

History of PVCC

The Old Paradians Association Cricket Club was founded in 1973 by Parade College teacher Ian Bibby, with the support of the school. Brian Bergin was the inaugural President.

In its first season, 1973/74, two sides were fielded in the Victorian Junior Cricket Association, (VJCA), later to be known as the (VTCA). Our home ground was at Parade College Bundoora, where our grounds remain to this day.

Our first premiership came in 1981/82 under the inspired leadership of John Jordan.

The 1990's were a golden era for the club with our First XI winning 4 successive flags, in 93/94, 94/95, 95/96 and 96/97. The flag in 94/95 promoted us into the senior division of the VTCA for the first time. The Captaincy and all round ability of Tony Corcoran was the driving force behind our success during this period.

The 1990's also saw back to back flags in the 3rd XI in 93/94 and 94/95 and another flag in 99/00 and a fourth XI flag in 97/98, which saw the current highest score for the club of 185no by opening Bat Steve Barker.

Our 1st XI were also runners up in 99/2000 and 01/02.

The club's last year in the VTCA saw our 2nd's win their first flag and our 5th's win their first premiership in the JKA competition.

At the commencement of 2003/2004 we were admitted on a 2 year probationary basis to the Victorian Sub District Association (VSDCA), under the new name "Bundoora Old Paradians Cricket Club"

The 2007/08 season saw some great success for our First Eleven, who took out the North/West Premiership and drew with Box Hill in the VSDCA Championship Final, our best ever result in the Sub District Association.

Season 2003/04 also saw the club field 3 women's sides, in the Victorian Women's Cricket Association (VWCA), for the first time.

Presently we have 4 senior mens sides, all affiliated with VSDCA, 2 women's sides in the VWCA, the 1st's being in Premier Cricket.

We are in the sixth year of fielding an Under 15s side in the RM Hatch Competition. For more details please feel free to click on the Hatch links on our web site.

We also conduct a MILO In2CRICKET program.

At the start of the 2009/10 season we moved to AK Lines Reserve in Watsonia, which gave us access to much better facilities and further enhanced our status as the home of cricket in the North.

The club was renamed "Plenty Valley Cricket Club" prior to the 2010/11 season after the members of the Bundoora Old Paradians CC voted in a overwhelming majority to change the name of the club. This was a tough decision but reflects our growing community needs and obligations. Our colors will stay the same and the tradition will still be strong in our members.