**PRESIDENTS REPORT**



**Annual General Meeting of SYCUCC 2024/25**

**Monday 19 May 2025 (Lightfoot Rooms, Deakin Reserve)**

**Presidents Report**:

Thanks to all club members, playing and social, and sponsors for Season 2024/25.

Thanks to committee members, with two who need a special mention – Sam Nash and Mel Saunders – who shared our Club Person of the Year Award.

This recognised their efforts over the year in ensuring our senior and junior teams and programs operated.

As Mel missed our presentation night so can you join me in recognising her efforts in this role and also her achievements on the field, winning most runs and female club champion.

Achievements for 2024/2025 season included:

* Best turf cricket wicket in Cricket Shepparton
* Hosting pre-season practice matches for 2 Melbourne Clubs
* Bunnings BBQ on AFL GF
* Club Functions including:
  + 21st Ball
  + Darts Night
  + Ladies Day
  + Junior & Senior Joint Presentation
* Spring Nats Marshalling and Bar
* Inaugural Cricket Carnival with $1400 sponsorship
* Relaunch of $50 social membership
* Growth of Master Blasters and MCG event
* Active promotion and hosting of girls cricket program
* Operation of new club fridge and freezer combination (plus ice maker reinvigorated)
* Operated our club bar each weekend with occasional BBQ
* Installation of new electronic scoreboard with Swans ($6000 grant)
* Sponsorship increased
* Repair of storm damaged container and sponsor signs
* Committee increased
* Hosted 4 import players
* Hosted D grade final for Northerners
* Improved relationships – Swans and Council re Princess Park

And

* Council announcement of awarding contract for new club rooms to Moretto Building $5M

Thanks to Stephen Pinnuck and Mel Saunders for junior program including:

* Master Blasters (Dianne Poole)
* Academy (Rick O’Neil)

We need to also acknowledge that Stephen Pinnuck is retiring from his junior coordinator role.

* He rebuilt of juniors to where we have a base for the future, and
* Juniors he recruited now playing senior cricket.
* He has also actively participated and supported the committee

Thanks to Sam Nash for Captaining/coaching A grade and support from Cam Hammond and team:

* Club merchandise and functions

Thanks for Chris Barclay for the coaching/coordinating of the women’s team.

* D Grade men’s knocked about with lack of availability,
* B grade – Opportunities at this level for junior players and new club memebrs.
* A Grade – so close to finals thanks for Sam Nash for his commitment to the club
* Womens - Finals and teams fielded every week

I would also like to thank the individual hosts and club members for supporting our 4 import players including:

* Cam Hammond (Seb and Cal)
* Nash family (Ben)
* Mel Saunders (Sophie)
* Lake Family (Weekly dinners, Aussie Christmas, Bar, Guiness pouring, etc)

We continue to improve in how we manage and support our import players, and we do need to do a lessons learnt on further improving this process.

The success is evident in that Sam Nash, Joe Hammond (2nd year) and now Abe Lake have travelled to England to display our club culture and skills, and have friends withing to support them.

2025/26 Committee and Roles

Following the AGM, SYCUCC Committee for 2025/26 is summarised below:

President and Secretary – Steven Nash

Vice President – Steve Tate

Treasurer – Stephen Pinnuck

Senior Mens Cricket – Sam Nash

Junior Coordinator – Ash McNamara

Womens Cricket and Master Blasters – Mel Saunders and Dianne Poole

Pitch Management – Connor Green

General Committee – Donald Conway, Abe Lake, Jospeh Hammond, Grayson Widmer

Goals include:

Construciton of new clubs rooms including:

* Confirming away room is our home (mens and womens)
  + Swans can decorate own home rooms
* Having cricket on the plans
* Instigating a committee of management where we are equal partners
* Can under floor be a future indoor covered net/s – home of our academy?
* Sight screens (one or two)

SYCUCC has to help generate $380,000 as community contribution over 5 years

Cricket Victoria/Australia support as we can provide:

* Venue for winter and pre-season training
* Home of SCA rep cricket – mens and womens
* Annual final games
* Training venue for Northern Rivers junior pathway teams

SCA Womens and Junior Girls Cricket

* SYUCC to have Under 11 and Under 15 girls teams
* Lead SCA with:
  + Chris Barclay nominated for Director of Womens Cricket
  + Mel and Steve Tate on sub-committee
  + Format to suit womens cricket

Eg – Saturday Future Format

Mens first grade – 11am to 5pm

Womens – 6pm to 9pm

Other Aims for Season 2024/25

* Get the new scoreboard operating with cricket scores
* Two Bunnings BBQ
  + May 25 Sunday
  + AFL Grandfinal (except if your team is playing or you have a ticket)
* Raffle – go with Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle? Need more sales
* All star game with women’s and men’s 20/20s
* Maintain other events (Ladies Day, Darts Night, Joint Presentation)
* Host another cricket final
* Sponsors for new scoreboard, sight screens, girls teams
  + Add 2-3 main sponsors
* Team goals
  + Preliminary in A grade – Mens and Womens
  + B Grade men will flow on as well
  + Full season for D Grade
* Grow club with local and Melb/regional players
  + All grades
* Coaches for junior teams including:
  + First Under girls teams
  + Master blasters (2 programs)
  + Support cricket academy

Coaches to support club include:

* + Peter Whitelock (bowling)
  + Matt Cullen (batting)
  + Alan Tonks (fielding)
  + Womens team (vacant)
  + Team managers (B, D and juniors)

All Abilities Carnival will stay at Deakin as better disability access. Com ing home when new rooms established

* Need to increase social membership to help
  + Family, friends and past players
  + Offer?
* Need RSA’s for bar and future club functions
* Need support for events:
  + Bunnings BBQ (25 May and AFL Grand Final)
  + Spring Nats
  + Academy
  + All Abilities
  + Proposed all star game at Princess Park
* Future looking positive as Council program is new changerooms in 18 months
  + Future source of income but need to contribute as a club
  + Save on hiring venues (AGM, Ball)

To say our future looks bright is an understatement.