

VDCA President's Report AGM 2024

Welcome to the VDCA 2024 AGM

We just celebrated 175 years of cricket in Victoria. VDCA, our association was formed 152 years ago. We have had a banner year in many ways. Victoria beat Vancouver once again in the Tri-cities Championship. Victoria had success in getting three of our players to play for BC against the MCC. Ali Khan, Randeep Laller and Kieran Parfrey represented Victoria well. Ali Khan was the pick of the tournament by getting 3 MCC wickets for 17 runs.

Our T20 tournament went well with Friends XI winning it. Our regular season winner as well the winner of the playoffs, are the Albion CC, they did finish the season as the only unbeaten team this year.

Colts made a come back this year to play 6 games as required by the league. We are excited to see Colts play hard ball cricket as this is the only team that can produce players to compete in U15, 17 and 19 age groups. Teams not playing the Colts is a very big concern. especially when they do not even bother to show up for the game.

We have a couple of young women players who have moved from the mainland to the Island, I hope this will boost women's cricket here.

When we took over the administration two years ago, we were not in very good shape financially. Today, you will hear from the Treasurer that we are indeed in a much better situation than before. We shall continue to make progress on this front.

We have to prioritize getting some infrastructure for the VACA teams. We must look for new practice nets, new grounds and for competitive cricket going to hybrid pitches that can help our players better prepare to play higher level cricket.

We are making submission for new fields in Greater Victoria. We are also applying for financial help for at least one hybrid pitch in Victoria, if we get that, VACA would also look at doing a hybrid pitch in a second local location.

We are at the junction of growing cricket in various ways. Instead of fighting tennis ball players from playing on our pitches, we can investigate the possibility of forming a tennis league within the VACA structure.

Once again this is your cricket community here, so please feel to contact any executive member with any suggestion that you may have that can contribute to the growth of cricket here.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president again.