



Moonee Valley Cricket Club

July Senior Newsletter Season 2009/10

Our Coach and our Pre-Season

Lou Raffaele has been reappointed Senior Coach of the Moonee Valley Cricket Club for 2009/10, giving us continued stability and continuity to follow on from the gains of 2008/09, when our top three teams made finals.

He has now set our pre-season training roster. It applies to our existing players, new players and others we will be expecting to play senior cricket this season – our Under 16s and a number of our Under 14s. All these players are being included in our mail-out. And of course our senior playing list includes our Women's Team players.

We commence with three **Sunday** sessions at the Footscray Action Indoor Centre at 90 Gordon St, Footscray. We have access to two full indoor nets – not just the bowling lanes – so we're encouraging all those who will play senior cricket this season – regulars, our up-and-coming juniors and our women's team members – to attend.

REMEMBER: White or predominantly white shirts or tops are compulsory for senior training. If you're not wearing one – don't expect to train!

The sessions run from 10 to 11am, and are on August 2, 9 and 16. Players should each bring \$7 per session to cover the cost of the indoor nets.

We will be having our first outdoor training session from 10am on **Sunday, August 23**. We're still awaiting information on the availability of Ormond Park, as the Football Club may be hosting finals that day. Watch our website for a venue.

The Club's practice matches will be:

Sunday, August 30 - probably an intra-club match, hopefully at Fairbairn Park.

Sunday, September 13 - venue/opponent to be advised, but possibly a country trip.

Sunday, September 20 – probably an intra-club match at Fairbairn Park.

Regular Tuesday senior training will commence at Ormond Park from September 1 starting at 4.30pm due to daylight issues. From September 22 they will start at 5pm. Thursday sessions will start from September 10 (4.30pm).

We will have a Sunday session at Ormond Park from 10am on September 6.

As well as Lou's reappointment, as assistant coaches we have reappointed **AROSHA PERERA** and appointed **MARK GAUCI**. We also went through the advertisement and interview process for the First Eleven captain, and are pleased to advise that **MARK GAUCI** was reappointed.

New players are still needed. Anyone who knows someone interested in joining our Moonee Valley Cricket Club should ring coach Lou Raffaele on **0433 854 549** or president Charlie Walker on **0409 237 543** – so please get the word around.

It is expected that **JUNIOR TRAINING** will start in the first week of September. Past juniors will receive notification by email and text from Junior Co-ordinator Kevin Gardiner, and details will also be posted on our Club website: <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au>

This year's MVCC Committee

Moonee Valley Cricket Club has a new committee for season 2009/10 with some new faces joining the more experienced members. The committee members are:

<u>President:</u>	Graeme "Charlie" Walker 0409 237 543
<u>Vice-president:</u>	Sandro Capocchi 0405 956 185
<u>Secretary:</u>	Richard Cooney 0411 034 707
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Paul Comino 0411 278 121
<u>Assistant Treasurer:</u>	Chris Micallef 0401 194 727
<u>Canteen Manager:</u>	Peter Fenaughty 9386 7312; 0411 221 473
<u>Junior Co-ordinator:</u>	Kevin Gardiner 9376 8434; 0417 536 896
<u>Sponsorship Manager:</u>	Ryan Fairclough 0404 015 114
<u>Functions & Events Manager:</u>	Kim Johnston 0421 220 896
<u>Equipment Manager:</u>	Phill King 0419 185 450
<u>Funds Manager:</u>	Jenny O'Brien 0423 775 110
<u>Merchandising Manager:</u>	Steve Malone 0414 557 378
<u>Match Day Manager:</u>	Jim Polonidis 0412 305 205

Call for 2009/10 Captains

It was important that our First Eleven captain was appointed as soon as possible after the appointment of the Coach, so the two could work together in planning the pre-season.

As such, Mark Gauci went through the advertisement and interview process and we are pleased to confirm his reappointment for his fifth season, after leading our Firsts into a Grand Final in 2008/09.

We are keen to have our other captains in place well before the commencement of the season. We now call for applications for the Captains of the Seconds, Thirds, Fourths, Fifths, Sixths, Sevens, Eighths, NINTHS and Tenths, and for our two Women's teams.

Those interested should not hesitate to discuss the matter with any of the Committee members. Prospective captains should note that Captains will be expected to play the season in their grade unless both the Match Committee and the Captain agree to any change. As with many positions at our Club, under the requirements of new legislation the successful applicants will be required to undergo a **Working With Children** check.

Applications should be made IN WRITING to: mooneev@club.cricketvictoria.com.au: Applications close **August 22**.

We are also calling for applications for the position of **Chairman of Selectors**, with applications to the email address above and also closing on August 22. The successful applicant doesn't have to be a player at the top level, but the ideal candidate would have a level head and a bit of capacity to work through selection issues with the captains. They would also need to have a bit of flexibility on a Friday or a Saturday morning if teams need to be juggled due to late non-availability. Anyone interested should phone Charlie Walker.

President's Message

Welcome to the start of the 2009/10 cricket season and again it promises to be an exciting one for the Moonee Valley Cricket Club – officially the biggest cricket club in Victoria.

Our major gains in 08/09 saw our top three turf sides make the finals, with the Firsts and the Thirds winning through to Grand Finals.

We need to ensure that we are equipped to meet the challenges of our Firsts and Seconds being promoted to a higher grade. We're now in the North A Division of the Victorian Turf Cricket Association.

Of our 12 senior men's and women's teams, six made finals, and a couple of others missed finals action by the proverbial – such as our Eighths, squeezed out by the tiniest percentage.

The Under 14 team of Glenn Perussich – one of our Ninths players – won their Premiership, the latest junior flag in a run which has now extended to six consecutive seasons.

