

QUEANBEYAN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Inc.

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“The Mighty Bluebags”

2007-2008

ANNUAL REPORT

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Club History

(Since 1972)

YEAR	PATRON	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB COACH	1 st GRADE CAPTAIN	CLUB CHAMPION
72-73	N/A	C Berry	L Buckley	R Davis	R Flockton	R Flockton	T Waters
73-74	N/A	C Berry	Mrs S McDonald	R Davis	R Flockton	R Flockton	B Rogers
74-75	N/A	C Berry	Mrs S McDonald	T Waters	R Flockton	R Flockton	R Coffey
75-76	N/A	C Berry	R Sadler	R Davis	R Flockton	R Flockton	C Dooley
76-77	N/A	W McDonald	R Sadler	R Harding	N/A	B O'Connell	R Heading
77-78	N/A	R Hatch	S Bailey	A Hodgson	N/A	L Buckley	W Campbell
78-79	N/A	R Hatch	S Bailey	A Hodgson	G Samuels	G Samuels	W Campbell
79-80	N/A	R Hatch	S Bailey	D Murphy	G Samuels	G Samuels	N Bulger/C Berry
80-81	N/A	R Hatch	S Bailey	D Murphy / C Brown	G Samuels	G Samuels	N Bulger
81-82	N/A	S Bailey	R Longmore	D Halzhauser	G Samuels	G Samuels	N Bulger
82-83	N/A	S Bailey/R Hatch	R Longmore	G Mann	G Samuels	G Samuels	W Campbell
83-84	I McNamee	G Samuels	M Allen	G Mann	G Samuels	G Samuels	M Lynch
84-85	I McNamee	G Mann	R Carruthers	J Solway	W Campbell	N Bulger	Not Awarded
85-86	I McNamee	G Mann	R Carruthers	J Solway	M Thornton	M Thornton	J Bull
86-87	I McNamee	P Moon	R Carruthers	J Solway	M Thornton	M Thornton	J Bull
87-88	I McNamee	P Moon	R Carruthers	J Solway	M Thornton	M Thornton	M Carruthers
88-89	I McNamee	P Moon	R Carruthers	J Solway	M Thornton	M Thornton	M Frost
89-90	I McNamee	P Moon	C Ball	I Hamill	J Bull	J Bull	P Solway
90-91	I McNamee	P Moon	J Solway	I Hamill	J Bull	J Bull	P Solway
91-92	I McNamee	P Moon	R Carruthers	J Solway	P Solway	P Solway	N Bulger
92-93	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	J Solway	P Solway	P Solway	J Bull
93-94	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	M Lynch	N/A	M Frost	R Regent
94-95	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	H Greenwell	J Bull	J Bull	N Bulger
95-96	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	H Greenwell	S O'Shaughnessy	S O'Shaughnessy	C Scammell
96-97	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	H Greenwell	R Regent	R Regent	N Bulger
97-98	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	M Lynch	R Regent	R Regent	M Higgs
98-99	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	M Lynch	C Hume	J Swift	J Martin
99-00	I McNamee	R Winchester	M Carruthers	A King	C Hume	J Swift	J Swift
00-01	I McNamee	R Winchester	A King	Ms S McGlashan	C Hume	J Swift	J Swift
01-02	I McNamee	M Frost	C Doyle	Ms S McGlashan	P Nemes	M O'Rourke	A Heading
02-03	I McNamee	M Frost	S Cross	Ms S McGlashan	P Nemes	M O'Rourke	S Frost
03-04	I McNamee	M Frost	S Cross	Ms S McGlashan	P Nemes	S Frost	G McMahan
04-05	I McNamee	M Frost	S Cross	Ms S McGlashan	P Baker	P Coleborne	A Heading
05-06	I McNamee	M Frost	S Cross	Ms S McGlashan	P Baker	A Heading	P Jensen
06-07	I McNamee	M Frost	S Cross	P Coleborne	P Baker	M Higgs	M Higgs
07-08	I McNamee	I McNamee	S Cross	G Elliott	P Baker	M Higgs	M Higgs

Editors Note

I would like to thank the following people whose assistance in preparing this report was invaluable.

Michael Frost, Steve Cross, Gordon Elliott, Pete Coleborne, Peter Solway, Greg Dawes, Pete Jensen, Em Preston

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Ron Bates

2007-2008 Committee

Executive

Patron & President



Mr Ian McNamee

**Vice President
& Club Coach**



Mr Peter Baker

Vice President



Mr Peter Newham

**Honorary
Secretary**



**Mr Stephen
Cross**

**Honorary
Treasurer**



Mr Gordon Elliott

Management Committee



Mr Ron Bates



Mr Greg Dawes



Mr Mark Higgs



Mr Ian Hamill

**Grade Cricket Committee
Delegate**



Mr Dean Mansfield

**Junior Development Officer
& Junior Club Delegate**



Mr Peter Solway

**Women's Team
Representative**



Ms Chloe Spear

Appointed Officers

Publicity Officer



Mr James Buckley

Chairman of Selectors



Mr Greg Dawes

Chairman of Selectors



Mr Graham Hannaford

Club Captains

1st Grade



**Mark Higgs
4th Grade**

2nd Grade



**Michael Frost
5th Grade**

3rd Grade



**Peter Solway
Women's**



Greg Dawes



Pete Jensen



Em Preston

Life Member Register

Jack McNamara (dec)

Frank Nash (dec)

Doug Moore (dec)

Jan Armour

Col Berry

Ray Hatch

John Solway

Gary Samuels

Steve Bailey

Richard Carruthers

Jan McNamee

Neil Bulger

Club Sponsors & Supporters

The Queanbeyan District Cricket Club would like to thank the following businesses and organisations for their support for the 2007-08 season

Major Sponsor

Queanbeyan Kangaroo Club Ltd



Other Sponsors/ Supporters



**Baker, Deane
& Nutt**



**Bridge Motors
Queanbeyan**



Canberra Investment Corp



**Pete Jensen's
Sports & Embroidery**



President's Report

I would like to begin my report, by thanking all the dedicated members of the QDCC Committee, without whose efforts and the many hours they put in we would not have a club. I would also like to take time to personally acknowledge the outstanding work of several of our committee members.



