

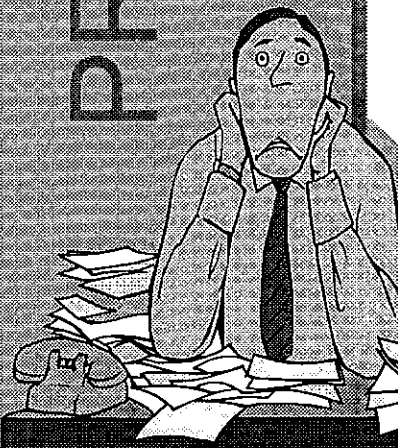
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2001/2002

Welcome to my Presidents report for 2001/2002. When thinking about the past season, some disappointments come to mind. Obviously we were hopeful of at least one premiership from our top two grades after both having such promising seasons, but for whatever reasons it wasn't meant to be.

We can analyse these results until the cows come home and I agree there are lessons we must not forget, but I don't want to dwell on it. In stead, I prefer to look ahead and start next season fresh where we all get another chance to do it right.

Thanks to Dave Jolley who again led our 1st eleven. Although the desired result was not achieved, to lose the quality players we did and still finish on top of the ladder was a great achievement. Dave has decided not to Captain next season after 4 seasons at the helm and on behalf of the club I would sincerely like to thank David for his efforts over this time. I am sure Dave can look back on a job well done with fond memories of taking us to our first A grade premiership on turf.

Thanks also to Dean Jukic who again Captained the 2nd eleven and unfortunately finished with similar results. Congratulations on what was otherwise a successful year. There was Danny (busy) Terzini thrown in at the deep end and doing a fantastic job in charge of the 3rds, who did very well to battle against other clubs 1st teams. Then there was Shane Gold's leading from the front with the 4ths. Shane had the added responsibility of introducing many of our U16 boys to senior cricket and did so admirably. Finally, we needed a coach at late notice and being the clubman that he is, who else but Mick Harvey stepped up. We appreciated your efforts mate and with the able assistance of Rex Bennett, we were once again able to win the competition club championship award. Well done to all club award winners and in particular Ian Denny, who also won the competitions batting



Average award.

To the committee and to everyone who lent a hand at any time over the season, the club just would not survive and be the envy of other clubs if it wasn't for your efforts. My gratitude to Odie, who was once more the Secretary and the heart of the club, Mick Harvey as Vice President, Paul Nicol as Treasurer, Julia Camm & Jodie Talone as Social Managers, David Jolley in charge of sponsorship and for the first time on the committee, Mark Gauci as Equipment Manager. With the little spare time they had they were all able to achieve so much. Special mention goes firstly to Jim Polinidis whose influence on our club cannot be underestimated. He had the title of Pavilion Manager and completed his tasks without question, but the work he does on the newsletter and club statistics are absolutely crucial to our club.

It would also be fair to say that at the beginning of the season I was more than a little concerned about who might fill two extremely important positions at Canteen Manager and the Junior Coordinator, but I need not have worried. Joe Ansaldo offered his help and put in the hours and effort to make certain the canteen was a huge success for us, once again he was there for the club. What more can be said about Graeme "Charlie" Walker that wasn't said when he had the honour of receiving the L.J. Memorial award for best club person on presentation night. We are incredibly fortunate to have Charlie on our side, I just hope we can keep up with him, thanks again to everyone.

Well, the future looks exciting. The Junior section has never looked better and the kids are beginning to filter through the senior ranks. We have a new turf wicket at home with more of us getting the turf experience. We welcome a new Captain Coach in Rex Bennett who I am certain will bring great benefits to our club. I feel the next couple of years are vitally important for us. We must work twice as hard to gain more sponsorship as sponsors are not easy to get yet are so important to have. We must support more than ever the Sporting Club and Ian Denny in his efforts to make the whole concept a success, for without the sporting club our future is really at risk.

I could not finish without thanking Jules because her understanding and support means more to me than I can ever say and thanks to all the girls and families who support us all year in, year out. I will finish up with the hope that I see you all for more fun and games and success next season and lets all get involved in keeping the club ahead of the rest for many years to come.

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