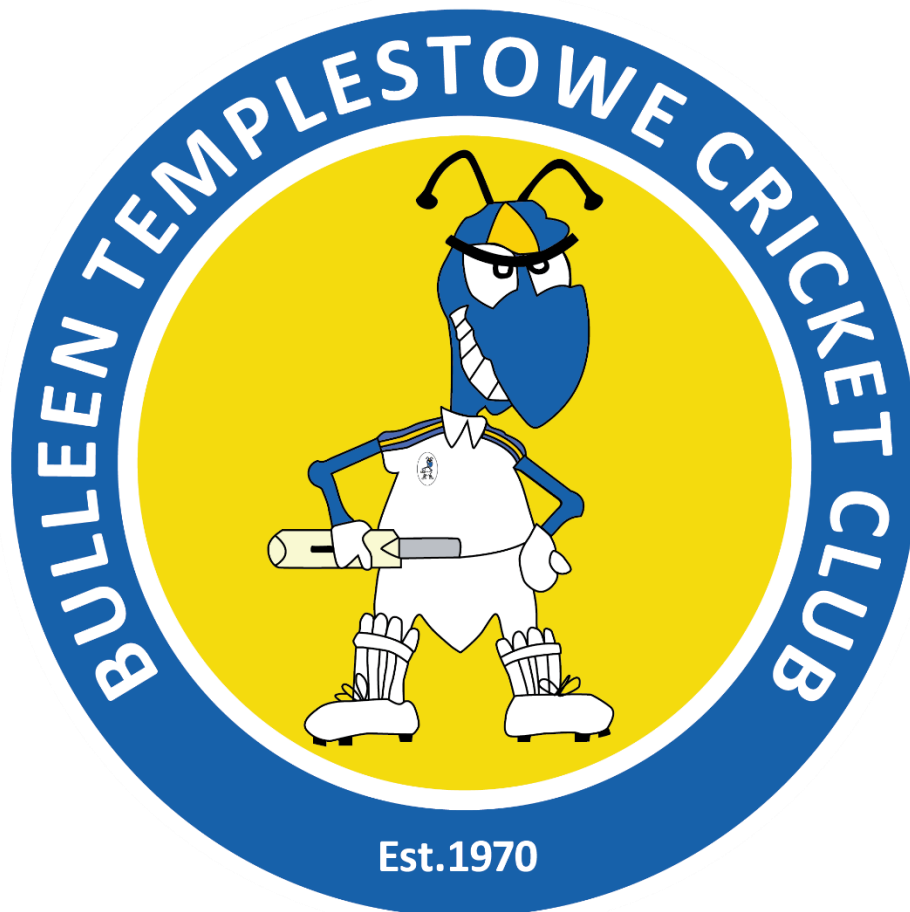


**BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE
CRICKET CLUB INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026**



Wednesday, May 20th 2026, 7.30pm

Venue: Ted Ajani Clubrooms

BTCC – Annual General Meeting 2025/26 Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies/proxy votes
2. Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2024/25
3. President's Report – David McClean
4. Treasurer's Report – Pino Paolucci
5. Captain's Report –
 - Senior Women's – Fiona Moran
 - 1st XI – Marcus Adams (including Coach's Report)
 - 2nd XI – Matthew Leggio (on behalf of Les Pataki)
 - 3rd XI – Pino Paolucci
 - Veterans – Jack Muir
 - T20 – Hamish McClean
6. Junior Report – Matthew Vogels
7. Life Membership Nominations: Adrian Tabacchiera, Pino Paolucci, Ben Wolnizer
8. Elections for the Committee for the 2026/27 season:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Facilities Manager
 - Membership and Community Representative
 - Junior Co-ordinator
 - General Position 1
 - General Position 2
 - General Position 3
9. General Business
10. Season Statistics, Junior, Senior and Club Awards
11. Club Sponsors

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: Santino Paolucci (SP), Karel Theunissen (KT), Murphy Moore (MM), Andrew Verga (AV), Nick Gioskos (NG),

Proxy: Karel Theunissen (KT) nominated John Cochrane (JC) as his proxy. Murphy Moore (MM) nominated Josh Toop (JT) as his proxy. Nick Gioskos nominated Murphy Moore (MM) as his proxy. With MM being a late apology due to a serious football injury, Nick Gioskos' proxy was passed on to Josh Toop (JT).

Attendees – Life Members: John Cochrane (JC), Scott Boyd (SB), Les Pataki (LP), Matt Agrotis (MA)

Attendees – Financial Members: David McClean (DM), Pino Paolucci (PP), Hamish McClean (HM), John Dinneen (JD), Matt Vogels (MV), Josh Toop (JT), Matt Leggio (ML), Jack Muir (JM), Marcus Adams (MAS), Andrew Smith (AS), Paul Pavlidis (PAV)

2. Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2024/25

Accepted: ML

Seconded: HM

3. President's Report – David McClean

Accepted: MA

Seconded: ML

4. Treasurer's Report – Pino Paolucci

Accepted: MA

Seconded: JD

Pino went through the financials in more details. Overall, the Club achieved a net profit of \$12,826.03, a significant improvement from the previous financial year, where there was a loss of \$23,354.10.

