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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to our x-Mas newsletter!

Christmas does feel like it has come early, with 3 of our 4 senior men's sides on top of the ladder, and the men's 3rd XI sitting in 3rd. Remarkably, our Saturday men's teams have only lost one game between then in the first 6 rounds, and as a result, we are currently on top of the VSDCA club championship.

On Sunday, our senior women's team have also made a terrific start to the season sitting in second place after moving up to division 3. The men's 5ths have been competitive and as always, have shown great spirit and camaraderie, despite being yet to register a (on field) win. No doubt one is just around the corner!

Results are less of a focus in our junior teams, with player and team skill learning, inclusive participation, and developing positive sportsmanship being paramount. I would like to remind all players and parents of the importance of appropriate on and off field behaviour as detailed in our [Juniors Code of Conduct](#), as we have unfortunately had a number of incidences of inappropriate behaviour reported to us in the first half of the season.

I would like to thank our hard working and committed junior coaches and managers and all parents who have contributed in any way to the myriad of off field tasks that it takes to put teams out on the park every weekend. Raj Kuver has officially taken over from Mike McPhee as junior coordinator, more will be said about Mike in the newsletter below, but I'd like to personally thank him for the significant contribution he has made to the club over the past six seasons.

I'd also like to single out Bryan Hammer for his terrific work coordinating our youngest players in the Blasters programs, Bryan is a true marvel, and we are very lucky to have a volunteer of his caliber at the Wick. He's been well supported by Joss Hurley who has led the junior blasters sessions with support from Danyon Newcombe, and Tanish Prabhu in the Master Blasters.

Congratulations to a number of current and former ECC players who have been selected in various representative squads/sides, we wish you all the very best for your upcoming carnivals:

- Vic Metro Under 17s - Tom Paddington
- Premier U18 Academy squads - Pat Hibberd (Richmond)
- U16 Dowling Shield - Will Naughton, Hugh Lynch and Jack Czozonek (Richmond), Salil Gudup (Carlton), Lachy O'Meara and Adi Reddycharla (St Kilda), Jett Kelly (Kingston), Axel Karlsson-Lacy (Pahran), Hayden Finkelde (Dandenong) and Tom Baron (Casey South Melbourne)

The latest update on the practice facility was received from Bayside Council recently. The reports from the consultants are back at the Council and they are now working through the best workable solution for the club. Hopefully by early January we will be able to share some good news with you.

On Saturday evening our annual Xmas Party was held, run with aplomb by the women's team. A big thank you Lynette Hoyne and her team for organising a very professional and fun event with over 80 people in attendance. We look forward to a number of exciting social functions in the new year!

I would also again just like to thank the large number of volunteers both on the Committee and others around the club that give up many hours each week, the club wouldn't run as it does without you, and on behalf of all the players and supporters, I am eternally grateful for all that you do!

I hope everyone has a safe and festive x-Mas and that my next report in 2024 is much the same as this one.

Cheers

John Dunnachie

President - Elsternwick Cricket Club



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SENIORS

As John mentioned, it's been a barnstorming start to the season for the majority of our senior teams. Results will ultimately take care of themselves if we continue to work hard and take things one game, one over and one ball at a time. Continue to play your role, support your team-mates and do what is best for the team above all else.

Naturally with so many wins under our belt, there have been some terrific individual performances which I'd like to recognise below.

Shannon Elphick 34 no vs CUCC and 34 ret vs Bonbeach Womens

Jess Midavaine 33 ret vs Washington Park Womens

Joss Hurley 3-14 vs CUCC Womens

LJ 139 vs Noble Park 1st XI

Olly Birts 7-119 vs Noble Park and 5-10 vs Moorabbin 1st XI

Das Opanayaka 67 and 4-42 against Box Hill 1st XI

Sam Groves 97 against Noble Park 2nd XI

Hugh Lynch 115 against Donvale 3rd XI

Pat Homberg 110 against Moorabbin 3rd XI

Zach Peddersen 84* against Box Hill 3rd XI

Bryan Hammer 102 against Donvale 4th XI

Dec Harrington 86 against Donvale 4th XI

Haydn Thompson 50 Ret against Murrumbeena 5th XI

Go Eels!

