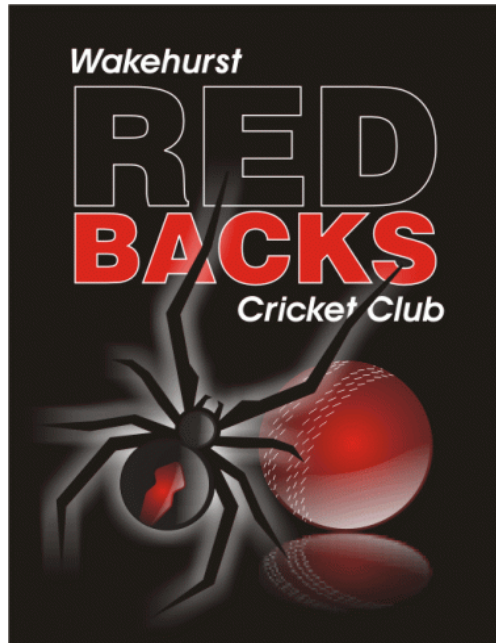


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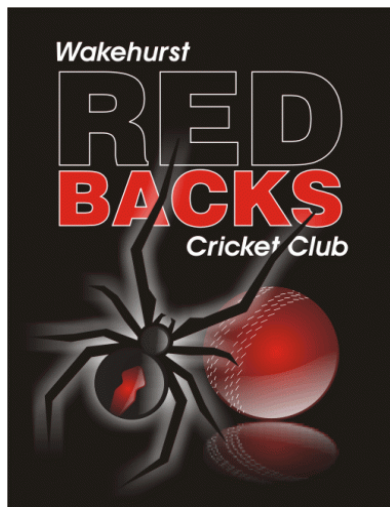


Your committee has much pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval the Annual Report for the 2017/2018 season.

President: David Nimmo

Secretary: Deanne Hutt

Treasurer: Jenny Pittar



WAKEHURST REDBACKS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED

(ABN: 71 887 994 585)

Annual Report

For the year ended 30 April 2018

This is the 37th Annual Report of the Wakehurst Redbacks Cricket Club Incorporated.

We are a Cricket Club based on Sydney's Northern Beaches playing in the Manly Warringah Cricket Association (Seniors) and the Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association (Juniors). We have a proud history and over 500 players across in2CRICKET, T20 Blast, Sixers Girls Cricket League (SGCL), Juniors (Under 9 to Under 18) and Seniors.

The Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket

Taken from the MCC's Laws of Cricket 2000 Code 4th Edition - 2010

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of captains

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

Player's conduct

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.

The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game and its traditional values

5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

7. Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

2017/2018 Office Bearers

Life Members

Bob Philpott *	Warwick Brady	John Kleem	Bruce Gotting
Bob Lind *	Tony Rainey *	Neville De Brincat	Arman Cosentino
Gary Fitzsimmons	Danny LeMoy	Simon Crombie	David Sheedy
Warren Staples	Matthew Murray	Ross Denny	Adam Stenner

* *deceased*

Patron

Shawn Bradstreet

Committee

President:	David Nimmo	
Secretary:	Deanne Hutt	
Treasurer:	Jenny Pittar	
Vice President - Juniors:	Laurie Zanella	
Vice President - Seniors:	Kevin Hume	
Vice President - Womens:	Deanne Hutt	
Registrar:	Matthew Murray	
Coaching Coordinator:	Ross Denny	
Gear Steward:	Kieran Young	
Newsletter / Publicity:	Deanne Hutt	Blake Gregory
Website	Blake Gregory	
Sponsorship:	David Nimmo	Laurie Zanella
Statistician:	David Nimmo	Ross Denny
Annual Report:	Bernadette Chang	
MWJCA Delegates:	David Nimmo	Ross Denny
MWCA Delegates:	Kevin Hume	Matthew Murray
General Committee:	Peter Candotti	Brett McLennan
	Warren Staples	Kevin Wesson
	Matthew White	

2017/2018 Age Coordinators

Age Group	Coordinator
Girls Cricket	Deanne Hutt
in2CRICKET (Under 4-6)	David Nimmo
T20 Blast	David Nimmo
Under 9	Matthew White
Under 10	Bernadette Chang
Under 11	Brett McLennan
Under 12	Laurie Zanella
Under 13	Stuart Banham
Under 14	Ian Bassett
Under 15	Deb Kasmar
Under 16-18	Ross Denny
Seniors	Kevin Hume



2017/2018 Team Officials

Team	Coach	Manager
Under 13 Girls SGCL Diamonds	Anthony Nicey	Amanda Nicey
Under 13 Girls SGCL Sapphires	Greg Jones	Laura Salier
Under 15 Girls SGCL	Greg Hough	Shane Guyot
T20 Blast Funnelwebs		Amanda Nicey
T20 Blast Huntsmen		Alister Taylor
T20 Blast Trapdoors		David Casey
Under 9 Funnelwebs	Sean Moran Craig McGregor	Sam Johnstone
Under 9 Trapdoors	Greg Jones	Madhura Jayaram
Under 10 Red Div 1	Mat Keen	Michael Formica
Under 10 Green Div 1	Nick Rainey	Kevin Wesson
Under 10 Black Div 2	Matt White	Ciaran Sharp
Under 10 Orange Div 2	Steve Ward	Greg Szudrich
Under 10 White Div 2	Kerry Frew	Lisa Frew
Under 11 Red Div 1	John Morony	Geraldene Britton
Under 11 Green Div 1	Andrew Condon	Adam McWhinney
Under 11 Black Div 2	Darrin Batchelor	Stuart Sang
Under 11 White Div 2	Murray McLerie	Kristen Wyse
Under 12 Red Div 1	Laurie Zanella	Jennifer Rademan
Under 12 Green Div 1	Regan McCracken	Stephen Cole Zia Cole
Under 12 Orange Div 2	Ben Rourke	
Under 13 Red Div 1	Stuart Banham Ed Larson	Chris Wright
Under 13 Green Div 2	Ed Nockolds	Robert Thomas
Under 14 Red Div 1	Ian Bassett	Kathryn Condon
Under 15 Red Div 1	Nick Johnson Ash Kuchel	Deb Kasmar
Under 15 Green Div 2	Stuart White	Vanessa White
Under 16-18 Red Div 1	Andrew Melville	Jeff Cook



Honour Roll - Club Awards



Junior Cricketer of the Year - "Philpott Award"

Andrew Boulton

*Batting: 367 runs at 91.75, highest score 100**

Bowling: 16 wickets at 6.75, best 3/6

Fielding: 7 catches & 3 run-outs



Junior Rising Star - "Bird Family Award"

Laura Judson

*Batting: 137 runs at 34.25, highest score 30**

Bowling: 13 wickets at 3.38, best 3/5

Fielding: 2 catches & 1 run-out

Laura was always willing to help out other teams when required.

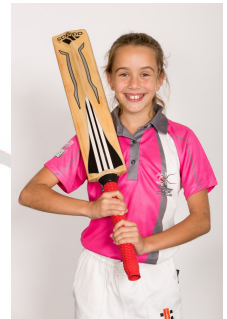
Female Cricketer of the Year

Lulu Ryals

*Batting: 158 runs at 31.6, highest score 40**

Bowling: 11 wickets at 5.36, best 3/10

*Fielding: 8 catches, 1 run-out &
2 stumpings*



"Bob Lind" Special Achievement Award

Luke Watts

*Scored the first-ever Wakehurst U11 Division 1 century—
113 vs Harbord in Round 4*



Honour Roll - Club Awards



“Ross Denny” Club Person of the Year

Jeff Cook

Jeff has been a tireless worker for the club over the past 6 seasons, holding roles such as team manager and age co-ordinator. In addition to the role of team manager Jeff has always taken on multiple tasks including assisting with coaching as well as umpiring and scoring.



“Murray Family” Coach of the Year

Joint winners

Regan McCracken—U12 Green (Div 1)

Stuart White—U15 Green (Div 2)



Senior Cricketer of the Year

Andrew Davies

Batting: 556 runs at 55.6, highest score 114
Fielding: 15 catches, 2 run-outs & 4 stumpings*

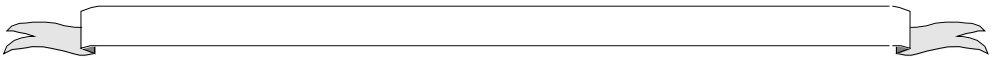
David Sheedy Rising Star - Seniors

Cormac O'Donnell

*Bowling: 22 wickets at 8.95 (club record),
best 5/17*

Fielding: 6 catches





Honour Roll - Premiership Teams



Under 10 Red – U10 Division 1 (Red Pool)

Coach: Mathew Keen **Manager:** Michael Formica

Lukas Banham

Aidan Boulton

Rohan Chang

Henry Cook

Matthew Dixon

Lachlan Formica

Luka Karcher

Alex Keen

George Russell

Under 11 White – U11 Division 2

Coach: Murray McLerie **Manager:** Kristen Wyse

Riley Bogaard

Jack Evans

Oscar McLerie

Dylan Nixon

Ben Rigney

Michael Roache

Jordan Siladi

Aidan Wyse

Under 13 Diamonds – Sixers Girls Cricket League

Coach: Anthony Nicey **Manager:** Amanda Nicey

Sophia Chick

Caitlin du Preez

Emily Horstead

Stephanie Hughes

Laura Judson

Ashleigh Karcher

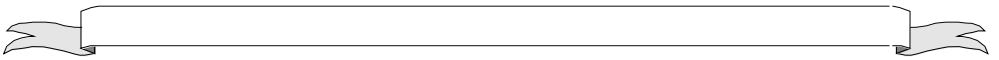
Jaime Loh

Maya Nicey

Lillian Oosterhoff

Lulu Ryals





Honour Roll - Premiership Teams



Under 15 – Sixers Girls Cricket League

Coach: Greg Hough

Manager: Shane Guyot

Natalie Guyot

Olivia Hough

Renee Hough

Alicia Humphrey

Annabel Hutt

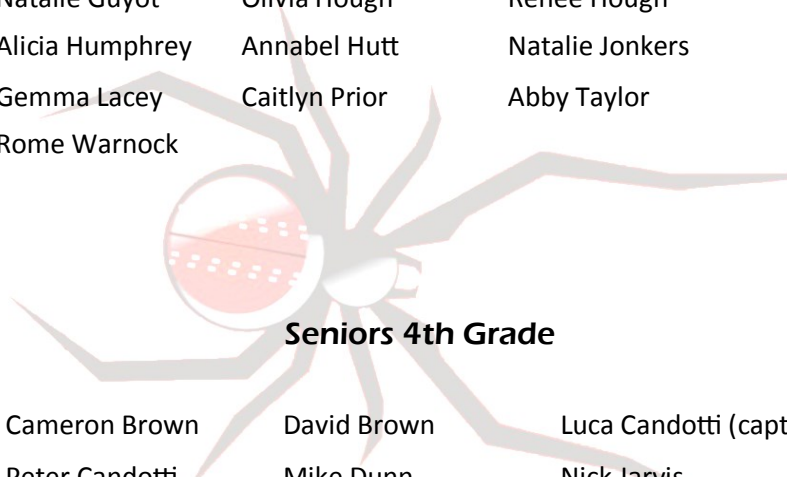
Natalie Jonkers

Gemma Lacey

Caitlyn Prior

Abby Taylor

Rome Warnock



Seniors 4th Grade

Cameron Brown

David Brown

Luca Candotti (capt.)

