

Celebrating *125 Years* **1886 - 2011**

2010/11 SEASON REVIEW

UNDER 15 PREMIERS!

GRAND FINALISTS

3rd GRADE RED
UNDER 17 BLUE

FINALISTS IN:

1st GRADE
4th GRADE BLUE
5th GRADE BLUE
5th GRADE SILVER

3rd GRADE BLUE
4th GRADE RED
5th GRADE RED

UNDER 14 RED
UNDER 14 BLUE



President's Report 2010/11

When reflecting on the 2010/11 season, you cannot avoid counting the impact the weather had due to an unprecedented amount of days lost to rain, particularly prior to Christmas. This also greatly affected many of our training nights, and in turn impacted on the general momentum of the Club which had a knock-on effect that included pitch and ground preparations, revenue, and attendance at games and social functions. And then, with a reasonable run of sunny weekends after Christmas, impressively seven senior teams made the semi-finals, five of which were then cruelly denied by the rain due to ladder position when most of that weekend was rained out. Our two third grade teams met in the semi which saw the Red team victorious in wet conditions. Unfortunately, they were beaten in the Grand Final, but we still congratulate Norm Goedheer and his team on getting there. Well done! Many thanks also go to the Captains for their efforts throughout the season. Despite the lack of a senior premiership this season, we have still demonstrated that we are a major force in Gold Coast cricket. Congratulations also go to our Under 17 Blue team and our Under 15 team for reaching their respective Grand Finals. Both games were abandoned due to the weather, however the Under 15's were awarded the premiership due to a higher ladder position. Well done also!

Thanks go to Captain-Coach Cameron Garnham for his efforts again. It is particularly evident that our younger and emerging players are benefitting from the structures and processes he has put in place at training. As well as the First Grade Squad, we also ran a Second Grade Squad, the running of which was assisted by Shamus Robertson and Peter Smith. Thanks also to you both.

Graham Shepherd continued in his role as Chairman of Selectors and Net Coordinator at training. His efforts contribute largely to the smooth running of training and impact majorly on our results and enjoyment of our cricket. Thanks Shep, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Great appreciation also to Curator Michael Greenhatch who did a fine job to overcome obvious difficulties with the weather, broken down mowers and other issues to prepare the main wicket as well as the new deck on our second oval.

As this season commemorates our 125th year, as well as the Presentation Night tonight, we also acknowledged the anniversary with a Legends Vs Young Guns 20/20 match. It was great to see some of the Honour Board players and Life Members turn out for an entertaining game in front of a good crowd which included some of our sponsors and older Life Members. A highlight of the day was the participation of the Northsiders Cricket Club from Ipswich who attended at our invitation and gratefully accepted a cheque of over \$5,000 which was raised to assist them to rebuild after their facilities were devastated in the recent floods. Glenn Swan instigated the fundraising and together with wife Sue arranged a stall, raffles and other efforts to raise the funds. I think it was fitting that during our anniversary, we as a Club could reach out to others in the community that needed help and it was clear from the emotional reaction from the Northsiders on the day that we have formed a bond with them that should endure for many years. Thanks indeed to Glenn & Sue for all of your efforts.

Other social highlights were the Trivia Night, the 6-A-Side Competition on Australia Day, and the fortunate last minute opportunity to host Sir Vivian Richards and Rodney Hogg for a Sportsman's Night which was well attended by us and others from the Gold Coast cricket fraternity. Many thanks go to all of the numerous people who were involved in the organising of these events.

I would personally like to thank the entire Committee whose efforts have been truly tireless in ensuring that the club operated efficiently during the season, particularly for their support and encouragement when I became President in September. Especially to Vicki Shepherd whose efforts and support as Vice President have been amazing. Thanks Vic! Thanks also to Jenny, Roy and Jono for the running of the canteen again, and Selena for working the bar. We are truly blessed to have all of these people involved in the running of our great Club. Also to the many life members who regularly attended the club for several significant occasions, your ongoing involvement with us is valued and enjoyed, thank you.

