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## **Adelaide Lutheran Cricket 2020/2021 President's Speech**

This season saw cricket bounce back from the abrupt end brought about by COVID-19 in early 2020. After ongoing discussions with Azad from Never2Late, we suddenly had 9 new teammates at the club and the opportunity to enter a third team. But we were still quite concerned we may not have the player numbers to pull the trigger – filling spots is a much harder problem for the club to have than people missing out on playing occasionally. Captains worked hard on recruiting and sureing up numbers for the upcoming season so we could make a call. Thankfully, we decided to enter the third team and it paid off, with a premiership!

Three teams was going to be a big challenge, and to add to that, we had three new captains in Finley, Yashmeet and Josh. They did a fantastic job organising team selection to ensure we never played short or lost a match to forfeit.

Our new players, either from different clubs, new to cricket or returning to cricket, had a great impact on the season both on the field and off the field. Almost the entire B Grade team was comprised of new players to the club and at times half the A Grade was, too. The injection of talented players also allowed some of our more “experienced” players to go down to the C Grade. Off the field, our new players brought different ideas and experience to the club, which I know will add to the success of the club in future seasons. To add to this, by the end of the season it also truly felt like our new players had been at the club for years.

In total, 59 people played for the club this season. This is about normal – 20 players per team is our usual calculation.

Behind the scenes, committee members have done a great deal for the club this season. Thank you all for your selfless efforts, which have helped us to such a successful season. In particular

- Liz McCarthy – Thank you for your awesome efforts with the women's team this year. Next year, we hope to have more involvement with women's team training on Thursday nights.
- Matthew Knight for your leadership as treasurer ensuring we stay financially sustainable moving forward
- Brett MacTavish for your continued odds and ends behind the scenes
- Secretaries Finley Borgas, Josh Waldhuter and Gabe Malkin
- Matthew Nitschke for your hard work with uniforms
- Martin Jongeneel for your help behind the scenes filling in the various gaps I miss and strong encouragement of players returning to the club
- Ed McInnes for your continued excellent work with communications
- Daniel Grosser for your work on MyCricket
- Josh Waldhuter for your work with the junior cricket
- Tom Adler for your work organising social events
- Yashmeet Sandhu for your great ideas and promoting a more family friendly club

Kathryn Clark and Michael Gates – you are superstars. Thanks for your tireless efforts in the junior program. Adelaide Lutheran is a special place to play sport and meet people, and your hard work with the juniors is going a long way to making the club even better.

Shane Munchenberg and bar staff – Sophie, Emily, Fin, Josh – thank you for keeping the drinks full this season. On top of this, though, the bar takes a lot of effort to maintain. Thanks to Munch for his efforts with this.

Mark Borgas – Mark Borgas has done a heap of work behind the scenes this season – digging holes, fixing pipes, topdressing uneven ground, clubroom maintenance. A huge effort and often unrecognised unless something goes wrong. Thank you Mark.

Finley Borgas, Yashmeet Sandhu, Josh Waldhuter – you came together as a new captaincy team this season. Your teamwork and commitment to our goal of maximising participation and enjoyment has gone a long way to not only the on-field success this season, but also to the enjoyment people have found in their cricket. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing this team continue to develop next year.

Thank you to all partners for giving up your husband/boyfriend on a Saturday afternoon. It's a big commitment and is not unnoticed.

Finally, to all the players – thank you for your enthusiasm and genuine passion you have shown for the club this season. The club has a strong reputation thanks to the way you approach your cricket and interact with your teammates and opposition. You all make this a special place to play cricket, and I really look forward to seeing you all out next season with a few extra mates.

