket at this club



Go Dees

3rd XI Premier'ship Captain

Stephen Booth





## Mens 4th XI Captain's Report

Another year that I said I wasn't going to take on a captaincy role started with me captaining the 4<sup>th</sup> XI again. I was bullish about what the season would bring, more opportunities for younger players as always, and enough older players to impart wisdom and also still perform. As the season got closer the team was bumped up a grade as a reward for making finals the year before. This now made the season a little more daunting, but equally challenging and I knew that we would all be up for that challenge.



After 2 weeks of opening washouts, we finally took the field in Round 3 against Cheltenham, the game saw 3 debutantes and 3 who were still playing juniors. After a very promising start with the ball, bowling the opposition out for 148, we were further restricted ourselves and couldn't come away with the win. It wasn't until later that we found out that the opposition had played mainly players from a higher grade as they had a bye, this further cemented my thoughts that it could be a very good year.

Results over the next few weeks were up and down, but always promoting the juniors was at the forefront of our minds. Over the course of the season we had 11 players who were 18 and under, this is a huge number and 4 of those played over 10 games in this team. I look forward to seeing all of these young men climbing up the grades in the coming years, as they all have so much talent and ability, a great indication of the junior pathway here at BCC.

As the season went on, players came and went also, some moving up to the 3rds, some using our team as a return from injury, pleasingly everybody who played bought into the philosophy and was ready to do whatever was required on the day. Over the season there were 39 players, and 10 playing their first game for the club. We had 3 players score 50s (4 for Amit) and 1 player took a 5 for.

Ladder wise we were never far off the pace, and the finals carrot was teasingly dangled in the back half of the season. An unexpected loss to Kingston Hawthorn put us under some pressure to win the final 3 games of the season, and unfortunately, we dropped the 2<sup>nd</sup> of those to eventual premiers Bayside by a mere 5 runs. In the final round we comprehensively beat a finals bound Beaumaris to further highlight the progress that the team had made. The vagaries of washouts and abandoned games during the year also conspired against us somewhat.

I would like to thank Jarrod and Alex for entrusting me with the team, it is an honour to be asked to lead a team, and even more so one that is promoting juniors at the club.

Thanks also to Chris as my Vice Captain, who had to stand in for me on a few occasions when I had to help out the 3rds, and to the usual suspects of David, David and Rob for their unquestioning support, but more importantly for their invaluable advice.

Go Dees

Jason Abraham

Captain 4th XI



## Mens 5th XI Captain's Report

After a successful 23/24 season which culminated in a Grand Final win for the Sunday 5th XI our promotion to Division 1 (35 over 1 day competition) presented a significant step up but one that the team embraced each and every week.

Some pre-season injuries & deserved retirement initiated significant change to the Sunday XI in 24/25. But we welcomed back returning players and embraced several new senior players to the team who have connections through the Junior cricket program at Bentleigh. So it was great to have some new faces and energy within the group.



Benefitting from selecting some of Bentleigh CC's talented youngsters helped us to start the year strongly and we put away some early wins sitting comfortably within the top 4 after 5 rounds. But pre-Christmas the challenges grew and 4 matches without a win before the break saw us drop down the ladder and out of finals places. Putting out a consistent line up through this period, as injuries mounted, was a major challenge not only through the Sunday 5th XI but across all senior teams which stretched the entire club.

Following the Christmas break we got back to playing some reasonable cricket but inconsistency, particularly with the bat, meant we couldn't string together back-to-back wins as we went W-L-W-L-W in our last 5 games falling 6 points short of a finals spot and finishing the year 6th out of the 10 teams.

Reflecting on the year we set a good standard in general with the ball and in the field but were inconsistent with the bat.

As a first year captain I look back at the year with some regret that we weren't able to limit the damage on a couple of 'bad days' with the bat which ultimately cost us a chance of playing finals. But I also look back with great appreciation for the support I received as I grew into the role and also a great sense of pride that the team, which saw 32 players play for the Sunday XI, stepped up into Division 1 and were for the most part very competitive against some pretty decent teams that blend seasoned cricketers with very talented youngsters.

As a final note I'd like to thank the club committee, volunteers and supporters that make this great club tick. And a big thankyou to each and every player that played for the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> XI, not just for your cricket efforts, but ground setup & pack-down, covers, scoring etc. Most importantly however I acknowledge the great sense of mateship & purpose the team had at training and on match days which is fundamental to playing a team sport at a great club such as Bentleigh CC.

### Season Highlights

- Chris McKay's 18 wickets to be one of the competitions leading wicket takers
- 50+ innings to Shane Levy, Kyle Salerno, Adam Power and Nick Critchley
- David Mullane's stunning hat-trick in the final H&A round
- Emergence of young talent Jamie Ubachs
- Jackson Forster's morale boosting keeping & banter (most notably the banter)
- 2x games decided on the final ball (1 win / 1 loss)

### Award Winners

5 <sup>th</sup> XI Best & Fairest	Chris McKay
Batting Award	Steve Collett
Bowling Award	Chris McKay

Nathan Green, Captain - 5<sup>th</sup> XI Captain



## Women's 1st XI Report

The Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI had yet another good year if not with a few challenges along the way. A change of captancy halfway through a season for any sporting team always makes things interesting but coming through the season as a real contender for the flag is something we should be very proud of.



Many people throughout CSB and CSBW have reflected through the season on just how significant a lift we have seen in the quality of cricket being played in the CSBW Division 1 competition this year. The introduction of a number of new teams, marquee players and international imports all contributed to this which was on display week in week out throughout the year but best demonstrated at the Representative Match against Northwest Metro, where our Div 1 team – under the guidance of Alan – not only beat, but completely dismantled a stunned opposition. A feat we had not managed in four prior attempts.

This lift in competition was a challenge for the prior year's teams, including our Bentleigh Women – but the thing we should all be incredibly proud of is the fact that of all the prior year teams, only the Bentleigh team managed to rise to the occasion and be truly competitive with these new teams and players. This I am sure has gained our club much respect and is something I feel we should continue to strive to do as the CSBW competition goes from strength to strength.

