



Queanbeyan District Cricket Club

Home of the Mighty Bluebags

Newsletter

Welcome to the 2016/17 season

After what felt like the shortest off-season ever we are back for another summer of cricket in the Super City. At the AGM in July I proudly accepted the nomination as President of this terrific club and I sincerely thank everyone for their support so far, in particular Peter Solway for facilitating a smooth handover into the role following his 5-year term as President. I am really looking forward to the season ahead as we look to build on our recent success on the field and continuing to improve our facilities to ensure we remain the best club in the region. We couldn't do it without our hardworking committee who regularly give up their valuable time to keep this club running.

It's a testament to our great facilities, and more so our curator Greg Dawes, that we were asked to host some pre-season trials last weekend with the ACT Comets and 1st grade squads from Manly, UNSW and Richmond at Neil Bulger Oval and Brad Haddin Oval (Town Park). Logistically, it was a huge task to get our grounds ready for cricket so early in the season and required the cooperation of several stakeholders to make it happen, mainly the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and the Queanbeyan Kangaroos Juniors. We are privileged to have a strong relationship with the council who have again assisted where possible. Big thanks to everyone involved in making last weekend possible, particularly Greg Dawes and Peter Solway for coordinating.

Pre-season training should start on Saturday 17 September at 10am following the last couple of weekend washouts, with former 1st grader John Bull coming on board as our pre-season coach. Bully played throughout the 80's-90's with plenty of passion for the bluebags, it's great to see him involved with the club again.

Our new club coach, Peter Solway (who needs no introduction), will be running Thursday sessions from October. Darren "Fron" Southwell and Josh "Chog Dog" Sands will be running Tuesday sessions. All players must attend training to be considered for selection, and our training uniform must be worn: we train as a club so we will look like a club. See Matt Harding if you require a training uniform.

Our season launch will be held on Thursday 6 October at The Roos Club. Our T/20 teams will be named and we'll be holding a draw so one player – who has paid the early bird rate – will win back their fees, so make sure you pay early to be in with a chance. More details regarding the fees are in the following pages.

We will again be hosting Schnitzel nights at The Roos Club on select nights throughout the season: these are a great night so make sure you get along with your family to enjoy a good feed and a few laughs. The Roos are our long term major sponsor and it's vital we support them as much as we can.

Our social events team is busy planning a few events for the season which all our members are encouraged to support. I believe it's vital for any club that you must enjoy your time off the field as much as you do on it, and with Chog Dog looking after a few events this year I don't think that will be a problem! So please get along to our events and support our great club.

Finally, best of luck to all teams this season as we look to build on last year's successes. We again look strong across the grades with a good mix of senior players looking after our up and coming juniors.

Do the Bluebags proud by playing hard, but fair cricket.

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Vale Ian Armour

It is with much sadness to announce that long time club Life Member Ian Armour passed away in August at the age of 82.

Ian was a former 1st grade captain, Club President (1967 – 1971) and served on the management committee for many years. Ian became the fourth person to be bestowed Life Membership of the Queanbeyan District Cricket Club in 1972.

2016/17 committee

The committee for the upcoming season is:

Patron	Ian McNamee
President	Rohan Ditton
Vice Presidents	Stephen Cross and Adrian Brunker
Honorary Secretary	Ron Bates
Honorary Treasurer	Matt Harding
General Committee	Greg Dawes, Chris Doyle, Stephen Frost, Graham Hannaford, Dave Horsfall, Stephen Moore, Josh Sands, Peter Solway and Darren Southwell

Club appointments

The committee have made the following appointments for this season.

Coaches	Club Coach (Thurs)	Peter Solway
	Assistants (Tues)	Josh Sands Darren Southwell
Selection panel	Chairman	Adrian Brunker
	Selectors	Michael Frost Peter Solway
Captains	1st Grade	Vele Dukovski
Curators	Freebody Oval	Greg Dawes
	Neil Bulger Oval	
	Brad Haddin Oval (Town Park)	Nick O'Toole

Brad Haddin Oval

In a most fitting honour, our Town Park oval will soon bear the name 'Brad Haddin Oval' after Queanbeyan's (to date) most successful cricket champion.

Brad played junior cricket in Queanbeyan before going on to become one of Australia's most successful wicketkeeper-batsmen in a career spanning 66 Tests.

A naming ceremony will take place in the coming months.

Representative selections

Vinesh Bennett was selected in the Australian Indoor cricket team for the Trans-Tasman series held in Port Macquarie from 8-10 September.