Peter Candotti

Mike Dunn

Nick Jarvis

Peter Karcher

Michael Kovacs

Toby Kovacs

Will Lynch

Matt Martin

Adam McKern

Iain McKern

Gabe Suntup

Doug Wright

Michael Wright



Cricket NSW School, Academy and State Representative Honours

NSW School Championships

Emily Horstead *PSSA State Championships (Girls, Polding Catholic Schools)*
Andrew Boulton *PSSA State Championships (Boys, Polding Catholic Schools)*
Kai Connors *PSSA State Championships (Boys, Sydney North)*
Sarah Turner *Schoolgirls Championships (Combined Independent Schools)*



Cricket NSW Academy

The Cricket NSW Academy is a State-wide program responsible for the identification and development of talented male and female cricketers. The following Wakehurst players were selected and participated in the program during the 2017/18 season:

Under 15 – Annabel Hutt, Abigail Powell
Under 16 – Ned Barnet
Under 18 – Saskia Horley, Sarah Turner



NSW State Challenge

The Cricket NSW State Challenge is designed to increase the level of competition for young players. The following Wakehurst players were selected and participated in the program during the 2017/18 season:

Under 14–Toby Cousemacker
Under 16 – Lachlan Molyneux
Under 18 – Sarah Turner, Abigail Powell





Representative Honours

*Congratulations to the following Wakehurst players
who represented Manly in Junior and Senior
Representative competitions in 2017/2018.*



Under 10 Development Squad

Hugo Gaudry
Harry McCracken
Matthew Melville

Under 11 Creak Shield

Tom Cole
Eshaan Holla

Under 11 Presidents Cup

Saurav Holla
Dylan Nockolds

Under 12 Cawsey Shield

Andrew Boulton
Jeremy Scarf

Under 12 Presidents Cup

Dylan Vlatko

Under 13 Mollie Dive Shield

Lulu Ryals

Under 13 Presidents Cup

Kai Connors
Mason Ballard
Sentarou Murata-Davison

Under 14 Moore Shield

Toby Cousemaker
Lachlan Johnson

Under 14 Presidents Cup

Jack Chick
Hurshwin Sharma

Under 15 Weblin Shield

Sam Jones

Oliver Melville Luke Richardson

U15 Margaret Peden Shield

Natalie Guyot Annabel Hutt
Gemma Lacey Abigail Powell

Under 15 Presidents Cup

Noah Kasmar Matt Kuchel
Henry Thomas Zach Thomas
Cormac O'Donnell

Under 16 Blamey Cup

Aidan Bennett Joel McGregor
Brynn Mendel Lachlan Molyneux
Hilton Ovenden Josh Park

Under 16 Presidents Cup

Benjamin Cook
Ethan Joseph

Brewer Shield

Natalie Guyot
Gemma Lacey

Green Shield

Aidan Bennett
Sam Jones
Brynn Mendel
Lachlan Molyneux
Hilton Ovenden
Josh Park



CRICKET
AUSTRALIA

International and State Representatives



CRICKET NSW

Test Players

Jackson Bird Australia



First Class

Shawn Bradstreet NSW (including captancy)

Jackson Bird Tasmania

Saskia Horley NSW Breaker's Squad



Australian Junior Representatives

Peter Banbury Australia Under 19

Jackson Bird Australia Under 19

Aiden Bariol Australia Under 16

Saskia Horley Australia Women's Under 19

Sarah Turner Cricket Australia XI in U18 Women's Nationals

State Junior Representatives

Shawn Bradstreet NSW Under 19

Peter Banbury NSW Under 19

Michael Cosentino NSW Under 19

Jackson Bird NSW Under 15

NSW Under 17

NSW Under 19

Aiden Bariol NSW Under 15 All Schools

NSW Under 19

Saskia Horley NSW Women's Under 15

NSW Metro Women's Under 15

NSW Metro Women's Under 18 (c)

Sarah Turner NSW Metro Women's Under 15

NSW Schoolgirls



2017/2018 Team Award Winners

Team	Batting	Bowling	Sportsperson
Girls SGCL			
Under 13 Diamonds	Stephanie Hughes	Laura Judson	Lulu Ryals
Under 13 Sapphires	Shae Hiskett-Jones	Olivia Champion	Daisy Addison
Under 15	Natalie Guyot	Natalie Jonkers	Renee Hough
Under 9			
Funnelwebs	Archie McGregor	Nate Cole	Jacob Watts
Trapdoors	Joshua Jones	Anton Boulos	Matthew Judson
Under 10			
Red	Rohan Chang	Aidan Boulton	Luka Karcher
Green	Beau Hiscoke	Dylan Thompson	Jackson Murray
Black	Patrick White	Jack Kalms	Hugh McWilliam
Orange	Ben Keller	Ben Ward	Saburou Murata-Davison
White	Blake Marshall	Toby Cooper	Finn Greenland
Under 11			
Red	Luke Watts	Owen Moulds	Myles Nockolds
Green	Matthew Melville	Sam McWhinney	Max Thompson
Black	Billy Chaloner	Andrew Sang	Finn Miles
White	Aidan Wyse	Jack Evans	Jordan Silardi
Under 12			
Red	Nicholas Rademan	Carlo Zanella	Dylan Vlatko
Green	Jeremy Scarf	Luke Avello	Danny Thompson
Orange	Alex Cooper	Jake Hayes	Finn Davison
Under 13			
Red	Andrew Boulton	Edward Hutt	Kai Connors
Green	Lachlan Anderson	James Thomas	Rhys Nockolds
Under 14 Red	Matthew Humphrey	Abigail Powell	Mitchell Norton
Under 15			
Red	Lachlan Johnson	Hurshwin Sharma	Euan Loh
Green	Isaac Turner	Angus Castle	Daniel Reay
Under 16-18 Red	Saskia Horley	Declan McLerie	Declan Annear

President's Report

I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution this season, the players, volunteers, age coordinators, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, scorers, captains and everyone who assisted their teams in making this season such an enjoyable one. Without your contribution, our club could not function and our boys and girls would not be able to play.

Welcome to all the first time players and their extended families to our proud cricket club. We trust you all enjoyed your experience with the Redbacks and hope this will be the first of many seasons to come. To all the returning players, great to see you back and enjoying another season of cricket.

The Mighty Redbacks won the junior club championships for the third year in a row. Having not won this award for many years, is an incredible achievement to win the award for the last three years. Well done to all boys and girls who played this season.

Congratulations to our five premiership winning teams on their outstanding seasons. The girls led the way this season, winning the division 1 under 13 and under 15 competitions. Well done girls.

Under 10 Red - Boys Division 1, Red Pool Premiers

Under 11 White - Boys Division 2 Premiers

Under 13 Diamonds - Girls Division 1 Premiers

Under 15 - Girls Division 1 Premiers

4th Grade Senior Team



We had a total of 30 teams participate for the 2017/18 season consisting of 26 junior teams (T20 Blast to U16-18s and 3 x Girls teams), 4 senior teams (1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades). Our player numbers were similar to last season.

Stage 1 of the Cricket Australia's new junior formats were introduced across the under 9, 10 and 11 age groups this season. Next season will see further changes to junior cricket, including in the under 8 competition (T20 Blast) and older age groups.

In2Cricket was run this season at Lionel Watts, giving 4 - 6 year olds an introduction to basic cricket skills. Wakehurst had junior cricket teams in average cricket ranged from T20 Blast (under 8's), U9's, U10's, to traditional cricket starting in U11's, all the way through to the U16-18's and our Seniors teams. Again, our Twilight Cricket was held on Friday nights throughout February. A number of U11 to U16-18 teams also played in the Manly Mini Bash T20 tournament on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in February.

In June 2017, long time Redback Kian Mantle passed away at the age of 20 following an 18-month battle with brain cancer. On the 18th February 2018 the

President's Report (Contd.)

inaugural KM Classic T20 charity cricket match was held at Manly Oval in Kian's memory. The Wakehurst team (captained by Caleb Mantle) beat the Manly team (captained by Cohen Mantle). Thanks to Harry Scott and Tom Boxall for organising, to all the players and volunteers for helping make this a great event. At last count around \$15,000 was raised for the Sydney Neuro-Oncology Group (SNOG).

Great to see a number of our juniors playing seniors this season. I would encourage any older boys and girls wanting to improve their cricket to play seniors next season. At seniors training you will get access to some excellent coaching, as they were run by former 1st Class and current Manly 1st Grade player Cameron Merchant.

Congratulations all Wakehurst Redback players who won awards and those who represented the Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association and the Manly Warringah Cricket Association. There were so many great individual achievements during the season at our club.

Congratulations to our juniors who scored centuries this season; Brynn Mendel (U16-18) who scored 139* in round 1 against Harbord, Joel McGregor (U16-18) who scored 110 in round 3 against Beacon Hill, Luke Larson (U13) who scored 102* in round 5 against Beacon Hill, Andrew Boulton (U13) who scored 100* in round 1 against St Augustines and Luke Watts (U11) who scored 113 in round 4 against Harbord. Our seniors that scored hundreds were Matthew Varjavandi (1st grade) 144, Rhys Brooks (5th grade) 137, Andrew Davies (5th grade) 114* and 102*, Sam Worthington (1st grade) 102* and Jamie Friedlein (3rd grade) 102*. Eight Redbacks players got hat tricks; Declan McLerie (U16-18), Jamie White (U15), Abigail Powell (U14), Andrew Sang (U11), Dylan Thompson (U10), Reuben Boulos (U10), Kai Junghans (U10) and Conor Mulcahy (U10).

I would like to acknowledge and thank our club sponsors for their support and financial assistance this season.

Our major sponsor **THE BELROSE HOTEL** were great supporters of the Redbacks again this season. The Hotel provided us vouchers for our players and allowed us to utilise their facilities for meetings and functions. **THE BELROSE HOTEL** also hosted our junior team pre-season get-togethers and many seniors attended the hotel following Saturday afternoon games.



SYDNEY CRICKET COACHING (Mark McInnes) were back this season as a financial sponsor as well as providing a number of complimentary training sessions for our teams. Thanks Mark for your continued support of the Wakehurst Redbacks.

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President's Report (Contd.)

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Thanks to **FOCUS PHYSIOTHERAPY** at Allambie Heights for their second year as a club sponsor. Be sure to go and see Sally and Ron Postma if you need a physio.

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to our hard-working committee for volunteering their time and their commitment to the running of the Wakehurst Redbacks Cricket Club.



Our Secretary, **Deanne Hutt**, has again made a massive contribution to our club this season. Her efforts in managing communications, tasks & liaison to all our teams has been incredible. Deanne has also coordinated our girls teams and plays an integral part in the continued growth of girls cricket in the area.

Jenny Pittar took on the role of Treasurer this season for the first time. Thanks Jenny for coming on the committee and helping out in this important role.

Laurie Zanella was our Vice President of Juniors this season. Great job Laurie and thanks for managing all our junior team this season.

Kevin Hume again filled the role of Vice President of Seniors. Thanks Kev for the great work in getting our senior teams organised every and coordinating training sessions.

Thanks to **Cameron Merchant** who took the role of Seniors Coach for the first time this season. Cameron attended our seniors training each week and did a fantastic job.

Matthew Murray performed the Club Registrar role again this season. Thanks again Matt for your continued support of the Wakehurst Redbacks.

Kieran Young took on the role of Gear Steward this season, taking over from **Warren Staples**. Thanks Kieran your great work and Warren for helping out at Club Open Nights every second week.

Bernadette Chang put together the Annual Report again this season. Thanks Bernadette for your time and efforts through the season and producing this wonderful report.

Ross Denny continues to help our club, despite his large work load with other cricket committees in the Manly area. Thanks again Ross for your contribution.

President's Report (Contd.)

Thanks to new committee member **Blake Gregory**, for managing our Website this season and to our other new committee members for coming on board this season; **Brett McLennan, Peter Candotti, Matthew White** and **Kevin Wesson**.

Club Patron, **Shawn Bradstreet**, continued his great support of our club this season.

We moved our in2CRICKET program to Lionel Watts this season, due to T20 Blast being played at Hews Parade. Thanks to **Sophie Faulkner** (daughter of former committee member Jason) and **Heather and Sean Nimmo** for their assistance every Saturday morning in running our in2CRICKET program. Thanks to **Tony Pecar** for helping again this season.

We look forward to seeing you all next season.

David Nimmo
President



2017/18 Committee members

Back Row: **Matt White, Ross Denny, David Nimmo, Kevin Wesson, Laurie Zanella, Blake Gregory**

Front Row: **Jenny Pittar, Deanne Hutt, Bernadette Chang, Warren Staples**

Absent:: **Kevin Hume, Kieran Young, Matthew Murray, Brett McLennan, Peter Candotti**

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 April 2018

	2017-2018	2016-2017
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 May 2017	31,444.90	31,444.90
Income:		
Registration Fees (Juniors/Seniors/in2Cricket)	55,287.61	58,222.00
Shirts, Hats and Caps	2,048.50	3,429.90
Twilight Cricket/Raffle	0.00	270.00
Toyota Raffle Fund raising.	0.00	3,375.00
Sponsorship	12,550.00	11,200.00
Bank Interest	4.51	15.26
Girls Summer Comp Sponsorship	2,500.00	0.00
	73,390.62	76,512.16
Expenditure:		
MWJCA - Team Registration Fees	12,905.00	9,857.00
MWCA Seniors Registration Fees	3,600.00	5,300.00
MWCA Senior Umpires	3,150.00	2,750.00
T20 Blast	230.24	1,204.00
Girls Summer Comp	390.00	1,854.00
Shirts, Hats and Caps Purchases	8,880.03	8,186.75
Equipment Purchases (Including Balls)	11,360.25	22,156.50
Lionel Watts Combined Sporting Facility Levy	1,525.00	1,457.64
Postage, Printing and Stationery (incl man of match awards)	3,690.00	4,462.74
Refunds	1,320.00	780.00
Captains Refunds	0.00	1,837.00
Thank you gift	269.85	0.00
Trophies	4,829.00	5,163.66
Advertising/Domain/Web Registration	128.95	2,741.89
Team Photos	0.00	1,276.00
Twilight food, prizes	0.00	60.55
Thank You Night	0.00	1,400.00
Junior Food/Drink	334.30	0.00
Premiers Celebrations	385.50	250.00
Donations	159.76	0.00
Senior Food/Drink/Presentation Night	1,966.90	1,966.90
	53,157.88	73,663.46
	53,526.34	34,293.60
Comprised:		
Westpac Account	\$4,578.99	\$4,574.48
Commonwealth Account	\$48,372.20	\$29,143.97
Cash	\$46.65	\$575.15
Balance as of 30 April 2018	\$53,526.34	\$34,293.60



Compiled by Honorary Treasurer Jenny Pittar

The Foundation of the Redbacks

The founding of the Wakehurst Redbacks was initiated at the family room table of Bob and Penny Philpott. Bob was the founder of the Redbacks and our inaugural President in the 1981/82 season. Bob co-opted friends, fathers of newly recruited players and anyone else who was prepared to lend a hand, to help him get the Redbacks off the ground.

