



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

## Moonee Valley Cricket Club Inc

Established 1971

Ormond Park



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How do we even attempt to describe season 2020/21? A successful season with two flags, yet a year we hope to never see again in our lifetimes. But post-season indications are that we're still not out of the woods with the coronavirus pandemic so we can only wait to see what unfolds for the upcoming season.

We thought the end of 2019/20 was weird with our Firsts Grand Final called off halfway through and awarded to Moonee Valley, but it was just a precursor to the year to come.

As the worldwide coronavirus pandemic gripped, we saw winter community sport cancelled then the start of our season postponed by six weeks. We lost another round to a snap five-day lockdown in February. With the cancellation of winter sport, grounds got a six-month breather. Ormond Park's outfields and turf wicket – and indeed all the grounds we played on – benefited from the rest and were the best we've ever seen.

As part of the hygiene and social distancing restrictions we had a cricket season without the staple of communal afternoon teas and drinks. Hand sanitizer and QR code sign-ins became a way of life.

We held our 2019/20 Presentation Night in January 2021, when we were confident enough to be able to make reasonable plans without the spectre of a sudden lockdown, then our 2020/21 Presentation was held on time. Over those three months we inducted six new Life Members – **Peter Golding, Allan Cumming, Bede Gannon, Daniel Phillips, Jesse Nankivell-Sandor, and Shaun Rayment**. We had to postpone for a year the celebration of our 50th anniversary, but it's now well advanced.

We put a women's team on the park for the first time in a decade, and they promptly did what their predecessors had not been able to do – win a premiership. We won our first Mercantile flag since we joined that comp for the 2013/14 season, when the Fourths under Manu Singh used our home ground advantage to take out the Premiership.

We had eight senior men's teams as well as our senior women, and one team in each junior age group. Our Eighths were part of a partnership between Moonee Valley and Victoria Institute of Technology.

We didn't get access to Ormond Park until late October, and for the first week had no pavilion, change rooms or even toilets. Thankfully curator **Ian "Spider" Beel** had got onto the ground before then and had the turf wicket well advanced. Pre-season training was compressed into a couple of weeks. Mercantile (our Thirds and Fourths) and our North-West Metropolitan Cricket Association Sixths started on the November 14 weekend, and the VTCA and rest of the NWMCA the week after.

Our three associations – MCA, NWMCA, and VTCA – did some excellent work in the lead-up to the season, keeping clubs informed of progress and spelling out the options and the rationale behind them – including playing all grades as one-day games. Congratulations to all three on these efforts.

Moonee Valley welcomed the return of **Glen Courts** to our club, with his appointment as our senior coach for 2020/21. "Buddha" was no stranger to Moonee Valley, having played 50 games with us over the years - in our First Eleven from 1999, and then occasional Over 35 games at the Barooga tournament. Our 2019/20 Premiership coach **Tony Gleeson** advised he was not able to continue due to work commitments but maintained a role at Moonee Valley as a selection adviser and occasional player.

We moved up a Division thanks to our Premiership (note – not Grand Final "win") from 2019/20. So did our GF nemesis Sunbury. We put a women's team on the park for the first time in a decade, and only **Tanya Intagliata** remained from our teams from 2007 to 2011. Tanya played a key role in putting the squad together and was fittingly captain for our return to women's cricket.

We had some significant milestones tick over for players during the 2020/21 season, but the incomparable **Ian Denny** topped most of them. There might have been a bit of engineering of selection, but incredibly three of our all-time greats – **Darren Nagle**, **Mark Gauci** and **Ian Denny** all played their 350th game in the same match – taking to the field in our Sixths on January 16 in front of a big home crowd of current and past players, supporters, and Life Members. The three jointly became the first players in our Club's 50-year history to reach the 350-game milestone.

The coronavirus presented significant challenges for administering our Club, and I thank my committee colleagues for being able to ensure we rolled with the punches and kept the season on track. Executive members **Peter Golding**, **Mark Gauci**, and **Michael Ozbun** were superb in running the club, with many tasks having to be done remotely.

