

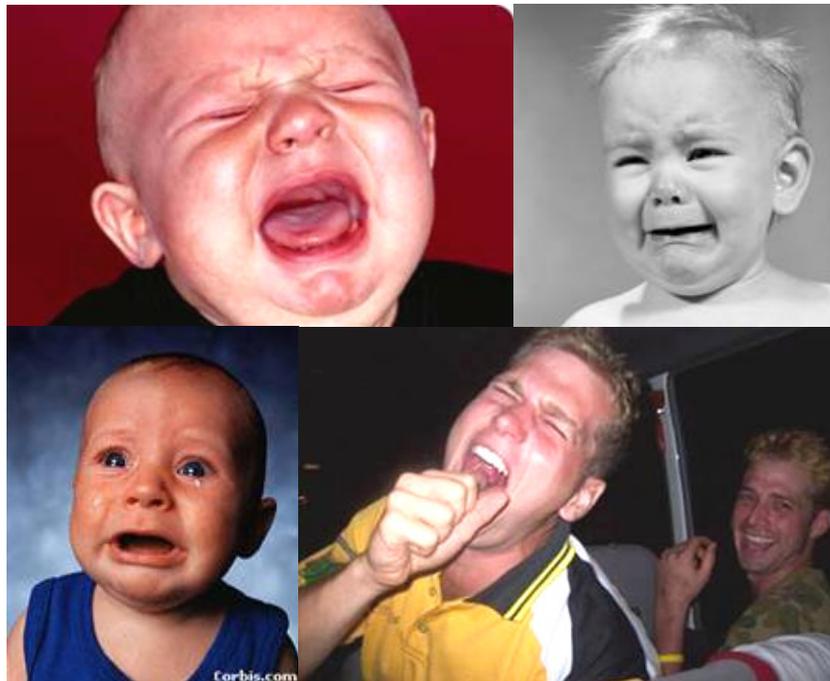


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THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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“GETTING SET FOR A SCREAMER IN 2009!”

SOME EARLY TESTIMONIALS

“It’s Gold!”

Peter Lalor

“Totally ready to just take off!”

M.Pearson

“Sweet!”

The Easter Bunny

“Have a salad!”

Leon De Marinis

THE PREZ SAYS...

Welcome back all! After my landslide victory in the Presidential vote at the AGM, I am back like **Cotter** and ready to roll in 2009.

So here we are again, the footy season is over, the dry season is but a few sweet weeks away with some dragonfly sightings already and the cricketing whites (and fabulous **Nightcliff Gold**) are being pulled out from the dark recesses of the wardrobe ready to use again in 2009.

There has been some off season work done to improve NCC's facilities around the joint. Thanks to the new 2009 NCC Committee and to all those who attended the Working Bee after the AGM in February. A big thanks also to **John McCartie** for his work in assisting replacing all the nets for 2009 and to **John Tate** who has spent a deal of time completely re-arranging and re-stocking the Club's cricketing kits, which needed to be done. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

A warm welcome to **Marc Calkin** and his family and to **Robbie Schaw** who have come over to Darwin from NZ. This week we will also be greeting **Aaron Smith** from down south and in about a fortnight those loveable larrikins from PNG **Jacob Mado** and **Vani Vagi Morea** will be back at Tigerland. Welcome to you and to all brand new and returning players to Nightcliff in 2009.

Good luck and have fun to all Senior and Junior sides as you kick off your 2009 campaigns this weekend and thanks to all coaches and volunteers of the Club, who continue to do a massive job to ensure this magnificent Club continues to function smoothly.

For **senior training on Thursday nights**, we will be having our **Selection nights** in the Front bar at the Nightcliff Sports Club and throughout the Season we will be awarding prizes to the player of the week as well. Keep an eye out for the date to be soon announced for the 2009 Player Auction and study those form guides to try and pick and purchase the movers and shakers in contention for the Nightcliff CC Cricketer of the Year.

Remember, if you are going to do it at all, do it like a Tiger!

Alex Krepapas
NCC President



The Australian test team (pictured) wildly celebrating the 2009 return of the *Growl*, which they know only too well that they can also check out anytime at www.nightcliffcc.org.au

“FUNNY MONEY!”

After several months of investigation involving thousands of Australian Federal Police, the latest digital computer technology, trained sniffer dogs and even **Colonel Sanders** himself, AFP announced last month they have finally made a major breakthrough in a multi-hundred dollar Darwin-based counterfeiting scam after a tireless year-long investigation.