5. Captains Report – All Grades

Accepted: MV

Seconded: JT

6. Junior Report – Matt Vogels

Accepted: AS

Seconded: PP

7. Life Member Nominations

As of 6th May 2026, three life member nominations were received. The nominees were:

- Adrian Tabacchiera (carried over from the 2025 Annual General Meeting,
- Pino Paolucci
- Ben Wolnizer

All nominees met the eligibility criteria for Life Membership. As only two members can be elected to Life Membership, members in attendance were asked to vote on each nominee by selecting “Yes”, “No”, or “Abstain”.

If a box was not ticked for a nominee, that was marked as abstained from voting, as the member chose not to vote on that nominee. The two highest “Yes” votes will be inducted as Life Members. If the third placed nominee receives a positive outcome in the voting, that nominee will be automatically inducted as a Life Member at the next Annual General Meeting; unless there are two or more nominees, where the voting process will need to be repeated. This is to be discussed by the Committee at the time should that situation eventuate.

The two highest “Yes” votes and new inductees to Life Membership of BTCC are Adrian Tabacchiera and Pino Paolucci. The results are listed below:

Adrian Tabacchiera

RESULT: YES: 12 NO: 2 ABSTAIN: 3

Pino Paolucci

RESULT: YES: 16 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

Ben Wolnizer

RESULT: YES: 7 NO: 7 ABSTAIN: 3

8. Elections for the Committee for 2026/27 season:

President: DAVID McCLEAN

Nominated by: Pino Paolucci (PP)

Seconded: John Dinneen (JD)

Vice President: NICK GIOSKOS

Nominated by: Pino Paolucci (PP)

Seconded: Paul Pavlidis (PP)

Secretary: JOHN COCHRANE

Nominated by: Scott Boyd (SB)

Seconded: Matt Leggio (ML)

Treasurer: PINO PAOLUCCI

Nominated by: David McClean (DM)

Seconded: Scott Boyd (SB)

Facilities Manager: SANTINO PAOLUCCI

Nominated by: Les Pataki (LP)

Seconded by: Pino Paolucci (PP)

Membership & community Representative: HAMISH McCLEAN

Nominated by: Pino Paolucci (PP)

Seconded by John Dinneen (JD)

Junior Co-ordinator: MATT VOGELS

Nominated by: Scott Boyd (SB)

Seconded by: Matt Agrotis (MA)

General Committee Positions 1, 2 & 3.

There were five nominees for the three general committee positions, as follows:

Murphy Moore: Nominated by John Dinneen (JD). Seconded by Hamish McClean (HM)

Jack Muir: Nominated by Matt Vogels (MV). Seconded by Scott Boyd (SB)

Paul Pavlidis: Nominated by Les Pataki (LP). Seconded by Pino Paolucci (PP)

Andrew Smith: Nominated by Pino Paolucci (PP). Seconded by Les Pataki (LP)

Josh Toop: Declined the nomination.

The members were informed that as the number of nominees exceeded the number of General Committee Positions, a ballot would need to be conducted to determine who would be elected to the three positions.

There was significant discussion amongst the members as to whether the ballot would proceed or if another alternative could be put forward to ensure all four nominees were accepted to the General Committee. There was also discussion as to whether the Constitution be amended to increasing the number of General Committee positions from a maximum of three, to a maximum of six.

John Dinneen put forward the following proposal:

That the election for the three General Committee positions be deferred for up to two months, allowing the new committee time to contact members and seek approval for a constitutional amendment. The amendment being to increase the number of General Committee members from a maximum of three to a maximum of six.

The proposal was seconded by Les Pataki. All members in attendance approved the proposal.

9. General Business

Matt Leggio asked if numbers could be added to the back of white playing tops. Marcus Adams advised that this could be done. The new committee, along with Marcus will investigate and advise of the outcome.

Matt Leggio also asked how the Club would vote at the BHRDCA meeting, in regards to a 12.30pm start, in lieu of a 1.00pm start. The outcome of the discussion was that the Club is to vote "NO" to a 12.30pm start.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:35PM

President's Report – David McClean

It has been an absolute privilege to serve once again as President of the Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club throughout the 2025–2026 season. This year has been one of strong performance, growth, and consolidation, both on and off the field.

Few would have predicted at the start of the season that both our First XI and Third XI would contest Grand Finals, or that our T20 team would secure the premiership. These achievements reflect the commitment, resilience, and culture that underpin our club. The Bullants continue to be an exciting and positive environment, driven by the dedication of players, volunteers, and supporters alike.

On-Field Leadership and Success

I would like to acknowledge **Marcus Adams**, who served as Captain-Coach this season. Marcus led with professionalism, skill, and passion, bringing the best out of our playing group. His leadership and knowledge of the game played a significant role in the club's on-field success, and we are extremely proud of what was achieved under his guidance.

Women's Cricket Program Report

Congratulations to our Women's team, who once again enjoyed a highly competitive season in the T20 competition. The Executive extends its sincere thanks to Fiona Moran for her outstanding leadership as captain and for the effective management of the playing group throughout the season.

A special congratulations is extended to Abby Theunissen, who was awarded the Bowling Average in the EGWC Senior Women's Social T20 A Grade competition—an excellent individual achievement.

