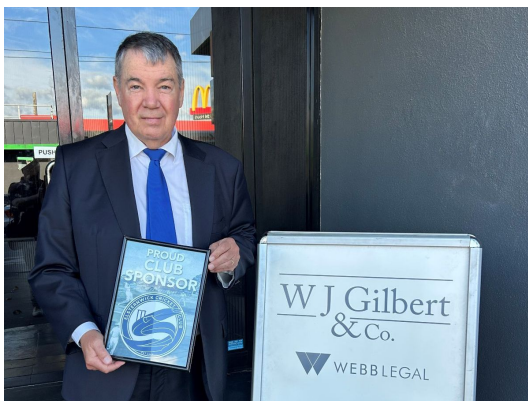




**ELSTERNWICK**  
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# *Navy Blue Newsletter*

September 2023



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



To the Elsternwick CC community, welcome to season 2023/24! We hope you have enjoyed the off-season and are looking forward to another fantastic summer of cricket ahead.

As we move towards round 1, there has been a lot of work continuing off field in preparation for the coming season.

Again, the Committee has had a very busy off season working with Bayside Council to work through the issues that we had last season with Oval 1 and also the practice facilities.

The good news is that Oval 1 looks in great shape and withstanding a tsunami before the final round of football next weekend we should start the season with Oval 1 in great shape. The wicket renovation is booked in for the first Monday after the VAFA finals finish.

The Holmes-Todd Oval (HTO) had its wicket renovation completed last week, the earliest we can remember. The table has been fertilized, is being continually watered, and will be ready to go first game of the season for our senior men's, women's and junior programs.

The issues with the practice facilities are on-going, Council is currently waiting on a report from an independent consultant to work out the best way forward. My thanks go to facilities manager David Long for his tireless work in this space alongside a number of fellow committee members who have had regular meetings with council expressing our frustration and the need for a much better training facility to service our ever-growing community. For now, council have applied herbicide and cleaned the wickets so that, when the weather is kind, the wickets will be ready for use.

Senior pre-season training has been going well under our coaching panel of John Watkin, Mark Quinn, LJ Edwards, Zach Peddersen, Das Opanayaka (currently in England playing cricket) and Dave Williams. Dave has taken on an expanded role this season after coaching the women's team last season, coaching our under 15 JG Craig team in 2023/24 and acting as a development coach across our senior teams. There is no doubt in my mind that we have one of the, if not the strongest senior club coaching panels in Victorian community cricket and I am very grateful for everyone's efforts to prepare for round 1. I'd also like to welcome a number of new and returning senior players and wish you and all our existing players all the very best for the upcoming season.

I'm excited to announce that Raj Kuver will be undertaking the important role of Junior Coordinator, taking over from Mike McPhee who has done a wonderful job over a number of seasons. Mike will continue to support Raj as he transitions into the role as well as the junior sub-committee who are hard at work getting our future stars ready for the season. My thanks go to Mike for his significant contribution to the club over a number of years and for agreeing to continue on in a support capacity for Raj.

There has also been a lot going on in the club's online environments, with the transition from MyCricket to PlayHQ. This has included a new website and new registration process which does require each individual player register on PlayHQ, unlike in the past where the club administrators completed this on your behalf. Please support our admin team by registering promptly and reaching out if you require technical or financial assistance. There is a new club shop to order apparel from our new (so many new things!) apparel supplier Elevation Sports Agency. Thanks to Apparel Manager Henry Bennett for setting this up and getting our first order of the season in late last month.

Here's hoping my next update contains some positive comments about how successfully we have started the season, and the weather is much drier than this time last year!

Good health to all our supporters and good luck to all players when the season commences.

Cheers

John Dunnachie

President - Elsternwick Cricket Club

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## **SENIORS**

Obviously not much on field action to report on in this edition, however there are a number of players who have recommitted to the club during the off-season in the senior men's and women's programs. We are delighted to announce that Joss Hurley and LJ



Edwards will once again captain the women's and men's 1st XIs respectively. Captains for other teams will be announced in the coming weeks.

Our women's & girls come and try day was a great success, with 5 new players signing on to play with the Eels on the day. We are excited to continue to grow the female cricket opportunities at the ECC!





## OFF FIELD NEWS

We have a number of off-season achievements/announcements we would like to recognise:

- Club Treasurer Tom Grinyer married Edwina
- Men's 2nds captain Tim Bourke became engaged to his now fiancée Fran
- Dan Turton's English team Milford Hall CC won the National club title playing at Lords
- Andrew Chisholm, Jacob Kerr and Connor Ridge won their Baseball grand final representing the Monash University Farmers
- Das Opanyaka's team Adel CC won their league and Das took 49 wickets and 386 runs for the season.