They were ably assisted by committee members **Dominic Rettino**, **Daniel Phillips**, **Liam Shaw**, **Channa DeSilva**, **Mitchell Britton**, **Brendan Rhodes**, **Bede Gannon**, **Allan Cumming**, and junior co-ordinator **Peter Pickering** who has announced he's stepping aside after six years guiding our juniors. Thanks, Peter for a job well done.

*Go Valleys!*

Graeme "Charlie" Walker.  
President, Moonee Valley Cricket Club



# SENIOR COACHING REPORT

## Season win/loss record

Team	Mat	W1	W2	Draw	L1	L2	Ladder
Firsts - VTCA: Charles Clark Shield Division 4	14	5	0	2	7	0	7 <sup>th</sup>
Seconds - VTCA: "Sport" King Shield Division 4	14	0	0	3	11	0	10 <sup>th</sup>
Thirds - MCA:C North	18	10	0	2	6	0	Runners-up
Fourths - MCA:D Sunday	18	10	0	5	3	0	<b>Premiers</b>
Fifths - NWMCA:Ern Girolami Shield	12	7	0	2	3	0	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sixths - NWMCA: Ralph Barron Shield	14	4	0	1	9	0	7 <sup>th</sup>
Sevenths - NWMCA:Musgrove Sunday Grp C	11	0	1	1	9	0	8 <sup>th</sup>
Eighths - NWMCA:Musgrove Sunday Grp B	11	1	0	0	10	0	8 <sup>th</sup>
Women's NWMCA: Social T20 Division 5	11	7	0	1	3	0	<b>Premiers</b>

This was a year of cricket like no other.

Coming into a season, with no pre-season training, new COVID rules to get used to and a multitude of other hurdles, meant everyone had to be at their peak to make the cut.

Firstly, a huge thank you to the committee for their handling of the club through what was surely a tough time for everyone to get used to. They always had their finger on the pulse, dealing with constant changing of rules and lockdowns, and still managing to get a few functions in.

For me, it was great to come back to such a strong club, knowing how talented the guys were that I was going to be coaching, and playing alongside. I felt sure we would have a successful year as a club, though I soon saw that there were some significant improvements we would need to make.

Discipline, commitment, and consistent effort were the main points I found lacking and were probably the most disappointing part of the season for me, personally. It also helped bring to my attention, some areas I needed to improve in: My ability to fire up the players, my patience, and my communication skills.

To all the Captains, you outdid yourselves in such a tumultuous year. Always showing up, always backing your teams, and doing what needed to be done. You were all a great example for your teammates.

To **Bede**, who took on the role as Chairman of Selectors, thank you for all your effort and time this year.

To the Women's team and the Fourth Eleven, who won their grand finals, congratulations! You deserved the success you ended up with, after all your efforts through the season. I'd like to make note about the improvement the Women's team showed - it was impressive! I look forward to seeing how much better you'll all get in the upcoming season. Well done **Tanya** and **Manu**.

For all the junior guys coming up through the ranks, look to **Luca** who had the opportunity to play a few games in the Ones, and did well. Look to **Noah** and his hat trick. **Luke Brock** to finally completing a full season and showing what he's got.

It's important that we all head into this next season of cricket, with a particular focus on our mental toughness, as that was one of our downfalls previously. Ensuring we are committed to success, not only for ourselves, but for our team, will make all the difference in our performances moving forward.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming season and hope we can make it as fruitful as possible.

Glen Courts  
Coach



**Women's T20 - Premiers**



**Women's T20 - Premiers**



**4ths - Premiers.**



**4ths Premiers**



**3rds - Runners-Up.**



**Ian Denny, Darren Nagle, Mark Gauci  
350 games**



**Al Cumming - Life Member**



**Peter Golding - Life Member**



**Life Member - Shawn Rayment.**



**Life Member - Bede Gannon.**



**Life Member - Jesse Nankivell-Sandor.**



**Life Member - Daniel Phillips.**















In perpetual memory of Heath Webb-  
Johnson and Gary Pascu

# JUNIOR REPORT

It is the story for everyone this year, both in cricket and in Victoria generally – what could have been. It is reflected in our coaches' reports, it was in the parents' frustration at games first on, then cancelled, and it was in faces of the players who just wanted to get out and play.

