



Welcome to all players, members and families to our new webpage and the start of another season.

This season brings an anticipated excitement with some new faces in coaching and playing roles and the opportunity for continued success across all grades. Chris Bambury has been appointed the clubs head coach for this season. We look forward to working with Chris, and drawing on his vast knowledge, experience and previous success as both a player and coach.

We would also like to welcome Pat Richards and his family to the club. Pat comes off a very successful season last year, having represented the GCA in country week and being selected for the Vic. Country team. A player of Pat's talent brings valuable experience to the group, and we look forward to him adding increased depth to our 1st XI team and the club.

Our junior program continues again this season and we are looking to field teams in all grades from under 11 through to under 17, including the Woolworths junior and master blasters for children aged from 5 – 9 years. We are also looking at the possibility of forming a girls team. Any interested players, please check our junior page for contacts.

This year we have a new and enthusiastic social committee, that are looking to have a number of functions throughout the season. The first of these will be our season launch and family day on Sunday October 6th, further details to follow.

We do our best to put our Club forward to improve our facilities and support membership fees. This would not be possible without the sponsorship we have been provided. We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors for their support, including our major sponsors:

Avalon Airport, Richie Brothers, The Elephant & Castle, Fulton Hogan & Lyons Construction.

Some minor disruptions will occur for the first half of the season at Shark Park, whilst the change rooms are upgraded with new amenities. Temporary facilities will be established during this time.

It is also vital to acknowledge our volunteers of the club. Many players would be amazed by the number of volunteer hours given during the year behind the scenes. The club's strength and stability is dependent upon strong support at all levels by volunteers and committee members. By showing respect and support for each other, our Club itself becomes respected. I extend my thanks to everyone who is/has worked so hard in making a positive impact.

I wish the club, and everybody associated with it continued success, and look forward to maintaining our respected reputation within the association.

“Desire is the key to motivation. But it's the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of our goal – a commitment to excellence – that will enable us to attain the success we seek.” (Mario Andretti)



**Dave Neil,
President.**