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Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club – Celebrating 114 years & 108 premierships

## The importance of the sponsor to local sport

The role of the sponsor has changed irrecoverably since the days when Doug Walters handed out cartons of Rothmans in the Australian cricket's teams dressing room.

For a start, cigarette advertising has been banned, but that has not stopped any number of Australia's corporate giants investing billions into sports sponsorship.

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It is a bond the members of the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club takes seriously – that sponsorship is a two-way street.

For the summer of 2024/2025, the Two Blues under new sponsorship director Devon Royce, have been re-invigorating their sponsorship programs.

Those who know Devon will know that every undertaking given to a sponsor will be fulfilled.

This summer, the club welcomes back our old friends as sponsors and welcomes new ones.

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And our members will come through the doors of their business as often as we can.

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David Norman  
NCCC President

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Your social membership goes a long way to continuing this 50 + year tradition. As a social member you are always welcome at the clubrooms to enjoy the fantastic facilities at Queens Park.

In conjunction with this, we are promoting a special offer of Social Membership this year. Sign up as a Social member for season 2024/25 for \$80 and get a \$30 drink voucher to spend at the NCCC bar.

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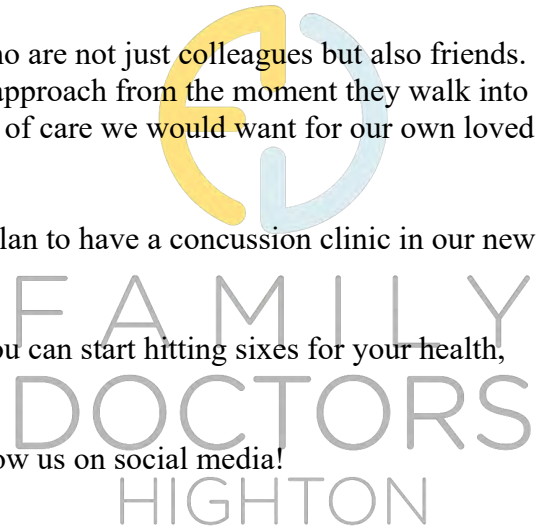
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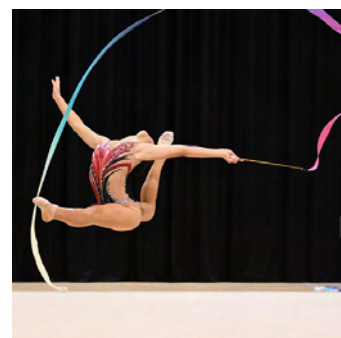
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## Life Members luncheon

In a short time, the Life Members Luncheon at The Gold Diggers Arms has become an institution where tall stories and true Two Blue are revisited by some of the club's greatest contributors.

They include Graeme Chisholm, one of the new club patrons and a major player in organising the lunch.

"The fifth annual luncheon of this esteemed group is scheduled for Friday, October 11th at 1pm at The Gold Diggers," Chisa said.

On the agenda will be bring NCCC life members up to date with changes at the club during the off-season.

"The NCCC has undergone some changes for this season starting at the top with a new president David Norman, a former first-class cricketer from South Africa," Chisa said.

"David has been around for a few years now and has two sons currently playing with us.

"Chris Williams has come across from East Belmont and joined the club as our new coach.

"A highly regarded coach in local circles his influence has certainly been felt by the playing group.

"Lachie Sperling and Jamie Harrison have joined our playing ranks.

"Lachie comes straight from District Cricket in Melbourne whilst Jamie is returning to QP after several seasons playing sub-district cricket for Caulfield."

Cost of the luncheon remains at \$120 per head and payments should be made to Graeme Chisholm via bank transfer: BSB 083-646; A/C 515793249.

## It's KFC Oval for another three years

The Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club, in conjunction with the Geelong Amateur Football and Netball Club, is pleased to announce the club have recently resigned KFC to a new three-year deal as naming rights sponsor of "KFC Oval" at Queens Park.

The clubs are indebted to the Hosking Family for their ongoing support of community sport through their sponsorship of the NCCC and GAFNC, which is entering its third year.

The Hosking Family are all outstanding sports people who have a deep knowledge of how sporting clubs operate through their own personal involvement in a variety of sporting clubs over many decades.

This naming rights sponsorship – "KFC Oval" - again shows their commitment to the local community through sport



The sponsorship provides the club with much needed funds to continue to upgrade our

clubrooms and facilities, purchase new training equipment and ensure that our members are presented with the enviable facilities that we have.

"We all know and love the KFC product (some more than others)," said Director of Sponsorship, Devon Royce.

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# DOMESTIC START OFFERS CLUES TO AUSTRALIAN CRICKET'S EVOLUTION

BY PETER LALOR

George Bailey runs a chain of fitness centres with Tim Paine down on the island where they both grew up, but on Sunday he was in the donut business.

Trapped in a small office while at the NSW v Western Australia domestic match, the selector deflected my inquiries about the opening debate with a less-than-generous "I thought the captain chose the batting order".

It is a valid point, but that said, I may now have a little more understanding of why [Jimmy Anderson got so upset by George in Brisbane](#) that day.

A third party to the conversation, NSW's Greg Mail, made a telling contribution to the question-and-deflection by suggesting that a captain is usually given a couple of openers to choose from by a selection panel.

It was a good point.

Ed Cowan, former opener and director at NSW cricket, was on hand to raise an eyebrow at all this debate about the position he formerly filled. He and the excellent Corbin Middlemiss discussed the various combinations and permutations on their [ABC Grandstand Cricket Podcast last week](#). Like the rest of us they find themselves talking in circles about incoming specialists and who goes out should someone come in. (Surely Corbin can't be serious when he floats the idea of Marnus being dropped, but then again our Gideon is [floating the idea](#) it may have to be Mitch Marsh) and our Sam says the whole situation is cricket's version of [whack-a-mole](#).

