**President’s Report – Season 2014/15**

It is with great pleasure that I present the following report regarding the 2014/15 season to the members, players and supporters of the Rupertswood Cricket Club.

**23nd Annual General Meeting**

The 23rd Annual General Meeting was held on 16th July 2014. The meeting was well attended and the following members were elected at the AGM or co-opted onto the committee thereafter:-

President: Peter Kavanagh

Vice-President: Jamie Rolfe

Treasurer: Trevor Harris

Secretary: Warren Hall

Junior Operations Coordinator: Vaughan Winther

Senior Delegate: Luke Reddan

Junior Delegate: Kathleen Shoesmith

Communications Manager: David Metheringham

General Committee: Wayne Withers

Social Committee: Chris Ryan

I would personally like to thank each and every committee member for their outstanding commitment and effort that is required to ensure off field success for our club.

In particular, Thankyou to the following people;

* Vice President, Jamie Rolfe for his great support in all areas relating to administration, the bar managerial roll as well as assisting with Social functions.
* Treasurer and Life Member, Trevor Harris for his ongoing and ever accurate management of club finances and MyCricket administration.
* Secretary and Life Member, Warren Hall for his commitment not only with administration aspects of the club but his continued involvement with the everyday management of the club.
* Junior Coordinator, Vaughan Winther, his efforts in ensuring that all sides had coaches in place, all junior players were contacted with sides selected prior to the start of the season was an outstanding effort. Because of this all sides played consistent and enjoyable cricket. Unfortunately due to work commitments mid to late season Vaughan was restricted with his involvement but still made sure that the junior members were kept informed of club events. Junior presentation day was a perfect example with excellent family involvement. It is with regret that due to his work commitments Vaughan will not be able to continue as our junior coordinator for season 2015-16
* Our Senior Delegate, Life Member and senior player, Luke Reddan for his never ending commitment and personal guidance, if there was ever a task to be attended to Luke is always there to assist.
* Junior Delegate, Kate Shoesmith, her views and input at committee level was greatly appreciated, Kate also guided the junior team managers to ensure that the day to day running of sides didn’t rely on the coaches doing everything. It was comforting to know that all team managers knew how to enter results and scores into MyCricket. Kate also was a member of the pink stumps day subcommittee.
* Communications Manager, David Metheringham, Dave’s work has been outstanding in many areas, the transformation of the clubrooms from Football to Cricket, afternoon tea each Saturday, website management, Junior team photos, electronic social presentations and Sponsorship advertising packages and more, his tireless work most of the time goes unrewarded.
* Social Committee, Chris Ryan for a magnificent job of social functions throughout the season such as our traditional Melbourne Cup Calcutta night, trivia night, Christmas break up and regular Saturday night in house get togethers. We look forward to Chris continuing with his role as social Coordinator especially with the success of last season’s last man standing and the coming seasons 25 years celebrations. Chris received plenty of advice from many club members so I’m sure he will be looking for their assistance this coming season?
* Our walking encyclopedia for player on and off field abilities, Chairman of selectors Brett Hudd, his efforts with his communication with the coaching staff and captains was outstanding. To be able to have sides play consistent cricket in most grades throughout the season while ensuring that the club qualified so many players for finals was outstanding.
* Our club was very proud to again host the Pink Stumps/High Tea event in support of the McGrath Foundation for placement of breast cancer care Nurses around Australia. Life member and committeeman, Wayne Withers together with his wife Maree were yet again the driving force in ensuring that the day was again a great success that all involved are very proud of. This year’s success has now cemented a move to the Mansion for future High Teas which will allow more female members and local community the opportunity to enjoy what is for a very special cause.

We sincerely thank the following people who supported and contributed to the running of this year’s event.

Wayne and Maree Withers, Debbie and Peter Garner, Cara Cummings, Erin McMahon (Carey), Michael Carey, Kate Shoesmith, Steve and Rachel Dale, Keith Dale, Doug Steele, Jenny and Gerald Carland, Peter & Pauline Tabone, Mick & Vanessa Howell, Dianne King, Trevor Harris, Karyn Mitchell, Rayelle Morrison, Helen Kavanagh, Melva Withers, Luke Reddan, Warren Hall, Mick Riley, Jamie Rolfe & the Rolfe Family, Brooke Batchelor, David Metheringham & Gary Plummer.

