

# THE JUNIOR PROGRAM



This season, we gave over 100 local boys spread across 8 teams, the opportunity to be part of a culture in which they are encouraged to love the game of cricket, play in the right spirit, and learn to share successes and failures together.

We had our share of on-field success, with the U13 Red and Gold teams, the U15's and U17's making finals with the U15's premiers. But the real success of the program again lay with the collective effort of a group of people that strove to continually improve the program. In the area of coaching, we only got better with Blair Richards and Justin Toohey completing their Level 2 coaching courses. We changed the format of the Development Squad this season to benefit a greater number of boys. Other successful innovations this season included the fielding of two teams in the T20 Blast competition and the introduction of on-line registration.

This season saw Rob Roseby and Mike Spilkin join what was already a talented and committed coaching panel. Special mention to Tristan Banks, not just for his work with the Development Squad and the Craig Shield team, but in coaching the U15's. Giving all the boys their fair share of opportunities is never easy, especially when you have a talented squad, but he managed to do so and still bring home the ultimate prize.

The Milo program was again very well run by Ty Matthews and Avi Gulwadi. They were joined

this season by Ben Jenkinson, who made a significant contribution. John O'Connor and Anthony Reeve did a fine job coaching the newly formed T20 Blast teams. Designed for 8-9 year olds coming out of Milo and not quite ready for U11 competition, John's team played on Friday nights at East Malvern, while Anthony's team played on Saturday mornings in Carnegie. Blair Richards, Wayne Morrison and Mike Spilkin did a wonderful job looking after our U11 teams, while Peter O'Donnell, Justin Toohey and Rob Roseby did likewise coaching our three U13 teams. The U13 teams were graded fairly evenly this season and they were all competitive. The Gold and Red teams managed to make finals, losing their semi's. The U17's had a disrupted season due to byes and washouts, but still managed to make the grand final and only fell a dozen runs short in their run chase.

A number of our boys made representative teams, Liam Witts notably representing the South East Bayside Breakers team that won the U14 State Championship. A pleasing trend was for our juniors to play senior cricket in ever increasing numbers, testament to the boys' progress and the senior club's commitment to give them every opportunity.

A special thank you to Blair Richards for providing tremendous support, particularly the introduction of the on-line registration system. It's always sad to see junior parents that have contributed significantly for many years end their involvement in the program. This was the case with Bernadette and Tim Bailey, whose sons have now finished their time in the juniors. Both Bernadette and Tim will both be sorely missed.

Next season will see a changing of the guard as Blair Richards takes over as the Junior President. I feel very comfortable that such a capable and committed clubman will be taking over the reins, and I look forward to continuing my involvement in the junior program.

**Bruno Borci**

**JUNIOR PRESIDENT**

# MILO IN2CRICKET



This season's Milo In2cricket program saw us again completing the season prior to Christmas which worked well. Also with the introduction of T20 Blast and a lot of the older kids heading to play T20 the Milo group this year had very much a young theme to it with a lot of new faces to the program. We started early again this year with our first session being in early October and having great numbers around 30-35 kids boys and girls who attended

Being a much younger group this year this gave all the participants a fabulous introduction to cricket and the ability to learn and develop their batting, bowling and ball skills. We had 10 sessions for the year and the improvement we saw in all participants was clearly shown by the last session.

The year was concluded with the highlight of Ben Jenkinson and Anthony Woodcock having the opportunity to take a group of our Milo kids on to the MCG in the lunch time break on the first day of the Boxing Day test match. The kids got a massive buzz out of this and a big thank you to Woody and Jenko for making this possible.

This was my last year doing Milo and it has been a pleasure for the last 3 years to be a part of this program, I have really enjoyed myself over the past 3 years and loved watching kids come from Milo into now playing T20 blast and hopefully in the future seeing them progress into our Junior and maybe even senior area of this great club.

I want to send out a massive thanks to all this year who assisted me in a difficult time due to opening a new business up at the start of the program. So to Jenko, Arvi and Woody thanks so much for your help this year I would not have been able to do it this year without you guys. To the ever reliable Carol thanks for all your support and help over the past 3 years.