Irish-born AFP Chief **Chips O’Gravy** said that whilst his investigative team had chased down many leads over the last year, it was a report of a recent 65% increase in KFC purchases in Darwin, with other reported commercial purchases made from interstate State and Territory KFC stores shipped to Darwin in the same period that finally led them to at least identify their man.

KFC stores were raided and cash and video footage were seized in orchestrated raids conducted last month around the Territory. AFP can now release the below **photograph taken from CCTV footage** secretly disguised and placed in the lapel of a KFC staffer at an undisclosed store in Darwin. **This shot shows the perpetrator handing a bogus \$50 note to pay for a large family meal!**

AFP and local authorities are asking members of the public to **use extreme caution** if they see this man (considered to be **dangerous**, especially if he’s eating chicken or chicken popcorn) and to **immediately report** any sightings to authorities or directly to the *Growth*.

“HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOY?”



Crime doesn’t pay! Bogus \$50 notes have been turning up in KFC outlets all around Australia...

WHAT AM I?

These two AFL Gladiators might well be opposed to each other in the AFL at some stage in 2009, but together, what do they combine to make? **Clue:** If you *had* this particular thing yourself, you might be feeling a little...off colour!?



UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – APRIL/MAY 2009

A GRADE:

Saturday 18 April 2009: vs **PALMERSTON** at (I GOT THE) POWER PARK
 Saturday 25 April 2009: vs **TAH-TAHS** at GARDENS OF EDEN
 Saturday, 2 May 2009: vs **DARWIN** at KAHLIN DOME
Sunday, 3 May 2009: **T-20** vs **N.T.I.S** at (I GOT THE) POWER PARK
 Saturday, 9 May 2009: vs **TV DINNERS** at LITTLE MUMBAI (HOME)

B GRADE:

Saturday 18 April 2009: vs **PALMERSTON** at HOME (SWEET HOME)
 Saturday 25 April 2009: vs **TAH-TAHS** at HOME (SWEET HOME)
 Saturday, 2 May 2009: vs **DARWIN** at HOME (SWEET HOME)
 Saturday, 9 May 2009: vs **TV DINNERS** at the DEATH STAR

C GRADE:

Saturday 18 April 2009: vs **PALMERSTON** at TOM FOLEY DOME (PALMY HIGH)
 Saturday 25 April 2009: vs **TAH-TAHS** at BENNY MITCH OVAL (KORMILDA)
 Saturday, 2 May 2009: vs **DARWIN** on the windswept plains of WANGURI
 Saturday, 9 May 2009: vs **TV DINNERS** on the windswept plains of WANGURI

D GRADE:

Sunday, 19 April 2009: vs **PINT DRAVIDIANS** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 26 April 2009: vs **TAH-TAH WHITE SAMBUCAS** at LITTLE MUMBAI
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1. **Friday 24 April 2009 – In2Cricket (formerly ‘Milo’) Clinics commence from 5.30pm.** The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval until mid-August. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) open with a constellation of Nightcliff CC stars on hand to assist with training!
2. Possibly **Saturday, 9 May 2009 from 7.30pm – The 2009 NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB PLAYER AUCTION!** A Gala Event at the **Nightcliff Sports Club**, with entertainment, drinks, food, dancing, singing and bidding, with **real cash** to be won if your player makes it onto the Podium in the 2009 Player of the Year.

BOUND FOR BOTANY BAY

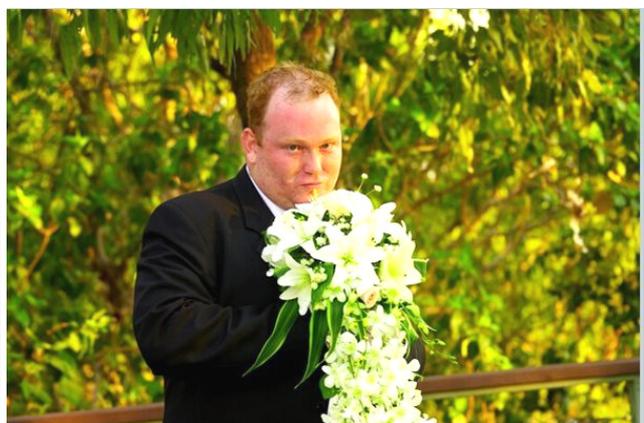
One of Nightcliff's favourite (illegitimate) sons **Michael Pearson** will this season be embarking on a cricketing Endeavour to play cricket in England for the **Botany Bay Cricket Club** in Botany Bay Village, Middlesex.