We are a major sporting organisation, putting some 300 players on the field each and every week. One of my tasks as President is to continue to build on what we have achieved in recent seasons and ensure we have the correct structures and processes in place to ensure we are able to efficiently meet the demands of running such a large organisation.

We need to ensure that we do not lose our focus on our players and members or forget the reason we are here in the first place – for our members. We need to ensure that all our players and members know they are important to us – from our elite players in our First Eleven, down to our recreational players in the Ninths and Tenth's and our juniors right back to Under 10s. And our parents and partners.

We need all our players to join us in making sure that Moonee Valley remains a family club, and with this in mind we want everyone to come back to Ormond Park on Saturday or Sunday evenings after their games.

Canteen manager Peter Fenaughty is already gearing up with his trusty crew for a continuation of our Thursday night meals, which proved such a hit last season.

Our canteen will again be vital to our finances this season. Over the course of the season, we will be running probably 58 canteens – Saturday games, Sunday games and Friday night junior games.

We expect EVERY senior player (or their partner) to do ONE shift in the canteen this season. Regular Saturday players are required to do a Sunday shift, and regular Sunday players a Saturday shift. Or a Friday evening shift. Captains will be allocated the dates on which their team is expected to staff the canteen – so be advised that you will be required at some stage.

We have won nine junior premierships since we won our last senior flag. We are confident that with our personnel and our structures, we will be in a position to give ourselves the best chance to get Moonee Valley back in the winner's circle at the senior level in 2009/10.

Don't be shy in asking mates and work colleagues to join our Club – or your partner. As a team with men's and women's teams and our juniors, there's a spot for everyone. We can truly call ourselves a Family Club. Again, welcome to the new season and let's work on improving both our personal and team performances and building the friendships that our great club provides.

Graeme "Charlie" Walker.
President

Email and website

Electronic communication is the norm in this electronic age. Moonee Valley Cricket Club has also moved in that direction.

We need all players to update ALL their contact details for us – address, mobile and landline phone numbers, and email address. Please send these details to Charlie Walker at charlie.walker@optusnet.com.au so that our lists can be updated.

From now on our official communications will be distributed via email and on our website: <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au> – which we expect will be updated every week or so – either on the Home Page, in the News pages or under the “New!” listing. We expect that all players will regularly check the web for important messages.

If any players don't have access to either email or the Internet, please advise Charlie Walker. We will maintain alternative contact methods for the small group who don't have electronic communications.

******* Junior Registration Day*******

New Junior Co-ordinator Kevin Gardiner has organised Junior Registration Day for Ormond Park from 11am on Sunday, August 30.

Kevin has already done a lot of work lining up coaches for the season, and a ground allocation plan. We'll continue to have plenty of Sunday options for our teams.

Get ready for another wonderful junior season as the true FAMILY Club of the region.

No shirt, no train – so be warned!

The Committee fully backs coach Lou Raffaele's rule that players **MUST** wear a white or predominantly white top for training – or else they don't train.

This applies to juniors who want to have a bit of an extra run with the senior squad, or who want to stay back after junior training for some extra net practice.

We also back Lou's warning to players that if they don't advise him personally if they will be missing a training session, they are at risk of being dropped down the grades or missing out on promotion.

Lou and the match committee will be more than happy to give the opportunities to those players who show their commitment by doing the right thing in terms of communication. So be warned!

MVCC Club Memberships for Season 2009/10

Memberships for the new season are now open. Members have two options for payment this year - pay a flat rate or pay-to-play.

Option A – A flat rate membership fee of \$250 will apply and no match fees will be charged. This is a potential saving of \$90 over a full season. Full fees must be paid by the Thursday night before the first senior game on October 4. A concessional rate of \$160 applies for full-time students, unemployed and pensioners.

Option B – A pay-to-play membership fee of \$20 per day played will be made for all games during the season.

Members who are more than two weeks in arrears with fees will not be picked to play.

A concessional rate of \$10 per day applies for full-time students, unemployed and pensioners.

Members who do not choose to pay their full fees by October 1 will automatically revert to the pay-to-play option.

Membership fees are the lifeline of our Club and prompt payment will help us meet the significant costs of running and operating our teams.

*** After the game ***

We will be ensuring that there's something on each Saturday evening at the Club – so there's no reason for players and supporters not to come back to share the day's experience with clubmates.

Match reports and player-of-the-match presentations WILL start promptly at 7.15. If some of the away teams aren't yet back, we will hear their reports when they do return. If any get back too late, or if they're playing Sunday games, we will have the match reports on the Thursday.

And our one-day grades will do a match report EVERY Saturday. That means we'll get to hear of the good performances of our players as they happen – and ensure that we're not going over old ground when we're doing multiple reports from the two-day grades each second week.

There will be a barbecue on the Saturday at the end of each of the two-day rounds, so make sure we all get back to Ormond Park.

~ ~ ~ Bring in a sponsorship ~ ~ ~

Ryan Fairclough is working hard as our Sponsorship Manager, and has already got some excellent results. The latest challenge is to us – the players!

It's our job to be selling our Club. We all either work with or for someone, or have a parent, family member or friend who would benefit from being associated with the Moonee Valley Cricket Club – the biggest cricket club in Melbourne. So why not sign them up as a sponsor?

If you can sign up someone for a \$500 sponsorship, we will give you \$100. If you can sign up someone for \$1000 or more, we will rebate our players the full \$250 cost of their membership.

So YOU benefit, the Club benefits, and the sponsor benefits by being associated with our big family Club. What could be better. If you've got a hot contact, talk to Ryan on **0404 015 114**.

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