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TORRENS VALLEY CRICKET

Woodside Cricket Club's 25th anniversary side announced during last Saturday's presentations ... (from left) Rick Hill, Wayne Weidenhofer, Craig Medlow, Nick Johns, Bill Oliver, Dave Wescombe, Bob Hahesy (obscured, representing Steve Hahesy), Graham Medlow, Matt Davis, Michael Bohmer, Doug Wescombe (front, representing 12th man Michael Wescombe) and Duane Ireland.

Warriors celebrate 25th anniversary

Woodside Cricket Club took the opportunity to not only recognise its leading performers, but also celebrate the club's silver anniversary, during its annual presentation function last Saturday evening.

A crowd of about 120 people was in attendance at the Woodside Institute, with several past players travelling from interstate and country regions to mark the 25th season since Woodside's Warriors reformed following a lengthy recess of cricket in the town.

Torrens Valley Association president Kevin Coulter and secretary Colin Checker also attended, together with 15 of the Woodside club's 16 life members.

In a special highlight to mark the Warriors' milestone, a team featuring the best 11 players judged from the past 25 years was announced, with those members or representatives present receiving a commemorative bottle of wine, featuring the team displayed upon the label.

With nine of the 10 A-grade captains who have led the club in attendance, many reminiscent stories of the Warriors' history added to the occasion.

While past champions were honored, current leading lights within Warriors' ranks were also feted.

Dave Wescombe scored the major share of trophies for the A-grade team, taking out the batting award with 448 runs at an average of 40.73, and also securing bowling honors with 32 wickets at an average of 14.13.

On receiving the 'cricketer of the year' award for a fourth successive season, Wescombe made special reference to his preference of being part of a total team reward, rather than individual success, reflecting on a 2006-07 campaign in which Woodside was among the A-grade pacesetters, before disappointingly losing a semifinal encounter against Cambrai.

Wicketkeeper James Marshall was the recipient of the fielding award, while the A-grade 'most valuable player' trophy was bestowed upon past skipper Matt Johnston.

After taking out the association's A2-grade batting trophy, Brenton Druwitt was similarly awarded for the Woodside club, having made 572 runs, at an average of 52.

The bowling trophies were shared between Jake Trusswell (14 wickets at 18.07) and Jeff Langbein (14 wickets at 23.67).

Peter Middleton was named the best fieldsman, while Trusswell also claimed the Warriors' overall A2 'cricketer of the year' ranking.

Kevin Ward figured prominently in the B-grade seasonal awards, snaring the batting awards with 236 runs at 23.60, and also the bowling honors with 14 wickets at 33.85.

He was a standout nomination for the B-grade 'cricketer of the year' trophy, while Allan Druwitt was recipient of the fielding award.

Druwitt was also honored with the coveted Mick Moller Memorial Award, recognising his service to junior development within the Woodside club.

The Peter Johns Clubman Award was presented to Harry Gelzinis.

During the evening, two new life members were also inducted, with Annette Davis and Jim Hennessy being recognised for lengthy contributions to the Woodside club.