PM XI Raffle.

- **Stephen Cross** – our long serving Secretary. He put his hand up to help out for one season many years ago, and has been doing the job ever since. His efforts were duly recognised this year by being awarded the ACTCA Administrator of the Year.
- **Gordon Elliott** – our Treasurer. Must keep the best books in town. A great work done in taking control of the finances of the club and whose efforts are partially responsible for the sound financial position the club is now in.
- **Peter Solway** aka Mr Queanbeyan Cricket. Solid has his hands in that many pies it's hard to work out when he has time to rest. A great ambassador for both Junior and Senior Cricket and a great mentor to our Juniors.
- **Ron Bates** – If you need a job doing and doing well, just call on Batesie and it's done. A well deserving winning of the Malcolm Allen Memorial Trophy for Clubman of the Year.
- **Peter Baker** – Not only is Bakes one of our Vice Presidents, he is also our Head Coach. He has done a lot of great work this year on & off the field and is co-ordinating the long overdue update to our constitution.
- **James Buckley** – Publicity Officer. Did a great job of promoting our club to the community either through his weekly community radio program or through articles in the Queanbeyan Age.
- **Dean Mansfield** – Mr FYI. Deano is our Grade Cricket Committee representative. He is always willing to put his hand up to help in any endeavour. Amongst other things, he did a great job in helping run the PM's XI raffle and organising volunteers for the Starlight Foundation/Riverside Plaza Christmas Car-parking Appeal and the Salvo's Red Shield Appeal.



- **Greg Dawes** – Be it sitting on the roller 4 times a week or rolling a few heads, Dawes was tireless in his dedication to the club. His combination with the other bookend, Graham Hannaford, made the very difficult job of being a selector look easy.

I will also like to make mention of the great work done from the rest of the committee, Pete Newham, Ian Hamill, Mark Higgs and Chloe Spear. All of who contributed in no small way to the successful running of our club.

I would also like to thank Bob “Bookie” Hammond for the work he did as our stand in curator. Whilst Bob’s tenure was short, he put in a 100% effort. I would also like to acknowledge the work that our long standing curator, Ron McGlashan, contributes to the preparation of wickets, week in and week out.

On behalf of the committee, I would also like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their contributions, be it at training or on match days or just helping the club out in general - Phil Noble, Graham Hannaford, Peter Coleborne, Jessica Harvey, Lea Hansen, Rohan Ditton and last but certainly not least Michael Frost. For Frostie, when it comes to the Bluebags, nothing is ever too hard or too much trouble for him to donate his time or effort. He is synonymous with Queanbeyan Cricket.

I would be amiss if I didn't also thank and acknowledge the part played by the parents of the various juniors who play in the senior ranks. Junior cricketers are the future of our club and without the sacrifice made by their parents, our club would eventually cease to exist.

It is no secret that at the start of the season, the club was in serious financial trouble, with substantial debts. Thanks to the tireless work of the committee, these debts have now been repaid and our finances are now in a healthy position. We have also put in place a number of procedures and systems, which will prevent this from happening again.

These days sporting clubs cannot exist at the top levels without the ongoing support of the business and corporate sector. To this end I would like to acknowledge the financial support the club has received from the various organisations and benefactors - The Kangaroos Club as our Major Sponsors, ActewAGL, Aristocrat, Baker Deane & Nutt, Phil Higgs of Bridge Motors, Canberra Investment Corporation, Pete Jensen's Sportsbiz, Riverside Plaza, Sportsman's Warehouse, Toohey's XXXX Gold and Woden Contractors.

This season was also a highly successful season as far as on field performances go. The club made 9 semi finals and 4 grand finals of the various competitions. Congrats go to 2nd grade and 5th grade, who won their respective Twenty/20 competitions. Also congrats to 4th grade who finished the season as Minor Premiers.

I would also like to congratulate the various club members who were recognised by the ACTCA for their efforts during the season.

Mark Higgs – Comets Batting Award

Em Preston – S J Moore Medal for Women's Grade Cricketer of the Year

Peter Jensen – Bill Tickner Medal Winner (2nd year in a row)

Simon Fahey – Konica Minolta Bowling Strike Rate

Jono Dean and Dean Southwell – Grade Team of the Year.

Women's cricket.

The ladies team is at a crossroads. The club fully supports measures by the ACTCA to develop the game at a local level. Concepts such as the Premier League were a step in the right direction. However the club can only do so much. What we need is for more players and associates to get involved in the club, both administratively and operationally. It would also be nice to see the players mix in more and get along to some of our social functions.

To the future.

Plans are well advanced on our long awaited Pavilion and Clubrooms. The Pavilion will be located adjacent to Freebody #2 oval, which will ultimately become First Grade's home ground. All being well, work should commence during the course of next season and could be ready for use for the 2009-10 season.

Signs are also good for the club's immediate and long term future with a number of people keen to get involved in the running of the club, be it on the committee or assisting in what ever manner they can. Already people like Sylvia Spaseski, Graeme McLennan, Dave Preston, Michael Frost and Pete Coleborne have indicated that they would like to be more involved with the club next season. The club wants to involve as many people as possible, so we can help develop the next generation of club administrators.

Well done to all and hope to see everyone back for season 2008-2009.

Ian McNamee
President

Secretary's Report

On-Field

I would like to begin this report by firstly reflecting on the on-field results for the QDCC.