Back in 1981, the Philpotts were having lunch one late winter Saturday at their home with a couple of their son's friends. The boys who were aged about 8 or 9 were talking about playing cricket in a team, and in a competition. Theirs and Bob and Penny's enthusiasm grew as the meal went on and Bob said: "Ok, you get a team together and I'll coach you". They talked about a name for the team at lunch and the kids wanted a spider as it would be a bit menacing to the opposition. In fact the Funnel-web was their first choice, but the adults said that could be a bit vicious so they all settled on the Redback!

By the Monday afternoon the boys had gathered a team and a meeting was held that same week with all the interested kids and their parents.

And so club history was made - the start of the Redbacks. The Redbacks registered in the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association in 1981 ready for their first cricket season. The first kit was bought from the registration fees and a donation from Bob's friend Mike Pawley.

With Bob as President, a committee was formed with Warwick Brady as the Secretary and Jo Gotting the Treasurer. Warwick was also the official scorer. All involved became a very happy social group where each week after practice, the Mums. Dads and kids all got together for a barbecue. Some great and lasting friendships were formed as a result.

Bob had an outstanding ability to create and build teams, clubs and groups. His other achievements include the creation of the Balgowlah Rugby Club in the 1960s and the Forest Youth Theatre Company in 1985. Bob Lind was involved in those early days coaching junior teams and he would go on to become President in 1987 for 14 consecutive seasons.

So if this new club wanted to look like they meant business, the Redbacks had to have a logo. Penny worked in publishing and design and created the logo herself at home. The Redbacks logo was then screen printed onto the caps and the back of the shirts. In following seasons when more teams were formed, new badges were made that were sewn onto the shirts. To-



The Foundation logo created by Penny Philpott

The Foundation of the Redbacks (Contd.)

day we still sew the foundation logo on to all our caps and the sleeves of our shirts in respect of the club history.

Now, almost 35 years on, the Wakehurst Redbacks has flourished, growing into the wonderful club we have today, thanks to the efforts of Bob Philpott and the many great volunteers who have followed.



One of the early presentation days held at North Harbour Reserve. Bob Philpott is in the middle with his signature megaphone.

in2CRICKET



OWZAT!!

MILO in2CRICKET is an entry level program designed for 4 - 6 year olds to learn basic cricket skills.

Our in2CRICKET program changed locations this season to Lionel Watts on Saturday morning for 10 weeks prior to Christmas.

We had a great group of boys and girls participating in the Wakehurst Redbacks in2CRICKET this season. Players are taught fundamental cricket skills (batting, bowling, throwing and catching) through different and fun drills. Short games of cricket are played at the end of the sessions.

Thanks to Sophie Faulkner, Heather and Sean Nimmo for being there every week to help teach the kids. Tony Pecar also assisted throughout the year.

Please look at our website, www.wakehurstredbacks.com.au for further information on the in2CRICKET and other types of cricket offered at the Wakehurst Redbacks.

David Nimmo
In2CRICKET Coordinator



Milo T20 Blast



The Wakehurst Redbacks had three teams in the MILO T20 Blast program this season.

The T20 Blast program is for boys and girls under 8 and was run on Saturday mornings at Hews Parade and Wyatt Avenue fields in Belrose. The games run for 90 minutes and are played with soft balls, on small fields spread right across the oval, with music playing and a dedicated skills zone for players to pick up how to play cricket.

Our T20 Blast this season ran for 14 weeks in total, with 7 weeks before and 7 weeks after Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who helped run the T20 Blast teams and games.

David Nimmo
T20 Blast Coordinator



T20 Blast – Funnelwebs

Season 17/18 was the first cricket season for most of the boys in the Funnelwebs team. It was a season filled with fun, participation and importantly improvement. As the season progressed so too did the level of skill. From day 1 they all turned up full of enthusiasm and willingness to participate in all aspects of the game. There was a noticeable level of improvement after the Christmas break as the boys were inspired by the BBL season. Well done to all team members, we look forward to watching you progress your cricket with the Redbacks.

T20 Funnelwebs team members are:

Henry Black
Beau Booker
Oscar Clubbe
Thomas Evans
Beau Hawke
Eamon King
Joshua Leese
Lachlan McGrath (1st half of season)
Daniel Mikhail
Bowen Nicey
Harry Reinert (2nd half of season)

Thanks to the parents for help with coaching, umpiring, scoring and most importantly supporting.



T20 Blast – Huntsmen

Season 17/18 was a great season for the Huntsmen. Most of the team had already played one season of the T20 blast or were regular players prior to the season start so we hit the ground running and didn't stop. We were also very fortunate in that Dave Hunt (Ben and Rob's father) was a qualified cricket coach who was able to take training sessions every Friday. The training started as a trial but continued to the end of the season because of the value realised by the team.

The season was filled with fun and participation where many friendships were formed and every player improved as the season went on. I heard more than one parent or friend who came to watch comment that they were impressed by the standard of play both from our team and the opposition. I think that solid foundations have been set for future years playing more competitive cricket. I was particularly impressed with our boys for the focus they showed whilst in the field and the skilful bowling that meant we gave

away comparatively few shots off the tee each week.

Three of our boys (Harry, Rob and Ben) were thrilled to be able to go to watch the Sydney 6ers play the Scorchers and to have the experience walking on the pitch at the SCG. My son was delighted to receive his hat, signed by Hilton Cartright, and wears it with pride to this day.

Thanks to all the parents for helping in many ways but most importantly in being there each week to be support for their child.

T20 Huntsmen team members were:
Will Covarr (2nd half of season)
Kai France
Ben Hunt
Rob Hunt
Lachlan Rozier
Dan Smithies
Josh Smithies
Harry Taylor
Charlie Watkins
Joe Youle



T20 Blast – Trapdoors

The Wakehurst Trapdoors enjoyed a great season in 2017/18; it was a young team that came together at the start with varying skills levels. We had a mix of some players that have played the game before and some fresh new faces that were playing the game for the first time. All team members enjoyed the journey from the start of the season to the end. Skill levels improved across all aspects of the game and each individual grew as a better cricket player through the season. It was a pleasure to coach such a keen bunch of young boys who were playing the game of cricket and living the dream of a future cricket star.

The team's batting skills improved through the season and it was not uncommon to see plenty of runs being scored with boundary shots and some that would fly off the bat and go all the

way for 6. There was some great partnerships formed at the crease and the boys did get used to calling for runs to avoid the mix up in the middle. Some great running to get the extra runs on offer in the tight games.

Bowling from the start of the season to the end was chalk and cheese. These boys really picked up the skill, pace, and accuracy of bowling throughout the season. It was not only what they learned on game day but the extra effort that was being put in at home in the backyard or down the oval with

friends and family really shone through after the Christmas break. There was some real attacking bowling being displayed, which meant some great wickets being taken by the team.

The team enjoyed fielding first when concentration levels were at their highest, the boys figured out that throwing the ball at the stumps is quicker than trying to run the ball to the stumps to get the run out. The backing up behind the stumps improved and so did the accuracy of the throws to get the wickets. It was good to see high energy levels in the field even when it was a challenge on the really hot days fielding second.



It was a great effort with many of the boys playing the game for the first time. I do hope that all the boys continue their journey with the club in the seasons' ahead.

George Hansen

George displayed great passion and skill for the game of cricket, with a diverse range of bowling George was often our go to man with the ball to bag a quick wicket and also ensuring the umpire held his hat each over. He was also very good at keeping our wicket keeper in check with some super quick deliveries. George excelled at batting throughout the season and was quite often scene knocking the ball to the boundary and beyond. A natural for the game of cricket.

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Theo Anderson

Theo was one of our most improved players throughout the season; he really worked on his concentration levels in the fields and was very tidy with the bat. Continuing to improve his bowling technique through the season Theo picked up some handy wickets during games. Well done Theo.

Harry Stock

Harry was quick to learn the benefit of throwing the ball at the stumps to get the run out, one of our most active fielders he was always pushing to get the ball to force the run out of the opposing team. One who also improved his bowling technique through the season and was at his best when listening and concentrating at the task ahead. Very effective pushing quick singles for runs and also very handy with the bigger hits when required. Wishing you continued success in Cricket Harry.

Sami Horne

Sami was such a pleasure to have in the team, very keen and would settle into the game with minimal fuss and always was willing to listen to instructions. Sami worked on all aspects of his game and the proof was in the continued improvement each game. Sami was great working the ball into gaps when batting and always backed himself for a quick single. Sami you were a delight to have in the team this year.

Luke Vlatko

Luke was at his best when he was giving the game his full concentration. Very handy with the ball when bowling Luke showed great improvement in his bowling technique which kept improving each game. One who genuinely

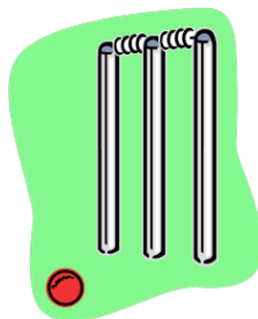
liked the game you could see that he was ready to play each week. When batting Luke would show good defensive technique and was always thinking. Luke thanks for playing, you had a great season.

William Rigzin

Will should a true knack for the game of cricket in all aspects; he worked hard on his bowling and was thundering down some real pace towards the end of the season, picking up a multiple wickets in each game he was a real strike weapon. Also jumping around in the field and chasing the balls everywhere he was full of energy, at his best when also listening. Batting was a natural strength which Will also succeed at. Will you had a great season, keep playing cricket.

Jack Rigney

Jack had a good and steady approach to the game, while quietly spoken Jack was very effective with his bowling, batting and fielding. Jack would pick up a sneaky wicket when you least expected it. Jack you played really well and your skills developed through the year. Thanks for your continued efforts.



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Daniel Forrest

Daniel enjoyed his first season playing cricket, he worked on his game through the year and was concentrating and enjoying the game each weekend. Daniel worked well with all players in the team and was learning about the game each weekend. Daniel does have some serious power when batting when he connects with the ball it would often find its way for 4 runs. Great effort Daniel would be great to see you next season.

Harry Loneragan

Harry had a great season in 2017/18, he was one who could just pick up and enjoy the pace of the game at any stage. One who was very comfortable with all parts of the game he had a great season and was a pleasure to

have in the team. Well done Harry keep up the great work.

Jordan Casey

Jordan had a true passion for cricket in his first season, one who would often try and imitate his idols he found a natural position at wicket keeper, often mimicking the stance and position of a test keeper. Jordan's bowling improved each game and was always willing to learn of other boys in the team. Jordan enjoyed his time at the crease when batting and was always looking for some quick runs. Jordan had a great start in your first year playing cricket.

Kind Regards,
David Casey



Sixers Girls Cricket League— U13 Diamonds

Sixers Girls Cricket League U13 Premiers 2017-18

As undefeated premiers, Season 17/18 was one that the girls of U13 Wakehurst Diamonds can be proud of. Given cricket was new for some of the girls we commenced pre-season training back in early August as a squad, and it was evident with the performances from every game that the hard work paid off. What was more impressive was the desire and motivation that the girls maintained all season whether training or playing.

On the field team highlights include scoring 1/215 off our allocated 20 overs, witnessing unbroken last wicket partnerships that went beyond 10 overs, bowling less than 20 no balls and wides per game, taking many wonderful catches, including some classics by our wicket keepers and game defining runs outs by all the girls. Off the field and more importantly we witnessed new friendships develop and fun had by all the players and families.

The improvement in all the girls is a credit to their hard work, commitment. Every girl in our team can say they have made their highest score with the bat or taken their best figures with the ball this year, and in fact most can say they did both. Well done Diamonds, we look forward to many more seasons together.

