



**Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club
Annual Report Season 2010/11**

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Dear Member,

The following represents the thirty-fifth Annual Report and Financial statements, detailing the activities of the Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club for the year ending 30th April 2011. This information has been collated and distributed for your information and approval at the 2011 Annual General Meeting on the 20th June 2011.

ADMINISTRATION

The Executive was made up of Steve McNamara (President), David Marino (Secretary), Simon Giles and Brett Nicol (Vice Presidents) and Colin Cross as Treasurer once again. Russell Latham and David Absalom had stepped off the Board from last season. Neil Dey stepped off the Board as an ordinary Board member in January 2011.

HOPPERS CROSSING CRICKET CLUB BOARD

There were 8 regular meetings of the HCCC Board. These occurred on Monday evenings, with generally strong support from all Board members. The objectives of this years Board was to recover from almost relegation, ensure the strong financial position of the club was maintained, as well as to develop a culture where we attract and retain players and make the HCCC a place people wish to be a part of. The Board has worked hard to ensure these objectives were met and will continue to strive for this in coming years.

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2010/11

President	Steve McNamara
Vice President(s)	Simon Giles & Brett Nicol
Secretary	David Marino
Treasurer	Colin Cross

ORDINARY BOARD MEMBERS

Junior Administrator	Deanne Trewin
Sponsorship Manager	Josie McNamara
Ground Manager/Curator	Graham Said
Social Committee	Mark Craig
History & Memorabilia	Craig Swan
Association Representative	Neil Dey
Association Representative	Bernie Moynahan

DELEGATES

VTCA Delegate	Neil Dey
WSUCCA Delegate	Bernie Moynahan
WDCA & WRJCA Delegate	Deanne Trewin

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AFFILIATIONS

The 2010/11 season saw the Club field sides in three associations, across 18 sides, 3 sides fewer than last season (7 senior, 11 junior).

VTCA (Victorian Turf Cricket Association):

North Division	First Eleven
North Seconds	Second Eleven
North C1	Third Eleven
North C2	Fourth Eleven

WSUCCA (Western Suburbs United Churches Cricket Association):

A Grade Synthetic	Fifth Eleven
B Grade Synthetic	Sixth Eleven
One Day Grade Synthetic	Seventh Eleven

WRJCA (Western Region Junior Cricket Association):

- Under 17 A, B North (2 teams)
- Under 15 B-North, B & C South (3 teams)
- Under 13 A, B-Friday North, B-Saturday (3 teams)
- Under 11 A-Friday, B-North & B-South (3 teams)

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President's Report

This has been arguably the most successful senior season in the club's long and proud history with the club recording three senior premierships including our first, 1st Eleven premiership in twenty one long and painstaking years. Aside from our First's, our Fourths and Sixths also recorded great Grand Final wins. To add to this our 2nds, 3rds and 7ths also played in semi finals with the 5ths the only senior team to miss finals action this summer.

Our 1sts had an almost faultless season losing just two games narrowly throughout the year sitting clear on top of the ladder for the entire season, and looked the most cohesive and settled side we have fielded for many years as our results would attest to.

Our Grand Final effort was the most outstanding performance the club produced for the year posting 433 after some magnificent individual efforts by Ian Timms with 178 and Will Gardner (110) who put on a match defining 209 run partnership for the seventh wicket. Add to this a timely 58 by Fawad Ahmed and the match was out of Strathmore's grasp. Our bowlers also did their job bowling Strathmore out for 195 with Ahmed the best claiming 5/62.

The wonderful achievement of finally winning a First XI flag is the culmination of some very hard work by a multitude of people associated within the club both present and past and it would be a difficult to list all those people here as it would take a number of pages, but the following deserve special mentions. First and most importantly the players, all the guys that played through our side this year contributed in their own way to this win. They deservedly have written themselves into the club's history.

Our Captain / Coach Trent Said deserves enormous thanks for his efforts this year. After what was a very disappointing year for the club last season, and having endured unwarranted criticism himself, Trent was hell bent on making this a big year for the club. He deserves all the accolades he gets for the premiership as he has worked so very hard for this result.

Disappointingly from a club perspective Trent has stood down as Captain / Coach for next season however will remain in a playing capacity as he is embarking on another big commitment this off season, that of marriage. All at the HCCC wish Trent and Joanne all the very best in their future lives together. Having worked extremely closely with Saidy over the past three and a half years I cannot begin to extol the virtues of him as a person and a leader. This club will reap the rewards of the time and effort Trent has put into us for many years to come, and I'm sure all members offer him our heartfelt thanks. Thanks mate for your contribution.

When one door closes another invariably opens, and it is with great pleasure the club welcomes former West Indian International Darrel Brown as our new Captain / Coach. Darrel brings immense experience from his years as an international and first class player and most recently in captain and coaching roles at both Keilor and Airport West in Senior Division VTCA, where we now find ourselves. It is a massive coup for our club to be able to attract someone with Darrel's ability and profile. Our players are excited with the prospect of working with Brownny and they have already been assured a big pre season campaign awaits them, beginning as early as next month. All at the club welcomes Darrel and we wish him every success.

Our club committee have worked so very hard to also help make this season's success happen. Many thanks to you all for the many hours and for the hard work you all have put in to bring this win to reality. Thanks also to their respective families for the time they allow their partners and parents to be away giving up their valuable time for the club. Your efforts go mostly unrewarded, but it is undoubtedly much appreciated.

After our premiership in North Division we embark on another massive challenge as our club now moves up to the top division in the VTCA, Senior Division. We will need to get much better again to compete at this lofty level. Senior Division cricket is now widely regarded as the highest level of cricket, second only to Victorian Premier Cricket.

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We hope from the outset we can be competitive and challenge the likes of Yarraville Club who have won the last three flags in Senior Division and are undoubtedly the benchmark – I can assure you from the committee down, we are not there to just make up numbers, we are committed to play off in finals from year one. Yes an ambitious aim but one we believe we are capable of.

In all, the club fielded 18 sides with our top four senior sides playing turf cricket within the Victorian Turf Cricket Association, our Fifth and Sixth XI playing hard wicket in the Western Suburban Churches Cricket Association and our Seventh XI also playing on hard wicket in the West Suburban Churches Cricket Association One Day Competition. All of our junior sides competed in the Western Region Junior Cricket Association.

Our juniors had a poor year by our usual lofty standards with only our U/15 B South and U/11A Friday night sides playing off in Grand Finals, both sides disappointingly losing by narrow margins. Our junior section continues to remain strong under the stewardship of Deanne Trewin as Junior Administrator. Deanne, Josie and their band of hard working sidekicks are to be congratulated for the dedication and commitment they have displayed especially under trying circumstances this year. Throughout the off-season the club has enlisted a sub committee to review junior operations and structures to ensure we return to stronger junior finals representation next summer.

From a financial viewpoint the club is in excellent shape due largely to significant record sponsorship revenue being generated from our Sponsorship Manager Josie McNamara. Josie has gone from strength to strength in this role as she has built on increasing our sponsorship revenue in each of the four years she has been our Sponsorship Manager.