Congratulations to 2's and 5's on winning their respective Twenty/20 competitions. The win for 2's whilst unexpected was a great result for a young team, as for 5's, it is rare for them to not win at least one trophy in a season! In the 2-day competition all grades, except for 2's made it to the semi-finals with 3's finishing runner's up in the grand final. In the 1-day competition 5's made it to the semi-final stage of their competition. The Women's side had a lean season in the Lynne O'Meara competition. However a number of the women had outstanding seasons in the Premier League competition.

Looking back on the season, while the Club only brought home two premiership trophies, teams performed well enough to make it into finals matches. I'm sure with the experience gained from playing in these finals, and with a little more application, the Club will have more sides playing off in Grand Finals.

Off-Field

The Club started the season with a significant debt to ACT Cricket hanging over its head. With some new faces on the Committee including Ian McNamee (President) and Gordon Elliott (Treasurer) the Committee worked very hard, not only to reduce the debt, but to do all things better and if need be differently. The Club was able to attract some new sponsorship and combined with Gordon's strict, but fair, budgets, the Club has fully repaid its debt within one year, when we were given three years by ACT Cricket – well done Ian and Gordon! It was great to have a Committee comprised of people that all put in huge efforts, many of whom still play, assist in the preparation of wickets, work full time and then also have to find some time for their families.

Ian, as President, represented and promoted the interests of the QDCC tirelessly with ACT Cricket, the Queanbeyan City Council and the greater Queanbeyan community. Gordon, as Treasurer, provided very detailed documentation that kept the Committee well informed of its financial position, and importantly has ensured that the Club has some money to carry over into next season.

Peter Baker filled one of the Vice President positions and undertook significant work in updating the Club's Constitution. He was also Club Coach, which meant not only attending training, but also getting around to the grounds on match day, and assisting in the preparation of the grounds.

Peter Newham filled the second Vice President position and promoted the Club via the Riverside Plaza, sponsorship opportunities and importantly in allowing Rohan Ditton to visit the wickets regularly!

Greg Dawes held a position on the Management Committee, and was also Chairman of Selectors, played the odd game of 4's and then spent many hours each week preparing the Freebody wickets under the watchful eye of Ditts.

Dean Mansfield held a position on the Management Committee, but importantly represented the QDCC at the Grade Cricket Committee and was heavily involved in fundraising activities.

Ron Bates held a position on the Management Committee and undertook a very wide variety of tasks. If something had to be organised, you could count on Ron to volunteer and importantly do a good job.

James Buckley held the position of Publicity Officer and provided ample articles for the Queanbeyan Age, prior to getting a job at the Queanbeyan Age, thus we are getting even greater coverage.

Peter Solway, Chloe Spear, Ian Hamill, Mark Higgs, Sarah McGlashan and Dean Stewart were also on the Management Committee at some time during the season and their contributions were very much appreciated.

Person	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
Ian McNamee	9	9
Stephen Cross	9	8
Gordon Elliott	9	7
Dean Mansfield	9	4
Peter Baker	9	4
Greg Dawes	9	7
Peter Solway	9	5
Ron Bates	9	8
Ian Hamill *	5	5
Peter Newham	9	7
James Buckley	9	5
Chloe Spear	9	6
Sarah McGlashan *	6	2
Mark Higgs *	7	4
Dean Stewart **	4	2

* People that joined the Management Committee during the course of the season.

**Was elected to the Management Committee at the AGM, but resigned during the season.

Note: At least two other meetings were held during the season, that involved Committee Members and another invited persons to discuss amongst other the things, the way forward for the QDCC over the next couple of seasons. These have not been counted as Committee Meetings.

I would like to thank the many sponsors that have supported the Club during the season, including the Queanbeyan Kangaroos Football Club, ActewAGL, Aristocrat, Baker Deanne & Nutt, Phil Higgs of Bridge Motors, Canberra Investment Corporation, Peter Jensen's Sportsbiz, Riverside Plaza, Sportsman's Warehouse, Toohey's XXXX Gold and Woden Contractors.

The Future

Ian McNamee has been working extremely hard on getting new change rooms / club room facilities erected near the training nets at Freebody. It is hoped that these facilities will be completed over the next couple of years to provide the QDCC and the Queanbeyan Community with quality facilities at a much used sporting venue.

The Club needs to continue to seek financial opportunities through increased sponsorship and fundraising activities, so that it does not find itself in a difficult financial situation. This could be enhanced through the QDCC identifying more activities that it can be involved in within the Queanbeyan Community, which may attract further sponsors. Over the last two seasons the Club has provided volunteers for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and the Starlight Foundation.

I would like to encourage people already associated with the Club to consider getting onto the Committee, as you can have input into the development of the Club, which can be very rewarding. For those that may be daunted with the idea of being on the Committee, you can still play a role in the Club by volunteering your services for specific activities or events.

Lastly, I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their support to me during this season of rebuilding. I would also like to thank all those people on the Committee's over the previous five seasons that I served with as Secretary. After six seasons / years as Secretary, I believe that it is time for me to step down, as I'm feeling a little exhausted and, given this, believe that a new Secretary might introduce some fresh ideas and enthusiasm. I will still play for the Club, and will be involved in plenty of off-field activities to promote the Club, and who knows, maybe in a few seasons I will return to the Committee.

Stephen Cross
Honorary Secretary

Treasurer's Report

At the start of the 07-08 financial year the QDCC committee was confronted with navigating through some difficult financial issues comprising of approx. \$15,000 owed to the Club's creditors. Through some hard work and determination the committee was able to bring on board a range of sponsors from the local area, including maintaining the long-standing and highly valued relationship with the local Kangaroos Club.

The Committee also invested some significant time in the timely collection of player fees and organising fund raising events and it is a credit to this year's committee through the close monitoring of the finances that the Club has turned around this position to continue its on field strong performances and end the year with sufficient working capital going into the new season.