Sophia Chick

A first season player, Sophia's willingness to give everything a go and her dedication to hard work meant she was not only the most improved player in the team but she often succeeded playing an important role in many games. Without doubt the biggest challenge for our team was a friendly game against the Forest u15's (yes u13 v u15's) and understandably when no one wanted to open the batting Sophia put her hand up. Her performance

that day matched her courage finishing with our top score for the day. Her bowling progressed each week, fittingly Sophia returned her best figures in the last game of the season with of 2/13 off 3 overs.

Caitlin du Preez

Caitlin is talented in all aspects of her cricket. Joining the team mid-way through the season, Caitlin didn't take long to show all what she is capable of, with figures of 3/6 in her first game. Her bowling is lively and when she is on she is very difficult to face. Caitlin's confidence with the bat greatly improved, scoring 76 runs from her 5 innings. What also is impressive is she was not out on each occasion. A highlight from the season was her involvement in a game saving 74 run last wicket partnership.

Emily Horstead

Emily made a huge impact to the team with both bat and ball. Our 4th highest run scorer with 104 runs @ 52, Emily finished with an impressive 7 not outs from her 9 innings. She played several

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important innings often when the team needed the runs. Her innings in R11 is one she should be proud of, down to the last two batters with another 10 overs left, Emily finished with 20no taking part in an unbroken 76 run partnership. Emily also fulfilled the role as a 'go to' bowler. Emily collected 8 wickets for the season and was extremely effective in minimising the oppositions runs. She finished with an economy rate of only 1.81 runs per over. Her consistency in all aspects of her game is one of her strengths.

Stephanie Hughes

As the leading batsman for the team and often given the role as the opener Stephanie continuously got the team off to a positive start. Stephanie scored an impressive 162 runs @ 54, including scores of 36no and 35. Her consistency and ability to hit the ball hard

often put us in match winning situations. As our regular keeper in the team she was often in the match. The keeping limited Steph's bowling opportunities, however that said as the season progressed so too did her pace with the ball. Steph finishing the season with 5 wickets. Stephanie was a excellent team player, willing to give any position a go. Well done Steph for a very dominating season with bat and wicket keeping gloves.

Laura Judson

Another first season player, Laura's ability to make an impact in each and every game was one of the talking points for the season. Often one to finish a training session with more training Laura showed all the meaning of "*hard work pays off*". Laura was our No.1 bowler with 13 wickets at an unbelievable average of 3.38 and an economy rate of 1.91. With the bat Laura



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made her runs in quick time. At a strike rate of 93.6 Laura scored 137 runs @ 34. Well done Laura for an exceptional and memorable first year of cricket.

Ashleigh Karcher

A hardworking, talented and determined cricketer Ash displayed all the signs to succeed in the game. Ash's start to the season was unmatched collecting runs and wickets in her first few games. With the ball in the opening two games Ash returned figures of 2/1 off 2 and 2/2 off 2. As the season progressed Ash didn't disappoint, with the bat she finished with 99 runs including a top score of 30 including 5 boundaries. With the ball Ash collected 9 wickets at an average of 4.44. Ash also took up the role as one of our regular keepers and did extremely well. Often standing up to the stumps Ash was involved in many catches and run outs. All season Ash was chasing the baggy red cap, we can proudly say it is well deserved.

Jaime Loh

Jaime was promoted to the division 1 team after an impressive pre-season and start with the Div 2 Sapphires. Her game and confidence continued to develop, especially her bowling, in her last 4 games Jaime bowled exceptionally well, restricting the opposition to only scoring at a rate of 1.5 off her overs. Supporting her improvement with the ball, in her last 10 overs of the season, (across the last 5 games) Jaime

finished with figures of 4/15 off 10 overs. Whilst Jaime had limited opportunities with the bat she still made her presence on each game. A strong fielder and team player Jaime should be really pleased with her development throughout the season.

Maya Nicey

Maya has grown enormously in her second season of cricket. Her first season as a spin bowler Maya has continued to develop her skills. She already has a genuine wicket taking ball that is well flighted, as she continues to improve and gain experience so too will her consistency and ability to turn the ball. Like her bowling Maya showed all what she was capable of with her high score of 30 no against Harbord. Maya will be looking for more consistency with the bat next year. We look forward to watching Maya challenge the best batsman in seasons to come with her left arm spin.

Lulu Ryals

Lulu is one of those players that creates impact on each game with her consistent performance, support and positivity. A great allrounder, Lulu scored 156 runs @ 32 as our 2nd highest run scorer. Her consistency with the bat and was one of the highlights of the season along with her innings against Forest where she scored 40 no, the highest score for our season. With the ball Lulu also finished

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in second place with 11 wickets @ an impressive 4.36. Lulu also finished on top of the fielding with the most catches (8) including 5 catches and 2 stumping's in the wicket keeping position. Lulu was a key part to the team's success and deserved the sportsperson award. Well done Lulu.

Lillian Oosterhoff

Lillian under estimates her value in the team, she is an excellent team player that was happy to accommodate any different positions and role, always putting her team mates interest first. Unfortunately injury early on meant that Lillian missed out on some overs but with the bat it was a different story. As the season progressed so too did Lillian's batting and her ability to occupy the crease. In round 13 against Harbord, Lillian scored a very

impressive 20. An excellent team player, Lillian made a positive impact both on and off the field.

Thanks also to Lily Batchelor who played 2 games for us throughout the season. Thanks to Paula Robinson for scoring most of the games, and most importantly all the parents and friends of the team for supporting.

We both enjoyed the opportunity to be part of the team.

With thanks, Anthony & Amanda Nicey

Awards

Batting: Stephanie Hughes
Bowling: Laura Judson
Sportsperson: Lulu Ryals



Sixers Girls Cricket League— U13 Sapphires

This group of young ladies have come a long way from that first October afternoon at Millers Reserve. For most of these players, this was the first time that they had donned the whites and took on the responsibility of representing the U13 Sapphires. Our aim this season was to introduce the girls to cricket, improve the team and the individual players, to have fun and most importantly for the girls to develop a love for the game.

I have been so pleased to see the girl's development this year. At times the umpires looked more like clothes hangers calling all the no balls on offer, but the girls showed great determination as they improved with bat and ball as the season progressed. In particular, the team went from strength to strength as a bowling unit with strong performances all through the team.

This team's energy and positive attitude was in full view when we attended the Woman's Ashes at North Sydney Oval. The girls didn't leave the boundary rope all afternoon cheering every run and every ball. What an opportunity it was to see their cricketing role models in action. Their continuous cheering and bright pink shirts catching the attention of the cameras on more than one occasion.

The team was expertly managed by Laura Salier who made sure that we were at every game on time, at the right ground and with fruit and scoring responsibilities duly allocated. All the wonderful parents in this team learnt together as we found what it meant to

score or umpire a game of junior cricket. Thank you!

Daisy Addison

In between the handstands and cart wheels, Daisy also worked hard on her cricket resulting in the individual innings of the season in our last match scoring 25 off 42 balls. Daisy's ever present smile and positive attitude sees her awarded the Sportsmans award for the season.

Asia Boles

Asia showed great dedication through the season, working hard at training and at home to improve her skills. Asia was unlucky with a couple run outs during the season, but this didn't seem to phase her as she kept smiling and kept working hard. Asia was rewarded with a strong finish to the season with bat and ball.



Olivia Champion

Right from the outset, Olivia showed great promise with her quick and accurate bowling. Olivia was always willing to learn and worked really hard at improving her bowling, saving her best for fixtures against Div 1 opposition. Olivia's 6 wickets at 18.2 and an economy rate of 3.1 sees her awarded the bowling award for the year.

Shae Hiskett-Jones

Shae had a strong all round season scoring 102 runs, taking 7 wickets at 19.6 and taking a number of crucial catches in front of and behind the wicket. With 102 runs at a strike rate of 50.7, Shae scored almost a third of the

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team's runs off the bat and this sees her awarded the batting award for the year.

Rhea Jayaram

Rhea played for the Sapphires for the first half of the season where she proved to be a competitive all rounder taking 3 wickets at 23 and scoring 45 runs. Rhea's commitment to the team was unwavering as she continued to train with the team to the end of the season and even made a guest fielding appearance on the last day of the season.

Annica Pittar

With a smile on her face and her heart on her sleeve, Annica was a valued and dedicated member of the team. Always willing to learn, Annica continued to develop through the season with bat and ball and also showing confidence behind the stumps.

Molly Reilly

Molly joined the team for the last third of the season and finished with a retired innings and with some economical bowling. Molly has shown some great promise and as one of the younger players in the group will be one of the players to build the team around in the future.

Aanya Salier

Aanya was the most vocal member of the team brining much energy to training and games alike. Always offering an encouraging word to the bowler or team mate in the field, and always reminding the fielding team to "walk in with the bowler". Aanya is a powerful batter and continued to improve through the season with strong hitting and excellent calling and running between the wickets.

Anjali Sanghvi

Anjali joined the team after the first couple rounds. With her height and



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accuracy, Anjali proved a hand full for opposing batsmen. As the season progressed, Anjali became more comfortable under the helmet and with bat in hand.

Jemima Seward

One of the characters of this team, Jemima joined the team about a third of the way into the season and slotted straight in. It soon became evident that we had another very strong bowler to add to the line up, often contributing with key wickets. Jemima produced the best individual bowling figures in a game taking 3 for 4 against Seaforth.

Isabella Van Dijk

Isabella bounced along like a ball of energy to every training and every game with the biggest of smiles. Isabella was an absolute joy to have in the team, always listening and learning. Isabella's highlight came in February against a strong Seaforth team where under great pressure, she bowled a maiden to keep

us in the game - one of the overs of the season.

Whilst the results didn't always go our way, the girls continued to play with great energy and always in the spirit of the game. Always competing, but also always respectful and fair, acknowledging good performances, clapping players off the field, shaking hands after the game and always with a smile on their faces. Well done girls, hope to see you back next season.

Lastly, thanks to the parents for all the taxi trips, fruit, umpiring, scoring and support. We couldn't have done it without each of you.

Greg Jones

Season awards:

Batting award - Shae Hiskett-Jones 102 runs at a strike rate of 50.7

Bowling award - Olivia Champion 6 wickets at 18.2

Sportsman award - Daisy Addison



Sixers Girls Cricket League—U15

Sixers Girls Cricket League U15 Premiers 2017–18

The Redbacks women's team turned out for the inaugural MWJCA under 15 girls' competition. Unlike previous seasons, this season went from October to March, along with two teams from Forest and a Harbord team.

The side had a couple of new players in the team, with Gemma Lacey and Caitlyn Prior joining from last year's under 13 competition and Rome Warnock playing cricket for the first time.

The girls played cricket in the spirit cricket is meant to be played. They had fun, they were encouraging and they applied themselves (most of the time!). Winning was not the sole focus, or sometimes not even the focus at all.

Having said that, the team ended up being premiers, only losing one game all season. One of the highlights was when the girls needed 5 runs of the last two balls to win the game. Olivia was facing her first ball, and promptly straight drove the second last ball for 4, before easily scoring a single off the last ball.

Greg again coached the girls with patience, and Natalie Jonkers led the girls each game, finding the right balance of giving everyone a go, and still being able to be a bit strategic. Thanks to Shane for managing, and the Warnock family for scoring (even the younger brother gave it a go).

A big thank you to all the parents who brought the girls to the game every

weekend, and made sitting on the boundary for the season very enjoyable. The team members for 2017/18 were:

Gemma Lacey

Gemma is a reliable bowler, batter and fielder, who gets on with the job with no fuss. Her highest score was 15 retired, and her best bowling 2 for 11.

Natalie Guyot

Nat stepped up her batting this year, progressing from being a mainly defensive player to being able to score runs freely. Her highest score was 32, with an average of 25. She also bowled this year after moving on from wicket keeper, with her best bowling 2 for 15.

Renee Hough

Renee enjoys her cricket, and is always enthusiastic out on the field. She moved to the longer run up this season, and bowled some nice pace bowling. Renee's best bowling was 2 for 17, and highest score of 27.

Olivia Hough

Olivia was the elder stateswoman of the team, and was a calm presence around the team. She also supplied the donuts for the innings break. Highest score of 22, best bowling 1 for 4, and also scored the 5 runs off two balls to win the game against Forest White.

Alicia Humphrey

Alicia is an awesome teammate to have. Calm, determined and unflappable. Halfway through the season, Alicia went to Norway for 12 months on a student exchange program. Her pace bowling,



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batting and her match reports were greatly missed by the team. Highest score of 9, and best bowling of 1 for 7.

