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# HOWZAT

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## Welcome Back!

The smell of freshly cut grass, the smell of blossoming flowers, the sound of people sneezing, AFL grand final day, we must be on the verge of the cricket season! Yes, it's that time of the year again when we open our cricket bags and realise we still have our dirty whites from our last game sitting in there. Roll the arm over in the nets and get pins and needle up our arms, try and play a cover drive and miss the ball by a foot. Cricket season!

I have great pleasure in welcoming everyone back for the start of the 2001-02 season, and what a season it looks like being. We have the challenges of A & C Grade striving for back to back premierships, and A Reserve & D Grade trying to dispose of last years disappointment and get that one step further and take home the premiership.

Once again the club has been busy during the off season around the traps. Ando has been elected as president replacing Jed, Philo is once again vice president and Greg Barnes has replaced Ando as vice president. Veally has replaced Gibbo as secretary and Marty Phillips is once again treasurer. Brent O'Connor has been appointed as coach for the 2001-02 season.

The social committee has several functions planned for this season, and you can find the calender for this further in the Howzat. After last years modest attendances in several functions, we are giving everybody ample notice and we expect that everyone make a big effort to attend as many functions as possible.

And now for the usual start of season reminders! Home sides are to bring afternoon tea, don't leave it up to another player to bring it. We have a good reputation for afternoon teas let's continue the tradition. Players are only to wear Banyule caps or white floppy hats. If you do not have either of these please see Ando.

The competition has introduced several new rules this season, some good, some not so good. Ocka & Ando will go through these in more detail tonight but these are what I can remember off the top of my head. If a player is reported the captain of the team is also reported. So if you muck up you will not only get suspended or the club fined it will happen to the captain also, so make sure you pull your heads in! The boundary of each ground has been defined as the bottom corner

of the fence, line, witches hat whatever may be the case. So on our grounds if the ball hits the fence on the full it's 6. The last point is the HDCA have set up a new points system, which you will find a little confusing and to the detriment of the game! The percentage has been abolished. The ladder is decided on points, if teams are level on points it goes to wickets lost. So if you win the first game and lose 8 wickets, and somebody else wins and only loses 6 wickets, they will be higher on the ladder. Then if wickets lost is also the same it goes on a form of percentage which is (runs for minus runs against) divided by (wickets taken minus wickets lost).

We will have a cleaning roster this season. We have been spoilt in the past with your Ando's, Jedda's, Ronnie Butlers, John Veals and the like trudging down each Sunday morning to clean up the club. Each player will be rostered on probably twice throughout the season. The group will have 4 people in it and should only take 45 minutes on a Sunday morning to get it done. Each group will have a "captain", he will have keys, an instruction lis, be responsible for each group attending, arranging a time to meet etc. If you can't make it on the day you are rostered you are to see Philo and a swap will be arranged. 45 minutes of your time on a couple of Sundays is not too much to ask, if everyone participates it will be quick and easy. If someone does not attend and let's their group down make sure they are ridiculed for their indiscretion, and they will be forced to face myself and Philo at the next Thursday night training session without pads, gloves and a box! This roster will be up next week.

We will also be having someone working in the canteen on Saturdays. This will ease the pressure of players having to sell food start up the keg etc. This person is to be announced.

## Special Mentions

This section could possibly could have it's own magazine with all the goings on during the off season, but we'll only include the important stuff this week!

- Welcome back to the Parry clan, all 3 will be playing this season. The Parry's were sadly missed last year and it's fantastic to have them back.

- Welcome back also to Luke Taylor, great to have players back to the club.
- Welcome to Scott Darling all the way from Newcastle. Make sure you make him feel welcome.
- Congratulations to Andrew & Kirsten Parry on the birth of their first child Jordan Robert. Mother and baby doing well.
- Congratulations to Greg and Alli Anderson on their wedding, and also of the news that Alli is expecting their first child.
- Congratulations to Marty and Kylie Phillips on the announcement they are expecting their second child
- Congratulations to Brad and Louise Bowler on their wedding and also the announcement they are expecting their first child.
- Congratulations to William & Karina Seir on their marriage.
- Congratulations to Ash & Nancy Gannon on their marriage.
- If you haven't heard, the Gibson clan have moved down to Cobden to run the family business. Unfortunately gibbo won't be playing this year, but we hope to see him and the family throughout the season. Good luck to Wayne, Trish and the terrors, I mean the kids!
- Congratulations to Brent O'Connor & Danie on the announcement they are expecting a sister for Xavier Francis. The name is yet to be announced due to the parents fighting over it! But they have decided to leave the naming up to the Howzat readers. We are running a competition to see who can come up with the best name for the second child of our coach. Winner will receive a free beer from ocka!
- Congratulations to Jeff Wilson who last week passed his final exam, and now if he hands in his masters on time will be a doctor of Osteopathy (hope I spelt that correctly!) Jeff was a little nervous on the outcome and once he found out the result was in the positive he spent the next 3 days drunk! We think he might try and find a cure for a hangover. This is great news for Jeff, and we know he was pretty rapt he beat Dave to it!

