Minutes of the Cricket Albury Wodonga AGM
Wednesday 26th July 2017 at the Commercial Club Albury

Meeting Opened - 7:10pm

Present — Rob Williams, John McMillan, Michael Erdeljac, Darren Morey, Rhys Miller, Heath Naughton, Grant Ball, Gareth Dennis, John Milosta, Trevor Cooper, Mitch Ryan, Chris Hartshorn, Tony Maher, Vince Jones, Reon Garvey, Sam Strelec. Darren Harris, Ken Brookes, Norm McClure, Marg Sirl, Brian Hind, Andrew De Vries, Leo McGee, David Nichols, Cameron White, Ben Baude, Kevin Vale, John Thomas, Chris Green, Mitch McGuinness, Matt Armstrong, Liam Vandermeer, Mick Brown, Michelle Armstrong, Anthony Brewergrey

Welcome

Michael Erdeljac welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Doug Neilson, Jock Campbell, Robbie McKinlay, Wodonga Raiders Cricket Club

Confirmation of Minutes from Previous AGM

Michael Erdeljac read the minutes of the 2016 AGM.

Moved Michael Erdeljac, Seconded Bethanga Cricket Club, that the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be confirmed. CARRIED

Treasurer’s Report

Outlined the major income and expenditure for the 2016/17 year. There was a request for updated email addresses so that finalised accounts can be sent out. Clubs were asked to do a stocktake of their existing cricket balls so that CAW can start to determine how many balls have to be ordered.

Moved Rob Williams, seconded North Albury that the treasurers report be accepted. CARRIED

Chairman’s Report

Had a very successful year. We had 19 clubs, which fielded:

- 61 senior sides
- 68 junior sides
- 6 junior girls sides
- 32 T20 Blast sides
- 14 Milo Cricket Centres
- 3 senior representative sides
- 18 junior representative sides

We had over 2400 registered players and over 275 at a representative level in CAW

Some highlights for the season include:

- First ever Provincial 1st Grade Final to be held at Rowen Park Tallangatta with Wodonga Cricket club being the premiers
- Mt Beauty were the 1st Grade District Premiers
- East Albury won the Cameron Shield and Kiewa won the Hazel Clarkson Shield.
• East Albury Blue won the U16 Div 1 competition, Wodonga Barnes won the U14 Div 1 competition and Wodonga Hynes won the U12 Div 1 competition

• Corowa won the inaugural CAW Girls Competition

• Wodonga won the CAW Junior Club Award

CAW had players and coaches selected in the:

• Australian Country Championships

• New South Wales combined High Schools team that toured England

• Riverina Opens Under 19’s, 16’s and 14’s sides which played in the State Finals in Sydney

• North East Region 6 Under 18, 16 and 14 boys and girl’s sides that played in Melbourne

• Cricket Albury Wodonga Country Under 19, U16 and U14 boys and girls that played in Riverina competitions

• North East Region 6 Country Week U17, U16, U15, U14 & U13 which played throughout the North East.

• Cricket Albury Wodonga Country Under 12 that played their first matches against Wagga Wagga

The Board would like to thank all Cricket Albury Wodonga Clubs who prepared and hosted matches each week. A special mention goes to Tallangatta, New City, Kiewa and Bethanga, along with their Presidents, players, curators and volunteers for all the work put in to hosting the Cricket Albury Wodonga Provincial and District 1st and 2nd Grade Grand Finals.

A huge thank you must go to our dedicated umpires. With the quality of the umpires supplied to Cricket Albury Wodonga from the Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association, we are able to run such a large competition with all First Grade and most of Second Grade matches having official umpires as well as all Finals from Under 12's through to Seniors being officiated. Also, Murray Border Umpires Kieran Knight, Ken Brookes, Neil Smith, Wayne Allan and Roger Burns exemplified their ability by officiating in New South Wales State Wide Carnivals as well as Premier Grade Cricket in Sydney.

The Board would also like to thank the input and co-operation of all Club Presidents and their Boards. Without their input, cricket in the local area would be stagnant. We are all moving towards the betterment of cricket.

I personally wish to thank Nigel Cunningham and Janelle Williamson from the Wodonga City Council. Michael Stanton and David Armstrong from the Albury City Council. Jo Shannon and Penelope Sell from the Towong Shire. Carlene Lamanna and Mark Florence from the Indigo Shire. Brett Wood from Cricket Victoria and Anthony Brookes from Cricket New South Wales with whom the board and myself have spent many hours working together so that Cricket would be the winner in the Cricket Albury Wodonga Community.

This is a list of the Council and State upgrades that have been completed over the last two years or are about to start.

• Martin Park – New Centre Wicket Table (Completed)
• Willow Park – New Centre Wicket Table (Completed)
• Ernest Grant – New Hard Wicket (Completed)
• Norieul Park – New Hard Wicket (Completed)
• Southern Rise – New Hard Wicket (Completed)
• Rowan Park Tallangatta - New Training Facility Upgrade (Completed)
• Urana Road Oval – New Club Rooms (Completed)
• Urana Road Oval – New Training Facility Upgrade (Completed)
• Les Cheesley – New Training Facility Upgrade (Work in Progress)
• Baranduda Oval – Centre Wicket Upgrade (Completed)
• Baranduda Oval – New Training Facility Upgrade – (Work in Progress)
• Bilson Oval – Centre Wicket Upgrade (Completed)
• Birallee Oval – Centre Wicket Upgrade (Completed)
• Thourgoona F/G – New Hard Wicket (Completed)
• Lavington Sports Oval – New Oval
• Lavington Sports Oval – New Training Facility
• Bunton Park – New Net Safety Upgrade
• Alexander Park – Oval levelling and Upgrade
• Melrose Park – New Hard Wicket
• Norris Park – New Hard Wicket
• Birallee Sports Precinct – New Centre of Excellence
• Birallee Sports Precinct – New Training Facility Upgrade
• Kelly Park – New Training Facility Upgrade
• Willow Park – New Hard Wicket
• St Monica’s – New Hard Wicket
• Sumsion Gardens – New Hard wicket