To all the players who have contributed to the Division 1 team journey this year – I shared with you all that I was grateful for from each of you in the dressing room before our last game. Endurance, Hope, Trailblazing, Knowledge, Grit, Resilience, Relentlessness, Determination, Joy, Authenticity & Dedication. It has been a privilege to be able to take on the role of Captain for this team this year.

To Sarah, thanks for all your efforts as my Captain for so many years. Steering this team to much success often at the expense of your own enjoyment. You set the standard for wicket-keeping in this league since its inception and as you've headed off overseas on your European adventure, please take pride in the fact that you left this team in a much better state than you found it.

To Bron, thanks for being my VC and all-round champion friend yet again. I can't ever quite reiterate to everyone enough just how lucky we are to have you at this club, and this year how lucky we are to have had you at CSBW. Community sports clubs are usually run by what I like to call "Enthusiastic Amateurs" – those volunteers who have passion and pride and turn up week in & week out to keep the season ticking along. But Sports Governance and Management is also a profession – and one that you are quite renowned across Australia in. Taking carriage of leading CSBW has certainly taken its toll this season – but you have held a very high bar for the standard of this competition this year, and relentlessly kept that bar high and straight. I know from discussions you've copped your fair share of criticism along the way, sometimes even from close to home – but I hope that at the end of the day we all realise that by holding this bar so high CSBW and indeed CSB will be better and will continue to become a more inclusive, more fit-for-purpose competition that will not just survive, but thrive into the future and provide us all with a place where we can belong.



To Jaq, what can anyone say. You told me near the end of the season that you'd had to have an iron infusion to lift your energy levels..... and I got scared of just how much energy you might have. Your passion for each of us – as cricketers, as people and as friends is second to none. Following in the footsteps of the likes of Rhiannon and Bron might for some have seemed daunting – but you have grabbed this role with both hands and made it your own. I have enjoyed the later part of the season and working with you – our long chats, sharing perspectives, straightening the ship, whatever the issues were we easily found the right path and I have grown to appreciate our friendship very much.

So, onto next season – I've already started my pre-season training with Steph... I am very much looking forward to working again with this wonderful group of people not just in the women's programme but across the club as a whole.

And what excites me the most? The opportunity for the Bentleigh Cricket Club..... I am at heart, a businesswoman. And as anyone in business can attest to – you put your focus and efforts where you see greatest growth opportunity and with everything we're seeing across the world these past couple of years - you would have to say that that sits squarely with women's sport.

Louise Adams

Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain





## Women's 2nd XI Report



The 2<sup>nd</sup> division were coming off the back off another grand final win (B2B) as we entered the 23/24 season and we were itching to get out there and have a crack at a third cup and have a lot of fun along the way.

Despite losing our first game and having our second game cancelled due to rain we then started off the season well with 9 wins in a row, before the heat rule was enacted in round 12. Losing our last two rounds, we still went into a home semi final which was awesome to play at Bentleigh with a home crowd cheering us on. Having a win, we were once again at the big dance, however Mt Waverley had better dancing shoes on the day, and we didn't take home the cup.

As captain for the third year, it was an honour to lead this incredible group of women through yet another memorable season. The drive and skill demonstrated by everyone in the team was incredible. We welcomed some new players to the team - Chloe Vuong, Kat Gourley and Ritisha Kanuri who not only brought great skill to the game, but contributed to the team with their high energy, and Kat's baking skills.

There was dedication to skill improvement from everyone, and there were smiles every game from all players. We celebrated my 50<sup>th</sup> game with a win, with Mr Whippy even making an appearance. Maddy also celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> senior game in our semi-final and Kerrie made 50 runs – twice! Even when fighting covers in the rain, our love for cricket never wavered. Congratulations to Kerrie who took out our best and fairest award, as well as our batting and bowling award – well deserved after an incredible season with 304 runs and 15 wickets.

All our matches were well supported by friends and family whose presence added to the atmosphere. Maddy's partner Finn because our regular scorer for the season and a special mention goes to Kat's Mum who donned a spare Bentleigh shirt when we were short one week and spent the game running along the boundary in her jeans, performing admirably!

A shout out to all those that helped us through the season; Marcus was a regular coach at our games and Alan, Andrew and Dave Mullane's work as a coaching group is really appreciated. Thankyou to everyone for their contribution to the season, including my fellow captains, and my vice-captain Jess. Thanks to the Bentleigh CC family and the committee for all their hard work.

Whilst we fell short this year, our experience was invaluable, and the joy and connection that we get from this game is unmeasurable. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved this season and already excited for another season ahead!

Jaqui O'Donohue

Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain



## Women's 3rd XI Report

Emily and I were excited to again co-captain the incredible group that made up the BCC Women's 3rd XI for season 23/24. After narrowly missing the finals last season, we were determined to create an environment of support, encouragement, and fun whilst still striving to keep our side competitive enough to make finals. We welcomed new and old players to the Club and to the Div 3 team with 22 players rotating through the team for season 23/24.



With a consistent team and support crew over the whole season, we made a massive effort to improve various aspects of our game. We had a slow start to the season, losing 2 of our first 3 games before we really hit our stride. Our fielding became a highlight - improving consistently over the course of the season with everyone keen to work hard and improve as a team every week.

Highlights of Season 23/24 for Div 3 included the following:

- Leanne, Em and Trish established themselves as our opening batters working well together, with one or all of them retiring each week, ready to assist again in the back half of the innings.
- The ever-reliable Marina bowling maidens and wicket maidens throughout the season, with figures of 2/15 against our rivals CUCC.
- Celebrating Sue's 50th game together with a banner and a cameo visit from Helen in the ambulance – Sue being such an important part of our team as our opening bowler, solid batter and all-round beautiful human.
- Em being the heart and soul of our team, surviving quad injuries and nose surgery – somehow managing to bat like a demon that same week.
- Playing out a sensational draw in a round where we were the only team playing – giving us the same points as every other team who didn't even play!
- Emerson coming in late for a confident innings, hitting boundaries while her grandad cheered from the sidelines.
- Leanne as wicket-keeper taking 7 catches and 5 stumpings for the season, all the while keeping the banter and encouragement going in the field.
- Watching Molly's confidence and strength improve each week, scoring 22 runs against Washington Park, with 4 boundaries in Round 9.
- Match-winning batting performances from Monica (34), Leanne (34), Emily (33) and Trish (25) who were our top 4 batters of the season.
- Watching Trish fielding like a champion every week, stopping boundaries with great agility week after week, despite last season's pesky hamstring surgery.
- Monica's one liners keeping us all entertained in between her beautiful bowling and strong batting performances.



