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MCC MISSION STATEMENT
To provide extensive opportunities for the local community to remain healthy through active participation in cricket, whilst developing players' skills and providing an effective social outlet

Our Affiliations:
Sunnybank Community and Sports Club
South West Districts Junior Cricket Association
Queensland Junior Cricket Association
Brisbane Warehouse Cricket Association
Queensland Cricket

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MCC In The Sheds

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New Club House Open

The new MacGregor Cricket Clubhouse & Pavilion were opened by the Honourable Mr Phil Reeves (Minister for Child Safety & Sport) and Councillor Graham Quirk (Deputy Mayor, Councillor for MacGregor & Patron of MacGregor CC) at a function on Friday 29th January, attended by MacGregor CC members and invited guests- former MCC committee members, Courage Homes staff along with their suppliers & sub-contractors, Terri Noakes (MacGregor Netball), Michael Callaghan (Sunnybank Community & Sports Club) and Gaven Head (Sunnybank Rugby).

With the cooperation of Courage Homes, MacGregor CC have been able to establish \$500,000 of buildings for approximately 1/2 their replacement value!

MacGregor CC secured a \$128,000 Minor Facilities Grant from Queensland Sport & Recreation. Along with \$20,000 from Councillor Quirk's MacGregor Ward Fund and \$15,000 from Sunnybank Community & Sports Club and club funds, MacGregor CC had a budget of \$200,000 to build a new amenities & storage shed.

However Michael Jones, General Manager of Courage Homes and a coach at MacGregor CC suggested that with the cooperation of their suppliers and subcontractors, Courage could build the proposed shed for \$100,000. MacGregor CC then made the easy decision to build a 2nd structure- a pavilion with toilets & secure storage underneath. This meant that the original building could be reconfigured as a Clubhouse with a canteen and small function room, rather than a storage shed as originally planned.

With the cooperation of their many suppliers and subcontractors, most of whom supplied their products, fixtures & expertise at cost or below, Courage Homes completed the new Clubhouse & Pavilion in December 2009.

Mr Reeves & Councillor Quirk both stated that this project showed what could be achieved for the community by the cooperation of State & local governments, licensed community clubs, private industry & a community sports club like MacGregor CC, concluding with the initiative of Michael Jones to achieve this successful outcome.

MacGregor Cricket now has a "home", which will available for all manner of functions including meetings, coaching courses and fundraising functions. Both buildings provide excellent shaded viewing positions for players, parents & spectators.



Do you have a good news story or special achievement that you would like to see in the next news letter.

Please email:
Matthew Bennett at Newsletter@macgregorcc.org.au

Lances Coaching Corner

Cricket Tips #2: Catching

- Relax - Keep your hands 'soft'. This will help in preventing the ball caning the palms of your hands which normally result in some sort of excruciating pain and a dropped catch
- Give - Give with the ball. As the ball enters your hands it isn't a good idea to just leave your hands where the ball is going to land - this also means pain and a dropped catch. What you want to do is to reduce the amount of force the ball has on your palms, so by bringing the arms towards the body during the catch, you aren't going to feel the full force of a flying cricket ball.

- Fingers - One of the basic principles of catching. For low catches below the chest, the fingers are pointing down when in its cupped position, whereas the fingers should point up for those catches above the chest. .

- **EYES ON THE BALL!** Coping one to the face isn't something nobody enjoys.

Lance Roudenko - 0422 699 278
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 Lance is available for private coaching.



David Receives Australia Day Honour

David Rieck was recognised for his contribution to the Community and the MacGregor Cricket Club in the Lord Mayor' 2010 Australia Day Awards Dinner with a "Certificate of Achievement" Award

David had been the President of the MacGregor Cricket Club for 10 years. The club has prospered under his presidency, and become one of the significant sporting clubs for junior cricketers on the south side of Brisbane. David has been tireless while working on the redevelopment and improvement of the practice net facilities including lighting for night training, planting of trees and the construction of a clubhouse for the benefit of the members. David's efforts means the club's dream is about to be realised. David is respectful and inclusive whenever making decisions about the club. He has dedicated many hours and years to the club and the kids involved.