Gordon Elliott
Honorary Treasurer

Financial Statement

as at 31st May 2008

Income and Expenditure Statement 2007-08	
Income	
Memberships	\$17,440
Sponsorships	\$41,400
ACTCA Grants/reimbursements	\$9,380
Fundraising – Raffles	\$3,632
Presentation Night	\$2,379
Interest	\$285
Misc Income	\$1,854
Income for 06/07	\$349
Total Income	\$76,719
Expenses	
ACTCA Charges	\$14,449
Administrative Costs	\$3,467
Audit Costs	\$3,250
Bank Fees	-\$416
Clothing	\$1,339
Coaching	\$5,000
Curator	\$4,600
Equipment	\$6,860
Ground Hire & Equipment	\$13,046
Presentation Night	\$2,090
Presentation trophies	\$841
Training costs	\$241
Misc	\$1,710
Total Expenses	\$55,368
Profit/Loss as at 31 May 2008	\$21,351

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2008		
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$10,143	1
Trade Debtors	\$7,000	2
Total Assets	\$17,143	
Liabilities – Current		
Trade & Other Payables	\$6,382	3
Sub-total	\$6,382	
Liabilities – Long Term		
ACTCA	\$0	4
Sub-total	\$0	
Total Liabilities	\$6,382	
Net Assets/Liabilities	\$10,761	
Notes:		
1. Includes working account, investment and CPS Account		
2. \$3,000 07-08 Development Grant, 07-08 Additional Grant, \$1,000 Rep Training Costs all to be Reimbursed from ACTCA, \$1,000 Riverside Plaza Sponsorship.		
3. ACTCA ground hire account payable pending clarification of itemised account.		
4. 07-08 loans cleared.		

Major Award Winners

**Queanbeyan Kangaroos
Football Club
Club Champion:**



Mark Higgs

**Malcolm Allen Memorial
Trophy
For Outstanding
Contribution:**



Ron Bates

**Ian McNamee Trophy
Best Junior Playing Senior
Cricket:**



Jordan McLennan

**Network Video Presidents
Award**



Gordon Elliott

**Neil Bulger Trophy
First Grade Batting:**



Jonathon Dean

**Garry Samuels Trophy
First Grade Bowling:**



Dean Southwell

**Greg Mann Memorial
Trophy
For Players Player:**



Con Danassis

Batting Awards

1st Grade: Jonathon Dean
2nd Grade: Vele Dukoski
3rd Grade: Michael Baker
4th Grade: Rohan Ditton
5th Grade: Peter Jensen
Women's: Em Preston

Bowling Awards

1st Grade: Dean Southwell
2nd Grade: Andrew Squires
3rd Grade: Keifer Martyn
4th Grade: Ian Black
5th Grade: John Fern

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Batting:
Michael Baker (122 no)
Bowling:
Ryan Collier
(10 Wickets in Match)
Simon Fahey
(Hat-trick)

Representative Honours & Grade Awards

2007-2008

Canberra Comets (ACB Cup)	Mark Higgs © Jonathon Dean Jono McLean
Women's Australian Representatives Southern Stars – Under 21	Em Preston
Women's ACT Representatives	Lucy Annetts (U/19) Ainsley Jones (U/19) Vanessa Picker (U/17) Em Preston (U/19 & Meteors)
Under 19 ACT Representative:	Jordan McLennan
Under 17 Australian Championships “Team of the Carnival”	Michael Spaseski
Under 17 ACT Representative:	Luke Bush Jordan McLennan Alex Ross Dean Solway Michael Spaseski
Under 15 ACT Representative:	Tim Coggan Sandy Craze Keifer Martyn Luke Ryan Dean Solway
Under 15 NSW Schools Representative: (Tournament Winners)	Dean Solway
Grade Team of the Year	Jonathon Dean Dean Southwell
Prime Ministers X1	Jonathon Dean
ACT Invitational XI	Mark Higgs © Jonathon Dean
ACT Women's Premier League	Lucy Annetts, Liza Flanagan, Ainsley Jones Helen Jones, Jodi Knight, Jo Morris, Vanessa Picker, Em Preston, Sarah Staples, Sharni Williams

Player Milestones

300 Games

Michael Frost

200 Games

Graeme Alexander

Neil Bulger

Michael Carruthers

Stephen Cross

Stephen Frost

Ray Hatch

Mark Lynch

Ron McGlashan

Jim Martin

Peter Solway

Rodney Winchester

150 Games

Steve Bailey

Col Berry

Vince Bulger

John Bull

Wayne Campbell

Alan Hodgson

Winston McDonald

Geoff McMurray

Anthony Wynd

Geoff Woods

100 Games

(current players only)

Ian Black

Peter Coleborne

Ryan Collier

Greg Dawes

Simon Fahey

Adam Heading

Marc Heading

Dean Mansfield

Peter Newham

Darren Southwell

Dean Southwell

Coach's Report

Firstly, thanks to Peter Coleborne for being the “fitness coach” for the first part of the season. Thanks also to Lea Hansen, Michael Frost and Phil Noble for their assistance and coaching at training. Thanks also to the Management Committee, especially Stephen Cross, for their support.

Well, what an interesting season. The club found itself, for the second season in a row, in a position to really stamp our return as the dominant force in the competition. Once again, when it really mattered, we failed. As coach I must accept responsibility for this.

However it does give me cause to reflect on why we have been, largely, unsuccessful over the past 2 seasons and hence offer the following thoughts.

QDCC has natural strengths that the other teams in the competition just don't have and would have difficulty acquiring. We are unique, we are close knit and we are a club built upon families that provide an integral part of our history for more than 80 years. It is wonderful and a pleasure to be part of. However every strength has a reciprocal, a weakness. The key is to understand this and to prevent that strength becoming a weakness.