Building on season 2019-2020, the coaching for all junior teams had moved away from parents to young senior players. This has been a great success, and all age groups have benefitted from the experience, skills and enthusiasm of our coaches working with the young players at training, supervising them on match day and then playing cricket themselves on the weekend.

Our coaches are also the face of the club to both our parents and the families from other clubs. This was most clearly shown in a message received from another club during the season. The U10 coaches Felix Fischer and Luca Nimorakiotakis are still at school themselves but created such a good impression that the coach of one of the opposition teams emailed me that "they represent the spirit of cricket".

The challenge this coming season will be to keep the momentum going in the face of more disruptions in the lead up to season 2021-22. We found that numbers were reduced across the junior teams last year after the pre-season training was cancelled, the season started almost a month late, and then we had interruptions with games cancelled at short notice. Despite this, the players love for the game of cricket remains.

Good luck to MVCC Juniors for the new season.

Peter Pickering  
Junior Coordinator

## **U12s: Coach Stephen Esmore, assistant coaches Bede Gannon and Andreas Skiotis**

Due to the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic along with unfortunate bouts of inclement weather, continuity was hard to come by with the side playing only 8 games of cricket, 2 of which were finals from the season's start on the 27 November all the way until our final game on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March.

The season was highlighted by strong performances with bat and ball from the trio of Kathryn Baker, Jeremy Severson and Lucas Tipper, the clear standouts in skill across all areas of the game with Kathryn and Jeremy often sharing wicket-keeping duties over the course of the season.

With bat in hand, Jeremy Severson led all comers, scoring 45 runs from his 6 innings however under a different format, devoid of restrictions on balls faced he would certainly have scored substantially more runs. With the ball in hand, wickets were a scarce resource for our side, with only 14 wickets across all the games played being attributed to one of our bowlers. Due to this unfortunate statistic the standouts in the wicket's column were Seth Moore, Tristan Berge, Katherine Baker, Isaac Richardson, and Lucas Tipper – all with 2 wickets apiece.

Throughout the regular season the side had a record of 4 wins, 2 loses, and 2 draws, placing the side second on the ladder. Our finals record of straight set defeats is reflective of where the team is at, relying on strong performances from a few players and when they don't perform the whole operation falls apart.

Ultimately my view of the season is that the lack of continuity in game time had a negative impact on the development of the players over the course of the season, with less experienced players losing out massively in opportunity due to the factors previously stated, the more experienced players within the side, I feel, were majorly affected by the cap on the amount of balls they could face during games, leading to frustration and an overly aggressive mindset to capitalise on limited opportunity that hopefully does not linger as they develop.

It was a difficult season for all involved however I believe that a large portion of the players will resume with Moonee Valley next season and may soon thrive when presented with more opportunity to play.

Personally, although a challenging season I thoroughly enjoyed my time as coach of this side and feel like this is a good place to finish up coaching junior cricket for the foreseeable future.

#### **U14s: Coaches Jack Newman and Luck Brock**

This season for the U14s was one of great learning and growth, with the improvement across the shortened season quite noticeable. Whilst only playing 5 games and having mostly 1st year players we only just missed out on finals. From round 1 to the last game there was a noticeable improvement in not just only the individual skills of the players but their cohesion as a team, with a great spread of contributors across the board.

**U16s: Coach Channa De Silva**

IF ONLY we had a consistent team of 11 players each week  
IF ONLY we hadn't had lost two games due to covid and or rain  
... and many more.