We are also working closely with Towong and Indigo shires in conjunction with Sport and Rec Victoria on the current grant applications to create new centre wickets as well as training facility upgrades at

• Eskdale Football Ground – New Turf Wicket
• Bethanga Cricket Ground – Wicket and Facility Upgrade
• Yackandandah Cricket Ground – New Turf Wicket
• Barnawartha Football Ground – New Turf Wicket
• Barnawartha Football Ground – New Training Net Upgrade
• Chiltern Football Ground – New Hard Wicket

Again, none of the above upgrades could have been achieved without the assistance or support of the Albury City Council, Wodonga City Council, Towong Shire, the Indigo Shire Sport and Rec Victoria and finally Cricket New South Wales and Cricket Victoria.

The Board would like to thank our major sponsors for their support:

• Crowe Horwath
• Commercial Club Albury
• Border Mail
• Gray Nichols
• 1494 2AY
Special notes

- The Cricket Albury Wodonga Provincial 1st Grade Grand Final as well as the exciting last two hours of the Cricket Albury Wodonga District 1st Grade Grand Final was broadcast live again on free to air radio. The work done by Simon Corr Robbie Mackinlay and Heath Naughton and their band of helpers was an amazing feat.

- After going through the 2016/17 season stats for our juniors, CAW had 840 juniors in Under 16 Under 14 and Under 12 cricket. Of those 840 players that played in the junior sides, at some stage throughout the season they all got to bat, bowl and field in front of their parents, family and friends and that is what we call a Family Orientated Sport. It is these youngsters along with their families that are the future of CAW and we must never forget it.

- Over the last 12 months we have seen the remarkable growth of Milo in2Cricket and Milo T20 Blast for children under the age of 10. We have over 900 children throughout the region on both sides of the border. The work being done by Robbie Mackinlay (NSW) and Rhys Miller (VIC) must be seen to be believed. These two gentlemen along with their staff have given children from all over the region an opportunity to start on their cricket Journey.

- The inaugural ‘Border Bash’ event was held on 13 December 2016 as a collaborative partnership between Melbourne Stars and Sydney Thunder BBL clubs, Albury City and Cricket Albury Wodonga (CAW). The activity was also supported by Cricket NSW, Cricket Victoria, Wodonga Council, the Commercial Club Albury and Destination NSW (DNSW).

  The concept was designed to:
  Provide an opportunity for two competitive practise matches for both club’s men’s squads prior to the BBL season Proper
  Further expose the BBL brand to a regional audience
  Establish a ‘border rivalry’ which exposed both club brands to the regional community encouraging participation and membership.

  Following initial talks and negotiation it was decided to conduct a Women’s Big Bash League (WBBL) match between the two clubs in addition to the men’s practise matches. The WBBL match would be played for competition points and effectively make the day a ‘Triple Header Event’.

  Cricket Albury Wodonga’s part in the project was to supply a fully functioning facility to Cricket Australia’s Tier 2 match day requirements. The work done by Heath Naughton, Rod Barton, Peter Collins and others to complete this task was nothing short of amazing.

  Included in the Cricket Australia Infrastructure requirements were pitch preparation by (2), ground and safety netting, Site Screens 8 metres high and 20 metres wide by (2) and all the volunteer labour to facilitate all match day operations for all three matches.

  The other part of our requirements was that we were granted the catering rights for the entire day including all food and beverages services. The work done by Vince Jones, Sam Strelic, Michelle Armstrong and others again was nothing short of amazing.

  Included in our food and beverages program Cricket Albury Wodonga asked for and received volunteers from 18 of our clubs. Each club supplied 10 people for 3 hour shifts over different parts of the day. In return for their services each club received approximately $450 worth of goods.

I have had the pleasure of working with a dedicated Board who have foresight and are always working towards the improvement and participation of cricket in the region. I would like to formally thank every Board member personally for their contribution. It really has been a team effort.

The Board would like to extend our best wishes to Gary Tonkin who after 4 years of dedicated service will be leaving, to take up retirement. We wish him well for the future.
The Board would like to congratulate, Cricket Albury Wodonga Hall of Fame member Joe Wooding on receipt of his Order of Australia.

Finally, the Board would like to note the passing of our Patron Don Dennis. Don was one of the all-time greats of cricket on the Border. A man who dedicated his life to serving his country and his local community. His work with local schools in the organisation of representative cricket including the Millikin and Rixon Cups was unprecedented. It was clear from all those that attended his final farewell how much he had touched and contributed to the local cricket community.

Moved Michael Erdeljac, seconded Heath Marg Sirl that the presidents report be accepted.

Election of Board Members

There were three nominations for the board positions:

John McMillan – Moved Brian Johnston, Seconded Francis Mitchell
Grant Ball – Moved Jonathan Thomas, Seconded Matthew Armstrong
David Nichols – Moved Michael Erdeljac, Seconded John McMillan

All three nominations were received and accepted.

General Business

Nil

Meeting Closed: 7.36pm