I must also once again commend the hard work of our treasurer Colin Cross who continues to be a marvel with his management of the purse strings. Colin's hard work and astute management of the books has seen once again the club record significant profit. Without Colin's guidance and level head our club could never be in such a strong and healthy state. As we now enter Senior Division our costs will invariably increase significantly so the hard work put in to our financial management in recent years will be a great bonus moving forward.

Special mention and thanks also to the contribution of my Vice President Brett Nicol who continues to be a most valuable sounding board and confidant. Brett is often called upon to be the little voice of reason in my ear when things get a bit tough and his support is invaluable.

Another who is deserved of special mention and thanks is departing Secretary David Marino. It has been a pleasure working with Sheepy during my time on the committee and I was very fortunate to have David return as secretary when I became President. David's knowledge and expertise have been invaluable as my right hand man. I hope for the sake of the club that David returns to the committee when his time commitments lessen. I will miss David considerably. Thanks also to retiring committee member Mark Craig for your efforts on the committee over the last two years; you have also been a valuable asset.

Once again our club has been served extremely well by our hard working curator Graham Said. Our players are very fortunate to play on such excellent wickets, however they rarely acknowledge that to him, particularly after a bad innings, but on their behalf thank you for your efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful support of our sponsors for their contribution to the club. Without their generous support this year's success would have never been possible. All of our sponsors no matter how big or small deserve our thanks. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome In Balance Fitness aboard as our new major sponsor for the next three years. In Balance have been partnering us for a couple of years now and have increased their commitment each year. This speaks volumes of what great people their owners, Lyn, Fab and Eric are and we look forward to sharing much more success together.

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Congratulations to this year's award winners at our recent Presentation Night, in particular Fawad Ahmed who had a night out, taking home the Max Mitchell Medal, Club Champion Award and other team awards. Fawad has been a great addition to the club and we look forward to him continuing here next summer.

It would be remiss of me to not congratulate all Sports Club award winners at the annual Sports Club Ball but in particular our nominees for Hall Of Fame entry, club legends Darryl Carrington and Steven Underwood. These gentlemen have been great ambassadors for our club and richly deserve these honours.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Board of the Sports Club for their continued support of the cricket club. Darren Hellmann and his board are wonderful ambassadors for our great Sports Club and are so strongly committed to make our club the best in the state.

We are also very fortunate to have the best staff managing and operating our venue led wonderfully well by George Csifo and his management team. We often forget to thank them for the great work they do and for their generous support of all of our member clubs.

Congratulations to club members David and Victoria Marino and David and Tenelle Absalom on their recent marriages and we look forward in the near future to several more junior members joining our ranks.

Once again to the hard working members of our committee and many volunteers throughout the club, my thanks go out to you all for the commitment and dedication you continue to display. Being a sporting club volunteer can be thankless at times but you can rest assured that all members of our club certainly recognise your efforts and are eternally grateful.

Thanks to our loyal and dedicated members for instilling your faith in me as President for a fourth year. It is a challenging role but a great honour and your support is much appreciated.

Finally thank you to my family, particularly my wife Josie for their enormous support of not only me but of this club, they all spend considerable hours each week doing a multitude of tasks around the club and without their support I would not be able to perform this role.

Steve McNamara – HCCC President.

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Treasurer's Report

It is pleasing to once again present this report showing the Club accounts remaining in a surplus position. This was achieved by "your" Committee working hard with the knowledge it would again be a difficult year with the Club looking to recruit and perform well.

A huge show of gratitude goes out to Steve McNamara and Trent Said who produced some quality recruits to compliment our existing player's list. With a player budget to stay within the boundaries of, their work talking to players both pre-season and during the season proper would be a big part in our teams gaining the desired levels our Club had a long time been striving for. In saying that, and not wanting to pre-empt anything, the same commitment will be required from all Club Members in the coming season as we progress toward more success.

With team costs continuing to be our main expense, and constantly on the increase, the Committee endeavours to keep costs to Members as low as possible, this was the case again this year. All Members are encouraged to support all forms of fundraising and social functions throughout the year.

The Melbourne Cup Eve Ball was a terrific success, the event also doubled as our 20 year anniversary of our first 1st XI Premiership. The organising Sub-Committee did a terrific job inviting all players from the team and presenting them with a memento of the great occasion. The Special Effort raffle and the sausage sizzle at Bunning's were our major fundraising events again this year, returns on both of these activities were down this year so Members are once again reminded to help support these where they can.

Josie McNamara has again done a fantastic job looking after the Sponsorship portfolio. Staying in touch with her current Sponsor list and talking to new local businesses takes up a lot of time and effort. This year's Sponsorship figures show that Josie has followed up her great work last year achieving another terrific result. I know she has begun some rigorous negotiating already for the upcoming year, which has given her a good start into the year.

The weather once again caused many days lost with no play at all taking place, match day figures indicate a drop in revenue because of this. With a decrease in Junior players; membership income was affected as well. Hopefully these two areas will return to better level in the future.

Yours in cricket,

Colin Cross – HCCC Treasurer.

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Sponsorship

It has been a most rewarding experience having had the pleasure in dealing with such a wonderful and committed group of Sponsors who have taken great pleasure and pride in the club's performance during the season.

Starting with our Sponsors Night / Season Launch our Sponsors have not only supported the club in financial terms they have also attended games and followed our results closely through our media reports. Thus it is paramount from our perspective to continue to offer them every opportunity to promote their businesses and we ask all members to please continue to support these businesses wherever possible.

All of our Sponsors share equal importance so I do not wish to individualise but I must sincerely thank them all for showing such a resounding commitment to us in less than ideal financial times. Reports continually suggest a tough economic outlook on the horizon so their valued assistance in the running of our club is even more appreciated.

I wish to thank Harvey World Travel's Hassan Younnis for his companies' valued support as our platinum sponsor over the preceding couple of years; it has been a pleasure working with you and your staff during this time. I hope our partnership has remained mutually beneficial and I do hope you will continue to partner us in some capacity.

I welcome our new platinum sponsor, In Balance Fitness to the club for at least the next three years. The management of In Balance Lyn, Fabian and Eric have been very professional in their dealings and have been amazing supporters of the club for a couple of seasons now, not only as sponsors but also as a venue for training and recovery for our players. I sincerely thank them for having the confidence in our club to make such a significant and long-term commitment to us.

Special thanks also to diamond sponsors Brett from NFM, Glenn from Outwest Concrete and Reece from Xtreme Clothing who continue to offer support in many other areas other than just as club sponsors, with Brett and now Glenn also members of our committee.

Can I remind all members that club sponsorship is not just the responsibility of the committee but of all members, if you have a lead or know someone who might be interested in sponsoring our club, please make an approach or pass on their details to me to follow up because increasingly more so, our sponsors remain the life blood of our club and their support means we can continue to keep our memberships the lowest of any club within our region.

Josie McNamara - HCCC Sponsorship Manager.

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Senior Coach's Report

It has been a magnificent season for Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club and one that every player, member and supporter can be proud of. After experiencing one of the darkest times in the clubs history last season it is a credit to all those involved that we were able to turn things around so quickly and in such a dramatic fashion. As coach I'd like to thank all those people who supported me at the end of last season and had belief that although we were experiencing some pain we were heading in the right direction. In particular I'd like to thank Steve McNamara and David Marino who never lost faith. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the committee, captains, vice captains, players, scorers and supporters. Everyone played their part in the success we experienced this season.

