

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



**SEASON 2024/25**

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**PREMIERS WOMEN'S 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM  
PREMIERS VETERAN'S PURPLES  
PREMIERS 3<sup>RD</sup> XI  
RUNNERS UP 1<sup>ST</sup> XI (DUNSTAN SHIELD)**







## **MONT ALBERT CRICKET CLUB INC.**

**Established :** 1930

**Affiliated :** Eastern Cricket Association

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

**President:** A.N.Roga  
**Vice President** ME Massey  
**Secretary:** G.J. Cull  
**Treasurer:** W.G.Harris  
**Junior Cricket Manager:** D.J.Gleeson  
**Veterans Cricket Manager:** M.C. Negri  
**General Committee:** P.B. Knox, N.Nicholson, D.J. Bonnett, J.A.Dean.

### **SENIOR CAPTAINS**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI:** A.R. Padbury  
**2<sup>nd</sup> XI:** D.J.Bonnett  
**3<sup>rd</sup> XI:** L.Jagoda  
**4<sup>th</sup> XI:** M.J. Lee  
**5<sup>th</sup> XI:** A.J. McLean  
**Women's First XI:** E.Bonnett

### **CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS**

K.A.Johnsen

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Messrs: AG Lamb; LN Dalrymple; TJ Peterson; RIG Harding; NR Ronaldson; JE Houghton; PV Coombs; MK Ruljancich; HM Jones; PA Hastings; RJ Barker; JS Behrendt; JM Mollison; RE Grumont; CJ Dunning; AF Dwyer; DAJ Power; JW Wright; RM Smith; TL Wright; AJ McLean; PB Knox; ME Massey; GJ Cull; AJ Burton; PA Devine; PN Woods; HP Jones; LO Pich; TJ Baker; JA Wright; CM Orchard

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## VALE LEN DALRYMPLE

The Mont Albert Cricket Club were saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member Len Dalrymple.

Debuting in 1949, Len played 260 games for Mont Albert, making 3104 runs with a highest score of 80. As a wicket keeper, Len gathered 167 catches and a remarkable 97 stumpings. His ratio of stumpings to catches is the best recorded at MACC. He was awarded Life Membership by the club in 1967, the highest honour that is bestowed upon a member. Len was a committee member, vice president and also served as practice captain for many years.

Len's love for cricket was passed on to his three sons - Simon, Neil and Ian - each of who have had long standing involvement in cricket, both at Mont Albert and the Eastern Cricket Association.

Len's son Simon played in the first XI at MACC for more than 10 years and was a key member of our back-to-back Dunstan Shield premierships in 1997-98 and 1998-99.

His grandson Jai Dalrymple is a talented top order batsman and left arm spinner who became a 3rd generation MACC player and made his first XI debut last season.

Len will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in submitting for your approval the 95th Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for season 2024/25.

A summary of the Club's achievements this past season follows:

On Field: Premiers Women's 1<sup>st</sup> team (B Grade), Veterans Purple (Over 50's Division 1), 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (E turf)  
Runners Up: 1st XI (Dunstan Shield), U14 Mixed 100  
Semi Finalists – Veterans Gold, Veterans Red, U14B

Participation: A total of 207 players represented Mont Albert Cricket Club in season 2024/25.

Notably, the club entered its first ever Women's team which was a huge success. Led by Ellie Bonnett, our women came away with the B grade premiership in what was an outstanding first season in the competition. A huge thanks to Ellie who created an environment where women and girls of all ages felt welcome and included.

With huge contributions from Pete Guley, Wayne Hawkins and Ian Flowers, the team established a culture where players were encouraged to develop, grow and have fun. It was amazing to see a group of players who enjoyed each other's success and always played with huge smiles on their faces.

Some significant milestones were reached this season. Most notably, Luke Pich turned out for his 500<sup>th</sup> game for the club. Luke made his senior debut for MACC in season 1994/95, in a career that now spans 30 years with the club.

A mainstay of our one day and veteran's teams, Luke is a skilful bowler who boasts close to 300 wickets and also has a hat trick to his name. He was awarded life membership of the club in 2022 and his 500th game places him 2nd for games played in the club's history.

Allen Burton turned out for game number 400. Allen made his senior debut in season 1987/88 in a career that now spans almost 40 years. He boasts one of the best batting records in the club's history, amassing in excess of 9000 runs including 9 centuries and a highest score of 162. He has served on the committee, including a number of years as club treasurer and was awarded life membership of the club in 2017.

Our senior vice-captain James Guley played his 200<sup>th</sup> game for the club. A product of our junior program, James made his senior debut at a young age in season 2010-11 (while still a junior player). He progressed quickly through the grades and has established himself as a strong top order batsman, leg spin bowler and a terrific fieldsman for our first XI. He is a Dunstan Shield first XI premiership player in 2017/18 and a consistent performer at this level over many years.

At this year's Presentation Night, we welcomed 2 new Life Members of the Mont Albert Cricket Club in Colin Orchard and James Wright.

Colin commenced senior cricket at Mont Albert Cricket Club in season 2000/01 after also playing juniors for the club. In his 25 years of senior cricket, Colin has proven to be a great all-round cricketer, excelling in all facets of the game.

He is a 5-time premierships player including a Dunstan Shield premierships in 2012/13, as well as 4 consecutive second XI premierships between 2015-16 and 2018-19.

Colin is a terrific clubman and is the first to put his hand up to help in any capacity. He has coached our juniors, is first to help at a function or working bee and has probably done covers more than anyone at the club.

Jimmy commenced senior cricket at Mont Albert Cricket Club in season 1993-94 (while he was still a junior player) in a career that now spans more than 30 years with the club.

He has won 3 premierships in the 4th XI in season 2014-15, 2017-18 and again in 22-23 where he top scored in a run chase.

Jimmy's off field contribution is immense, being a key driver in the social functions at Mont Albert over many years. This has included being a leader in the club's involvement in the McGrath Foundation Ladies lunch and the Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health.

In recent years, he has captained the veteran's Golds team and has generously hosted overseas players in his home.

Both Colin and James are very worthy recipients of life membership and in receiving their awards, it was great to hear their reflections on their time at the club and the role the cricket club has played in their lives.

Thank you to the committee, captains, coaches, team managers and volunteers for your efforts throughout the season.

Season 2024-25 saw us welcome a new club coach in Lucas Hutchinson. Hutchy was a welcome addition, providing technical and tactical guidance to players of all levels, as well as performing to a high level individually. Led by Andrew Padbury, our first XI once again finished on top of the ladder, but were unable to post a defendable total in the grand final, going down to Nth Balwyn for the second year in a row.

Jack Morley and Lachlan Fraser were selected in the Dunstan Shield team of the season in recognition of their outstanding seasons.

With premierships in our Women's first team, Veterans over 50s, as well as in our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, we were able to achieve broad on field success for the club.

Our junior program continues to grow, with 9 teams once again entered across boys and girls competitions. A number of players were selected for representative cricket in the VMCU carnivals as well as in the Dowling Shield. A huge thanks to Darren Gleeson who coordinated the junior program, along with the coaches, team managers and parents who volunteered.

Our 'Woolworths Blasters' programs continued to be extremely popular on Friday nights. A big thank you to Jordan Dean who coordinated the program and ensured the kids (and parents) developed their skills and had a great time.

Marco Negri once again coordinated our veteran's program where we fielded 3 teams. All three teams made the semi-finals, with our over 50s 'Purples' going on to win the premiership at Mont Albert Reserve. Congratulations to all players involved.



Dan Bonnett, with support from many others, led another jammed pack social calendar which included a Sportsman's night to launch the season. A big thanks to Al Nicholson who was able to secure former Richmond champion Matthew Richardson and former Australian Test opener Chris Rogers as our special guests.

In addition to this event, we once again held the Melbourne Cup Calcutta, Christmas party, the Ladies Luncheon in support of the McGrath Foundation, a charity match for The Royal Children's hospital, the \$2000 draw, Movie nights, as well as junior and senior presentation nights.

Nell Nicholson was a welcome addition to the committee with her expertise in marketing and communication. You would have seen her handy work in the development of flyers and advertising for our social events and club milestones - Thank you Nell!

We once again welcomed a number of overseas players to Mont Albert this year. Jack Morley and Charlie Bennett were welcome additions to the first XI, both proving to be outstanding performers with bat and ball. Jack led the competition for wickets taking 35 scalps in Dunstan Shield and being selected in the team of the year.

Both players also made significant off field contributions, coaching our junior teams and contributing to their development. We would once again like to thank James Wright and the Blair-Holts who generously opened their homes to accommodate Charlie and Jack.

Our volunteers are a huge strength of our club. Thanks as always go to our many volunteers, notably Jack Wright, Peter Knox, Richard Harding, Pete Guley, Wayne Hawkins, Ian Flowers, Rick Barker and Phil Woods who continue to help out without being asked and often without recognition.

Thanks to our first XI scorer Peter Coombs, our practice captain Tim Bonnett and to Kiel Johnsen in the role of Chairman of Selectors. There are many others who also contribute in many ways, so to all of our volunteers we thank you for your time and effort.

This year the G.G.Armstrong Trophy for Best Clubperson was shared with 3 individuals being recognised for their contribution across all aspects of the club.

TIM BONNETT has been our senior men's practice captain over many years. He rarely misses a training, ensuring everyone gets a bat and a bowl. He has scored for our women's first XI and is a long time contributor to the club.

DARREN GLEESON this year took on the role of junior coordinator. To coordinate 9 junior teams, coaches, team managers and players for training, games and functions is no mean feat, and we thank him greatly for his efforts this season.

ELLIE BONNETT led our women's team in their first year in the EGWC competition. She was integral in getting the team up and running, recruiting players and creating a culture where everyone felt welcome and included. The MACC women's MVP awards has been named in her honour.

Thank you to Aubrey Roga (President), Wayne Harris (treasurer) and the committee for your continued and ongoing hard work. Thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous support.

This year's Chris Dunning Trophy (Secretary's award for best report) required those submitting reports to use any two rhyming words in the same sentence. This year's winner for the most creative and contextual use is Ellie Bonnett who detailed the women's "great season for a reason".