Please make sure that this program continues to thrive and gets the support from all at the club as it is a great feeder into juniors and then hopefully into our senior section of the club.

**Ty Matthews**  
**MILO IN2CRICKET CO-ORDINATOR**

# MILO T20 BLAST



Season 2014-2015 saw Caulfield Cricket Club entering teams in the Milo T20 Blast Competition for the first time.

In the Saturday morning group we had 11 players:

Marcus Brittain,

Noah Carracher,

Nathan Loyer,

Joshua Reeve,

Sid Wardlaw,

Prateek Dasari,

Michael Gashi,

Phoenix McCabe,

Ella Simmons and

Maya Paradies.

All of the children have progressed from that first day in October with scores as a team regularly crossing 200 from their 16 overs, with some players even managing 50+ scores from their 4 overs at the crease.

Most of all their bowling has improved out of sight with a team best of only 6 wides or no-balls coming in the second last week.

A special thanks to Andrew Carracher for being our umpire each week, always with a smile and a laugh for the kids.

Most Improved Batsman: Michael Gashi

Most Improved Bowler: Marcus Brittain

Most Improved Fielder: Nathan Loyer

This transition period between Milo In2Cricket and Under 11's has been most beneficial to this group with most of them ready to take the next step to playing Under 11's next year.

**Anthony Reeve**  
**MILO T20 BLAST CO-ORDINATOR**

# UNDER 11 GREEN



The 2014 / 15 season started brightly for the U11 Green team with a tie against Glen Iris, having batted very confidently. We welcomed a small number of new players this season and this, blended with a number of boys backing up from last season showed in terms of the consistency of the team throughout the season.

Skill execution and game awareness were much improved on last season and the boys were able to put in some solid performances against good opposition (namely Malvern, East Malvern and the other two Caulfield teams Gold & Red).

Our win / loss ratio didn't set the world on fire, as is often the case in cricket, nor did our stats tell the full story of the U11 Green season. We narrowly lost a number of games that, with a bit more experience, we could have won. However disappointing those losses were, I think the team learned a lot from them.

One yardstick of our progress was our performances against the other Caulfield U11 teams (Gold & Red). In that department we had two narrow losses and a win against Gold and a loss and a washout against Red. Nothing spectacular, but a good indicator of improvement against good opposition.

Whilst the tragedy of the loss of Phillip Hughes weighed heavily on everyone involved in cricket, I was impressed at the way the boys handled themselves respectfully in the first

game back after that tragic event. I was also keen to ensure that the boys learned about sportsmanship and 'playing the ball and not the man' and I'm pleased to say that they did pretty well considering their young age and the long season.

My thanks to our team manager, Stu Glen who kept everything organized and our scorebook impeccably maintained.

My thanks also to all of the parents of the U11 Green players who made the season an enjoyable one.

**Wayne Morrison**  
**UNDER 11 GREEN COACH**

# UNDER 11 GOLD



This was my third year as U11 Gold coach and, with six of last year's team returning, I was wondering how we would go this season. The eight new boys added to our depth and right from the start the team blended well. We got off to a flying start winning our first two games with the early highlight of Ethan Richards smashing 44 not out against our friends Caulfield Red. After losing the next game in another close fought tussle with East Malvern Tooronga, we won all the following games to Christmas. Unfortunately after Christmas both Ben and Dan Waks bid bon voyage to the snowy Loire valley and without their steadying influence in all aspects of batting, bowling and fielding we struggled in the last few games of the season.

The season ended with 3 washouts, 2 byes, 5 losses and 8 wins. We also played an U11 representative T20 match against Malvern as part of the senior T20 charity match – we had a great game which amazingly ended in a draw.

It has been a pleasure coaching the U11s and many of the players have been with me for three years. I have really enjoyed watching each of the boys grow in their cricket understanding, learning about the game and themselves as the years and season progressed.