By way of example, being close knit means that we quite rightly support each other. However that means we can overlook the ‘bad things’. Should we just watch a player try and smash every ball out of the nets at training? Should we just watch a bowler trying to bowl a bouncer every ball? No we shouldn't, but we do. How often do we congratulate a batsman who scores a few runs but gets out when dominating to a poor shot when we need them to stay there - too often.

This extends further into taking new ideas on board. Cricket has moved beyond ‘having a bit of a bat, a bit of a bowl and maybe finishing with a couple of catches for a bit of fun’. There are new ways of doing things, better ways of doing things and we must take these on board. For the simplest reason that the other clubs are doing so. This will take us out of our comfort zone and will require more effort than a simple ‘net’. Now it is natural ability, plus. Our inability to consistently convert over the last couple of seasons is the graphic outcome of such unwillingness to change.

At the presentation dinner I reflected on Stephen Bradbury, the Olympic skater. Many, if not most, people think he was very lucky to win Olympic Gold. However people forget the work that Steve put in, the effort over many years, the willingness to take on new ideas and methods so that he was in a position to win that medal. To be the last man standing.

That is the question that remains in my mind. Are we as a club, team, individual, willing to put in the work, the effort and be willing to adapt our thinking (to training and match days) to be the last teams standing at the end of next season.

That responsibility rests upon every player.

Peter Baker

1st Grade Report

The 1st grade side this season welcomed some new fresh faces. Joining our ranks after making the move from Sydney was Jono “Jimmy” Dean. From South Africa our international import this season was Jono “The Saf” McLean. It was also great to see some quality young players coming through the ranks in Jordan McLennan, Michael Spaseski, and Alex Ross.

To sum up the first grade season, it was one of just not quite good enough. In the Twenty20 competition we failed to set a competitive score in the final against West’s after dominating the previous matches. In the two-day competition after finishing the regular season in second place, we came up against Tuggies in the semi-final on a very flat Kingston deck. In a closely fought contest (and despite a spirited 2-0 from seamer Pete Coleborne at the death) Tuggies passed our score with a couple of wickets in the bank.

In all competitions we weren’t able to maintain consistency; good individual performances were sometimes brought undone through a lack of discipline, and in others by just some poor decisions by individuals.



OK, as soon as we get the next bloke out, whose shout is it?



Hat-trick ball

Highlights for the season were the performances of Jono Dean and Dean Southwell. Jono finished our leading run scorer. He also had an outstanding season with the Canberra Comets earning him selection in the PM's XI. Jono is a talented player who we will be looking to take on a greater leadership role next year.

Dean Southwell, well what can I say? He wasn't just our leading wicket taker but the competition's leading wicket taker. The big fella did a wonderful job of leading our attack, after the loss of some of our front line bowlers. It would be great to see what the big fella could do with a big pre-season.



Heads about to let one rip.



Hey, where did everyone go?

Next season the emphasis will be on consistency and being able to perform week in week out. The club will be looking to a number of players to "step up" and make their mark on the 1st grade competition. The need to provide a solid base of experience for our young players is crucial. They need to be able to learn and gain more confidence in their ability.

All in all it was another good season in which the club can learn from. Great seasons are to come. The future is bright!!

Mark Higgs

1st GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(minimum 100 runs)

Name	Matches	N.O's	H.S	Runs	Ave
Peter Coleborne	13	0	76	397	30.54
Ryan Collier	12	0	24	159	13.25
Jonathon Dean	14	1	99	494	33.38
Simon Fahey	12	0	28	230	19.17
Adam Heading	12	0	57	218	18.17
Marc Heading	7	0	57	122	17.43
Mark Higgs	13	0	78	327	25.15
Jonathon McLean	11	0	66	231	21.00
Jordan McLennan	11	0	35	159	14.45
Dean Southwell	12	0	43	151	12.58

1st GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

(minimum 10 wicket s)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Ave
Ryan Collier	123	21	353	21	6/21	16.81
Simon Fahey	53	9	158	17	5/15	9.29
Adam Heading	85	17	222	10	2/23	22.20
Mark Higgs	200	58	461	31	5/84	14.87
Dean Southwell	195	42	504	37	6/19	13.62



Oops –Jimmy bowled for 99

2nd Grade Report



Twenty/20 Winners

A very youthful Queanbeyan Bluebags 2nd grade side took to the field with high expectations for 2007-2008. Unfortunately the struggle for consistency and the battle for individuals to score big scores was too big a task for the team. Despite this the season was a success.

- We were victorious in final of the 20/20 competition in one of the most memorable matches you will ever see;
- Several players developed their skills very nicely throughout the season and should be very competitive next season in either 2nd grade or pushing for higher honours; and
- We welcomed back a few older players who should steer the ship in the next few seasons.

Other highlights throughout the year were:

- The two innings by Vele Dukoski (20/20 final and batting through the innings in last game)
- The fast bowling quartet of Rabjohns, Crowe, Bush and Ryan – maybe not the West Indies of the 80's but surely the backbone of the next 10 years for the Bluebags.
- Dean Solway's consistency in the middle order where every team we played struggled to dismiss him.
- The return of two players to the Queanbeyan Cricket Club, both of which I regard as 'legends'. Lethal Lea Hansen and John Murphy both played their part with the bat or ball throughout the season but more importantly they were influential in the younger guys learning their craft as cricketers and young men.

- What I would also like to note, is the return to the club of Head's big brother Marc (or Chicken-man to his friends). For those of you who are not aware, Marc has had to overcome very serious health issues in his life and his recovery and battle to again play 1st grade has been a great success story. Marc is a great role model and epitomises what this club is about.



(Marc flicking one off his pads)



(Fron setting up the stumps)

One of the lowlights of the year, was Darren 'Fron' Southwell being unavailable for most of the season due to a work injury. From all accounts Fron has made a full recovery and we look forward to seeing him back in action next season.