Annabel Hutt

Annabel is a talented all round cricketer. She played less games than previously given her vast cricketing commitments, although she always turned out when her team needed her. Her highlight was a 56 not out in the last game to lead the team to victory against Forest Green, and best bowling of 1 for 4.

Abby Taylor

Abby was a consistent performer for the team, and was always keen and determined when she played. She is a hard-hitting batter with a highest score of 30, and a tricky medium pace bowler with best figures of 2 for 1.

Rome Warnock

Rome did a fabulous job in her first season of cricket. She took over behind the stumps and did a great job at stopping the ball. She was a natural at batting, with her batting developed throughout the season from defending the stumps to being able to score runs. Highest score of 14 runs.

Caitlyn Prior

Caitlyn seemed to enjoy her cricket, and was a consistent batter and bowler. Caitlyn also developed her batting, and was a consistent performer at opening batsmen. Highest score of 11, and best bowling of 1 for 10.

Natalie Jonkers

Natalie was the captain of the team, and led the team admirably. She gave all the players a chance with bat and ball, and often took a back seat herself so others could get a go. Natalie is a very talented cricketer, great with the bat, and also a very fast bowler.



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As some of the other teams were less experienced, Natalie often resorted to spin bowling in the interest of safety. Highest score of 44, and best bowling of 2 for 5.

Award winners:

Batting: Natalie Guyot

Bowling: Natalie Jonkers

Sportsperson: Renee Hough



U9 Funnelwebs

Congratulations to the mighty Under 9 Funnelwebs on an extremely successful season. From day 1 the emphasis of the season was on having fun and the boys certainly held up their end of the bargain. It was great to see them all enjoying their cricket, displaying high levels of sportsmanship and revelling in each other's company.

The Funnelwebs comprised of an extremely young group of kids, many of whom had played no formal cricket prior to the season commencing and all of whom can play Under 9s again next year if they choose. However, determination and enthusiasm go a long way in cricket and their performances throughout the year in terms of both skill and effort were fantastic. It really was a whole team effort throughout the season with everyone contributing to the team's success both on and off the field.

Many thanks to all of the parents. They were an extremely supportive and involved bunch who were always ready to help out and lend a hand in whatever needed doing. Hopefully the team can stay together in years to come.

Jacob Watts

A hard hitting left hand batter, a left arm spin or pace bowler and a dynamic fieldsman, Jacob is definitely an all-round force! Jacob hit a number of

massive sixes throughout the season via his punishing pull-shot. However, as the season progressed his array of shots developed and he is well on the way to becoming a wonderful batsmen. Always upbeat and enthusiastic, Jacob is a fantastic addition to any side and he should be proud of his season.

Charlie Lord

Gutsy and determined are two words which can readily sum up Charlie's efforts. Playing through numerous injuries, including a nasty gash on the ankle whilst batting without socks during training, Charlie always performed extremely well and did his best for the team. Both his bowling and batting contained a lot of skill, power and force and his wicket-keeping was also of a very high standard! Well done, Charlie!

Archie McGregor

Bowling consistent leg spin when you're only 7 years old is no mean feat! That's what Archie did to an extremely high standard throughout the entire season. It was brilliant to see this side of his game continuously improve as he worked on it both at training and at home. Combined with his powerful and consistent batting and his wonderful fielding, Archie is definitely a player to keep an eye on.



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Max Johnstone

Another player who had a very successful season, Max did a fantastic job as both a dynamic left hand batsmen and an accurate right arm fast bowler. In addition to this, he is a class fielder and managed to pull off a series of classic catches which would have easily made any Channel 9 highlights reel! Max was a huge improver throughout the season. Well done for working so hard at training and at home.

Nate Cole

Throughout the year Nate excelled in all areas. A quick and extremely accurate fast bowler, a determined and punishing batsmen who belted the ball to all parts and a talented fieldsman, Nate definitely has a real talent for the game. However, despite his high level of skill, what stood out the most about Nate was his consistent level of up-beat support and motivation for his fellow players. This is so important in cricket and Nate definitely inspired and entertained everyone with his classic one liners!

Ben Black

Ben really improved his cricket throughout the year. He was always an avid listener at training and this, combined with his natural talent ensured that his level of development was rapid. Ben is a determined batsmen who values his wicket and runs hard at every opportunity. Throughout the season he also developed into a reliable and effective fast bowler who also wasn't afraid to throw in the odd googly just

to mix things up a little! He also enthusiastically embraced the art of wicket keeping and did a great job with this as well. Well done, Ben.



Murray Moran

Murray was the "heartbeat" of the team throughout the season. He always tried his best and encouraged his teammates in every game. His batting improved immensely throughout the season and he contributed very well in a number of games. His bowling was most impressive and when he got the ball nice and full he often hit the stumps of the unsuspecting batsman. He also managed to hold onto some of the best catches of the year as he patrolled the cover and mid-wicket areas like a panther! Well done Murray, can't wait to see how you keep improving next season.

Beau Moran

Nearly always playing against boys older than him, Beau equipped himself very well throughout the season. His

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enthusiasm for the game was infectious for all. His very solid and correct defence was a great platform for an ever improving array of shots throughout the season. He hit some awesome boundaries that brought the crowd to its feet on numerous occasions. Beau showed a great keenness for wicket keeping throughout the season, and he showed great talent in this area, often taking some spectacular catches and the odd stumping as well. Well done Beau on a fantastic first season of cricket.

Season awards:

Batting: Archie McGregor

Bowling: Nate Cole

Sportsperson: Jacob Watts

Thanks again to everyone for a great season.

Craig McGregor and Sean Moran

(Coaches)

Sam Johnstone (Manager)



U9 Trapdoors

Coaching this group of young men has been a great pleasure this year.

Starting on a cold and rainy October morning in Terrey Hills where the umpires looked more like clothes hangers calling all the no balls on offer, through to a respectful, committed and much improved team come March.

The team was expertly managed by Madhura Bhagwat who made sure that we were at every game on time, at the right ground and with fruit and scoring responsibilities duly allocated. All the wonderful parents in this team learnt together as we found what it meant to score or umpire a game of junior cricket. Thank you!

All of the boys have come on this year and it has been pleasing to see all of the boys improvement as the season progressed. What has made me most proud though is the spirit in which this group approached and played every game. Always competing, but also always respectful and fair, acknowledging good performances, clapping players off the field, shaking hands after the game and always with a smile on their faces. Well done boys, hope to see you back next season.

Noah Booker - The Allan Border captain of the year award

It didn't seem to matter if Noah was captain or not. He always seemed to have some sound advice on fielding positions, bowling selections and batting line up. Individually Noah showed some great improvement as the season progressed, always showing a willingness to learn at training and on game day.

Anton Boulos - The Brett Lee bowling all-rounder award

Anton brought fear to the opposing batting line up with his quick and accurate bowling. This coupled with a few valuable innings with the bat through the season made Anton a valuable member of this team. Anton is a fine young bowler and worked hard on improving his accuracy through the season and is rewarded by picking up the bowling award taking 10 wickets at an average of 16.

Keegan Hiskett-Jones - The Jonty Rhodes running between the wickets award

Keegan's batting improved through the year, finishing as the 2nd highest run scorer for the season. Whilst resulting in the occasional run out, Keegan's talent for stealing singles through quick running and good calling added a few extra runs to the scoreboard each week. Keegan also perfected the dive to cover his ground when running between the wickets.



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Rohit Jayaram – The Michael Hussey “Mr Cricket” award

Rohit is a very determined and talented young cricketer. Rohit has continued to work hard through the season finishing the season as one of our most consistent performers, with his right arm swing and left hand batting proving valuable to the team. It has been a pleasure observing this young man's commitment to the game and improvement through the year.

Matthew Judson – The Steve Smith most improved player award

Matthew has been a joy to coach this year. Matthew was a dedicated member of this team, attending almost all the games and training sessions through the year and always with much excitement and determination. Matthew also received the award for most improved player. In recognition of the season Matthew had, he picks up the Sports-person's award this season.

Joshua Jones – The Sir Garfield Sobers all-rounder award

Josh started the season with some strong bowling performances, but it soon became clear that this was not his only talent. Josh finished the season strongly with the bat, sometimes appearing to despatch the ball to the boundary at will. Josh is a fine cricketer, excelling with ball and bat, in the field and behind the stumps. Josh finishes the season as the leading run scorer scoring 158 runs at a strike rate of 89.

Thomas Mikhail – The Ian Healy wicketkeeper of the year award

Thomas's love for the game is infectious and he showed some great promise through the season. Never short of



an appeal, Thomas was excellent behind the stumps making the most of the opportunities that came his way. Thomas also improved strongly with bat and ball, even producing some sharp turn with the ball as the season came to an end.

Lincoln O'Connor – The Andrew Symonds fielding award

Lincoln had a strong season with both ball and bat, but really came into his own in the field. Lincoln showed the way in the field with great energy, cutting off boundaries, backing up and taking some great catches. Linc was a popular member of the team, always giving 100% and always with a cheeky smile.

Kiran Sanghvi – The Ricky Ponting catch of the year award

Kiran finished the season strongly, dealing mainly in boundaries with the bat and improving with ball in hand. Kiran will best be remembered this season for "THAT CATCH". A real live KFC classic catches moment.

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Thanks to all the boys for the hard work and dedication this year. Congratulations on a fantastic season. Lastly, thanks to the parents for all the taxi trips, fruit, umpiring, scoring and support. We couldn't have done it without each of you.

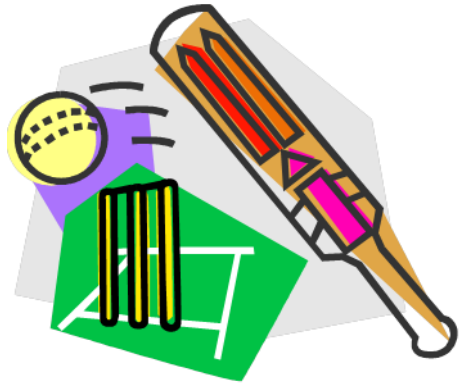
Greg Jones

Season awards:

Batting award - Joshua Jones 158 runs at a strike rate of 89.3

Bowling award - Anton Boulos 10 wickets at 16.0

Sportsman award - Matthew Judson



Under 10 Red

U10 Division 1 Premiers 2017-18 (Red Pool)

An excellent season of cricket from a great team of boys. Although the focus is on enjoying the game and playing as a team, I know the boys were proud to finish on top of their pool this season. And this team deserved to finish at the top of the table. They scored more runs than any other team in their pool (over 2700). They conceded significantly less runs than any other team. They took the most wickets (150) and lost the least wickets (80) by some margin. At the end of the season they had lost only one game.

The boys achieved this by always trying their hardest and always supporting each other. They played as a group of friends, which showed in the way they batted in partnerships, backed up in the field and encouraged each other, even when things weren't going as well as they had hoped.

It was great to see their enthusiasm in the games, but also at training. I don't think we ever finished training on time, as the boys wanted to keep batting, bowling, catching and occasionally wrestling. In fact, there were several occasions where the boys decided to run a lap around the oval after they finished training! (Note: the coach decided against joining them.)

We had a great team of families as well, with all the parents and siblings pitching in to make it a successful and fun season. The families should be very proud of their boys for the way they played their cricket.

Mat Keen - Coach
Michael Formica - Manager

Lukas Banham

Lukas' batting improved consistently over the season, hitting more and more boundaries as the season progressed. He also bowled very consistently, often picking up 2 wickets per game (plus a well-celebrated wicket- maiden). Lukas also showed good skill behind the stumps.

Aidan Boulton

A very consistent batsman, Aidan usually scored over 20 runs with a top score of 41 (from just 13 balls). His pace bowling was also excellent this season, in one innings taking 4 wickets for just 3 runs. Perhaps the catch of the season with a running, diving, one-handed effort.



After finishing the final game of the season as premiers!

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Rohan Chang

Rohan bowled with good pace and took a wicket almost every match. He also showed good skill and was very sharp as wicketkeeper. However, his batting stood out this season, consistently scoring over 20, hitting plenty of 4's & 6's, with a fantastic top score of 50*.

Henry Cook

Henry always works hard at training and gives 100%, which allowed him to improve all aspects of his game throughout the season. He hit some very nice boundaries and bowled some excellent spells of straight, full bowling, particularly when he added a bit more pace.

Matt Dixon

Matt showed a very nice batting technique, hitting a top score of 22 (including a big 6 onto the pavilion). An excellent pace bowler, Matt had figures of 2/2 and 2/3 early in the season and continued to be very difficult to score runs off. Always played the game in a great spirit.

Lachlan Formica

Lachlan's batting continued to improve throughout the season and he was consistently scoring well towards the end of the season. Has a very safe pair of hands in the field, however his bowling stood out, consistently taking wickets. Took 4 wickets for just 8 runs in one innings.