Congratulations to the trophy winners for season 2024-25. The winners of the various awards for the season are as follows;

### **SENIORS**

1<sup>st</sup> XI  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI  
4<sup>th</sup> XI  
5<sup>th</sup> XI

### **Batting**

Lachlan Fraser  
Tim Wright  
Vihan Madarasinghe  
Aaron Shipperlee  
Gus McLean

### **Bowling**

Andrew Padbury  
Tim Wright  
Kusal Karunaratnage  
Michael Lee  
Chris Wijayadarmadasa

Veterans (Gold) XI  
Veterans (Red) XI  
Veterans (Purple) XI

Sanjaya Balasuriya  
Gus Mclean  
Pat Hawkins

James Wright  
Wasantha Gunaratne  
Paul Jackson

Women's 1<sup>st</sup> team

Paris Flowers

Alannah Dahlsen

Women's MVP (Ellie Bonnett trophy)  
Best Allrounder 1<sup>st</sup>& 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's (H.J.R. Welch Trophy)  
Best Allrounder 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> XI's (G.D.Mair Trophy)  
Best Allrounder Veteran's XI (A.F.Dwyer Trophy)

Isabel Egan  
Jack Morley  
Dan Bonnett  
Brad Woolhouse

Best Player Under 21yrs (John Hoare memorial trophy)  
Best Clubperson (G.G Armstrong Trophy)

Jai Dalrymple  
Tim Bonnett  
Ellie Bonnett  
Darren Gleeson  
Jack Morley  
Ellie Bonnett

Best Player 1st XI – umpires votes (Garnie-King Trophy)  
Secretary's award for best report (Chris Dunning Trophy)

### **ECA Awards**

**Lachlan Fraser**  
**Jack Morley**

Dunstan Shield Team of the Year  
Dunstan Shield Team of the Year

Life Membership

James Wright  
Colin Orchard

### **MILESTONES ACHIEVED DURING THE 2024/2025 SEASON**

**10 Centuries:** Tim Wright  
(Club Record)

**11,500 Runs:** Angus McLean

**500 Games:** Luke Pich

**7,000 Runs:** Michael Massey

**400 Games:** Allen Burton

**3,000 Runs:** Dan Bonnett  
James Guley

<b>350 Games:</b>	Greg Cull Tim Wright	<b>2,500 Runs:</b>	Reg Cooper Kiel Johnsen Jack Woods
<b>200 Games:</b>	James Guley	<b>1,500 Runs:</b>	Phil Avery Greg Cull Joel Guley
<b>150 Games:</b>	Paul Goessler Shahen Patel Tom Siebel	<b>1,000 Runs:</b>	Sanjaya Balasuriya Harminder Bhullar Jordan Dean Gaj Skandakumar Charlie Waite
<b>100 Games:</b>	Michael Minz	<b>500 Runs:</b>	Brendan Doidge Ben Galtieri Lachlan Fraser Loshana Jagoda James Nash Roy Taylor
<b>50 Games:</b>	Harminder Bhullar Phil Carruthers Gavin Hill Ben Howes Sammy Taylor Rick Western Nathan Woods		
<b>250 Wkts:</b>	Roy Taylor		
<b>150 Wkts:</b>	Dale Greedy	<b>350 Mdns:</b>	Andrew Padbury
<b>100 Wkts:</b>	Tim Wright	<b>300 Mdns:</b>	Tim Noble Roy Taylor
<b>50 Wkts:</b>	Phil Avery Tom Richards Lachie Smit Tyrle Wilkinson	<b>250 Mdns:</b>	James Wright
<b>175 Catches:</b>	Tim Wright	<b>200 Mdns:</b>	Ben Galtieri
<b>100 Catches:</b>	Michael Minz	<b>150 Mdns:</b>	Travis Baker
<b>50 Catches:</b>	Michael Lee	<b>100 Mdns:</b>	Michael Lee Tim Wright

For and on behalf of the committee  
**Greg Cull**  
**SECRETARY**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It's with great pride that I present our Annual Report for the Mont Albert Cricket Club's 2024–25 season — a season that marks our 95th year as a club and one that continued to build on the strong foundations of our rich history.

Now in my second year as President, the learning journey continues, but it has been made all the more rewarding thanks to the enduring support of our community and the legacy and culture established by those who came before me. In particular, I'd like to again acknowledge our past all the committee, plus key members and players, whose guidance continues to be a valued source of counsel and encouragement.

### **Performance on the Field**

The 2024–25 season delivered another exciting chapter for MACC on the field. From juniors through to veterans, we saw spirited performances, memorable moments and importantly a new chapter open with our premiership winning senior women's team.

A huge congratulations to the following teams and individuals on their achievements:

#### **EGWC Senior B Grade (Women's)**

Mont Albert's Senior Women's team won the EGWC Senior B Grade Premiership. Led by captain Ellie Bonnett, the team included standout players like Alannah Dahlsen, Alexandra Allen, and Clare Fernandes

As the inaugural Senior Women's side representing MACC, this is a significant milestone for our club and community. Special thanks also go out to Peter Guley (coach), Wayne Hawkins (Assistant coach) & Ian Flowers (Team Manager) for their commitment in not only bringing to cohesiveness and organisation but ultimately a winning culture.

#### **3rd XI Premiership – Charles Cohen Shield (E Turf)**

Mont Albert's 3rd XI were crowned premiers in the Charles Cohen Shield (E Turf) competition for the 2024–25 season. This marks a significant achievement for the team and the club, continuing a tradition of strong performances across all senior grades.

#### **Veterans Over 50s Division 1:**

Mont Albert claimed the Over 50s Division 1 Grand Final title with a strong win over Lyndale.

- Allen Burton scored 40 retired.
- Pat Hawkins was named Player of the Match with 40 retired and 2/18.
- Skipper Brad Woolhouse

#### **Regular Season Excellence:**

Mont Albert 1st XI finished top of the ladder in the Dunstan Shield competition, securing 10 wins from 14 matches and leading the league with a Net Run Rate of 1.429

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#### **Grand Final Heartbreak again:**

Despite a dominant season, Mont Albert fell short in the Grand Final, losing to North Balwyn who chased down 116 runs to win by 5 wickets

- Captain Andrew Padbury and Ben Howes led a spirited bowling effort, with Padbury taking key wickets and Howes claiming two early breakthroughs.
- The team's bowlers performed admirably, but a lack of runs to defend proved decisive.



**Leadership & Culture:**

Captain Andrew Padbury & Lucas Hutchinson (1st year as senior coach) continued to exemplify leadership and sportsmanship, maintaining high standards and mentoring younger players throughout the season. I know they are already looking at ways for us to achieve the ultimate success.

Our Sunday XI, after last year's premiership, had a year out of the competition due to several factors, most notably the disruption caused by the loss of Elgar Park North West. We will make every effort to reinstate this team for the 2025-26 season.

**Development and Growth**

We remain firmly committed to our pathway programs and junior development. It's no exaggeration to say that our long-term sustainability depends on it.

The junior female program is now firmly cemented in our club and continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Chris Angus and Mark Agar. A personal highlight was again seeing our junior girls play a twilight turf match at Mont Albert Reserve — a sign of how far we've come in embracing inclusivity in our cricketing program.

We're also thrilled to share that this season marked the formation of our inaugural women's social team — an important milestone that we'll build on in future years.

Across our junior age groups, we're seeing a strong cohort transition into the senior ranks. It was particularly pleasing to see some new faces and early indications are this is set to grow again this season. We also had three juniors play Dowling Shield this year Jack Massey (Pahran CC – Captain), Sam Hawkins (MCC – Vice Captain) and Charlie Hester (SKCC – Vice Captain). A big congratulations to these MACC juniors who have got terrific cricketing journeys ahead of them.

Charlie Hester has received state honours by being selected for the Victorian U17 Squad and this follows on from Om Joshi representing Victoria U12 at the national carnival held in Adelaide last December.

Supporting these players development and ensuring they're provided the right opportunities will remain a key focus heading into next season, including selection structures that started this season. Thank you to Kiel Johnson, Phil Woods, Lucas Hutchinson and Andrew Padbury for their efforts in one of the most thankless undertakings in sport.

**Community Engagement**

Mont Albert Cricket Club has always been more than just cricket — and that was especially evident again this season. From Thursday night training and BBQs, to Friday night Blasters sessions, to the weekend banter, sausage sizzles, and post-game reflections — our club is alive with energy, conversation and connection. The warmth of our welcome is often the first thing noted by visiting teams and families, and that speaks volumes about our volunteers and the culture we're proud of. A big thank you again to Jack, Goose & Gules — who despite many challenges were the bedrock again of working throughout the week and presenting our club in the best light come game day.

Our Pink Stumps Day cemented now as cherished events in our calendar. This year saw a record turnout— thanks to Dan Bonnet, Nell Nicholson, Margaret Padbury, Dani Hedley & Mel Roga whose passion and efforts brought the event together.

These events are a wonderful reminder of our reach beyond the boundary, and the unique way cricket brings people together. A very heartfelt thanks to Dan Bonnet for leading our events program and to all that so selflessly contribute to making them a success

### **Acknowledgments**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who makes this club tick — our committee, our coaches and team managers, our sponsors, and of course, our volunteers. The hours you contribute often go unseen but are never unappreciated.

A special thanks to the Jimmy Wright & James Blair Holt for hosting our international players again this year. This generosity creates lifelong memories and helps build connections that go far beyond cricket.

To Jack Morley and Charlie Bennett, thank you for embracing our community, a season of contribution and camaraderie.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we close out a successful 2024–25, we look forward with excitement and optimism to the opportunities that await us in our 96th season.

There's plenty to celebrate — and plenty still to do. With your continued support, I'm confident we'll keep growing, evolving, and achieving great things both on and off the field.

Go Monts!

**Aubrey Roga**

**President, Mont Albert Cricket Club**

## **THE FIRST XI**

The 2024/25 Season was a season of change and great success for the 1st XI. Whilst ultimately falling at the final hurdle, there were some incredible performances throughout the season, both individual and as a team. In addition to this, we were able to expose young players to the 1st XI, which will no doubt benefit the club going forward. Congratulations to Jai Dalrymple, Jack Massey and Angus Napier on their 1st XI debuts this season.

