

SOCIAL REPORT



The club deliberately decided to undertake a more subdued social calendar in season 2014/15, given the extensive program of events held the previous season, headlined by the gala dinner and Hall of Fame induction attended by over 150 guests to earmark the club's 125th season.

We kicked off with 'Bogan Bingo'. Mullet wigs, flannel shirts, footy shorts and black 80's heavy metal T-shirts were the order of the night, and a fun night was had by all.

The iconic Morrison Sportsman's Luncheon followed on its usual date of the last Friday in November. Fred Cook provided some interesting insights on the high's and lows of his colourful life, with MC David Schwarz doing a wonderful job to keep Fred on track and speaking superbly on his own football career and all he has been through both on and off the field. An impromptu Q&A with leading jockey Danny Nikolic rounded out a great afternoon. Thanks must go to Pat Lennon and Shaun Richardson for organising the day.

The Past Players' Luncheon in January was again well attended and covered numerous decades. Harold Little headed the distinguished past players' entourage and remains an inspiration to us all. Past captain coaches Alan Donohue and Len Peterson were especially welcome. Alan was greatly admired as a player, captain and coach and did much to create a winning culture for our modern era. Len continued on from Alan's positive influence and was another fierce competitor with a successful District career before transferring to Caulfield.

Former opening bowler, Alan Ashworth travelled down from country Victoria and is a passionate supporter who regards Caulfield as his home club despite having played many seasons at Richmond. David Knight again visited from Ballarat and is incredibly supportive given his continuing involvement in cricket in Bendigo. David spent time during the day with our former 1st XI wicket keeper John Hughes (1980 to 1984), a past captain/wicket keeper of the Prahran Cricket Club and one of our great personalities. 'Hughesy's' support remains for Caulfield and he is father of Peter and Daniel, both former Caulfield 1st XI new ball bowlers.

Hall of Famer, Ron Williams (344 club games) again attended along with John Newman, who played in a 3rd XI premiership and was a terrific performer in finals' games and Paul Sundberg, one of the three generations of Sundbergs to represent Caulfield and a regular attendee at our 1st XI games. Paul went on to play 200 games of District 1st XI cricket including a time as Captain of Hawthorn East Melbourne after he commenced at Caulfield Park in his teenage years. Hall of Famer, Ross Mathieson continues to support the club, Shaun Graf attended and retains a great interest in the Club where he and his son Lachlan played together before Lachlan went on to St Kilda Cricket Club. John Fowler, Milton Hawley, John Williams, Max Giblett and Mick Boyes enjoyed the afternoon. Ty Matthews, Rick Werner and Warren Fricke were in attendance and all three have given magnificent service in past years, all three spending many hours as administrators as well as important players.

I would like to thank Ed Godinho for his assistance with the social portfolio, and Dave McNamara needs to be acknowledged for the critical role he plays on match days off field.

Other thanks must go to Geoff Reilley, Carol and Wayne Seccombe, Doug & Jan King, Karun McNamara, Wayne Bartlem and Mandy Taylor for ensuring all social events and match days were well run and well attended this year.

Stuart Macdermid
SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

VCCL COUNTRY WEEK



We were allocated one VCCL Country Week fixture and Harold Little again managed our hospitality toward the visitors in true Caulfield style. Conditions were excellent and the visitors were very pleased to be playing at Caulfield.

Our Club has been one of the favourite grounds for Country Week competitors for many years not only due to the excellent playing conditions but for the manner in which our Club hosts their games.

Its worth noting the current 1st XI all rounder Dale Denny's interest in joining Caulfield was first sparked after playing in a Country Week fixture

at Caulfield Park in February 2014. Dale liked what he saw that particular day and given he was moving to Melbourne from Geelong permanently for work, made contact with the club and duly joined us last season.

So opportunities like VCCL Country Week where the club gets the chance to showcase all that it has to offer on and off the field should never be taken lightly.

To Harold and his regular assistants we extend our gratitude for upholding our reputation as a popular host club.

YOUNG GUNS



One of the great initiatives introduced by the Victorian Premier cricket competition in recent times has been "Back to Home Club" night, when twice a season young Premier players return to their junior club to assist on a training night, catch up with some old teammates and give something back to the club that helped them start out on their cricketing journey.

This season we were visited by Lachlan Graf (St. Kilda CC), James Rosewarne (Greenvale Kangaroos CC), Sam Harper (Melbourne CC), Chris Anderson and Jack Harper (Monash Tigers CC). A notable apology was Will Pucovski from the Melbourne Cricket Club.

These young players are all forging fine careers at Premier level, and their continued interest in and support of our club is greatly appreciated.

Of particular note was the selection of Will Pucovski as captain of the Victorian Under 17 team for this season's National Championships in Hobart, and Sam Harper as Vice Captain of the Victorian Under 19 team for this season's National Championships in Adelaide.

All at Caulfield were thrilled when after an outstanding National carnival, both Sam and Will were selected to tour England with the Australian Under 19 team in July 2015.

The sons of former club greats Jan Pucovski and Bryan Harper, we will continue to follow the careers of both boys, along with all young cricketers who have left us to pursue their cricket at a higher level, with great interest.