## Membership

Our membership fees have not increased this year, and will remain amongst the most competitive in the competition. The club has done the right thing, so make sure you do the right thing by the club and pay your membership early. The \$500 club is also up and running again, this pays for your beer Thursday nights, Saturdays until 8pm, your membership fees, entry to the presentation night and the mug with your name on it. Match fees have also not increased this season, please remember to bring your match fees each Saturday!

### Membership:

Senior	\$110 incl GST
Student	\$55 incl GST
Junior	\$25 incl GST (includes cap)
500 Club	\$500 (suprisingly!)

### Match Fees:

A Grade	\$7 per week
A Reserve	\$5 per week
B Grade	\$5 per week
D Grade	\$5 per week
Juniors	\$2 per week

## Social Calender

Make sure you start planning your calendar around these dates!! We are putting a lot of effort into these functions this year to be very enjoyable for all so please keep these dates vacant.

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Rennah's Rock n' Roll Night

**5<sup>th</sup> November** – Cup Eve Extravaganza

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Beer & Wine Tasting Night

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Break Up

**3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Double Wicket Day

**24<sup>th</sup> February** - \$1000 Draw Day

Also planned are the Annual BCC Golf Day and a Ladies Day. More details will be published around the rooms and in the Howzat closer to the dates.

## Junior News

Following the successful season last year with our juniors, the club will be fielding a 4<sup>th</sup> junior team. We will have 2 under 12 teams this season. This is fantastic for the club, and the future of the club, but it also means we need another coach for the under 12's. So if you know of anyone who can help out, please let Jed or Ando know. The games will be on Saturday mornings until daylight savings start, then they will move to Friday nights.

## Sponsorship

As you are all aware Sponsorship is a major source of funding for the club. So it is very important that every player gets out there and finds themselves a sponsor for the upcoming season. We are only after \$50 from your sponsor but we would obviously like more, as this year we plan to make sponsorship more attractive for interested participating companies. They will receive free advertisement in the BCC rooms and in the Howzat, regular copies of the Howzat, and prizes if their player wins the man of the match award as well as other things that are being finalised. See Scooby or Greg Barnes for more information. The sooner the better as we would like to get your sponsor up around the rooms ASAP for maximum advertisement.

# Trivial

- Q. What was Judas's Surname in the bible? (And no it's not Priest!)
- Q. Which Banyule cricketer is also known as Osca Del La Hoya?
- Q. In what year did Countdown finish on the ABC?
- Q. In what year was Rage first screened?
- Q. Name the players to pass these batting milestones for the BCC last season:  
1000 runs, 1500 runs, 2000 runs, 2500 runs & 3000 runs.
- Q. How many runs did Craig Anketell make for the BCC?
- Q. How many wickets did Trace Bakker take for the BCC?

*Name of Australia's first Test Captain:* D W Gregory  
*Where did you go to school:* Rosanna Primary, Macleod Tech  
*Best holiday:* Gold Coast ( Honeymoon )  
*Best bloke to go to a pub with?* Trace Bakker ( Drinks at my place )  
*Favourite pub:* It was once the OE  
*Third favourite beer:* Any bought by Peter Adams  
*If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with?* My Wife  
*Favourite pick up line:* Never worked for me  
*Hairstyle tips:* Just hang in there  
*Word Associations: Bears:* Banyule  
*Beer:* Gibbo  
*Phillips:* Late  
*Bunker:* The Valley  
*Ando:* ME  
*Words of advice:* Pitch in around the club, it is like your home and your mum's not there.

# Interview with a Vampire

*Name:* Greg Anderson  
*Age:* 38  
*Playing weight:* 94 kilo's with pads on gloves and bat.  
*Star Sign:* Scorpion  
*Job:* Primary school PE teacher  
*Brothers/sisters:* Two brothers Neil (Nina) Graham (Yogi )  
*Marital status:* Just Married ( Alli )  
*Marital aids:* Lock on bedroom door  
*Republican or Monarchist:* Republican  
*Hobbies outside cricket:* Football Golf Fishing, Plumbing  
*Favourite TV show:* Seinfeld  
*Favourite movie:* Matilda ( Watched it every afternoon for the past three months )  
*Favourite beer:* VB  
*Favourite meal:* Roast Lamb  
*Next favourite beer:* Carlton Draught  
*Favourite drink:* Cordial when batting at drinks break.  
*Favourite band:* Killer Clowns  
*Least favourite beer:* Light  
*Favourite song:* No secrets  
*Outside love interests:* None  
*Animal that best describes you:* A hibernating bear  
*TV character that best describes you:* Jeff (From Wiggles)  
*Dream rotten egg victim:* Ravi  
*Dream date:* My wife  
*Synchronised swimming?* Great for insomnia  
*Worst bowler to face at training:* Bill Sier  
*Why:* Where will it go?  
*Dream player to bowl bouncers at:* No one  
*Why:* I can't do it.  
*Highest score for Banyule:* 156 no  
*Best bowling haul for Banyule:* Can't remember must have been in under 16's  
*Ambitions for 01-02 season:* Win my ninth A grade flag  
*Most admired player at the club:* Rennah, great role model  
*Best Banyule player seen:* Yogi, Gibbo, Macca, Goldy, Marty, Nina, Philo, Lloyd.  
*Biggest disappointment at BCC:* Losing GF to Heidelberg  
*Most memorable moment at BCC:* First A grade flag  
*Best birthday prezzy ever:* New cricket bat  
*Something you can't live without:* Playing cricket  
*Who wrote The Hobbit:* Tolkien ( Lucky Alli has it )