We played one memorable game which was the last of the season. We had our worst batting display of the year being bowled out for 36 and Murrumbena White had passed our score in their first four overs. But the boys never gave up

and Asher Star provided the highlight of the season taking a hatrick with three batsmen bowled. It was fantastic to see how the boys (and parents) celebrated.

My philosophy is to let every boy have his chance and I rotated the batting, wicket keeping and bowling orders throughout the season. At this age it is all about having a go and, while it was good for the boys to experience some great wins, it is more important to learn the basic skills of batting, bowling and fielding.

All the boys had their personal successes whether it was taking their first wicket (everyone got at least one), making their top score or just batting through their allotted balls. It was wonderful to see the team spirit and the dedication of many of the boys training on the weekends in the nets. Every boy improved as the year progressed which is all I can ask.

To the boys, well done all. Ethan Richards equal top scored in the league with 214 runs, and Clem Beazley had equal best league bowling figures with 14 wickets. Even though Ben missed the last 6 games he topped the league fielding with 13 catches – all at silly mid off. Every boy improved through the season making their personal bests – Sascha Bajayo, Julian Bekinschtein, Teddy Friend, Walter Minc, Will O'Connor, Nicholas Pike, Jarod and Marcus Prins, Gabriel Solomon, Asher Star, Ben and Daniel Waks.

I'd like to thank all the parents for making it so much easier for me to focus on coaching. Special thanks goes to Matthew Beazley whose help as team manager kept me sane for the season.

I hope to see all of you again next season.

**Blair Richards**  
**UNDER 11 GOLD COACH**

# UNDER 11 RED



Blair Richards was most helpful in setting me up with kit, advice and getting me started on my coaching journey.

I look forward to helping out next season.

## **Mike Spilkin** **UNDER 11 RED COACH**

This was my first year of coaching and thanks to the help of the other junior coaches we had a successful season for U11 Red.

We started off slowly but by the end of the season we were consistently winning games and playing with confidence. We had up to 14 boys ranging from 9 to 11 years in our team and they all gelled well to form a competitive team.

The boys showed great improvement during the year in all aspects of the game. In particular, once we focused on fielding and running between wickets, we were almost unbeatable towards the end of season.

There were some real talented young cricketers in the team. Joffre, Zac and Alex were brilliant. Alexander Gebert top scored with 186 runs for the season, with Zac Bowes close behind on 165 and also took 10 wickets and Joffre Richardson making 125.

With the ball, Gus Bowes took 9 wickets in a fantastic effort in his first season and Henry and Fred Noble took 9 and 7 wickets respectively.

The games and training sessions were always approached with great enthusiasm and spirit and I enjoyed the year very much.

John Bowes was the team manager and I thank him for the support he provided me throughout the season.

# UNDER 13 GREEN



U/13 is an age group of transition from giving every player an equal go to giving those with greater dedication and talent the chance to shine. This is a challenge for all junior coaches, but this team was a delight to coach. The kids listened and contributed ideas, tried hard, learned and developed as cricketers and as boys.

The A competition was remarkably even, such that in round 9, seven of the eight teams could have made the finals. We lost, for the third time unable to chase down an achievable target, and our finals chances disappeared.

My coaching strengths were team strategy, and team and player management, so I had technical assistance from U15 players Paul Wasiewicz, Ben Britbart Ellazam, Liam Harari and Jonah Roseby, with seniors Andy King, Peter Cross and Ben Rose providing special guest coaching sessions.

The players:

Brodie Mondel - technically solid with the bat. Wicket keeping early in the season; great potential with his off-spin

Noah Bajayo - technically solid, accountable batter; livewire in the field always giving 100% effort

Harry Mahon - lit up the field from fine leg with his diving and strong throw; consistent medium pace bowler; strong batter

Jade Cargill - excellent chirping; notable efforts to get to training and games; likes to swing hard with the bat;

Noah Star - tries his hardest; does whatever the team needs; reliable with bat and ball; likely to dominate next season

Vraj Patel - does everything right as a result of the huge effort he puts in at training, significant leadership attributes

Daniel Quitt - strong outfielder and devastating bowler, outswing unplayable;

Ben Schauder - joined late and left early but made a strong impression especially in the field and with the ball

Oli Reardon - standout leadership qualities when batting with lower order and in the field with fantastic encouragement of teammates.