Cameron Christiansen

Director of Senior Cricket

EELS IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

VSDCA: Elsternwick captain LJ Edwards believes the Eels have a 'point of difference' this summer

'Never did that again': Inside Christiansen's lesson-filled rise to Elsternwick's greatest



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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Dasun Opanayaka
Mens 1 XI
4/42 (18)
67* (136)

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Patrick Hibberd
Mens 2 XI
3/20 (9)

Ma
MONEY QUEST
MONEY ALBERT
432 533 736



Club	Points
Elsternwick	57.00
Caulfield	51.00
Werribee	50.20
St Bernard's OC	48.60
Brunswick	46.20
Kew	45.00
Brighton	43.20
Preston	43.20
Spotswood	42.00
Mt Waverley	40.80
Coburg	39.60
Noble Park	38.40
Taylors Lakes	37.80
Malvern	36.90
Oakleigh	36.60
Balwyn	35.40
Bayswater	32.40
Ormond	27.30
Hoppers Crossing	25.50
Port Melbourne	24.70
Box Hill	24.30
Ivanhoe	23.10
Croydon	22.80
Yarraville	18.90
Melton	18.60
Altona	17.40
Plenty Valley	17.40
Williamstown	17.40
Moorabbin	13.50
Endeavour Hills	12.00
Donvale	11.70
Strathmore	11.40

**K.G. Fewster Club Championship (after Round
5)**



ANZ 2nd XI players of the round Joel Menzies and Garvit Chabra, with thanks to Lachy Baker and the team at ANZ!



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JUNIORS



The junior program has experienced tremendous success this year, making a significant impact both on and off the cricket pitch. Our teams have not only demonstrated exceptional skills in the game but have also forged strong bonds, contributing to a supportive and positive environment for their cricketing journeys.

Our dedicated coaches have played a crucial role in fostering this success. Special recognition goes to Tom Collins, a new addition to our coaching staff. Tom is currently leading the U12 rookie team, one of the U14 teams, and also guiding a senior women's side. His unwavering commitment and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and we extend our heartfelt praise to him.

One standout achievement is the undefeated record of the U12 C team, boasting five wins from five matches. This tight-knit group, having been together for the past few years, is truly gelling as a playing unit, showcasing their cohesion and teamwork.

Individual performances have been remarkable as well, with Rio Keane scoring an impressive 53 off 43, including a six. Liam Rainey fell just short of a half-century with a solid 47 off 36, and in the same game, Matt Travers hit a notable 58.

The collective achievements of our junior teams thus far have filled us with pride, and we eagerly anticipate the exciting developments that the remainder of the season promises.

Cheers,
Raj Kuver
Elsternwick Cricket Club
Junior Coordinator



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We would like to recognise the significant contribution of outgoing Junior coordinator Mike McPhee (pictured above right). Mike joined the junior committee in 2018 and took over the crucial role of junior coordinator in 2020. Mike performed the duties associated with the role diligently and passionately, driving the Club's continued growth through the particularly challenging COVID years. Anyone who had the pleasure of working directly with Mike would have noticed his welcoming and inclusive nature, his excellent organisational skills (those spreadsheets!) and his calm and considered leadership and decision-making approach. He has been a terrific relationship builder with many different groups and members of the Club and we are very grateful for Mike's contribution to our junior program. Thank you Mike!

U15 J.G. CRAIG SHIELD

The Elsternwick CC Under 15 J.G. Craig Shield Representative team have been preparing diligently for the upcoming carnival in January. We were thrilled to announce the team and present playing shirts to players and parents at the jersey presentation in November. The team have two practice matches this weekend to put on the finishing touches, all the best to all players, go well!

Dave Williams

J.G. Craig Shield Head Coach

J.G. CRAIG SHIELD
2023/24 SQUAD

COACH: DAVID WILLIAMS	MANAGER: ADAM HANKIN
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LONG ISLAND CC	ASHTON, LACHIE
MACKIE CC	BRIDGES, ALEX
SOUTH MELBOURNE DISTRICTS CC	CONWAY, JOHN
HAMPTON CC	CREWDSON, JAMES
HAMPTON CC	ELLIOTT, KIRAN
ORMOND CC	GELFAND, LEO
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MEERLIEU CC	MONCRIEFF, CAMPBELL
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LE PAGE PARK CC	RETIEF, RUBEN
ELWOOD CC	WEIGALL, HARVEY

