



FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome to the July edition of Dino Digest. The off-season has remained busy, with the committee progressing recruitment, registrations, sponsorship, fundraising, apparel, facilities, grants, communications and planning for the coming season. The committee met at The Peninsula Hotel on Monday 20 July.

This edition summarises the member-relevant outcomes from that meeting and current information published on the club website. Provisional details are clearly identified so members can distinguish what is confirmed from what is still being finalised.

JULY MEETING AT A GLANCE

Registrations live GCA has sent the club's PlayHQ invitations for men's, women's and junior registrations. Club registration setup is in progress, and proposed membership fees are being finalised. Links will be shared once complete.	Sponsorship moving Conveyancing Professionals is confirmed, Vagabond Travel is on board, and discussions with APCO Newcomb and Leopold Sporties are continuing.
Bunnings BBQ confirmed Saturday 12 September. Volunteers will be required across the day.	Recruitment brought forward Women's and junior recruitment activity is moving into late July, with junior clinics planned for August.
Website nearing completion Content corrections and the payment gateway remain the main outstanding items.	Solar grant prepared A solar project grant application has been prepared, with football club support and feasibility work under way.

COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Recruitment across all sections and development of the junior program remain works in progress.
- Affiliation requirements and general season administration are well under way.
- Insurance renewals have commenced.
- Sponsorship and fundraising opportunities continue to be developed.
- The social calendar is being developed.

CRICKET, RECRUITMENT AND PATHWAYS

Recruitment is continuing across the club and will intensify as pre-season approaches. Women's and junior recruitment activity is planned to increase from late July onwards.

Women's player event Kelsey Allan and Laura Hudson are coordinating player information and social events for current and prospective players.	Junior clinics Junior clinics are being coordinated and are likely to take place in mid-August.
School connections Primary schools in Whittington, Moolap, Newcomb and Clifton Springs, along with Christ the King, are among the junior engagement pathways being explored.	Member support Flyers and other promotional materials are being developed, and all members are encouraged to support and promote recruitment.

CURRENT 2026/27 APPOINTMENTS AND CONTACTS

Role	Name	Role	Name
Head Coach	Craig Hillgrove	Assistant Coach	Jason Robertson
Assistant Coach	Daniel Harrison	Women's Coach	Kelsey Allan
President	John Elliott	Vice President	Troy Whitworth
Treasurer	Laura Hudson	Secretary	Sajeevan Veeriah
Junior Coordinator	Marcus Pearson		

PRE-SEASON CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Time and location
10 August	Indoor training	6:00 pm, Gravel Pits Road. Arrive by 5:45 pm.
13 August	Indoor training	6:00 pm, Gravel Pits Road. Arrive by 5:45 pm.
17 August	Indoor training and junior clinic	Training at 6:00 pm; junior clinic details to be confirmed.
18 to 20 August	Junior clinics	Details to be confirmed through club channels.
20 August	Indoor training	6:00 pm, Gravel Pits Road. Arrive by 5:45 pm.

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTING THE CLUB

Sponsor renewals and new packages continue to progress. The committee recorded the following updates at the July meeting:

Organisation
Conveyancing Professionals
Vagabond Travel
APCO Newcomb
Leopold Sporties
Phoenix Truck Bodies
Champion Trophies
Moolap Tyres

TRAILER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

- Geelong Chilli Co has offered jars of its products for the trailer raffle.
- Wendy Valentine has offered products for the raffle and committed to sponsoring two junior players.
- The raffle and sponsorship documents are available through the website and are being circulated to members to support coordinated outreach.

CURRENT PUBLIC SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Package	Price	Package	Price
Social Membership	AUD 75	Match Day Ball Sponsor	AUD 150
Player Sponsorship	AUD 350	Bronze	AUD 450
Silver	AUD 850	Gold	AUD 1,150
Diamond	AUD 1,550	Platinum	AUD 2,100

APPAREL AND CURATOR

- The supplier's transition to New Balance products may affect pricing and sizing. New brochures and product images are being developed for circulation.
- John Elliott and Josh Walker will finalise the apparel package, taking player requirements into account before orders are confirmed.
- Curator discussions continue.
- John Elliott will continue discussions regarding curator and ground support.

MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Registrations to join the club are being developed for the men's, women's and junior programs.

- Drink cards will be available only to members and will provide discounted beverages.
- Registration links will be shared through the website and social media channels.

WEBSITE, FIXTURES AND DIGITAL ADMINISTRATION

Website The website is approximately 90% complete. Content corrections and a final payment gateway solution remain outstanding.	Fixtures GCA fixtures for the Firsts and Seconds have been released and will inform development of the social calendar.
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EVENTS, CATERING AND FACILITIES

- Bunnings BBQ: Confirmed for Saturday 12 September. Volunteers will be needed, and a roster will be prepared for shifts.
- Twilight Market: Troy Whitworth continues to finalise the arrangements.
- Season launch: Planned at Leopold Sporties, with the date still under discussion. Members should monitor club channels for confirmation.
- Meals: Discussions are continuing, including consideration of feedback from previous seasons.
- Facilities: Grant opportunities for facility improvements continue to be explored.
- FrogBox has been ordered, with technical and operational requirements for implementation currently being explored.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE

ENERGY GRANT AND SOLAR PROJECT

A solar panel grant application has been prepared. The football club has indicated its support, and preliminary feasibility is being discussed with an electrician.

CLUB CONTACTS

Contact	Details
President	John Elliott, 0419 236 866
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Social updates	facebook.com/NewcombDistrictCricketClub
Ground	Grinter Reserve, 141 Coppards Road, Moolap VIC 3224

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Community cricket depends on the businesses, partners and supporters who invest in the Dinos. Please support the organisations that support our club.

- **Champion Trophies**
- **Phoenix Truck Bodies**
- **Leopold Sporties**
- **Blackmans Brewery**
- **MBR Cricket**
- **APCO Newcomb**
- **Bennett Racing**
- **General Public Corio**
- **Mahoney Real Estate**
- **Conveyancing Professionals**
- **Vagabond Travel**
- **Grey Dinos**

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the Grey Dinos for continuing to support club infrastructure, digital match coverage and volunteer activities. We also thank every member who has approached a business, donated an item or volunteered at an event.

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