- Adriana with her cameo of 25 runs against top of the ladder Richmond Union, hitting 4 boundaries at Bailey Reserve.
- Emily Sugden filling in and playing with her Mum, saving us from playing short and being invaluable in the field.
- Catrin Robinson stepping in during the semi-final - bowling 4 amazing overs and keeping us in the game until the end.
- Sal seeing out an entire innings as everyone succumbed to some brilliant CUCC bowling, finishing with 1 run and receiving 9 votes!
- Em writing the match report that talked more about champagne and holidays than cricket and reminding us all that Justin and Alan were the real winners of the round for getting to hang out with all of us!
- Having Justin turn up as our scorer every week, always assisting with great humour, encouragement and advice.
- Having Alan at most of our Div 3 games, supporting, encouraging and nervously pacing as we took several games down to the final over!
- Reaching a semi-final and remaining competitive until the final overs against a very strong (and youthful!) side – congratulations to us!
- Leanne winning our Best and Fairest trophy and our Batting Award after some amazing displays over the season, behind the wickets and with the bat. Sue again winning the Bowling Award for several years in a row, taking 12 wickets over the season with a fabulous average. Very solid performances from both Leanne and Sue and well-deserved winners from our amazing group!

Thanks to all those who supported us this year; Jaq for her amazing work behind the scenes supporting us all and keeping 4 teams on the ground every week, BCC for embracing the Women's program as we continue to grow, our fellow captains for all of the extra guidance, the coaching crew (especially Marcus and Alan) for spending the extra time with us and understanding our team dynamic and all of our supporters who umpired and cheered us on every week. How good is cricket!

Emily Shepard and Sally Bonham

Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Co-Captains





## Women's 4th XI Report

It has truly been an amazing season cementing Bentleigh Cricket Club as the establishment club and powerhouse of the CSBW. This season saw the addition of a women's fourth XI, this is unprecedented in CSBW, Bonbeach the next largest has 3. While data is hard to come by it would be fair to say that Bentleigh is among the leaders in Australia in the field of women's inclusion in community cricket and is meeting Cricket Victoria's 2028 strategic goal of 4 women's teams per club. This doesn't just happen by accident or by one or two people - it takes a whole club, I hope you all take as much pride and satisfaction in that as I do.



Our fourth XI team comprised 19 players including 3 juniors (Molly Andrews-Dodds, Catrin Robinson & Cully Barnacle), 11 players making their debut for the club (Val Mag, Kim Suranyi, Diana Gilbert, Nella Booth, Sia Mouskeftaras, Sudha Rajkumar, Felicity McFarlane, Vicki Doust, Christine Padley, Rachel Collett and Nadine Power) and 5 returning players (Rhiannon Robinson, Kristie McNamara, Kim Hazendonk, Charlotte Gorham and Clare Macrae).

With so many new faces, establishing routines and culture was critical, keeping structures simple. Focusing on foundations and getting to know each others' strengths, styles and personalities was the order of the day. From the very outset the team banded together as a tight unit supporting each other, but always eagerly embracing new comers as they helped fill gaps in the team over the season.

The season was a bit of a roller coaster, by the Christmas break we had won 4 and lost 3 games, which was enough to keep us in the top four of 11 teams, in a competition where two teams dominated. The return after the Christmas break was slower than we would have liked, but we did enough that round 12's bye had us calculating the mathematical possibilities. We established that in the final two rounds there were 6 results that had to go our way to sneak into the finals (including two required wins on our side). Round 13 was so hot we had players finding new ways to create ice vests on the field and we managed to see off Richmond Union in probably the most satisfying win of my career. Checking the scores on the long trip back we were ecstatic that the other two critical results also fell our way. The final round of the season saw us in a titanic battle against Parkdale United, they gave us a run for our money and the game ended in a tie, which was technically a good enough result to keep us in the finals. We anxiously refreshed the screens from the other matches, one went our way, but the final match to complete was just enough to knock us out. In the end we missed out on finals by a mere 6 runs in a competition of 11 teams.

To round off our season, we reenacted the women's games of our original season and enjoyed each others' company with a lovely picnic on the ground. While we would have loved to keep playing into the finals, we knew that we'd enjoyed the best that cricket had to offer and bonded immensely as a team.

Season highlights on the field 13 games | 27 wickets | 18 catches | 2 stumpings | 607 runs.

Val swept the board at awards night taking out the batting, bowling and overall vote count for the fourth XI with 46 votes, other high scorers in the vote count were Catrin Robinson 32 & Diana Gilbert 19 votes.

Batting highlights: Catrin Robinson 24no R1 vs East Sandringham; Clare Macrae 24 R3 vs Parkdale United Gold; Molly Andrews-Dodds 29no R5 vs Richmond Union; Val Mag 24no R7 vs Parkdale; Kim Hazendonk 25 R9 vs CUCC Queens; Nella Booth 45 R10 vs Beaumaris.



Bowling highlights: Cully Barnacle 2/6 (2 overs) R5 vs Richmond Union; Nella Booth 2/26 (4 overs) R10 vs Beaumaris; Val Mag 2/19 (4 overs) R11 vs Mackie; Catrin Robinson 2/12 (4 overs) R13 vs Richmond Union; Rhiannon Robinson 3/13 (4 overs) R 13 vs Richmond Union.

Fielding: Val Mag 4 catches over the season and Kristie McNamara 2 stumpings.

A huge thank you to everyone of the players whether they played a single game or the entire season, your positivity and support made the game a joy. Thank you to the BCC Executive team and the entire women's leadership team that ensure that we get the opportunity to play week in week out and who's work starts almost as soon as the last season ends. Finally, I want to call out the dedication and support of James Robinson and Karl Suranyi, every week these two dedicated their Sunday in the pouring rain and the beating hot sun to umpire and score, they cleaned rooms, carried equipment, administered first aid, set up the ground and provided the support and encouragement that we needed. I speak on behalf of the entire team in our gratitude to you.