Unfortunately, this season was a case of the "IF ONLY's". The under 16 boys fell just one game short of playing finals this year despite only playing with a full side once throughout the season. That is a fact that should not go unappreciated.

From the first training session, we could see that the boys possessed enough talent to be successful this year, our only barrier was always going to be a lack of bodies on the field. After the Christmas break the team had a discussion post training on the cricket pitch, during which we decided that given most of the boys were going to finishing their junior careers this season, winning games, and playing finals needed to be the focus going forward. The discussion led to the boys agreeing to make sacrifices to their personal output/performance to ensure that the team had the best possible chance of winning given the barriers we faced on field.

Unfortunately, things didn't quite go to plan. However, I'm incredibly proud of the boys for their efforts throughout the season. The collective attitude of the group never wavered despite some disappointing days on field and right up until the last game of the season, the boys continued to have fun and take significant strides in their development.

A special thanks to all the boys who filled in and became part of the team this year, your efforts were the reason we were able to even field a team this season.

All things considered, each member of the Under 16 team of 2020/2021 should be incredibly proud of what he achieved this year both individually and as part of the team.



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The club reported a profit of \$3,750 for the 2020/21 season. Given the issues at the start of the season with COVID-19 and during the season with changes to the club's abilities to hold functions, delayed functions, on-field restrictions, off-field restrictions, this is a result all at the club be very proud of. As you can see from the results, we had an income that was reduced by approximately \$40,000, and to control our expenses to about the same level, without compromising the cricketing experience was remarkable.

During lockdown we invested in a new bar management system (Vend) which has proved to be an amazing tool, with significantly reduced time management responsibilities for the Treasurers, while providing confidence in our sales reports. We also took the time to invest in a new on-line store to manage functions, membership, and clothing sales. The outcome in the first year has meant both systems were positive to club finances. More importantly, the club now has modern management systems making the time of managing the facilities much reduced.

<b>MOONEE VALLEY CRICKET CLUB</b>			
<b>Profit and Loss Summary</b>			
For the year ended 31 May 2021			
<b>Cash inflows</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Change YoY</b>
Social	\$ 69,389	\$ 43,660	-\$ 25,729
Other	\$ 25,212	\$ 15,528	-\$ 9,684
Playing	\$ 38,274	\$ 34,367	-\$ 3,907
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 132,875</b>	<b>\$ 93,555</b>	<b>-\$ 39,320</b>
<b>Cash outflows</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>	
Social	\$ 41,361	\$ 21,420	-\$ 19,941
Other	\$ 24,494	\$ 21,007	-\$ 3,487
Playing	\$ 63,257	\$ 47,378	-\$ 15,879
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 129,112</b>	<b>\$ 89,804</b>	<b>-\$ 39,307</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 3,763</b>	<b>\$ 3,750</b>	<b>-\$ 13</b>
<b>Key:</b>			
Social includes bar, canteen, functions & other fundraising			
Other includes cleaning, clothing, sponsorship, bank fees & donations			
Playing includes membership, match day fees, balls, umpires, player & coach payments, ground hire, affiliation fees & insurances			

Peter Golding  
Treasurer

## North West Metropolitan Cricket Association - Women's Social T20 Division 5

Round GF - Sun 14 Mar 2021 (12:00PM)

Grand Uniteddef by Moonee Valley CCVenue: JR Parsons Reserve (Parsons Reserve #2)

Match ID: 3687541

Umpires: Umpire1: Peter Gould Umpire2: Gary Said

Scorers: David Baker Result: Grand United LOST FIRST INNINGS Status: OFFICIAL

Toss won by: Grand United Batted first: Moonee Valley CC

## 1ST INNINGS - MOONEE VALLEY CC

	R	BF	4s	6s
<u>S Gooden</u> b T Wilmot	0	2	0	0
<u>Y King</u> b T Johnson	2	3	0	0
<u>K Baker</u> not out	14	42	0	0
<u>J Raman</u> b S Mardsen	6	19	0	0
+ <u>S Ronayne</u> c L Anderson b N Baptist	4	7	0	0
<u>A Brown</u> run out (T Wilmot)	4	8	1	0
<u>K Armstrong</u> b S Jamieson	11	19	1	0
* <u>T Intagliata</u> c S Mardsen b N Baptist	25	26	3	0
<u>T Newman</u> not out	0	0	0	0
<u>S Verschoor</u> dnb				
<b>Extras</b> (nb 15, w 11, b 4, lb 0)	30			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7/96 (cc)</b>			
Overs	20.0			