This year we welcomed Lucas Hutchinson to the club as Club Coach. I would like to thank Lucas for his support, level headedness and the runs he scored! I'm sure we are all hoping, that after years of collecting different club caps around Melbourne, that Lucas has had his last cap presentation.

Once again, we welcomed two young Englishmen to Mont Albert. Both Charlie and Jack made invaluable contributions to our junior program, whilst being instrumental to the 1st XI's on field success.

Lachie Fraser (510), Lucas Hutchinson (421) James Guley (387), Charlie Waite(318), Jack Woods (292) and Jack Morley (278) all had successful seasons with the bat. Lachie performed well when it mattered, playing a lone hand in the Grand Final with a wonderful half century.

Ultimately, despite us often having success with the bat in one day cricket, we must continue to find ways to succeed on a more consistent basis in 2-day cricket. Jack Morley (35), Andrew Padbury (28) and Ben Howes (17) led the bowling attack this season and were wonderfully supported by Angus Napier (12) and Charlie Bennet (12). Dan Bonnett, despite only taking 6 wickets, bowled some invaluable spells in white ball cricket, a real find for the 1st XI.

Thank you to Aubrey and the committee for your unwavering support of the First XI. We are very lucky to play at a club where we want for nothing. To our volunteers, particularly the Thursday Night and Saturday crew's, led by the tireless Jack Wright, we cannot thank you enough. Your support of the club and us as a team is always noticed, always appreciated and always helps us to win games for Mont Albert.

To finish the Home & Away season with 10 wins, 4 losses and a top of the ladder was a fantastic achievement. For the second year in a row, we hosted a home Semi Final, this time against newly promoted Edinburgh. Having gone 1-1 with them in season, and with the eventual Dunstan Medallist their skipper, it was a dangerous match up.

### **Semi Final**

Edinburgh batting first started in a watchful manner, with both openers struggling to score. Howes drew first blood with the score on 13, before Edinburgh dug in. The score meandered to 1-46 before the other opener fell to Morley. The key partnership, now at the crease did not last long. Guley took a good catch off Padbury at 1st slip and from then on it was one way traffic. From 1-46, Edinburgh lost 9-42 to be dismissed for 88 in 47 overs. Morley 4/23 and Bennett 3/29 did the damage.

This left Mont Albert with 30 overs to wrap things up within a day. The innings started with

both Woods and Fraser batting in a positive manner, before Woods was adjudged LBW. This brought Guley to the crease at 1-10 and from then on it was one way traffic. Both Mont Albert batters played beautifully to knock off the 89 required 1 down in just 23 overs. MACC were through to their second consecutive Grand Final.

### **Grand Final**

For the second year in a row, Mont Albert welcomed North Balwyn to the Mont Albert Reserve for the Dunstan Shield Grand Final. Mont Albert finally won a toss and elected to bat in what felt like good batting conditions. Woods and Fraser once again started in a spritely fashion, before Woods was caught in the deep with the score at 1-22. This quickly became 2-25 before Charlie Waite joined Lachie Fraser at the crease. The pair put together a nice partnership against some excellent North Balwyn bowling, before Waitey fell. This triggered a collapse of 4-17, breaking the back of the MACC batting line up. Mont Albert were able to scrap to a well under par score of 115 thanks to some late order hitting from Howes.

North Balwyn's momentum continued at the beginning of their innings, with the openers getting off to a fast start. Morley bowled well and without luck, as he struck the pads of both batsmen. The momentum began to shift towards Mont Albert, with Howes and Morley applying pressure, before an incredible bit of work at short leg saw Woodsy nail a run out for the first wicket. This began a period of 8 overs of immense pressure on the North Balwyn batters. It felt like there was a strong appeal every over, alas nothing went the way of the home side. NB finished the day 1 down and despite losing 4 wickets the next week, were able to reach the 116 required with relative ease.

Despite a second consecutive Grand Final loss, there was plenty for MACC to be proud of. We showed real determination with the ball and in the field. The comradery within the group was evident for all to see, both on and off the field throughout the entire season. I have no doubt that this group will achieve the ultimate prize in the very near future.

In exciting post season news, both Lachie Fraser & Jack Morley were rewarded for their fantastic individual seasons with selection in the Dunstan Shield Team of the Season. Both lads demonstrated a high level of skill, complemented by their competitiveness and consistency and were thoroughly deserving of their selections.

**Andrew Padbury**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI captain**



Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avg	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>Dunstan Shield - 1st XI</b>												
Fraser, Lachlan	12	12	2	510	51.00	125*	1	3	2		2	1
Hutchinson, Lucas	16	15	2	421	32.38	100	1	3	3			1
Guley, James	15	14	2	387	32.25	120	1	2	7			
Woods, Jack	10	10	0	292	29.20	99		3	2			2
Morley, Jack	16	13	3	278	27.80	50		1	7			2
Waite, Charlie	15	14	2	318	26.50	63*		3	1			1
Massey, Jack	4	2	1	57	57.00	40			1			
Bonnett, Dan	10	6	3	57	19.00	28*			1		1	1
Howes, Ben	11	3	2	18	18.00	13*			2			
Bennett, Charlie	16	13	3	173	17.30	56*		1	3			
Padbury, Andrew	14	8	2	100	16.67	42			13		1	1
Minz, Michael	16	6	3	37	12.33	19			17	3		1
Dalrymple, Jai	1	1	0	8	8.00	8						
Napier, Angus	12	5	1	20	5.00	13*			2			
Wright, Tim	1	1	0	0	0.00	0						
Smit, Lachie	4	1	1		3	3*			1			
Patel, Shahan	2	1	1		1	1*			1			
Orchard, Colin	1	0	0		0							

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avg	B/B	5i	10m
<b>Dunstan Shield - 1st XI</b>									
Padbury, Andrew	14	129.5	16	28	401	14.32	4/14		
Morley, Jack	16	223.1	64	35	629	17.97	5/99	1	
Howes, Ben	11	126.0	38	17	311	18.29	4/32		
Wright, Tim	1	4.0		1	15	15.00	1/15		
Napier, Angus	12	70.4	7	12	272	22.67	4/36		
Bonnett, Dan	10	45.0	2	6	213	35.50	3/26		
Bennett, Charlie	16	133.2	20	12	454	37.83	4/15		
Massey, Jack	4	7.0		1	53	53.00	1/34		
Patel, Shahan	2	16.2	2	1	59	59.00	1/46		
Smit, Lachie	4	19.0	1	1	124	124.00	1/55		

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>T20 Cup - T20 XI</b>												
Waite, Charlie	4	4	2	119	59.50	40			1			
Hutchinson, Lucas	4	4	0	144	36.00	80		1	3			
Freeman, Jackson	1	1	0	25	25.00	25					1	
Morley, Jack	4	3	1	46	23.00	45*			2			
Fraser, Lachlan	1	1	0	20	20.00	20						
Woods, Jack	4	4	0	68	17.00	39						
Bennett, Charlie	4	4	0	42	10.50	23			5			
Minz, Michael	4	2	1	9	9.00	7			2	2		
Bonnett, Dan	4	1	0	5	5.00	5						
Padbury, Andrew	2	1	0	0	0.00	0			2			
Guley, James	2	2	2		11	9*			2			
Napier, Angus	3	0	0		0							
Dahlsen, Joshua	2	0	0		0							
Woods, Nathan	2	0	0		0							
Massey, Jack	1	0	0		0							
Smit, Lachie	1	0	0		0							

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avge	B/B	5i	10m
<b>T20 Cup - T20 XI</b>									
Padbury, Andrew	2	4.0	2	1	8	8.00	1/0		
Massey, Jack	1	4.0		2	18	9.00	2/18		
Napier, Angus	3	11.4		7	67	9.57	5/23	1	
Bonnett, Dan	4	14.0		6	69	11.50	4/16		
Bennett, Charlie	4	13.0		4	70	17.50	2/18		
Morley, Jack	4	15.0	1	4	75	18.75	2/16		
Dahlsen, Joshua	2	6.0		2	40	20.00	1/18		
Smit, Lachie	1	2.0		0	13				
Freeman, Jackson	1	2.0		0	14				
Woods, Nathan	2	5.0		0	24				

## **THE SECOND XI**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI season got off to a tough start going out to Surrey Park to play the eventual premiers in Surrey Hills. Unfortunately, Surrey were too strong but we were buoyed by the performance of new skipper Daniel Bonnett who top scored with 70.

We got our first win of the season on the board when Tim Wright put on a vintage performance out at Carey with bat and ball. Opening up the bowling he took three early ones enabling us to bowl out Carey cheaply and backed it up with 94 in the chase.

The less said about our Burwood's trip to Mont Albert the better however the next week against Boronia was a win for the ages. After bowling out Boronia for 136 (Tim Wright with another 3 fa), we were reeling at 9-112 in reply when Roy walked out to take his place with Orch. The pair put on 25 for the final wicket in trying conditions to bring home the win.

Whilst we rounded the first month with a respectable 2-2 win/loss, it got tough for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for the next stretch of five, losing all of the games to get to Christmas in deep trouble at 2 and 7. During the losses the performances were still relatively strong, Reg finding some form, Wright continuing to be vintage with the ball and most pleasingly the emergence of Nathan Woods as a genuine 2<sup>nd</sup> XI player. Nathan was used at the death in many of the one-dayers and was incredibly adept at the role.

With two one run losses in that stretch, us being in the bottom two and starting down the face of relegation, it would have been very easy for the boys to drop their heads and give up on the year. However this is where the story of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's season really began.

Coming back from Christmas we again ran into a red hot Surrey who were too strong with the bat getting to 230. However, in the first sign that the tide was turning we posted our highest score for the year to that point getting up to 197. Especially pleasing in this was the performances of Akein Madarasinghe and Joshua Dahlsen, two junior lads who really showed they belong at the level with scores of 32 and 29 respectively.

From there the boys got rolling and began our work by beating Carey with Wrighty again leading the way with 101, with the ball Orch was vintage and Woodsy continued his good form.

The next week we took an under-strength line up out to Ashwood (top 4 at the time) and on an especially scorching day 1 were able to bowl them out for 143 and get to 1-100 in reply on the day. Greedy led the way with both bat and ball, ending with 4 wickets and 60 runs.

