

## COACH'S REPORT

The season has come and gone in a flash, and it's the time to sit back, analyse, scrutinise, argue, debate, etc, etc over what could've and/or should've been.

Looking back on my first year at the club, it's fair to say we have the talent to succeed. We have a fine mixture of the old and the youth who know how to play the game. The club prides itself on the juniors and I believe it's this structure that we have in place that will ultimately make the club stronger than it is today. To all the junior coaches, well done on a terrific job, and keep up the good work. For a club to succeed, you need a good junior program, and MVCC certainly has that and more. The overall processes the club has implemented, and the way the club is managed, are a true reflection of the work done both on and off the field.

To all the guys who played First X1 cricket this season, well done and keep up the hard work.

A club is nothing without its members, so with this I'd like to acknowledge and thank the following persons for their efforts throughout the year:

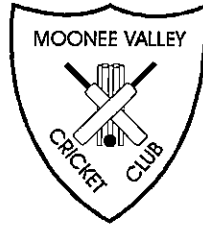
- Mark Gauci, the First X1 captain, who not only had to put up with pressure on the field, but with disgraceful behaviour by some off the field as well.
- Darren Nagle, who as chairman of selectors did a great job also. Your expertise and knowledge was needed at times, even when it got a bit hot under the collar at times in the rooms.

To the committee members, starting from Sandro who enticed me to the club, thank you mate for doing a great job, all the while juggling all your other work commitments, and trying to manage us. Jim Polonidis, 2IC, who as Vice President acted accordingly when Sandro wasn't around, always there to talk to and lend support – thanks heaps buddy. To the rest of the executive, Peter Fenaughty and Richard Cooney, thanks for all your efforts and support this season.

To Kevin Gardiner, Charlie Walker, Paul Comino, Paul Hedjes, a great effort by you all in keeping the committee going strong and keeping the club at a height where it's well deserved.

A big thank you to all Grade captains: Dan Phillips, Sunny Sharma, Wayne Nicol, Sandro Capocchi, Brett Curran, Dom Chiera and Shane Comino, Charlie Walker and Peter Fenaughty, Paul Comino and Jenny O'Brien ... a great job well done all year guys.

I would like to give a big thank you to all the guys who assisted me at training throughout the year, mainly Heath W.J., Bryce, Mark G, Steven Ball and Phill King .... good help is hard to find.



The future looks bright for the talent we have available. The main focus is to develop the juniors through the senior ranks – to gain experience and to work on the skills they already possess and to work harder on the weaknesses they have to make them better players. As for the senior players, work hard towards making your personal goals achievable, and always listen to advice.

Season 2008/09 is fast approaching, and with that I'm signing off by saying once again, thank you to everyone for the support I received and I look forward to continuing on in the years to come at MVCC.

Lou Raffaele

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I am pleased to present the statement of Income and Expenditure for the MVCC for season 2007-08 (see Attachment). Whilst income was down in some areas from where we expected to be – from functions and sponsorships – we had some increases from grants and canteen. Overall, the club has covered costs and is in a sound financial position.

Peter Fenaughty