

President's Report – 2009 / 2010

. This year we had 347 players competing in 29 teams, with four half-season teams. For the benefit of those new members to our club, many boys, especially in the older age groups go to private schools in the new school year where they play cricket for their schools on Saturday. Brisbane North has organized a half-season competition where they play club cricket up to Christmas. At our club, we have approximately 100 boys who play half-season.

We have had another successful season on the field. The U14 Sea Hawks won the half-season competition for their division. The U15 Eagle Hawks also won their competition. The club also had seventeen boys who were selected in Brisbane North representative sides which competed over the Christmas break. In our senior/warehouse ranks, Albany Creek competed in the A3, B2, C1 and Sunday competition. Our Sunday team, comprised mostly of fathers and sons from the club were victorious in their Grand Final.

At this time of the year, there are many people to thank as clubs of our size do not just happen. To all the people on the committee and their partners/spouses, I thank you for the countless hours of dedicated service. Dianne Cook, our Statistician, has been very busy this past week preparing all the trophies and the list of recipients for today's presentation. I would like to thank Jordan and Jess who have worked in the canteen each week. Well done ladies. Special mention must also go to Garry Walker who organizes our Warehouse players. More and more of these men are ex juniors who are filtering into the senior ranks. I know that Garry is particularly pleased with this transition into our club. This winter we have 14 teams playing in the Warehouse competition including six junior sides and most of the senior teams are filled with ex-junior players.

A very special thanks also to all our coaches and managers who have put in the hard yards on a weekly basis. Many of these people have been at the club for five or six years or more and their contribution has been invaluable. The fact that these coaches keep coming back says a lot for us as a club and is responsible for the stability and confidence that you as parents have in the care that they exercise over your children.

I would like to thank Mike and Denise Whitney who have published this magazine for the past two seasons. They won't be able to continue next year so we are looking for some more wonderfully talented club people to take up the baton. Our Secretary, Andrew Trenerry is also unable to carry on his role next season. Thanks Andrew for your great contribution over the past few years.

To all the parents who have assisted with scoring and generally organizing the boys on Saturday morning, thank you. As you have seen this season, cricket is a game where we have lots of variables such as heat, rain,, no shade, no toilets which have to be contended with, as well as the frustration of dealing with other coaches, umpires and .parents.

I would also like to thank all our sponsors for their ongoing contributions to Albany Creek Cricket Club. Our two major sponsors, Bradford and LJ Hooker of Albany Creek have certainly allowed us to keep our fees down and thus keep more children on the fields. Thanks for your support.

Steve Casey