Dean Solway has been selected in the ACT Comets Academy

Tyler Van Luin has been selected in the ACT/Southern Zone squad for the McDonald's Country Colts carnival in Dubbo from 16-18 September

Pre-season training

Freebody Nets

10.00am – 12.00noon

Sat 17th Sept

Sat 24th Sept

Sat 1st Oct

Training sessions will be run by former 1st Grade player John Bull

Pre-season matches

1st Grade Vs Manly

Neil Bulger Oval

Sat 17th Sept (One Day)

Sun 18th Sept (T20)

Weeknight training commences

Tues 4th Oct @ 5.30pm

Thurs 6th Oct @ 5.30pm

Holiday Break

The club's Christmas break will be from Mon 19th Dec 2016 to Wed 4th Jan 2017

Training Resumes

Thurs 5th Jan @ 5.30pm

Matches resume

Sat 7th Jan 2017

2016/17 player fees

Player fee	This fee applies to...	Price
QDCC player*	All players except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QDCC life members • QDCC under 18 players • QDJCC players 	\$ 350
QDCC under 18 player*	Players under the age of 18 years on 1 st October 2016	\$ 300
QDJCC player	Players who are a registered player with the Queanbeyan District Junior Cricket Club (QDJCC) for the 2016/17 season	\$ 200

* New players will receive a club cap and dress polo as part of their registration fee. Returning players who had previously received these items will be required to pay for a replacement club cap (\$15) and/or dress polo (\$30) in addition to their fees.

Questions? see Matt Harding at training or email treasurer@queanbeyancricket.com

Early payment discount

Pay your fees in full by the start of the Season Launch on Thursday 6th October 2016 and receive a \$50 discount plus go into the draw have your fees refunded (must be in attendance to claim the prize).

Clothing packages for new players

Clothing package	Who is it for?	What's included	Price
Freebody	New 1 st to 4 th Grade players	1 x One day playing pants 1 x One day playing shirt 1 x Two day playing shirt 2 x Training shirts 1 x Training shorts	\$ 150
Town Park	New 5 th Grade players	1 x Two day playing shirt 2 x Training shirts 1 x Training shorts	\$ 95

All monies due by **Monday 31st October 2016**

Preferred payment is by direct deposit – email treasurer@queanbeyancricket.com for the club's banking details. Cash and cheque payments are accepted.

Supporter memberships

The following supporter packages are available for non-players this season:

QDCC supporters	Who is this for?	What's included	Price
Bluebags' WAGS – Member renewals	Renewing female members	QDCC social member fee Ladies day ticket	\$ 25
Bluebags' WAGS – New members	New female members	QDCC social member fee Bluebags' WAGS cap Bluebags' WAGS polo Ladies day ticket	\$ 60
QDCC supporter – Member renewals	Renewing non-playing members	QDCC social member fee	\$ 10
QDCC supporter – New members	New non-playing members	QDCC social member fee Club dress polo QDCC club cap	\$ 50

Social Functions

NRL Grand Final

Sun 2nd Oct @ 5.00pm

Freebody Pavilion

\$10 per head for pies and hot dogs

soft drinks, beer, wine and premixes will be available to purchase from the Pavilion Bar

RSVP:

[treasurer@](mailto:treasurer@queanbeyancricket.com)

queanbeyancricket.com

or via Facebook

QDCC Season Launch

All players to attend

Thurs 6th Oct @ 7.30pm

Roos Club

Announcement of lower

grade captains and teams for first round

Finger food provided

All players who have paid their fees in full by the start of the function will go into the draw to have their payment refunded

Trivia Night

Sat 5th Nov @ 7.00pm

Freebody Pavilion

\$20 per head for nibblies, soft drinks, tea and coffee

beer, wine and premixes will be available to purchase from the Pavilion Bar

RSVP:

[treasurer@](mailto:treasurer@queanbeyancricket.com)

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Christmas Party

Sat 3rd Dec @ 7.00pm

Roos Club

New clothing items available

See Matt Harding at training or email treasurer@queanbeyancricket.com if you are interested in the following items

*Stock on hand levels as at 06/09/2016

Playing vest (reversible) – \$65

Limited stock on hand*: Small (4), Medium (1), Large (6), XL (1), 2XL (2)

Cream side



Blue side



Club hat – \$20

Cream Greg Chappell hat with QDCC logo.

Stock on hand*: Small (3), Medium (1), Large (2)

XL and 2XL available on request

Approximately two-week delivery timeframe for orders

^Stock arriving late October

Club contacts

Position	Person	Email
President	Rohan Ditton	president@queanbeyancricket.com
Honorary Secretary	Ron Bates	secretary@queanbeyancricket.com
Honorary Treasurer	Matt Harding	treasurer@queanbeyancricket.com
Chairman of Selectors	Adrian Brunker	selectors@queanbeyancricket.com

Good Sports

QDCC is a Good Sports Level 2 accredited club. Sporting clubs such as ours play a significant role in the community and have a responsibility to our members and their families. We have chosen to join over 6,500 clubs across Australia taking part in the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program. Through Good Sports we are committed to managing alcohol responsibly and ensuring smoke free areas, which we believe will help us to provide a healthy, safe and family friendly environment.

