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TOP: A regular outdoor selection night in 2021/22
ABOVE: Caleb Burah sweeping vs Claremont-Nedlands
RIGHT: The long-awaited Horan opening partnership
BELOW: Senior coaches at the Skills Academy



GOSNELLS CRICKET CLUB
2021-22 AWARD WINNERS

BATTING AVERAGES

First Grade

Aqeel Wahid
342 runs at 26.31

Second Grade

Bryden Emrich
321 runs at 64.20

Third Grade

Brandon Cavallaro
287 runs at 31.89

Fourth Grade

Bryden Emrich
254 runs at 127.00

BOWLING AVERAGES

Third Grade

Matthew Robson
27 wickets at 14.04

Fourth Grade

Bradley Dixon
16 wickets at 21.31

**There was no award winner for First and Second Grade
bowling averages*



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GOSNELLS CRICKET CLUB

2021-22 AWARD WINNERS

MAIT ARMSTRONG AWARD

Kade Povey

12 wickets at 46.67

FIELDING AWARD

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Daniel Smedley

34 votes

HAWK MEDAL

1. Aqeel Wahid - 19 votes

2. Bryden Emrich - 16 votes

=3. Tim Horan - 15 votes

=3. Matthew Robson - 15 votes

=3. Anthony Collova - 15 votes

GIL McDONALD ONE DAY

CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

1. Bryden Emrich - 565 pts

2. Claus Lotter - 449.6 pts

3. Michael Dawson - 444.9 pts

PETER LENNON AWARD U19 CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

1. Kade Povey - 466.0 pts

2. Jake Passmore - 443.0 pts

3. Claus Lotter - 438.0 pts

JOHN MARSH MEMORIAL TROPHY - SENIOR

CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

1. Aqeel Wahid - 821.8 pts

2. Curtis Holmes - 817.8 pts

3. Bryden Emrich - 798.9 pts



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2021-22 IN PICTURES



The Presidents Report Paul Cullinane

We have managed to scrape through another COVID-impacted season in 2021-22, but thankfully this year we were finally able to celebrate our season and award winners with our Wind-up and Presentation Dinner, held at the Camfield for the very first time.

At this time of the year as the club president I get the best opportunity to thank our loyal members and hard-working volunteers for the tremendous contribution they have made in season gone. First and foremost, I would like to thank our Life Members and sponsors for their ongoing support of the Gosnells Cricket Club.

Next to all members of our board, in Andrew Panetta (Chairman), Sam Parkyn (Treasurer), Simon Acomb (Secretary), Craig Passmore (Director of Grounds), Dinesh Burah (Director of Senior Cricket), Paul Marshall (Director of Junior Cricket), Chris Rice (Director of Community Cricket), Paul Smedley (Director of Administration) and Matt Robson (Director of Sponsorship and Marketing). Thank you for another wonderful season of hard work and devotion to making our club a great place to enjoy cricket.

I must also acknowledge and thank our many volunteers, particularly with help on game day. Once again it was Bobby Wiltshire as our Match Day Ground Manager and his wife Susie who every week looks after the bar and kitchen during the day. Another outstanding effort from these two this season, thank you.

Next to Ken Ashwin, as the Bar Manager and for managing our recycling program. A brilliant effort to keep our Thursday and Saturday nights running with the move to an outdoor setting, thank you Ken.

Karen Povey and Pat McDonald for regularly providing the senior club with the usual tradition of selection night dinners on alternating Thursdays, a brilliant effort too. And, to Geoff and Kellie Foster for their work with the bar too, thank you very much.



ABOVE: Naveen Muthu, Jake Passmore, Christian Agostino, Brad Dixon and Cam Sawatzky running a Saturday night dinner during the season

This year our Saturday meals were rostered week to week, and

for this I must thank Cassie McGann for a fantastic job managing this task. Along with this, the wonderful volunteers who fed us this season included the Panetta, Burah, McGann, Robson, Henderson, Holmes, Dawson and James-Buckley families. At times we also had Ken Ashwin provide us with meals, as well as the 4th Grade side led by Chef Brad Dixon, and the magnificent pizza night provided by the U17s parents.

