

# COVER DRIVE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GOSNELLS CRICKET CLUB  
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**TOP:** Entry at the 2021-22 GCC Windup at the Camfield  
**ABOVE RIGHT:** Kade Povey with Paul Cullinane  
**RIGHT:** Bryden Emrich with Wayne Andrews  
**BELOW:** Senior cricketer of the year Aqeel Wahid



**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*

# *GOSNELLS CRICKET CLUB*

## *2021-22 AWARD WINNERS*

### *MAIT ARMSTRONG AWARD*

**Kade Povey**

12 wickets at 46.67

### *FIELDING AWARD*

*(DONATED BY LEN HILL)*

**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



# The Chairman's Report Bruce Bussanich

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I would like to welcome everyone to season 2022-23 and extend a very warm welcome to the club's life members, returning players, new players and their families.

I'm sure the coming season will be one that we can build on from last year. I have attended a few training sessions and I have been suitably impressed with how preseason has been run and the enthusiasm shown by the players and coaches. I believe the tide is turning at Gosnells and there will be more successful times ahead.

I would also like to welcome back the returning board members for the coming season. The board is very stable having only had one change for the coming season:

Paul Cullinane - **President**

Sam Parkyn - **Treasure**

Simon Acomb - **Club Secretary**

Paul Smedley - **Administration**

Dinesh Burah - **Director of WACA Seniors**

Paul Marshall - **Director of WACA Juniors**

Chris Rice - **Director of Community Cricket**

Wayne Andrews - **Head Coach**, plus his team of assistant coaches for the coming season.

For those of of you accessing this newsletter digitally, I have added a link for our contact details at <https://gosnellsgc.org/our-club/board-of-management/> or go to Gosnells Cricket Club website and search for Board of Management. Open Board Positions.

The board still has two open positions which we are keen to fill. If you are interested in either position, please contact either myself or Paul Cullinane. The board is very supportive of each other in our duties as board members. These positions are:

**Director of Marketing and Sponsorship** - We are looking for someone to coordinate the marketing of the club, liaise with current sponsors and develop new opportunities for the club. If you or someone you know has experience or is studying in this area, please get in touch.

**Director of Grounds** - This role is mainly liaising with the City of Gosnells staff based at Sutherlands Park. From time to time there maybe occasions that some preparatory work on the wickets may need to be done to help with any short falls from the council. I have been in this role over several years and found it enjoyable and rewarding. I will be there to support anyone that may want to take on this board position.

## ***Andrew Panetta***

I would like to thank outgoing chairman Andrew Panetta for his contribution to the club over the last few years. His commitment and support for the club has been outstanding and we are grateful for all that he has done. Andrew has been a long serving club member and represented the club in first grade level on numerous occasions.

Andrew took on the Chairman's role four years ago and has overseen the delivery of the club's indoor training centre which I'm sure you will all agree is an outstanding facility. Andrew decided to step away at the end of last year due to outside commitments. I'm glad to say that Andrew will still be around the club watching his two boys play and supporting the club.

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## ***Volunteer Help***

Volunteers are at the heart of every club and we need more people to put their hand up when they can. Over the last few years, the club has seen a drop off volunteers and people helping out around the club. The club cannot survive on just a few doing all the work around it, and I am starting to see a bit of burnout with some of our volunteers.

We really need players and parents to get involved and help out by picking up some of the jobs that need doing around the club. The club belongs to all of us and all of us helping will make us a better club. Sharing the load instead of leaving it to a few will make it light work for everyone.

Gosnells Cricket Club is one of the best family clubs that I have been involved with and it would be great to see as many of the players and their families in and around the club this season. If someone asks you for a hand, please respond positively.

**BRUCE BUSSANICH**  
Chairman of the Board

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## **The Presidents Report** Paul Cullinane

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Welcome to all our members, players and coaches to the 2022-23 season.

With the majority of strict COVID protocols behind us, we are certainly looking forward to an uninterrupted season of cricket at Sutherlands Park. Although remaining mindful that this can change at any minute, the people in charge of cricket in WA people have put in place contingencies to ensure that the competition suffers little disruption.

The off-season has been busy. The club is very fortunate to be able to welcome back Dinesh Burah as our Director of Senior Cricket, and Paul Marshall as our Director of Junior Cricket. Both men oversaw fantastic jobs last year and I am certainly looking forward to the plans and innovations they will bring to the table this year. It has been encouraging to attend the various pre-season programs, and to witness the enthusiasm and motivation of both our junior and senior players to learn, practice and prepare themselves to compete at a high-level this season.

The Indoor Training Facility has been exceptional and a great help for our coaches. Our senior coaches, led by club Head Coach Wayne Andrews, are presenting fresh challenges to our players to learn and work on their games to become better. Each season you can see our young players grow and with the extra experience of competing in this competition, improvement will come. Wayne has introduced a very his professional approach to cricket that everyone has bought into. He has great support from assistant coach Ken Dawson, and specialist skills coaches in Peter Agostino, Danny Neretlis and Guy Hoskin. Mitch Coles of Roar Fitness Canning Vale will be again looking after the strength and conditioning training.