A special thankyou to Lyn Plummer as guest speaker on the day.

A big thankyou also to all that supported and sponsored this special event

**Sponsors and Supporters of RCC**

Most recent member to the life members club and former President Mick Riley took on the roll as Sponsor Coordinator and worked tirelessly throughout the season communicating with sponsors ensuring that they were all kept up to date with club activities. This year would be by far the most sponsors that have associated with RCC and as a club we are looking forward to continuing their generous support for many years to come.

Special thanks to all sponsors which include:

• VICS Food and Wine-Vic Scerri

• elements spa & skin aesthetics

• Royal Hotel Sunbury

• Sunbury Helping Hand/Bendigo Bank

• Sportsco Sunbury-(Peter and Pauline Tabone)

• Withers Civil (Wayne Withers)

• O’Shanassy Meats and Poultry (Matthew and Alison Ayers)

• McDonalds Sunbury, Watergardens & Gisborne. (Richard Harris)

• Innovia Films (Mark Williams)

• Birthplace of The Ashes Foundation c/o Mark Davis

• Bank west

• Index Painting

• Foxy’s Driving School

• Telstra Sunbury

• Double *e* Design

• The Chook Pen

• The Best Burger Bar

• A Class Solar Systems

• Core flex

• Green Gables Plumbing

• D Van Rooy Cleaning

Thankyou to Sean Morganti for managing the Thursday evening meals supplied by The Chook Pen and regularly assisting with bar serving.

Mandy & Les Murphy from The Chook Pen made sure that everyone enjoyed an outstanding meal after training.

Richard Hainsworth from The Best Burger Bar who also supply great meals several times during the season.

Bruce Marshallfor his preparation of the Sunbury Helping Hand/Bendigo Bank application for community grant which again resulted in the club receiving a generous grant that enable us to purchase a new bowling machine and training gear.

A special thank you to Aaron & Brooke Batchelor for the excellent co-ordination of Milo Cricket.

**Senior Teams**

Taking over the President’s position after what was I believe a reasonably successful season in 2013/14 on field 2014/15 looked like we had made some very positive decisions.

The appointment of new coach Patrick Tyler, the inclusion of several young players as well as a group of mature players looking for a new home to play cricket and share their cricket knowledge as well as engaging in all social events and bonding with all players was and will be for many years a great benefit for our club.

The regular season was very rewarding with 107 players play seniors, of those 10 were juniors 7 of which regularly played both mornings and afternoons.

9 centurions, 9 x 5 or more wicket hauls.

Four of six senior sides competing in finals was pleasing in itself and is something we are striving to achieve on a consistent basis but we cannot deny the fact however that our performances in the finals fell well short of our expectations and the standards as a club we are endeavouring to set.

We as a club set high expectations and will not accept mediocrity.

All of us who love this great club are under no illusions that there is plenty of hard work and improvement still required with a clear focus on performing at the best level we possibly can and getting our 1st XI back into McIntyre level sooner rather than later.

The efforts of our captains, players and Chairman of Selectors need to be commended as they have all given their all in trying to achieve team and club success.

Our first XI Captains, Patrick Tyler & Jay King, led superbly as they finishing on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away season.

Whilst we acknowledge our semifinal performance was disappointing all players would have learnt a lot from and will use as a stepping stone towards our ultimate on field goal.

The efforts of our other Captains cannot go without recognition

C Grade Chris Ryan & Lachlan McLean

E Grade Justin Batchelor

F Grade Troy Smith

H Grade Darryne lynch

One Day Grade Mick Howell

I personally would like to thank each and every one of them for their leadership and development of all players and again look forward to working with them in our plight for success.

Congratulations to the following players for winning association awards.

* Jay King; B Grade Bowling award
* Haydn Ross B Grade Batting award
* Darryne Lynch; G Grade Champion player.
* Alan Holter, One Day Grade Champion player for a second time.

Our sincere thanks to regular helpers with scoring, afternoon tea set up etc. our afternoon teas have yet again been superb which is a credit to our players and those that assisted, in particular, David Metheringham, Christine Hall, Brett Hudd, Brooke Batchelor & her mother Pauline & Mick Riley, I’m sure there are others who I have missed and do apologies as we have so many members willing to help out all the time.