Daniel Harris - one of the team's great characters; opened bowling and bowled last over of the innings. Excellent season.

Corey East Bryans - tried and trained his hardest; aggressive lower order batter; bowling improved greatly to ability to bowl to a 6-3 field

Adam Richardson - topped our batting averages and close to top of bowling; took 7 catches. An outstanding cricket talent.

Angus Edgar - filled in several times to qualify for finals; the best wicket keeper for Caulfield in this age group

Gil Roseby- can bat a bit, bowl a bit, wicket keep a bit, chirp a lot

We don't get a wonderful bunch of kids like this without a wonderful group of parents who helped me to do my job by doing so many of the unglamorous tasks like morning teas, ground set-up, scoring, data entry, etc. Emma Richardson as manager took care of every off-field aspect of organization so I could concentrate on coaching, which I very much appreciate.

**Rob Roseby**  
**UNDER 13 GREEN COACH**

# UNDER 13 RED



Squad - Louis Benoit, Maxime Demathieu, Pranav Dasari, Angus Edgar, Nick Exton, Charlie McNamara, Jack McNamara, Ethan Richards, Gil Roseby, Connor Strachan, Jock Sutherland, Nicholas Toohey, Matthieu Wylie.

We played 10 matches, winning 7 including each of our 5 home games at Caulfield, finishing in 3rd position on the ladder and earning a place in the finals.

When batting, we were able to give longer innings to players who were 'on song' that week. Matthieu, Gil, Angus, Pranav, Louis, Ethan and Maxime all took the chance to build a long innings and achieved individual scores over 30. Charlie, Connor, Nick E and Nick T did likewise to reach doubles. Angus developed new scoring shots to complement his strong defence; Charlie and Matthieu show promise as opening batsmen; Ethan learned the correlation between time at the crease and playing a straight bat; and Pranav showed increasing maturity with shot selection.

Batting highlights were Matthieu's 47no in Round 2 which included a 6 and 4 from the last two balls - the importance of those 10 runs being revealed the following week when Glen Waverley fell 9 runs short in the run chase; Ethan's match-winning innings in our chase of Oakleigh's 197 in Round 4; and Pranav's cameo in Round 8 to lift our total from what would have been an inadequate 165 to a winning 203.

Pranav was our leading wicket taker (and also won the competition aggregate trophy) but everyone took wickets during the year. Several boys had 'days out' with the ball - Nick E snagged 4 in Round 1, and bags of 3 were taken by Nick T with left arm spin (Round 2), Pranav (Round 6) and Louis (Round 8). Jock returned in Round 9 from a long spell with an injured foot and immediately picked up his first wicket for the season.

Gil was a valuable addition to the team mid season. Gil's game sense and natural competitiveness rubbed off on others and definitely lifted the team's fielding performance and our running between wickets.

Our squad wholly comprised first year Under 13 players, and for such a young side the ground fielding was of a high standard. Our two wicket keepers, Connor and Angus, developed strongly during the season. They each took some sharp catches and were tidy behind the stumps.

Special congratulations to Angus who was rewarded with selection in the SDCCL Under 12 representative squad.

A big thanks to Andrea McNamara who shouldered the team management duties this season and made sure everything ran smoothly during the week and on game day. Thanks also to Leigh McNamara and Charlie Sutherland who regularly assisted at training with practice drills. Numerous other parents helped with scoring, afternoon tea, set up and umpiring and came to support the boys in varying weather conditions - thanks to you all.

Finally, a big tick goes to each team member for sticking together all season and playing the game in the right spirit. Morale was outstanding and it was a pleasure to coach the boys through the season and see their improvement.

**Justin Toohey**  
**UNDER 13 GOLD COACH**



# UNDER 15 TEAM



This season could perhaps best be described as a roller coaster ride - with our players, coaches, and parents all finishing on the highest of highs. A tremendous hard fought victory against Mulgrave in the Grand Final meant we were ultimately crowned Premiers of the Under 15 Turf Grade!