Paul Marshall has also been very busy and this year we will see some fresh faces in the coaching ranks at junior level, and so I wish Christian Agostino (U17s), Jacques Nel (U15s), Andrew Morgan (U14s) and Puneet Sharma (U13s) all the best for the coming season with their new squads.

The Club is in a very healthy position with good numbers in both the senior and junior cricket groups who are very keen to grow and play together. I look forward to seeing our club and its players improve and compete to their very best and celebrate good performances. In closing, I would just like to wish all of our members, parents, players, coaches and importantly our volunteers all the very best for the season.

**PAUL CULLINANE**  
Club President

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# Director of Seniors Dinesh Burah

Well, another season starts as quick as the last season finished. The seniors started their pre-season training in July focusing on the basics while getting back into cricket, in parallel with strength and conditioning activities to burn off the winter blues.

As part of our commitment to support players ensuring they can cope with challenges, we introduced a one-off nutrition-based session. This session conducted by students from Curtin University focused on creating a healthy, balanced diet and reducing intake of sugary drinks.

We had some player movements at the start of this season, but have also managed to attract some fresh faces as well as welcoming the upcoming and ageing out u17s from last year. As mentioned before we have a very young base of players and the challenge for the club is to retain and develop them. With the guidance and support from the coaching team, I am positive of the results and an overall improvement in the coming season.

I would like to thank the coaching team including Ken Dawson acting as assistant to Wayne, who will also be supported by Danny Neretlis, Peter Agostino and Guy Hoskins. We retained the external services of Mitch Coles to continue the strength and conditioning work as well.

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

Thank you.

**DINESH BURAH**  
Director of Senior Cricket



# 2021-22 HAWK MEDAL AQEEL WAHID



**HAWK  
MEDALLIST  
2021/2022**

**AQEEL WAHID**

**19 VOTES**

**WICKETS: 11**

**RUNS: 342**

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TEAMWEAR - WORKWEAR - CLUBWEAR  
WESTATE EMBROIDERY

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.



# Head Coach Wayne Andrews

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After another mad finish to our cricketing season in 2021-22, due in part to COVID again followed with a well-earned winter break. Since then, our boys have all returned refreshed and refocused for the pre-season and season ahead.

We started the pre-season with our returning Strength & Conditioning Manager Mitch Coles conducting a number of fitness testing exercises on a Sunday morning in July. As we have seen over our journey so far, the importance of having a high fitness base plays a huge role in injury prevention. This enables all our players to do what they love best, playing the game without spending time on the sideline attending to their rehabilitation. The following Tuesday from this was the official commencement of our pre-season skills focus inside our first class Indoor Training Facility at Sutherlands Park.

The players were required within a 6-week period to develop and prepare their necessary and comfortable skills and routines in readiness for game specific scenarios they would be facing in September ahead of the season starting. This was an important period for individuals to discover and cement their routines prior to the next stage of the pre-season program.

As with all development phases in a cricketer's life there is continual tweaking of individual routines and game plans, and this period provided the players with an opportunity in exploring new practices along with achieving them. We are currently, at the time of printing, in the final phase of our pre-season with our direction now on game development and preparation for the first Saturday in October, when round 1 and the 2022-23 campaign kicks off.

I would like to commend the coaches and the playing group on taking up the challenges that have been put in front of them. I am confident we are now in a better position than last season in understanding everyone's own individual strengths, which all bodes well for the season ahead. We certainly have many more obstacles to overcome but I look forward with extreme optimism for what lies ahead for this talented group of men.

I would also like to take this opportunity to also thank all coaches and players for continuing to communicate with myself regarding notification of late work commitments, holidays, the ever-present issues surrounding the way we deal with our health, in particular Covid, and with finding ways to just get better at getting better. Remember its *your* career, *your* responsibility to manage *your* cricket and life. I would like to think we are making a difference in this area.

As I look forward to the season ahead, I would also like to thank and wish our sponsors, the City of Gosnells, our curators, the GCC Board, our players, our volunteers and parents another wonderful summer of cricket ahead.

I'll see you all down at Sutherlands!

**WAYNE ANDREWS**  
Head Coach

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# Social Media Ronan DeGrussa

Hi all,

I hope you're all looking forward to the upcoming 2022-23 cricket season as much as I am. It should be a great year and there is certainly a positive atmosphere around the club at the moment, both in the playing group and on the outside. As some of you may already be aware but some will be finding out now, I will be taking over the role of running the club's social media channels this season, taking over from Matt Robson who has done a brilliant job over the last three seasons.

I am really looking forward to this new challenge and experience, hopefully taking the GCC's excellent socials to another level. The main reason I wanted to jump into this newly vacant role is because I have now seen first hand the impact it can make on a community and a club, especially whilst I was over in the UK this winter with the Sarisbury Athletic CC. While doing some work with their socials, the club was able to take them to another level and brought so many new faces into the club from around the area, and I hope to do the same for Gosnells. It is certainly the way forward and keen to see how far it can all go.

I can't wait to see everyone get behind it and share as much of the content as possible! Every little bit will make a massive difference. Thank you all in advance for your support!