Moving forward, the next two two-dayers would define whether or not the twos could stay up in A Turf. Heading out to Deepdene on what was a tricky wicket all year, after a tough early start steadied by a Joel Guley 54 we looked in deep trouble at 8-111. In what was the most remarkable batting innings of the season, Roy Taylor batting in the nosebleeds at no10 came out and hit an incredible 53 off only 32 balls (including six 6s) to get us up to a very defendable 177. We took two early ones on day 1 to ensure we won the day.

The second day we were again looking in trouble with Deepdene at 3-111 in reply, however in what was a theme of the season, we were never broken, and we rallied taking 6-26 to get them to 9-137. The 10<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership got dicey, however we found a way to win by 4 runs. With results going

our way even though we lost in round 14, the Deepdene game was the one that ensured we stayed up and summed up our year. Very good in patches and very poor in others, but ultimately with huge resilience and belief. Next year we will look to build on these themes and be more consistent between our best and worst.

Go Monts!

**Luke Galtieri**  
**2nd XI co-captain**

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avg	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>A Turf - 2nd XI</b>												
Wright, Tim	11	11	1	343	34.30	101*	1	2	5			
Cooper, Reginald	9	9	2	191	27.29	44			1			1
Guley, Joel	13	13	1	301	25.08	59		3	6			
Greedy, Dale	10	9	1	167	20.88	60		2	4			
Bonnett, Dan	3	3	1	185	92.50	70*			3			
Taylor, Roy	9	6	4	74	37.00	53		1	4			
Madarasinghe, Akein	3	1	0	32	32.00	32			1			1
Noble, Timothy	1	1	0	25	25.00	25						
Baker, Travis	1	1	0	20	20.00	20						
Woods, Jack	1	1	0	19	19.00	19						
Dahlsen, Joshua	4	2	0	31	15.50	29			1			1
Galtieri, Luke	11	10	2	112	14.00	25			12	1		2
Johnsen, Kiel	5	5	0	70	14.00	34						
Orchard, Colin	11	9	4	66	13.20	20*			2			
Baddon, Fraser	11	10	0	96	9.60	44			2			
Blair-Holt, James	3	3	0	25	8.33	14						
Karunaratnage, Kusal	1	1	0	8	8.00	8			1			
Massey, Jack	1	1	0	8	8.00	8			1			
Dalrymple, Jai	6	6	1	36	7.20	16			1			
Cull, Greg	7	5	0	27	5.40	14			1			1
Woods, Nathan	10	9	2	32	4.57	13			5			
Madarasinghe, Vihan	7	7	0	31	4.43	10						
Smit, Lachie	10	7	2	22	4.40	7			1		1	1
Patel, Shahen	3	2	0	4	2.00	3						
Jagoda, Loshana	2	2	0	2	1.00	1			1			
Napier, Angus	1	1	1		10	10*						
Skandakumar, Gajanan	1	1	1		7	7*						
Galtieri, Benjamin	1	0	0		0	0						



Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avge	B/B
<b>A Turf - 2nd XI</b>							
Wright, Tim	11	111.0	39	14	220	15.71	3/9
Woods, Nathan	10	57.0	7	12	245	20.42	3/26
Cull, Greg	7	61.4	9	11	228	20.73	2/27
Smit, Lachie	10	96.5	19	11	307	27.91	3/39
Greedy, Dale	10	37.0	7	10	108	10.80	4/14
Patel, Shahan	3	22.0	3	5	73	14.60	3/22
Galtieri, Benjamin	1	20.0	10	3	46	15.33	2/30
Baker, Travis	1	8.0	2	2	33	16.50	2/33
Guley, Joel	13	17.0	7	2	35	17.50	1/15
Massey, Jack	1	9.0	1	1	24	24.00	1/24
Taylor, Roy	9	60.5	12	9	236	26.22	3/34
Bonnett, Dan	3	26.0	4	4	104	26.00	2/55
Napier, Angus	1	5.0		1	28	28.00	1/28
Madarasinghe, Akein	3	3.0		1	28	28.00	1/28
Dalrymple, Jai	6	14.0	1	2	58	29.00	2/6
Dahlsen, Joshua	4	28.2	1	4	120	30.00	2/21
Orchard, Colin	11	75.5	6	8	264	33.00	3/34
Johnsen, Kiel	5	15.0	2	2	66	33.00	2/20
Noble, Timothy	1	9.0	4	0	19		

## **THE THIRD XI**

### **Season Overview:**

The 2024/25 season was an extraordinary journey for the Mont Albert 3rd XI, culminating in a well-deserved championship in the ECA E Turf – Charles Cohen Shield (72 Overs) competition. Our team demonstrated resilience, skill, and unwavering commitment throughout the season, leading us to the pinnacle of success.

Final Standing: Champions of the E Turf – Charles Cohen Shield (72 Overs)

Regular Season Performance: Consistent performances secured us a top position on the ladder.

Finals Journey:

- Semi-Final: Defeated Edinburgh 3rd XI by 99 runs

- Grand Final: Triumphed over Hawthorn Boroondara 3rd XI to clinch the championship

Finals Series:

Semi-Final: vs. Edinburgh 3rd XI

Mont Albert 3rd XI: 7/271 (72 overs)

Edinburgh 3rd XI: 10/172 (54.3 overs)

Result: Win by 99 runs

### **Grand Final: vs. Hawthorn Boroondara 3rd XI**

Hawthorn Boroondara 3rd XI: 10/60 (39.1 overs)

Mont Albert 3rd XI: 3/66 (17.3 overs)

Result: Won by 7 wickets.

Player Contributions:

#### **Batting Highlights:**

Vihan Madarasinghe: promising young talent had some great games with 3's and clinched 3's batting average after scoring 286 runs with 47.67 average.

Loshana Jagoda: Consistent top-order performances, highlighted by his 89 in the semi-final.

Kiel Johnsen: Reliable middle-order batsman, contributing crucial runs throughout the season.

Jai Dalrymple: Another upcoming young talent with some solid performances, including a vital 50 in the semi-final.

#### **Bowling Strengths:**

Kusal Karunaratnage: Versatile bowler, providing crucial breakthroughs and won the best bowling award for 3's this season. Tim Noble, Ben Galtieri and Greg Cull were key wicket-takers, instrumental in restricting opposition totals.

Young Harry Nicholson's 10 wickets with an average of 13.6 this season must be one of the great achievements this season.

**Looking Ahead:**

Securing the championship this season is a proud and rewarding achievement for the 3s, especially after struggling a few tough seasons in recent years. . As we look forward to the next season, we aim to build upon this success and continue striving for excellence on and off the field.

Go Monts!

Losh Jagoda

3<sup>rd</sup> XI captain

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>E Turf - 3rd XI</b>												
Madarasinghe, Vihan	7	7	1	286	47.67	80		3	3			
Jagoda, Loshana	11	11	2	324	36.00	89		2	3		2	
Johnsen, Kiel	7	7	6	133	133.00	57		1	1			
Madarasinghe, Akein	3	2	1	106	106.00	61		1	1		1	
Dahlsen, Joshua	1	1	0	66	66.00	66		1				
Baker, Travis	1	1	0	59	59.00	59		1				
Cull, Greg	8	3	2	49	49.00	47*			2			
Dalrymple, Jai	5	5	0	212	42.40	107	1	1	2			
Skandakumar, Gajanan	9	7	2	140	28.00	69		1	1			
Jones, Harvey	6	5	1	111	27.75	55		1	2			
Woods, Nathan	3	3	0	74	24.67	64		1	1			
Noble, Timothy	11	4	2	35	17.50	13			4			
Baddon, Fraser	3	3	0	51	17.00	26			1			
Wilkinson, Tyrie	3	2	1	16	16.00	14*						
Karunaratnage, Kusal	9	5	0	75	15.00	30			3			
Roga, Henry	8	8	0	119	14.88	35			3			
Burton, Allen	3	1	0	12	12.00	12						
Dean, Jordan	9	8	1	66	9.43	34*			4			
Hill, Gavin	3	3	0	26	8.67	18						
Galtieri, Benjamin	6	2	0	17	8.50	11			4			
Challeng, Raj	8	4	0	18	4.50	7			9	2	1	1
Nicholson, Harry	5	2	1	3	3.00	2*						
Massey, Jack	1	1	0	3	3.00	3						
Bertus, Alexander	4	4	2	5	2.50	3*			5			
Balodi, Ojas	5	2	0	1	0.50	1			2			
Patel, Shahan	2	1	0	0	0.00	0			1			
Hedley, Mitchell	1	1	1		16	16*			2			
Greedy, Dale	1	1	1		9	9*						
Pilgrim, Brooklyn	1	1	1		9	9*						
Imbulana, Nisal	1	0	0		0							
Taylor, Roy	1	0	0		0				1			
Orchard, Colin	1	0	0		0							
Chippindall, David	1	0	0		0							

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avge	B/B	5i
<b>E Turf - 3rd XI</b>								
Karunaratnage, Kusal	9	60.3	16	15	150	10.00	3/19	
Cull, Greg	8	75.3	23	13	152	11.69	3/13	
Noble, Timothy	11	84.5	25	16	206	12.88	4/7	
Greedy, Dale	1	3.0	1	2	8	4.00	2/8	
Baker, Travis	1	6.0	1	2	14	7.00	2/14	
Johnsen, Kiel	7	36.0	7	11	89	8.09	3/10	
Taylor, Roy	1	6.0		2	17	8.50	2/17	
Imbulana, Nisal	1	5.0	2	1	9	9.00	1/9	
Galtieri, Benjamin	6	66.5	18	16	161	10.06	8/53	1
Pilgrim, Brooklyn	1	4.0		2	23	11.50	2/23	
Skandakumar, Gajanan	9	38.3	10	11	141	12.82	3/13	
Madarasinghe, Vihan	7	2.0		1	13	13.00	1/13	
Madarasinghe, Akein	3	16.0	5	3	40	13.33	2/16	
Nicholson, Harry	5	38.5	6	10	136	13.60	3/23	
Dalrymple, Jai	5	20.0	6	2	32	16.00	1/11	
Baddon, Fraser	3	2.0		1	18	18.00	1/18	
Dahlsen, Joshua	1	8.0	1	1	18	18.00	1/18	
Patel, Shahan	2	20.0	5	2	57	28.50	1/28	
Jones, Harvey	6	34.0	9	3	109	36.33	2/17	
Woods, Nathan	3	14.0		1	69	69.00	1/27	
Dean, Jordan	9	3.0	1	0	18			
Balodi, Ojas	5	5.0		0	39			
Wilkinson, Tyrie	3	20.0	4	0	62			

## THE FOURTH XI

Season 24/25 was a really good team building season, with a number of people becoming regular 4ths players (Gavin Hill, Tanvir Khan, Campbell Baddon, Alex Bertus), and some juniors getting to experience their first taste of senior turf cricket (Josh Grainger, Oli Edey). Our match tally for the season was 6 wins, 1 draw, 3 washouts and 8 losses. But a major improvement on the 2 wins we had in the previous season! This season also marked the first of 2 seasons at our temporary home ground of Springfield Park on Sundays and also the competition trialling 1 day only games. Lots of changes and challenges, but as always the MACC spirit comes through.