## **Life Membership**

### **Tarquin Kloeden**

Nominated for 10 years of distinguished service to Adelaide Lutheran Cricket as a player. Tarks has proven himself to be a skillful all-rounder for Adelaide Lutheran since his first season in 2008/09. As an allrounder, it is the dream to have a higher batting average than bowling average, and Tarks is one of the few players good enough to have achieved this. According to MyCricket, as a batter, he has scored over 2000 runs at an average of 22.94 with a HS of 95 and 13 50's. He rarely falls victim to LBW. Tarks has also taken over 150 wickets at 16 including 3 5-fas with his right-arm trickery. But more importantly than being a great allrounder for the club, Tarks is an all-round nice guy. He is one of those players who is available each week, trains regularly and turns up enthusiastic and ready to play. He is a great person to have in any cricket team. Congratulations Tarks!

### **Finley Borgas**

Finley is nominated for 10 years of distinguished service to Adelaide Lutheran Cricket as a player and committee member. He started his career in 2011/12 as an opening batter, before taking on the challenge of batting at the most-important number 3 position, which his statistics suggest he favours significantly. He has scored 3366 runs at 31.4, including 2 centuries with a HS 159 in 2017/18. Interestingly, as a player who uses his feet so much, Finley has never been out stumped at Adelaide Lutheran. He represented CCCA at the national carnival, became club captain this season and has made contributions as a committee member including as the ATCA secretary for the four years our club has been in that association. Another reliable club person, Finley rarely misses a match, training session, committee meeting, working bee or club event. It is for this great commitment that the club is fortunate to have Finley as a life member. Congratulations Finley.

### **Gabe Malkin**

Gabe is nominated for 10 years of distinguished service to Adelaide Lutheran Cricket as a player and committee member. He began his career at ALSC in 2011/12, and in that time has bowled almost 600 overs, taking 108 wickets at an average of just under 22. These stats include two excellent five wicket hauls – both in the A Grade and on hard wicket – fantastic effort for a leg spinner. Gabe is also a handy lower-order bat with 1088 runs at 15.11 including four 50's. Gabe will forever be remembered by his teammates at the time as the player who clipped the ball off his pads to bring home the 2016/17 A Grade premiership. Gabe has played nine seasons for the club and served this season on the committee as our ASCA secretary. Gabe is another reliable, solid person to have at Adelaide Lutheran – he still turns up to almost every training session and most match days to support his mates. Congratulations Gabe.

### **Matthew Knight**

Matthew is nominated for 10 years of distinguished service to Adelaide Lutheran Cricket as a player and committee member. He began his career in 2011/12 and in the 10 seasons he has been here, he has scored 2669 runs at 28.7, batting predominantly in his favourite position at 4. He has scored three centuries, 14 50's and like Tarks he never gets out LBW. Although he has bowled less in recent years, his 60 wickets for the club at an average of 20 with one 5fa make Matthew a statistically very handy allrounder, sharing the stat of having a better batting average than bowling average with Tarks. Like all nominees, Matthew is a regular trainer, rarely misses a match and has sat on the committee as treasurer since 2018/19 (I think?). Much like his batting, Matthew brings a great deal of organisation to his work as treasurer, meaning that people who are less competent in this most-important aspect of the club don't need to stress about it. A solid player, committee member and most importantly another all-round good bloke. Congratulations Matthew!

### **Club Person of the Year**

How it works – 3,2,1 vote by committee members.

This season saw 10 people receive nominations. With committee members only allowed to vote for three people, this highlights the range of people who have gone above and beyond for the club this season.

The winner this year started at the cricket club in 2019/20, coming across from football to make him an all-year Adelaide Lutheran. He brought with him a lot of new players and has been responsible for developing something we hope will help our club serve many more people into the future. His tireless work included setting up our first junior cricket team last season, winning various grants for equipment, holding holiday clinics to attract players to the club, and coaching kids at an age that scares me. It is really hard, and he does a fantastic job at it.

The many nominations for this person highlighted a few standout things:

- The energy and enthusiasm that he brings to our cricket club
- His dedication to the club and especially his juniors
- The importance of his hard work to the club moving forward
- And the immense challenge of coaching young kids

Our winner this year, a guy who always seems to be smiling, is Michael Gates. Congratulations Michael!

Please see attached presentation for all award winners.

Thanks,  
Jeremy Borgas