As Senior Coach it has always been my prime objective to deliver the club a 1st XI premiership and after two failed attempts success was achieved. While this season will be remembered as the one that ended a 21 season drought in 1st XI success, it will also have special significance for 24 other players who also tasted also the ultimate success with their respective sides. Of the 7 sides we fielded this season 6 made the finals with only the 6ths missing out. In the end it was the 1sts, 4ths & 6ths who made the grand final and all were victorious.

While premierships are something that will always be celebrated and used as a measure of success it is also important that we don't forget about the things that make a club successful long term. It's always been a goal of mine and the club to develop youth which will hopefully not only represent HCCC but go on to bigger and brighter stages. There were a number of young players across all grades who took significant steps in there advancement this season with the future looking bright.

I'd like to congratulate all of the award winners and those players who achieved individual milestones throughout the season. In particular I'd like to congratulate our Pakistani superstar, Fawad Ahmed on winning the Max Mitchell Medal and also making the VTCA team of the year. Fawad had a significant impact on and off the ground in his first season and I'm certain we are all looking forward to seeing him take on the Senior Division batmen next season.

As most of you would know I've stepped down as coach for the coming season in order to spend more time focussing things away from cricket. Hopefully I've left the club in a better position than when I took over and have been able to create a platform from which sustained success will be achieved. Special thankyou's go to John Timms & Peter Magaffas for all of their work at training over the season.

I'd like to finish by congratulating Darryl Brown on his appointment as Senior Coach and wish him the best of luck. I'm confident Darryl will take the club to even greater highs than we experienced this season and I'm personally very excited about the approaching season.

Trent Said – HCCC Senior Coach.

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First XI - VTCA North Division - Captain's Report

After the disappointment of last season it was important to restore the confidence of the playing group in order to move forward. An intensive preseason which pushed players out of their comfort zone and the addition of several key recruits raised the spirits and expectations of all. There appeared to be a level of camaraderie amongst the team which wasn't evident in the previous season.

As we entered the first game I was confident we had the talent to be a contender but I wasn't certain how long it would take us to gel as a side. With the loss of both of our assistant coaches and other experienced players there was a level of uncertainty as to how our younger players would handle the additional responsibility they would need to take upon their shoulders.

An inspirational win in the first game against last season's runner up and the preseason favourites for the flag, where we managed to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat seemed to instil a level of self-belief within the group that would remain with us for the entire season. In almost every game there were points where the opposition had our backs to the wall but we were able to claw our way back and show a fighting spirit which hadn't been evident in previous seasons.

The appalling weather reduced the regular season to only two completed 2-day games and eight 1-day games. This on and off again cricket made it extremely difficult for all players but in particular the batsmen who had to battle all season for form in difficult conditions. The bowlers had a much better time of it statistically and were the catalyst behind the majority of our wins.

At the end of the regular season we had 8 wins and 2 losses which saw us finish one game clear on top of the ladder. It had truly been a fantastic team effort with every player having contributed 1 or 2 key innings or bowling spells that were critical to wins throughout the season.

The semi-final was against an old foe in Altona North and true to our regular season form we did it the hard way. After cruising at 1/91 we lost 4 wickets for 9 runs, a middle order fight back was followed by a late order collapse to see us all out for 178. Luke Goegan, Peter Magafas and Will Gardner were the standouts with the bat. With the opposition at 2/106 an inspired spell from Gavin McCallum removed both set batsman just before tea, after the break the class of leg spinner Fawad Ahmed came to the fore as Altona North were eventually dismissed for 132.

The grand final would see us play Strathmore in a rematch of the round one. Batting first our openers ground out the opening overs to get us off to a solid start before a middle order collapse saw us reeling at 6/88. With Strathmore taking the ascendency Will Gardner joined Ian Timms at the crease and what followed was the stuff of legends. The two put on a stand of 201 with Will making 110 and Ian 178, a dashing half century to Fawad saw us reach 433.

All of the bowlers test the resolve of the Strathmore batsman but it was Fawad who eventually ripped through the middle order to finish with 5-62 and bowl Strathmore out for 195. The win was a true Cinderella story after a last minute reprieve from relegation.

I'd like to thank all 18 players who contributed throughout the season and all of those supporters who came down to watch throughout the season. A special thank you to Bruce Andrew for all of his support and assistance in making certain the boys were looked after on game day.

Trent Said – 1st XI Captain.

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Summary of results and performances 1st XI – Season 2010/11

Round No.	Vs	HCCC	Opposition	Result
1	Westmeadows	9/129 T. Said 39* L. Andrew 23	9/122 F. Ahmed 4/30 G. McCallum 3/24	WON
2	Strathmore	117 P. Magafas 40 L. Goegan 23	101 F. Ahmed 2/19 G. McCallum 2/22	WON
3	Doutta Stars	8/204 T. Said 56 F. Ahmed 47	206 F. Ahmed 4/64 A. Wyatt 4/42	LOST
4	Moonee Valley	3/221 L. Goegan 96 L. Andrew 41	7/161 F. Ahmed 3/36 B. Andrew 2/51	WON
5	Sunshine United	6/138 L. Goegan 26 P. Magafas 21	118 F. Ahmed 3/30 A. Wyatt 3/23	WON
6	Altona North	139 L. Andrew 30 D. Carrington 30	132 D. Carrington 3/19 G. McCallum 3/35	WON
7	Sunshine Druids	6/224 B. Andrew 62 G. McCallum 50	DNB	DRAW
8	Keilor Park	186 M. Tubb 81 F. Ahmed 36	206 G. McCallum 3/37 F. Ahmed 2/60	LOST
9	Moonee Valley	7/97 B. Andrew 21 M. Tubb 17	75 G. McCallum 5/26 D. Carrington 2/13	WON
10	Westmeadows	DNB	DNB	DRAW
11	Werribee Centrals	4/132 I. Timms 38 L. Goegan 29	9/82 D. Carrington 2/7 S. Dow 2/17	WON
SF	Altona North	178 L. Goegan 49 W. Gardner 44	132 F. Ahmed 4/34 T. Said 2/18	WON
GF	Strathmore	433 I. Timms 178 W. Gardner 110	195 F. Ahmed 5/62 G. McCallum 2/31	WON

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Second Eleven – VTCA North Seconds – Captain's Report

In a season that was dominated by inclement weather, the seconds this year had a successful season to finish minor premiers, but unfortunately were knocked out in the away semi-final.

Seam bowlers generally had the upper hand in most games and we were fortunate to have 4 quality seam bowlers in our team for much of the season, which played to our advantage.

Batting was not easy for many of our batsmen this season with the limited over and bowler-friendly conditions no doubt having an impact. Only 3 batsmen this season handled the conditions well in the seconds, illustrated by their promotion to the 1st eleven.