Luka Karcher

A very strong player in all aspects of the game and someone who always gives 100% effort. Luka took 3 wickets on 3 occasions (with a best effort of 3/3). He consistently scores plenty of runs, with a range of shots. Hit a high score of 36, from just 12 balls.

Alex Keen

Alex worked hard at training on his straight shots this season, although a big 6 over square leg was a highlight. His bowling proved to be tough to score off and, in one game, he took 2 for 2. Was strong in the field with a fantastic side-on direct-hit run out.



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George Russell

Bowled a really nice line, with pace, that often just missed the stumps or the edge & was unlucky not to get more wickets. Batted well, particularly with his running between the wickets. Led the way in the field with several excellent run-outs and some of the best catches of the season.



Season awards:

Batting: Rohan Chang

Bowling: Aidan Boulton

Sportsperson: Luka Karcher



Under 10 Green

At the start of the season there was no lack of individual talent in the team, but there was a lack of team cohesion. This was highlighted by overthrows, missed run-out opportunities in the field, and regular run-outs when batting due to poor communication.

By the time the Christmas break rolled around, they were looking like a team, and when games resumed in the New Year they looked like they had been playing together for years. Overthrows and extras became rare as hens teeth and calling between the wickets was sharp and co-ordinated. Best of all, there was fantastic encouragement for teammate when things went well, but even more importantly when things did not go perfectly, like a drop catch. They were there for each other and they celebrated when a teammate did something special, and they supported them if it was not proving to be there day.

Fantastic player comradeship fostered great parent enthusiasm and game days were full of support and positivity. It was not surprising when this cohesion led to an unbeaten second half to the season. However, the team support was so strong that you felt the positivity would have still been there even if it was a run of losses.

Beau - The Star performer. Was a consistent performer in all aspects of the game - bowling, batting, keeping, fielding. He topped the team's batting stats with 282 runs and equal high score of 38. He also took 12 wickets at an average of 15, with personal best figures of 2/18 - not bad for a keeper! Very handy with the gloves, but took the catch of the season out on the boundary. Played 16 games.

Dylan - Mr consistent. It's all about line and length and Dylan was a model of consistency - taking at least one wicket in every one of the last 10 games of the season. He finished with a team high 18 wickets at an average of 8.6, and personal best figures of 4/10 (which included a memorable hat-trick of clean-bowled on middle and off-stump). Also contributed 149 runs with the bat - with a high score of 17 and in the field he took 5 catches and got 2 run outs. Played 16 games.

Jackson - The true all-rounder. Like his namesake Jackson Bird, our Jackson had genuine pace that snared him 15 wickets at an average of 10.2, including a best of 3/6. He contributed in every facet - leading by example in the field, with 6 catches and 2 run-outs. He was runner-up in the batting stats, amassing 249 runs with a high score of 35. It's hard to believe he's only in his second year playing cricket - he looked like a seasoned pro. Another one to keep an eye on next season. Played 15 games.

Harry - The King of spin. Spun his way to 17 wickets at an average of 10.7, with team best figures of 4/6. Consistently landed the ball in the right areas, and had the LBW rule been in effect, would have had even more. Got 2 run outs and took 6 catches in the outfield - some spectacular ones - and was always keeping his team-mates motivated. Also scored a very handy 218 runs, with a high score of 27. Played 16 games.

George - The energetic and driven one. Always searching for a wicket, George started the season on fire and captured season best figures of 3/17 in

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his first match. Finished up with 17 wickets at an average of 10.8 for the season. His ground fielding improved as the season went on, and consistently scored with the bat, adding a valuable 225 runs for the season, with a high score of 23. Played 16 games.

Cameron - The fast finisher. Cameron scored 108 runs with the bat, with a high score of 17. With the ball, he took 14 wickets at an average of 11, with personal best figs of 3/3 coming in his last match (a man of the match performance). He also took 3 catches and 2 run outs to cap off an excellent year for this rookie, and one to watch out for next year. Played 14 games.

Oscar - Mr reliable. A bolt-straight arm saw the team's swing king take 13 wickets at an average of 13.7, including best figs of 3/2. Oscar was on a run of wicket taking for 6-weeks in a row. A lovely straight bat and fast running enabled him to get 128 runs, with a high score of 18. Oscar also got 5 run-

outs and took 5 catches - with 3 coming in the pink stumps match alone! He even managed to find his voice when batting and in the field. Played 15 games.

Harrison - The quiet achiever. With the bat Harrison amassed 207 runs, with a high score of 38 (equal best) coming in his last game against a handy opposition. He also took 12 wickets at an average of 14.7, with best figs of 3/18. To round things out, he also took a catch when called upon to take the gloves. Played 14 games.

Jack - The determined one. A leading candidate for Most Improved player, Jack scored 75 runs - with a high score of 17. He also took 6 wickets at an average of 31. In his 2nd last game, took personal best figures of 2/6 and finished the season with another wicket and a run-out for good measure. Jack is a tireless worker in the field and always willing to help out - the first person to volunteer to play for the other team when necessary! Played 14 games.



Season awards

Batting:
Beau Hiscoke

Bowling:
Dylan Thompson

Sportsperson:
Jackson Murray

Under 10 Black

The 2017-18 cricket season was the first to use the newly implemented Cricket Australia formats. I thought the players and coaches accepted the new formats very well. The new formats resulted in greater player engagement, with more balls consistently landing up near the stumps. All matches consisted of 20/20 fixtures where every member bowled, batted, and had a go at wicket-keeping.

I was very proud of the way the boys played. They tried very hard to improve, played with great spirit, and more importantly seemed to show some enjoyment for the game. They played with a never give up attitude which will hopefully hold them in good stead for future seasons. Furthermore, they seemed to enjoy each other's company off the field by playing well together (bushwalking) while we were batting.

Some special thanks must go to Ciaran Sharp who did a great job of managing the team from week to week. He was also a great help with training and umpiring. In addition, I would like to thank Ash Kuchel who also helped at training. Thanks also to Lucas Barry who assisted with umpiring and scoring. It was great to have such a respectful group of parents who used appropriate encouragement and were particularly helpful with the demanding role of scoring.

The Wakehurst Blacks finished runners up for season 2017-18 which is a great achievement. We played 17 games with 13 wins, 3 losses, and one draw

(washout). As a team we took 141 wickets which was equal first in the competition. Furthermore, when batting, we only lost 62 wickets which was first by a margin of 24 wickets. On average, we lost just under four wickets per match, which shows we worked hard on defending the good deliveries and tried to hit the ball along the ground. All the players improved their basic skills which they can continue to work on throughout their cricketing careers.

Samuel Barry

Sam had a great season with the bat and ball. He is very strong through the leg side and has a lethal cut shot which he managed to utilise in a few games. He worked very hard on his defence and his 32 against Wakehurst (White) was a batting highlight for

Sam. His bowling improved out of sight throughout the season. I think he may have plonked himself in front of the Ashes over Christmas with an eye on Hazelwood and Co as he came back from the break with a new and improved action. His 5-wicket haul against Forest was an exhibition of how to bowl straight. His quick running between the wickets also helped the team keep the scoreboard ticking over.

Charlie Blyton

Charlie had a great season. He improved with both bat and ball throughout. He worked extremely hard on his bowling at training which paid off with 3 for 11 against Wakehurst (White). Charlie's defence was a major improve-

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ment this season where he worked very hard on keeping the good balls out while batting. In some innings, he wore a few on the body showing great determination and a will to preserve to his wicket. He also showed some attacking ability with a towering six against the top of the table Peninsula.

Reuben Boulos

Reuben had a great season. He is a very destructive batter with a great eye. Unfortunately, Reuben broke his arm during the Christmas holidays, so we didn't get to see him for the remainder of the season. However, he managed to amass a lot of runs in only 10 innings, including 11 sixes. Towards the end of his season he started to respect the good ball which will allow him to play longer innings when the formats allow. Reuben also had a good season with the ball taking a hat-trick against Peninsula. His athleticism in the field was another highlight.

Jack Kalms

Jack had a fantastic season. He has the hallmarks of a great competitor, including a sharp focus on the present, and most importantly, he never gives up. In particular, his bowling was outstanding. He bowled at the stumps for most of the season which allowed him to take three wickets or more on five occasions. His five-wicket haul against Peninsula was a definite highlight. Jack's batting was also solid. He hit the ball through the leg side very well. Towards the end of the season he started to wait for the ball a bit more which allowed him to play more shots through the off side.

Liam Kuchel

Liam has a nice bowling action which

allows him to bowl a nice out-swing. He beat the bat on many occasions and probably deserved more wickets. His 2 for 5 against Seaforth was an example of his McGrath like bowling ability. His batted well throughout the season utilising his good technique. His good calling between the wickets also allows for good communication and calmness at the crease. Liam managed to push the singles around towards the end of the year which helped the team keep the score board tickling over.

Anastasi Laptev

This was Stasi's first season of playing organized cricket matches. He came on with leaps and bounds towards the end of the season. He managed to develop a good defence whilst batting and hit some good boundaries which helped the team to some good totals. His bowling also developed, and he was unlucky on a few occasions to not take a few more wickets. I thought his fielding was particularly good towards the end of the season where he was able to get his body behind the ball to limit opposition run scoring.

Hugh McWilliam

Hugh's effort throughout the season was always there. He has the knack of surprising batters by being able to bowl a heavy ball due to his whippy wrist. He worked very hard on developing a good defence when batting which helped him protect his stumps on many occasions. His 23 not out against Seaforth was his best batting performance where he stuck some fierce boundaries. In the same match he took 3 for 12 where he bowled fast and straight. During his time behind the stumps Hugh took some good catches. Hugh listens well and plays with great

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spirit which will allow him to improve as he keeps playing. His friendliness and positive attitude makes him a pleasure to coach.

Conor Mulcahy

Conor has good around cricketing ability. At times he bowled with great pace which unsettled the opposition. When he bowls straight most opposition batters found it difficult to keep him out. He took a great hat-trick against Forest which was very exciting. Conor hit the ball well through the leg-side and displayed the occasional good cover-drive when he managed to let the ball come to him. He was instrumental in a few crucial run-outs which helped the team during times when wickets were hard to come by. He kept wicket very well during his time behind the stumps where he managed to limit the number of byes.

Patrick White

Paddy's batting was a highlight this season. He worked very hard on playing with a straight bat. He was only

dismissed on two occasions through the season due to his ability to respect the good deliveries. Paddy mostly tried to hit the ball straight down the ground. He was particularly strong through mid-on and he pulled the ball hard through the leg side. Some of his pull shots might have put a hole in the SCG fence. Towards the end of the season he started to cut the ball which will soon enable him to play shots all around the ground. He bowled well utilising his out-swinging where he continually beat the bat.

The team awards this year went to:

Batting award: Patrick White

Bowling award: Jack Kalms

Sportsperson's award: Hugh

McWilliam

Thanks to all the boys who tired very hard at training which resulted in improved performance throughout the year. You all played in good spirit which made coaching you a pleasure.

Matt White, coach



Under 10 Orange

Alex

The quiet achiever. Alex started and finished the season a different cricketer. Focused, cool under pressure, developing strong technique and versatility. Dedicated and the resident team cricket nut. Great improvement, dedication and a delight to coach. We look forward to big things from this rising star cricketer.

Max

The paceman. Max got faster with each and every ball he bowled. Intimidating to batsmen as he thundered down the crease, releasing ever increasing accurate balls and containing runs. Arguably the best effort in achieving immovable grass stains from his cricket whites and masterful in using his feet and toes to stop balls in the field. Keep up the great work Max and fab to have you part of the team.

Josh

As Josh's tan became darker with each game, so too did his skill and confidence. Fast, good strokes and a bowling style which developed right out of nowhere, a great season and awesome young up and comer to have on the team.

Ben K

The slogger, the smasher. Ben is also a quiet achiever, going about his business at training and on game day with no fuss or bother. Ben grew in confidence each week with bowling and in particular his batting, picking the gaps and playing every ball like the game depended on it.

Ben W

The king of the maiden over. Ben bowled the only maiden overs of the

season and did a great job of keeping all batsmen honest. A lovely bowling style, good line and length and one of our leading wicket takers. Good progress and growing confidence on the bat and a big effort and safe pair of hands behind the stumps as our second wicky. An excellent first season of cricket for Ben.

Luca

Our safe pair of hands behind the stumps, Luca was a star wicket keeper who sweated it out all summer long, rarely letting anything get past him, great job mate. A lovely soul always with great words of encouragement for his fellow team mates, Luca was a great member of our team. Great progress made with his batting too, Luca's batting stance was menacing to all who dared bowl to his angry pink bat! Keep up the great effort and progress Luca and your bowling will keep getting better.

