



FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome to the August edition of Dino Digest. Pre-season is under way, training attendance has been encouraging and there is a real sense of momentum building across the club as we prepare for 2026/27.

Thank you to everyone helping with recruitment, fundraising, sponsorship, apparel, events and the many practical jobs that turn season planning into cricket. New players are joining our men's and women's programmes, and we are delighted to welcome them to the Dinos.

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

Training is under way Strong numbers have set an encouraging tone for pre-season.	Registrations are open Senior men, senior women and juniors can now register through PlayHQ.
Apparel orders are open Order official Dinos gear online before the current window closes.	New players welcome No previous experience is required - come along and give cricket a go.
Dino Coach is coming The club fantasy-cricket competition will launch before the season.	Raffle support grows More local businesses and community members have contributed.

PRE-SEASON IS UNDER WAY

Training has commenced for the 2026/27 season and the numbers have been very encouraging. Thank you to our coaches, volunteers and players for the energy they have brought to each session. Regular attendance now will help everyone build skills, fitness and strong team connections before the first round.

Date	Session	Time and location
Mon 24 Aug	Indoor training	5:30 pm - South Geelong
Thu 27 Aug	Indoor training	8:00 pm - South Geelong
Sun 30 Aug	Outdoor session	10:00 am - Grinter Reserve
Mon 31 Aug	Indoor training	5:30 pm - South Geelong
Thu 3 Sep	Indoor training	5:30 pm - South Geelong
Sun 6 Sep	Outdoor session	10:00 am - Grinter Reserve
Tue 8 Sep	Outdoor session	4:00 pm - Grinter Reserve
Thu 10 Sep	Outdoor session	4:00 pm - Grinter Reserve

NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME

There is a place at Newcomb and District Cricket Club for experienced cricketers, returning players and people picking up a bat or ball for the first time. New men's and women's players have already joined us, and we warmly welcome every new Dino.

- No previous playing experience is required.
- Senior men, senior women and junior players are all welcome.
- Invite a friend, relative or colleague to come along to training.
- Visit www.ndcc.com.au/player-registration or email ndsc.cricket@gmail.com to get started.

2026/27 CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Captains and Vice Captains Announced

Grade	Captain	Vice-Captain
1 st XI	Jason Robertson	Anthony Quarrell
2 nd XI	Josh Walker	Tyson Henry
3 rd XI	Troy Whitworth	Rick Mchutchison
4 th XI	Garth Ballentine	
Womens XI	Kelsey Allan	Jodie Clark

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

Registrations for the 2026/27 season are now open. Please choose the correct PlayHQ pathway and register as early as possible so the club can plan teams and programmes with confidence.

Programme	Current registration link
Senior Women	playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/f8866f
Senior Men	playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/e7483f
Juniors	playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/7c4466

All three links are also available together at www.ndcc.com.au/player-registration. Registration is completed securely through PlayHQ.

APPAREL ORDERS ARE OPEN

Club apparel ordering is open for playing, training and supporter wear. Browse the current range, select your options and submit payment through the club website.

- Order online at www.ndcc.com.au/merchandise.
- Available categories include playing apparel, training wear, outerwear and supporter gear.
- Orders are paid online and collected from the club when ready.
- Order early and check the current product guidance before choosing a size.

DINO COACH IS COMING

Dino Coach is the club's own fantasy-cricket competition, built around the Dinosaurs. It is coming soon and will launch before the season starts. Full entry details and rules will be published when registrations open.

WEBSITE AND DIGITAL CLUB SERVICES

The NDCC website is live and being used by members. Visit www.ndcc.com.au for player registrations, apparel orders, raffle tickets, the club calendar, news and current announcements. Using the website helps the club respond to enquiries and keep everyone working from the same information.

2026/27 SEASON LAUNCH

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2026 - FROM 2:00 PM

Outdoor area, Leopold Sporties. Members, families, supporters and prospective players are invited to come together, meet people from across the club and look ahead to the new season.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

The club's player sponsorship offer is confirmed for 2026/27: AUD 100 for a senior player and AUD 50 for a junior player. Your name or business name will be displayed beneath the sponsored player on the player sponsorship wall at the club, and sponsors will be included in a weekly draw for the chance to win a drink card.

To choose a player or make an enquiry, use the contact form at www.ndcc.com.au/contact or email ndsc.cricket@gmail.com.

DINO LOTTO

Dino Lotto has enjoyed strong community participation. Congratulations to recent winners Craig Wootton, Karen Elliot and Nobby Bell. Thank you to everyone taking part and supporting the club through the draw.

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

The club is building its volunteer roster for the Bunnings BBQ. Help is needed with preparation, cooking, serving, payments, restocking, setup and pack-down. Volunteers do not need to be available for the whole day.

Store details and shift times will be provided as the roster is confirmed. To volunteer, email ndsc.cricket@gmail.com with your name, mobile number, preferred part of the day and any role restrictions. Funds raised support cricket programmes and club activities throughout the season.

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

Council approval has been received for the NDCC Christmas Twilight Market. Planning is continuing; stallholder application process has started, and operating details will be announced through the club website and Facebook page when ready.

SPONSORS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thank you to the businesses and community partners supporting Newcomb and District Cricket Club. Please support the organisations that support the Dinos.

Current club sponsors
APCO Newcomb
Bennett Racing
Blackman's Brewery
Champion Trophies
Conveyancing Professionals
Geelong Chilli Co
General Public Corio
Leopold Sportsmans Club
Mahoney Real Estate
MBR Cricket
Phoenix Truck Bodies
Valentines Small Business Solutions

Raffle contributors are recognised separately in the raffle update. Businesses interested in supporting the club can enquire at www.ndcc.com.au/sponsors.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Club activity
24, 27, 30 and 31 August	Pre-season training - see the club calendar for times and venues
3, 6, 8 and 10 September	Pre-season training - see the club calendar for times and venues
Saturday 5 September	2026/27 Season Launch - from 2:00 pm at Leopold Sporties
Saturday 12 September	Bunnings BBQ fundraiser - volunteer roster in preparation
Wednesday 30 September	Current apparel order window closes at 9:00 pm
Saturday 19 December	Christmas Party and Dinos Trailer Raffle draw

For the latest schedule and any weather-related changes, or to subscribe to the club calendar, visit www.ndcc.com.au/calendar and follow the club Facebook page.

GET INVOLVED

Register Complete your 2026/27 PlayHQ registration.	Order apparel Get your playing, training or supporter gear.
Attend training Keep building skills, fitness and connections.	Invite a new player Bring someone along - no experience is required.
Support the raffle Buy a ticket and share the fundraiser.	Volunteer Help at the Bunnings BBQ or another club activity.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to our coaches, committee members, volunteers, sponsors, raffle contributors, players and families. The strong support already being shown before the season gives the club a wonderful foundation for 2026/27.

GO DINOS
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