



# MONASH University Cricket Club

## **President's Report Season 2017/18**

The Monash University Cricket Club entered 12 teams in 4 associations across the Winter and Summer seasons 2017/18. Of these teams, eight sides competed in finals, a record number for the club.

In August, we celebrated our first Mid Year Premiership, winning the Xavier Shield. Well done to Sandip Gadakh and his team, after six seasons of getting close, it was a great reward for all the hard work that Sandip himself puts into the club during Summer and Winter Seasons.

In the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA) Limited Overs Competition Division Six (LOC6) Bingley Shield side was able to win the Premiership, a great achievement by Captain John Page and his team. It is the club's 12th premiership, the 6th premiership in last 7 years, and the club's first in the ECA.

It has been a challenging season off the field with Monash University in August deciding to remove the last of the turf wickets from the Clayton Campus, eight weeks before the start of our season. Thanks to the great work of the Past Players Association, especially John Parrott and Trevor Findlayson, the University saw the errors of it's ways; for at least one more season. Despite this distraction the club was able to succeed on field, and has continued to increase its membership numbers.

This season was Kumudu Ananda's first season as club captain, and he has done an outstanding job, seeing our 1st XI reach the finals for the first time in 15 years.

This season was the first season for new club coach Jimmy Kumar, a long term player at the club. Jimmy completed his coaching accreditation in August and hit the ground running. This season, our training lifted in quality and attendance; and the results could be seen on the field. The club won 63 out of 141 games, with 18 draws, and the club's combined batting average improved by over 3 runs, from 15.6 runs to 18.9 runs per dismissal.

I would especially like to thank club Secretary James Vo for all his hard work and passion, he has given up a lot of his free time, to make sure this club runs as well as it does, he is always the first to training and the last to leave. I would like to thank my good friend and former Vice-President Ahmed Moosa for setting this club for the great season it had. I would like to thank Jimmy Kumar for his amazing work as coach this season. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of our captains, Suki Ali, Kumudu Ananda, David Stanciu, Sandip Gadakh, Jaswinder Singh and John Page, you do an amazing job each and every week.

I owe a big thank you to my wife Belinda, who has done a mountain of work for the committee in regards to compliance documentation, obtaining of grants, and living with two full-time cricketers.

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