On behalf of Fiona and the entire Women's team, the Club also acknowledges and thanks Karl Theunissen for his ongoing support of the women's program through coaching, scoring, and umpiring.

Women's cricket has a long and proud history at the Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club. The inaugural women's team was established in the 1980/81 season, driven by Margaret Costelloe, and went on to secure the Club's first women's premiership in the 1982/83 season.

In recognition of the importance and contribution of women's cricket at our Club, an honour board will be proudly displayed in the clubrooms. This recognition is long overdue, and it is hoped it will inspire and encourage many young girls and women to continue choosing Bulleen Templestowe as their club to play cricket.

Volunteers and Executive Committee

Behind every on-field result stands a committed group of volunteers. I sincerely thank every committee member and volunteer who balanced family, work, and personal commitments to support the club throughout the season.

I acknowledge the outstanding work of the Executive Committee:

- **Scott Boyd – Vice President**
- **John “Frizz” Cochrane – Secretary**
- **Pino Paolucci – Treasurer**

As Secretary, **John “Frizz” Cochrane** went well beyond the scope of his role. From permits, registrations, records, PlayHQ administration and scoring, to milestone certificates and general match-day support, his contribution was exceptional. The club’s smooth operation this season would not have been possible without his dedication.

Scott Boyd, as Vice President, provided invaluable experience, guidance, and support throughout the year. Alongside **Jen McMahon** and the Pink Stumps Day committee, Scott helped grow Pink Stumps Day into the club’s largest social event, raising over **\$15,000**—double last year’s result. As Scott steps away from the Vice President role, the club sincerely thanks him for his outstanding service.

As Treasurer, **Pino Paolucci** played a key role in maintaining the club’s strong financial position. His contribution at executive level was significant, and his leadership in captaining the Third XI to a Grand Final was a tremendous achievement. It was fantastic to see Pino being recognised as Best Club person at Presentation Night.

Operations, Junior Program and General Committee

Thank you to **Santino**, our Facilities Manager, whose work in ground preparation, clubroom maintenance, bar and canteen setup, and Thursday night meals is essential to the club’s day-to-day operation.

A special thank you to **Matt Vogels**, our Junior Coordinator, for his leadership of the junior program. Coaching the Under 14s, supporting the establishment of an Under 18s team, and facilitating the transition of players into senior cricket has been outstanding for the club’s future. We also thank all junior coaches and parents for their support, with particular recognition to **Oliver Pataki, Luke Mason, Patrick McInerney, Jack Muir, and Dan McNamara**.

The General Committee continues to provide vital support across all areas of the club:

- **Murphy Moore and Paddy Dempsey** for organising successful social events and supporting club communications.
- **Daniel Martino**, with **Hamish McClean**, for coordinating Woolworths Blast and creating a welcoming introduction to cricket for our youngest players.
- **Hamish McClean** for his work across membership, sponsorship, community engagement and for leading the T20 premiership side.
- **Nick Gioskos** for supporting the Treasurer, organising payments, coordinating internet upgrades, and assisting with club presentations.
- **To our Senior Captains — Marcus Adams, Les Pataki, Pino Paolucci, Fiona Moran, Jack Muir, and Hamish McClean**. A huge thank you for the time, effort, and leadership you’ve shown throughout the season.

Acknowledgements

The club also gratefully acknowledges the support of:

- **Joseph Paolucci** (website and social media)
- **Les Pataki** (Second XI Captain and training coordination)
- **Matt Leggio** (PlayHQ, FrogBox, scoring support and committee advice)
- **Ian Simpson** (practice ball support)
- **Karl** (ongoing support of the Women's team)

A special mention goes to Michael De Kauwe (**MDK**), a true club person whose energy, humour, and willingness to assist wherever needed embodies the spirit of the Bullants. Congratulations also on being awarded the **Howard Wilson Bowling Award** in your first season with the club.

Sponsors

The club sincerely thanks our sponsors for their continued support, which enables investment in equipment, facilities, and participation opportunities:

774 Euro Motor Works; Essential Fire Safety Services; Bulleen Eyecare; Jackson Court Charcoal Chicken; TileTeknician; Cherry Hill Hotel; Money Quest Camberwell; McGregor's Butcher; Bendigo Bank Templestowe; Templestowe IGA; Brown & Co Lawyers; Carlucci's of Templestowe; Terranova Digital; The Baker's Maid; The Turf Whisper; and Egon's Bakery.

BHRDCA Hall of Fame

One of the highlights of the season was the BHRDCA Hall of Fame function in February. Congratulations to Steven Young and Luke Mason, who were inducted as inaugural members of the BHRDCA Hall of Fame.

Club Challenges and Strategic Focus

The Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club, like many community sporting organisations, continues to face a range of challenges both on and off the field.

Maintaining financial stability remains an ongoing priority. The rising costs associated with Association fees, council rates and charges, utilities, and umpiring fees place increasing pressure on the Club's finances. As a result, the continued support of sponsors—both within the Club and the wider community—is essential to ensuring the Club's long-term sustainability.

Player retention and the recruitment of new players also remain key challenges. To remain competitive within the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association (BHRDCA), the Club must continue to build depth across its playing lists and strengthen its overall playing group.