From a cricketing point of view, I want to acknowledge the efforts of our Head Coach Wayne Andrews and the progress he is making with a very young club. It was a tough year on the field, but Wayne's professionalism and teaching experience is a huge bonus for the Hawks. He has now ticked off his first year as club head coach and can now build on this platform in the coming years.

A thanks is in order too for his assistant coaches, with Ken Dawson, Peter Agostino, Danny Neretlis, Guy Hoskin, Colin Leipold and Mitch Coles all involved throughout the season. An extra mentioned is needed for Ken, who also led the Colts through to the knockout stages for the second straight season. To our junior coaches in Ross Leipold (U17s), Sean Collingwood (U15s), Prateek Ahluwalia (U14s) and Toby Marshall (U13s), thank you for the continual development of junior sides.

A well done to Simon Acomb additionally on another great year of management for the ITF. We all know this will be a corner piece of the club's growth in the coming years by offering our players year-round training facilities, as well as generating much needed revenue for the club, and most importantly drawing community cricketers from the local regions through the Gosnells Cricket Club junior ranks as a place where they will want the opportunity to play high-level cricket. Simon now has our centre running with almost 60% of bookings as external which is a fabulous effort given the uncertainty COVID has caused to business.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the unfortunate losses over the summer of Rod Marsh, Shane Warne and of course Colin Minson. All three men were great contributors to our great game, particularly Rod and Shane impact on all cricketers through their performances on the international stage. 'Minno' of course did so much for the local game and SportFM, but also had a very soft spot for the Gosnells Cricket Club and often reward us with the competition's B&F for our afternoon teas, particularly Audrey and Julie Leipold's famous vanilla slice.

And finally, I would love to thank our players for their commitment and effort again this year. It was tough at times, but we can see the learning is happening of course, and if we all stay the course it will turn around sooner rather than later. I would also like to congratulate Aqeel Wahid for his win in the Hawk Medal as presented as seasons end with a very successful count and evening. Good luck and well done to all those players too who will receive an award at our Presentation Evening as well.

PAUL CULLINANE
Club President

Director of Seniors **Dinesh Burah**

Unfortunately, another season ends sooner than anticipated for Gosnells, but thankfully we managed to get through all our games without being heavily impacted by COVID.

Sometimes things happen for a reason, and this season we were able to appoint Wayne Andrews as Head Coach, who was supported by several assisting coaches, particularly Ken Dawson as his assistant coach. Our entire coaching team this season consisted of ex-Hawks players, which just shows their deep passion to make Gosnells a great club.



ABOVE: Dinesh and club cult-figure Rufus

During the off season, we conducted our usual skills academy leading into our big pre-season training, undertaken in the Indoor Training Facility. Wayne introduced several specialist coaching staff throughout this period to support the programs, from which I have witnessed further development and improvement in the playing group. We also continued with the strength and conditioning sessions with Mitch Coles, as well as an early pre-season Powerhouse program and these sessions have been very useful for the player group.

Off the field, the playing group again participated in two separate mental health promotional sessions conducted by the brilliant Outside The Locker Room team. The first session was on Inclusion and Respect, and the other on Gambling. Both sessions were well attended, and the group engaged well with the presenters.

We were under no illusion this season that the road ahead for Gosnells senior group was going to be a tough one for sure. We have the youngest group of players in the competition, with a few of them being given the honour of earning their Baggy Blue this season. We have also attracted some fresh younger faces as well amongst this, and with the guidance and support from our coaching team, I am positive of coming results and an overall improvement in the coming seasons.

I would like to thank the coaching team of Ken Dawson as assistant to Wayne, alongside Danny Neretlis, Peter Agostino, Peter Clough, Guy Hoskins and Colin Leipold. Also to Karen Povey, Pat McDonald and Christine, as well as the always well-supported by Ken Ashwin for ensuring the boys were well fed and hydrated Thursday and Saturday nights.

I will also extend a special thanks to my fellow board member colleagues for the support and guidance to succeed in this new role.

Thank you.

DINESH BURAH
Director of Senior Cricket



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2021-22 HAWK MEDAL AQEEL WAHID

At the conclusion of the 2021-22 season, we once again celebrated the performances of several individuals with the Hawk Medal count, which this year was topped by First Grade all-rounder Aqeel Wahid.