Finally on a personal note, the season just completed has been one of my favourites with so many personal highlights. Search on YouTube and you can find me being interviewed by Gerard Whately proclaiming my cricket ambition is to play in and captain a fourth XI. I was able to develop my skills as a captain finding ways that worked with a diverse and ever changing team. I was delighted to reach my 50 games milestone in the same game that Catrin reached her 50 games. I played the best game of my career on one of the hottest days (not being someone who thrives in the heat). I got to play with my daughter, sister-in-law and 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, to play with juniors I recruited to the club and with so many of my friends that started this journey with me 7 years ago. I had the joy of watching my youngest (Alys) play in one of our three junior girls' sides and see so many of our junior girls who attended our early girls' cricket camps make amazing journeys in their cricket careers representing the state.

While it has been a great season, the time has come for me to take a step back from both captaining and playing. At the end of 7 seasons we have 7 women and girls teams and I have such confidence in the sustainability and strength of the program and leadership at the club. I have great pride in knowing the part I played in it, but I didn't do it alone. There is not enough room for all the acknowledgements, but I can't omit Russell Keyt and David McNamara without whose vision and efforts our program would not have launched, Trish Jeffery and Kim Hazendonk without whose friendship and camaraderie I might never have made it onto the field for our first game, Emily Shepard, Bron Parry and Jaq O'Donohoe without whose leadership we would have struggled to make the transition to the maturity and the strength of the program today. Thank you to my kids and my Dad whose support at games has been invaluable. My final acknowledgement is to my partner in crime, whose contribution to women and girls' cricket is hard for an outsider to fully comprehend. In addition to his foundational role as coach in the early years of reemergence of women's cricket at Bentleigh, James has been the quiet driving force of the girls program. It is his vision and ongoing commitment that has delivered a feeder program into our senior sides and given so many opportunities to attract and retain junior girls.

While I will be taking a step back, Bentleigh CC is our home. I look forward to coming to watch our teams from the boundary, join in all the social functions, be a support to the women's leadership group as needed and very occasionally be persuaded to roll my arm over when our sides are short. Thank you Bentleigh for the most amazing ride, it has been an honour and a privilege.

Rhiannon Robinson

Women's 4<sup>th</sup> XI Captain



## Junior Cricket Reports

### Junior Coordinator's Report

Season 23/24 has been the most successful season for the Junior Program ever with 8 teams making Semi Finals and 3 premierships flags, as well as growth in teams and players again.



This season we added an ISEC Sunday U15's team and an AGCC U12's team for the first time, more on those below. We have another cohort of promising cricket lovers coming through the 3 Rookies and Girls U12 teams, who all had a great fun season and won most of their matches.

The school holidays camps were again a huge success, with around 200 participants across the 5 camps. Not only are the camps fun and the skills learnt invaluable to our juniors, they are a great promotion for the club and attract new players for the next season (as well as a good fundraiser for the club). We streamlined the skills session offerings this season, using Ben and Alex as specialist skills coaches across all mixed teams, and the continuation of the Sunday one on one sessions.

From the games I watched, and the feedback received, all teams performed well, had a lot of fun and played the Bentleigh way.

Thanks as always to the coaches, team managers, scorers and helpers, you are key to getting our kids on the field every week.

A few season highlights:

- 13 Mixed Teams
- 3 Girls Teams
- 140 Junior players
- 40 new junior players to the club
- 16 Coaches and 12 Team Managers
- 10 Juniors playing Senior's cricket
- 20 Representative players across U12 - U18 including state level
- 8 teams made finals
- 5 made Grand Finals
- **3 Premierships flags**
- Our very successful Holiday Camp program
- A final celebration on Presentation Night





## Junior Program Mission

This season the Junior Committee created three principles for Bentleigh CC Juniors:

### How We Play / What We Stand For / What We Do In All Junior Teams

#### Club

- To create a family-oriented club
- To become the destination club for senior and junior players and families in the area
- To provide a safe and welcoming environment for all players and families

#### Junior Cricket Program

- To provide a full program of boys, mixed and girls cricket from Rookies to U18
- To ensure cricket is fun
- To play in the spirit of the red and blue and club values
- Be Competitive and strive to win
  - Play fair, in the spirit of cricket, within the rules
  - Play as a team

#### Talent

- To develop and progress talent
- Provide pathways to senior cricket
- Provide opportunities for Rep cricket

## Junior Teams Summaries

### SECA Mixed teams

#### **Rookies: 3 teams, coached/managed by Shane Jeffree, Brad Prosser and Andrew Stadelmann**

The Rookies, a couple doing 2<sup>nd</sup> year, but mostly coming up from Blasters, had a great first year of cricket. Training and games were attacked with enthusiasm, fun and an increasing level of skill across the season. We have some real upcoming stars in this group and look forward to these players building on skills next season, or moving into the U12's. Thanks to our 3 super coaches for providing such a fun environment for the players and families.

#### **U12C: 2 teams coached by Rob Stark and Steve Jones**

This season we had 2 teams in the new SECA Stage 2 rules U12C comp. The new introductory level to Hard Ball cricket, the 2 teams were made up of some brand new players and some with a year of rookies under their belt.

These 2 teams showed great levels of skill with both teams being quite dominant across the season. Steve's team went down in the Semi Final by only a few runs, and Rob's team were just pipped in the Grand Final.



Some very committed players who will be back again for u12's.

**U12A and B - U12A coached by Geoff McKeown and U12 B coached by Alex Gerdan**

A highly competitive U12A team coached by Geoff. This team again comprised 50/50 girls and boys, and had a dominant season against tough competition and went down by just 1 run in the Grand Final

Alex's U12B were also dominant through the season and closed it out with an easy win in the Grand Final. Well done team.

The number of U12 players and the strength of the teams bodes well for the next few seasons with BCC able to field top grade U12 and U14 teams again.

Well done to both coaches.

**U14:**

**U14A coached by Paul Critchley**

The U14A team were competitive all season in a tough comp, finishing just outside the top 4. This team again showed the depth of talent we have coming through, unlucky to not make finals.

**U14C coached by Lachie Meister and Nathan Green**

We had 2 U14C teams this season, both finishing in top 4 and playing off in the "Bentleigh Bash" Semi Final. A fantastic coaching job by Lachie saw a team that hadn't enjoyed much success in previous seasons take it up to the eventual Grand Finalists.

