



# Brighton Union Cricket Club

## ‘Hoops’ Newsletter No. 2

January 2016



Holly Luth of the U13 girls team, 2nd from left, in the opening ceremony of the Boxing Day Test Australia v West Indies. ‘Hoops’ Club donations have provided fantastic support for the girls team this season (See page 5)

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## Upcoming events...

Feb 13th	Junior awards night 6pm for 6:30 at Hurlingham Park
Feb 13th	Reunion of 1975-76 1st XI premiership team and Hoops Club gathering at Hurlingham Park from 4pm
Feb 14th	Milo cricket resumes at Hurlingham Park 9:30am
Feb 17th	Last match of U13 girls cricket
Feb 19th	Last matches of junior boys cricket. Finals begin following weekend
Feb 27th	Last matches of senior cricket. Finals begin following weekend
Feb 28th	Last morning of T20Blast and Milo cricket
Apr 17th	Club presentation afternoon Bentleigh Club — time TBA

# The 'Hoops' Newsletter

Welcome to the January 2016 newsletter. As mentioned in the inaugural newsletter the purpose of the Hoops Club is to provide Brighton Union Cricket Club with support and networking to keep the Club the 'Facile Princeps' – The Acknowledged Leaders.

The first gathering of the group will take place on Saturday 13 February starting at 4pm during the final day of the first eleven match against West Benteigh and the fourth eleven game against Southside East Caulfield at Hurlingham Park.



Joining the group on this occasion will be a 40 year reunion of our First eleven and Under 16 eleven Premiership sides of season 1975-76.

As well as supporting the boys in their matches, members will also be able to inspect the progress of the development of our new \$3million pavilion which is on track to be completed by August 2016.

Membership of the group is a fee of \$100 or more if you wish and can be paid direct to the Club (see below for details).

## Hoops Club Members

Phil Arnold  
David Bratby  
Keith Brown  
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**Hoops membership is open to all who would like to contribute to the development of the club.**

**To join the Hoops the account details are:**

Name: Brighton Union Cricket Club

BSB: 633 000

Acc No 1440 39229

Reference: Surname/Hoops Club

## Senior Team Performances from Round 5 to Round 8

### First Eleven:

The boys had a magnificent win over top team East Sandringham in round 5 with only two balls to spare. The stars were Conor Craig 66, Nathan Plumridge 44, Jackson Moffitt 38no and Stuart Bell 3/44.

Round 6 saw us have a draw as the second day was abandoned due to the heat but the ever reliable Stuart Bell made an unbeaten 40.

Unfortunately we had to lower our colours in the one day games of rounds 7 and 8 but there were good returns from newcomer Alex Marklew 3/32, Rob Blair 3/40, Con Pothitos, returning after an absence to become a father, with 39 not out, and the consistent Nathan Plumridge with 31 and 50.



Welcome to Brighton Union Cricket Club new player Alex Marklew. Also a classy young footballer, he comes to us from Wangaratta and is training with the Essendon VFL side after a stand out season in the Ovens and Murray League

### Second Eleven:

Three wins and a draw (heated out) from the past four rounds saw us sitting in second position on the ladder after round 8.

Andrew Vaughan has been in outstanding form with scores of 63, 44 and 43 while the evergreen Brian McDonough hit up an unbeaten 81 not out Other good performances have been returned by Jason Rahilly 68 and Nathan Foster 38 not out.

With the ball Travis McCarthy snared 4/17 and veteran Brett Northage 4/71.

### Third Eleven:

There have been some excellent performances from the boys as they currently are in fifth position on the table.

Steve Meyer has led the way with 77 and 31 not out and 3/28, followed by Nick Pettigrew with 73. Team of the Century Member, Life Member and Committee Member Tony Grant has been in brilliant form with scores of 70, 50 retired and 31.

Other good performances have been returned by youngster Joshy Paterson 50 retired, Skipper John Donohoe 50, Rob Oliphant 31, James Halliday 30 and Angus Hanrahan 4/25.