The ongoing development of both the Senior Women's program and our Junior program is critical to the future of the Bullants. The Woolworths Blast program was a significant success this season, engaging a large number of young boys and girls. To build on this success, it is vital

that we continue to invest in and grow our junior pathways, as these players represent the future of our Club.

Looking Ahead

Looking to the 2026–2027 season, the First XI will move into the **Ray McIntosh grade**, providing a valuable opportunity to further challenge and develop our senior playing group.

Over the off season, the club will unveil honour boards recognising the achievements of our Women's and T20 teams, and the cricket nets at Ted Ajani Reserve will be upgraded to improve safety for both players and the wider community.

Conclusion

The 2025–2026 season has been a successful one on and off the field. Thank you to our captains, players, families, volunteers, and sponsors for your ongoing commitment and support. Together, we can continue to build a strong, inclusive, and successful Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club.

Please Remember:

DON'T ASK WHAT BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE CC CAN DO FOR ME

RATHER

ASK WHAT CAN I DO FOR BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE CC

Yours Sincerely, David McClean President Bulleen Templestowe Cricket Club

Treasurer's Report – Pino Paolucci

A pleasing financial result for the Club with a Net Profit of \$12,826.03 which is a \$36,080.13 turnaround from the 2024/2025 year.

Overall Bank Balance as at 30 April 2026 \$64,025.35 compared with \$50,848.57 as at 30 April 2025.

Regards,
Pino

Note: Financial Reports for 2025/26 will be provided at the Annual General Meeting

Senior Women's Team Report – Fiona Moran

EGWC Senior Women Social T20 A Competition

There was excitement about the commencement of the 2025/26 season as it saw the return of Abbey Theunissen to the team. We also had Candace McLaren join as a new team member. We celebrated Abbey's 50th game for the club in the opening game and as always- Abbey played a critical role in helping the team win with 21 runs not out of her 20 balls.

After a first round win, the next 4 games were not played due to poor weather and unplayable ground conditions. We then had a draw, 2 losses, a win and then 2 losses at the end of the season which led to us missing the final series. The absence of a dedicated coach for the team negatively impacted performance which had dramatically improved in the majority of players over the previous 2 seasons when there had been a dedicated coach in place. Poor attendance at training sessions also contributed to the season's outcome with many players choosing to focus on availability for match days rather than training sessions.

Whilst there was bitter disappointment about the outcome of the season, there were still some highlights. Candace McLaren slotted into the team and quickly established a great connection and provided a positive and supportive influence within the playing group. As a result of this can-do attitude the Women's Team Player award was given to Candace.

The Women's team batting and bowling awards both went to Abbey who was the teams highest run scorer and wicket taker. Abbey also won the EGWC Senior Women's Social T20 A Grade 2025/26 Bowling Award which was a brilliant effort.

Charlotte Green and Abbey Theunissen were co-Vice Captains this season and I would like to thank them for their support across the season and hope that the experience of this season in leadership roles will stand them in good stead if taking on leadership roles in the future. On behalf of the team, I would also like to thank Sarah Mabin for again being a fantastic team manager, and to Karl Theunissen for his general support and being our umpire for the season.

The Women's team leadership group will be meeting to undertake a comprehensive review of the season and consider options for season 2026/27. The aim of this discussion is to critically review challenges and identify any opportunities for improvement. Additional feedback regarding the outcomes of this meeting/ review will be forwarded to the Committee with the hope that they find it useful in shaping the future for women's cricket at the Bullants.

FIRST XI REPORT – MARCUS ADAMS

Firstly, I'd like to thank Dave and the executive committee for giving me the privilege of captaining not only our 1st XI, but also the opportunity to coach the club and work with such a talented group of young men at the beginning of their cricketing journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the season.

We had seven debutants represent our 1st XI this season: Jordan Moll, Mick de Karwe, Dan Martino, Jack Dinneen, myself, Lucas Leggio, and John Dinneen. Every one of them showed enormous promise, and we now know they are more than capable at 1st XI level. It was a pleasure to share those special moments with them all.

We also had some outstanding milestones this season, which were celebrated earlier. Lachy Sticca made 102 not out in Round 13 against Doncaster. Lucas Leggio took 5 for 21 in Round 7 against Blackburn North, and 5 for 33 in Round 14 against Nunawading. MDK produced 7 for 33 off 29 overs in Round 9 against Park Orchards, John Dinneen taking 5/38 in Round 13 against Doncaster and finally Oli Pataki took 5 for 30 off 20 overs in the Grand Final against BHNSK.

We had some special moments that while not having the same acknowledgment as a 100 or a 5fa still played significant role in our team getting to where we did.

Jack Dinneen, Michael Winsall-Corsello and Matt Chivers putting on 90 for the 8th and 9th wicket against Blackburn North in Round 2 to chase 275.

Nic Gioskos batting with a broken and dislocated finger to win us the game in Round 10 to against Notting Hill Brandon Park was as courageous as you get.

Also special mention to his partner Laura for doing the dash to get his whites and helping to get him padded up.

Charlie Pataki also had a coming of age innings with 55* in that match too. Calm under pressure to the end.

We also led the entire association in run-outs. Fifteen in fifteen matches is remarkable, and in my 26 years of 1st XI cricket, it's not something I've seen before.

