



GEELONG:COUNCIL



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28th Commonwealth Bank
Australian Country Cricket Championships
Geelong 2012

“A Celebration of Country Cricket”

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat/Sun 30th/31st Dec – Players Arrive in Geelong

Tuesday 3rd Jan – Welcome Reception – Sporting
Globe 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Tuesday 3rd Jan - Players Welcome Event –
Sporting Globe – 6:30pm to 11pm

Friday 6th Jan - ACA Junior Masterclass – Kardinia
Park - 1pm to 5pm

Friday 6th Jan - ACA Sportsman’s Night – Kardinia
Park Fled Flannigan Room – 7pm – 11pm
Players & Officials tickets \$30

Saturday 7th Jan - ACA Masters vs Aust County XI
Feature Game – Torquay CC –
11am – U21s vs GCA Country Week
3pm – ACA Masters vs Aust Country XI
Entry \$10 adult, \$2 child

Monday 9th Jan - ACCC Night out – 7pm -11pm
hosted and provided by Sporting Globe
Free for all players, officials and guests

Thursday 12th Jan - Presentation Night – Mercure
Ballroom – 6pm – 11pm
Players & Officials tickets \$20



Batsmen, Captain, Scorers.....SCORERS...Thank
You, let play gentlemen.

Welcome to Geelong, we trust your travel hasn't
been too hard, and you've all settled in to the hotel.
Well, I figure most of you won't get this until you've
arrived, to those of you who get a copy early, I hope
you've all enjoyed a restful Christmas break and
you're ready for the cricket.

The ACCC2012 steering committee has spent the
break preparing to make these the smoothest
Championships possible. We've had a great deal of
help, and we now pass the games over to our local
host clubs. We appreciate the efforts they have made,
and with the great assistance of City of Greater
Geelong, hope the wickets, grounds and facilities are
all of the highest possible standard.

A team managers meeting will be held in the control
room at 5pm Sat 31st Dec, followed by an Umpires
meeting with the Tournament Referee Mr Garry
McPherson. Please ensure you have read through the
changes to the playing conditions.

Can team managers also ensure your team lists have
been uploaded on to MyCricket. This can be done at
any time now.

Internet access will be available in the control room
each evening after 9pm, or from your room on
arrangement with the hotel. Any internet use is at
your own expense, except when used from the
control room, and this use will be limited to 15
minutes.

The control room may be booked for team meetings.
Please book in a time with Dave. Times will be
limited to 30 minutes. A whiteboard will be
available.

Breakfast will be served each morning in the
restaurant. Please ensure you have your ID tag with
you when you go for breakfast, and check in with
hotel staff. Players will have a choice of cereals and
toast, with tea, coffee & juice. A cooked breakfast
may be purchased for an additional \$10, arranged
with hotel staff.





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APOLOGY

It is unfortunate that the David Kelly Training Nets are not available prior to the tournament for teams arriving early. Arrangements have been made with two local clubs to ensure some turf nets are available.

WHAT ELSE IS ON IN GEELONG

Jayco Bay Cycling Classic – 1st – 4th Jan – Racing starts 4pm at Eastern Beach on New Years Day, with finish time at 7pm.

Lorn Pier to Pub – Sat 7th Jan

www.lornesurfclub.com.au



HISTORIC EASTERN BEACH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEDIA OFFICER & OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The organizing committee is very pleased to announce Mr Rob Giese as our tournament photographer. Rob is a teacher in his normal life, but has a great passion for cricket and photography. He currently runs Arj Online Images, mostly a facebook site, but has done work for local clubs, as well as for the VFL. Team photos will be arranged through Rob & the control room when you arrive. Tournament & team photo's will be available to purchase from the control room, and displayed during the tournament on the hotel's foyer screens and at The Sporting Globe.

We are also pleased to welcome Mr Daniel Breen as tournament media officer. Daniel Breen is a former journalist who now works as a communications and marketing officer with the State Government. He has loved cricket from a young age but sadly laments his lack of talent prevented him from achieving any honours of note. During an eight-year journalism career, which included a brief stint at the Colac Herald and a much longer period at the Geelong Advertiser, Daniel worked as a sports editor and reporter, police reporter and also covered health and politics. He has covered four AFL grand finals but regards his in depth interview with West Indies great Brian Lara as one of his favourite moments in the job.

Daniel will be assisted by Mr Justin Brown throughout the tournament. We hope players and team managers will make themselves available to all

Newsletters will be available to have a read while you enjoy your breakfast and catch up on the previous days play.

A Short History of Geelong City CC

By Mark Browning

Geelong City along with Newtown & Chilwell, Geelong West and North Geelong are the only Octogenarian cricket clubs in the GCA. The 8 decades of Geelong City is a continuous affiliation excepting the five years of the Second World War. Like many clubs there have been several name changes over the period. The East Geelong club was incorporated before WW2 and up until 1950-51 the club was known as High School East. Since then the name has been Geelong City. About fifteen seasons ago we added the Sharks as a nickname. Most who know and play at the club call Richmond Crescent home. And so it has been for a long time. But before the early 60's when the Geelong sub-district team started, the home games of Geelong City were played on Kardinia Park. That is where the legendary sides of the first half of the 1950's played and dominated the competition. Geelong City returned there in 1989-90 for one summer while the oval at Richmond Crescent was being re-furnished. '89-90 was also the first year that Geelong City ran five GCA teams.

Four years earlier in '85-86 Geelong City won its most recent 1st XI Division One Premiership. A catalyst for that success was the signing of our only Test player, Eldine Baptiste for half the season. Former Victorian fast bowler the late, Col Corstorphin was also in that '85-86 side. A few club legends who have given wonderful service deserve recognition in any potted history of Geelong City.

In 2007-08 the club jointly celebrated the outstanding milestone of 400 games reached by Grant Elliot and Robert Agg. They both are part of a joint dynasty at Geelong City that includes parents, siblings and descendants. In addition to Rob and Grant there has been and is at this club Gary, Travis and Kent Agg and Jeff, Craig, Trevor, Scott, Glenn, Tom, Matt, Dean, Ross and Hayden Elliot. Not to forget the Elliot and Agg ladies who have produced, supported and fostered these fine cricketers and men. Mention must also be made of the prolific Harry Heard, the club's highest scorer in 1st XI cricket. He played at the time of the club's golden era in the first half of the 1950's when three of Geelong City's five premierships were won. Other icons who have been the cornerstone of Geelong City include Bernie Hemley, John Russell, Jack McGowan, Carl Schaller and Des Foote. Des played in the three premierships in '51-52, '53-54 and '54-55 and spoke at the 80th anniversary celebrations in February 2009. There are dozens of others living and dead who at every level have contributed greatly to the success of Geelong City Cricket Club on and off the field either as a top level player down to the last man picked in the fifths. From the presidents who have headed the running of this club to whoever kept the rooms clean. And the willing volunteers who have ensured the success of the juniors at Geelong City Cricket Club.