No this is not a re-tracing of the voyage of the **First Fleet** but rather an excellent cricketing odyssey for "Big Orange". Botany Bay Village is home to the 5th division side in Middlesex, home of past cricketing greats such as...well **no-one** really! But our Euro-tripper is sure to have a grand old time both on and off the field and we will surely miss seeing his happy face around the place this season.

The big fellah's plight can be tracked at www.botanybaycc.co.uk and links will be set up through our own website to follow his progress and to send him messages of encouragement as he continues his broad cricketing education.

Michael has given us here at the *Growl* many seasons of tremendous pleasure and amusement...we have truly enjoyed your work on-field and off-field too!

Bon Voyage Pearson, have a ball & do us proud!



“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“I don't think anyone likes to see an England team go down in that fashion.”</i></p>	<p>Well we don't know about <i>that</i>! This was from new Pommy skipper Andrew Strauss after England were rocked and rolled for 51 all out to cough up the First Test and ultimately the Series against the previously impotent West Indies in Jamaica in February. Not a fab start for Strauss after replacing Kevin “It's either him or me fellas” Peterson, whose antics left Strauss holding the smelly crying baby that is English cricket in the first place. Keep up the good work boys – at least for another 6 months!</p>
<p><i>“I was there...but I wasn't there, y'know?”</i></p>	<p>Tigers enigmatic talent and man-about-town Dane Miglerina, insightfully passing on some life experience from his own days as a student to Year 12 student and budding Attorney Jake Collins.</p>
<p><i>“Yeah he's a real gambler, especially when it comes to driving!”</i></p>	<p>A Nightcliff member at the NCC AGM regarding that man again, NCC multi-bet tripper and daredevil night rider Dane Miglerina.</p>

ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Never lend your credit card to a Third World country Dictator.

GOAL SQUARE HAIR, YEAH YEAH!?

Did we miss a fashion meeting over the off-season? Well, we qualify this by observing that if **Dane Miglerina** or **Maximillian Tippet** aren't doing it then it can't exactly be *that* cool, but it *does* seem that a new hairstyle trend has emerged in this country, particularly within Australian sporting ranks.

Forget the David Beckham punk Mohawk, that was *so* 2008, we now have the ultimate Australian hairstyle, “**Goal square hair!**” Maaaaate! It is believed by many leading fashion arbiters that the idea for the trend may have spawned from a past hairstyle sported by Brazilian soccer Maestro **Ronaldo** during the 2002 soccer World Cup. But the latest cutting-edge “*goal square*” look has clearly taken on the truly Australian form. AFL commentator **Jason Dunstall** (left) and Caulfield horse trainer **Peter Moody** (right) are seen below exhibiting this latest craze.

The *Growl* suspects that this latest hairstyle might even lend itself to merchandising opportunities – like the tiara with a set of **AFL goals** sticking up from them...or perhaps hairdressers will be asked to *design* goal square patches in club colours! Yeah yeah, what on *Earth* is going on up there!!



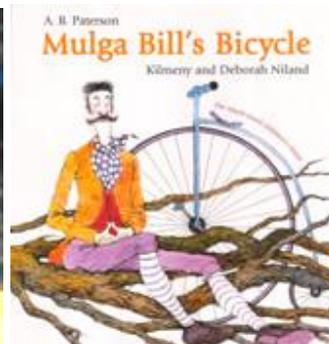
THE FAST & THE FURIOUS

I was cruising along on my bicycle one morning at **30kms/pH** down a stretch of open road and thought..."I could probably ride past **Usain Bolt** right now and pinch his wallet and even he'd never be able to catch me!" Then I decided as a lark to actually do the maths to see just how close he would have got...

WRONG!! Doing the maths, I would have had a big angry black man all over me, reefing me off my bike! Bolt won the 100m in **9.70 seconds** (just under) – that means he was *averaging* **37.11 kms/pH** during his run. As he started from a standing start, this means he surely **topped 40kms/pH** at some stage in the run. That means...if I was in the 100M sprint on my bike and I *hit the starting line* at 30kms and kept that constant speed, I would not have even placed – in fact I would have come dead last! Sure I'd feel silly accepting an Olympic medal in the 100M with a bicycle on my back anyway, but that's not the point.

The point is those guys are blo*dy fast.

Reportedly only two men have ever run faster than this. And they both have played in the AFL. First was **Ben "Iceman" Cousins** when he abandoned his car in Perth a few years back to evade a Police Booze Bus (he also posted a Commonwealth record for the swim leg in the Swan River) and **Chris Judd**, who smashed the record in the departure lounge of Perth Airport to board his plane to get out of there to head to Victoria!