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J.G. CRAIG SHIELD

2023/24 FIXTURE

RD. 1 - SUN. JANUARY 7

v CAULFIELD
CAULFIELD PARK OVAL 1 10AM



RD 5 - TUE. JANUARY 16

v MOORABBIN
ELSTERNWICK PARK OVAL 1 10AM



RD 2 - TUE. JANUARY 9

v PORT MELBOURNE
ELSTERNWICK PARK OVAL 1 10am



RD 6 - WED. JANUARY 17

v ORMOND
EE GUNN MAIN OVAL 10AM



RD 3 - WED. JANUARY 10

v OAKLEIGH
ELSTERNWICK PARK OVAL 1 10AM



RD 7 - THU. JANUARY 18

v BRIGHTON
ELSTERNWICK PARK OVAL 1 10AM



RD 4 - THU. JANUARY 11

v MALVERN
MALVERN CRICKET GROUND 10am



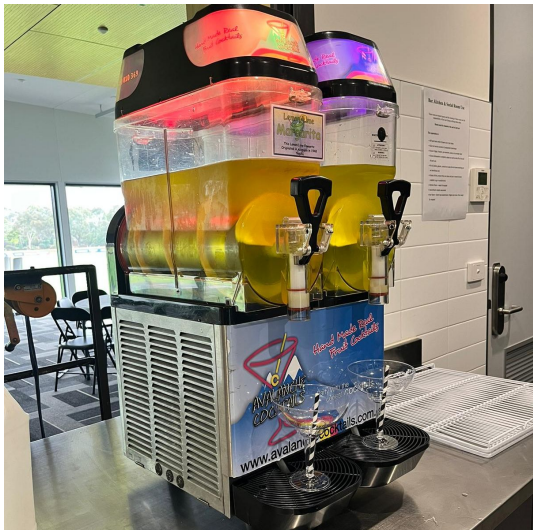


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SOCIAL

A big thank you to the Women's team for putting on a very professional and fun X-Mas Party! So much work went in behind the scenes, a special thank you to the organising committee Lynette, Lisa, Caroline, Zoe, Louise and Joss for all your efforts! Also a big thank you to DJ Stick Mareebo, and to everyone who was able to come along to support the Eels!



Check out the fun social events we have planned for 2024 below!

Tuesday 9th January

The Mens first XI play against Port Melbourne in a exhibition game, with a guest player set to make the side also. If they win, more games to follow.

T20 v

Port Melbourne

Elsternwick Oval 1 

Thursday 18th January

Join us for Senior selection at our new sponsor, Caulfield RSL, sit down for a meal as we read teams.

Selection Dinner

Caulfield RSL 

Thursday 25th February

Probably the most touted social event at the club. Get your team together for a night of trivia, with mini games for bonus points towards your team (gold coin entry)

Trivia Night

Elsternwick Oval 1 

Wednesday 7th February

Our annual Wickas Dinner will be held at our new sponsor this year. It is a great opportunity to get to know past players of the club

Wickas Dinner

Caulfield RSL 

Thursday 8th February

Join us in supporting another one of the club sponsors for a senior selection with a meal at the Goathouse

Selection Dinner

GoatHouse 

Saturday 17th February

Our inaugural outdoor movie night will be played on the big screen on Oval 1. Bring your bean bags, picnic blankets and snacks to enjoy throughout the movie.

Movie Night

Elsternwick Oval 1 

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Our inaugural outdoor movie night will be played on the big screen on Oval 1. Bring your bean bags, picnic blankets and snacks to enjoy throughout the movie.

Movie Night

Elsternwick Oval 1 📍

Saturday 24th February

Join us for a BBQ post Master Blasters at HTO for our final session for the season

Master Blasters BBQ

Holmes-Todd Oval 📍

Saturday 24th February

The annual Wickas BBQ on the hill between Elsternwick Oval 1 and Holmes-Todd Oval is a long waited for day for all Wickas members

Wickas BBQ

Elsternwick 'Hill' 📍

Saturday 24th February

Our annual, and biggest loss at the club is set to occur again. With players like Ed bound to score another ton

Bayley House

Caulfield RSL 📍

Sunday 25th February

The Inaugural Blind bash were we are set to play some blind cricket, and hopefully lose by less than the night before to the Blind Victoria Team (unlikely)

Blind Bash

Holmes-Todd Oval 📍

2nd March

Captain's vote count night, were we go round by round through the votes, to find the C.S. Fraser medalist

Vote Count Ball

Elsternwick Oval 1 📍



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Purchase tickets to our Annual Trivia Night here

NEW SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce our new partnership this season with the physiotherapy clinic Back In Motion, Brighton East! Back In Motion is located down the road from the club, at 3 Brewer Rd just off Nepean Highway. Every few weeks, physio Veronica or one of her colleagues will be popping down to training on a Thursday to assess any injuries and provide the relevant advice on how to manage those injuries.