FOW: 0 (S Gooden) 4 (Y King) 31 (S Ronayne) 31 (J Raman) 38 (A Brown) 59 (K Armstrong) 92 (T Intagliata)

Bowling	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd
<u>T Wilmot</u>	3.0	0	1	16	1	1
<u>T Johnson</u>	3.0	0	1	13	0	6
<u>L Anderson</u>	2.0	0	0	22	7	4
<u>S Mardsen</u>	2.0	1	1	4	0	0
<u>A Bonacquist</u>	2.0	0	0	13	4	0
<u>N Baptist</u>	3.0	0	2	6	3	0
<u>S Jamieson</u>	4.0	0	1	18	0	0
<b>Fielding</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>ro</b>	<b>as</b>	<b>ro</b>	<b>unas</b>	<b>st</b>
<u>T Wilmot</u>	0		0	1		0

<u>L Anderson</u>	1	0	0	0
<u>S Mardsen</u>	1	0	0	0

**1ST INNINGS - GRAND UNITED**

	R	BF	4s	6s
<u>T Wilmot</u> not out	25	26	1	0
<u>L Anderson</u> b Y King	2	7	0	0
<u>N Baptist</u> not out	20	41	1	0
<u>T Johnson</u> retired not out	13	27	1	0
<u>S Jamieson</u> c S Ronayne b J Raman	3	5	0	0
<u>A Bonacquisto</u> run out (J Raman)	6	12	0	0
<u>S Mardsen</u> c Y King b S Gooden	1	7	0	0
<b>Extras</b> (nb 12, w 10, b 1, lb 2)	25			
Total	<b>4/94 (cc)</b>			
Overs	20.0			

**FOW:** 5 (L Anderson) 35 (S Jamieson) 51 (A Bonacquisto) 57 (S Mardsen)

Bowling	O	M	W	R	Nb	Wd
<u>K Baker</u>	3.4	0	0	22	4	0
<u>Y King</u>	4.0	0	1	12	0	0
<u>T Newman</u>	3.0	0	0	13	1	6
<u>A Brown</u>	2.0	0	0	11	1	0
<u>J Raman</u>	3.2	0	1	16	0	3
<u>K Armstrong</u>	2.0	0	0	3	0	0
<u>S Gooden</u>	2.0	0	1	14	6	1
<b>Fielding</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>ro as</b>	<b>ro unas</b>	<b>st</b>		
<u>S Ronayne</u>	1	0	0	0		
<u>J Raman</u>	0	0	1	0		
<u>Y King</u>	1	0	0	0		

## Mercantile Cricket Association - D Sunday

Round GF - Sun 28 Mar 2021 (11:00AM)

