



Rupertswood Cricket Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011/12

It is with pleasure that I present the following report regarding the 2011/12 season to the members, players and supporters of the Rupertswood Cricket Club:-

20th Annual General Meeting and Club Committee

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6th July 2011. The meeting was well attended and the following members were elected at the AGM or co-opted onto the committee shortly thereafter:-

President:	Michael Riley
Vice-President:	Mark Williams
Secretary:	Warren Hall
Treasurer:	Trevor Harris
Senior Operations/Directors of Coaching	John Lane/Mark Williams
Junior Operations Co-ordinator & Delegate:	Peter Kavanagh
Social/Fund Raising Co-ordinator:	Steve Barnes
Milo Program:	Michael Walsh/James Natsis
General Committee:	Wayne Withers
Senior Delegate:	Luke Reddan
Communications:	Gavin Clifford

Thank you to all our committee members who contributed diligently to the successful running of the Club.

Their efforts and support was greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our long serving treasurer and life member, Trevor Harris who continues to do a power of work in the administration of the club.

Sponsors

The Club was again fortunate to secure the valuable support of a number of important sponsors for the season.

In particular, Index Painting & Decorating operated by Frank and Michelle Vandenhurk, continued as our major sponsor for the 2011/12 season and has kindly renewed their support for the upcoming 2012/13 calendar.

As a club, we greatly appreciate the significant assistance provided by our sponsors and I sincerely thank them for their involvement.

Our key sponsors included:-

- Index Painting & Decorating
- Birthplace of The Ashes Foundation c/o Mark Davis
- Innovia Films
- McDonalds Sunbury, Calder Highway Sth & Nth, Sydenham, Watergardens & Gisborne
- SportsCo Sunbury
- Withers Civil
- O'Shanassy Meats and Poultry
- H & R Concrete Constructions
- BankWest

Our club would also like to acknowledge the support obtained via Sunbury Helping Hands and Bendigo Bank which assisted greatly with the recovering of two practice net wickets.

Club Website & MyCricket

Thanks to the great efforts of Trevor Harris MyCricket and the Club Website continued to operate. Important current information and records are posted on the website and all members, players and supporters are encouraged to regularly visit

www.rupertswoodcc.org.au to keep up to date with Club activities

Also, this season all Junior Coaches and or Team Managers entered their results and player details into MyCricket

There have been some developments through the efforts of Gavin Clifford in building our new club website which is intended to be fully operational prior to the beginning of the 2012/13 season via www.rupertswoodcc.org.au

Senior Teams

The 2011/12 season saw a change in our coaching and leadership structure with John Lane and Mark Williams assuming the roles as Directors of Senior Coaching Operations.

John also did an outstanding job in captaining our McIntyre 1st XI which comprised a number of new faces and primarily a very young group.

I would like to thank both John and Mark for their tremendous efforts throughout the entire season.

We also welcomed overseas import, Tristram Douglas from the U.K. who filled the role of specialist coach as well as a solid allrounder in our McIntyre XI.

Tristram applied himself in the role and endeared himself to many with his great enthusiasm and I would like to acknowledge his wonderful contribution with both our senior and junior divisions.

We are hoping that he returns for the coming season but regardless he will be forever welcome at the Rupertswood Cricket Club where he has made many new friends.

My sincere thanks to everyone who assisted during the season, in particular scorer Fiona Buckley and Richard Buckley who assisted in afternoon tea duties.

A special thank you to life member Michael Carey who in spite of pressing matters due to family illness still managed to help out at net practice when he possibly could as well as being at the club with his usual words of encouragement and support.

Rupertswood CC fielded 4 senior teams in the GDCA which was agreed upon after the lack of consistent numbers during the previous season.

We did have 74 players in total that represented the club over the season with 15 new players welcomed into the club.

A special mention to Warren Hall (Only current playing Life Member) who played his 80th McIntyre game this season and has now gone well past the 200 game mark overall. Longstanding players, Brendan Buckley and Josh Powell also both chalked up their 50th McIntyre games.

