

Ashley Taggart

As the 2014/15 season began, Ashley Taggart stood down from his role as committee member and club captain. Ashley had been a Director of the inaugural Board of Christchurch Metropolitan Cricket and had now been asked to become its second Chairman.



Ashley joined our club after a year out of Riccarton High School, in the 1998/99 season. It was not long before Ashley's playing career (109 matches for our Premiers over a nine year period) was complemented by his contribution to the club committee, which he joined in 1999/2000.

The legal skills that Ashley built up through his tertiary studies and subsequent employment with Lane Neave were very valuable to the committee over the years, covering issues as diverse as employment agreements to post-earthquake building issues. He also assumed the role of Club Captain in the 2004/05 season, and oversaw the recent rejuvenation of our Premier side's performances. The appointments of coaches Brendon Donkers and then Alex Reese have been immensely beneficial to our senior cricket.

Ashley's Club Captain role involved overseeing all senior cricket, and he also continued to successfully play for and captain our 2As. Brett Thomson was heavily involved in assisting Ashley with these responsibilities, and when Ashley stood down he was able to seamlessly take over as Club Captain. Another example of Ashley's good succession planning was his invitation to Greg Belton-Brown to join the committee as legal advisor.

We wish Ashley well in his Chairman's role. It is heartening to know that the governance of our Community Cricket is in such able hands.