Moonee Valleydef Melbourne CityVenue: Ormond Park Match ID: 3733275

Umpires: Umpire1: Mehedi Hasan Umpire2: Lynn McFarlane-Smith

Result: Moonee Valley WON FIRST INNINGS Status: OFFICIAL

Toss won by: Moonee Valley Batted first: Moonee Valley

## 1ST INNINGS - MOONEE VALLEY

	R	BF	4s	6s
<u>PK Menugonda</u> c R Lingutla b M Kumar	2	28	0	0
<u>S Singh</u> c A Mani b PK Sirikonda	15	59	0	0
<u>T Morrissy</u> c M Kangutkar b PK Sirikonda	15	37	2	0
<u>S Coventry-Poole</u> c RC Gour b PK Sirikonda	24	52	0	0
<u>J Patel</u> b A Kumar	6	10	0	0
<u>P Hirani</u> c PK Sirikonda b A Mani	27	18	4	1
<u>S Carbone</u> run out (A Azad, R Lingutla)	0	3	0	0
<u>M Bannister</u> c BD Choudhury b PK Sirikonda	7	32	0	0
<u>B Skok</u> b M Kumar	3	16	0	0
<u>+D Rettino</u> b A Mani	3	6	0	0
<u>*MM Singh</u> not out	0	6	0	0
<u>P Bannister</u> dnb				
<b>Extras</b> (nb 0, w 14, b 1, lb 0)	15			
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>			
<b>Overs</b>	<b>44.2</b>			

**FOW:** 6 (PK Menugonda) 38 (T Morrissy) 41 (S Singh) 55 (J Patel) 87 (P Hirani) 87 (S Carbone) 107 (S Coventry-Poole) 107 (M Bannister) 113 (D Rettino) 117 (B Skok)

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>Wd</b>
<u>A Azad</u>	9.0	2	0	16	0	2
<u>M Kumar</u>	6.2	3	2	9	0	0
<u>M Kangutkar</u>	7.0	1	0	16	0	2
<u>A Kumar</u>	6.0	0	1	25	0	1
<u>PK Sirikonda</u>	9.0	2	4	26	0	5
<u>A Mani</u>	7.0	1	2	24	0	4
<b>Fielding</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>ro as</b>		<b>ro unas</b>		<b>st</b>
<u>M Kangutkar</u>	1		0		0	0
<u>RC Gour</u>	1		0		0	0
<u>BD Choudhury</u>	1		0		0	0
<u>A Mani</u>	1		0		0	0
<u>R Lingutla</u>	1		1		0	0
<u>A Azad</u>	0		1		0	0
<u>PK Sirikonda</u>	1		0		0	0

**1ST INNINGS - MELBOURNE CITY**

	<b>R</b>	<b>BF</b>	<b>4s</b>	<b>6s</b>
<u>BD Choudhury</u> c J Patel b P Hirani	4	26	0	0
<u>S Kasable</u> run out (J Patel, D Rettino)	1	15	0	0
<u>RC Gour</u> b J Patel	6	24	0	0
<u>A Nambi</u> lbw b PK Menugonda	17	21	1	1
<u>A Mani</u> c S Singh b J Patel	1	12	0	0
<u>N Kedar</u> c P Bannister b S Singh	14	21	3	0
<u>+R Lingutla</u> c D Rettino b PK Menugonda	1	13	0	0
<u>PK Sirikonda</u> b J Patel	1	15	0	0
<u>M Kangutkar</u> b PK Menugonda	0	5	0	0

<u>A Azad</u> not out	12	20	0	1
* <u>M Kumar</u> c D Rettino b J Patel	6	13	0	0
<u>A Kumar</u> dnb				
<b>Extras</b> (nb 1, w 10, b 0, lb 0)	11			
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>			
<b>Overs</b>	30.4			

**FOW:** 7 (S Kasable) 15 (BD Choudhury) 30 (RC Gour) 32 (A Mani) 48 (A Nambi) 55 (N Kedar) 55 (R Lingutla) 55 (M Kangutkar) 58 (PK Sirikonda) 74 (M Kumar)

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>Wd</b>
<u>P Bannister</u>	5.0	1	0	9	1	6
<u>P Hirani</u>	8.0	3	1	24	0	0
<u>J Patel</u>	6.4	2	4	14	0	0
<u>S Singh</u>	7.0	1	1	20	0	1
<u>PK Menugonda</u>	4.0	1	3	7	0	3
<b>Fielding</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>ro as</b>		<b>ro unas</b>	<b>st</b>	
<u>D Rettino</u>	2		1	0		0
<u>P Bannister</u>	1		0	0		0
<u>S Singh</u>	1		0	0		0
<u>J Patel</u>	1		1	0		0

# OUR SPONSORS