Warren also represented the GDCA in inter-association and country week competitions together with Tristram Douglas, Mark Ryan and Lachlan McLean. Well done to all those lads.

Our McIntyre XI again finished 5th narrowly missing out on the finals but were extremely competitive and enjoyed some great wins including a 2 run victory in the first half of the season against the back to back premiers from the previous two seasons ,Sunbury United. We had 17 players in total represent our club at McIntyre level including six new debutantes who wore the famous blue and gold baggy cap for the first time.

Our B grade second XI were well led by Mark Arthurson who took on the responsibility of skipper. The season started well but fell away mainly due to the unavailability of some senior players which was disappointing.

I have no doubt that with a renewed commitment by some players our second XI would be very competitive against any opposition and hence shore up the depth required to be successful.

Steve Barnes captained our D grade 3rd XI with his usual strong leadership and encouragement and whilst finishing 7th overall the team continued to apply themselves from start to end and were unfortunately on the wrong end of some close finishes.

Our G grade 4th XI also had a new captain in Aaron Batchelor who oversaw, in general a very young group but led them with patience, encouragement and in the true spirit of cricket.

Well done to all captains and players and thank you for your efforts.

GDCA and Melton Junior District T20 Competitions

Rupertswood CC entered a teams into GDCA and the Melton District U17 T20 competitions and performed extremely well finishing 3rd overall.

A number of the U17 players represented the club with distinction at senior level and confirmed my belief that the club is in good shape moving forward.

Junior Teams

Peter Kavanagh volunteered to again take on the key role of Junior Operations Co-ordinator as well as Junior Delegate to the GDCA.

Peter enjoyed great support from coaches and junior members

Sincere thanks are extended to Peter for the manner in which he carried out his responsibilities with the assistance of many parents who undertook coaching, team manager, scoring and other essential requirements necessary to provide an enjoyable playing environment for our young players.

Rupertswood entered 6 teams once again in the GDCA junior competition underlining our ethos of strong participation and opportunities for young players.

We also welcomed the introduction of the U/11 age group played on Friday evenings which was a great way for parents to come together at the end of the working week in a relaxed environment particularly at our home games.

Matt Hedger did a wonderful job as coach and in mentoring this budding group of Rupertswood players.

Our U/12's were equally well managed by Peter Cooke who embodies the true spirit of cricket and ensures his team plays accordingly.

The two U/14 sides competed well and a big thanks you to Robert Bond and Anthony Galea for their commitment to the cause.

Last but not least, our two U/16 sides were wonderfully led by their respective coaches Peter Kavanagh and Brett Hudd.

Both sides were pitted against each other in the B Grade Grand Final played at Rupertswood which preceded our Junior Presentation Day.

Notably, the game was played in true Rupertswood spirit with great respect shown between the two combatants with Peter's side, Rupertswood Blue prevailing.

The enjoyment experienced by these players was only made possible because of the dedication and skilled contributions by the coaches, team managers, scorers, drinks supplies and parents. A huge thank you to these wonderful volunteers.

Well done to all players who participated throughout the year.

In addition to club matches, a number of junior players were selected in GDCA Juniors representative teams.

Matthew Castle	U/12
Nathan Shoesmith	U/14 and Central Highlands
Matthew Thomas	U/14
Nathan Baker	U/14
Aaron Forward	U/15
Daniel Kavanagh	U/15
Nathan Powell	U/14
Liam Kane	U/15
Jack Hudd	U/16

Well done to these boys on their outstanding achievements.

I would very much like to thank Craig Fitzgerald as well whose services we were able to obtain during the course of the season, specifically as a mentor and bowling coach.

Craig worked well with both the Senior and Junior arms of the club and we look forward to his continued involvement next season.

Milo In2Cricket

Michael Walsh continued as our co-ordinator for our Milo program and was ably assisted by a new senior player at the club, James Natsis.

