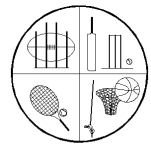




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CRICKET

Cricket finished their season with the first ever senior team win in the VSDCA with the Thirds winning their final in a fairly dominant manner. Setting a total of 184, which included some dynamic late batting on the Saturday, the team rolled the opposition for less than half that score to make it an easy win. Well done to the Thirds who now become part of the history of the club – first senior turf win.



FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

The Premiership Flag was unfurled in front of a great crowd to start Round 1. The season started in great style with impressive wins in the Thirds by 61pts, The Women's by 112pts, the Reserves by 60pts and the Seniors by 71pts. The 18's missed out but showed plenty of heart. In the juniors the results were mixed with some big wins, some near losses and some great efforts across the board.

Netball update in next newsletter.

BASKETBALL

Basketball had 7 teams in Grand Finals at the close of last season, of which 3 won flags. The U12Girls, U14Boys and U16Boys, and all in high grades which was a great result. The club had teams in Grand Finals in U10 Boys, U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U14 Boys, U16 Boys and U16 Girls. Junior Presentation night was held in the rooms on the 7th of April with the assistance of the Football Club and was a great success.

TENNIS

The tennis room upgrade continues and, in most aspects, appears to be on time. In the meantime, the club continues to operate and maintain competition play and coaching schedules – a considerable achievement through all the disruptions caused by the upgrade. It will all be worth it in the end.

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LIGHTING UPGRADE NEWS

Over the last two years the Sporting Club, in close association with the Football Club, have made submissions and applications to Council, State representatives and more recently to Federal representatives for assistance and funding to obtain a lighting upgrade for the main oval. Our submissions have centred around our plan to continue building our junior and women's programmes as well as the continual development of our senior teams.

The great news is our local Federal representatives have attended the club on the 10th of April and made a firm commitment to fund the upgrading of our lights – albeit following the approaching election, but it was a great announcement and support for our club. There is a possibility it could happen before the end of this season.

Which leads me on to the story of the Stump – our first training light.



Some people may wonder about the Stump located behind the club house goals. For those of us who were around at the beginning of time, this stump was the pole on which our first (and only) training light was attached. A bloody big dish light atop of a metal Eiffel tower type frame, with an enormous bulb lucky to light up the goal square. The following is the comments from one involved (who will remain nameless unless you ask him) in the "procurement" and installation of the pole and the lighting equipment.

It occurred in the 1st year of seniors I reckon. Got the pole (condemned) from a contact at the SEC. Control box (fire damaged) I found at Daddy Mac's whilst doing some sparky work for him. Got Geoff Morrison's brother in law to weld up the Eiffel Tower to extend the height. Borrowed the lights from East Keilor Tennis Club to test control gear and lamps. ... they just never went back. The engineering company erecting the pole hit bedrock at about 1.5 metres - said would need to get a blasting permit - I slung him cash to go ahead. Hence the eventual lean. THOSE WERE THE DAYS.

John Rumbelow
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