Round 1. East Malvern Taronga was an amazing game, in that we actually played and did not get washed out as is traditional for round 1 of turf. We bowled them out for 115, with Harry Nicholson taking 3/25 from 8 overs. Quentin McLean opened the batting with a solid 26, before an unlucky self burn run out. Reg Cooper had a cameo batting performance, with a well constructed 73\*. We chased the total down in the 31st over. A great way to start the season.

Round 2. Heathmont was washed out.

Round 3. Richmond City was a tough game, we lost most of the batting order cheaply until Howard Bertus rolled back the clock to make 85\*, with the usual glass hamstring blowing out yet still somehow launching balls for 6 with the slightest of footwork! Tanvir Khan ably supported him with a 32 and we cobbled together 154. We attacked early with bowling, and got some quick wickets, but their middle order settled in and won the game. Michael Lee 2/16 and Brooklyn Pilgrim 2/30.

Round 4. Surrey Hills starred another Mont Albert legend with Rick Barker hitting a strong 68\* and some big hits from James Nash 42\*. Jimmy Wright opened the bowling and struck early with an impressive 3/11 supported by Michael Lee 2/15. We bottled up their batting and won by 29 runs.

Round 5. Richmond Union was an odd game, with a late start due to rain and a TON of sawdust needed. Kusal Karunaratnaga was the stand out with 53 off 44 balls and 3 big sixes to get us a total of 135. Harvey Jones showed some exceptional line and length bowling with 4/27, but a random Pom from Richmond Union plundered 71 from 45 balls and they won in the 25th over.

Round 6. La Trobe Uni came out hard against us, putting on a good total of 9-162, with Michael Lee taking 3/13 off 7 overs. Our opening batsmen put on a classy display with Alex Bertus 50, Gavin Hill 55 and the middle order finishing to win the game in the 31st over (4-163)

Round 7. Hawthorn Boroondara was washed out.

Round 8. Deepdene is always a hard fought game every season. Brooklyn Pilgrim bowled very well, and was rewarded with some key wickets getting 3/35 off 8 overs and was supported by Michael Lee 2/15 off 8 overs. Deepdene put on a respectable total of 8-153. Our batting was a tale of getting some starts, but not building on that. Parker Lee top scored with 27, Gavin Hill and Tyrie Wilkinson both 24. We were bowled out in the 40th over needing 6 runs to win.

Round 9. Bulleen fielded another strong side this season, dominating the grade and were already top of the table. Being our usual who cares how good they think they are, we won the toss and promptly went in with an attitude of lets get a huge total. Gaj Skandakumar 48, Allen Burton 45, Aaron Shipperlee 33\*, Mitch Hedely 32. We scored a strong 7-189 and Bulleen were worried. Sadly, another single batsmen took it to our bowlers (104\* from 104 balls), and they chased the total in the 37th over. Gaj Skandakumar 1/31 off 8 overs. Despite losing, this was an excellent performance by the team.

Round 10. This East Malvern Taronga was a tough game, we made 8-161 with Ojas Balodi 44\* and Aaron Shipperlee 34. They attacked us early in their batting and were well on track to winning, but some excellent bowling from Gaj tightened the run chase. They ended up needing 3 runs from the final ball and somehow managed to sneak 2 runs and draw the match. Ojas Balodi 2/20 off 8 overs, James Nash 1/26 off 8 overs and Gaj Skandakumar 0-10 off 8 overs.

Round 11. Heathmont was washed out.

Round 12. The game against Richmond City was a must win to keep our finals chances alive. The Richmond opening batsmen put on a strong 100 run partnership, before we steam rolled their middle order for a still respectable 7-170. Michael Lee 4-36 off 8 overs (and 3 catches), Tyrie Wilkinson 2-22 off 8 overs. Some strong batting from Jai Dalrymple 49, Allen Burton 46 and Vihan Madarasinghe 41\* helped the steady chase of the total, with victory in the 38th over.

Round 13. Surrey Hills fielded an up gunned team with a score to settle from their loss earlier in the season. They made a good total of 7-176 with Jimmy Wright taking 2-12 and Tim Noble 1-12 (with 1 catch and 1 Run out as well). Allen Burton was the anchor for our innings, making 62, but we could not get the runs falling short by 19 runs finishing at 8-157.

Round 14. Richmond Union was another tough match (including being 36 degrees!) with them looking to secure second place on the ladder. A strong bowling line-up put pressure on our top order, with Harminder Bhullar 36, Lynton Pipkorn 28, Michael Lee 27 steadying the innings to make 151. We then faced some determined batting and the intent to make runs quickly. Michael Lee got a key opening wicket with 1-15, but they ultimately won in the 22nd over with 3-151.

Round 15. The La Trobe Uni match saw a wonderful bowling spell from Josh Grainger (U/14A) who took 3/3 off 4 overs (being his first turf wicket and a wonderful first catch in the field). We also welcomed Chris Jackson back from interstate who bowled well getting 2/7. Most bowlers took a wicket and we bowled them out for 79. We sent our junior and younger players up the order, and they comfortably scored the runs to win. Aaron Shipperlee 35, Parker Lee 18 with the score being 4-81 winning in the 28th over.

Round 16. We knew the game against Hawthorn Boroondara would be challenging based on their very strong performances. James Nash stated at the start he was feeling great today; and steamed in for a wonderful performance of 5/52 off 8 overs and was well supported by Jimmy Wright with 3/18 off 8 overs. The majority of their batsmen made runs, setting an impressive 9-212. Despite some runs being made by us, their bowling was just classic good line and length all day. Aaron Shipperlee 25, Gavin Hill 22, Michael Lee 20\*. We were all out for 125 in the 39th over.

Round 17. This was a return the favour to Deepdene match after a tight loss to them earlier in the season. We played in front of a large Deepdene player reunion crowd and Aaron Shipperlee struck early, getting their opening bat and captain out for a duck. Ben Galtieri rolled through the middle order, until Jason Donovan (not the original!) decided to plunder a century. Galts came back to finish off the tail and with some wonderful figures of 5/31 off 8 overs and Aaron Shipperlee 2/27 off 6 overs with them all out for 190. Our top order was taken out quite early, but Ben Galtieri decided that taking 5 wickets was not enough, and put on 57 with Raj Chelleng 41\*, Aaron Shipperlee 40\* and we won in the 38th over with a score of 5-191.

Round 18. The last game was against Bulleen and we finally faced their legendary bowler Dragon Power Poon. Two of our batters rather liked what he bowled and decided to put on some big runs,

with Jai Dalrymple 78 and Jordan Dean 74, to help build our best score of the season 4-213. We started well with a flurry of early wickets, until their 7 and 8 came in and battled cleanly to win the game in the 37th over with 5-214. Josh Granger 2/11 off 4 overs was the standout bowler.

Overall it was a great season, with the team showing strong development and progress finishing 6th on the ladder. It is a pleasure to captain this wonderful group of juniors, young men and some older players and club legends. A big thanks to all my emergency players who helped fill in during player shortages. Finally thank you to AB, Tyrie Wilkinson, James Nash and Jimmy Wright who support me as captain and rallying team morale when we need it most. I look forward to next season and having a red hot crack at making finals.

**Mick Lee**  
**The General**  
**4th XI Captain**

Batting Average Award - Aaron Shipperlee (188 Runs @ 47.0)  
Bowling Average Award - Michael Lee (19 wickets @ 18.05)

**Michael Lee**

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>F Turf - 4th XI</b>												
Shipperlee, Aaron	8	8	4	188	47.00	40*			4			
Barker, Richard	2	2	1	77	77.00	68*		1				
Dalrymple, Jai	2	2	0	127	63.50	78		1	2			
Galtieri, Benjamin	1	1	0	57	57.00	57		1	1			
Karunaratnage, Kusal	1	1	0	53	53.00	53		1				
Madarasinghe, Vihan	2	2	1	51	51.00	41*						
Chelleng, Raj	4	3	1	92	46.00	41*			3			
Dean, Jordan	2	2	0	83	41.50	74		1				
Burton, Allen	4	4	0	155	38.75	62		1				
Bhullar, Harminder	1	1	0	36	36.00	36						
Pipkorn, Lynton	1	1	0	28	28.00	28						
Skandakumar, Gajanan	4	4	0	83	20.75	48			1			1
Wilkinson, Tyrie	4	3	0	60	20.00	29			2			
Lee, Michael	15	8	3	97	19.40	27			11			
Hill, Gavin	7	7	0	131	18.71	55		1	1			
Balodi, Ojas	6	5	2	53	17.67	44*			1			
Hedley, Mitchell	3	3	0	47	15.67	32			1			
Balasuriya, Sanjaya	1	1	0	15	15.00	15			1			
Nash, James	12	8	2	88	14.67	42*			3			
Bertus, Alexander	7	7	1	88	14.67	50		1	3	2		1
Khan, Tanvir	8	7	1	80	13.33	32			2			
Grainger, Joshua	4	3	0	39	13.00	17			1			
Baddon, Campbell	7	7	2	55	11.00	15			1			
McLean, Quentin	4	3	0	33	11.00	26			2			
Lee, Parker	13	8	0	87	10.88	27			4			1
Edey, Oliver	2	2	1	10	10.00	6*			1			

