



# SOUTH CROYDON CRICKET CLUB

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Newsletter

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### BILLY'S BRIEFS

Hi All,

As lockdown continues, I'm sure you've completed all your chores and are eagerly awaiting the start of Cricket season. Well, we have some good news, it looks like we will be able to get out of the house and start training late October, with a view to start the season mid-November. Although we will need to collaborate with Cricket Victoria, the RDCA and Maroondah Council for clarification, this looks the most likely scenario at this stage.

Craig and Dobbo will be working to get a training schedule together, to make sure we are as prepared as possible for the season start.

There will be strict Covid 19 protocols that will need to be adhered to, by everyone attending training and games. We are working through all the necessary items so we have everything in place ready for when we start training

Further to that, we don't have a date where we are able to open the social rooms, sit, relax and enjoy each other's company. I personally can't wait to get past the admin of it all and get back to the social hub of Cheong Park. Listening to Ian Dench's bad jokes, trying to understand Neil Tull and watching Billy Carter do his thing behind the bar.

We will look to start 12th Man draws as soon as possible in October, with a draw every Thursday night that will not only give you all a chance to win a few bucks but will give us a chance to keep you all up to date.

The Cheong Park redevelopment is progressing nicely, although the construction start date now looks to be March/April and aiming for completion late 2021 or early 2022. This will be all done before we know it and we will be watching cricket from our new rooms.

As mentioned previously we will need to raise a substantial amount of money for the internal fit out of our new structure. Fit out items include a new AV system, tables/chairs, kitchen fit out and appliances, cool room as well as many other essentials. The fundraising sub committee is working with the footy club to raise the necessary funds, but ultimately, we will need your help with all this. If you have fundraising ideas, please let a committee member know asap.

While lockdown can be tough, talk to your mates, your family and as always, the SCCC community is here to help if you need to reach out for any reason.

Stay tuned, stay safe, stay connected, can't wait to see you all soon.

Billy



### JUNIORS SEASON SET TO COMMENCE FRIDAY 13/SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

All indications are that our Juniors Season will commence on the weekend of Friday 13 November, with training to occur late October. More than ever, kids need their Community Sport, for fitness and connection. While a number of COVID protocols will be put in place, cricket at South Croydon Cricket club will be, as always, **community minded, safe, enjoyable and competitive in a friendly manner.** To assist us

with our plans for the 20/21 season and to ensure that your child is allocated a spot in Team, we encourage you to Register online via the Playcricket website [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and select South Croydon Cricket Club.

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## MEET THE COACH....

It's been a while since we've seen our legendary Coach Craig, so we thought we'd find out a little more about him, from the point of view of his wife Mandy. Who would have known that our Coach would be a romantic, rose-buying, prawn-cooking, stud-muffin....



**Strengths:** Craig is a great teacher and listener (except for listening to me, that seems to be selective), he's competitive, good at everything he does, a very loyal friend and the best Dad.

**Challenges:** Saying yes to my ideas, trying to say nice things about Carlton

**What he does outside of cricket:** He plays golf, he gets very excited about nearly winning money on horse races, he walks and runs, follows Melbourne Storm and watches every NRL game on TV with Zac, out of Stage 4, spends lots of time with our family and friends and sometimes does things around the house.

**Description of him as a husband:** Caring, loyal, supportive (he always has my back), encouraging and loving.

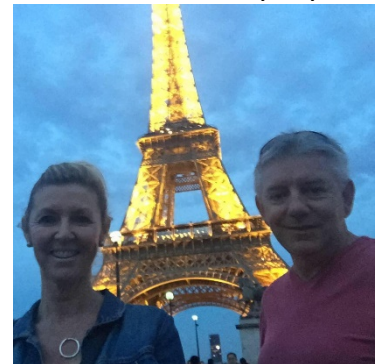
**How we met:** We were in the same group of friends when we were 16, we hooked a couple of times but nothing serious Craig went on to be a stud muffin for a few years then we met up again at Gobbles Disco at the Croydon when we were 19 and the rest as they say is history.....

