



The Ships' Log

Preseason Issue, October 5 2022

GAMES THIS WEEK/COMING UP

A Grade vs MTY Raiders @ Yinnar (this Saturday)
B Grade vs Traralgon West @ Traf (bring arvo tea)
C Grade - start Saturday, October 15
U16 - start Friday, October 14
U14 - start Wednesday, October 19
U12 - start Monday, October 17

News From Aboard The Ships

WELCOME to all families, players, sponsors and supporters of the Trafalgar Cricket Club for another season.

The wait is almost over to get the playing side of things underway, as the season begins in just a matter of days.

Some final preparations have taken place this week to make sure everything is in order, for what we hope will be a successful summer.

It was a relatively low-key off season for the club, with it being a case of 'business as usual'.

Players undertook preseason training a number of times at the Moe indoor centre, while closer to Traf, the recreation reserve was given a good feature during the Ellinbank and District finals series.

There is a great aerial shot of the ground from the day showing the venues potential.

The club played a small part in the day, with the clubrooms used as the umpires change rooms, but further to that, it was another good example of Trafalgar sporting clubs working together.

With that, it would be remiss not to mention the Commonwealth Games, which are heading this way in 2026

Surely those athletes are going to need a state-of-the-art oval to train on...

Best wishes to all for the season ahead. We look forward to what 2022-23 will bring.

Housekeeping

This season sees a return to cricket as we knew it pre-pandemic. That means:

- Club supplied afternoon tea is back, and;
- Two-day games in A Grade are back.

More specifically

- A Grade will play cross conference up until Christmas (11 one-dayers), playing each team in the two divisions once, and then move to play the rest of the season as two-day matches in their designated division.
- B Grade is a 21-round season.
- C Grade 16 rounds.

Fixture

We have managed to get a few home games at Traf this season in A Grade.

They are

- November 5;
- November 12;
- December 3; and
- January 21/28 (TBC).

Sunday games

- February 18/19 (A Grade)
- February 19 (B Grade)

C Grade do not play Melbourne Cup, Australia Day weekend.

Season runs to March 19

Sponsors

Many thanks to those businesses and individuals who have committed to supporting us this season.

We encourage all members to shop locally and support our sponsors who support us.

AGM results

Daniel Heathcote was elected president for a third term at the annual meeting and will again be our illustrious leader this season.

There was no movement in the executive, with Brendan Dawson and Reagan Montgomery reelected as senior vice president and treasurer respectively.

We welcome some new faces to the committee in Col Parnall, Mark Smith and Bec Asmussen.

As a club we are fortunate senior players are willing to put their hand up to fill volunteer roles, which we feel helps in keeping the clubs best interests at heart.

Office bearers 2022-23

President	Daniel Heathcote
Senior VP	Brendan Dawson
Junior VP	Billy Pace
Secretary	Durks
Treasurer	Reagan Montgomery

Ground Manager	Brent Claridge
Social Co-ordinator	Zack Brown
Committee	Scott Moorhouse Jackson Noonan Col Parnall Mark Smith Bec Asmussen

Teams

Teams for this season will be:

- A Grade
- B Grade
- C Grade

Juniors

- Under 16
- Under 14
- Under 12
- Cricket Blast

Billy Pace and Zack Brown have done a mountain of work in the offseason to see us return to fielding a full complement of junior teams and programs, and we thank them for their efforts.

It is not too late to join a team in one of the age groups listed above, or the Blasters program for entry-level players.

Those interested are encouraged to register via PlayCricket.com, and search Trafalgar Cricket Club.

The club has waived junior fees this season.

Clubroom upgrades

You may notice a couple of new additions to the rooms.

A new TV has been mounted on the wall, replacing the old projector and the need to use a pool cue to reach a button in order to turn it on.

A new fold-up table tennis table has also been added, set to provide hours of entertainment. Anyone's guess to the variety of drinks that sat on the old table over the years.

Subs

With senior grades back to playing a full season, we ask that subs are paid as soon as possible.

We have tried to keep sub prices as reasonable as possible, and kept them to a nice round number.

Full senior: \$200

Student/apprentice: \$150

Subs help us cover costs we incur as a club.

Our bank details are
Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633 000
Acc: 123 079 139

Senior list

Apart from the obvious change at the top with Aydan taking over from Rhys as A Grade captain, there is hardly anything to report on the ins and outs front.

There has only been two clearances come through the secretary's desk.

Although we will be running with the same core squad, there is no denying the fact we will need to exercise some flexibility and adaptability as circumstances dictate.

For instance, it would be unreasonable to expect Col to keep for 80-plus overs in a two-dayer, while in the lower grades, it is a given guys will play when they are available.

Family, work and weddings are always reasons that inevitably make some weeks harder than other to field teams, but hopefully, those weeks will be few and far between.

And even if they aren't, that's fine when you put it in perspective - we are all just local cricketers playing for enjoyment at the end of the day.

