



## **Chairperson's Report 2016**

2016 proved to be a busy and largely positive year for Munster Cricket. Details regarding the activities of the various committees and the outcome of competitions will be dealt with in the Secretary's report. The financial outcome for the year will be dealt with in the Treasurer's report and the detail of activities at youth level in the reports from the Youth Coordinator and RDO.

Looking at progress at a strategic level, the following are the main points I would like to make:

1. There has been a lot of work done with Cricket Ireland to push the case for Munster inclusion in the T20 Interprovincial competition in 2017 and I am hopeful that the Cricket Ireland board meeting on 7 December will give us a positive decision in this regard. This will be the first step in reinstating Munster into senior representative cricket and will enable us offer a more complete pathway for our young players and to increase our profile in Munster sport and, hopefully, attract sponsorship.
2. Five clubs have received their first assessment under the Club Accreditation scheme. The target for 2017 is to see these complete the process and to also see the remaining clubs advance to a point where they can undergo the assessment process. Allied to this, grant funds have been allocated to clubs to assist with improvement of their grounds and facilities and it is hoped that this process can continue as Cricket Ireland makes funding available under its Club Facility Grant Scheme.
3. Work done in conjunction with Cork Sports Partnership has enabled us extend our reach to schools connected to the Cork based clubs this year and this should be repeated in 2017. Support has also been identified for projects with the Limerick and Kerry Sports Partnerships and it is hoped that we can expand our connections with the various sports partnerships to fund more coaching and other initiatives.
4. Work recently carried out in girls' schools in Limerick and Cork, funded by Cricket Ireland through the Sports Council, has had a very positive impact and it is hoped that this can be linked into activity at club level in 2017.
5. The availability of funding through Cricket Ireland to employ a part-time Admin Officer in 2016 proved very beneficial and I would like to thank Kevin Galvin for his contribution during his period of employment with us. I am hopeful that this role can be built upon further in 2017 and have initiated discussions with Cricket Ireland as to how this can best be funded. The other Unions are currently in the process of moving to a Company Limited By Guarantee structure with a more professional management set up and this is something we need to aspire to in the medium term.



6. Strategically, we need to continue to work at expanding and strengthening the game at youth level across the Union area and to providing the coaching resources required to support this activity in clubs. This will continue to be a major focus for our development plans.
7. The outgoing Executive has commenced the process of developing the next Munster strategic plan to cover the period 2017 to 2020. This will obviously aim to link closely to the Cricket Ireland strategic plan which was published in 2016 but will, in its detail, need to focus closely on the particular requirements of Munster Cricket taking our current level of development into account.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved for their support and cooperation in carrying out my role as Chairperson. I look forward to another busy and, hopefully, productive year in 2017 which will be the second of my three year term.

I believe that Munster Cricket is in a positive place at present, while recognising that there are many challenges to be faced and am confident that 2017 will see us make further progress.

David Griffin

Chairperson

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