David Rieck receiving his award from Lord Mayor Campbell Newman

Warehouse Cricket

Currently we are nearing the end of the summer season, 2 ½ matches to go. All 5 teams have a chance of making a finals appearance, Macgregor Monsters 1st, Macgregor Maestros 5th, Macgregor Meerkats 3rd, Macgregor Hawks 2nd and Macgregor Mavericks 4th (top 3 into the finals). Also we have quite a few players who made the South side Warehouse Representative squad (Sunday 21st Feb vs. North side Warehouse)

B Grade — Phill Smith (c) (Monsters), Brian Chan (vc) (Meerkats), Brett Bednarski (wk) (Meerkats), Brett Baxter, Cam Buchanan and Navdeep Kahlon (Monsters). Manager Troy Burns (Mavericks)

C Grade — Van Luong (c), David Balfe, Mick Cooling (Mavericks). Manager Troy Burns (Mavericks).

The seniors will be endeavouring to enter 6 teams for the Warehouse Winter Season. If your son or daughter is interested in playing Winter Cricket I would urge you to sign them up as it will be a very rewarding experience. Winter is the best time of year to play Cricket and anyone who has played Winter Cricket in the past will attest to that. Hours of play are Saturday afternoons from 11.45 AM through until 4.30PM. Players can be entered into Under 14's, 15's and 16's competitions depending on player numbers. Competition starts the first weekend in May and culminates with the Grand Final over the last weekend in August. Please e-mail your interest to seniorcricket@macgregorcc.org.au

Troy Burns, Secretary
 Macgregor Cricket Club Seniors

"Winter cricket is a great way to keep touch in the off season"

6-a-side Cricket Success



U13 Macgregor side runners up in Six-a-Side cricket competition

A group of U13 players from the Macgregor Bulls played in the recent Cleveland/Thorlands Cricket Club Six-a-Side cricket competition.

The annual event was organized by Gary Carter from the CTCC and was a fantastic that that everyone enjoyed.

As the name suggest the sides consist of six players. The innings are only five overs each with a maxi (double score) zone down the field to encourage straight hitting. Scores for the 5 overs average between 35 to 60.

The teams that start the day thinking 'slog fest' quickly realize that good cricket usually succeeds in any form of game. Line and length bowling, good fielding, sensible batting, if you can hit the ball you should be able to get a

run. This format puts all their skills to the ultimate test, every ball!!

The team had a great day of cricket wining 3 of the 4 round games to make the finals. In one game they managed to score the huge total of 90 runs from their 5 overs.

The boys stepped up again in the semi finals with a brilliant bowling performance to get them into the finals. Unfortunately they just could get that one last win in the final.

The boys and parents had a great day of tense exiting cricket and went home with a great sense of achievement and very tired.

Thank you to all of the parents that came and supported the team and assisted in umpiring and scoring and to the Cleveland/Thorlands Cricket Club for putting on a great event.

Well Done Boys

Club Profile - Ben Cutting (Queensland Bulls)

Ben is an up and coming Player with the Queensland Bulls that played his junior cricket with the Macgregor Cricket Club.

Ben has had an impressive youth cricketing career, representing Queensland in the U19 National Carnival & Australia in the 2006 World Youth Cup in Sri Lanka.

Now playing with the Queensland Bulls, Ben is the leading wicket-taker in the Sheffield Shield with 36 wickets at 22.08 and also took 15 wick-

ets at 29.46 in the Ford Ranger Cup. He was also named last week in the initial 30-man Australian squad for the ICC World Twenty20 Cup.

Ben is a shining example of what can be achieved with hard work.

You can see more about Ben on the QLD Bulls Web Page

www.qldcricket.com.au



Ben Cutting started his career as a Macgregor Junior