We could look back on this season and look at the 'what-if's', to complain about not getting a home Grand Final, or about not being able to keep our best XI on the park week to week. I know I still get annoyed about the number of leg-side stumpings that weren't given by opposing clubs' square legs. There are plenty of things we could be upset about if we let ourselves.

But I'd much rather live in a world where we recognise the growth of this playing group and the massive improvement we've made this season. We've gone from finishing second last in 2024/25 and from the years since winning the Division 3 premiership in 2021/22 — to becoming a side that won 10 of 13 home-and-away games, won our semi-final in a day, and was one 50/50 moment away from being a premiership team.

We also have to acknowledge some outstanding people who put in so much off the field. Starting with our scorer, Frizz, what a man. Week after week he turned up with his snakes and cold towels, always putting the club and the team first. Thanks, Frizz.

To Les and Pino, you are doing great things in preparing our next group of players for 1st XI cricket. I appreciate the efforts that you both put in week in week out.

And to Santino, thank you not only for putting on Thursday night dinners all season and all the little things you do, but also for looking after teas on Saturdays. It was all done with a minimum of fuss, and it's something the club should be hugely appreciative of. You are an enormous asset to this club.

To my wife, Catherine, she is the biggest thank you of all, she 'listening' to my post match debriefs, the late nights when I talk cricket, the nights looking after Molly on her own, the taking the lead when I'm not able to move on Sundays, I could truly sit here and sing her praises all night, and she would love me to, but I'm not going to. I love you to pieces and thank you for letting me do what I do and give my everything to this.

I am so proud of this group and what we achieved. An old coach once told me to always be happy, but never satisfied, and that could not be more true for this group. As a club, we have a few decisions to make over the next few weeks and months about what we want to be and how we want to go about it. We are now again where we should be as a Ray McIntosh club next season, and that is going to bring its own set of challenges.

Our expectations for next season are higher than ever. Our pre-season will be hard, and it will be tough. Our planning and preparation will be as important as ever. We go from being the hunter to becoming the hunted, not the hunter, and that means we must raise the bar again.

We start that process now by looking at what we can do to continue improving next season, this will include adding to our depth and playing list. If you know anyone who might want to become or return to being a Bullant let me know. We'll get in touch with them.

I have full belief that this group is ready to step up to the challenges ahead and go far beyond what we achieved this season. I'm excited to see what comes next.

Go Bullants!



In the opening round of the 2025/26 season, the 1st XI fielded five players who made their debut at 1st XI level.

From left to right: Michael De Kauwe, Marcus Adams, Jordan Moll, Jack Dinneen and Daniel Martino.



Michael De Kauwe leads the 1st XI from the field after taking a match winning 7/33, from 29 overs (including 8 maidens).

Michael went on to win the competition bowling averages in Howard Wilson Shield.



What a captain's knock this was from Marcus Adams, in the Round 3 one day match against Park Orchards.

Marcus knocked up an unbeaten 146 off only 125 balls; including 15 x 4's and 2 x 6's.



What a great father/son moment it was for the Dinneen family, when John made his 1st XI debut against Box Hill North Super Kings in Round 11. John's experience was a big factor in the remaining matches; his 5-wicket haul against Doncaster being the standout.

John is pictured here with his son, Jack, after having received his 1st XI cap (number 270).



Oliver Pataki saved his best bowling performance for the day that mattered most – the Grand Final against Box Hill North Super Kings.

His final figures were 5/30 off 20 overs (including 7 maidens).



Jamie Genat snared a superb 7/53 against Nunawading off 20.1 overs (including 6 maidens) in the last round of the home and away season. It was Jamie's debut game in the 2nd XI.



On Sunday, 15th February 2026, our two nominees, Steven Young and Luke Mason, were inducted into the inaugural Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association Hall of Fame.

With further Hall of Fame inductions scheduled for the 2026/27 season, the new committee will need to determine the club's next nominees.

SECOND XI REPORT – LES PATAKI

No report received.

THIRD XI REPORT – PINO PAOLUCCI

25 players represented the 3rd XI and I would like to thank all players for their contribution and support they have provided me as captain. Numbers were tough at the start of the season and in the first few rounds, we were often short in the field but from Round 3 our numbers improved.

We won 7 games and lost 3 games for the year and unfortunately one of the 3 losses as we know was in the Grand Final. It's always hard to digest a grand final loss, but as the dust settles you take the positives out of it.

It was a year where we welcomed four new players being:

- Jamie Genat
- Ethan Dimitri
- Mihir Garg
- Samuel Hardy

We also welcomed back to Saturday cricket:

- Mick Dineen
- Dave Sticca
- Scott Boyd

The four new players are all under 18 years of age and were a fantastic addition to the team and the club, who held their own and exceeded expectations for their first year of senior cricket with us. We look forward to your futures with the club which I am sure will be bright.

Although not winning the premiership, which was extremely disappointing, on reflection, we had a great year, and the platform is there to continue in an upward direction next season. We played the game hard, in the right spirit, and we played to win. Importantly, we walked off the field after each game, knowing that we gave our best. There was a real care for the team and performance, and this was evident by the way both individuals and the team felt after either a win or a loss.