Read more about the Good Sports program by visiting www.goodsports.com.au.

We are a Good Sports club



Softshell jacket – \$75

Limited stock on hand*: Small (1), Medium (1), Large (3), XL (1)



Additional orders may be taken if minimum order requirements are met

Men's sizes available: S – 4XL

Women's sizes available: XS – 3XL

Hoodie – \$65^

Sizes available:

Small (7)

Medium (6)

Large (6)

XL (2)

2XL (2)

3XL (2)



Two Day Pants \$50

Any players interested in purchasing a pair of Two Day Pants (cream) advise Matt Harding at training or email by **Thursday 6th October 2016**.

An order will be placed provided there is enough interested players.



Schnitzel nights at the Roos

\$12.50 Schnitzel specials will be available at the Roos Club on selected Saturday nights again this season.

The club looks forward to seeing as many players, partners and family members attending these nights as possible

ACT Premier Cricket important dates

Competition	Fixture	Date
Twenty20	Pool Matches	Sat 8 th 10am & 2.30pm and Sun 9 th Oct 10am
Twenty20	Semi Finals	Sun 16 th Oct
Twenty20	Grand Finals	Sun 23 rd Oct
One Day Day/Night	1 st Grade	2.30pm, Sat 29 th Oct @ Manuka Vs Western Creek Molonglo
One Day	Double Header	Sat 19 th and Sun 20 th Nov
One Day	Semi Finals	Sun 11 th Dec
One Day	Grand Finals*	Sun 18 th Dec
Two Day	Sat/Sun fixture	Sat 4 th and Sun 5 th Feb
Two Day	Semi Finals^	Fri 10 th , Sat 11 th and Sun 12 th Mar
Two Day	Grand Finals^	Fri 17 th , Sat 18 th and Sun 19 th Mar

*1st Grade Grand Final played as Day/Night fixture at Manuka starting at 2.30pm

^1st and 2nd Grade Finals start on Fridays

QDCC Sponsors and supporters

The club would like to thank the following businesses for their continued support of the club during the 2016/17 season:



Junior cricket registrations

The Queanbeyan and District Junior Cricket Club (QDJCC) is accepting online registrations for all junior cricket formats including a girls team in the Meteors Junior Cricket Plate competition (for 11 - 15's) this season.

Online Registration: <http://www.queanbeyancricket.com/site/juniors> **Email:** juniors@queanbeyancricket.com

Junior coaching clinic

The QDJCC in conjunction with Monarch High Performance Academy are holding a 3 Day High Performance Skills Cricket Clinic for Ages 10 - 18 years on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th September 2016.

Visit <http://www.queanbeyancricket.com/site/juniors> for further information

Masters cricket – QDCC Greybaggers

Are you over 50 (or getting close) and would like to play in a competitive social atmosphere against players your own age?

Join the Greybaggers for the 2016/17 season which will comprise of ten rounds of matches with the majority being 40 over format but a couple of T20's as well.

Visit <http://www.queanbeyancricket.com/site/masters-cricket> for more information or email vets.cricket@queanbeyancricket.com to register your interest now



Visit Southern Cross Cricket's new store in Fyshwick

Club member Vinesh Bennett owns and operates Southern Cross Cricket (SCC) and has recently relocated to a new store at Unit 2, 19-25 Kembla Street Fyshwick (near Zierholz).

The new store allows Vinesh to continue offering his own Southern Cross Cricket products plus continuing his on-site repair service and custom bat making as well as now stocking products from brands including GM, Kookaburra, Gray Nicolls, Spartan, Slazenger and New Balance. Call in and see the wide selection on offer.

Website: www.southerncrosscricket.com.au

Contact: southerncrosscricket@live.com or 0425 329 062

Store hours: Monday – Friday 10.30am – 5.00pm Weekends: 9.30am – 12.00noon

Southern Cross Cricket's QDCC specials

Vinesh is offering QDCC players the following specials for September:

1. Buy any Slazenger bat from SCC and receive a **FREE** pair of Slazenger batting gloves.
2. **50% off** Gray Nicolls GN Scoop Preterit weighted Grade 1 English willow
Was \$440 **Now \$220**
3. **50% off** Gray Nicolls A61 players pads
4. **25% off** Slazenger players wheelie bag – \$120
5. **35% off** Gray Nicolls Power Bow Next Gen. Grade 2. Was \$400 **Now \$260**
6. **25% off** the entire range of Spartan pads
7. **40% off** SCC Conqueror pads range **Club – \$40 Pro – \$70 Elite – \$80**
8. **40% off** New balance bat, pads and glove – **\$350 for the lot**