Jones, Harvey	1	1	0	6	6.00	6		1		
Pilgrim, Brooklyn	11	4	1	10	3.33	10		4	1	1
Wright, James	3	3	0	8	2.67	7		2		
Jagoda, Loshana	1	1	0	1	1.00	1				
Chandan, Manish	6	3	0	2	0.67	2				
Nicholson, Harry	5	2	0	0	0.00	0				
Reddoch, Tyler	3	2	1	0	0.00	0*		2		
Edey, Isaac	1	1	0	0	0.00	0				
Bertus, Howard	1	1	1		85	85*	1			
Cooper, Reginald	1	1	1		73	73*	1			
Noble, Timothy	2	2	2		23	18*		2		1
Richards, Tom	2	1	1		0	0*				
Cull, Greg	1	0	0		0	0		2		
Jackson, Chris	1	0	0		0	0		1		
McLean, Gus	1	0	0		0	0				

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avg	B/B	5i
<b>F Turf - 4th XI</b>								
Lee, Michael	15	94.0	17	19	343	18.05	4/36	
Nash, James	12	60.0	10	12	267	22.25	5/52	1
Jackson, Chris	1	4.0	1	2	7	3.50	2/7	
Wright, James	3	19.0	7	8	41	5.13	3/11	
Pipkorn, Lynton	1	1.0		1	6	6.00	1/6	
Galtieri, Benjamin	1	7.5	1	5	31	6.20	5/31	1
Jones, Harvey	1	6.0		4	27	6.75	4/27	
Grainger, Joshua	4	14.0	2	5	47	9.40	3/3	
Noble, Timothy	2	13.0	3	2	25	12.50	1/12	
Wilkinson, Tyrie	4	30.0	7	6	97	16.17	2/22	
Hedley, Mitchell	3	9.0		2	33	16.50	1/11	
Nicholson, Harry	5	24.0	1	5	101	20.20	3/25	
Balodi, Ojas	6	19.4	2	5	103	20.60	2/20	
Dean, Jordan	2	10.0	3	1	26	26.00	1/17	
Baddon, Campbell	7	3.0		1	26	26.00	1/16	
Richards, Tom	2	6.0	1	1	31	31.00	1/7	
Pilgrim, Brooklyn	11	43.0	2	8	271	33.88	3/35	
Shipperlee, Aaron	8	35.5	3	4	163	40.75	2/27	
Dalrymple, Jai	2	10.0		1	56	56.00	1/22	
Reddoch, Tyler	3	12.0	1	1	63	63.00	1/25	
Skandakumar, Gajanan	4	21.0	4	1	64	64.00	1/31	
Chandan, Manish	6	20.4		1	75	75.00	1/20	
Lee, Parker	13	52.3	3	2	267	133.50	1/11	
Cull, Greg	1	7.0	1	0	40			
Burton, Allen	4	5.0		0	22			
Karunaratnage, Kusal	1	5.0		0	37			
Bhullar, Harminder	1	3.0		0	15			
Edey, Isaac	1	2.0		0	24			
McLean, Quentin	4	1.0		0	1			



## **THE FIFTH XI**

The 2024-25 season was a disappointing season. We only won 4 games, which included a forfeit and we finished second bottom on the ladder.

This season we welcomed Manjula Asurumuni, and Kapila Wijethilaka as regular players and we had Ellie Bonnet, Paris Flowers fill in for a game from the women's team as well as having Jonah Lee, Josh Granger, Nethil Adikaram, Oliver Edey, Joshua Reddock and Yasis Balasuriya from the U14s play a few games as well.

The season started with a sense of purpose with the boys wanting to play finals and they worked hard on the training track to make this happen. The hard work did see an improvement in our batting. We made higher totals this season than last season but it was frustrating as we ended up losing more games than last season. The challenge for the 5ths next season will be to maintain our batting and improve in the bowling and fielding side of our game.

The highlights of the season in no particular order and not limited to include

- Paris Flowers catch at mid off
- Ellie Bonnet with her batting
- Manjula Asurumuni's massive six at Surrey Park
- Josh Granger's mature innings making 50 on debut in the 5ths
- Sanjay Balasuriya return to bowling with figures off 5/15
- Quentin Mclean fielding
- Sammy Taylor teeing off and hitting his first 6
- Chris W consistent bowling
- Tom Richard's sneaky out swinger
- Manjula, Harminder and Sanjay in the zone and batting faster than a run a bowl.
- Wasantha Gunaratne improvement with the ball
- Sammy landing his left arm leg spin

The close game of the season was losing on the very last ball of the game to Mount Waverley Catholics 3rd XI by one run. Mount Waverley were the eventual premiers of the season. The lowlight of the season was Manjula severely injuring his knee and requiring surgery which meant he missed the last few games of the season. He had shown himself to be a useful all-rounder by opening the bowling and making two fifties in the middle order as a hard hitting batter.

I would like to thank all the players who have played in the 5ths this year even though we have not experienced the success that we hoped we have seen some improvements. I would like to thank Tom Richards for filling in as captain when I was not available and I especially would like to thank Kiel Johnsen in his role as Chairman of Selectors. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife, Fiona, who patiently allows me to go outside and play cricket every Saturday.

**Gus Mclean**  
**5<sup>th</sup> XI captain**

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avg	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>LOC 7 - 5th XI</b>												
McLean, Gus	13	13	5	406	50.75	58*		5	13	2		4
Balasuriya, Sanjaya	13	13	3	310	31.00	53*		3	6			1
Asurumuni, Manjula	11	11	3	237	29.63	52*		2	2			
Bhullar, Harminder	10	10	1	213	23.67	50*		1	4			1
Wijayadarmadasa, Chris	11	11	3	175	21.88	50*		1	2			
Grainger, Joshua	1	1	0	51	51.00	51			1			
Chandan, Manish	2	2	1	22	22.00	18			1			
Nash, James	2	2	0	39	19.50	31						
Kalidindi, Ravi	8	8	2	106	17.67	33			1			
Lee, Jonah	3	2	1	16	16.00	11						
Taylor, Sammy	14	10	4	95	15.83	33*			1			
Pilgrim, Brooklyn	3	3	1	29	14.50	22*			2			
Wijethilaka, Kapila	8	6	3	39	13.00	17*						
Khan, Tanvir	2	2	0	25	12.50	25						1
Pich, Luke	13	7	4	36	12.00	13*						
Adikaram, Nethil	2	2	0	21	10.50	20						
Gunaratne, Wasantha	12	6	1	46	9.20	18						
Doidge, Brendan	11	11	0	101	9.18	26			2			1
Bonnett, Ellie	1	1	0	8	8.00	8						
Richards, Tom	13	8	3	37	7.40	16*						
Balasuriya, Yasas	3	3	0	18	6.00	12						
McLean, Quentin	3	3	0	12	4.00	11			5		1	
Reddoch, Joshua	2	2	0	7	3.50	7						
Negri, Marco	2	1	0	1	1.00	1			1			
Edey, Oliver	1	1	1	19		19*						
Flowers, Paris	1	1	1	2		2*			1			

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avg	B/B	5i	10m
<b>LOC 7 - 5th XI</b>									
Wijayadarmadasa, Chris	11	61.0	3	16	325	20.31	3/13		
Taylor, Sammy	14	54.3	1	10	337	33.70	2/14		
Balasuriya, Sanjaya	13	20.0	3	9	105	11.67	5/15	1	
Wijethilaka, Kapila	8	9.3	1	4	57	14.25	2/2		
Negri, Marco	2	3.0		1	20	20.00	1/20		
Bhullar, Harminder	10	49.0	4	10	202	20.20	3/9		
McLean, Quentin	3	7.0		2	45	22.50	2/45		
Chandan, Manish	2	9.0		3	88	29.33	3/39		
Pich, Luke	13	56.0	3	8	291	36.38	3/31		
Asurumuni, Manjula	11	68.0	8	7	290	41.43	3/27		
Gunaratne, Wasantha	12	42.0	4	5	232	46.40	2/15		
Richards, Tom	13	71.0	9	6	281	46.83	2/35		
Pilgrim, Brooklyn	3	9.0		0	66				
Adikaram, Nethil	2	14.0		0	52				
Lee, Jonah	3	9.0		0	47				

Reddoch, Joshua	2	4.0	0	24
Nash, James	2	5.0	0	22
Balasuriya, Yasas	3	2.0	0	14
Grainger, Joshua	1	3.0	0	13
Kalidindi, Ravi	8	2.0	0	10
Bonnett, Ellie	1	1.0	0	3

## **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM REPORT**

Major change came to Mont Albert CC in 2024-25 with the development of the first senior women's team to represent the club.

It was an unusual start to the season as we didn't know if we'd have enough players to field a team and only a few of the 'girls' recruited had played competitive cricket previously.

So for the most part our players were new to cricket, new to training, new to the club and were obviously entering an unknown with no team having played before them.

What followed was truly phenomenal. It became a great season for a reason. The players quickly embraced each other, the club and the game. The outward joy shown in the players demeanour at games and at training hid a serious competitive streak.

We trained extremely hard and most players requested extra nights of training. Improvement was immediate – not just skill-wise but with our understanding of the game. We became a close-knit group both on and off the field team – enjoying several social nights at the club and enjoying great success on the field.

There had been several aims at the start of the season:

- To develop and integrate a competitive women's team into Mont Albert CC.
- Encourage participation from the many women and juniors who might have
- wanted to play but couldn't see a path at Mont Albert.
- To develop a culture of fun and competitiveness.
- To improve on-field and develop an A-Grade team as one of multiple women's
- teams.
- To provide and develop links between junior girl's competition and senior
- teams.

We feel we have made great inroads on all these aims. While the B-Grade premiership in the first year wasn't a specific goal, it does show that we are moving in the planned direction. We are achieving what we set out to do.

For 2025-26, the plan is to have an A-Grade team but we will need to grow numbers to around 18 players. A-grade plays every weekend and some players may not be available for all games – hence the increase in numbers required. Further, A-grade is an 11 player team, not 9 as we had in 24-25.

We also hope to adopt Mont Albert Reserve as our home ground. We have seen that the players love their new home and crowds attend when we're playing. This is great for the social side at MACC but more importantly we have seen that it attracts juniors to the ground. These juniors are already becoming a part of the broader team and can aspire to playing with the women in the near future.