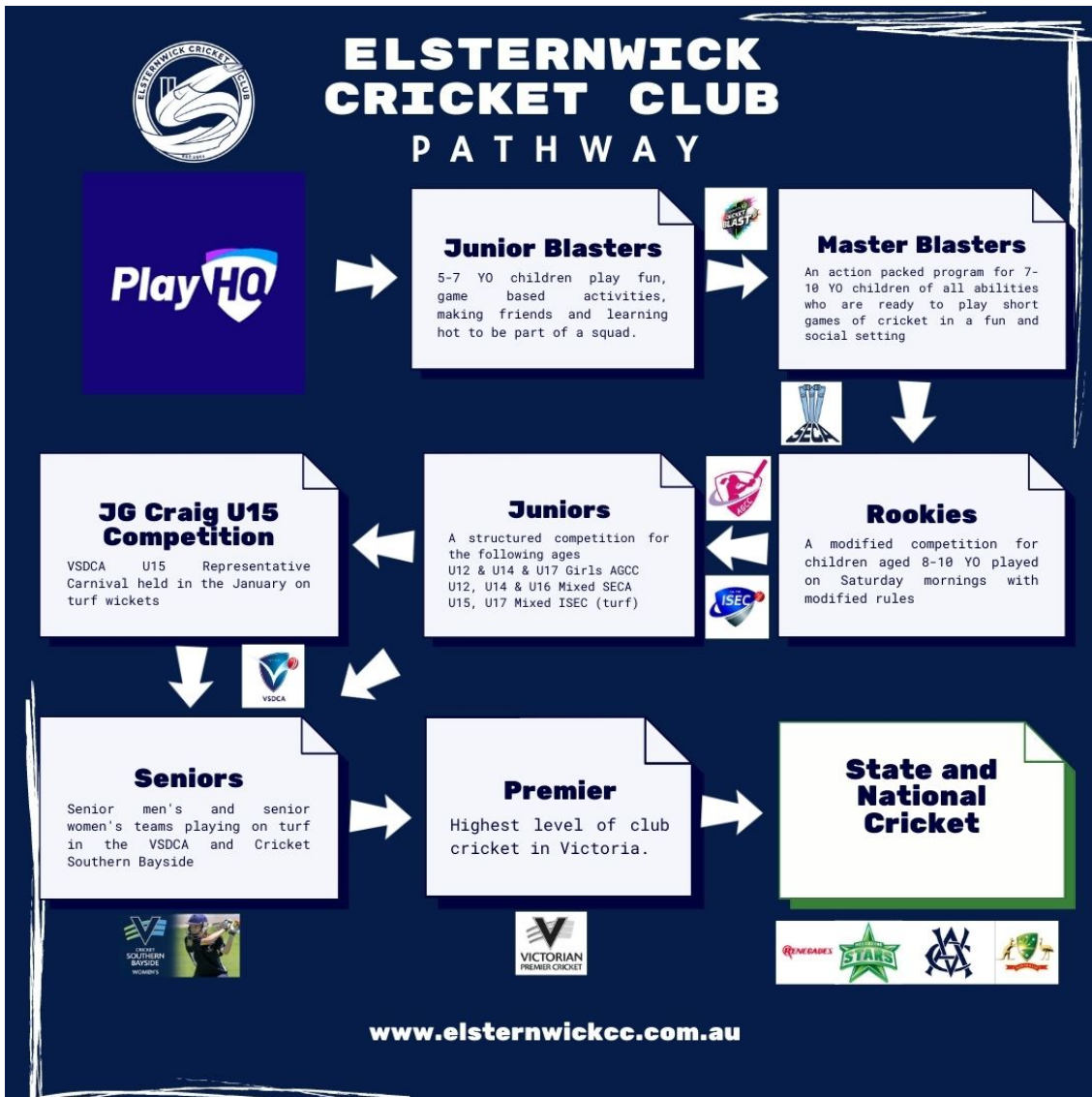
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## JUNIORS

The junior sub-committee has been hard at work preparing for season 2023/24, welcoming senior player and junior coach Raj Kuver to the team as Junior Coordinator. Teams are taking shape, but we need to recruit under 14 players for the upcoming season (boys and girls) to consolidate and balance our team numbers, which is always a tricky task. We hope to field an boys A grade Under 14 side for the first time in a number of seasons, so please reach out to anyone you know who might be interested.

Our thanks go to David Williams and Zach Peddersen who have coordinated a number of Mackenzie Harvey Academy sessions (including an appearance from Mackenzie) and our J.G. Craig Shield Under 15 Representative trials over the past two months. These are great opportunities for our young players to prepare for the season and to put their name forward for representative cricket which is one of the first steps in the pathway to premier cricket, underage Victorian and Australian Teams and beyond.

The Elsternwick CC provides a pathway from Cricket Blast for 5-10 year olds all the way to senior turf cricket in Cricket Southern Bayside (womens) and in Victoria's 2nd strongest mens turf competition (below premier cricket) the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association. We pride ourselves on helping junior players transition into senior cricket to fast track their development and have a number of coaches dedicated to supporting them including Zach Peddersen, Mark Quinn and David Williams. For more on our cricketing pathway, see below.



