

## Moe Cricket Club

***“HSE Program helps to solve a ten year shade problem for Moe Cricket Club”***



Club Secretary, Tony Flynn says, *“we saw the advantages for our club, both short term and long. From the healthy eating options at the tea breaks of games, (including a stronger focus on fruit), through to the policies and procedures that have been put in place, the environment of the club has been changed for the longer term”.*

Sporting club’s achievements are often measured by their on-field success. Moe Cricket Club has certainly had this in recent years, winning flags in various divisions. With a strong, successful club, there comes the opportunity to succeed off field too. The club recognised it had room for improvement in this area and signed up to the HSE program with will and enthusiasm.

Committing to monitoring health outcomes over the next few years, the club will identify areas where it might have the most impact on promoting positive health behaviours. The advantage of a program like HSE is it puts in place strategies to help clubs to do this. It has given the club a platform and structure to support their long term goals.

*“The Moe Cricket Club was pleased to be involved with GippSport and the HSE program. The social inclusion and healthy eating policies will serve our club well into the future. I recommend any club to be involved in the HSE program”,* says Tony.



For over ten years, the Moe Cricket Club has battled the sun on game day. With limited shade around the ground, the club had been unable to get a resolution on this problem until they worked with GippSport on the Healthy Sporting Environments (HSE ) program. Two months after being involved with the HSE program they had their shelter. The club completed a SunSmart shade audit which identified that there was a lack of shade available at the Moe Racing Club. The organisation identified that a possible solution was the construction of a formal shade structure but the Cricket Club needed to work with the Racing Club to seek approval and support for the project.

GippSport Program Coordinator, Christopher Stanlake says, *“The sun shelter project was a great partnership between the Moe Cricket Club and Moe Racing Club that really highlights that it is possible to work together and find practical solutions”.*

Moe Cricket Club’s three senior and four junior teams play at two venues, the Ted Summerton Reserve and at the Moe Racecourse. With a total club membership of around 100 people, strong support from ex-players and a solid committee, the club is one of the largest in the region. Being a summer sport, it is important for the club to provide shade opportunities for the players and volunteers alike.

The club saw the advantages of being involved in the HSE program at an early stage. The various modules enabled the club to educate members on some important issues for the club, such as sun smart practices, healthy eating and being more socially inclusive.