As an Under 15 age group, we initially started our campaign with the intention of playing 2 x Under 15 teams, but unfortunately couldn't get a second team going and settled on a squad of 14 players.

Playing with a squad this size was great when players missed games, but also could be a nightmare as we tried to ensure everyone was getting adequate game time. In the end as an overall squad we seemed to have things come together at the right time. This was highlighted with a couple of exciting wins leading into the Grand Final, with the Final itself proving our toughest assignment in chasing down 132 from 45 overs.

As coach, I couldn't be happier with the efforts put in by the boys. Every player in our squad improved as the season progressed. Amazingly, of the 14 boys who played – 10 are all eligible to play Under 15s again next year. This means the boys have played and won against teams that included top age talent with some playing state cricket, so our Premiership is even more commendable as a result.

Every player on our list had their own individual day in the sun, with moments including batsmen scoring their first 50's on Turf; many classic catches being taken; a hat trick in the Grand Final (worth a mention Ryley Michelson), and multiple players stepping up to play Senior Cricket for the first time.

In terms of Award Winners; Fraser Long won our MVP and Batting Award with a super season that saw him really step up his game including a couple of 50s; Jayden Banks won the Bowling Award and had a great development year as Captain; Ben Britbart-Ellazam won our Fielding Award and he, along with Ryan MacDermid, both had super years sharing the keeping duties. Adam Kaplan, as a new member in our team, won our Most Improved Player Award. Outside our own team awards, Liam Witts had a great year and was selected in the U14 Breakers Team which went through undefeated to win the state championship – a super effort. This experience will no doubt serve Liam (and Caulfield) well in future.

For the record books, our Under 15 Premiership Team in batting order was: Ryan MacDermid (VC) (WK), Nicko McGrath (VC), Adam Cosgrave, Fraser Long, Jayden Banks (C), Ethan Picker, Jonah Roseby, Dylan Shipperd, Liam Harari, Ryley Michelson, Ben Britbart-Ellazam, Liam Witts, Liam Branninghan, Adam Kaplan.

Special thankyou's must go to Asher Ellazam and Sylvia Shipperd for manning the scorebook and updating MyCricket, and to our esteemed Team Manager Joe McGrath for his tireless work in keeping things organised off field. Thanks also to Pete O'Donnell, Stu MacDermid and Paul Long for all their help with training and umpiring games. Thankyou to you all for making the effort to get your boys to training and games. It was all worth it in the end!

Look forward to seeing everyone again in 2015/16 as we look to go back to back!

**Tristan Banks**  
**UNDER 15 COACH**

# UNDER 17 TEAM



My expectations were high with this group of boys. A number of them were part of a flag winning side last season, and the squad was arguably stronger this season with the addition of Zac Grundmann-Perera and a couple of talented U15 boys in Tom Deighton and Paul Wasiewicz. They were a handful at times, but they produced the goods when it counted and were somewhat unlucky to go down narrowly in the grand final.

It could be said that the boys were lucky to even make finals as a couple of early season losses, when we couldn't field our best team, and some untimely wash-outs, saw them needing to win the last round to make it. The boys' skill and character was never more tested than in the last few overs of that game. With Clayton Districts virtually over the line in their run chase, the boys held their nerve and conjured up an incredible victory. A brilliant catch by Harry Baxter, a couple of great run outs by Zac and skipper, Max Millwood, and some nerveless bowling by Cameron Matte saw us snatch a finals spot.

The boys took that momentum into the semi final against Mt Waverley and produced a dominant performance to win comfortably. Reduced to a one dayer, our boys posted a very handy 6/113, with Paul Wasiewicz (35) and Zac Grundmann-Perera (29) leading the way with the bat. In the field, Max Millwood led the

charge, bowling beautifully, taking 5/21, as Mt Waverley limped to 7/72.