Samuel

Wickets Wiley, Samuel had some exceptional moments throughout the season across batting, bowling and fielding. His bowling was consistent and his dad's "just smash it" batting advice really payed off. Arguably the hardest working and most reliable fielder, Samuel had a great first season and made an excellent contribution. Well done!



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Saburou

Star bowling, plenty of wickets, strong batting performance and plenty of runs scored, Sabu had a great season and was a much valued member of the team; an excellent second season of cricket. Keep up the great work and we look forward to many more years of great cricket from this up and comer.

Matthew

The best encourager any team could ever want. Even during the hottest, most uncomfortable games and days, Matty was there keeping the team spirits high and focused. An ever ncreasing batting capability and confidence, Matthew played some massive shots and was a star run scorer for the team. Ongoing focus and attention will see Matthew's bowling go from strength to strength as well.

Great effort and season and teamwork. Rodney salutes you young man.

Season awards:

Batting: Ben Keller

Bowling: Ben Ward

Sportsperson: Saburou Murata-Davison



Under 10 White

The team thoroughly enjoyed their season together. From the first training session their enthusiasm shone. A few of the boys had played T20 blast the year before, a few were brand new to cricket and 3 returning from under 9's. They all had lots of fun and worked hard on training days in the nets and on the pitch. It was hard to get them to go home most weeks. A great team spirit was taken to game day each week.

By the end of the season they were all great mates and finished the season with a training session game against the parents. There were lots of laughs and rolling around on the ground when they got a parent out. Blake and Toby top scored in a game with 40 runs each. Quite a few of the boys achieved wicket maidens. There were some outstanding catches and run outs with all contributing. Thanks to all the parents for their support throughout the year. It was a pleasure to coach your children.

Finn Greenland 9 wickets 188 runs
Finn was a wonderful team player. I can see him making a great captain one day. He was always encouraging his teammates throughout the season on a job well done. His dynamic left arm bowling took many wickets. Maybe a young Mitchell Starc.

Toby Cooper 30 wickets 356 runs
Toby led the batting and bowling statistics in division 2 from the start to the end of the season. On occasions he opened the game with a wicket on the

first ball. He was one of the most accurate at hitting the wickets from the field to run many batters out and was the master of the caught and bowled.

Corey Frew 12 wickets 150 runs

After spending the last 5 games before the Christmas break on the sideline with a broken wrist, he came back with a vengeance. Many weeks he took multiple wickets and had some great batting partnerships with several teammates.

Lucas MacKenzie 6 wickets 130 runs

This was Lucas's first season of cricket. He reminded me of a young Gilchrist batting and wicket keeping. Wicket keeping became his favourite fielding position. He was quite the acrobat behind the wickets and kept us all amused with his diving to save runs. He became quite the runner between the wickets and featured in some great partnerships.

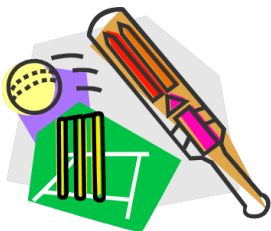
Cody Larson 8 wickets 85 runs

Cody was one of our most economical bowlers for the season, sneering multiple wicket maidens. He formed a great batting partnership with Angus. Toward the end of the season they scored a very valuable 25 runs together.

Angus Nash 6 wickets 56 runs

In Angus's first season of Saturday cricket, his bowling improved week by week after lots of practice sessions in the nets. His weekly batting totals got higher as the season progressed and he was always very willing to learn. He really loved being part of the team.

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Ryan Lloyd 9 wickets 165 runs
Ryan started off the season slowly but by halfway through he was one of the most consistent batters, always stealing a quick single or a big hit over the boundary. He took quite a few memorable catches and saved quite a few boundaries with his great sliding.

Blake Marshall 16 wickets 216 runs
Blake always brought a big smile to training and game day. He was one of the biggest hitters and mastered the art of go/stop/go bowling to sneer wickets. He took some wonderful catches and bowled many good length balls.

Kai Junghans 10 wickets 121 runs
Kai provided the team with a wonderful hat-trick on Pink Stumps Day, right when the team needed it. One of his best bowling performances was 3/8. He was always eager to pad up and take to the field.

Season awards:

Bowling Toby Cooper

Batting Blake Marshall

Sportsmanship Finn Greenland



Under 10 Pink Stumps Day

In Round 10 of the season, a Wakehurst U10 Pink Stumps Day was organised to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation. The MWJCA were kind enough to reschedule all of the five Wakehurst teams to play their games at Millers Reserve through the morning, making for a great day for all the teams and their oppositions. Over \$1500 was raised for the Foundation through sales of raffle tickets, cupcakes and other goodies, a sausage sizzle and more. A huge thank you to Desley Hiscoke for initiating the event and all the fundraising efforts, and to Kevin Wesson for assisting with organisation.

Bernadette Chang
U10 Age Co-ordinator



Under 11 Red

The Wakehurst Red U11 boys had a great season overall, and they were always enthusiastic and focused. At the start of the season they were practically a new team, but they gelled quickly with each other and developed a strong team spirit.

The team unity was on show when it came to their fantastic end-of-season result in the top half of the table. Across the season, six of our games ALL came down to the wire, mainly the last over, with the boys either putting in a stunning effort to try and chase the last couple of runs, or bowling with wicked pace to finish off the game. We didn't always win - and many of the results could have gone either way - but it was spectacular to watch and the effort on behalf of the team was amazing. Parents and friends on the sidelines were often left to hold their breath! It made for an exciting season.

Organising and training the boys was a great team effort also - this time by the parents. Thanks to Mike and Ed for running the excellent weekday training sessions and getting the team warmed up for the games. Also thanks to Geraldene for her efficient team management which ensured all the kids were at the right place at the right time. A shout out to Rob and Nigel for their careful scoring and logging of results, and to the rest of the parents who actively organised, prepared and encouraged the kids at the ground on game day.

Personally, I really enjoyed the season. The kids' cricket playing was awesome and they all displayed great sportsmanship in encouraging each other. They improved enormously throughout the season and each contributed in their own special ways. They certainly gave us many nail biting finishes!

Jack Britton

Jack played a key role in moving the score along with his positive-style batting through many of the games, pushing the running between wickets and generally picking up the tempo, particularly when things were slowing. His medium-pace bowling was accurate and sharp and always made it tough for the batsman to get away.

Hugo Gaudry

Hugo had a great season with both bat and ball, and was always keen and determined to give his very best. His fast bowling was awesome, right on the money. And Hugo also managed to play a number of vital batting innings for the team. A really great all-round contributor to the team.

Toby Korczynski

A great batsman who proved very difficult for the opposition to remove, Toby had many not-outs and always left the team in a far better position after his innings. He always managed to keep the scoring ticking over. Finding himself often behind the stumps, Toby's keeping was always sharp and reliable.



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Liam Morony

Batting higher in the order saw Liam often produce a solid start for the team. In the second half of the season he warmed up and really started to push the scoring rate along with stylish batting. When it came to bowling, his leg spinners proved difficult for the opposition to handle and he often took wickets just as the opposition started to look settled.

Owen Moulds

A fantastic bowler, Owen was consistent and passionate and as a result he picked up a swag of wickets. He bowled nice little swingers with great accuracy. His batting really improved through the season and he picked up a number of valuable runs for the team.

Myles Nockolds

Myles excelled with his deadly sharp bowling this season, and the batsman found him difficult to get away. Better still, as the season progressed, his accuracy was spot on. With his natural flare for batting, Myles was always on the lookout for runs and took many sneaky singles. He proved himself a great all-round young cricketer.

Ben Postma

A feature of Ben's season was his enthusiastic fielding and accurate bowling. Often coming in from the long run up Ben produced some nice seam bowling, and in the field took some fantastic catches, and spectacular direct hit run outs.

Flynn Taylor

Flynn started off with some big hitting, then would often settle into building a crucial innings. His fast bowling was great for the team. After a bumper

first half of the season, Flynn relocated and the team were sad to lose him as a team member.

Archie Truscott

Archie excelled this season with accurate bowling, and had a knack for picking up a quick succession of wickets when we most needed to turn the game in our favour. He shows great team spirit by always encouraging and supporting his team mates, and played some really great innings with the bat.

Luke Watts

Once he got a start Luke punished the bowlers with amazingly powerful hitting, producing a barrage of sixers and a massive 113 in one innings. As



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the season progressed his improved focus on building an innings set him in great stead. His pace bowling was too much for many of the opposition teams and he managed to tally a huge amount of runs and wickets.



Season Awards

Batting Award: Luke Watts

Bowling Award: Owen Moulds

Sports Person Award: Myles Nockolds



Under 11 Green

Back for another summer, the 4th as a team for many of us. This season some things would be different - some new rules and the cruel reality - if you are out, you are out! It was a season that would test our resilience, require us to work hard on our skills and to truly learn how to play as a *team* each and every week.

It was a test that we would pass with flying colours!!! After a close semifinal loss, by just a handful of runs, we backed up the next weekend and convincingly defeated the best team for the past three years by 50 runs to claim 3rd place on the ladder Well done boys and parents!

Across the board every player improved their cricket skills and understanding of the game. Pleasingly at different times of the season everyone made telling contributions that helped us win games.

It was another fun and very rewarding season. We played some great cricket and often received compliments from the opposition team, not only for our cricket skills and good discipline, but for the great spirit and sportsmanship with which we played. This is something that myself and Macca are very proud of, it's a credit to the boys *and* the parents, so thank you for bringing a great, supportive and generous attitude to the ground each week.

Our season was not only built on the coachability of the boys and their willingness to train hard but once again the fantastic support of all the Mums and Dads who regularly attended training and matches that made for a terrific team environment throughout the

season. This was highlighted by the BBQ organized by the Mark Bashford, Marina McLennan and Nic Loughman on the final Saturday. It was the perfect way to finish off a very enjoyable season, thank you so much!!!

Special thanks to Chris "Beachy" Melville and Phil "Lift!" Stoddart who helped a lot with training and a big thank you to team manager and chief scorer Adam "Macca" McWhinney, who made sure everything ran smoothly. Thanks Macca for all your hard work, it made the season. I've also never seen a neater scorebook. Respect.

Every member of this brilliant cricket team had a great season, making noticeable improvements across the board both in terms of skills and knowledge of this great game. There were numerous personal achievements that they can be really proud of. Here are the highlights of another a great season:

Cameron Bashford

An aggressive all-round cricketer. Loves bowling fast and hitting the ball through mid-off and cover. Also, a very good throwing arm, which never allowed 'one on the throw'. The extra work Cam put in throughout the season really paid off and his batting flourished in the games after Christmas.

Season Highlight: 30 not out in Round 4 vs Seaforth Smashers
Focus area for next season: Running between the wickets. Make *them* get you out, stop getting yourself run out and you'll make plenty of runs next season I can guarantee it.

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Jack Condon

A great team mate who had a great season. His decision not to worry about how fast everyone else bowled and focus on line, length and some deception meant he ended the season with 11 wickets, taking '3 fa' on two occasions. Under Beachy's batting tutelage he began to play some great front foot drives as his confidence levels improved.

Season Highlight: 3 for 11 off 4 overs

Round 3 vs Forest White

Focus area for next season: Batting footwork. Back yourself and be more confident. I know you can do it mate.

Luke Loughman

Luke's bowling improved as he began to use a shorter more consistent run up and his height to generate good pace and bounce. After losing a little confidence in his batting earlier in the season his hard work at training paid off and he began to be one of our more aggressive and attacking batsman with a wide array of shots.

Season Highlight: Aggressive innings in Round 4 vs Seaforth Smashers

Focus area for next season: Shot selection, not every ball needs to be hit for four. Do that and some big innings are in the making for you next year.

Chase McLennan

Chase's all-round game improved over the course of the season once he stopped worrying about getting out. Several great innings at important times and regular wickets throughout

the season made Chase a very valuable member of the team.

Season Highlight: 3 for 1 of 4 overs in Round 3 vs Forest White.

Focus area for next season: Have confidence in your batting. Trust yourself to stay in line and not back way. You have a great eye and hit the ball well when you give yourself a chance as you showed in Round 4 with a great knock of 17 runs including 3 fours.

Sam McWhinney

The mainstay of our bowling attack and regular opening bowler. Undertook a heavy bowling workload with 52 overs for the season and did a great job for the team. His consistent line, length and outswing when conditions suited made him very difficult to score against. Finished with 13 wickets for the season at an average of 7.85 and an outstanding economy rate of less than 2 runs an over.

Season Highlight: 2 wickets on 4 occasions with a best of 2/5 in Round 6 vs Seaforth Sixers.

Focus area for next season: Lets add some aggression to your bowling run up. It will make you a few yards quicker in terms of pace and then, well you'll be pretty much unplayable.