Nathan's team had been runners up in 2 previous seasons, and were hungry for success this time, a hard fought final against McKinnon saw them bring home the flag they had been chasing.

Well done to both coaches.

The top age talent going into U15/U16 next season will give us a chance to field a strong team.

**U16: U16A coached by Andrew Yeaman**

Combined from last season's U14A and the previous season's bottom age U16's, an U16A team came together. In a strong competition, they ended 1 win outside the top 4.

Hoping to retain these players for U17's next season.

## **ISEC Sunday Turf teams**

**U15A coached by Paul Critchley**

Our first year running an U15 team in ISEC (Sunday turf games). The inaugural team was coached by Paul Critchley, and provided games for the U14's and U12's that wanted a turf game on Sundays. We found out that the U15A comp in ISEC is full of top level teams, despite this, our very talented team played well and took a couple of wins.

The highlight of the season was the opportunity to play several games on the Bentleigh Main Oval.

We hope to offer U15 again next season, and definitely aim for U15B.

Thanks Paul for the double up coaching job.



### **U17B (combined team) coached by Jeff Forstner and Zane Gould**

Our second season running an U17B team. We had a half of a team, and found Murrumbeena who were in the same position. The resulting combined team played home games at Murrumbeena oval.

It took a while for the team to find its straps, but were playing top level cricket by the second half of the season. We have learnt a lot from this year and plan to continue to provide this step between junior and senior cricket. Thanks to Zane and Matt from Murrumbeena for making the season happen.

## **AGCC Girls**

This season we had 3 teams play in the AGCC comp. Many of the girls also played in the mixed SECA teams and in the senior women's teams also.

### **U12 Coached by Charlie Qurrell**

Our first year running an U12 team (using Stage 1 – Rookies rules), this level looks to be ideal as an entry level for girls into cricket. Aply coached by Charlie, not only did the team play well and develop their skills, they also probably had the most fun of any team. This is a great pathway to building and retaining teams in our girls comp. Hoping to expand to 2 teams in the coming seasons.

### **U14A coached by James Bartlett**

James Bartlett (the second of our UK senior players taking on a coaching role) coached the U14A girls. This team was made up of girls playing in SECA mixed U12's, some who were also playing up in out U17's as well. This very talented cohort, most of whom are also playing rep or squad cricket, were the most unlucky team, making it to the Semi Final where they were favourites, only for the game to be abandoned due to heat and missing out on progressing through due to ladder position.

Hoping to get these girls a run at a flag again next season.

### **U17B coached by Maddy Jansz**

This season we got a full U17 team together with some older players and some from the U14A also playing. This team was made up of some of Bentleigh's most talented juniors and this showed when they brought home Bentleigh's first ever AGCC flag.

We hope to run an U17A team next season and continue to provide an opportunity for our girls to play at Bentleigh. A big thanks as always to James and Charlie for coaching the teams (hoping to get them back again), and congratulations to Maddy for bringing home a flag in her first coaching season.





## Representative cricket:

The number of our players making Rep teams bodes well for the future of our Juniors and Seniors with talent coming through in boys and girls comps. BCC juniors played in SECA Rep, J G Craig Shield and Vic State Schools U12 Girls teams.

<b>Arshia Aroroa</b>	AGCC U12
<b>Falak Syeda</b>	AGCC U12
<b>Cullan Barnacle</b>	AGCC U14
<b>Ilisha Rajiv</b>	AGCC U14
<b>Molly Andrews-Dodds</b>	AGCC U17
<b>Oliver McKeown</b>	ISEC U12
<b>Ajay Mehta</b>	ISEC U14
<b>Ajay Wood</b>	JG Craig Shield
<b>Mitch Powell</b>	JG Craig Shield
<b>Xavier Gerdan</b>	JG Craig Shield
<b>Ahmed Raza</b>	JG Craig Shield
<b>Nick Critchley</b>	JG Craig Shield
<b>Anushka Mehta</b>	Marg Jennings Cup
<b>Riva Guliya</b>	Marg Jennings Cup
<b>Georgia Naughton</b>	Marg Jennings Cup
<b>Neal Guliya</b>	SECA U12
<b>Xavier Parris</b>	SECA U14
<b>Ishi Tiwari</b>	U16 Vic Metro
<b>Will Blitz</b>	SECA U18

## Seniors:

We continue to have many of our up and coming juniors play up in seniors (mens and womens), this not only helps to cover teams that are short, but provides a pathway into seniors. All players benefit from the exposure to Senior cricket, and to the Senior team members.

## Juniors to Seniors Pathway:

As part of the implementation of our Juniors to Seniors Strategy we had junior players toss the coin for home mens and womens finals and form a guard of honour for the men's Grand Final. A great honour for the junior players and a sign of the integration occurring at Bentleigh.



## Milestone Games in 23/24:

Congratulations to Mitch Powell on playing his 100th game for Bentleigh this season, and to a number of other players that played their 50th

## Social Events:

Junior social events were well attended throughout the season, lots of fun had at the Bowls Club season launch, Xmas BBQ and the Award night. Thanks to all the helpers at each event.

## Skills Development:

This season we expanded the programs for skills development of Juniors at all age levels:

- **Training Skills sessions** – This season we again had Ben Seabrook (from the mens 1's team), bring his cricket skills and experience with juniors in the UK to several skills sessions run by age group. The Rookies in particular, loved his drills and energy.
- **Sunday junior skills sessions** - pre booked, 1 on 1 sessions with Ben Seabrook for the younger players to develop their skills. Many players used these Sunday sessions to improve their skills
- **Holiday Cricket Camp** - The school holiday cricket camps again had a record number of attendees across the 5 camps and was hugely enjoyed. Word has gotten out and we have attendees from outside the club now keen to join in. Thanks to Ben for co-ordinating, and all the players that helped to run the sessions.

The club continues to look for opportunities to improve skills, craft and engagement for juniors at all levels. Team Training and in game coaching are the frontline, and the club continues to invest in the extra skills sessions for the players who want to continue improving themselves as cricketers.