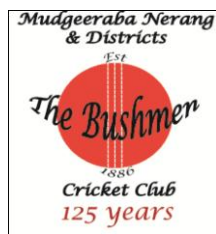
This year Bartercard joined us as a major sponsor which saw the renaming of the grounds to the Bartercard ovals. Together with the Nerang RSL who are in their 4th year of association, we received greatly appreciated financial support. Thanks to Andrew Barker and Lloyd Evans respectively and we hope our relationships are mutually beneficial for years to come.

And finally congratulations go to all trophy winners tonight. It should be a great night as we celebrate our successes as well as the great history of our club. I think we can be proud of our efforts this season and I look forward to a fruitful 2011/12 season. See you all tonight.

Yours in cricket,

David Fergusson

President.



Club Coach's Report

Guys

As I sit to write this year's Coaching Report I'm a shattered man. A season that promised so much both on and off the field, but in the end delivered so little. In a year that was about celebrating the club's history, it has become apparent that is easier said than done. In a year where we added some vital experience to our premierships winning first grade side, it would be a side that had its only win of the season against us in Round 3, that would sink our aspiration of back to back titles. It was a season that could have been so different with 8 out of the 9 senior teams qualifying for finals, only for 4 of them not to get to bowl a ball. It has been quite easily the most frustrating year of my coaching life.

In saying that I also find it amazing that the people that do all the work around the Club (volunteers that all have other jobs) have again held their heads so high. They have stuck out a year in which I guarantee they will admit has been the most challenging and disappointing of the tenure at the Bushmen. I'm paid to spend the hours that I put in at the Club, these men and women that have had it tougher than anyone else at the Club this year are not. However, week in and week out with every decision they make being scrutinized to the 'nth' degree, they are the ones that make sure that the Club is an ongoing success from the 150 kids that are enrolled into the Milo In2Cricket program through to the 1st Grade team, from the clothing orders to the fund raising, it is these people on the Committee that we have to thank for having the best Club on the Coast to play cricket at, and in return for this I believe they deserve a hell of a lot more respect and thanks than they have received in the past 12 months. On behalf of myself and the very large vast majority of the members of the Bushmen I would like to thank you again for all of your efforts during the year.

As I sit here I see a Club that is at the cross roads as to where its future is headed. A Club that has grown so much in size, that its books resemble a medium size business. A Club with so many juniors that are all begging to be developed and are expecting the club to help turn them into stars of the future at the Dolphins and beyond. But I also see a Club that is struggling with taking the step forward out of the old days and into the new age. I see a Club that has only sent one player to the Dolphins in the past 5 years. This year we will have 3 or 4 players go and try their hand at grade cricket and the following year there will be another 3 or 4 that will be ready. I believe we have a unique opportunity over the next 4 years to produce 10 – 12 ready made 2nd grade district players to the Dolphins, no matter how many or how few premierships we win in that time. If we can start to produce cricketers that can be successful at the top level of cricket in Queensland, then we will be the most successful Club on the Coast and in turn that will continue to attract juniors that want to come to our Club to be best prepared to take the step to the next level.

I must take the time to thank Graham Shepherd again for his tireless job as the Chairman of Selectors and looking after the nets all year. Graham's time and effort is very rarely mentioned and rarely does he get the gratitude that he deserves. Mate, thanks again for everything you do it is very much appreciated.

To the Captains of each of the teams, thank you for your input and the time and effort you give each week, from picking sides to calling players on Saturday mornings when it was raining yet again. Without the leadership you have shown during the year, it would have been very difficult to try and install process into the younger players during the week, especially this year with the Second Grade Squad, if there hadn't been someone there on Saturdays to try and make sure they were implementing the things they were learning.

The Second Grade Squad was new this year and with the numbers that we have at training, didn't work as well from a Club perspective as we all would have liked. However, in saying that, it is not by chance that these kids, playing mainly in the 3rd Grade sides, were able to get both teams to the finals. It was a sharp learning curve for the players that were given the chance throughout the year to participate in the squad session. They went from being 16 and 17 year olds training like kids at the start of the season, to training and competing like a very good mature bunch of cricketers by the sessions at the end of the season. Again, it is by no fluke that when you create the right environment and you have players that are willing to work hard and listen that you can turn players from talented park cricketers into being able to compete at the next level. This squad will be around again next year, although there will be changes to try and massage it to fit in better from a Club perspective. The two squads are the most important things that are currently implemented at the club, as far as developing players and ensuring future success at the club are concerned.