**Junior Teams**

Rupertswood were again well represented in the junior ranks of the GDCA with six teams in total, U/16’s, U/14 Blue & Gold, U/12 and U/11.

The support from parents and family members of a Saturday morning and at training was sensational, this support is comforting knowing that our junior coaches were being assisted by those that are embracing our ethos and values in participation, sportsmanship and improvement.

The importance of this for our long term future cannot be understated.

Thank you to Mick & Vanessa Howell for their outstanding efforts in bringing new players and families together during the Friday nights U/11 games.

Mick & Vanessa joined our club this year and from the first day offered their services to coach and coordinate the youngest and newest cricketers at our club. To see so many families socializing on the boundary on a Friday night while their sons played cricket was very encouraging.

Thank you to Terry Crotty for his terrific work with our U/12 group.

Terry was instructional and allowing maximum participation and enjoyment with his young players whilst also encouraging parental involvement which resulted in a very enjoyable season by everyone involved.

To see Terry handing out replica ashes urns to his players at the end of the last days play showed his care of his players.

Thank you to Peter Cooke, Darryne Lynch & Andrew White for their commitment and devotion in coaching the U/14 sides.

Whilst their teams may not have gained the results in terms of wins they desired, the enthusiasm and great sportsmanship of the players is a credit to their coaching.

Thank you to Steve Fox for his efforts over the last few years he has been associated with the U16’s. His side finished fourth and unfortunately lost the semifinal. Most of Steve’s side have now finished playing juniors and it is with regret that several will be leaving our club to play seniors elsewhere. I wish them all the best of luck and hope that one day they may return to further their cricket with Rupertswood Cricket Club.

A special thankyou to the parents of those players that will be leaving, your support is as much appreciated by our club as it is by your sons. Like your sons you are always welcome to call in and so hello whenever in the area.

Congratulations also to the following players that represented our club at GDCA representative level.

Emerson White under 13’s Junior Country week

Corey Wooley under 16 Junior country week & Kirton Shield

Michael Fox under 16 Junior country week & Kirton Shield

Lachlan Smith Under 17 Kirton Shield.

Mackenzie Casson under 17 Kirton Shield

**Milo In2 Cricket**

Many thanks to Aaron & Brooke Batchelor who made themselves available to conducted a very successful Milo In2 Cricket program. Neither Aaron nor Brooke had any reason why they would nominate themselves to run the program other than their love of the club and knowing that future players are given a start with cricket and our great club.

Thankyou again to the parents and others who gave of their time to ensure the young participants enjoyed the activities and fun associated with playing cricket.

**Social Events**

Our traditional Melbourne Cup Eve Calcutta event was again enjoyed by patrons and club members’ special thanks to Chris Ryan, Jamie Rolfe and Warren Hall who administered proceedings which allowed all attending to have a great night.

Our Christmas celebrations were yet again highlighted by the appearance of Santa Claus transported by a local CFA fire truck and the jumping castle which allowed for an enjoyable evening to the young children present and we thank Neil Smith, Sunbury CFA and Lisa Cole for their time and effort in this regard.

Club members were again entertained by the musical talents of Darcy Nolan, we are so grateful that he made himself available to perform on the night.

Pink Stumps –McGrath Foundation High Tea Event as mentioned earlier was well supported and once again raised in excess of $4,800 for the McGrath Foundation.

Our end of season presentation events for both Senior and Junior were well supported with good patronage from players and sponsors. The senior presentation night had 2 very special guests in Marie & Greg Sinnott from the now disbanded Sunbury Sports Stadium Group who recently gave us a $10,000.00 grant and training equipment. Both the grant and training equipment will be used and appreciated for many years.

**Rector’s XI v President’s XI**

The seventh successive Rector’s v President’s social match was held at Rupertswood on 1st March which again was greatly supported and again saw some new faces combined with the presence of some past stalwarts of the club involved.

Fr Peter Monaghan made the trip across town again in his endeavor to gain the upper hand on the trophy that was 3 a piece but to both Fr Pete and myself disbelief the scores at the end of play were all tied up and still the head to head battle is at three all.

Thank you to Fr Pete and those that assisted in what was another successful day.

**Presentation Events**

Our Senior and Junior Presentation events were held on the 24rd March and 20th March respectively and rightfully acknowledged the efforts of players, coaches, volunteers and supporters of the RCC both at club and GDCA representative level.