## Finals:

Our most successful season ever for juniors – 8 teams played Semi Finals, 5 progressed to Grand Finals and we brought home 3 flags, including our very first All Girls team flag

Girls U17B – coached by Maddy Jansz

Sunday U12B – coached by Alex Gerdan

U14B – coached by Nathan Green

## Congratulations:

Congratulations to Nick Critchley as the junior club champion and to our Junior Team of the Year (see page 43)



## Thanks:

The role of a junior coach is to promote skill acquisition, instill discipline in the player as appropriate, motivate players to 'want' to be better, and get them to love the game so much that they cannot keep still. I have seen all our junior coaches do this and want to thank ALL our junior coaches.

The ENTIRE club really appreciates the vastly important task you voluntarily undertake. Thanks also to all the Team Managers and Scorers, without you we simply can't play.

I would like to thank Ben Seabrook for running skills sessions and the School Holiday Camps.

Thanks to the Executive for their support this season. The juniors are a major component of the clubs' future in a fiercely competitive junior sporting environment, and the Executive certainly has that at the top of its mind in everything they do.

Finally, thanks to all the Junior Players and Families for upholding the values and standards of the Bentleigh Cricket Club, remember it is your club, and is here to serve the local community.

## Goodbye:

I am stepping down as Junior coordinator after 3 seasons (and 10 seasons as a junior coach). Thanks to the club and to everyone that has been part of my journey through junior cricket, I've loved every minute of it.

I leave the junior program in the capable hands of the new junior committee, and look forward to the continued growth of Bentleigh Juniors, and fulfilling the goal of becoming the destination club in the area.

I look forward to a bigger and better season again in 24/25

## Junior Committee 24/25

The junior program continues to grow, and the number of teams continues grow, leading to a need to grow the Junior Committee for season 24/25.

This season the junior committee created proposal for the expansion of a junior Subcommittee. We ran a Parent Session, inviting parent input into shaping the future of our junior boys and girls cricket program. We had approx 25 people in attendance and new volunteers putting their hand up to join the subcommittee, along with valuable feedback from those in attendance.

As always I'd like to invite anyone that has a passion to help us grow the junior program, from coaching, subcommittee, scorers and social event helpers, to put your hand up and get involved. Bentleigh CC is a great family focused club, and the more families helping, the better it will get.

Thanks

Jeff Forstner

Junior Cricket Coordinator



## All Abilities Report

We ran our third season of All Abilities cricket for juniors with disability during season 2023/24. We had 15 registered participants take part in our 11 week long program, a mix of returning players and some new faces.

This season we were very proud to come runners up in the Cricket Victoria Inclusion and Diversity Initiative of the Year at the Community Cricket Awards.



Under the guidance of coach Andrew Walton, our group worked on their foundation cricket skills and showed consistent improvement over the duration of the program. We were able to run all our scheduled sessions, clearing tables in the club house on occasion with inclement weather.

The aim of the program is to provide juniors with disability opportunities to:

- Participate in an accessible cricket program
- Make social connections
- Feel like they are valued and their abilities are celebrated
- Increase physical movement

We have watched our group become a part of the Friday night fun at BCC, included alongside the Blasters and warmly welcomed at the sausage sizzle and bar for a soft drink after their session. The BCC community should be proud of the way they have embraced this group, recognising their differences as an enhancement to our club.

Last season we introduced a Mentor program to include a handful of older teenagers who were asked to help deliver the program. It was wonderful to watch our mentors Molly, Ewan and Frankie grow in confidence in leading and supporting our program participants.

Thankyou to our program sponsors: Select Advice Finance and Device Technologies and to Glen Eira council and VicHealth who supported us with grants.

A big thankyou to our coach Andrew Walton for doing such a great job with the participants and to Marina Jansz for being our wonderful weekly volunteer.

During the off-season we have been working with some physiotherapy students from University of Melbourne to gather information that will help us write some resources to assist other community clubs to establish sports programs for children with disability. We look forward to sharing the final resource later this year.

### Emily Shepard and Trish Jeffery





## Junior Leadership Group 2023/24

<b>Junior Coordinator:</b>	<b>Jeff Forstner</b>
<b>Junior Secretary:</b>	<b>Natalie Powell</b>
<b>Junior Coaching Coordinator</b>	
<b>All Abilities Coordinators</b>	<b>Em Shepard &amp; Trish Jeffery</b>

<b>Under 17B Coach:</b>	Jeff Forstner
<b>AGCC Under 17B Coach:</b>	Maddy Jansz
<b>Under 16A Coach:</b>	Andrew Yeaman
<b>Under 15A Coach:</b>	Paul Critchley
<b>Under 14A Coach:</b>	Paul Critchley
<b>AGCC Under 14A Coach:</b>	James Bartlett
<b>Under 14C 1 Coach:</b>	Nathan Green
<b>Under 14C 2 Coach:</b>	Lachie Meister
<b>Under 12A Coach:</b>	Geoff McKeown
<b>Under 12B Coach:</b>	Alex Gerdan
<b>Under 12C 1 Coach:</b>	Rob Stark
<b>Under 12C 2 Coach</b>	Steve Jones
<b>AGCC Under 12 Coach:</b>	Charlie Quarrell
<b>Rookies 1 - Sat Coach:</b>	Shane Jeffree
<b>Rookies 2 – Sun Coach:</b>	Brad Prosser
<b>Rookies 3 - Sun Coach:</b>	Andrew Stadelmann
<b>Blasters Coordinator:</b>	Lachlan Hutchison

## Junior Team of the Year 2023/24

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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Junior Team</b>	<b>Selection</b>
<b>Nicholas Critchley (C)</b>	U15A	Batter
<b>Ahmed Raza</b>	U16A	Batter
<b>Declan Zaal</b>	U12C 1	Batter
<b>Anushka Mehta (VC)</b>	U17B Girls	Batter
<b>Riva Guliya</b>	U12A	Batter
<b>Griffith Jones</b>	U12C 2	Batter
<b>Jed Russo</b>	U14C 2	All Rounder
<b>Oscar Stark</b>	U12C 1	All Rounder
<b>Oscar McKeown</b>	U14A	Wicketkeeper
<b>William Whitley</b>	U14C 1	Bowler
<b>Xavier Parris</b>	U14C 1	Bowler
<b>Jack Wingfield</b>	U14A	Bowler