We had a very even performance across the year as a team and it was very rewarding to see the young guys become comfortable playing senior cricket. Their growth during the season was invaluable.

Some of the highlights for the season:

- Round 1, vs Blackburn South, Matt Vogels 95 with the bat and 3 wickets
- Round 5, vs Koonung Heights, Jamie Genat 38 not out, Matt Vogels 50, Dave McClean, and Paul Pavlidis 3 wickets respectively
- Round 7, vs Wyclif, we made 3/260, Ben Wolnizer 64, Mihir Garg 62, Jamie Genat 61, Matt Vogels 46 and 5 for 16 off 7 Overs, Dave McClean and Paul Pavlidis 2 wickets respectively

- Round 8, vs Park Orchards, Matt Leggio 50, Stephen Mayne 42, Dave Sticca 56, Mihir Garg 68, Ethan Dimitri 21 not out, Paul Pavlidis 3 wickets

- Round 10, vs Koonung Heights, Josh Fulton 39, Jamie Genat 59, Matt Vogels 56, David McClean 3 wickets

- Round 11, vs East Burwood, Josh Fulton 43, Mihir Garg 88, Ethan Dimitri 19, Dave Sticca 51, Matt Vogels 39. Scott Boyd & David McClean 4 & 3 wickets respectively.

- - Semi Final, vs Koonung Heights, we batted first, and we were in real trouble at 4/33. We then had an invaluable partnership between Ethan Dimitri 27 and Scott Boyd 44, and we eventually posted 138 which gave us something to bowl at.
- We kept positive and what transpired was one of the great wins to be a part of.
- It is also important to note that the support we had at the ground on Sunday was invaluable and cannot be underestimated in helping us get over the line.
- Koonung Heights were 4/95 and looking extremely comfortable, but we bowled to a plan and kept plugging away and as we all know in cricket, you are never out of the game if your mindset is right.
- We went onto take 6/10 and secured a Grand Final birth.

Unfortunately, we all know how the grand final panned out. It was also unfortunate that we sustained injuries in our first spell of bowling, to Boydy and Jack. We fought the game out, but we just did not have enough runs to play with.

Some of the batting highlights were:

- Matt Vogels 38, Mihir Garg 27, Ethan Dimitri 19, Paul Pavlidis 19.

Batting for the season:

- Matt Vogels 436 runs at 54.5

- Mihir Garg and Jamie Genat were in the top 3 for runs scored and batting average

Bowling for the season:

- David McClean 20 wickets at 11.1

- Matt Vogels, Paul Pavlidis, and Scott Boyd 16 wickets

- Jack Muir 7 wickets

- Kane Vogels 6 wickets (Opened the bowling on several occasions during the season).

I would like to thank the committee and the club for their support during the year. It is an honour and privilege to captain a team at this great club, and it is important for all of us to remember that when we are playing the game, we not only represent ourselves and our team every time we step onto the field, but we also represent all of those that have come before us and all of those that will come after us.

As a club, although we did not win a premiership at any of the levels, I truly believe that we have improved on previous seasons and the addition of Marcus Adams and MDK, has been extremely positive for the club and we will continue to improve if we put the hard work in.

The hard work begins with pre-season, and I urge everyone to get involved early, to work hard and the rewards will come.

Pino Paolucci (Captain 3XI Season 2025/2026)

T20 REPORT – HAMISH MCCLEAN

The T20 season was an extreme success, combining on-field dominance with an off-field vibe that was fun, positive, hardworking and a true testament to the amazing players that were in the team, which resulted in a Grand Final Victory!

On field, we went undefeated, 4 wins throughout the season to lock up a top 2 spot in finals, which was an incredible achievement. Wins against Box Hill, Doncaster, Blackburn South and Notting-Hill/Brandon Park saw the team achieve back-to-back home semi-finals.

Our finals series was incredible, with two of the more amazing wins that the T20 team has seen. Semi-final against Blackburn South saw the team defend a total of 120odd with the ball, bowling the opposition out for 70odd, led by the brilliance of Oliver Pataki with ball in hand, as well as some magical catching.

This resulted in a Grand Final against Laburnum as the away venue.

We batted first, Marcus got off to a hot start, Lachlan ticked the runs over throughout the middle overs and Hamish was able to increase the scoring and set a target of 197, which was a good score, but a score we knew we had to bowl well with.

The bowling started well, with Adam, Matt, Charlie and Oliver and MDK keeping the runs low throughout the first 11 or so overs. Laburnum fought back, with 60 or so runs coming from a 3-4 over period. The last 5-6 overs were special, Marcus and MDK slowed the scoring down, as wickets started to fall. As we reached the last over, Laburnum needing 10 runs to Win, Lachlan Sticca has the ball, and with nerves of steel was able to bowl an over that would see us to victory.

It was an incredible was to finish the season, a game of ups and downs, highs and lows, with medals around our necks at the end. As captain, I'm so incredibly proud of this team, and the guys that I get to share the field with.

Lachlan, Hamish and Marcus led the run scoring throughout the season, and Adam, Oliver and Marcus led the wicket takers as well.



But everyone contributed, everyone bought in, everyone had fun and played hard. Incredible season it was!