BLONDE JOKE

You are blonde and on a bus, when you suddenly fart.

Oops! Luckily the music playing is *very* loud.

So every time you fart, you time it with the music.

However when you start making your way to the door as you exit the bus, everybody is throwing dagger looks at you as you leave, and you suddenly realise.....

You're listening to your Ipod!

NIXON – “I AM NOT A CRIMINAL!”

Professional sports management leech **Ricky Nixon** was questioned by Police recently after being identified as the Melbourne man driving an Alfa Romeo who fled the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving a Melbourne tram at about 11.00pm at night. Yeah, that’s pretty much all we’ve got. At this stage he has only been summonsed for “leaving the scene of an accident” despite being breathalysed – but we just saw it as an opportune moment to run with the above headline!



A contrite **Ricky Nixon** speaking to the media after being found fleeing the scene of an accident. Apparently ex-Geelong footballer **Garry “Bhudda” Hocking** is also still chasing Nixon down to get his wig back!

“A SMALL STEP FOR MAN..”

Not since Man’s first step onto the Moon on 20 July, 1969 has a technological achievement so captivated the imagination of the Darwin public. But **Saturday, 11 April 2009** is now another date etched into the annals of history after serial Luddite **Christopher Nicholls** sent his first ever SMS in the late evening, typing the now-immortalised words, “*Well done*” to a delirious Essendon fan, after the Dons’ own momentous triumph over the **Carlton** (still got the) **Blues** in a Michael Jackson-Thriller at the “G”.

“*I didn’t think about it, it just happened really*” Nicholls sheepishly reported to an expectant local media throng camped outside his house the next morning, still visibly shocked by the Blues’ loss and his own personal milestone. Nightcliff celebrity **Christopher “Sean” Wicks** emotionally revealed that he was proud of his mate and that he had never seen anyone he knew evolve so quickly over the course of one evening.



Christopher Nicholls (far left) with some of the 2005 NCC C-Grade Premiership winning side + fans – he now has bold plans to send an email by Christmas 2009.

As soon as he works out how to turn his computer on.

JOKE

There was this one mongrel of a man, and he'd lived a terrible, horrible life. He was mean to his mother, cruel to small animals as a child and did not eat his greens, lied, cheated, stole, barracked for **Collingwood**, womanised, always looked out only for himself, voted for **John Howard**, stole from his employers and friends, cared for no one or nothing, was always mean-spirited and was a card-carrying member of the **Tracy Village Social Club**...well, you should get the picture by now!!

Well anyway, one day the bugger drops dead. But instead of going up to Heaven like he'd assumed, he's directed onto the "down" escalator! He was mortified and started to realise that this is what his miserable life had lead him to – and now he was going to burn in **Hell!**

But when he got there, there was a red carpet leading up to a large Club door, lights flashing and music playing, with **Satan** and security staff standing at the front door waiting for him. "Well what did you expect?" **Satan** asked him, "Come on inside and I'll show you how the Hell this all works!" And Satan starts to show him around the place. "Up there they give us a bit of a bad rap y'know, it's not all fire and brimstone down here – quite frankly we have a GREAT old time here! Take **Mondays** for instance. Do you like alcohol?" **Satan** asked. The man nodded his head.

"Well on **Mondays** we spend the whole day just drinking grog. From the moment we get up, its beer & bourbon for breakfast and it does not stop until the last one of you drops at night. We even have **Jack Daniels** on tap!" The man could not believe his ears!

"And on **Tuesdays** its Gambling day – poker, casinos, horses, anything you like. **Wednesdays** is Sports Cars day, where you can choose any sports car you like – a Ferrari or a Lamborghinis or whatever - and we even tee up some races against old Formula One drivers and **Thursdays** it's Porn day – we have a thirteen-storey porn library chocker-block full of glossy magazines, DVDs and our new state-of-the-art pop-up book range."

Well the man was just loving the thought of all of this and thought he must have died and gone to Heaven, when Satan turned to him and asked, "Are you gay?" The man says "no way, definitely not!"

Satan scratched his chin and said, "Ooooh, well you probably won't enjoy **Fridays** too much then..."



SAYONARA HAYDOS!

Well the Big Fella **Matt “the Bat” Hayden** decided to pull up stumps on a stellar Test career over the Summer of 2009, sadly before he had the opportunity of one more junket to Mother England to defend the Ashes he helped take from the Poms with brute force in 2007 after the Poms’ own Grand Larceny in 2005.

