



# STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

**Dear Stowupland,**

## 1. *Review of the Past Year*

This past year has been a journey of both challenges and achievements. One of the more difficult outcomes was the relegation of our first team. but it has provided us with an opportunity to reflect, learn, and grow stronger. We are determined to use this experience to fuel our ambitions for the upcoming season, aiming for a swift return to form and success.

Our Second team had a solid performance, ending the season mid-table. They have been instrumental in nurturing our youth players, providing them with invaluable experience in open-age cricket. The Mid-week side has also played a crucial role in this development, ensuring that our younger players gain exposure and confidence.

We have made significant progress in several key areas, particularly in enhancing our facilities and community engagement. Notable achievements this year include:

- **Installing a second net for practice:** This addition has greatly improved our training sessions, allowing more players to practice simultaneously and refine their skills.
- **Focusing on the development of youth players:** Our commitment to nurturing young talent remains a cornerstone of our club's philosophy. We have continued our training programs to help our youth players reach their full potential.
- **Successfully hosting a well-attended youth summer camp:** This event was a resounding success, attracting many young participants and fostering a love for cricket in the next generation.

Despite these successes, we encountered challenges, with player availability and the relegation of our first team. We have taken proactive steps to address these issues by reassessing our senior training programs and strategies. Our goal is to



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enhance performance and consistency, which we hope will be evident in our upcoming indoor sessions.

## 2. *Future Outlook*

Looking ahead, our strategic focus will centre on several key areas:

- **Senior and youth player development:** We are committed to providing comprehensive training and support for both our senior and youth players. This includes tailored coaching sessions, to ensure our players are well-equipped for the demands of competitive cricket.
- **Development of a dedicated women's softball team:** We are excited to start work on the formation of a women's softball team. This initiative aims to promote inclusivity and provide more opportunities for women and girls to engage in cricket.
- **Continued support of the Foundation:** The Stowupland Cricket Foundation (registered Charity **1203655**) is expanding its community programs, and we are proud to support their efforts. These programs are designed to foster a sense of community, promote physical activity, and provide opportunities for all.

These initiatives are designed to position Stowupland Cricket Club for sustained success in the coming years. We are confident that with a clear strategy and a dedicated team, we will continue to thrive and achieve our goals.

## 3. *Governance and Club Matters*

Committee Composition: I am pleased to report that our committee continues to provide strong leadership and oversight. Their dedication and hard work are the backbone of our club's success. However, we always welcome new faces and fresh ideas to help us evolve and improve.

Kerry Argent is our new Safeguarding Officer. Her expertise and commitment will be invaluable in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our members, particularly our youth players.

## 4. *Appreciation*



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I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our supporters. Your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and loyalty are the lifeblood of our club. We are truly grateful for your contributions and look forward to continuing our journey together.

### 5. Conclusion

In conclusion, Stowupland Cricket Club is well-positioned for future success. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and remain committed to delivering an exceptional experience for our members and supporters. With your continued support, we are confident that we will achieve our goals and build a bright future for our club. This season all our adult home games will be streamed on YouTube just search for Stowupland Cricket Club.

We play at home every Saturday please come along and support us.

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