Back In Motion Brighton provides an array of services including:

- Physiotherapy consults for diagnosis, treatment and management.
- Remedial massage
- 1:1 exercise/injury rehab
- Gym and pilates classes (4:1)
- Hydrotherapy classes
- Dry needling
- Running Assessments

- Strength and Conditioning

All our services can be claimed through private health insurance and if you obtained an injury from cricket, whether it be from a game or training, then you are able to claim on insurance that you paid for through the club. Additionally, all Elsternwick Cricket Club members receive 10% off for all services at Back In Motion Brighton East.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give us a ring on 9599 2266 or look at our website and social media!


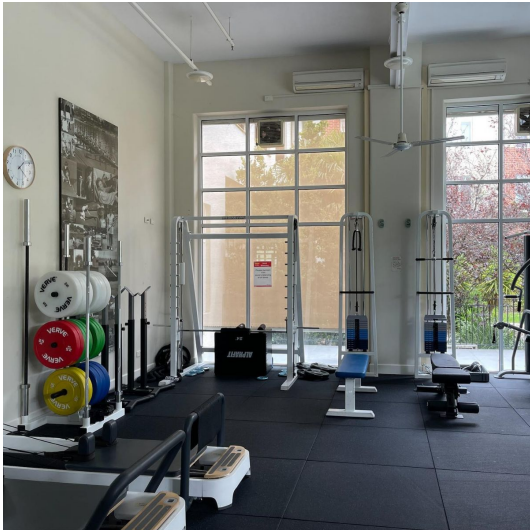


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to get a great deal, and the club will receive \$200 cash for standard models, increased to \$500 for a new ute or family car (i.e. HiLux or Kluger Petrol)! If you make a purchase, please let us know!

The Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle is back for season 2023, tickets are \$5 with all proceeds going directly to the club, and you could win one of three cars! Use the QR code or link below to purchase your tickets.

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- ECC Cap

WICKAS MEMBERSHIP

\$150

- Voting rights
- Membership card
- Bumper sticker
- Eels stubby holder
- Wickas dinner ticket
- Wickas BBQ ticket

GOLD WICKAS MEMBERSHIP

\$500

- Voting rights
- Membership card
- Bumper sticker
- ECC Baggy
- Eels stubby holder
- Wickas dinner ticket
- Wickas BBQ ticket
- ECC social tickets

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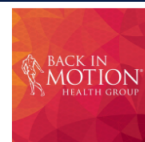
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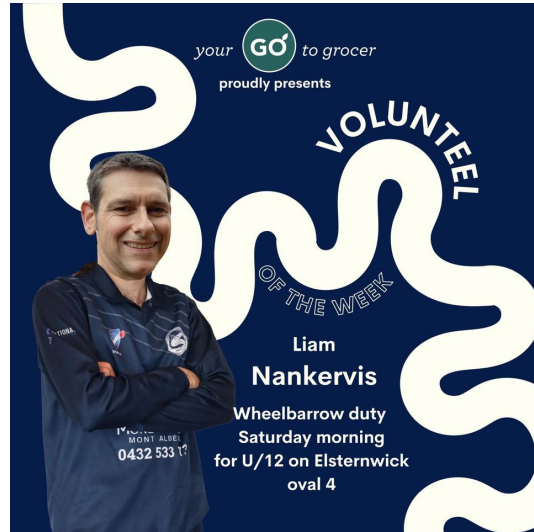


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VALE DENNIS GRACE

The Elsternwick CC community were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Dennis Michael Grace. Dennis was Elsternwick 1st XI player #405, debuting in season 1975/76. He played 31 first XI matches and scored 528 runs. He also had a distinguished playing and coaching career at the Elsternwick Amateur Football Club. Dennis was farewelled on Friday the 10th of November at St .Bede's Catholic Church



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