Congratulations to all award winners on your achievements.

A special acknowledgement to our joint Best Club Person recipients, Aaron & Brooke Batchelor.

The Best Club Person trophy is awarded annually to a person/s who has provided outstanding volunteer services to the club during the season.

Other than the President, any member of the club is eligible to win the award being either a player or non-player, associated with juniors or seniors, committee member or supporter, etc.

The award is voted on by committee members and club captains.

The voting on the award for this season was split evenly between these two special persons who both certainly fulfilled the criteria in measuring tremendous contribution to our great club.

**Salesian College Rupertswood**

The Rupertswood Cricket Club expresses its gratitude to Principal, Mark Brockhus and Salesian College, Rupertswood for the privileged use of the facilities at the historic “Birthplace of the Ashes”.

We also express our utmost thanks once more to Peter Durdle, Cameron Adamson and the SCR ground staff for their hard work and co-operation in maintaining the ovals in the best way possible throughout the season.

**Conclusion**

Being my first year as President I now appreciate the efforts of my predecessors, the amount of time and effort that is required to ensure that a club of our size is successful both on and off the field requires the support of many, I want again to thank my fellow committee members for their support and efforts during the past season. We are one of the largest clubs in the association and for us to stay successful and keep up with the times we will require the assistance of more members both on and off field.

I would also like to thank the players that joined our club at the start of this season who most of the time filled our one day side, to have people of their quality wanting to join our club and show their commitment the way they did is reassuring that our great club is heading in the right direction.

I’m sure there are many people that have assisted me personally and the club as a whole that I haven’t thanked, I do apologies but do appreciate your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Kavanagh

President

Rupertswood Cricket Club

Congratulations to the junior players that won club awards for season 2014/15.

**Under 12**

Batting Ned Crotty  62 runs @ 31.0

Bowling Joseph Honner 9 wickets @ 7.56

Best Team Player Ben Gavaghan

Coaches Award Liam Goodfellow

Fielding Tim Smith

U12 Steve Buckman Award – Callum Bishop

**Under 14 Blue**

Batting Luke Shoesmith 215 runs @ 53.75

Bowling Elijah Coe 11 wickets @ 7.45

Best Team Player Joshua Winther

Coaches Award Jackson Lynch

Fielding Timothy Osborne

**Under 14 Gold**

Batting Alex Bond 181 runs @ 30.17

Bowling Heath O’Donovan 6 wickets @ 14.0

Best Team Player Conner Davidson

Coaches Award – Jackson Cardillo

Fielding – Jordan Flanigan

U14 Steve Buckman Award – Callum Cooke

**Under 16**

Batting Michael Fox 252 runs @50.4

Bowling Lachlan Smith 12 wickets @ 9.17

Best Team Player Dylan Byrne

Coaches Award Lachlan Wilkes

Fielding Harrison Wilson

Player of the Finals Corey Woolley

U16 Steve Buckman Award Michael Fox

Junior Rising Star Lachlan Smith

Congratulations to the senior players that won club awards for season 2014/15.

**B grade**

Batting Haydn Ross 380 runs @ 47.50

Bowling Jay King 29 wickets @ 10.45

Fielding Logan Gray

Club Champion Nathan Shoesmith 614 points

**C Grade**

Batting Lachlan McLean 217 runs @ 27.13

Bowling Curtis Turvey 22 wickets @ 10.95

Fielding Angelo Silva

Grade Champion Lachlan McLean 467 points

**E Grade**

Batting Aaron Batchelor 388 runs @ 55.43

Bowling Peter Kavanagh 15 wickets @ 20.20

Fielding Nathan Powell

Grade Champion Ricky Turner 585 points

**F Grade**

Batting Troy Smith 236 runs @ 19.67

Bowling Ryan McLean 11 wickets @ 13.09

Fielding Paul McGarry

Grade Champion Troy Smith 256 points

**H Grade**

Batting Darryne Lynch 564 runs @ 51.27

Bowling Lachlan Dimech 15 wickets @ 18.60

Fielding Jack Hainsworth

Player of the Finals William Honner

Grade Champion Darryne Lynch 654 points

**One Day**

Batting Alan Holter 232 runs @ 46.40

Bowling Michael Kostuch 11 wickets @ 12.82

Fielding Michael Kostuch

Grade Champion Alan Holter 347 points

Senior Rising Star Nathan Shoesmith

Luke Reddan Encouragement Award Shane Van Rooy

***RUPERTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB***

***24nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15TH JULY 2015***

*Meeting Opened:* 8.10pm

*Present:* Peter Kavanagh, Trevor Harris, Luke Reddan, Warren Hall, Jamie Rolfe, John Lane, Brett Hudd.