The season began with a washout and 4 victories in one-day games in a row. The team's first loss for the season came in the only two-day game played before Christmas. In these games, Michael Tubb showed his class with scores of 89 not out and 44 before being promoted to the 1sts. Dale Evans justified promotion to the 2nds with scores of 79 and 47 not out. There were also solid batting performances by Martin Jarrett, Gavin Haw and Mark Craig in these games. With the ball, Daryl Carrington with 10 wickets and Stephen Dow with 7 wickets were rewarded with selection in the Firsts and were well backed up by Travis Waring, Bradley Apps and David Absalom.

The New Year brought more bad weather with a washout, 3 more one-day games and just our 2nd two-day game of the season. Ian Timms returned to the club and in his first game of the season made 100 not out to lead the team to victory in what turned out to be a controversial near outright victory. Travis Waring had a stellar second half of the season with 15 wickets, but only Ian Timms and James Herden with 52, could manage milestones with the bat.

In the semi-final, a number of missed chances allowed the opposition to make a very good score. An inspired spell of bowling by David Absalom provided us a winning chance after the first day. A steady flow of wickets early in our innings made life difficult, but good batting by the middle order gave us a chance to win. Unfortunately luck was not on our side and we fell 60 runs short.

Congratulations to Travis Waring on winning the Graeme Barry medal and bowling average and to Dale Evans on winning the batting average. Well done to those players who made their debut in the first eleven this season.

Congratulations to the 1sts, 4ths and 6ths on winning premierships in what is one of the most successful and enjoyable seasons in the club's history. I thank the club for giving me the opportunity to captain the seconds and I look forward to the club's debut in senior grade next season.

Greg Mitchell - 2nd XI Captain.

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Third Eleven – VTCA North C1 – Captain's Report

The 2010/11 season was a big opportunity for me, as I had never captained a side before. The third eleven is often a combination of experience and youth and this year was no different. Overall we had an average season, eventuating in a disappointing loss in the semi final against Spotswood, a very winnable game. Chasing only 126 and a solid base setup by Cam Nicol and Marty Jarrett, it was disappointing the guys couldn't go on with it. Hopefully next year we can work hard and go those couple of steps further.

We only lost a handful of games throughout the year, all of which were winnable. The contributors were Andrew Caleca with the ball, 22 wickets pushing in to the wind every week, another great year. With the bat, I would have to thank Iain Skinner, could rely on him week in week out to do his job. It was great to see all the different players we had throughout the year contribute, from young guys trying to push themselves up the grades to the more experienced guys having some fun.

This was a great year for me, I played a lot more attention to the game and thoroughly enjoyed the chance. It was a pleasure watching the up and comers come through the grades and performing well. There's some real talent coming through at the moment in the likes of Braydon Trewin, Kimba Tipene-Riki, Jake Farley and Reece Fry. I'm looking forward to watching these guys in the higher grades in the years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Shaw, as I didn't play all year he took over the captaincy and did a great job. I would also like to thank David Marino, you were a great help in those first couple of weeks sorting out what I needed to do off the field. Special thanks goes to Trent Said, it takes a brave man to pick a relatively inexperienced cricketer to captain, I hope I performed well and I'm looking forward to future leadership roles.

Gavin Haw - 3rd XI Captain.

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Fourth Eleven – VTCA North C2 – Captain's Report

It was a pleasure to take on the role as the 4th XI captain once again this year.

The Grand Final clash was always going to be an interesting battle as both scheduled games through the year were abandoned due to inclement weather.

HCCC won the toss and elected to bat and soon realised we were in for a fierce contest with both opening bats dismissed with only 14 runs on the board. Keith Rogo (20) and Matty Penhall (51) then steadied the ship getting our inning back on track. SCC bowlers Rowe, Coutts and Bassi continued testing our batsman with persistent tight bowling and there confidence was growing having us 5/87 midway through day one. The afternoon saw HCCC try take charge of the game with an 85 run partnership between Darren Snow (82) and Bryce Stuart (19) but SCC managed to take 3/0 late in the day to end day one with HCCC on 9/198.

Day two started well for SCC removing our final wicket without adding to our overnight score. Bryce Stuart and Chris Hickson opened the bowling and Strathmore immediately discovered the run chase was going to be difficult. Both Bowlers beat the bat many times early in there spells. We grabbed 3 early wickets with Bryce Stuart being the main destroyer.

With Strathmore 3/20 we new the rain was not to far away and it didn't disappoint. Only another handful of over's were bowled for the rest of the day before play was abandoned.

Day 3 saw SCC resume there innings and they soon had the score board ticking over. Keith Roga was introduced into the attack just before the drinks break with immediate success. Keith removed 3 of the Strathmore batsman in quick succession and then wickets continued to fall intermittently through out the day. McConville (29) and Carey (49) the stand out batsman for SCC with them all out for 135. It was a much disciplined bowling performance from the HCCC bowlers, Bryce Stuart 3/46 from 31 overs, Keith Roga 3/29 and Brayden Trewin 2/16

HCCC began there second innings with a lead of 63 runs and needed to face the remaining 19 over's of day 3. Again SCC was able to get early break throughs and HCCC struggled to 4/55 at the end of the days play.

SCC stated the final day of the grand final with an early wicket that lifted there spirits. A 65 run partnership between Darren Snow (35) and Mark Wright (42) got the HCCC innings back on track and a solid contribution from Bryce Stuart (27) had the scoreboard looking a little healthier. But again SCC ability to continually take wickets saw us bowled out for 189. J. Coutts was the pick of the bowlers with an impressive spell of 5/56 of 19 overs.

Strathmore was set a sizable challenge, 252 runs from 23 overs. They came out with all guns blazing and for the first 5 overs were on track. When the entertaining partnership from M. McConville (27) and B. Carey (62) come to an end the task become too big for the remaining batsman. Once again Bryce Stuart was the standout bowler finishing with a 5 wicket haul in the second innings.

Special thanks to Graham Said who prepared the ideal wickets, week-in and week-out. Thank you to the ladies of the HCCC canteen who provided us with a wonderful afternoon tea's.

Congratulations to all HCCC 4th XI players on this wonderful achievement and I hope to see you all again next season.

Darren Snow - 4th XI Captain.

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Fifth Eleven – WSUCCA A Grade Synthetic – Captain’s Report

The WSUCCA Turf competition was disbanded after the 2009/10 season, due to the withdrawal of most of their clubs to other turf associations. HCCC was asked to step up two grades, from ‘C’ to ‘A’ grade Synthetic for season 2010/11. It was a huge leap, which regularly saw our Fifths coming up against other club’s First or Third elevens. We managed to acquit ourselves reasonably well, finishing the season in 6th position (from 8 teams) after 2 wins, 8 losses and a draw. Most of our matches were very competitive, as shown by 2 last-over defeats, and a couple of late dropped catches denying us victory in another match.

Melbourne’s fickle Spring & Summer weather had a massive impact on the entire season – it was one of the wettest seasons in memory. We were fixtured to play 7 x 2-dayers and completed only one, meaning 8 out of our 9 matches were 1-dayers. Quite a few Fifths representatives this season were more suited to the longer game, unlike our opponents with many years experience in slogging and tight defensive bowling. Hopefully we may be able to return the Fifths to playing turf cricket at Westbourne, if it is available, for the upcoming season.

