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M.G.C.C Presidents Report 2007 – 2008

Fellow Gryphons,

Season 2007 – 2008 has seen a big improvement, compared with the previous years in our on field performances. Despite our 1st XI poor season there have been the achievements of 4th XI, 3rd XI and the 2nd XI. I would like to take this opportunity on congratulating 4th XI Captain Nathan Goode and 3rd XI Captain Nathan Pearce for their leadership this year in getting their teams into the semi finals, a great effort to you both and to your team mates.

To the 2nd XI and their Captain Dilpreet Lamba, I congratulate you for your leadership, the efforts of your teammates during the season and of course making it to the Grand Final. It was not the result the club wanted but runners up this year in MCA C-Grade is a great effort. It must be noted that it has been 10 years since a Men's Gryphon side has made it to the Grand Final. I also would like to thank the supporter's (current members, friends and family and past players) who turned up during the Semi-Finals and Grand Final to show their support. The Second XI has had a great season and this was recognized at the MCA presentation night:

- Dilpreet Lamba (winner of the Anthony Burnell (C-grade B&F) and Most Runs for the Season.)
- Vivian Vyas (winner of the C-Grade Batting Average)
- Damian Giles (winner of the C-grade Bowling Average).

I must also commend our First XI Captain Ben Gordon for his leadership during a very difficult season in MCA A Grade.

This season has seen a resurgence in our Women's Team. They may have not played in finals action this season but they certainly got close. There have been outstanding performances from the women with the bat and ball. One player in particular was recognized for her great efforts by the VWCA:

- Alison Chapman, who won the One Day Keeper of the season with 12 dismissals, and she also won the player of the round for her 105* round 11 match against Pakenham Upper Toomuc this season.

I am grateful to Steve Pearson, our clubs Women's Manager and Coach for his time and efforts that he has contributed this year. Our committee has recognized these efforts and has requested that Steve undertakes additional training to upgrade his coaching levels. He is passionate about the future of Women's Cricket at this club and we are pleased that he will continue as Senior Coach of the Women's team next season.

Senior Men's Coach Jim Sasic, I would like to thank you for your contributions this year, considering that your involvement with our club was hampered by your work commitments. Again, we all appreciate the time that you put in with your coaching and your support for the players for season 2007 – 2008.

Assistant Men's Coach John Bourne, your commitment to this role has been fantastic. You have dedicated a lot of your time supporting the players at training and your support to the 3 teams playing in the finals was fantastic. John also volunteered his time as a sub –fielder

during the Grand Final, a great effort. I would like to mention a special thank you to Nathan Pearce and Kenny Attard for providing additional support to the training sessions.

Our sponsors for their fantastic support to the Gryphons:

Monash Sport (Major Sponsors)

From the day our club began back in 1990, the university has supported this club throughout its entire history. During the earlier years it was through Sports and Recreation MONSU and more recently through the department of Monash Sport.

I would like to thank current Team Leader -David Nankervis (Caulfield Campus), Michael Jones - Team Leader Sport Programs (Clayton campus) Kris McCarthy -Sport Programs & Project Officer (Caulfield and Peninsula Campus) for their support to our club The Monash Gryphons are proud to be apart of the University, the department of Monash Sport and we are looking forward to an exciting future together.

East Malvern Community bank branch of Bendigo Bank. (Major Sponsors)

This has been the second year in a row that the East Malvern Community bank branch of Bendigo Bank has supported our club. We are very grateful for their continuing support, especially their Chairman Mr. Peter Norman and Bank Manager Mr. Peter Wolff. Our club is looking forward to continuing this fantastic partnership.

TimberCorp (Gold Sponsors)

Timbercorp have been contributing financial support to the Gryphons for the last 2 seasons and we are all very grateful for their support. We hope to continue our sponsorship with Timbercorp.

Mamaduke (Silver Sponsors)

Mamaduke has been a fantastic Silver Sponsor this season. They have provided our club with great function facilities, good food and not mention a great variety of beverages. I would like to thank Soo Ford and Gianni Scalzo for their support. We are looking forward to an exciting partnership with MamaDuke. Our club is grateful for their sponsorship this season.

To my fellow committee members, a very big thank you for your fantastic efforts and time that you have personally put into this club.

- Campbell Mcleod (Vice President)
- Steve Pearson (Secretary)
- Ben Gordon (Treasurer)
- Ryan Tanner (Events Manager)
- Morgan Cole (Equipment Manager)
- Katherine Broome (VWCA Delegate)
- Christopher Shaun Russell (MCA Delegate and SD/ CCL Delegate)

Steve Pearson will be leaving the Gryphons Committee as he will be devoting more time to his roles with the Women's Team, as Senior Coach/ Player Manager and Secretary of the MCA. I would like to thank Steve for his fantastic contributions to this club on and off the field. He has done a great job as MCA Secretary and has devoted plenty of his time to the Gryphons Committee for the last 6 seasons in a row. He has done a fantastic job all these years and our club is very grateful. During that time he has taken on the positions of :

- M.G.C.C Club Secretary 02/03 to 03/04
- M.G.C.C President 04/05 to 05/06
- M.G.C.C Vice President 06/07
- M.G.C.C Club Secretary 07/08

Steve has also contributed his time in the role of Captain,

- Captain of the 2nd XI from 2002 /03 to 2003/04,
- Captain of the 3rd XI: from 2000/01 to 2001/02 and took them into a semi final in season 2006/07
- Captain of the 4th XI 2005/06

A proud moment for this club will be the induction of Aaron Thornely as a life member. I must thank our current Life Members Don Baulch, Craig Robinson, Tracey Widdows and Gryphon Legend Damien Grace for their time and involvement for organizing this special award.

During the pre-season there will be major announcements regarding our club and it's partnership with Monash Sport, our Sponsors and the Glen Eira City Council. A new Senior Men's Coach will be announced as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further inquiries,

Go Gryphons!

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