The women's home ground concept can be achieved by requesting all women's home games to be played on alternate weeks to the Vet's competition. This would also develop the idea that there is cricket at MACC every single Sunday and supporters can come and enjoy the club environment. But that's for next year.

To finish off 2024-25, Mont Albert CC committee and the men's playing group need to be thanked for their outstanding support and friendship both on and off the ground. The measurable success shown in the first year could not have been achieved without entire club support - from the very first

planning meetings to the development of such a positive team culture. The players themselves pioneered their own culture of unqualified support for each other, along with a safe and non-judgmental environment to grow personally and as players.

This culture bodes well for attracting new players for next season and will be a launching pad for many years of successful women's cricket at Mont Albert CC.

### Ellie Bonnett

#### Women's First team captain

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>Women's B Grade</b>												
Flowers, Paris	9	6	3	77	25.67	28	0	0	3	0	1	2
Bonnett, Ellie	8	6	1	126	25.2	40	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dahlsen, Alannah	5	3	1	50	25	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egan, Isabel	9	6	2	88	22	46	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fernandes, Clare	9	7	1	97	16.17	23	0	0	5	0	1	0
Stevenson, Ashleigh	8	6	1	53	10.6	27	0	0	1	0	0	0
Morrison, Jaimee	8	3	1	18	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, Amelia	9	3	2	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen, Alexandra	9	5	2	12	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nolan, Edwina	4	2	0	8	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
*****	6	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
*****	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Day, Stacey	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicholson, Nell	2	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Giannangelo, Bella	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Player name	Games	Balls Bowled	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avge	B/B	5i	10m
<b>Women's B Grade</b>									
Dahlsen, Alannah	5	134	6	9	43	4.78	5--19	1	
Morrison, Jaimee	8	78	0	5	63	12.6	3--16	0	
Bonnett, Ellie	8	126	5	4	54	13.5	2--14	0	
Stevenson, Ashleigh	8	172	4	6	87	14.5	2--5	0	
Egan, Isabel	9	228	5	4	102	25.5	2--3	0	
Fernandes, Clare	9	201	2	3	122	40.67	2--8	0	
Allen, Alexandra	9	114	0	1	107	107	1--16	0	
Flowers, Paris	9	0	0	0	0		--	0	
Nolan, Edwina	4	0	0	0	0		--	0	
Jones, Amelia	9	66	0	0	46		0--4	0	
*****	6	6	0	0	4		0--4	0	
*****	6	0	0	0	0		--	0	
Day, Stacey	1	0	0	0	0		--	0	
Nicholson, Nell	2	0	0	0	0		--	0	
Giannangelo, Bella	4	0	0	0	0		--	0	

## **VETERAN'S REPORT**

There was strong participation in veterans' cricket, with three teams competing during the 2024/2025 season. This comprised two over 50s teams (Purples and Reds) and one over 40s team (Golds). Each of the teams participated in the ECA Vets competition. Each team had a strong group of players to choose from and there was a reasonable degree of movement between teams to account for form.

All three teams played finals. The Golds and Reds were eliminated in the semi and the Purples went on to be premiers having fought out the grand final for the third year in succession.

James Wright captained the Golds (ECA Vets 40s Div 5). The scheduling of the games for the 3s and 4s on Sundays created some difficulties in maintaining a consistent team list. Jimmy, Mick and Phil did a good job to put a competitive team on the field each week. Competitive all season, the Golds finished 4th and played finals. Sanjaya Balasuriya picked up the batting honours and whilst there was a good spread of wicket takers, James Wright came away with the bowling honours. A big thank you to Phil Carruthers for managing the team.

Michael Massey/Brad Woolhouse captained the Purples (ECA Vets 50s Div 1). For the third year in a row the Purples made the Grand Final – this time easily accounting for Lyndale Vets at home at Mont Albert Reserve. A very strong and connected group, the Purples were always in the box seat to redeem themselves from the disappointment of the previous season and are to be congratulated on another successful year. Pat Hawkins was a star with bat and ball – ultimately winning the batting. Paul Jackson was the hero, both in mind and on paper, with the ball. Thank you to Wayne Hawkins for managing the team.

Mark Dunning provided leadership for the Reds (ECA Vets 50s Div 3). In what can only be described as a miracle, the Reds made finals having only one win for the season. Mark Dunning, Gus McLean and Chris Dunning offered great leadership, cunning plans that supported individual participation. The team is made up of a wonderful group of people with a positive spirit. Gus McLean was the batting genius and Wasantha Gunaratne was unplayable with the ball. Thanks to Chris Dunning for his work in managing the group.

***Marco Negri***  
***Veterans Coordinator***

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>Vets 40s Div 5 - Gold XI</b>												
Balasuriya, Sanjaya	6	6	2	131	32.75	40*			1	2		1
Asurumuni, Manjula	6	5	1	122	30.50	40*			6			1
Harris, Wayne	2	2	1	41	41.00	40*						
Skandakumar, Gajanan	2	2	0	70	35.00	37			1			
Jackson, Paul	1	1	0	28	28.00	28						
Riseley, Chris	4	4	1	65	21.67	26			1			
Bhullar, Harminder	6	6	1	87	17.40	26*			2			
Wright, James	6	6	1	80	16.00	40*			2			
Liddell, Owen	6	4	1	47	15.67	20			2			
Pipkorn, Lynton	6	6	2	57	14.25	23*			1			
Challeng, Raj	3	3	0	36	12.00	21						1
Carruthers, Phillip	5	5	1	46	11.50	40*			1			
Lee, Michael	4	3	0	26	8.67	14						1
Sowden, Mark	6	6	1	39	7.80	15						1
Reddoch, Timothy	7	5	0	30	6.00	14						
Wijethilaka, Kapila	5	4	2	4	2.00	3						
Chandan, Manish	4	2	1	2	2.00	2						
Ager, Mark	1	1	0	0	0.00	0						
Greedy, Dale	3	1	1		40	40*						1
Burton, Allen	1	1	1		40	40*						
Patel, Urmez	1	1	1		0	0*						

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avge	B/B	5i	10m
<b>Vets 40s Div 5 - Gold XI</b>									
Wright, James	6	27.0	2	4	98	24.50	2/27		
Asurumuni, Manjula	6	26.2	2	4	120	30.00	1/14		
Pipkorn, Lynton	6	26.1	1	4	128	32.00	3/20		
Skandakumar, Gajanan	2	9.0	1	2	18	9.00	1/6		
Balasuriya, Sanjaya	6	3.0		1	14	14.00	1/14		
Chandan, Manish	4	5.0		1	22	22.00	1/4		
Wijethilaka, Kapila	5	6.0	1	1	24	24.00	1/8		
Reddoch, Timothy	7	16.0	1	3	81	27.00	1/11		
Bhullar, Harminder	6	30.5	3	3	110	36.67	2/25		
Lee, Michael	4	17.0	1	2	79	39.50	2/29		
Sowden, Mark	6	27.4		2	107	53.50	1/11		
Liddell, Owen	6	33.0	1	1	149	149.00	1/26		
Challeng, Raj	3	1.0		0	3				
Greedy, Dale	3	3.0	1	0	7				
Jackson, Paul	1	4.0		0	15				
Carruthers, Phillip	5	4.0		0	31				

Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avg	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>Vets 50s Div 1 - Purple XI</b>												
Hawkins, Patrick	3	3	3		118	40*			2			
Burton, Allen	4	4	3	142	142.00	40*			2			
Woolhouse, Brad	6	6	4	150	75.00	42*			1			
Avery, Phil	6	6	1	103	20.60	42*			4			
Massey, Michael	4	3	2	93	93.00	38*						
Smit, Terry	4	3	1	46	23.00	25			1			
Jackson, Paul	6	5	1	67	16.75	36			2			
Hawkins, Wayne	6	6	0	84	14.00	30						
Corrigan, Dave	6	5	1	48	12.00	32*						
Harris, Wayne	1	1	0	1	1.00	1			1			
Flowers, Ian	1	1	0	1	1.00	1						
Goessler, Paul	6	1	0	0	0.00	0			3			
Wijayadharmadasa, Chris	3	1	1		17	17*						
Siebel, Thomas	6	2	2		9	9*			1			
Roga, Aubrey	4	1	1		0	0*						
Allen, Greg	3	0	0		0				1			
Wilson, Bruce	1	0	0		0							

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avg	B/B	5i	10m
<b>Vets 50s Div 1 - Purple XI</b>									
Jackson, Paul	6	32	1	10	106	10.60	4/20		
Woolhouse, Brad	6	36	3	9	129	14.33	2/14		
Avery, Phil	6	32	1	7	117	16.71	3/14		
Roga, Aubrey	4	7		3	40	13.33	3/32		
Hawkins, Wayne	6	11		3	56	18.67	2/14		
Wijayadharmadasa, Chris	3	12	2	2	38	19.00	2/21		
Hawkins, Patrick	3	18	4	3	68	22.67	2/18		
Burton, Allen	4	12		2	62	31.00	1/0		
Massey, Michael	4	24		3	117	39.00	1/17		
Smit, Terry	4	8		1	39	39.00	1/11		
Flowers, Ian	1	2			6				
Siebel, Thomas	6	2			15				
Allen, Greg	3	8			55				



Player	Games	Inn	No	Runs	Avge	HS	100s	50s	Ct	St	R Dir	R Asst
<b>Vets 50s Div 3 - Red XI</b>												
McLean, Gus	5	5	5		182	43*						
Pich, Luke	5	4	3	28	28.00	14*						
Allen, Greg	3	3	1	43	21.50	42*						
Dunning, Chris	4	4	0	78	19.50	38						
Smit, Terry	1	1	0	13	13.00	13			1			
Wijayadharmadasa, Chris	3	2	0	25	12.50	17						
Gunaratne, Wasantha	5	4	2	23	11.50	14*			1			
Richards, Tom	5	4	1	30	10.00	25						
van Kruining, Henk	5	4	0	38	9.50	22			2		1	
Harris, Wayne	1	1	0	9	9.00	9						
Western, Rick	4	4	1	21	7.00	8*			1			
Negri, Marco	5	2	1	7	7.00	6			2			
Roddam, Trevor	5	1	0	1	1.00	1			1			
Dunning, Mark	5	3	0	2	0.67	2						
Ager, Mark	2	1	0	0	0.00	0						
Burton, Allen	1	1	1		40	40*						
Mollison, Jeff	1	0	0		0							

Name	Games	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avge	B/B	5i	10m
<b>Vets 50s Div 3 - Red XI</b>									
Gunaratne, Wasantha	5	20.0		4	65	16.25	3/18		
Allen, Greg	3	15.0	1	4	87	21.75	3/18		
Smit, Terry	1	4.3		1	15	15.00	1/15		
Wijayadharmadasa, Chris	3	9.0	1	1	24	24.00	1/3		
Roddam, Trevor	5	7.5		2	57	28.50	1/22		
Western, Rick	4	9.0		1	42	42.00	1/7		
Dunning, Mark	5	25.0		2	87	43.50	1/14		
Pich, Luke	5	18.0		2	119	59.50	1/25		
Negri, Marco	5	20.0	1	2	132	66.00	1/26		
Richards, Tom	5	20.0		1	112	112.00	1/54		
Burton, Allen	1	3.0	1	0	7				

## **JUNIORS REPORT**

2024/2025 was a great season for juniors at Mont Albert Cricket Club. As was the case last year we had 9 teams registered. 3 Teams in under 10 for the first time in a few years was a great sign for numbers going into next year and beyond. MACC registered its first full Girls Juniors team after merging with North Balwyn last year. The success of the women's senior team had a great influence on the junior girls who had a spectacular season.