'Shaq' was a remarkable point of consistency in the Ones side this year despite their lack of results, and became one of the leaders on the field this year for the young club, culminating in his first Hawk Medal win.

His most notable achievement came in R13 against Midland Guildford, where he compiled a personal-best of 60* from 80 balls to finish off a One-Day innings at Midland-Guildford for his maiden First Grade fifty. He also performed well against Willetton capturing 1/19 from 10 overs before making 42 in the chase, and against University where he captured 3/78 from 26 overs in-between two innings making 45 runs in the match, finishing not out in the second dig.

19 votes from his 15 games was enough to secure the medal ahead of second place Bryden Emrich with 16, who also enjoyed a remarkable season with two centuries, two batting awards and over 600 runs.

Coming in equal third was a three-way tie between Anthony Collova (409 runs, 1st Grade), Tim Horan (over 500 runs and two tons, 4th/3rd Grade) and Matthew Robson (28 wickets, 3rd/2nd Grade) who all finished with 15 votes to reward some strong individual seasons.

Aqeel said that although 2021-22 was one of the toughest seasons he's been apart of, he gained an understanding of his game that he hasn't had before.

"I am deeply honoured to win this medal. However, after such a harsh year of cricket I will no doubt look to move forward with an exciting group of talent".



AQEEL WAHID 2021-22 SEASON

FIRST-TIME HAWK MEDAL WINNER WITH 19 VOTES
(stats from all WACA comps, inc. Premier T20 and Colts)



WICKETS - 20 at 45.85
BB - 3/18 (3.0) vs RM (Colts)

RUNS - 449 at 26.31
HS - 60* (80) vs MGD (1s)

RUN-OUTS INVOLVED - 7
CATCHES - 9


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Head Coach Wayne Andrews

Let's not hide behind the fact that it has been a tough 2021/22 season for all of us. However, behind every dark cloud there is a silver lining.

Despite some dismal performances towards the end of the season, we've seen a lot of overall improvement in several areas of fitness, knowledge, leadership, ownership and experience, which all bodes well for next season ahead.

Team First Professionalism Honesty

These three words above are our three core values in which we are continuing to improve in the delivery and implementation of our game, which again bodes well for us in the near future.

Our challenge as a playing group is to always improve and to always get better at everything we do. That might be improving physical skills such as my sweep or learning to bowl a great slower ball, or interpersonal aspects like helping my teammate in his time of need, leading by example or putting words into actions the list goes so on. Together we can all improve in helping each other in achieving our goals, our dreams and our successes.

For each one of us we must continue to take ownership. Not just of our cricket goals, but of our lives if we are to reach the cricketing summit which we desire. There are going to be times when you are physically and mentally about to fail. However, this is part of the journey, we are all a work in progress. But it is in these moments you can make it change and we all can change it, if we're willing to step up to the plate.

A thanks is need for the coaches and captains who have so far made and will continue to make a positive impact on our players. You give up a lot of your spare time and for that I am extremely grateful. I've certainly appreciated your cricketing expertise and honesty with both the players and myself. I encourage all of you to continue building on these relationships in furthering our players development on and off the field.

Thank you to a hardworking and tireless Club Board in providing us with brilliant leadership and direction. Together we are creating and establishing an environment, and a pathway, for all our players to get the opportunity to develop and grow individually and as a collective. With your continued assistance, support and understanding we are sure to have the success that all of us are striving for at Gosnells.

To the many volunteers, and there are so many of you, I thank you for all your support. It's not just your tireless commitment in assisting the club to function smoothly, it's the unwavering love you all display going about your business that I appreciate so much. I look forward to seeing and working with you all again next season.

Finally, to all players that have represented the club this year, I thank you for your efforts starting way back in July last year. I know I ask a lot of your time and commitment, and it is a challenge for you to juggle your life with cricket playing a big part of it. In saying that you only get out what your prepared to put into it as nothing worthwhile comes easily. I really do appreciate your efforts this year and I'm looking forward to next season when we continue the journey in getting better.

“ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS”

WAYNE ANDREWS
Head Coach

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Director of Juniors Paul Marshall

Hello to all junior players, families and the wider GCC community.

The season came to an abbreviated end, and this is the best opportunity I will have to firstly say thank you to the many people who made our season a success. In what is a fast-moving and ever-changing environment, where the unpredictable usually happens. The dedication, countless hours of personal sacrifice and literal blood, sweat and tears that people have displayed for us this year has amazed me.

Having started way back in July of 2021, our committed group of coaches and team managers have guided our players through yet another season. Through their leadership, and with the amazing help of our junior families, I hope that all our players have enjoyed their seasons. Most importantly I hope they have grown and learnt about themselves, what they can achieve and built some long-lasting friendships, both on and off the field.

Casting our minds back to the start of the season, our focus as a junior program was not solely about winning. It was about player development and setting our players along the path to make them highly skilled young cricketers who will one day graduate into the senior grades of our club, and hopefully earn their Baggy Blue cap as First Grade players for the GCC.

In doing this, as a junior program we based our season on three key objectives which were:

- Recruit the best junior players possible through an extensive trial and selection process.
- Develop our junior players to be the best that can be through high quality, structured coaching.
- Retain our junior players year-on-year and transition them into senior grades.

Whilst some may focus heavily on winning games of junior cricket, this is not always the best form of measurement for success. To see wider player development within our junior teams will result in more players developing into fine cricketers for our club. Reflecting on the past season, we believe these objectives have been met and are bearing fruit for the club, its senior grades and will do as we build on this solid base.

Before I finish up, I would also like to make a big mention of those players who have now completed their time within the junior program at Gosnells and will now progress into our seniors ranks. These players are Kade, Luca, Jake, Toby, Rhett, Tom and Cooper. Well done to all of you on your fantastic junior careers' boys, and best of luck for your future endeavours.

At the conclusion of the season, we were able to hold our trophy presentation and wind-up night, albeit in a different format, adjacent to the Indoor Training Facility. This was a great opportunity to thank the host of volunteers, recognise the performances of our players and to socialise with our junior families prior to heading into the off season. Personally, I would like to extend a big thank you again to everyone who helped our club, those wh

o provided myself with assistance or advice and would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing off season.

PAUL MARSHALL
Director of Junior Cricket

UNDER 17s JUNIOR REVIEW

The U17s were well led by our highly experienced coaching group, consisting of Ross Leipold, Bruce Bussanich and Grant MacDonald. Our U17s team headed into the season light of numbers unfortunately however, following the late withdrawal of a couple of players.

Unfazed by this, the players again worked tirelessly through our winter programs, then into pre-season before tackling the season proper. The formation of the U17s became a collaboration of second year U17s plus the introduction of the previous U15s, in addition to some new players to the club, and the boys all knew it would take a while to see the results. During the first half of the season the team went on to record some memorable victories through great teamwork, once again backed up by some very strong player performances.

This season also saw a shift in the way those players afforded the opportunity to play within our seniors were handled. There was a desire to allow these players to remain fresh for their senior commitments, which often resulted in them sitting out the U17s fixture to have them best prepared for the afternoon game.

Whilst in some ways this may have depleted the playing stocks for the junior squad, it also reduced the incidence of players missing out on vital matches as it allowed the extended squad to all play most weekends.

Congratulations must go to those players who either made their senior debut or were regular players within the senior grades, which including Jake Passmore, Jack Sutton, Toby Marshall, Kade MacDonald and Rhett Grincer. Many others were unlucky to miss out, but I am sure will be well prepared next season.

This season we saw four players from the U17s reach the half-century mark in a innings including Connor Southam with 60 vs Wanneroo, Luca Gangemi scoring 74 v South Perth, Kade MacDonald making 98 v Subiaco-Floreat with Sebastian Gangemi going twice managing 57 vs Centurions before again compiling 57 vs Bayswater-Morley this time.

UNDER 17s AWARD WINNERS

Batting – Sebastian Gangemi

Bowling – Tom Dixon

Fielding – Cooper Smith

Coaches Award – Tom Dixon



UNDER 15s JUNIOR REVIEW

Well, what can be said for this group of players. Having come from a position where only a couple of wins in total were had from the past two seasons as a group, the U15s started the season in fine form notching several great victories.