*Apologies:* Chris Ryan, David Metheringham, Mick Riley

*Minutes of previous meeting*: Trevor Harris and Jamie Rolfe motioned that the minutes from the previous AGM be accepted – Carried.

*Business arising from previous minutes*: Nil

*Correspondence:*  Peter gave a report on the GDCA presidents meeting

Proposed rule amendments and by laws were discussed. No objections were made at the president’s meeting. They will be voted on at next week’s GDCA AGM.

Change is going to be made to MyCricket Online Registration and Payment. Trevor will check how it works before we use it. Cost of MiloIn2Cricket per participant is $80.

Trevor has organised the Public Liability Certificate of Currency (had to pay for it before we received it)

*Senior Report*:

Brett is discussing vacant senior coaching position with one candidate. John has confirmed practice match at Jan Juc on 26th September. We might organise another practice match. Need to get an idea of the senior playing list to help decide the number of teams to nominate on 17th August.

*Junior Report:*

Club is still looking for a Junior Coordinator.

*President’s Report:* Presented by Peter. Peter thanked the committee, coaches, sponsors & supporters, parents, Salesian College and recognised the efforts of the junior and senior teams and selectors. Peter recognised the outstanding Pink Stumps day. Peter thanked Mick for his role as sponsorship coordinator and Aaron Batchelor as milo coordinator. A detailed President’s Report will be posted on the website.

On behalf of the committee Luke thanked Mick for preparing the President’s report and encouraged this to continue in future seasons to document the club’s history

*Treasurer’s Report:* Trevor Harris presented the financial report for last season, (needs to be signed off by President and Vice President). Comparison to previous financial year: Playing Fees up $500, sponsorship up $1100, bank interest down $68, ball money up over $1000, Milo In2Cricket up slightly, merchandise receipts down but have plenty of stock. Grants were up significantly thanks to $10000 from SSSG.

Bar profit increased, senior presentation night receipts were up $100, trophy costs up $400, affiliation fees up, bank charges down slightly. Equipment & balls up $1000 (includes container). Club still has funds for a Level 1 coaching course. Cost of Commemorative matches much the same. Finals umpires fees $1130

Club had a profit on season of $20115.21.

Trevor has recommended that the club close the Westpac account and set up Net Banking at Bendigo Bank.

Jamie motioned that the Treasurer’s report be accepted including closing the Westpac account and set up of Net Banking at Bendigo Bank –seconded by Luke – Accepted.

*Election of Office Bearers for 2015-16:* Peter declared positions vacant and handed control of the meeting over to Brett Hudd. Brett began the process of the election of office bearers for season 2015-16.

 President: Peter Kavanagh only nomination – accepted – elected

 Vice President: Jamie Rolfe only nomination – accepted – elected

 Club Secretary: Warren Hall only nomination – accepted – elected

 Treasurer: Trevor Harris only nomination – accepted – elected

General Committee: Luke Reddan accepted nomination – elected

President Peter Kavanagh reassumed control of the meeting and congratulated the re-elected committee members.

*General Business*

*Sponsorship*

Sponsorship package has been revised, similar to last season. Peter has printed and will bind copies for Mick Riley. Need to decide what the bar prices will be, Luke recommends an increase is required, will discuss at next meeting.

*Playing fees for 2015-16:*

The committee discussed the playing fees for the upcoming season. The committee agreed that the senior playing fees will be $180 if paid before or on round 1, after round 1 it is $200. Could have financial members draw at selection nights. Junior playing fees will be last year’s prices before round 1 or up $10 after round 1

*Registration Day*

Trevor has booked registration day at Sunbury Intersport, proposed date Saturday 22nd August

*25 Year Celebration Dinner – 28th November*

Night is advertised on the club website. Organising committee will meet again to work out some details. Aiming to send invitations out mid-August with RSVP by end September.

Meeting closed: 9:40pm

Next committee meeting to be on Wednesday 5th August at 8pm