

BUCKLEY PARK CRICKET CLUB INC.

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Dear Members and Supporters,

What a fantastic start to our cricket season! Walking around the grounds on weekends, I can't help but smile seeing our juniors in action. The enthusiasm and skill development in our youth program has been remarkable. From our Blasters program right through to our Under 12s, the dedication of our young cricketers, team managers, their coaches, and parents is creating something special. The culture is flourishing and it's wonderful to watch.

On the senior front, our First XI sit fifth on the ladder, with some crucial matches over the coming month to solidify our spot in the top four. Our Second XI and Third XI has shown tremendous fight to date, and we will look to having more stability regarding selection with these sides moving forward as we look ahead to finals. With two months of cricket ahead, every game counts, and I'm confident our teams will rise to the challenge.

The club held its Family Day earlier this month and was a testament to what makes our club special. Seeing over 60 members of our cricket community coming together – from our youngest junior players to our life members – reminded me why this club has thrived for over 40 years. It's safe to say the reptiles were the biggest hit, although I must say, there was a fair few that I didn't want to go near!

Looking ahead, we have two major events that are crucial for our club's future. First up is our annual Ladies Day on February 1st, 2025. This event has become a highlight of our social calendar, featuring live music (which was outstanding last year), beauty stalls and an exciting raffle

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which will be announced shortly. Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes a glass of sparkling on arrival and a donation to the Breast Cancer Network of Australia.

Following that, our legendary Reverse Raffle returns on March 2nd, 2025. This is the club's biggest fundraiser for the year, and is great value at \$60 a ticket, which provides you with an entry into the \$3000 main prize draw, as well as food and drinks across a 4-hour period. A book of 5 purchased tickets is also discounted at \$250 so please, reach out to your network, get your syndicates together, and help the club sell as many tickets as possible. Both these events play a vital role in supporting our club's long-term sustainability. I encourage everyone to get involved – bring your friends, family, and colleagues. Tickets for both events are available at the clubrooms or via our social media forums.

Lastly, I would like to announce the club has opened the Expression of Interest application portal for the Season 2025/26 Senior Program Captain Coach position, and also the Junior Program Head Coach position. If you or anyone you know would like to apply, please do so via the link on the club's website or social media forums.

As we head into the business end of the season, let's continue supporting each other and building on the fantastic club culture we are creating. Whether you're a player, parent, coach or supporter, you're part of what makes Buckley Park Cricket Club such a special place.

See you around the grounds,

Michael Moloney
Club President

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