### Fourth Eleven:

The fourths are travelling along nicely and sat fourth on the ladder at the end of January.

Brad Tansey has led the way with 52, and other good scorers have been Nelson Walker 39, and Kyle Dunstan 34 and Dave Martin 31.

Kyle also impressed with the ball with 4/23 but the stand out bowler has been Clive Finklestein who snared 7/30 off 12 overs in round 6

**Full details of all sides are available from [www.brightonunion.com.au](http://www.brightonunion.com.au)**

## Junior News

### Brighton Union at the 'G

A number of T20 Blast teams were invited to play on the MCG as part of the Boxing Day test match and the Stars Big Bash League T20 matches. Highlights included Lucas Nebreda, Holly Luth and Jackson Chandra playing in the interval of the men's final of the BBL (pictured right)

Holly who plays in the U13 girls team and in one of our T20 Blast teams was one of only 12 kids from Melbourne to be selected to participate in the opening ceremony of the Boxing Day test.

We thank the Brighton Union "Hoops' Club for their generous support of both the girls team and the T20Blast teams



96 from Brighton Union also attended the International T20 match between Australia and India on the 29th of January. This was a great night of cricket and a fabulous initiative of the club for the enjoyment of kids and families at the world class stadium on our 'door step'.

Pictured at left are some of the boys from the rookies 'Buccaneers' team enjoying the festivities.

### T20 Blast

The 9 Brighton Union T20 Blast teams resumed at Hurlingham Park on Sunday. Mark Nebreda is doing a great job organising the kids each week along with Billy Prosser of Cricket Victoria. Thanks to the parents who manage the teams, umpire the matches and coach the aspiring young cricketers each weekend. Also thanks to the 'Hoops' Club whose donations enable us to provide 75 club shirts and caps for the players. Pictured right are the players of the week from December 13th.



### Parents and Grandparents at Rookies cricket Saturday mornings

It is great to see so many parents and grandparents supporting the Rookies Saturdays



## Junior Representative Cricket

Brighton Union boys performed exceptional well during the VMCU Representative Carnival in January including two Premiership winning teams



Pictured above from left are Lukas Galanopoulos (SECA U14s) and Josh Finkelstein (SECA U12s) with Phil Arnold of Brighton Union, SECA Executive and U12 representative team management.

### Brighton Union Representative Players 2015-16:

#### SECA U12 - Josh Browne Plate

Josh Finkelstein and Elliot Paterson (Captain) - won Premiership

#### SECA U14

Lukas Galanopoulos (Nolan Cup) and  
Luke Vorbach (Allen Shield)

#### G J Craig U15

Joshy Paterson

#### SECA U16 Beitzel Shield

Max Anson

#### SECA U18 (Arnold Shield)

Matt Vorbach - won Premiership

#### SECA U21 (competition played Nov/Dec 2015)

Conor Craig and Matt Vorbach



Josh and Phil with Elliot Paterson holding the Plate

### **Featured Coach: Neil Vorbach — Specialist Coach and Chairman of Match Committee**

We are very pleased to have Neil as Specialist Coach for the 2015/16 season. Working with Senior Coach Ben Cairns, Neil is involved with both Seniors and Juniors and is also Chairman of the Match Committee.

Neil has extensive coaching, playing and leadership experience including:

Over 300 senior games in the CMCA (now South East Cricket Association) with Bentleigh ANA and Brighton Union

Almost 4000 runs in 208 1st XI games with Bentleigh ANA alone

Senior Coach and Chairman of Match Committee over a number of seasons with Brighton Union

Cricket Australia Level 2 coaching accreditation. Neil's involvement adds strength and depth to the coaching structure of the club.



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Gary is also Brighton Union's Patron and No. 1 Ticket Holder and valued supporter of the club.

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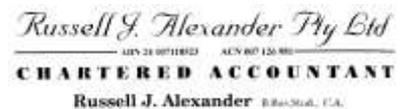
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