Some of the season highlights were: Bradley Waring taking 5/30 at Rockbank, Neil Dey making 46 at Willy Congs, Chris Hicky & Navi Singh bowling out Altona Roosters for a great win, and veteran Craig Swan smashing 50no while playing with his U/15 son Jeremy (on senior debut) at Kingsville Baps. Congratulations to Andrew Bennett, Marty Dennis and Bradley Waring on tying for the Richard Curwell medal. Unfortunately, no-one qualified for the batting, bowling or all-rounders awards this season. We had a massive turnover of 39 players in the Fifths, including five U/17’s and three U/15’s – I’m looking forward to watching these juniors forge their way into our top few sides in years to come. We also had eleven guys who participated in either the Fourths or Sixths premierships – well done. Thanks very much to Gordon Fry, who did a great job of captaining the team in my absence.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Trent Said for an excellent stint as coach over the past few seasons. Congratulations to him and all involved (coaches, players and committee) on having 6 out of 7 teams in the finals this season, culminating in 3 flags – our equal most-successful season ever!

With a lot of work ahead of us, hopefully we can do it all again in 2011/12.

Yours in cricket,

Bernie Moynahan - 5th XI Captain.

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Sixth Eleven WSUCCA B Grade Synthetic – Captain's Report

This year saw our sides play some good and consistent cricket. With a core group of players and plenty of experience saw this side as the Grand Final winners. My push from the start of the year was to play as many juniors in the side throughout the year.

The most satisfying part of the year was watching the youngsters come of age with Daniel McNamara scoring a fantastic 88no in the Semi Final, when the team was in big trouble at 6 for 41 to take us to a commanding win.

Colin Baynes and Daniel McNamara put on an unbroken partnership of 107 and got us into the grand final. Youngster Matty Leahy took 2 / 7 of 7 overs and Mr. Consistent Justin Hoffman was fantastic once again with 4 / 27 of 17 overs.

In the grand final we saw the battle against Altona continue. Earlier in the year Altona convincingly beat us. Hoppers won the toss and choose to bowl to everyone's surprise. Justin Hoffman once again was fantastic taking 5/34 and youngster Matty Leahy 4/25, this restricted Altona to a low score of 102. Our batting was fantastic with Marty Dennis and Anthony Flynn taking us past Altona score in 30 overs.

I'd like to mention great performances from all the sixes players throughout the year especially our juniors like Thomas Flynn who opened the bowling for most of the year and took plenty of wickets, also Brandon Gulas who guided us to wins with the bat when others failed.

Marty Dennis, Navi Singh, Kieren, C. Baynes and Anthony Flynn were all consistent throughout the year, but stepped up in the Final when it counted. I'd like to thank everyone in the committee especially Steve McNamara for giving me the opportunity to Captain the Hoppers Crossing Sixth Eleven it was an honor.

Many thanks,

Paul Gulas - 6th XI Captain.

Seventh Eleven – WDCA One Day Competition – Captain's Report

Thank you to the club and committee for giving me the chance to captain the 7th XI side.

This year was a particular frustrating year with wash out and forfeits, but life goes on I guess... With the side playing about 5 games and making the finals was a good effort.

I think the competition we were in wasn't as good as last year due to many other sides forfeiting, the idea of this side would work well if it was a social side for players that couldn't make training and not commit to playing every week due to work, etc., but finding and keeping players would be the hard part.

I'd like to thank and congratulate Trent and the 1st XI to a fantastic effort in winning the flag for our club, and well done to Darren Snow and Paul Gulas for their premierships wins as well

Glenn Outten - 7th XI Captain.

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Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club 2010/11 Senor Trophy Winners

Club Awards

Champion	Fawad Ahmed	559 Points
Batting	Dale Evans	289 Runs @ 48.17
Bowling	Bryce Stuart	22 Wickets @ 9.36
Wicket Keeper	Will Gardner	19 Dismissals
Duck Award	Jackson Maloney / Brodie Andrew / Gavin McCallum (3 Ducks)	

100's

178	Ian Timms	Firsts	Grand Final	Strathmore
115	Darren Trewin	Fourths	Round 6	Old Essendon
110	Will Gardner	Firsts	Grand Final	Strathmore
106*	Ian Timms	Seconds	Round 8	Keilor Park

1st XI

Medallist	Fawad Ahmed	Max Mitchell Medal
Batting	Fawad Ahmed	222 Runs @ 27.75
Bowling	Gavin McCallum	23 Wickets @ 11.96
All Rounder	Fawad Ahmed	222 Runs, 32 Wickets, 4 Catches

2nd XI

Medallist	Travis Waring	Graeme Barry Medal
Batting	Dale Evans	211 Runs @ 42.20
Bowling	Travis Waring	21 Wickets @ 15.76
All Rounder	No Qualifier	

3rd XI

Medallist	Andrew Caleca	Pat Matthey Medal
Batting	No Qualifier	
Bowling	Andrew Caleca	22 Wickets @ 11.73
All Rounder	No Qualifier	

4th XI

Medallist	Bryce Stuart	Tom Holdsworth Medal
Batting	Matthew Bennett	209 Runs @ 26.13
Bowling	Bryce Stuart	26 Wickets @ 10.65
All Rounder	No Qualifier	

5th XI

Medallist	Brad Waring / Andrew Bennett / Martin Dennis Richard Curwell Medal	
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No Qualifiers In Other Grades

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100 Games

Liam Andrew

10 Year Membership

Zac Giles

Jackson Maloney

John McNamara

Cameron Nicol

Ian Timms

Rohan Waring

Coaches Award

Liam Andrew / Luke Goegan

Best Clubman

Graham Said / Darren Trewin

Eddy Cumper Medallist

Matthew Bennett

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Junior Administrator's Report

We kicked off our season full of enthusiasm but that was short lived. In previous seasons the one thing that we have been concerned about is whether or not a ground was going to hold up all season or whether it would be deemed unsafe to play on due to being too dry....well not this season. In what has been a first for quite some years we were blessed with much needed rain, unfortunately this seemed to be on Friday nights and Saturday morning, we were no longer concerned about dry grounds but now grounds that were under water. And our training nights didn't go unscathed either, with so much rain; countless training nights were changed or cancelled due to the nets being literally underwater.

We fielded 11 junior sides this year – 4 Friday night sides and 7 Saturday morning teams with our U11A and U15B South teams making it through to the semi finals and both being successful enough to go onto the Grand final. Unfortunately, neither team was successful for a flag. To Kevin Bamford (11A) Steve McNamara (15B South) and the boys from both teams congratulations on making the grand final for season 2010/2011.

Our teams across all age groups struggled at some stage during the season, whether that was due to the weather, re-grading of some teams, boys pulling the pin half way through the season and then the teams struggling to fill a full team or perhaps some teams not clicking as one on game day. But the main things that have come from the season was the boys willingness to listen, learn and improve.

For our In2Cricket program this year we had 89 children participate, all turning up on a Sunday morning for 8 weeks to participate. However, Mother Nature wasn't kind to this program with 3 weeks in total being washed out and then extra time needing to be added onto the weeks left to make up the sessions. This year we had two new coordinators – Jon King and Matthew Smith, who were both willing to jump in feet first and run the program.