To Ian McNamee, Gordon Elliott and Ronnie Bates – thank you for your efforts in steering the ship and making sure the QDCC survives. Also, thanks to all those volunteers who assisted during the season. Thanks to Steve Cross, Peter Solway, Peter Baker, Greg Dawes, Graham Hannaford, Bob Hammond and Rohan Ditton and all the committee. Without you guys we would not have a game each week. Bring on 2008-2009.

Michael Frost

2nd GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(minimum 100 runs)

Name	Matches	N.O's	H.S	Runs	Ave
Vele Dukoski	14	2	84	377	29.00
Michael Frost	16	1	60	477	26.50
Marc Heading	9	1	50	158	17.56
John Murphy	8	1	59	212	23.56
Michael Noble	11	1	44	170	14.17
Ben Rabjohns	9	1	54	135	15.00
Dean Solway	9	2	26	142	17.75
Andrew Squires	16	1	38	136	11.33
Guy Walpole	8	0	29	100	11.00

2nd GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

(minimum 10 wickets)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Ave
Luke Bush	65	5	245	12	3/53	20.42
Matt Crowe	95	12	355	14	3/31	25.36
Lea Hansen	37	13	99	10	4/27	9.90
Marc Heading	53	5	191	11	2/47	17.36
Ben Rabjohns	66	16	160	13	3/13	12.31
Andrew Squires	124	14	492	23	4/55	21.39

Other wicket takers – Matt Monaghan 9 wkts @ 14.67, Luke Ryan 9 wkts @ 20.11

3rd Grade Report



Grand Finalist's

The 3rd grade season for 2007-08 should be considered a success even though we fell down at the final hurdle in the GF against Tuggeranong at Kingston Oval. The effort and commitment put in by all those club members who played in the 3's was excellent throughout the entire season.

Following on from our “experiment” with a number of younger players in 4th grade the previous season, the 3rd grade squad in 2007-08 contained a mix of youth and experience. The aims of this exercise were to fast track the younger boys in their early grade seasons and provide them with advice and opportunities for them to go on and become better players for the Queanbeyan club. The mix of youth and experience is something we can possibly look to replicate throughout our lower grade teams.

Well done to everyone who played in the 3's for your contribution throughout the year and a big thank you to the helpers throughout the season in ensuring the year ran smoothly. Thank you to the club's curators for their efforts, in particular Dawesy, and also to Crossie and Frostie for marking up the wickets on a Saturday morning.

A big thankyou also to Club Selectors, Hanno and Dawesy for the way they performed their duties. It was great to always have a full team each weekend.

Well done to our award winners on Presentation Night. Michael Baker took out the batting, Keifer Martyn the bowling and Con Danassis the Captain's Award for his efforts throughout the year.

Finally, a special mention to Bully, for once again playing the season for the Club and assisting the boys with their development.

I look forward to seeing you all again next season.
Peter Solway

3rd GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(minimum 75 runs)

Name	Matches	N.O's	H.S	Runs	Ave
Michael Baker	6	1	122	275	55.0
John Bull	11	1	53	240	26.67
Tim Coggan	14	0	22	75	6.17
Steve Frost	7	1	48	143	35.75
Keifer Martyn	13	0	27	101	9.18
Dean Solway	4	0	46	84	21.00
Peter Solway	14	4	69	317	45.29
Anthony Walker	8	0	47	202	28.86
Guy Walpole	5	0	50	90	18.00

3rd GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

(minimum 7 wickets)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Ave
John Bull	102	25	231	11	4/26	21.00
Con Danassis	138	33	338	23	3/14	14.70
Scott Henry	85	15	251	19	3/38	13.21
Keifer Martyn	56	9	201	20	4/38	10.05
Cameron Paule	104	32	232	18	3/27	12.89
Luke Ryan	64	13	150	10	2/10	15.00

Other wicket takers – Callum Birtles 6 wkts @ 29.83

4th Grade Report



Minor Premiers

An exciting and very rewarding 2007-08 season was had by all in the QDCC 4th grade side.

We were fearlessly led by many, myself, Peter ‘Nooky’ Newham, Rohan ‘Tank’ Ditton and even Crossie had to fill in at times. Despite the mix of skippers the side measured up week in week out and we actually played a very good brand of attacking and aggressive cricket.

The real success story was the performances of the young blokes coming through. Some of these lads will form part of the backbone of a successful Bluebags Club for many years. I encourage the young guys like Phil Moore, Callum Birtles, Zac Zawolski, Liam Baker and Cameron Paul to really concentrate of honing their skills and training hard. Each is capable of attaining higher honours and I am sure that their best cricket is in front of them.

For a few of us though our best cricket took place this season. Jim Martin, Ian Black, Rohan, Nooky, Crossie and Bunyip all made very valuable contributions, which led to a very enjoyable season. We also welcomed back Dave Corcoran, Paul Wylks and Ben Stensrud, all of whom played integral parts in our on field success. I am really hoping all these players will again play next year, we grab another bunch of youngsters and we go one step further and bring home a Premiership.

To Ian McNamee, Gordon Elliott, Peter Baker and Ronnie Bates – thank you for your efforts in ensuring the club survived off the field. Also, thanks to all those volunteers who assisted during the season. Thanks to Steve Cross, Peter Solway, Peter Baker, Graham Hannaford, Bob Hammond and Rohan Ditton and all the committee. Without you guys we would not have a game each week.

I look forward to next season and the challenges it will throw up.

