

2012 Presidents Message

Let me immediately thank every person who contributes to our cricketing community - the players, of course, and the families who support them; the club administrators and facilities managers; our club and league sponsors; the multitude of volunteers at our special events; and especially my fellow executive officers. On behalf of all us who benefit from your work and may never have the opportunity to thank you in person, we thank you.

Two of our current weekend clubs are celebrating their centenaries in 2012, a testament in each case to the strength of spirit within and among cricket clubs in Victoria. Congratulations to the Cowichan Cricket and Sports Club and the Incogs Cricket Club for this achievement, and we wish them every continued success for the next hundred years. Both clubs have events planned in celebration and we encourage all interested members past and present to get involved where they can.

We were fortunate enough last year to be one recipient of the Royal Bank of Canada's cricket development grants, and celebrated with a Canada Day exhibition game at Beacon Hill Park attended by ICC Hall of Famer Wasim Akram. Sadly, we can't expect to be so lucky again this year, but the funding from that grant has already afforded us new mats and equipment, and plans are still in progress for improvements to the facilities at Beacon Hill Park and to our junior programs. We thank RBC again for the generosity of their support.

This city and its cricketing community open their doors once again this year to visitors from all parts of the world for the 14th Victoria International Six-a-Side festival, from August 03 to 11. Many are return visitors, as we hope those arriving for their first VISAS experience will become. We are also hosting both an inter-city match and the Tomalin Cup Final against the BCMCL this year, and happily welcome the touring Marylebone Cricket Club, one of the world's most prestigious sporting establishments. The MCC will play a Victoria representative side at Beacon Hill Park on July 14, and we have our fingers crossed for a sunny day and a good crowd turnout.

To everyone involved with the VDCA, I wish you all the best for 2012.

Cheers,



David Norrish