

## 2011 Presidents Message

Cricket is a game as much as it's a sport, where it doesn't so much matter if you're the fittest, fastest, or strongest (although it probably helps) or even the most all-round talented individual. To succeed in cricket requires the support of a team, and it has been my great pleasure since moving to this city to meet, to play with and against, and to work with many members of the team that makes Victoria cricket such a success. There are too many to name here, and probably many I'm not even aware of yet who I'd hate to miss out, but every person who gives their time and effort to this game we love - on or more especially off the field, on game days and all through the off-season - has my deep and enduring gratitude.

The ICC World Cup is on as I write (building no doubt to another glorious green and gold victory!) - the perfect introduction to a summer of cricket. We have our own VDCA World Cup scheduled for the Canada Day weekend, with visitors from Seattle (representing USA) and Calgary (Canada) taking on local amalgamations under various other national flags, and more Weekend League cricket than in the past few years as well, with 17 matches planned for all teams leading up to the play-offs. The Midweek League continues stronger than ever, and it seems only a matter of time (and space, grounds being the primary restriction) before they are able to expand further.

One of our primary aims for this season involves the revitalisation of our junior cricket programs and facilities, which, despite the best efforts of a number of notables, have been slowly on the wane in recent seasons. I'm excited about the possibilities presented by the increasing interest from the University and various schools, and hope that very soon we will be able to welcome our weekend Colts team back into active competition. This crucial stepping stone for developing cricketers has been much missed in the last few years, and I ask you all to help to ensure that we give the next generation of young players every opportunity and incentive to become life-long members of our community.

My father always told me that *"you only get out what you put in"* to any project, and it wasn't until becoming involved with cricket that I realised how that maxim could really be applied to my life. Since then, I've come to appreciate the multiplicative value of communal efforts, where your every positive action is returned a hundred times over by the community around you, and I encourage everyone to get all that you can out of cricket by giving all that you can.

The game wouldn't exist without you.

Cheers,



David Norrish