Greg Dawes

4th GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(minimum 75 runs)

Name	Matches	N.O's	H.S	Runs	Ave
Graeme Alexander	7	1	57	104	13.00
Ian Black	11	2	83	314	28.55
David Corcoran	12	1	31	270	19.29
Steve Cross	7	0	48	175	19.44
Greg Dawes	8	0	53	122	13.56
Rohan Ditton	12	1	92	250	19.23
James Martin	14	3	30	134	16.75
Peter Newham	11	0	29	144	10.29
Ben Stensrud	4	0	39	105	17.50

4th GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

(minimum 7 wickets)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Ave
Graeme Alexander	78	25	123	14	5/25	8.79
Callum Birtles	40	15	69	10	4/18	6.90
Ian Black	127	38	233	24	4/25	9.71
David Corcoran	64	19	157	15	4/58	10.47
Colin Crouch	100	31	180	11	2/9	16.36
Rohan Ditton	96	18	233	25	6/14	9.32
James Martin	66	18	216	9	3/28	24.00
Peter Newham	61	10	178	10	2/9	17.80

Other wicket takers – Cameron Paule 6 wkts @ 8.83, Gavin Whitehouse 5 wkts @ 13.80, Steve Weerawarnakula 5 wkts @ 21.00

5th Grade Report



Victorious T20 Winners

2007-09 was again another successful season for “The Thirsty Fives”.

Consistent performances through the year saw us finish the season in 3rd place. Unfortunately, all the good work the team had done was brought to an abrupt halt on a wet O’Connor deck in the semi final against our arch rivals ANU. (If only I had called tails).

One of the highlights of the year for the team was winning the Twenty/20 competition. Whilst there were some good individual performances, what won it for us was great teamwork. Well done Howie for leading the team in my absence.

I was pleased at the contributions that everyone in the team made this year be it with the bat, with the ball or in the field. A number of games were won, based on either a great catch in the field, a great piece of bowling or a last wicket stand. Nick Harvey was involved in his very first 50 run partnership, which ultimately won us the game.

Another thing that was very pleasing was to see a number of our Juniors (Gordon Lee, Mick Elliott, and Andrew Downey) all putting in good performances during the season. These guys certainly will be the backbone of the club for many years to come. We also had a couple of guest appearances from Steve “The Watercooler” Weernawarnakula. This season was the very first time Steve had played in an official cricket competition. Steve is a very handy all rounder and has a promising future with the club.

This season we also welcomed Shane Martin into the fold and welcomed back after a short time away from the game, Aaron Thorn. We also farewelled, albeit temporarily as it turned out, Ronnie McGlashan. With son Terry and nephew Benny Graham making guest appearances in his 'farewell' game.



Ronnie Mac's Farewell

I would like to thank Ronnie Mc for the tireless work he did on Town Park wicket. Disregarding the outfield, I reckon the Town Park is one of the nicest places to play cricket. It has an almost village green atmosphere about it. I must also thank Thornie, Marto, Howie and Batesie, who assisted Ron in work he did on the wicket as well.

In conclusion, I would like to personally thank all the players that played Fifth Grade and I hope to see you all back next season. Let's see if we can make 2008/09 a Premiership winning season.

Peter Jensen

5th GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(minimum 50 runs)

Name	Matches	N.O's	H.S	Runs	Ave
Mick Elliott	9	0	24	51	5.67
John Fern	17	1	54	232	16.57
Chris Howe	19	1	24	163	9.59
Peter Jensen	15	7	51*	338	48.29
Gordon Lee	13	0	33	76	12.67
Ron McGlashan	16	2	26	110	11.00
Shane Martin	14	3	16	63	7.88
Aaron Thorn	18	0	37	224	12.44
Anthony Walker	1	0	56*	56	0*
Steve Weerawarnakula	5	1	32*	64	21.33

5th GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

(minimum 5 wickets)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Ave
Andrew Downey	81	8	229	17	4/15	13.47
John Fern	110	17	311	31	4/16	10.03
Nick Harvey	23	2	119	5	2/15	23.80
Peter Jensen	60	5	207	17	4/13	12.18
Ron McGlashan	83	11	275	22	3/20	12.50
Shane Martin	23	0	88	5	3/34	17.60
Dean Prouse	38	6	111	10	3/15	11.10

Women's Grade Report

The season started on a high winning our first game against North's. We were able to recruit players from Goulburn, Tumbarumba and Gundagai. With these players, we were able to bring youth to the team, which helped support the local talent we already had on board. Strength was brought in the form of a wicket keeper, a handy spin bowler and opening batter as well as a very handy out fielder that jumped at the opportunity to play in the women's competition.

Unfortunately as locals dropped off and injuries were sustained it became increasingly hard to field a team each week. It was hard to call in the regional players when we were never certain of the locals providing a solid base to form the team. Queanbeyan were still able to produce some quality ACT Representative players in both the under 17's (Vanessa Picker), under 19's (Ainsley Jones, Lucy Annetts and Em Preston) and opens levels (Em Preston).

However towards the end of the season although often taking the field with only 8 or 9 players we were still able to show we were competitive. We started the season with a win and ended on a high note with a win against West's.

This has clearly re-enforced the need for youth programs to be put in place. This will ensure that the Women's grade team will in time have a sound base in which to grow a winning team combination.

Em Preston

WOMEN'S BATTING AVERAGES

(minimum 20 runs)*

Name	Games	N.O's	H.S	Runs	Ave
Jodie Knight	6	2	41	80	20.00
Vanessa Picker	5	0	35	54	10.80
Em Preston	5	4	82	206	206.00
Sarah Staples	2	1	26	30	30.00

WOMEN'S BOWLING AVERAGES

(minimum 1 wickets)*

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Ave
Helen Jones	14	3	26	6	3/8	4.33
Jackie Knight	4	1	12	1	1/12	12.00
Jodi Knight	32	3	80	2	2/5	40.00
Jo Morris	5	1	10	2	2/10	5.00
Erin Parkinson	10	1	45	2	2/18	22.50
Vanessa Picker	14	1	51	2	1/14	25.50
Em Preston	24	5	63	3	1/4	21.00
Sarah Staples	12	2	34	1	1/23	34.00

