



CASE STUDY

Carrum Downs Cricket Club All Abilities Program

WHAT DID WE DO

Since 2016, Carrum Downs Cricket Club (the Cougars) has introduced an All-Abilities Team which play within the Melbourne All Abilities Cricket Association (MAACA). The team was initiated after the club was approached by members of the community who wished to base their team at the Cougars. The committee embraced the opportunity with open arms.

Rules are modified to allow as many people to participate, who otherwise may not have the opportunity to in a regular cricket season.

Training sessions are often integrated alongside the senior players and the Cougars also run events with juniors.

WHAT DID WE SEE

Over the years participants have come and gone, however the club has received a lot more interest and are approached regularly by people with a disability wishing to join.

Players have the ability to progress, and some of the Cougar players have gone on to play in the state team, have had the opportunity to travel interstate and internationally as well as participate and represent the country in the Special Olympics.

WHAT NOW

Carrum Downs Cricket Club will continue to deliver the All-Abilities Program for the community and hope that if they attract more volunteers they will be able to broaden the scope and deliver more inclusive programs.

To find out more or to register please visit:
<https://carrumdownscc.com.au/all-abilities/>

Challenges

Finding more volunteers to support and grow the program more.

Benefits

Integrated session with the seniors and events with juniors has allowed for a greater club community and sense of belonging for all.



Having a strong personally connection to people with a disability, creating the space for the All-Abilities team to join was a simple yes, and the committee buy in was great from the onset!

Russell Blackburn
Club President - 2022

I am forever grateful to the committee of Carrum Downs Cricket Club for being such an inclusive group. They have placed their support in me over the last two years to lead the All Abilities as their captain. It is great seeing the players grow and develop their skills each season. Players always have a smile on their faces and enjoy themselves regardless of the result. Great work team!

Mark Carlson
All-Ability Captain



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