Up the Hawks!!

**RONAN DeGRUSSA**  
Social Media Coordinator

**BELOW:** Coaches Wayne Andrews and Ken Dawson address the playing group during a pre-season skills



# Director of Juniors Paul Marshall

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Welcome to all of our junior players, parents and extended families to season 2022-23!!

As we approach the start to our season I have been tremendously impressed with the level of effort and dedication that our junior players have been showing during pre-season training for the best part of three months now.

Each of our junior teams have new players who join our club as part of their cricket journey, and we wish these players and their families a warm welcome and hope that you thoroughly enjoy your cricket, the club and make many new friends. We also welcome back our returning players and families who are continuing their careers at our club for another season.

This year we have a fantastic group of coaches who will guide our young players and deliver them with the necessary skills and knowledge to continue to grow their game. I would like to thank our coaches for each of the grades who as below, along with the other volunteers, who will be assisting in their various capacities.

## Coaches

**U13s** – Puneet Sharma - assisted by Roshan Ryan

**U14s** – Adnrew Morgan - assisted by Darren Rose

**U15s** – Jacques Nel - assisted by Luke Howard

**U17s** – Christian Agostino - assisted by Brad Dixon, Tim Horan and Peter Agostino

Collectively our coaching cohort have a huge amount of both playing and coaching experience, and will continue their personal development through attendance at a club based Advanced Coaching accreditation throughout the season.

Off field our junior cricket committee will be doing more amazing work represented by our team managers Shawn Franklin, Khubaib Raza, Peeush Rastogi and Nyree Collins. They will be joined by our junior communications coordinator Jodie Ward, uniform coordinator Sheree Simmons and our Director of Community Cricket Chris Rice. Together, this committee will support our players and coaches by providing all of the background work which is needed for a successful season both on and off the field.

Finally to the players, whilst I know each of you have worked very hard to reach this point and are desperate for success, always remember the most important part of the game is to have fun and enjoy what you do.

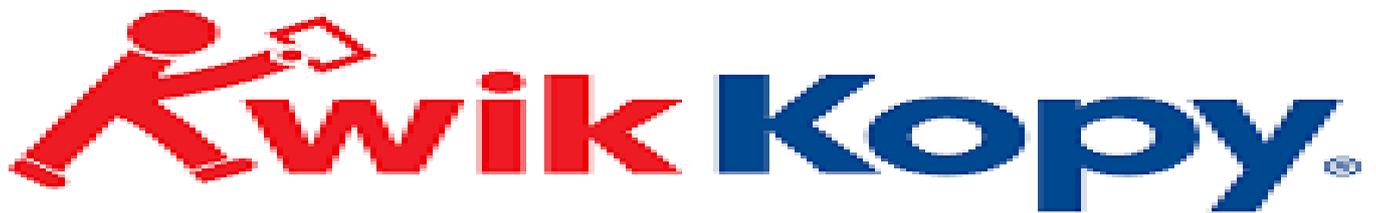
I once heard an interesting description of what **'luck'** is and how it can be interpreted in a sporting sense. It can be said that **luck** is the place where hard work meets opportunity.

You have all worked very hard and now will have the opportunity in matches to put the hard work into practice. So I won't wish you luck for the season, but will wish you an enjoyable and rewarding season and look forward to speaking to you all about the great personal and team achievements which this season will bring.

PAUL MARSHALL  
Director of Junior Cricket

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# COVER DRIVE

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## 1ST GRADE

**GOSNELLS** VS **JOONDALUP**

1st October 2022 | 10:30am | Sutherlands Park

**WILLETTON** VS **GOSNELLS**

8th October 2022 | 10:30am | Burrendah Park

**GOSNELLS** VS **BAYSWATER-MORLEY**

15th October 2022 | 10:30am | Sutherlands Park

## 2ND GRADE

**JOONDALUP** VS **GOSNELLS**

1st October 2022 | 10:30am | Iluka 1

**GOSNELLS** VS **WILLETTON**

8th October 2022 | 10:30am | Sutherlands Park

**BAYSWATER-MORLEY** VS **GOSNELLS**

15th October 2022 | 10:30am | Hillcrest Lower

## 3RD GRADE

**GOSNELLS** VS **JOONDALUP**

1st October 2022 | 11:40am | Sutherlands Park

**WILLETTON** VS **GOSNELLS**

8th October 2022 | 11:40am | Burrendah Park

**GOSNELLS** VS **BAYSWATER-MORLEY**

15th October 2022 | 11:40am | Sutherlands Park

## 4TH GRADE

**JOONDALUP** VS **GOSNELLS**

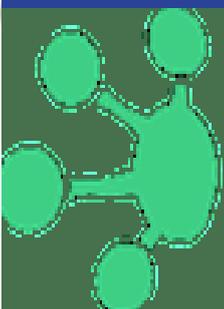
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**GOSNELLS** VS **WILLETTON**

8th October 2022 | 11:40am | Sutherlands Park

**BAYSWATER-MORLEY** VS **GOSNELLS**

15th October 2022 | 11:40am | Hillcrest Upper

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