It was all set up for a crackerjack grand final against the undefeated top team, Oakleigh. Max's unavailability on Day One was a major loss, but Jesse Toniolo (4/20), Zac Grundmann-Perera (2/11) and Dan Mitchell (2/12) stepped up in favourable bowling conditions. A score of 120 seemed gettable, but being a GF and having runs on the board meant that it was never going to be easy. And so it proved. After a very solid start from Max Millwood (25) and Paul Wasiewicz (30), things unfortunately unraveled as the run rate started to creep up. In the end, the boys couldn't quite get the job done, falling a dozen runs short.

It's always disappointing to lose a GF, but I couldn't be more proud of this group of boys. We certainly didn't lack for a variety of characters. From the highly skilful Zac Perera-Grundmann, Max Millwood and Dan Mitchell to the quieter Cameron Matte, Dave McCarthy and Tom Simmons, and the more boisterous George Harte, Gabe Doyle and James Bailey, we had a great mix that really gelled as a team. Zac, Max and Dan's batting and bowling skills gives them real potential to be First XI players. In the bowling Department, Cameron Matte, Jesse Toniolo, Dave McCarthy and James Bailey all have bright futures. Paul Wasiewicz, Tom Deighton, Tom Simmons, George Harte and Gabe Doyle are not far behind these boys, while Harry Baxter, Tristan Hyams and Tom Farlow generally made the most of the limited opportunities they got during the season. I certainly hope they are all back next season, as junior players or as graduates to the seniors.

A special thanks to our team manager, Tim Bailey, and main scorer, Bernadette Matte. Their commitment and assistance was very much appreciated.

**Bruno Borci**  
**UNDER 17 COACH**

# J.G. CRAIG SHIELD



Previously known as the 'Hatch Shield', this season the VSDCA U15 Representative Tournament was renamed the JG Craig Shield.

This season's team was decided after a number of training sessions at Caulfield Park, settling on a final squad of 15 which comprised almost half Caulfield juniors and half from other clubs.

Our squad this year was as follows: Josh Murray (C), Ryan MacDermid, Paul Wasiewicz, Charlie Loveridge, Jayden Banks, Harry Campbell, Fraser Long, Jonah Roseby, Tom Loveridge, Will Clark, Hugo Gray, Liam Harari, Charlie Connors, Ben Britbart-Ellazam, Sam Sargeant.

From a coaching point of view – myself, Stuart MacDermid and Peter O'Donnell made up the coaching group, and were ably assisted by many parents and helpers who helped create a great environment for everyone involved during the three week tournament.

We played 6 games in total, winning 2, losing 2, and drawing 2 due to wash outs. We only just missed out on a finals berth and could easily have made it – the 2 games we lost were lost through poor team batting rather than being outplayed, but despite that our lads kept their heads high.

As the group played more games together, they began working to game plans and ultimately defeated the top team in our last

round game which was a great way to finish our round games.

We had a few notable performances but unfortunately couldn't get our batting line up to fire consistently. Paul Wasiewicz was our most consistent batsman scoring a couple of 50's and a 38no, but outside that our batting performances let us down with no other players scoring consistent runs. With the ball, Tom Loveridge proved our most accurate bowler taking 6/23 against ladder leader Elsternwick, and also took 5/15 against Ormond. Jayden Banks with a 4/13 performance and Hugo Gray a couple of 2 wicket hauls were also solid contributors. At this age, the key to taking wickets is bowling consistently up and around the stumps, and once we starting executing this towards the end of the tournament we actually won games of cricket!

Of the playing list from this year, almost half of the boys are eligible to play again next year which is great. Many of these boys are also beginning to play senior cricket, and are involved in other representative programs so the future looks bright.

Playing a tournament in the first few weeks of January is not easy and cannot happen unless we receive huge amounts of support from parents, supporters, and coaches. The group of parents we had this year were fantastic in terms of supporting the boys so a very big thankyou to you all on behalf of the team and coaching group.

Finally on behalf of Caulfield CC, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to any of the players from outside clubs to head down to Caulfield if they are looking for a game on turf or need advice on their journey towards senior cricket.

**Tristan Banks**  
**J.G. CRAIG SHIELD COACH**