



Rupertswood Cricket Club 2019-20 Presidents report 30th AGM – September 16, 2020

Welcome to all members in joining us in this somewhat different format for our AGM. It is a change from the 'normal' AGM's that have been previously held during our short and immensely proud history. In reality, it is the first example of changes to come in season 2020-21.

Thank you to our very professional, passionate and dedicated committee.
Thank you to our volunteers, members, sponsors & supporters.

We are a family orientated club that strives to honour and abide by our Mission & Values.

Whilst success of a club is usually gauged from on field results in finals, I am very proud and confident that a successful season is seeing the volumes of enjoyment being relished throughout our junior and senior programs. I believe the family relationship between our juniors and seniors is one of envy across the association. It is very rewarding to see so many families actively contribute and enjoy being present at our club.

Congratulations to all players who represented our club whilst participating in representative cricket.

I thank our senior coach Andrew Pizaro for his commitment to the progress of our club. Thank you to senior captains John Lane, Mick Howell & Kieran Cardillo for providing quality guidance to all players last season.

Junior coaches, Will Honner, Terry Crotty, Kara Gifford, Shane Abdilla, Daniel Kavanagh, Mick Howell, Andrew Pizaro, Paul Joyce and Brett Barnes, Matt McKenzie along with Simon Wright who coached both under 13 boys and under 13 girls. The under 13 girls won the only Premiership for our club which in fact they have gone back to back. I am sure I speak for every family of our junior club in thanking them collectively for their support to ensure that our mission and values were well supported.

Our junior coaches were very well supported by their team managers and regular helpers.

Our cricket platform begins with our Woolworths Junior and Master Blast programs where the fundamental skill of cricket is developed. John & Brodie Lane have been responsible for Rupertswood Cricket Club being the leader of the Sunbury junior blast program over recent years. John has decided that the time is right to now move on with his son and coach one of our Under 11 sides. Thanks John & Brodie.

We were extremely fortunate to have Alexander Bond & Heath O'Donovan assist with the Sunbury Master Blast program. Alexander & Heath were well aided by Max Howell, Jackson Lynch, Joel Muir, Lachlan Wilkes, Nathan Powell, Mitchell Braddy and Aaron Bachelor.

Social events -

- Season Launch
- Ashes Community Cricket Matches - Thanks to Peter Scherer Leading Senior Constable, Community Engagement/Multicultural Liaison Officer for organising a round robin T20 between sides from Victorian Police, Aboriginal and Indian communities along with Rupertswood Cricket Club. The games were held simultaneously on our main ground and the newly completed Ashes

Oval at Salesian College. Thank you to Salesian College for allowing the games to be played on the Ashes ground and use of facilities in order to promote community cohesion.

- Junior and Senior Christmas break-up – John Lane the star of junior break-up being interviewed by Channel 7. This was featured during the lunch break of a Test match last summer.
- Rupertswood Community Bushfire Fundraiser – The T20 between RCC and RFNC was played in wonderful spirit. Having approx. 200 people attend, raising \$6,000 for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal was incredible and a credit to our community.
- McGrath Foundation High Tea – Again we were truly fortunate to be given the use of the Rupertswood Mansion Dining room. The afternoon was topped off with guest speakers Melanie Fisher, a McGrath Breast Care Nurse and Stephanie Baltrame, Executive General Manager of Broadcasting & Commercial at Cricket Australia. An amazing afternoon enjoyed by all with all profits going directly to the McGrath Foundation. Thank you to Salesian Principal, Mark Brockhus for the use of the mansion. To Jan Honner, Kellie Spencer & Lauren Swallow and to all involved including our caterers Mark & Melinda Browning (Essence Food Co.), thank you and well done!
- Last Man Standing – A wonderful afternoon bringing together many members involved with our community. The day continues to grow each year, making all of the hard work so worth it. There are too many names to thank for this event. It was rewarding to see so many people willing to provide assistance.

Well done to Daniel Kavanagh for organising both the Bushfire fundraiser and Last Man standing, both events were extremely well supported not only by members of RCC but the Sunbury community. The support you received to host both events indicates that we have very committed club members.

Sponsorship -

Thank you to all sponsors for their generous support, we hope that despite the current pandemic, all businesses will survive and grow to be in a position where Rupertswood Cricket Club is able to mutually support each one.

All sponsors listed below although most limited are all still trading whether it being open to the public or by online orders. Please do whatever possible to support them through these extremely difficult times.

- Ball Court Hotel
- Sunbury Square Centre Management
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- McDonalds West Group
- ICON Sports
- Nextra Sunbury

Junior and Senior Presentations -

Unfortunately, the season was abruptly ended by the current pandemic which forced the senior finals and our presentations to be cancelled and as such awards have yet to be presented. As a club we are eagerly anticipation that we will be able to present both junior and senior award winners at a club function prior to the commencement of this season. I take this opportunity to thank all players and parents for your patience for not knowing and receiving your awards. As a club we hold our presentation events at the top of our social events where we acknowledge the best performers at each year levels and grade, we also have the opportunity to show our appreciation to the people that deserve to be acknowledged for their personal efforts throughout the season.



As President, I wish to acknowledge the support of each member of our committee for the work they do on behalf of our club

- Vice President – John Lane
- Treasurer – Trevor Harris
- Secretary – Warren Hall
- General Committee members
 - Andrew Bond – Junior Operations Coordinator
 - Kellie Spencer - Junior Operations Coordinator
 - Brett Hudd – Coterie manager
 - Daniel Kavanagh – Apparel & Social Coordinator
 - Jan Honner – Grants
 - Jayden Swallow - Sponsorship

My thanks to those supporters at Club level and those members that offer their support weekly, as we head toward a new season, one that will be of so many unknowns may I ask that everyone works together to ensure that players, parents and families can all enjoy the season whilst maintaining strict safety guidelines that will be in place for as long as necessary.

At this point in time we are yet to know exactly when training will commence or when games will begin. As a club we will be directed by State Government of Victoria, Catholic Commission of Victoria (CECV), Chief Officer & Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and guided by Cricket Victoria through policies that will be approved by those listed above. Those policies will be clearly communicated to all members through all forms of our social media.

I am sure that I have missed some that deserve recognition so please accept my apology for anyone missing however, this does not mean anything more than a poor recollection by myself.

Stay safe.

Peter Kavanagh