For season 2010/2011 we had 10 of our U15/U17 boys consistently playing seniors, with 7 of them being lucky enough to have a Premiership medallion hanging around their necks -: in the 4ths Matthew Bennett, Jake Trewin and Brayden Trewin and in the 6ths Brandon Gulas, Daniel McNamara, Thomas Flynn and Matthew Leahy. Well done.

To all the coaches and assistants' thank you, thank you, thank you, without you volunteering your time both on training nights and also Friday nights or Saturday mornings we would not be able to field our Junior sides. The time and effort that you put into the juniors is greatly appreciated.

To all the parents, who not only run the boys to training and game days, but are there to support and encourage, supply lollies/fruit, score, set up the ground, help out at training and probably deal with the occasional dummy spit, thank you.

Finally, congratulations to all award winners for season 2010/11.

Enjoy your winter and hope to see you for season 2011/12.

Deanne Trewin – HCCC Junior Administrator.

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Under 17A

Due to the weather the 2010 / 2011 season was a very trying one for players, coaches, parents and administrators, as I'm sure you are all aware.

After a positive start to the season the under 17's faulted a bit towards the end, missing out on the finals for the first time in a number of years. While this was disappointing there were still a lot of positives to come out of the season.

As a coach it was very pleasing to see the first year under 17's handle the step up from the 15's with confidence, and overall perform very well. It was also very pleasing to have players asking to do things such as batting, bowling or fielding in positions that they probably wouldn't normally be in. This is a very good sign for the future leadership of our senior club.

Another very pleasing aspect of this season was that this group of guys were very willing to listen, and learn, this is also a good sign for the future.

In the big picture of things as a club, even though it was disappointing the 17's missed the finals, most of the guys played senior cricket during the year, with 4 of them playing in winning senior Grand Finals. Congratulations to those guys.

In closing I would like to thank all the parents for their help, and support, and my assistant coach, Paul Gulas for his great work during the season (hope we can work together again next season).

Dennis Stuart - U17A Coach.

Under 17B

The U17 B's this year were blessed with a high number of players. A few with talent, a few without, but all keen to play cricket. We got off to a slow start and lost some games that we should have won. We also knocked off the top team with our last game of the season, with a great all-round performance. Our bowling and fielding improved and keep us in every game. Our batting left a little to be desired.

This season was a very hard one with all the rain involved and reduced our chances of a final birth. All I can say is how much Jackson and I have enjoyed coaching this year's 17 B's and that we hope all will come back again next season.

Chris Hickson - U17B Coach.

Under 15B South

Season 2010-2011 was always about the fast tracking of development to prepare our playing group to become better cricketers as they now move toward Under 17's and senior cricket. From the outset of pre season training we were buoyed by the fact that the vast majority of the Under 15 playing group were prepared to work extremely hard to obtain positive results in both their development and their fitness levels.

After picking a side that we felt would be a competitive unit we were even more confident of that after what was a very narrow loss by the smallest of margins in the first game, after playing poorly and not adhering to our game plan. Jacob Wojcik was our main contributor for the game with 30 retired. Having to endure the frustration of a bye in round two the boys were champing at the bit for a strong performance against Seabrook. Our bowlers bowled with discipline and Seabrook's 120 was never going to be enough even on a very slow ground like Warringa. Jeremy Swan (4/25) and Wojcik (3/15) were outstanding. Week two went to plan with co-captain Brayden Trewin showing his ability with the bat with 43 and Matt Leahy handy with 22 to get us home for our first win.

Round 4 was reduced to a one-day game after the washout of week one and from this point the side really started to display their strong potential. Holding Point Cook to 6/66 after their allotted over's the

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boys smashed the ball to all parts of the oval with the other Co – Captain Ciaran Jackman and again Jacob Wojcik retiring with 30 each, to help post 3/159 from just 18 over's.

Our next game against Spotswood was a wonderful team effort with our bowlers dominating bowling them out for just 47. Pick of the bowlers was Zac Beech with 4/13. In reply we posted 7/136 with opener Tamzan Ahmed top scoring with 30. Round six saw our batsman go completely to town with both Brayden Trewin and Daniel McNamara both retiring with punishing fifty's to each of them. Unfortunately rain ruined the second week of this match to cast the game to a draw. Our next game was against Williamstown with Trewin again producing a fifty in our winning total of 5/114(dec) in reply to their 63 all out with the star again being Jeremy Swan with 5/12. Having 22 over's still to bowl the boys did exceptionally well to have them 6/45 at the close.

Round nine produced a hard fought win against Footscray having to chase down their 6/78 off 22 over's with Daniel McNamara's 26 not out and Simon Dey (15 not out) getting us over the line. Round 10 was again completely lost due to rain which brought us finally up against top side Newport in a battle to take top spot of them in the final home and away game. We bowled brilliantly well to dismiss them for just 73 with both Swan and Beech each claiming three wickets. In reply we cruised past posting 3/84 with Jackman playing a disciplined innings of 30 retired and us heading into the finals as the top side. Our semi final against Williamstown was in hindsight maybe a too easy encounter with us bowling them out for just 99 with Trewin (3/12) and Swan (2/18) bowling well. Day two saw the target reached (2/101) in just 23 over's with McNamara (37not out) and James Senior (31 not out) dominating their bowlers. The Grand Final against arch rivals Newport couldn't have started better for us with our bowlers working brilliantly to plan and bowling them out for what should have been a under par score of just 92 with Brayden Trewin bowling his heart out to claim figures of 5/8 and getting great support from the other bowlers who all contributed. Our batting really for the first time in the year failed to get a decent partnership happening with James Senior (30) and Jacob Wojcik (11 not out) running out of partners to see us fall agonisingly 19 runs short. I feel bitterly disappointed for the boys that they did not get their due rewards for the effort they put in for this season. Having coached juniors for more years than I care to remember I cannot say I have had a group of boys who were as close and who enjoyed the success of their teammates achievements as much as these lads. I am sure that the great bond created between these boys will continue well into their adulthood. I am confident that the pain the whole group got out of this loss will be a driving factor in all of them continuing to work hard to better themselves as players and all will be great contributors for this club as they progress to senior cricket. It was a great effort that ten of our boys played senior cricket in some form or another throughout the summer.

Many thanks to the parents who all helped out in various ways during the season but particularly to my assistant coaches John McNamara and Craig Swan for their help at training and on match days and to Scott Jackman and Alan Senior for their outstanding contributions in the most unenviable of jobs, that of scorers. Thanks also to Karen Senior for keeping the boys in endless supplies of lollies and snakes.

Finally thanks to both Deanne Trewin and Josie McNamara for your wonderful support throughout the year and for giving me the absolute honour of coaching such a sensational group of young men. Your work often goes unrewarded behind the scenes but we coaches really appreciate all you do for us and the club as a whole.

Congratulations to Brayden, Daniel and Matt who were lucky enough to win their respective senior Grand Finals, well deserved boys.

Steve McNamara - U15B South Coach.

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Under 15B North

In what eventuated to be a winless season, there was improvement seen from the boys as the season progressed. There were a number of factors that contributed to why the boys did not have a win - the weather, injuries, the grade they were in, instability in the side, unavailability, and finally, lack of numbers.