## Junior Award Winners 2023/24

Junior Club Champion	
Roy Krygger Trophy	Nicholas Critchley



U17B		
Batting	Satyam Sharma	79runs @ 15.8
Bowling	Satyam Sharma	11 wickets @ 11.45
Fielding	Jack Thorp	
Most improved	Liam Kiernan	
Coaches Award	Ollie Roberts	
AGCC 17B		
Batting	Anushka Mehta	262 runs @ 131
Bowling	Aditi Jaswal	7 wickets @ 10.14
Fielding	Ilisha Rajiv	
Most improved	Aangi Shah	
Coaches Award	Falak Syeda	
Best Finals	Ishita Tiwari	
U16A		
Batting	Ahmed Raza	281 runs @ 56.2
Bowling	Xavier Gerdan & Luke Charles	8 wickets @ 19.88
Fielding	Oscar Yeaman Jones	
Most improved	Sam Ferguson	
Coaches Award	Max Wigney	
U15A		
Batting	Nick Critchley	284 runs @ 47.33
Bowling	Marc Bereszkowski	6 wickets @ 16.5
Fielding	Sam Ferguson	
Most improved	Ajay Mehta	
Coaches Award	Ajay Wood	

U14A		
Batting	Nick Critchley	383 runs @ 63.83
Bowling	Xavier Parris	17 wickets @ 7.18
Fielding	Oscar McKeown	
Most improved	Satyam Yadav	
Coaches Award	Oliver McKay	
AGCC 14A		
Batting	Anushka Mehta	249 runs @ 83
Bowling	Falak Syeda	11 wickets @ 10.55
Fielding	Arshia Arora	
Most improved	Daphne Sandhu	
Coaches Award	Anushka Mehta	
U14C 1		
Batting	Max O'Brien	105 runs @ 105
Bowling	William Whiteley	11wickets @ 4.64
Fielding	Mason Marianne	
Most improved	Thomas Morgan	
Coaches Award	Will Stadlemann	
Finals Player	Max O'Brien	
U14C 2		
Batting	Jed Russo	114 runs @ 28.5
Bowling	Lachlan Murchison	9 wickets @ 8.33
Fielding	Lachlan Soderlund	
Most improved	Masum Patel	
Coaches Award	Mathew Birkenleigh	
Finals Player	Mathew Birkenleigh	



U12A		
Batting	Oliver McKeown	197runs @ 197
Bowling	Riva Guliya	8wickets @ 6.13
Fielding	Ishita Tiwari	
Most improved	Anushka Mehta	
Coaches Award	Arnav Patil	
Finals Player	Oliver McKeown	
U12B		
Batting	Sebastian Hatting	110 runs @ 55
Bowling	Jack Wingfield	11 wickets @ 4.09
Fielding	Nathan Tesoriero	
Most improved	Andrew Terkelson	
Coaches Award	Zachary Hand & Tennyson Hearn	
Finals Player	Harry Nailon	
U12C 1		
Batting	Declan Zaal	274 runs @ 274
Bowling	Liam McLellan	6wickets @ 9.5
Fielding	Oscar Stark	
Most improved	Kiaan Shah	
Coaches Award	Leo Tarulli	
Finals Player	Liam McLellan	
U12 C 2		
Batting	Griffith Jones	241 runs @ 48.2
Bowling	Vidit Dhole	6wickets @ 11
Fielding	Ernie Tonge	
Most improved	Ansh Jain	
Coaches Award	Charlie Ferguson	
Finals Player	Charlie Skinner	

AGCC U12		
Batting	Charlotte Collett	
Bowling	Chloe Madigan	
Fielding	Solai Sharavanan	
Most improved	Eeman Saeed	
Coaches Award	Aarisha Acharya	
ROOKIES 1		
Batting	Aiden Jeffree	
Bowling	Maya Marom-Lalla	
Fielding	Hudson Partridge	
Most improved	Samantha Magdulski	
Coaches Award	Flynn Rohrer	
ROOKIES 2		
Batting	Mitchell Loft	
Bowling	Vivaan Degaonkar	
Fielding	Max Foster	
Most improved	James Adams	
Coaches Award	Reid Hoffmann	
ROOKIES 3		
Batting	Charlie Deutsch-Burley	
Bowling	James Stadelmann	
Fielding	Jack Burgess	
Most improved	Lukas Klettke-Sullivan	
Coaches Award	Auggie Nicholas	



## Historical Club Honours and Awards



### Roger Kellar Award - Coseley Trophy

The Best Clubperson Award is known as the **Roger Kellar Award**. The recipient is awarded **Coseley Trophy** at the end of each season.

1959/60	W.L. Foley		1982/83	G. McPhee		2005/06	L. Jones
1960/61	E. Sorrell		1983/84	G. McInnes		2006/07	R. Borowski
1961/62	P. Robertson		1984/85	S. Morgan		2007/08	L. Jones
1962/63	K. Crook		1985/86	Ms. D. Semple		2008/09	P. Glew
1963/64	K. Crook		1986/87	R. Hogan		2009/10	P. Ciccarella
1964/65	K. Crook		1987/88	D. Ward		2010/11	R. Keyt & R. Kellar
1965/66	S. Dexter		1988/89	Mrs L. Crane		2011/12	S. McGinness
1966/67	G. Webb		1989/90	R. Connell		2012/13	P. Ciccarella
1967/68	R. Laird		1990/91	R. Kellar		2013/14	R. Keyt & W. Lim
1968/69	E. Thomas		1991/92	J. Rogers		2014/15	R. Keyt
1969/70	B. Allison		1992/93	W. Stylianou		2015/16	M.J. Foot
1970/71	D. Grace		1993/94	M. Rogers		2016/17	R. Kellar
1971/72	A. Newstead		1994/95	R. Kellar		2017/18	R. Kellar
1972/73	N. Glass		1995/96	B. Sherwood		2018/19	R. Kellar & M.J. Foot
1973/74	E. Gaskin		1996/97	G. McInnes		2019/20	J. Abraham
1974/75	A. Austin		1997/98	A. McInnes		2020/21	T. Jeffery
1975/76	G. Young		1998/99	G. McInnes		2021/22	J. Forstner
1976/77	J. Paine		1999/2000	A. Rogers		2022/23	Jo. Raju
1977/78	P. Kemp		2000/01	A. Todd		2023/24	N. Powell
1978/79	R. Connell		2001/02	R. Kellar			
1979/80	G. McInnes		2002/03	A. Taylor			
1980/81	J. Rogers		2003/04	M. Thorp			
1981/82	J. Scriven		2004/05	M. Thorp			



## Roger Kellar Award (Coseley Trophy)

### Thank You from Nat Powell

On Saturday 6th April 2024, I attended the Bentleigh Cricket Club Season 2023/24 Presentation Night across the Men's and Women's Senior Program with my husband Ross and son Mitchell - what a great night it was! Congratulations to all award recipients.

