



Woodside Cricket Club

AGM 2007

Presidents Report

This year has been a busy year both on and off the field, but to judge a successful season many things must be considered not just on field results. The results from both senior and junior teams were encouraging but premiership success eluded us, maybe this season. The committee has worked very hard throughout the year to ensure that we have the best facilities and equipment of any team in the Hills.

The A grade under captain Nick Johns were the second best team in the competition however they let themselves down in their semi-final loss to Cambrai when they should have challenged Lobethal for the title. They must learn from that experience and ensure that given the opportunity they must take that chance but with a very young team and with further improvement particularly of the younger players the team has a bright future. The A2's with Duck McDonald leading the team made the finals after a slow start to the season and lost narrowly to Kersbrook in the semi-finals but with a more settled team should improve next year. The B grade team have plenty of room for improvement but their enjoyment of the game is great to see and they all promise to be back this season.

The Junior numbers were good once again, it was unfortunate that there weren't enough players for a U/16 team however I am sure we will have U/16 team this year. The U/14 team had a great year and the Grand final against Lobethal was Junior cricket at its best with our boys going down by a narrow margin. The Under 12 and Under 10 teams were both split into 2 teams with good numbers in both age groups and an enthusiastic group of coaches and parents keen to assist. The Junior Committee did a great job and I would like to acknowledge Stu Fuchs for all his efforts as Junior Coordinator and all the junior coaches for a great effort. The Junior Committee members Rick Hill, Harry Gelzinis, Darren McDonald, Aaron Bennett, Mike Feltham, Peter Reed and Allan Druwitt did a great job and their enthusiasm and efforts were greatly appreciated by the Committee, parents and the Kids.

The years highlight was unquestionably the 25 year Celebration of the clubs reformation combined with our Presentation night, the night was a great success with it great to see so many old faces back around the club. Special thanks to Peter Johns, Graham Medlow and Brenton Druwitt for all their efforts in to help organising the event. The work continues to go on off field with work on our new equipment shed well underway and hopefully ready for the start of the season. Harry Gelzinis has done a fantastic job as our sponsorship coordinator with the signs around the oval looking great while improving the clubs finance.

At the end of my term as President I would like to acknowledge my Committee members for all their contributions and support over the past 2 years and we look forward to further improvements both on and off the field over the next 12 months. I must acknowledge one particular member of our Committee Graeme Hemsley, his work as Secretary, Treasurer is amazing and I would personally thank him for his support in my term as President. Graeme's tireless work has made my job a lot easier but we do need more help for the club to continue to succeed. The club has been working to improve our facilities and our new shed is not far from completion and our financial position is much improved over the past 12 months. This has been bought about due to our sponsors and a successful quiz night, which will give us a great lead into the new season. The club has helped to establish a Warrior web site with the Tennis and Soccer clubs and it is great opportunity to expand our profile while giving us a fantastic tool to communicate to our members, sponsors and supporters.

The Club in looking to the future needs more players to commit to both playing, training and helping around the club to enable us towards the next 25 years of Woodside cricket. Finally I would like to thank everyone in the club for their efforts and support for me, as President over the past 2 years. It was great honour to receive Life Membership of the club and I look forward to continuing to serve the club in the coming years. To those Committee members not seeking to go back on the Committee, thank you for efforts in the past and to members, who don't want to serve on management, ask yourself what can I do? To make The Woodside cricket Club a better Club or how you can help in some way.

Lets look forward to the next 25 years with some premiership success.

Jim Hennessy (President)