A total of 30 boys and girls had heaps of fun and learned many new cricket skills.

Michael and James were assisted by a number of parents on Friday evenings.

Well done to all involved in helping our youngest participants in the beginning of their cricket careers with enjoyment being the primary objective.

Special Games

Rupertswood again participated in important developmental games against the Crusaders Cricket Club and the MCC XXIX Club played both at Rupertswood and the prestigious Albert Oval respectively. Again the Birthplace of The Ashes Foundation very kindly sponsored the day against the Crusaders and we enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Rupertswood Mansion with special thanks to Margaret McLelland and her staff.

Amazingly, the game against the Crusaders was contested and completed in full in inclement weather but a great day was had by all.

In contrast, the day at the Albert Oval was played in very warm conditions but our predominantly young group representing Rupertswood enjoyed the occasion and would have gained a lot from the experience.

We also enjoyed wonderful hospitality from our MCC XXIX hosts.

Both games were played in the true spirit of cricket.

Social Events

Some wonderful and well supported social events were held throughout the season with our famous Melbourne Cup Eve Calcutta Night making a welcome return.

Wayne Withers and Mark Arthurson held proceedings with aplomb.

Our Trivia Night was also a great success and it was particularly heartening to have a balanced audience of both senior and junior members.

Again, Wayne Withers (Life Member) was our MC and did a sterling job.

Other social nights were held and well supported with a big thank you to James Simpson and Dylan Murphy as well as Gavin Clifford and Ian Dixon of "The Express Empire" who entertained us with some great music and accomplished guitar playing.

These events including our Senior Presentation Night were very well organised by our Social Events Co-ordinator, Steve Barnes who was greatly assisted by our hardworking Vice President, Mark Williams.

A heartfelt thank you to both of those gentlemen for your tireless efforts.

A special thank you to Gavin Clifford for organizing flyers etc throughout the season.

Rector's XI v President's XI Cricket Match

The fourth annual Rector's XI v President's XI Cricket Match for the Club's over 40 year olds was held on 19th February 2012.

The match was again a very enjoyable and successful day enjoyed by all participants, although unfortunately Birth Place of the Ashes Foundation C/o, Mark Davis suffered a torn achilles tendon which put a slight dampener on things.

Hopefully, Mark can return to the crease next year where he was showing some dazzling form prior to his misfortune.

The match idea was the brainchild of previous Salesian College Rector, Father Peter Monaghan and with the help of some modified rules resulted in some very social cricket. For the second year running the Rector's XI got the 'chocolates' making it now two all. We are certainly keen to uphold this tradition going forward as it is a great social event for the Rupertswood Family.

I wish to also again recognize the wonderful contribution Father Pete made to our cricket club and the whole Rupertswood Sporting Family during his tenure.

We presented Peter with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of all four Rupertswood Sporting Clubs at a farewell function held in his honour back in November, a replica of which is also mounted in the Rupertswood Social Rooms.

Presentation Functions

The season culminated with our Senior and Junior Presentations being held on the 24th March and 25th March respectively.

At these events players, coaches, team managers and volunteer helpers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the RCC and at GDCA representative level throughout the season.

All award recipients, both Senior and Junior, are to be congratulated on their achievements with special mention to our new Life member, Luke Reddan whose enormous contribution to our club over many years was officially recognized together with Mark Williams, current Vice President being voted Best Club Person of the Year.

I would also like to express our gratitude and thanks to David Metheringham (brother-in-law of Warren Hall) who volunteers his time in producing some magnificent photos of our players throughout the season and makes them available via DVD at the end of the season. David produced a magnificent album of photos which was presented to Tristram Douglas as a farewell memento of his season at Rupertswood

A full list of award winners and appreciation certificate recipients is attached to this report as an addendum.