Club Records

1st Grade

Premierships

1957-1958
1959-1960
1980-1981
1982-1983
1985-1986
1986-1987
1987-1988
1990-1991
1991-1992

One-Day Competition

1986-1987
1987-1988
1997-1998

Konica Cup One-Day Competition

2001-2002

Sunday League

1989-1990
1992-1993
1993-1994

Toohey's Twilight Competition

1981-1982
1983-1984
1987-1988
1988-1989
1989-1990
1991-1992
1993-1994
1995-1996
1996-1997

First Grade Records

Best Batting Average:	71.44	P. Solway	1989-1990
Most Runs in a Season	1138	J. Swift	1999-2000
Highest Individual Score:	339	P. Solway vs ANU	1989-1990
Highest Team Score:	728	vs Ginninderra	1985-1986
Lowest Team Score:	41	vs Ginninderra	1998-1999
Best Bowling Average:	7.81	R. Flockton	1974-1975
Most Wickets in a Season	55	N. Bulger	1980-1981
Best Bowling Performance	9/39	F. Hansby vs Sth Woden	1983-1984
Most Dismissals (Wkt Keeper):	35	G. Wall	1980-1981
		M. Carruthers	1983-1984
		M. O'Rourke	1999-2000
Most Catches (Fielder):	16	A. Heading	2000-2001

Best Partnerships

<u>1st Wicket:</u> 200	- M Frost (107) & S Frost (72)	vs	Weston Creek	1991-92
<u>2nd Wicket:</u> 228	- M Frost (164) & P Solway (119)	vs	Ginninderra	1985-86
<u>3rd Wicket:</u> 346	- P Solway (211) & R Regent (123)	vs	Weston Creek	1990-91
<u>4th Wicket:</u> 166	- J Bull 94 & N Bulger (75)	vs	East's	1986-87
<u>5th Wicket:</u> 213	- R Regent (123) & J Robson (120)	vs	South's	1990-91
<u>6th Wicket:</u> 173	- R Farquharson (73) & C Henry (80)	vs	City	1984-85
<u>7th Wicket:</u> 93	- N Bulger (47) & C Ball (32)	vs	Tuggeranong	1989-90
<u>8th Wicket:</u> 103	- M Carruthers (73) & T Wynd (89)	vs	East's	1986-87
<u>9th Wicket:</u> 186	- M Thornton (97) & M Carruthers (112)	vs	Ginninderra	1985-86
<u>10th Wicket:</u> 73	- S Fahey (110 no) & G Hammond (8)	vs	ANU	2006-07

Quickest Century Partnership

<u>2nd Wicket:</u> 46 Minutes	Peter Solway & Stephen Frost	1989-90
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2nd Grade

Premierships

1960-1961
1976-1977
1989-1990
1992-1993

One-Day Competition

1988-1989

Twenty/20 Competition

2007-2008

Second Grade Records

Best Batting Average:	60	M. Carruthers	1981-1982
Most Runs In A Season:	591	R. Winchester	1991-1992
Highest Individual Score:	166	G. Woods	1990-1991
Best Bowling Average:	8.43	P. Moon	1972-1973
Most Wickets in a Season:	65	P. Moon	1972-1973
Best Bowling Performance:	8-18	C. Dooley	1976-1977

3rd Grade

Premierships

1969-1970
1982-1983

One-Day Competition

1985-1986
1992-1993

Third Grade Records

Best Batting Average:	62.7	N. Bulger	1991-1992
Most Runs In A Season:	749	G. Hannaford	2000-2001
Highest Individual Score:	206	R. Blewitt	1966-1967
Best Bowling Average:	5.41	A. Hodgson	1966-1967
Most Wickets in a Season:	65	W. Rogers	1973-1974
Best Bowling Performance:	8-18	S. Bannerman	1988-1989

4th Grade

Premierships

1989-1990
2006-2007

One-Day Competition

1988-1989

Fourth Grade Records

Best Batting Average:	63.0	P. Solway	2006-2007
Most Runs In A Season:	630	P.Solway	2006-2007
Highest Individual Score:	177	I.Hamill	1999-2000
Best Bowling Average:	8.17	F. Strammandinoli	1988-1989
Most Wickets in a Season:	39	R. Warner	2000-2001
Best Bowling Performance:	7-25	P. Newham	1996-1997

5th Grade

Premierships

1973-1974
1996-1997

One-Day Competition

1986-1987
1993-1994
1996-1997
2000-2001
2001-2002

Twenty/20 Competition

2007-2008

Fifth Grade Records

Best Batting Average:	113.25	N. Bulger	1996-1997
Most Runs In A Season:	906	N. Bulger	1996-1997
Highest Individual Score:	204	N. Bulger	1996-1997
Best Bowling Average:	8.98	R. Saddler	1973-1974
Most Wickets in a Season:	45	V. Forbes	2000-2001
Best Bowling Performance:	9/100	H. Greenwell	1991-1992

6th Grade

Premierships

1994-1995

Sixth GRADE RECORDS

Best Batting Average:	103.7	N. Bulger	1994-1995
Most Runs In A Season:	726	N. Bulger	1994-1995
Highest Individual Score:	160	N. Bulger	1994-1995
Best Bowling Average:	10.89	R. Heading	1994-1995
Most Wickets in a Season:	28	R. Heading	1994-1995
Best Bowling Performance:	5-27	V. Forbes	1994-1995

Women's

GRADE RECORDS

Best Batting Average:	128	E Preston	2007-2008
Most Runs In A Season:	256	E Preston	2007-2008
Highest Individual Score:	82	E Preston	2007-2008
Best Bowling Average:	9.5	H. Jones	2002-2003
Most Wickets in a Season:	27	H. Jones	2002-2003
Best Bowling Performance:	5-0	H. Jones	2002-2003