Warner, who is off playing the "bigger and better" Season 2 of Zim Afro T10 in Harare, must be rather amused by all of this. If Smith fails to make a go at opening then those who have specialised in the job will be within their rights to observe that it is harder than it looks. If Smith makes a success of it then the bragging rights are all his.

Let's see who comes out on top: Smith in the middle or Warner from the comfort of the commentary position.

That said, this was not supposed to be an article about Steve Smith.

It was good to get out to the first game of men's domestic cricket for the 2024-25 season which will stretch from this early dawn until the sun sets over the Sheffield Shield final in the last days of March 2025.

There's a lot of cricket to pass under the bridge before then. Nonetheless there's a bit going on, off and on the field and much of it was on hand at this domestic encounter.

The small crowd – maybe 50 odd people – were treated to a sparkling century by Josh Philippe, the talented young batter who has shaved his head and returned to his home state. The 27-year-old struck 17 boundaries and four sixes on his way to a career best 139 from 119 balls against his former state. NSW has added a bit of strength to a soft batting line up with Philippe and Nic Maddison back in the fold after stints at Western Australia and Victoria.

For every action there's an equal and opposite reaction, and NSW's Baxter Holt had moved to WA and found himself standing in Philippe's place behind the stumps. It's a big move for the young cricketer and [self styled life coach](#).

Jhye Richardson took five wickets, knocking over the openers early and bowling with some good pace. Recently turned 28, he will be hoping for some clear air on the injury front and Australia will be hoping he might be able to make an impact if called on to make a cameo or two in the coming series. It's been a hard slog for the quick who has only played 25 first class matches since making his debut in 2019.

The new era of contracting is upon state cricket.

Ashton Agar, Andrew Tye and Jason Behrendorff all flew across the continent and turned out for WA despite [rejecting state contracts](#) in the off season. All were playing for match payments (about \$2,110 a game) in an arrangement that offers them access to the elite performance program, but also gives them the flexibility to play franchise cricket when the opportunity arises given.

It seems like a common sense solution for a trio who aren't going to play a lot of Shield cricket, but as previously observed, good sense has not always been common in such situations.

Should any play enough ODI or T20 matches in the next 12 months they will get an automatic upgrade to a base level central contract.

NSW has done a similar thing with Chris Green who has exercised the flexibility in his relationship in order to miss the early one day games while he leads the Antigua and Barbuda franchise in the Caribbean Premier League.

Start of the Australian season though it is, this is a hectic time in the cricket calendar. An Australian international men's side is playing out the last days of the English calendar which now stretches to the back end of September. The Australian international women's T20 side has been up and about, warming up in the north with a series against New Zealand before heading to the UAE where they will attempt to win a fourth consecutive T20 title (they have won six of the last seven).

At the recent Cricket for Climate academy there was talk of cricket perhaps needing to migrate to the cooler months and the problems that will create in terms of competition with the football codes. On Sunday I left the NSW WA game out at Cricket Central complex (conveniently located between the jail and the pub at Olympic Park) to head back to the inner west where the Swans and Giants women's sides were playing a derby at the Henson Park ground.

Now, that was a scene. Over 5,500 people attended, outlets on the hill sold a range of craft beers from the local breweries and there's frankly no better spot to watch a game of footy. Henson Park was once a brick quarry and its oval sits in the centre of an amphitheatre created by those endeavours. For decades the exclusive home of the Newtown Jets league side (there's a [good movie made](#) about those days) it now finds itself in an uncomfortable share arrangement with the invasive species. You can only imagine how galling it is for the old school league types to see the fancy pants Australian Rules mob taking over their oval.

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Dev Royce  
NCCC Sponsorship Coordinator



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## How Teddy Rankin started a record unmatched in Australian sport by Warwick Hadfield OAM

When Teddy Rankin was picked in the Geelong Football Club's team of the century it was a reminder of his special place in the history of not just his footy club, but his cricket club.

He is the first person to have played for both GFC and the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club, player number 16 for the Two Blues according to Barnso's magisterial bible.

Since then, the list of players to have done the double has grown so as to be unassailable anywhere else in the country.

It includes Teddy's son Cliff, and more recently, the likes of premiership players including Steve Johnson, Josh Hunt, Andrew Mackie and Tom Hawkins, who made his appearance even more memorable by locking his keys in his car.

Ted Rankin was as impressive on the cricket field as he was on the footy field.

He scored 52 not out on debut, and his best bowling figures were 5-25.

Gareth Andrews, who played for both Richmond and Geelong, managed an even more impressive debut than Rankin, the best ever bowling figures for a player in their first First XI game.

He took 8-61 before focussing on football, a choice that didn't entirely win him the glowing recommendation of Sam Newman, who reckoned that Gareth's kicking for goal was what Sir Robert Helpmann was to oxy-welding.

The most recent Two Blue to graduate to the ranks of the AFL is Angus Hastie whose family, despite a strong Geelong link, have been seen sporting black, red and white livery the last little while.

Time perhaps for that other NCCC person with strong GFC links, Stephen Wells, to bring Angus "home" as he has managed with a few other over the years as the best recruiting manager in the AFL's modern history.

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## The captains for season 2024/2025

The Cricket Committee has announced the captains for the summer ahead.

First XI - Dylan Hodge  
Second XI - Josh Norman  
Third XI - Andrew Knott  
Fourth XI - Jordan White  
Fifth XI - Matt Suvoltos  
Sixth XI - Steve Abram

"Please congratulate all especially our new captains in Josh and Steve," said Director of Cricket, Ian Dalrymple.

"I am looking to a very successful season."





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