VETERAN'S REPORT – JACK MUIR

A Division – Peter White Perpetual Trophy Competition

The 2025/2026 season was another challenging chapter for the Bulleen Templestowe Over 40s. Following a period of transition, we found ourselves in a significant rebuilding phase. One of our primary hurdles throughout the summer was consistency in selection, as we frequently struggled to get 11 players on the field each week.

Competition and Club Outlook

As a club, we initially felt that our current squad depth and rebuilding status might be better suited to a lower division. However, due to the BHRDCA facing difficulties filling the A Division teams, we accepted the challenge to compete for the Peter White Perpetual Trophy. Our priority was ensuring our veterans had the opportunity to play cricket and represent the Bullants, regardless of the grade.

Season Highlights and Performances

While the ladder reflects a tough season, finishing in 8th position, there were moments that truly showcased the "Bullants spirit" and the potential within our ranks:

The Heatherdale Masterclass: The undisputed highlight of the season was our dominant victory over Heatherdale Over 40s in Round 6. After electing to bat, we posted a formidable 7/222. This was fueled by a masterclass from our top performing 1s players: Marcus Adams, who retired not out with a blistering 40 off 27 balls (9 boundaries), and Johnny Dinneen, who also retired with 40. We then dismantled Heatherdale for 90 runs, with David McClean taking 4/13 and John Dinneen claiming 3/15. This performance proved that when we have our best eligible talent on the field, we can push any team in the competition.

Competitive Spirit vs. Box Hill North: In Round 5, we acquitted ourselves exceptionally well against the Box Hill North Super Kings. Chasing 169, we fought until the final over, ultimately falling just short at 8/159. It was a testament to the team's refusal to give up, with Pino Paolucci (27) and Russell Smith (22) leading a brave run chase.

Player Commitment and Loyalty

I want to personally thank the core group of loyal players who formed the backbone of our team this year. Special mention must go to Joel Deane, Brendan Symes, and Pino Paolucci, who turned up week in and week out, providing the stability we needed during this rebuilding year. Their commitment to the club is what keeps the Veterans program alive.

2025/2026 Award Winners

The following players were recognized at the season's presentation night for their outstanding individual contributions:

Award	Recipient
Batting	Russell Smith
Bowling	David McClean
Team Player	Brendan Symes

Looking Ahead

As Captain, I am immensely proud of every player who donned the colours this season. We showed resilience in the face of difficult numbers and high-quality opposition.

I look forward to the 2026/2027 season with optimism. If entrusted with the responsibility of leading this group again, I am determined to build on the lessons of this year and lead the team to an improved display. We have the talent; with a bit more consistency in availability, our next Vets premiership is well within reach.

Jack Muir BTCC Veterans Captain

Round 1 (19 October 2025)

- BTCC 7/155 (36)
- Notting Hill Brandon Park 3/156 (29.2)
- After winning the toss and electing to bat, we posted a competitive 155.
- Our bowling attack struggled to break through a solid Notting Hill top order, though Paul Pavlidis and Stephen Mayne each claimed a wicket.

Round 2 (26 October 2025)

- *Washout*

Round 3 (14 December 2025)

- **Burwood District 7/202 (36)**
- **BTCC 9/167 (34.1)**
- We faced a formidable total from Burwood.
- Mick Dinneen led a spirited chase, retiring not out on 40 (off 32 balls), supported by Brendan Symes (34) and Matthew Leggio (29), but we ultimately ran out of wickets.

Round 4 (23 November 2025)

- *Washout*

Round 5 (07 December 2025)

- **Box Hill North Super Kings 9/169 (35.5)**
- **BTCC 8/159 (35.4)**

- This was an incredibly close encounter where our bowlers, led by David McClean (3/20) and a Fill-in player (3/30), restricted the Super Kings well.
- In the chase, Pino Paolucci (27), Russell Smith (22), and Ben Wolnizer (20) kept us in the hunt, but we fell just 10 runs short.

Round 6 (18 January 2026)

- **BTCC 7/222 (36)**
- **Heatherdale 10/90 (24.1)**
- Our most dominant performance of the year.
- Marcus Adams (40 retired) and Mick Dinneen (40 retired) dominated with the bat, while David McClean produced an elite spell of 4/13 to skittle Heatherdale for double digits.

Round 7 (01 February 2026)

- **Warranwood 6/227 (36)**
- **BTCC 6/162 (36)**
- A tough final round against a strong Warranwood outfit.
- John Dinneen showed great resilience, retiring not out with 41, while Jack Muir was the pick of the bowlers with 3/33.