Salesian College 'Rupertswood'

The Club again thanks Principal, Mark Brockhus and Salesian College, "Rupertswood" for allowing the continual use of their historic "Birthplace of the Ashes" facilities and support during the season with a special note of thanks to Peter Durdle and the grounds staff for their hard work and co-operation.

Conclusion

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and families that make the Rupertswood Cricket Club a great place to be.

May that long continue into the future with an emphasis of upholding our values from our club mission statement specifically Integrity, Sportsmanship, Encouragement, Team Spirit and Enjoyment.

Michael Riley
President

McIntyre Cup 1st XI

Batting Award 2011/2012	Matthew Busuttil	Ave: 31.67
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Tristram C Douglas	Ave: 15.37
Club Champion 2011/2012	John C Lane	426 pts

"B" Grade 2nd XI

Batting Award 2011/2012	Lachlan McLean	Ave: 32.60
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Aaron Forward	Ave: 21.50
Grade Champion 2011/2012	Lachlan McLean	278 pts

"D" Grade 3rd XI

Batting Award 2011/2012	Chaminda Arachchige	Ave: 33.00
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Curtis Turvey	Ave: 18.33
Grade Champion 2011/2012	Chaminda Arachchige	366 pts

"G" Grade 4th XI

Batting Award 2011/2012	Aaron Batchelor	Ave: 28.44
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Nicholas Feain	
Grade Champion 2011/2012	Aaron Batchelor	341 pts

Rising Star Awards

Senior Rising Star Award 2011/2012	Harrison Travers
Junior Rising Star Award 2011/2012	Jayden Swallow

Under 12

Batting Award 2011/2012	Luke C Shoemith
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Kelvin J Hoare
Best Team Player 2011/2012	Matthew Castle
Coaches Award 2011/2012	James L Cooke

Under 14 Blue

Batting Award 2011/2012	Nathan Shoemsmith	Ave: 31.4
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Nathan Baker	Ave: 10.14
Best Team Player 2011/2012	David A Bond	
Coaches Award 2011/2012	Jaime Grant	

Under 14 Gold

Batting Award 2011/2012	Xavier Quinn	Ave: 18.4
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Tyler Morton	Ave: 5.38
Best Team Player 2011/2012	Hamish Galea	
Coaches Award 2011/2012	Daniel Castle	

Under 16 Blue GDCA "B" Premiers

Batting Award 2011/2012	Daniel Kavanagh	Ave: 23.67
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Aaron Forward	Ave: 11.20
Best Team Player 2011/2012	Jayden Egan	
Coaches Award 2011/2012	Brady Penticoss	
Player of The Finals 2011/2012	Daniel Kavanagh	

Under 16 Gold

Batting Award 2011/2012	Jack Hudd	Ave: 26.67
Bowling Award 2011/2012	Keegan Guy	Ave: 15.33
Best Team Player 2011/2012	Liam Kane	
Coaches Award 2011/2012	Nathan Powell	
Player of The Finals 2011/2012	Jack Hudd	

"STEPHEN BUCKMAN" Award

Under 12's 2011/2012	Brandon King	
Under 14's 2011/2012	Nathan Shoemsmith	
Under 16's 2011/2012	Paul McGarry	

Life Members

2012	Luke Reddan	
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BEST CLUBMAN AWARD 2011/2012	Mark Williams	
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Certificates of Appreciation

Index Painting & Decorating
Innovia Films
O'Shanassy Meats & Poultry
McDonalds Sunbury
H & R Concrete Constructions
Mark Davis
Tristram Douglas
Fiona Buckley
Richard Buckley
Wayne Withers

Under 11's

Kim Hutchinson

Under 12's

Darryne Lynch
Brian King
Russell Osborne
Gerard Dillon
Kathleen Shoesmith

Under 14's Blue

Craig Thomas

Under 14's Gold

Nick Disher
Deb Disher
Ted Casson
Kevin Quinn

Under 16's Blue

Scott McGinnis
Stephen Lucardie

Under 16's Gold

David Kane
Greg Guy