Whilst no one managed to achieve a "retirement" score, or take a "bag" of wickets, there were encouraging signs with a couple of batsmen falling just short of that achievement and bowlers being on hat tricks and bowling extremely tightly.

With the weather playing a huge part for most of the season, and with the majority of the team being "bottom age", they had to accustom themselves to some exceptional batting and hostile bowling (one occasion resulted in a visit to a hospital) against most, if not all, opposition - of which many were their "1st's" team. Hopefully the boys got plenty of experience as a result, and now know what to expect in future.

As coach of the team, it was pleasing to see the boys take note of what was being taught at training, and apply themselves to what was being asked of them on match day. Whilst it took time to sink in, many of the boys asked questions whilst training, and genuinely wanted to learn. Their techniques improved as a result, and when put to the test, they played to a plan as best they could. Improvement was evident as the season went on, and I was impressed by how many boys volunteered to undertake the "difficult" jobs (opening batting, wicket keeping etc.) knowing what was coming their way.

I would like to thank the "core" of the team for their hard work, and extend my thank you to all the other boys who played in the team. I believe there was no fewer than 20 boys in total, and they ranged from our 1st's players all the way through to our under 13's and even under 11's when we were short of players (thank you to Connor Lawrence and Daniel Lay). A special mention goes to Kyle Penaluna for captaining the side, and to Jake Oorloff for wicket keeping in most games (thanks to Luke Milner for helping out in this area) - who did it without complaint despite having niggling injuries throughout the year. Their jobs are difficult, and they adapted to and completed them with minimal fuss, enthusiasm, and responsibly.

My enjoyment in coaching stems from seeing improvement in the boys as cricket players and as people, so I implore you all to better yourselves in both aspects. If I could get one message through to the boys, it would be to continue with your cricket, persist in bettering yourselves, and listen to and practice what your coaches are telling you. There is no substitute for hard work, and the more hard work that's done, the closer to achieving results you will all be. I would like to thank you all for making my coaching role an enjoyable one.

Finally, I need to give all parents a huge thank you for your assistance and support throughout the year. The help I received on training nights (Mark P and Brad L), scoring (Wendy I, Deb C, Craig R), match day activities (putting out and bringing in cones and stumps), and general attendance and support of the boys on match days - to the point of mums bringing along fruit and lollies for the whole team - has been immeasurable. It has been, and is, very much appreciated.

Thank You,

Warren Oorloff - U15B North Coach.

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Under 15C

Success is measure in many ways. Often it is measured by the number of trophies in the cabinet at the end of a season or by the number of wins during the year. This may hold more truth for senior teams and for junior coaches in particular the wider goal is to teach the fundamentals of the game, to build depth for the club and above all else provide a safe, enjoyable and nurturing environment in which the players can learn and improve their skills. To this end I consider the 2010/2011 season to have been successful.

We have seen significant improvement and growth in all players and while this did not always transfer to the on-field results we would have liked, it is important to remember that many of the 15Cs were in their first or second season of competitive cricket. The position on the ladder at the end of the season was not reflective of the season as a whole and losing the final two games, each on the last ball!! , was the difference between playing and watching the semi- finals. While obviously disappointing to lose two close games in succession I was very proud of the performances the team put and proud of how they bonded together and handled the defeat.

Without naming individuals it was pleasing to see everyone contribute in their own way at various stages of the season. Whether this was with the bat, the ball or in the field - at training or on game day, everyone made a meaningful contribution and should be proud of the season they had.

One key message I hope each of the boys takes away is the need for consistency. This only comes about from practice and by that I mean *quality* practice. There is no magic switch that you can flick on game day to start playing the ball on the ground, bowl at the top of off stump or hold that catch unless you have put in the work during the net sessions during the fielding drills. It is important that all of you get to practice sessions regularly, listen to your coach, work on your fitness and on improving your individual skills.

In closing I would like to thank the parents for their support during the season and hope they have got as much enjoyment out of watching as I have coaching their children. I would like to acknowledge the work of Deanne Trewin who spends countless hours making putting some order to the chaos on Saturday mornings and during the week with team numbers. I would also like to thank Karen Norris for scoring during the season, making sense of the signals coming from the middle and at times teaching opposition scorers the rules. Thanks Karen.

I hope to see all of the boys for a solid pre-season later this year and for those staying in U15s I look forward to coaching you again in 2011/12.

Andrew Gibb - U15C Coach.

Under 13A

I am sure it was safe to say that 2010-11 was a year of the weather god's. Mostly play was either suspended due to weather or the grounds were in no way playable; this led to a little frustration from all coaches, players and parents.

From the outset it was our goal to improve our fielding and throwing techniques and this was evident as the year progressed. This was proved as coaches from the other sides began to mention our strength in the field.

Some great bowling performances from all throughout the year was also great to see and I am sure many of you will continue to gain better control and become front line bowlers. Our batting was the one area that we struggled with throughout the year, however some great performers stood out and took control. All in all it was a pleasure to see a great group of players become a well-rounded team that played to the best of their ability; and it was also a pleasure to help assist these young men.

Craig Becket U13A Coach.

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Under 13B (Friday)

The Team consisting of:

Blake (Keep the lip up and belt it over their heads).

Hamish (Most enthusiastic captain and I'll block a few then that's it, can't wait, got go for it).

Brandan, (I wish my legs would move quicker).

Cormack (Spin King, Keeper and oh I'm not going to run on those shots again).

Liam (I'll just wait here all day until they bowl on the wicket).

Kyle (Where do you want me field, look how high I can throw my hat).

Dustin (Yep got it, oh where did you want me to field again).

Brendan (don't bat me before 3rd drop and Yes Yes Yes run three).

Narlon (they won't see my ball coming).

Jayden (Jaydo, 007 the quite achiever).

Chris (excuse me, excuse me, excuse me, I reckon)

Josh (Gee those balls jump into your nose fast).

Well I think on a whole, we had a pretty good season, the weather was against us and a lot of games were shortened from 2-day games to one-day games.

We seemed to play the 2-day games better than the one day games, we just couldn't get going quick enough in the one day games.

Although the games we lost, we weren't that far off the mark and it was a pity that the season didn't go a bit longer, because we were just starting to hit our straps towards the end.

Training went well with lots of different drills and skills being explored to try and help the weaknesses and inconsistencies. The biggest problem we had as a team was that we gave away to many extras (no balls and wides). So we really have to work on that next season.

A big thank you to Scott, Ian and Warren for their consistent help, expert knowledge and scoring ability. Thanks also to Val for texting info and making sure Kyle got to the games. Thanks to all the parents getting the boys to training and the games.

Finally a big thank you to all the Friday night players for trying their best and putting up with me as a coach.

Enjoy your presentation day and good luck. See you next cricket season.

Ross Nevel - U13B (Friday) Coach.