As we look ahead, we salute the contributions of our long-serving members who have been the backbone of our team since the inaugural season in 2016:

1. Craig McMahon
2. Scott Boyd
3. Dean Tulloch
4. Jack Muir
5. Jason Daniels
6. Matthew Vogels
7. Matthew Agrotis
8. Glenn Alexander
9. Ashutosh Shrivastava
10. Michael Blanchard
11. Brendan Carrick
12. Darren Chivers
13. Francesco Corsello
14. Dale Curtis
15. Lucien Dean-Johns

16. Joel Deane
17. Neville Deery
18. Steven Dellabarca
19. John Dineen
20. Mick Dinneen
21. Stuart Dykstra
22. Adam Donovan
23. Paul Galbraith
24. Tom Gioskos
25. David Glover
26. Keith Glover
27. Andrew Grainger
28. Clayton Howard
29. Dr Amitabh Ilango
30. Steve Layfield
31. Matthew Leggio
32. Stephen Mayne
33. Dave McClean
34. Ross Moll
35. Nic Moore
36. Jack Muir
37. Les Pataki
38. Zlatco Njari
39. Brent North
40. Paul Pavlidis
41. Pino Paulucci
42. Praveen Puri
43. Liam Roche
44. Russell Smith
45. Tony Stagg
46. Dave Sticca
47. Bush Stevenson
48. Brendan Symes
49. Glenn Thompson

50. Graeme Vimpani
51. Richard Walsh
52. Dexter Wijesinghe
53. Brett Willmott
54. Benny Wolnizer
55. Steve Young
56. Marcus Adams

JUNIOR'S REPORT – MATT VOGELS

It was a very successful junior cricket season at BTCC for 2025 – 2026.

The club had a vibrant eight week “Woolworths Blasters” program run either side of Christmas by two of the clubs senior players in Hamish McLean and Daniel Martino. There were thirteen participants in the BTCC Blasters program and the feedback from parents at the completion of this program was very positive and appreciative of the great work that Hamish and Daniel put in.

The club also fielded a Super 7's and a Fast 9's team in the Sunday morning BHRDCA competitions. The Super 7's team had seven participants and were coached by Dan McNamara and Jack Muir. The Fast 9's team had ten participants and were coached by Luke Mason.

The club had U12 and U14 teams participate in the Friday evening BHRDCA competitions. The U12 team played in the A grade competition and finished the year with three wins from nine games and were coached by Patrick McNerney. The U12A team had fourteen participants. The U14 team played in the C grade competition and finished the year with six wins from nine games and were coached by Matt Vogels. The U14C team had eleven participants.

This year the club expanded upon its previous configuration of junior teams and entered a team into the Friday evening BHRDCA U18 competition in combination with East Doncaster and Yarraleen CC's. The U18 team played in the A grade competition and finished the year with two wins from nine games and were coached by BTCC senior player in Oliver Pataki. The U18A team also had fourteen participants – nine of which were BTCC registered players. Of these nine registered BTCC U18A players – seven of these boys also went on and played in the BTCC senior teams on Saturday's.

AWARD WINNERS 2025-26

Life Member Awards: Matthew Agrotis & Josh Fulton

Clubperson Award: Pino Paolucci

Junior Clubperson Award: Matthew Vogels

1st XI Batting Average: Marcus Adams 578 Runs @ 44.46
Bowling Average: Michael De Kauwe 31 Wickets @ 17.26
Team Player: Michael Winsall- Corsello

2nd XI Batting Average: Murphy Moore 240 Runs @ 30.00
Bowling Average: Andrew Smith 20 Wickets @ 20.05
Team Player: Daniel Milione

3rd XI Batting Average: Matt Vogels 436 Runs @ 54.50
Bowling Average: David McClean 20 Wickets @ 11.10
Team Player: John Fulton

Womens: Batting Average: Abbey Theunissen 58 Runs @ 29.00
Bowling Average: Abbey Theunissen 6 Wickets @ 6.83
Team Player: Candace McLaren

Veterans: Batting Average: Russell Smith 98 Runs @ 24.50
Bowling Average: David McClean 10 Wickets @ 9.80
Team Player: Brendan Symes

T20: Batting Average: Lachlan Sticca 220 Runs @ 36.67
Bowling Average: Adam Howard 6 Wickets @ 18.83
Team Player: Oliver Pataki

Under 18's Batting Average: Charlie Pataki 346 Runs @ 43.25

Club Champion Award: Marcus Adams

Junior Club Champion Award: Charlie Pataki

Most Improved Senior Player: Oliver Pataki

Centuries

Nick Gioskos	155	Box Hill North Super Kings	2 nd XI
Marcus Adams	146 Not Out	Park Orchards	1 st XI
Hamish McClean	106	Blackburn	2 nd XI
Lachlan Sticca	102 Not Out	Doncaster	1 st XI

5 Wickets in an Innings:

Michael De Kauwe	7/33	Park Orchards	1 st XI
Jamie Genat	7/53	Nunawading	2 nd XI
Andrew Smith	6/48	Box Hill North Super Kings	2 nd XI
Matthew Vogels	5/16	Wyclif	3 rd XI
Lucas Leggio	5/21	Blackburn North	1 st XI
Oliver Pataki	5/30	Box Hill North Super Kings	1 st XI
Lucas Leggio	5/33	Nunawading	1 st XI
John Dinneen	5/38	Doncaster	1 st XI

250 Games:

Nick Gioskos
Les Pataki

200 Games:

Adam Howard
Hamish McClean
Charlie Pataki
Oliver Pataki
Lachlan Sticca

150 Games:

Michael Winsall-Corsello

100 Games:

Daniel Martino
Matthew Vogels

15 Years Service:

Josh Briffa
Patrick Dempsey
Andrew Smith

10 Years Service:

Lucas Leggio
Michael Winsall-Corsello

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