We also had new competition that MACC joined, the ECA mixed 100. A trial concept for the first time this year that saw a lot of positive feedback from the players and families. I would expect this to be replicated in next seasons ECA fixtures.

### **Girls Stars:**

Coach: Chris Angus / Team Manager : Mark Ager

MACC Girls stars had a great year in 2024/25. A lot of success in the season and some very tight losses. The girls managed to play on the turf at Mont Albert Reserve also earlier in the season. We had some new girls to the team this year and word is spreading!

Chris over the years has done a spectacular job with the girl's progression at the club. This was also due to the help of Dani Hedley across the years and the club made the decision to recognise Dani's efforts by having the first Perpetual Girls Junior trophy named in her honour.

Batting Award : Aurora Angus

Bowling Award : Grace Ager

Best and Fairest Player : Isabelle Ager

Perpetual Trophy Juniors Girls : The Dani Hedley Champion Player – Aurora Angus

### **U10:**

Red: Coach : Darren Gleeson / Team Manager : Peter Bussse

Blue: Coach : Chris Harrison / Team Manager : Jules Pigdon

Gold : Coach : Luke Chambers / Team Manager : Dave Nelson

With 3 teams for the first time in many years the MACC U10's did not disappoint !. 2 Teams were undefeated for the season, an amazing achievement for the boys and girls. Bodes well for the seasons to come.

We had some boys come across from Canterbury CC this year, they fit into the club very well and were welcomed into the MACC family. We had some other new players to the club as well and feedback from parents across the year was positive and the boys and girls enjoyed their cricket.

### **U10 Red:**

Batting Award : James Busse

Bowling Award : Joseph Gleeson

Coaches Award : Finn Steinfert

5 wicket games: James Busse (Twice)

Hatricks : James Busse (2 separate Hatricks in one game,!)

U10 Blue:

Batting Award : Akshay Sijy

Bowling Award : Cooper Harrison

Best All-rounder : Oscar Rogers

U10 Gold:

Batting Award : Luke Kontoudis

Bowling Award : Vishwam Patel

Best All-rounder : Thomas King

Hatrick : Visham Patel

## **U12**

B: Coach : Dave Chippindall / Team Manager : Raj Chelleng

A: Coach : Warren Haley / Team Manager : Eliza Crump

U12's for 2024/25 we saw our A team narrowly miss out on finals and the B team building their skills over the year which is a great sign as most of these kids will remain in U12 next year. Dave and Warren did a fantastic job over the year coaching the players through 1 day and 2 day games, each having unique challenges. The sportsmanship shown in games across the season was a testament to the quality of players we have at Mont Albert with multiple occasions of feedback from other teams on the quality of players across Mont Albert and their attitude to the game.

U12 B:

Batting Award : Benjamin Chippindall

Bowling Award : Jehan Patel

Coaches Award : Yadav Bala

U12 A:

Batting Award : George Nicholson

Bowling Award : Om Joshi

All rounder : Xavier Roga

5 wicket game: Isabel Egan

Hatrick : Isabel Egan

Perpetual Trophy U12 : The Paul Hastings Champion Player – Om Joshi

## **U12 – Mixed 100**

A :Coach : Alistair Nicholson / Team Manager : Darren Gleeson

A new competition for the ECA ! 100 balls an innings. 5 Ball overs. A lot to get used to for the scorers, coaches and players. The U12 team nominated were a mix of our best from U2A/12B. Excitement was high. Rain delayed the first round but MACC were brilliant in the remaining games. In the shortened form, we were unlucky to miss the Final. Losing to Camberwell who won the competition. It was a great little competition, feedback was positive from all involved and early indications from the ECA are that this will feature again for 25/26.

U12 – Mixed 100 Player of the series : Ranveer Dhamija

## **U14**

B: Coach : Chris Angus / Team Manager : Sanjaya Balasuriya

A: Coach : Jack Morley / Team Manager : Amit Joshi

U14's for 2024/25 was an interesting year for MACC. We had many new players into the squad including some representative cricketers. The skill level in both B's and A's was high. Expectations were high also. The A team narrowly missed the finals. It seemed like it took the team 3 or 4 games to gel which I think ultimately cost them a finals birth. Jack (one of our UK senior's players) did a great job coaching the boys and he left Australia with very fond memories of the squad and season.

The B team did a great job, making the finals. Chris coached the boys brilliantly including some U12 kids who played up. The team being knocked out in the Semi Finals on a scorching day in Melbourne. A valiant effort with the game seeing Ranveer take a screamer catch that will be remembered by all present for ever !

U14 B:

Batting Award : Tristan Jones/ Campbell White

Bowling Award : Benjamin Chippindall

Coaches Award : Kieran Wong

U14 A:

Batting Award : Dihain Lokubalasuriya

Bowling Award : Arya Verma

Coaches Award : Joshua Grainger

Perpetual Trophy U14 : The Hal Jones Champion Player – Dihain Lokubalasuriya

## **U14 – Mixed 100**

A :Coach : Mahesh Adikaram / Team Manager : Chris Angus

As with the U12s the U14 team nominated were a mix of our best from U14A/14B. The U14 team were brilliant throughout the competition and made the final. In a tight struggle, we kept the opposition to a reasonable total but lost wickets mid innings and failed to get the required. A great effort from the boys who enjoyed the competition and will learn a lot for next year's assault.

U14 – Mixed 100 Player of the series : Dihain Lokubalasuriya

## **U16**

A :Coach : Charlie Bennett / Team Manager : Howard Bertus

U16's for 2024/25 was a tough season for the boys. Losing some big talent names and school cricket also taking over in the new year meant the boys were facing an uphill battle in the A grade. We had some new players in the club which was great to see at U16 level. All the boys gave their very best and should be very proud of themselves. Charlie was a great coach all year with some 1:1 coaching and leading the team in tough conditions. A big challenge all year but the boys showed true MACC spirit, didn't give up and showed great sportsmanship.

U16 A:

Batting Award : Alex Bertus

Bowling Award : Patrick Gleeson

Coaches Award : Tyler Reddoch

100 run innings : Charlie Hester

Perpetual Trophy U16 : The Rick Barker Champion Player – Patrick Gleeson

### **Representative Cricket**

MACC again continued its proud history of junior players in our ranks playing Representative cricket. This year we had an especially rare achievement in Om Joshi representing his state in the Junior Schools State representative carnival. Om has now had a history of very high achievements in his cricketing career and to be named in this year's state squad was a recognition of his hard work, skill, attitude and sportsmanship over many years at MACC and other cricket clubs. We were all very proud of Om and especially proud to see him at the MCG during the boxing day test to receive his baggy blue.

Well done to all the players for their efforts in representing the ECA in the VMCU competition, Club premier clubs in the Dowling shield and Victoria in the State school championships.

### **ECA VMCU Carnival 2025 – U12:**

On Joshi

Ranveer Dhamija

Xavier Roga (EM)

### **ECA VMCU Carnival 2025 – U16:**

Harry Nicholson

Parker Lee

### **Dowling Shield U16:**

Jack Massey (Pahran CC)

Sam Hawkins (Melbourne CC)

Charlie Hester (St Kilda CC – Premiers 2025)

### **Under 12 State Championships for Victoria:**

Om Joshi

### **ECA Competition Awards**

Each year the ECA hold season end junior presentation. It is a time to recognise Juniors premiers in the year as well as Age Level Batting and Bowling awards. This year MACC was pleased to see 2 of our players achieving awards for the season 2024/25 and amazing achievement. A special recognition for Benjamin Chippindall who was awarded best Bowler in the U14B across the ECA completion. Ben played up from U12 in the U14b team and to achieve best bowler in a higher age group is something we are especially proud of.

U12 A RJ Barker – Bowling Award – Om Joshi

U14 B M Van Zyden – Bowling Award – Benjamin Chippindall

2024/2025 was a great season for Mont Albert Junior Cricket club. Success on the field was also felt off the field with records numbers present at the mid-season awards function and end of year presentation day.

There was a lot of enquiries very soon after the season on preseason dates for next year which is great sign for the enthusiasm to come back, score some runs and gets some wickets !

The season could not have happened without the help, commitment and skill of so many volunteers across the entire Mont Albert family. Naming just a few and missing some unintentionally I would like to thank:

- The Coaches and Team managers, who sacrifice a lot of time to teach, guide and organise all the players with the goal to enjoy their cricket
- Scorers (book scorers especially !)
- BBQ / Bar helpers who drop in whenever needed... you know who you are
- The Mont Albert CC Committee Especially Secretary Greg, President Aubrey, Peter, Jordy who does an amazing job with our Blasters and Nell for all the help with Comms and Socials.
- Amelia Jones for organising trophies
- Kelly Gleeson, Child Safety Officer and the bees knees.
- Parents and Friends

Looking forward to 2025/2026....

Go Monts !

**Darren Gleeson**  
**Junior Co-Ordinator**