

## **President's Report Season 2018/19**

The Monash University Cricket Club entered 10 teams in 4 associations across the Winter and Summer seasons 2018/19. Of these teams, seven sides competed in finals. It also saw the club move teams back onto the Main Oval at Monash University Clayton.

In August, we celebrated our second consecutive Mid Year Premiership, winning the Xavier Shield again. Well done to Sandip Gadakh and his team, after all the excitement of winning last season, who would have thought the sequel would be as good as the original.

In March the club made history winning it's first Mercantile Cricket Association A-Grade Premiership, it was the first time in 24 years that the club's Men's 1st XI had played in a Grand Final, and just like in 1995 the Gryphons were successful. Well done to Kumudu Ananda and his team on a great victory.

The women's team also made history by winning both the T20 and the One Day competition this season, a massive achievement for a team where a majority of the players only started playing cricket just three seasons ago. Well done to Captain Suki Ali, Coaches Dillon Perera and Yasas Athapaththu and to all the premiership players.

To our men's third, fifth, sixth, eagles and warriors all who lost finals this season I know it hurts now, but as has been seen by our first eleven, who lost the semi-final last season, hard work and commitment does pay off, so the club looks forward to seeing a big pre-season and starting next season with a bang.

Congratulations to our club champions, Jimmy Kumar and Linda Machin, both having huge seasons, and playing in premiership teams. To Kaushal Surana, the man with the magic arm, who took a club record 9 for 9 from 8 overs against Glen Iris well done on creating your part of history.

Well done to the club on becoming a Level 3 Good Sports Club.

I would especially like to thank outgoing 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 and will be sorely missed around the club. I need to thank Sandip Gadakh who has put in a mountain of work this season both as Treasurer, and as captain of two teams. 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, Rohan Pandit, Sandip Gadakh, Satti Singh and Sai Sandeep Allamneni, you do an amazing job each and every week.

Thank you to Rigel Pandit who came on board as sponsorship manager this season, in a season that has seen the club gain new sponsors in Commonwealth Bank, Made in India, Taxperts, Yess, and retain Back in Motion and Blackwoods as sponsors.

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

Stephen Pearson  
President