# WEB News

Damo has been doing an excellent job on the web page, and he will be updating it this week once the fixture has been finalised. Here is some correspondence we have received recently.

From: PTremain@aol.com  
To: damianharte@hotmail.com  
Subject: Cricket  
Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2001 07:36:30 EDT

Hello there,

I'm writing from a club in Essex, England, Benfleet Cricket Club....we play in the Essex League and are currently looking for an overseas players for the forthcoming 2002 season starting April in Sunny Essex. We are mainly looking for a bowler who can bat a little but all details are considered, I was just wondering if there was anyone at your club who may like to spend a season in England. You can check out our website @ [www.benfleetcc.org.uk](http://www.benfleetcc.org.uk)

Anyone interested please send your cricket details/CV to me.

Look forward to hearing from you.  
Regards

Paul Tremain  
Benfleet CC

Dear Paul,

Hello I am a left arm fast bowler and number 6 batsmen from the Banyule Cricket Club, Melbourne, Australia. I would like to apply for the position in your team that you advertised through our web page. I am a likeable character, a little quite and introverted but my ability

speaks for itself. Please find a brief description of my skills and achievements below

I currently think I am the best bowler in the club, if not the country! I am a similar style and build of Glenn McGrath but I'm left handed and he has nothing on me. My batting would best be described as similar to Ricky Ponting. I have all the shots in the book and run between wickets just as fast. My fielding could be related to Mark Waugh's, I have all his style and grace plus more.

I am also a hard worker on the training track and in my work, and would be looking to continue this in England.

I am on the club list of greatest all rounders and my pre season form this year indicates I could become the greatest by the end of the season. I have played A Grade for Banyule, which is no easy feat, but played last season in the seconds. I am the only player on record to be bowled 2 balls in a row and be given out both times. I am the only player at the club who walks in with the bowler in the slip cordon, but still manage to take the catches.

I can drink Canadian Club and Dry like its going out of fashion and have all the moves on the dance floor including 'the bear', 'the billy', 'the philo' and the all important 'the gibbo'.

Please consider this information when choosing your international player for next season. I can be contacted via our web page.

Yours in Anticipation

Matthew O'Ryan

P.S If you are looking for another player I would like to nominate my friend Scott Butler. He is a fast right arm bowler and top order batsman, who is fleet of foot and has an arm like a rocket.

## Quotes from the off season

I was going through last years first howzat and noticed that in this section last year Bruce McAvaney dominated after the Olympics. Well he's done it again, this time the quotes are from Brownlow medal night.

Bruce: "I understand that your fiance's deaf parents have a sign for your name?"

Jason Ackermanis: "Yes that's correct."

Bruce: "Can we hear it?"

Bruce then followed that up with "your dear old mother is dead." We though the next topic of conversation was gonna be Jason's acne!

"You little beauty!!" Michael Voss during his victorious speech at this years AFL Grand Final. I'm quite sure almost everyone else in Australia was saying that after the final siren! Except those poor Essendon supporters!!

"Sucked in Essendon, that's what you get for tanking the round 22 game against Richmond!" Scooby at the MCG Grand Final day. Still hasn't gotten over Carltons early exit from the finals.

## Answers

A. Iscariot

A. Scotty Butler

A. 1987

A. 1987

A. P.Davis & D.Butterworth (1000), M.Harte & S.Poyser (1500), C.Holst (2000), M.O'Ryan (2500), F.Chowdary (3000).

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## First Games

Attached is the full draw for the season for your perusal. But for a quick summary:

A Grade Vs Bellfield Away

B Grade Vs Macleod Home

C Grade Vs Greensborough Home

D Grade Vs Macleod Gold Away

Please note our C Grade is in 4th grade and D Grade is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The last Saturday before christmas is the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, and we start back on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. B & C Grades don't forget afternoon tea.

## Feedback

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