See how this fits into Cricket Victoria's new pathway model below





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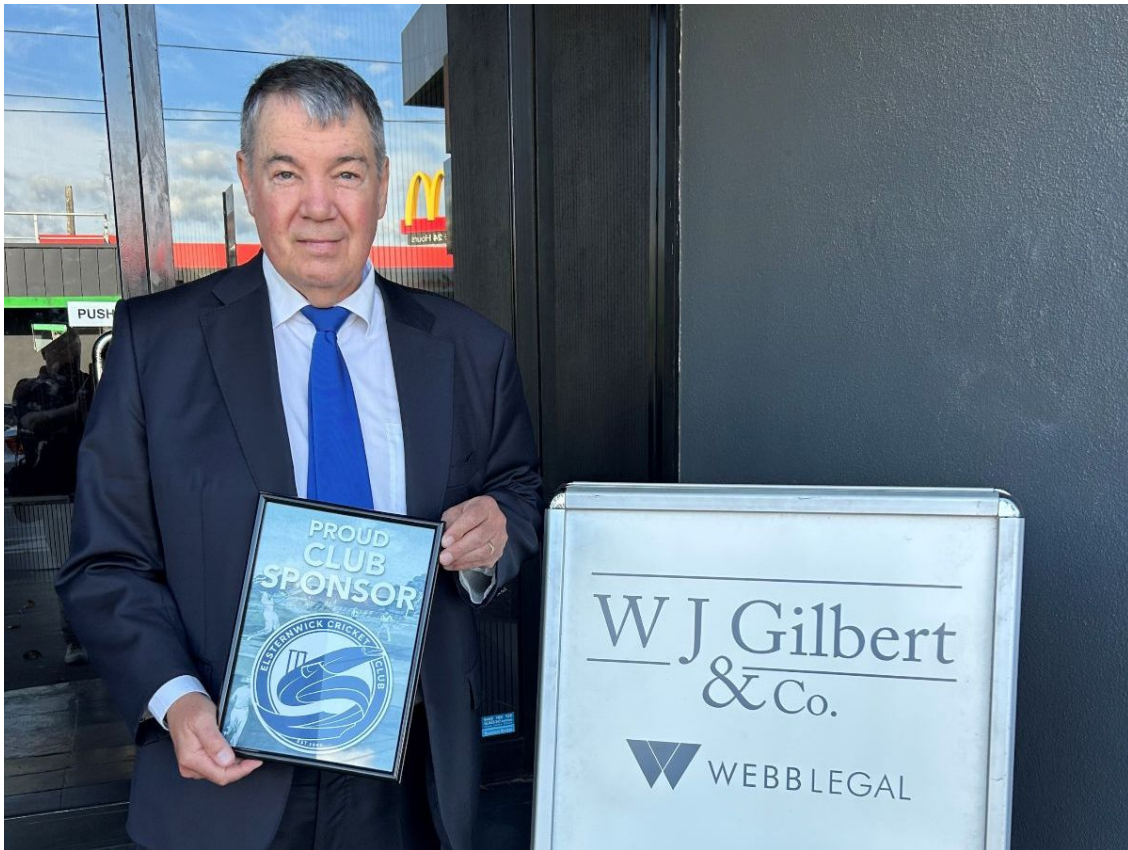
We are excited to announce a new partnership with Webb Legal.

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## **PLAYER PROFILE - MOLLY GOUDIE**





**Name:** Molly Goudie

**ECC Team:** Senior womens

**Player Type:** Medium pace bowling all rounder

**Cricket Background:** 2022/23 was my first season of cricket but I grew up playing backyard cricket and watching my brother's cricket.

**Cricket Idol:** My cricket idol is probably my brother, Tom Bain, as he introduced me to cricket and generally helps me with both my bowling and batting technique.

**Greatest Sporting Achievement:** My greatest sporting achievement so far is winning a football grand final and winning best and fairest for my football team.

**Favorite Food:** Cheesecake

**Hobbies outside of cricket:** Play AFL, Camping and skiing/snowboarding

**Greatest influence:** Would probably have to be my family who encourage and support me to play cricket/sports in general.

**Quote to live by:** "I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it" Thomas Jefferson

**Job/Study:** High School

**Dream Job:** Lawyer

**Watching on TV:** Outerbanks season 3

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## **FUNDRAISING**

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### **BACK FOR SEASON 3!**





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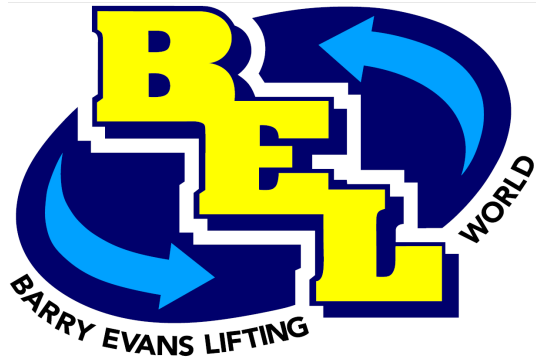
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