'Belief' seemed to be the catchcry for this team as they worked from day one in pre-season with the focus on believing that they as players, and as a team, could certainly stamp their mark on the competition. And that they did. It started out with an excellent victory in Round 1, and from on there the side went through to the Christmas break on the back of some good form despite the loss of various players throughout the first half with injury.

The depth of the squad, plus the benefit of some individual brilliance, kept the team in the hunt for finals contention.

Coaches Sean Collingwood and Christian Agostino did a sterling job of steering the team, and gave them the confidence and freedom to play with flair and high-intensity all season long. As the season went, game by game, you could see the team growing in stature as they began to adapt to the changes in game style (T20s and One Dayers) while always displaying the right spirit of the game. On some occasions it must be said they were confronted with less-than-ideal scenarios, but to see the whole team bond and stick together in the face of this adversity was a credit to them.

We were treated to some freakish individual performances again in this team with both the bat and the ball. Some of these that took place included a rapid-fire five-wicket haul from Kye Horan against Bayswater-Morley (which I believe earned him 10 Bic-Macs from Ago) and a half-century by Jake Collingwood against Melville.

However, it would be remiss of me not to mention the outstanding season of Taj Ballantyne, who went on to amass 511 runs at an average of 39.31. This included four half-centuries and a spectacular century of 108 against Centurions at home.

Congratulations also goes to Taj and Alen Paul for being selected to attend the WACA Under 15's Talent Pathways matches.

UNDER 15s AWARD WINNERS

Batting – Taj Ballantyne

Bowling – Alen Paul

Fielding – Zac Zilioli

Coaches Award – Keiran Simmons



UNDER 14s JUNIOR REVIEW

Being led by Prateek Ahluwalia, Jacques Nel and Luke Howard, the U14s boys fought out a tough season, despite not achieving the levels of scoreboard success that may have hoped for early on.

Despite this, like the U13s, they showed terrific willingness to learn, sharpen their match focus and came very, very close to a couple of late victories. The entire playing group certainly grew their knowledge, personal confidence and displayed outstanding sportsmanship both on and off field, having conducted themselves respectfully at all stages of the season.

Several players again made their way into Premier Cricket this season for the first time, and it was evident from the outset that they have what it takes to succeed. The dedication to attend training and try to learn something at each session, plus the desire to work hard, saw them push through tough times and again have some great personal milestones.

There is a deserving couple of congratulations to Rathish Karthikeyan for his knock of 54 against South Perth, and to Ben Walling for his outstanding and unbeaten 91* against Willetton. I have no doubt that with some extra overs in hand Ben would have gone onto make a century.

UNDER 14s AWARD WINNERS

Bowling – Rohan Crook

Fielding – James Free

Most Improved – Armand Nel

Coaches Award – Rathish Karthikeyan



UNDER 13s JUNIOR REVIEW

For our U13s, most of this team was playing their first season within the Premier Cricket competition and it was a steep learning curve for our players, some of whom were younger than others. It was the first exposure on turf pitches for most, the first-time players were not forced to retire, the first opportunities arose for bowlers to bowl more overs each match and the general playing rules were foreign to many.

Having been to many of these games, come season's end it was very clear that there had been huge improvement in our players throughout, both individually but also collectively as a team. They found their mojo mid-season, capped with a terrific win against South Perth along with some strong performances in the latter half of the year.

Our coaching team of Gareth Jacobs and Toby Marshall established a great learning environment and certainly one which the younger players seemed to enjoy. Unfortunately, during the mid-season Gareth was unable to continue in his role, and I must thank Brent McMeikan for stepping into the role as a coach to continue to work with Toby to round out the season.

There were some notable performances from within the U13s, which included a maiden half century by Josh Anish against South Perth. This was certainly one of the top individual performances for the season.

UNDER 13s AWARD WINNERS

Batting – Heath Wilson

Bowling – Taj Patterson

Fielding – Cooper McMeikan

Most Improved – Ryan Roshan

Coaches Award - Euan Dawson



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