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In this edition:

- All the results from Round 1 - including TWO women's team results for the first time ever!
- Every club event for 2025/26 - make sure to save the dates
- And the launch of Tash's Winery Tours- get your tickets now!



A huge congratulations to Ithum Pathirana on his 1st XI debut - at 16, one of our youngest ever 1s players!

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RESULTS

ROUND 1

MEN'S 1ST XI

BULLEEN 133

def by RICHMOND CITY 8/175

MARTINICH 39

GURUGE 2/15

It was a special week for the first XI, with no less than three debutants to kick off the season. The Bulls welcomed Jake Bridge (middle photo) and Samir Hamzovski (bottom) into the flock for their club debuts, while Bulleen junior star Ithum Pathirana (top) earned a richly deserved baggy blue at just 16 years of age - one of our youngest ever 1st XI players! Unfortunately, a strong bowling performance met with resistance from the opposition, with a miserly spell from club great Sudesh Guruge (2/15 from 8 overs) and an accurate display from Matt Johnston (2/18) the standouts. Left needing 176 for victory, a 61-run stand between Samir and Pete Martinich gave hope, but in the end, wickets tumbled too regularly. "A bit like a racehorse, we will be better for the run," coach and acting captain Clint Hillas said after play.



MEN'S 2ND XI

BULLEEN 103

def by DEEPDENE 2/105

FERNANDO 19

BLAKE 1/21

As one of two 2nd XI teams playing in A Turf, the all-conquering 2s got their first taste of the level in a challenging afternoon against a strong Deepdene 1st XI. Openers Anton Accetta and Eugene Lee started solidly before an unfortunate run out which set the tone for the innings. Some late resistance from Andrew Fernando alongside young guns Rob Bush (making his 2nds debut) and Eddie Smith got the team into triple figures, but while an early wicket for Merrick Blake made for a perfect start, it wasn't to be. Missing captain Chris Jolly, acting skipper Nick Jolly did a commendable job to fill the void, with a late run out offering some consolation ahead of a big 2-dayer next.

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RESULTS

ROUND 1

WOMEN'S 1ST XI

BULLEEN 2/73

def by RICHMOND CITY 3/168

McLAREN 28*

It was a historic week for the Bulls, with not one but TWO women's teams for the first time in club history!

Playing against the hard ball, the newly minted 1sts, led by captain Catherine Nikolas, fought hard with the bat, with debutant Candace McLaren's unbeaten 28 the standout.

With the ball, things were tougher, though Catherine led by example with a key early wicket while Priya Kaul started the year well. It's only onwards and upwards for the 1sts team with the rest of the season beckoning - and indeed, for the Bulleen women's program, which is unrecognisable from where it started less than three years ago!



A great day for the Bulleen Cricket Club, with a 2nd Team (top) to go with a 1st Team (bottom) for the first time ever!



WOMEN'S 2ND XI

BULLEEN 5/77

def by KERRIMUR UTD 4/102

C WATT 2/20

A close loss for the 2nds at Koonung Park to kick off the season - but with one memorable highlight standing out above the rest.

Young Charlotte Watt, a Bulleen junior, senior debutant and the daughter of our women's program trailblazer Jenny, marked her first game in style with TWO wickets - both bowled!

We can only credit the exceptional work of her long-term junior coaches over the last few years - Luke Shaw in the U12s, and father Dan in the U10s!

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Bulls Social Calendar 26/27



Nov 12th	Whole Club Training & Family Night
Nov 21st	Tash's Tours - Ladies Wine Tour @ Yarra Valley (Day)
Nov 21st	Reverse Draw Raffle (Evening)
Dec 19th	Christmas Break Up
Feb 13th	Team of the Decade Ball @ Studley Grounds
Feb 27th	MVP Night
Apr 2nd	Presentation Night @ Skinny Dog

All events with no venue mentioned are at the clubrooms at Koonung

RESULTS

ROUND 1

MEN'S 3RD XI

BULLEEN 4/87

def WHITEFRIARS 83

PAGIDALA 4/15

TSONIS 2/8

The 3rds ensured the Bulls wouldn't go winless on our opening Saturday of the season with a fine performance featuring several stars of tomorrow, led impeccably by club greats Kerry Tsonis and Dan Watt.

Whitefriars won the toss and were building steadily at 3/58 before the ever-reliable KT tightened the screws with 2/8.

Rajesh Pagidala cashed in with a superb 4/15, and Scott Ferrier chipped in with 1/0 from two maidens as Whitefriars lost their last five wickets for five runs to finish on 83.

Young Max Sinnett did some good work behind the stumps and Xavier Feilso was outstanding in the field.

Xavier carried his form into the chase with some power hitting, making 16 off 17 balls, all in boundaries. KT added a steady 17, and skipper Dan (17 not out) and Scott Ferrier (14 not out) saw Bulleen home in the 19th over.

A strong all-round performance to build on.



A great day to debut! A big Bulleen welcome to 3rd XI first-gamers (L-R) Tom Ferrier, Max Sinnett, Rohan Menon and Roahn Menon.

MEN'S LOC XI

BULLEEN 8/165

def by STC 4/223

CARBERRY 44

NIKOLAS 36

On a run-fest of an afternoon, the Bulls did everything they could with the bat to run down a hefty total, but ultimately fell short.

An ageing team featuring just one player under 40 put in an admirable toil on a sunny Saturday, with Jimmy Nikolas and Geoff Bush opening the bowling and giving their all against a strong opening combination.

The highlight was a quicksilver stumping from skipper Dean Ferguson near the end of the innings; while with the bat, John Carberry and Jimmy put on 67 to briefly threaten a comeback, after a strong start from openers Dan Linder and Steve Wilson.

A tough week all round for the Bulls men's teams - but the only way is up.

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RESULTS

ROUND 1

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BULLEEN 3/84
def by BURWOOD 5/86

*BUSH 28**
WEARN-JARVIS 3/18

With a new-look team from last year's one-run Grand Final loss, the U18 Bulls welcomed into the flock Patrick Crosbie, while also welcoming back former U16s junior Arash Chhavniwala.

Despite strong batting displays from Rob Bush and Lucas Stackwood-Smith, a total of 84 in 20 overs was going to prove challenging to defend.

But a superb burst of three wickets from Charles Wearn-Jarvis and a fiery first spell from Pat had Burwood 5/45 and in trouble, before the ship was steadied.

Nevertheless, the team looks made for two-day cricket, and with just one further T20 match for the season, the boys look primed for a great year ahead.

F A S T 9 s

BULLEEN
def by HOLY TRINITY

FAST 9S FAST RISER OF THE WEEK

As the Bulls team faced some early-season rust in their first game of the new season, Eyan Madaan certainly brought his best!

Eyan bowled an opposition opener in the first over of the match and produced an excellent four-over spell, before returning with the bat to top-score with 11 not out.

S U P E R 7 s

BULLEEN
def IVANHOE

SUPER 7S SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

In a thrilling two-run win for the U10s featuring some outstanding team bowling, one young star stood out with the bat.

In his first Bulls game, Hugh Chen whacked 17 off just 14 balls to lead the way in the run chase - well done Hugh!



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