I was very honoured to have been nominated and awarded the Roger Kellar Award (Coseley Trophy) for Best Clubperson. It is one of the most prestigious awards at the Club and goes to the person who has, in the mind of the committee, been the Best Clubperson for the year.



I received this award for the volunteer work I have done at a committee level with the Junior Program, driving our junior community engagement across social platforms, junior member communication, bringing closer connection between junior and senior players, whilst supporting the Men's 3rd XI premiership winners as their Team Manager. I was totally overwhelmed with emotion on the night and so grateful for this unexpected acknowledgment, knowing I am now enshrined in the history of our club and in great company of those awarded before me.

A few years ago, President at the time, David McNamara and I were cutting those famous laps around the Victory Park oval during a training session when he asked me to join the Junior Committee to "whack out a few newsletters" during the season. Once I got involved, I saw a small group of passionate volunteers doing soooo much. It prompted me to chip in, to do more, to ease the load and bring my passion, knowledge and expertise where I could to the club. Thank you, David, for being a great club ambassador and for giving me the confidence to play a role at the club, whilst still being an interested mum watching my boys play cricket from my deck chair on the sidelines.

Volunteering is in my DNA. From childcare and kindergarten board member, allergy ambassador, school fundraiser, sporting club team manager or cricket club committee member, it's who I am and what I love doing. I absolutely LOVE being part of the Bentleigh Cricket Club. I never do what I do in the hope of receiving an award, I do it because of the sense of community, fun, connection, joy and happiness it brings to me, my family, the kids and other families. I love seeing the support, encouragement, mentorship, mateship and positive environment the club provides to our young people, with so many role models inspiring our talented junior players coming through the ranks. They are the youngblood and future of the club.

Our family has been part of the BCC for over 10 years since my middle son Mitchell started as a 5-year-old in the Friday night Blasters program. During this time, we have made lifelong friendships and seen the club go from strength to strength. Our junior program has a solid platform for growth, with great plans for continued success and passionate volunteers to make it fun for all - I cannot wait to play my role in season 2024/25 and beyond.

To the Executive and General committee, you are such a friendly, inclusive, smart, passionate and talented group of men and women whose hearts beat true. Thank you for your support.

To outgoing Junior Coordinator Jeff Forstner, we were a small but great team together. The dynamic duo flying the red and blue flag for the junior boys and girls – thank you!

To the junior and senior players and parents - thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing my love and enjoyment of the game at a local level.

To club legend Roger Kellar and family, I am truly honoured and proud to have received this award which I hold in high regard.

I look forward to seeing more volunteers 'put their hand up' and doing it all over again; bigger and better in season 2024/25. Go the Dees!

With heartfelt thanks,  
Nat Powell



## Bentleigh Blue Honours - Mens

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





## Bentleigh Blue Honours - Womens

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1	BCC (Reserved)			33	Ritisha KANURI	2023/24
2	KEYT Family			34		
3	ROBINSON Family			35		
4	KEMP Family			36		
5	Trish JEFFERY	2021/22		37		
6	Sarah MULLANE	2021/22		38		
7	Caitlin SEXTON	2021/22		39		
8	Louise ADAMS	2021/22		40		
9	Shreenu BHASKAR	2021/22		41		
10	Kim KENNEDY	2021/22		42		
11	Carol HANDTKE	2021/22		43		
12	Bron PARRY	2021/22		44		
13	Reyce MACTIER	2021/22		45		
14	Kellie RUNCIMAN	2021/22		46		
15	Caz ELLUL	2021/22		47		
16	Kristie MCNAMARA	2021/22		48		
17	Stephanie HESTER	2021/22		49		
18	Adriana ROTONDI	2021/22		50		
19	Maddy JANSZ	2021/22		51		
20	Kim HAZENDONK	2021/22		52		
21	Jess BONHAM	2022/23		53		
22	Frankie SHEPARD	2022/23		54		
23	Amelia HART	2022/23		55		
24	Ishita TIWARI	2022/23		56		
25	Leanne SUGDEN	2022/23		57		
26	Becki McWHINNIE	2023/24		58		
27	Rebecca FONTANA	2023/24		59		
28	Jodie WRIGHT	2023/24		60		
29	Sophie BARBER	2023/24		61		
30	Hollie LURIE	2023/24		62		
31	Chloe VUONG	2023/24		63		
32	Kerrie PLANT	2023/24		64		



## 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



## Ron McLeod Award

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

2001/02	A. Taylor	2023/24	C. Quarrell
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		



## John Rogers Award

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

1996/97	C. Kellar	2021/22	D. McNamara
1997/98	B. Russell	2022/23	J. Bartlett
1998/99	R. Borowski	2023/24	T. Mullane
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		



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> XI player** in that season, as voted by the 4<sup>th</sup> XI players and officials.

2006/07	A. Awati
2007/08	P. Newton
2008/09	J. Bhatia
2009/10	J. Heagney-Stewart
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

## MVP 5th XI Award

This Award is awarded to the **best 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## R & J Keyt Award

The R & J Keyt Award is awarded to the **best Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI player** in that season, as voted by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> XI	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	4 <sup>th</sup> XI
2020/21	K. Hazendonk (Blue)		
2021/22	J. Bonham		
2022/23	J. Wright	Md. Jansz	
2023/24	K. Plant	L. Sugden	V. Mag



## 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

## U18 Girl Playing Senior Cricket Award

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

2022/23	F. Shepard
2023/24	F. Shepard