**Most romantic thing that he has ever done:** He bought me a rose at the Eiffel Tower.....well he had to, a man offered me a rose which I accepted as a lovely gesture to an Australian lady in Paris for her first time, the man was not gifting it to me.....he wanted \$\$\$\$\$, it was a very expensive rose!

**Ideal present for Craig:** Golf membership or anything to do with golf

**Worst iso habit:** Wearing his hat, jacket and shoes to work, in the lounge room!

**Signature meal:** Chilli prawn stir fry



## WHAT COVID CRICKET MAY LOOK LIKE....

As a club, we are fully committed to providing a safe environment for members of our club (volunteers, players, families, spectators) and the wider community and are committed to providing quality practices in line with guidance available from Sport Australia, Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria, our local council, the Victorian State Government / Department of Health & Human Services and other relevant authorities applicable to our club.

We acknowledge that **Cricket in a pandemic is a privilege, not a right**. We all need to ensure we are all doing the right thing to ensure the safety of players, volunteers, officials and the local community.

At this stage, specifics regarding Cricket are still to be outlined. We will continue to keep you informed as more information is confirmed. Most importantly, we know and agree that Clubs/teams will need to strictly adhere to the Victorian Government restrictions for non-contact sport.

These will include;

- *training in separate groups;*
- *the importance of Social Distancing, including no physical contact between players;*
- *An attendance log/register which clearly identifies all people in attendance at each training session;*
- *All attendees encouraged to have downloaded the COVID-19 safe App.*

We ask that our Club members and supporters continue to support all regulations and safeguards put in place to ensure the welfare of our Club and wider Community.

**The 20/21 Season may be different with regard to rules and regulations, but what won't be different at South Croydon Cricket Club, is the ever-present care, fun, support and community spirit.**



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## CLUB RELEASE REGARDING CHEONG PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT



**South Croydon Bulldogs**  
working together  
to redevelop Cheong Park

You may be aware the current Cheong Park sport/social pavilion is to be demolished and a new, two storey building is to be constructed in its place. The new building will include four changerooms at ground level and a social room on the first floor. The building will cater for male and female sport whilst the social room will cater for club and community use.

Funding for the redevelopment has generously been provided by the Federal and State Governments with considerable financial support from Maroondah Council. We thank them all for their significant contributions which will result

in a marvellous community complex in South Croydon. Whilst the capital works will be funded by the various government contributions, the tenant clubs need to fund the provision of a considerable amount of the interior fittings and equipment. These include kitchen and bar equipment, a new cool room, audio visual items and additional furniture.

For all this to happen, considerable fund raising needs to be undertaken. Our club, in conjunction with our colleagues and friends at the football club have set up a joint fundraising committee One of the first actions is to set up a joint club fundraising process through the **Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) where donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible for the donor.** The ASF collects and administers donations and forwards funds to the clubs to pay for the goods and equipment that the clubs have identified a need for. The ASF then provides a Tax Receipt direct to the donor who can then include it in their taxation return. The funds received by the clubs will be held in a joint bank account until expenditure is agreed. The clubs must account for project expenditure to the ASF to ensure that funds raised are spent correctly.

So, we ask you to consider donating to the fund so that we can ensure that the new pavilion will be equipped and furnished appropriately for us to gain maximum benefit of what will be a first class facility when it is completed. To make a donation of any amount simply go to <https://asf.org.au/donate/cheong-park-redevelopment/>. Note that your Tax Receipt will issue by email direct to you from the ASF approximately 5 days after the date of your donation. You will have the choice of anonymity if you choose but the detail of your donation will be known to selected club personnel.

The clubs intend to recognise substantial donors (donations above \$1,000) on a special display board located in the redeveloped social room. Platinum level donations have been set at \$3,000 or above, Gold at \$2,000 to \$3,000 and Silver at \$1,000 to \$2,000 however any amount donated will be greatly appreciated.