Our Matt will be fondly remembered by an adoring Australian sporting public for his rise and rise in Test cricket and his sustained success at the highest level. People will long hold onto their best memories of Hayden, the Australian power broker at the top of the Nation’s batting order for so long during a time of great Aussie prosperity. These glorious highlights include his watershed tour of India in 2001, his relentless scoring of 100s at will at Melbourne in one of several Boxing Day test matches or his amazing 2007 World Cup performance, one game in particular against South Africa at St Kitts where he scored a frightening 100 off about 65 balls and was then awarded the keys to the City...so long as he locked the gate from the outside!

So catch you later **Haydos**, you have been a truly great servant to the game and have brought tremendous enjoyment to many Aussie fans whilst flaying all bowlers from all nations to all parts of all grounds – particularly those cocky lily-white Poms, who we just love to see chasing leather! Happy fishing and happy days!



...AND IN WITH THE NEW!



Unique technique. New Aussie batting hope **Phillip Hughes** showing the benefits of private batting tuition from Nightcliff swingman **Gary Stevens** during the NT cricket off season.

ON THE REX HUNT*"I Punt therefore I Am"***\$50 on ALL SILENT each way (\$20W/\$30P) in the DONCASTER HANDICAP***(\$6.00 WIN/\$2.35 place fixed odds – so \$190 return if he wins and about \$70.00 if places)*

Well the *Growl* has decided to front up with a toe-dipper at **Randwick Racecourse this Saturday** to kick things off for the season in one of the most difficult Mile (1600m) races in this country. But **All Silent**, who streeeted them in the Emirates Stakes (1600m) at Flemington in the Spring, produced a bottler of a run on an unsuitable heavy track at Rosehill last start in the George Ryder (flying home for 4th over 1500m) and the weather Gods should hopefully see him lining up on a track with hopefully no worse than a "Dead" rating this Saturday.

Super mare **Hot Danish** and the greatly improved **Vision & Power** appear to be the main dangers, but with even luck from a wide barrier (#14), this talented fellow should be funding a few coldies for you in the Nightcliff Sports Club come Saturday night.

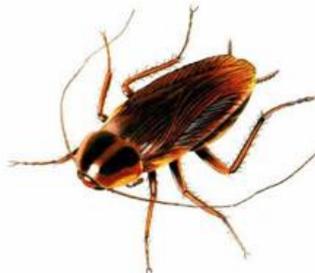
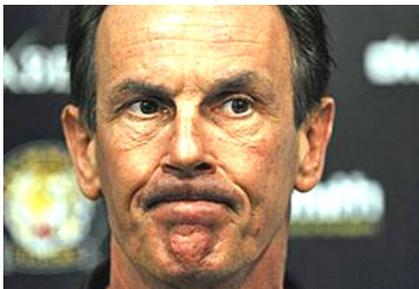
Editor's Note: Get on **Richmond FC for the bottom four in 2009** – on their "day" they can produce some of the worst footy seen at VFL/AFL level since the Second World War!

WALLACE & GROMIT (RICHMOND FC)

There was an article in the *Age* this week entitled, "*Richmond draws the short straw*" in which half-man half-cockroach **Terry Wallace** was bemoaning Richmond's tough opening AFL draw in 2009. C'mon Terrence, fair suck of the **Sav Rocca** mate, your lads played **Carlton** in round 1 and they didn't even make the Eight last year!

Wallace has been the ultimate survivor of what has been a footballing yellow-and-black holocaust over several years in a cut-throat industry. Wallace has coached a serially abysmal team week-in-week-out but despite promised improvement made to long-suffering Members at the start of several seasons this decade, he and the Tigers have registered worse results than the Chinese human rights movement. The question has to be, how much longer can this incredible man remain employed?

The *Growl* is also curious as to when the Richmond Board and Members will come to realise what the rest of the AFL already knows - **Richmond is the short straw!**



Left & centre – Terry Wallace keeps on surviving – for now! **Right** – Geelong FC pre-match warm-up coaching staff have been saving on witches' hats by using Richmond players instead.

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



Crows CEO **Steven Trigg** (far left) with remorseful AFL player **Nathan** after he **Booked** his girl and **Kevin Costner** from the movie "**JFK**".



Can you spot the difference?

2008 under 17s spinning prodigy and budding lawyer **Jake Collins** – courtesy of *Bagman* from the NCC website!



Richmond cardboard cut-outs on the **left** chasing Geelong colossus **Gary Ablett**, with a scene from the movie "**The Bachelor**" on the **right**... one obvious difference is that the one on the right is at least some chance of being caught!

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).