Under 13B (Saturday)

After my impromptu entry into cricket coaching, we were underway for the season with the Saturday Under 13C's. The team comprised a mixture of experienced and new players, and after a slow start, we were then moved into the U13B competition. Individual performances had us in good positions at times through the first half of the season, however we weren't able to maintain it for a full match and a victory before Christmas eluded us. The wet weather also provided an interrupted schedule that made it difficult to get much needed match practice for our new players. However, after the Christmas break everyone returned with fresh enthusiasm and after a few more close losses we managed our first win for the season. A moment of great celebration! The season ended with a final very close loss as we started to show the improvement that the team as a whole was making.

It was great to witness the development of many of our new players over the course of the season and this will hopefully give them additional confidence to start next year. I would like to specially acknowledge and thank those parents who were able to help out during match days. Special mention must be made of the Ireland and Creaner families for their brilliant effort covering the scoring. We would have been lost without them. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Deanne and Josie for the support they provided during the season. I would finally like to wish all our players, whether

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continuing in the U13s or progressing to the U15s next year, all the best with their cricketing futures. If you work hard and always try your best then you will succeed.

Cameron Clark - U13B (Saturday) Coach.

Under 11A

To say the boys had an impressive season would be a huge understatement, I was extremely proud to be the coach of such a young and exciting group of boys. To watch them develop and fine tune their skills throughout the season was very rewarding not only for me but themselves and their families. I got to watch boys that were not very confident about their bowling begins to take wickets on a regular basis. I got to see each and every one of them have a go at wicket keeping and enjoy doing it, I also had the pleasure of watching them step up to the crease with confidence that they were going to put some runs on the board. I watched their fielding improve so much that I had other coaches commenting to me as to what a fantastic fielding side we had. They worked hard week after week as a team and that shows in the fact that they were able to go all the way to a grand final, unfortunately on the day we were beaten by a very good side, but the boys can walk away holding their heads high knowing that they did themselves and their families proud. I look forward to next season and hope that I have the opportunity to coach another group of fantastic young and exciting cricketers. I would like to thank all the parents that put their hands up to help week after week from throwing balls in warm ups to scoring, I would like to say a huge thanks to Tony Salmons who would step in and fill my shoes if I was not able to make it for the start of the match and lastly I would like to say a huge thanks to Deanne & Josie for all their hard work behind the scenes throughout the season, without them the season would not be possible.

Cheers,

Kevin Bamford - U11A Coach.

Under 11B North

The 2010/11 season was an interesting and successful season for the U11 white players and coaching staff considering the amount of rain we had and the games that were missed. We had 5 boys return from last year and 6 new boys and a girl join us this year for the first time. We had varying degrees of skill level early on however all kids adapted to the training program well.

Through the season we seen big improvements in the new kids on all aspects of the game and the kids that returned from last year improved and consolidated their skill level to play more consistently. We found that a high majority of the kids always attended training which reflected in the overall improvement especially on game day. Most of all we believe the kids had fun and enjoyed playing.

We'd like to thank all the kids for putting everything into their training and when they were out on the field. We'd like to also thank the parents that helped with training drills and chores required on game day. Hope to see you all next season.

Regards,

Phil Grima and Paul Povh – U11B North Coaches.

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Under 11B South

Thank you!! To the players and parents, thank you for your effort this year under trying circumstances with many games not taking place due to weather. The boys, all 13 of them, were very keen to play at all times and this showed at training. They were attentive and willing to learn the basics of cricket- batting, bowling and fielding from our first game to our last. We as parents saw the improvement from our first game with no calling between the wickets, no balls and over-throws to the last game with great running, catching in the field throwing to team mates and even a '6' to finish the season. I hope all the boys enjoyed themselves this year and look forward to their future in cricket.

Remember: it's not practice that makes perfect but perfect practice.

Lyle Henderson - U11B South Coach.

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Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club 2010/11 Junior Trophy Winners

U11 BATTING AWARDS

U/11B NORTH BATTING AWARD	MARK O'BRIEN
U/11B SOUTH BATTING AWARD	JAY ANTHONY
U/11A BATTING AWARD	STEFAN COSTA

U13 BATTING AWARDS

U/13B SATURDAY BATTING AWARD	LIAM HALL
U/13B FRIDAY BATTING AWARD	CORMACK PRATT
U/13A BATTING AWARD	JOSHUA LANCIANA

U15 BATTING AWARDS

U/15C BATTING AWARD	DARCY HODGES
U/15B NORTH BATTING AWARD	ADRIAN MYERS
U/15B SOUTH BATTING AWARD	DANIEL MCNAMARA

U17 BATTING AWARDS

U/17B BATTING AWARD	SAMUEL FUNICH
U/17A BATTING AWARD	MATTHEW BENNETT

U11 BOWLING AWARDS

U/11B NORTH BOWLING AWARD	ADITHYA VENKAT
U/11B SOUTH BOWLING AWARD	JOSHUA LEAHY
U/11A BOWLING AWARD	CALLUM LAMBERT

U13 BOWLING AWARDS

U/13B SATURDAY BOWLING AWARD	AHNAF AL-WAHIB
U/13B FRIDAY BOWLING AWARD	JOSHUA REDPATH
U/13A BOWLING AWARD	MITCHELL CULLEN / RAVEE PATHYA

U15 BOWLING AWARDS

U/15C BOWLING AWARD	THOMAS SIA
U/15B NORTH BOWLING AWARD	JOEL MURPHY / MATTHEW LAWRENCE / JAMES IRELAND
U/15B SOUTH BOWLING AWARD	JEREMY SWAN

U17 BOWLING AWARDS

U/17B BOWLING AWARD	JAMIE GRUSLING / JONATHON MATERIA
U/17A BOWLING AWARD	JOSHUA FALAGUERRA

U11 ALL-ROUNDER AWARDS

U/11B NORTH ALL ROUNDER	HARRY WHITE
U/11B SOUTH ALL ROUNDER	JOSHUA ZILAVEC
U/11A ALL ROUNDER	KARTHIK SAGAR GATTEPALLI

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U13 ALL ROUNDER AWARDS

U/13C ALL ROUNDER	ALIF AHMED
U/13B FRIDAY ALL ROUNDER	NARLON SENANAYAKE
U13/A ALL ROUNDER	BRETT SMITH

U15 ALL ROUNDER AWARDS

U/15C ALL ROUNDER	CHRIS LILLEY
U/15B NORTH ALL ROUNDER	KYLE PENALUNA
U/15B SOUTH ALL ROUNDER	CIARAN JACKMAN

U17 ALL ROUNDER AWARDS

U/17B ALL ROUNDER	KAYNE WALKER
U/17A ALL ROUNDER	KIMBA TIPENE RIKI

U17C BEST PLAYER

JAMIE GRUSLING

U17A EDDIE CUMPER MEDAL

MATTHEW BENNETT

5 WICKETS

CALLUM LAMBERT
JEREMY SWAN
THOMAS SIA
BHAIRAV VENKAT
BRAYDEN TREWIN

HAT TRICK

CALLUM LAMBERT
JOSHUA ZILAVEC

COLIN CROSS BEST CLUBMAN MEDALS

U11'S MEDALISTS	BRAYDEN SLAMONS
U13'S MEDALIST	BRETT SMITH
U15'S MEDALIST	ADRIAN MYERS
U17'S MEDALIST	THOMAS FLYNN

DARREN SHERRY AWARD

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION

BRAYDEN TREWIN
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