To the senior players that came back to the club this year, I'm sure that your time on the field with the kids that are coming through the ranks was invaluable to their development, and although the outcome in the 2nd Grade this year was disappointing for all of them, it will hold them in good stead as far as experience going forward.

To finish, I would like to again thank the vast majority of people who make my time at the Bushmen an enjoyable experience. I believe that we have again taken huge steps forward with the development of our younger players, and the next couple of years, although they may well be tough as far as results are concerned due to the lack of experience blending with the next generation, I think we can come out the other end in 2 or 3 years time having developed a very good bunch of cricketers, and more importantly, a good bunch of young men. I hope to be part of the future as a lot of the ground work with these kids has been done over the last 2 seasons, and I believe that I can continue to take the Bushmen forward to a very bright new future.

Cheers
Cameron Garnham



Chairman of Selectors' Report 2010/11

When getting my thoughts together to pen this report, I find that it is much easier to compile an end of season report coming off the back of 1st and 6th grade premierships! Nonetheless, I believe that this has been another successful season for the Bushman as a whole, with all senior teams qualifying for the semifinals with the exclusion of 2nd grade. Realistically the “reggies” were only calf and hamstring injuries away from achieving the same result.

It was great to see so many “old” boys back this year, adding greatly to the depth of talent within the club and leading to the significantly improved performances of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teams.

The 1st grade side had one bad game all season, resulting in their only loss. I have no doubt that another Grand Final would have been reached and won by this amazing squad had the weather permitted.

Congratulations to Norm and his special team of youth and experience for being the club's sole representatives in the Grand Finals.

Special thanks to all the skippers who made my job so much easier – Cam, Smithy, Norm, Bev, Killer/Keith, Snoz, Fish/Simmo and Chris. Whilst it may not be apparent from outside the selection room, a lot of thought goes into the selection of the teams each round, with our deliberations based on a fairly simple criteria –

1. Best for the club;
2. Best for the team;
3. Best for the individual.

It was our intention to be transparent in our selections and I hope that we were able to consistently achieve this goal this season.

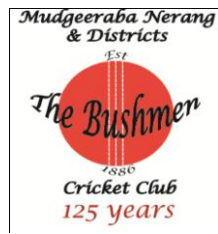
Regardless of the grade, captaining a team is a very difficult job. The appointees open themselves up to criticism from whoever wishes to have a crack at them, and almost always these criticisms have the benefit of hindsight and/or are untested.

Player development is a major goal every season and I believe that the establishment of a seconds squad was an unqualified success. Thanks to Cam and Moose for their combined efforts in providing such detailed and comprehensive training and guidance for our younger players.

We will be looking at continuing the two squad concept year, but with a bit of “tweaking” to ensure minimal disruption to training for the whole club.

Thank you to the hard working Committee, players, supporters and members of the Bushmen for what has been an extremely enjoyable season.

Graham Shepherd



MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

President's Awards

Tracy Alker
Vicki Shepherd

Qld Country Under 19
Representative

Josh Nelson

Turf Cricketer of the Year

Shamus Robertson

Synthetic Cricketer of the Year

David Johnston

Smith/Phillips Rising Star

Matt Butler

Junior Clubman

Ruby Clarke

Senior clubman

Graham Shepherd

CRICKET GOLD COAST AWARDS

Josh Nelson- Maurice Glassman Under 19 player of the year



MNDCC VICTORY SONG

(Sung to the tune of the North Melbourne Kangaroos Football Club song)

**Out we come, out we come, out we come to play,
We love a win, we love a scrap, we always seize the day!
Lots of fun upon the deck enjoy yourselves today,
coz the Mudgee boys can't be beat, when they come out to
play**

*So join in the chorus and sing it one and all,
Join in the chorus, the Bushmen are on the ball.
Good old Mudgee, were champions you'll agree,
The Bushmen will be premiers just you wait and see Oy!*