Matthew Melville

This season saw Matthew develop into a very good all-round cricketer. A consistent and valuable contributor with bat and ball. He scored over 200 runs for the season and bowled well to take

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13 wickets too. More importantly, Matthew used his knowledge of the game and enthusiasm to always find time to help and encourage his teammates.

Season Highlight: 42 not out in Round 2 vs Peninsula Stars and 3 for 1 in Round 1 vs Harbord Bluetongues

Focus area for next season: Don't get distracted but what else is going on when you are batting. Focus on the bowler and calling and judging of whether there is a run or not. It doesn't have to be tip and run.

Noah Pitkin

Another really consistent season from Noah. A good team mate and win, lose or draw was always vocal in the field encouraging his fellow team members. Made good contributions with bat and ball and while I sense he was a reluctant wicket keeper he did an amazing job every time he took the gloves.

Season Highlight: 2 for 13 in Round 4 v Collaroy Plateau

Focus area for next season: Focusing on bowling a more consistent line and length. When you did this you always bowled well and got wickets.

Thomas Stoddart

Our other big opening bowler. Bowled a lot of tough overs for us, 52 of them in fact and nearly always against the opposition's best batsmen. Bowled much better than his 11 wickets suggest and was unlucky on numerous occasions not to get LBW decisions go his way. But Tom was not just a bowler, he scored runs after settling on a new batting routine post-Christmas with a career high 17 not out. He also took for 4 catches and made 4 runouts.

Season Highlight: 3 for 16 off 6 overs in Round 8 v Peninsula Piranhas
Focus area for next season: Consistent full steps in your bowling run up and keep working on the new batting set up. A quality all-rounder in the making.

Max Thompson

Our Mr. Cricket, Max was never out of the game. Consistently performed in all aspects of the game. His season tally speaks for itself; 6 wickets, 196 runs, at an average of 32, and 9 catches and 2 run outs meant Max was always making significant game changing contributions to this team. Not only that he is passionate about his cricket, competitive and holds himself accountable for his cricket and that made him great to coach and great teammate.

Season Highlight: 32 in Round 2 vs Peninsula Stars

Focus area for next season: Play more with the full face of the bat and really watch the ball so you can get the benefit of your great timing. Bat like you did in the last game and not only will you hit many more sixes but with more time to bat next year you will play many a long and rewarding innings.

Arlo Thompson

"The Sheik of Tweak" was back with more guile and variety than ever. Regularly bamboozled opposition batters who often had no answer for his flight, bounce and spin. Was nearly always too good for the batsmen who could not get near the ball so his 8 wickets are less than he deserved. Arlo was also a menace in the field with 4 run outs - when will they learn not to underestimate your arm. 3 catches and

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95 runs made for another great season.

Season Highlight: 28 not out in Round 8 vs Peninsula Piranhas and 2 for 0 of 3 overs in 14 vs Harbord Bluetongues

Focus area for next season: Stay in line when batting and focus on trying to get the batsman playing forward when you are bowling.

Awards

Batting: Matthew Melville. 11 innings. 205 runs. High Score 42* Average of 41.

Bowling: Sam McWhinney. 13 wickets from 10 matches at average of 7.85. Economy Rate 1.96. Best bowling 2/5.

Sportsperson: Max Thompson. Runs, wickets, catches, run-outs and plenty of untied shoelaces. Max's enthusiasm, competitiveness, sportsmanship and passion for cricket made him a great guy to have in our team.

A most enjoyable year for me personally as coach of this great group of boys. The cricket we played, especially after Christmas was a privilege to watch. See you all next season.

Cheers,
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Andrew Condon
Coach - U11 Green



Under 11 Black

Another great season of cricket for the Wakehurst Blacks. The team had a great start to the season winning most of our games and then went a bit flat halfway through but finished on a high by winning the last three games. Even though the team moved from the softa ball to a cricket ball, everyone handled the transition well.

There were so many highlights as a team this year and one would have to be the improvement and skill shown in the field and bowling. There were so many fantastic run outs with sharp returns to the stumps and backing up at each end. Everyone is really maturing in the field and reading the plays working out which ends to throw to; to have a shot at the stumps, hold onto the ball or run at the stumps with the ball.

The batting, especially towards the end of the season, really pushed our scoring along. Every player has started thinking about their shots, where the fielders are and playing shots all around the field. The running between the wickets is phenomenal, and I've honestly had other coaches congratulate the team after a game for the great batting and running.

The highlight for me has been how well everyone in the team got along together. The support the team show each other is fantastic and the chat on the field is great to listen to. Every player contributed to the team and is a credit to their commitment and skills and I can honestly say every player improved as the season went along.

Thank you to all the parents and families for support and encouragement of

all the players in the team each week which no doubt made them want to play at their best. I know the kids could hear the support from the side and really appreciated it.

Thanks to Murray Chaloner and Matt Miles for helping with coaching, scoring and umpiring, I really appreciate the help. Also thanks to Ollie Cerovic for coaching the team at short notice.

And huge thanks to our manager Stuart Sang for looking after the team this season. Stuart did an outstanding job keeping the team running, pointed in the right direction and going the extra distance for recording the stats for every player in the team.

Each player had many personal achievements they should look back on with pride. Congratulations on a great season.

Moutisim

Mouti is a passionate cricketer who loves the game. Mouti has improved throughout the season, especially in his fielding where he attacks the ball when it comes near him. Mouti had a bit a flat spell with his bowling towards the end of the season but to his credit he really put in the practice at the nets and by the end of the season was sending down fast and accurate balls which always troubled the batters. Mouti was always keen for a quick run when he batted which kept the team total clicking over and his batting improved as the season progressed. He scored 24 runs in the first half of the season which jumped to 36 for the second half.

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Zulfiqar

Zulfi is one of the quiet achievers in the team with his batting really taking off this season. Zulfi has developed fantastic technique and loved playing the ball off his legs resulting in cracking massive fours and three huge sixes which was the most for any player in the team. Zulfi scored 129 for the season and had one of the best averages and only got out 6 times in the season which was the least amount for any player in the team. Zulfi has developed a great bowling action which always troubled the batters and saw him bag a handful of wickets through the season

Lily

Lily is a great all-round player but the biggest improvement this season would be the ability to read the game. When fielding Lil had a canny knack reading what the batters were doing and would have a crack at the stumps resulting in several run outs due to her accurate throws. Her bowling has come along this season with faster balls and would have to have one of the best catches of the season with an awesome caught and bowled with a ball that was screaming back at her. Lily was another wicket keeper for the team and was super strong behind the stumps with hardly anything getting past her. Lily's batting has improved during the season and she was rewarded with a constant flow of runs each game, but her strong point is her running between the wickets due to her aware-



ness of field position and watching the ball. It was great to watch Lily and who ever she was batting with every game as you knew it was going to be exciting and the runs were really going to pile on.

Dejan

Dej had a fantastic all-round season but it's his batting that has really come along. Dej finished up with an awesome 177 runs for the season including a massive 26 fours! Dej is light on his feet and started to move around the wicket to hit the ball resulting in super strong hits right off the sweet spot of the bat which is great to watch. He has started to control his shots

which has given him the ability to put the ball anywhere around the field. Dej loved teaming up with Billy and they always pushed the runs along, with Dej scoring the second highest top score in an innings with 20 runs.

Dej's bowling has progressed to fast and accurate balls which always troubled the opposition. Dej was always determined to bowl his best and get as many wickets as possible each game and was rewarded with some nice wickets. Another of the team's safe wicket keepers behind the stumps.

Billy

A great all-round cricket player, Billy always gave 100% in whatever he did. Billy had a fantastic season with the bat scoring the highest total runs for any player with 189 runs and the high-

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est score in an innings of 30. He has a great eye with the willow which saw him hit some cracking shots. A testament to his big hitting is that out of his 189 runs for the season, 136 came from four's and sixes (31 x fours and 2 x sixes).

Billy also loved bowling and his fast, accurate balls always troubled the batters and it was difficult for opposition to score runs off him. He bowled the highest number of overs in the season with 66 overs and grabbed 10 wickets along the way. Billy was sharp in the field with a couple of great catches and a handful on run outs.

Cody

Another quiet achiever in the team who went about his cricket in a determined but low-key way. Cody always applied himself during the game, showing great focus and determination and is a true all-rounder with 175 runs for the season and bagging 11 wickets. Cody had a great season with the bat hitting 18 fours and 2 sixes and was a great runner between the wickets and always caused headaches for the fielding team making them chase the ball all over the oval.

When bowling, Cody always bowled extremely tight overs and had the least total of extras of any player in the team. The batters had difficulty getting any runs off him and he was rewarded with the best bowling economy in the team of 3.2 runs an over.

His accurate arm continued in the field where he bagged 7 run outs.

Andrew

The spin king of the team, Andrew is a determined player who had a fantastic season of cricket. Andrew has an uncanny knack of bowling his leggies

exactly where he wants the ball to land, moving the ball away from the batsman. His bowls had batters stretching to get the bat onto the ball with no luck and he chalked up 13 wickets for the season, the highest for any player in the team. His outstanding bowling was rewarded when he snagged a sensational hat trick which got the team firing and was always enjoyable to watch when he bowled. Andrew's batting has continued to improve since last season and his determination saw him score well over 100 runs this season and he will only continue to improve in seasons to come.

Josh

Joshy was a first-time player this season and improved with every game. Josh was a great to coach; he listened and put into practice everything he learnt through the season which really showed in the second half of the season. By the end of the season it was unusual for Josh to bowl a wide or no ball and he was unlucky not to get wickets with his bowls going past the stumps by millimetres. In the field Joshy was solid as a rock with nothing getting past him.

He has developed a good batting technique and by the end of the season was getting aggressive and playing some nice shots, which bagged him 45 runs for the season. Josh's batting average for the first half of the season was 1.3 runs per innings which jumped up to 6.8 for the second half. Great stuff Joshy!

Finn

Finn is full of energy with a cheeky grin and only has one speed; go. Whether it was bowling, batting, fielding or wicket keeping, Finn was always

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enthusiastic. Finn has developed into a quick bowler that would always trouble the batters and deserves huge congratulations for bagging 5 wickets in a game.

When batting Finn loved nothing more than going for the big shots and ended up with 140 runs for the season with some quick running between the wickets and some cracking fours.

Finn was one of the main wicket keepers in the team and was solid behind the stumps with not much getting past him. Finn is to be congratulated for his sportsmanship and he always supported and encouraged his team mates during every game.

Awards

The batting and bowling awards were a close contest between a few people but everyone has played outstandingly well

this season and you all should be proud as everyone contributed to the team. This year the batting and bowling awards go to:

Batting: Billy Chaloner

Bowling: Andrew Sang

Sportsperson: It was extremely hard to pick the Sportsperson award this year and it could have been awarded to a number of players. The award is not necessarily based on stats but also on sportsmanship, enthusiasm, work ethic, discipline, training attendance and manners. This year the sportsperson award goes to **Finn Miles**.

Well done to every player for a great season.

Darrin



Under 11 White

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As a first-time cricket coach coming into a team where 6 of the 8 players had played together before and were school mates and the other two players were first year cricketers, it would be a challenge to see if we could play as a team. The boys were quick to prove they were willing and able to play as a team and continually improved throughout the year.

There were so many highlights as a team this year and the improvement week to week was outstanding especially in the fielding and bowling. There were so many runouts throughout the season and catches in the field that were impressive. The running between wickets and backing up from the non-striker's end improved dramatically as the season went on. The encouragement and sportsmanship between the teammates was a little quiet at the beginning of the year but as the season progressed it was a real thrill to see the team get behind each other and show support.



Throughout the season, there were 16 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses with the team coming away with the div 2 under 11 competition with a little bit of controversy in the last game draw with Seaforth!

Thanks to all the parents and families for their support throughout the season. Thank you to all the parents who were scorers and assisted with training. A special thanks to Kristen Wyse for being a fantastic team manager and Darren Bogaard for helping with the team.

Aidan Wyse

Aidan improved throughout the season with his running between the wickets and his communication with the other batsman. Aidan was our big hitter of the team, hitting 2 sixes and 57 fours. He was a consistent bowler week in and week out taking 23 wickets for the season.

Season highlight - 5 wickets taken in round 2 versus Harbord Scorchers
A solid all-rounder.

Jack Evans

Jack was a great all-rounder this season hitting 3 sixes and 45 fours and taking 23 wickets in bowling. He was a great runner between wickets and a great communicator with his teammates. Jack had several great wicket keeping games too.

Season highlight - 5 wickets taken in round 8 versus the Harbord Dragons
Impressive performance from Jack in all aspects and a great all-round player.

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Jordan Siladi

Jordan is a very consistent fast bowler and a positive influence on his teammates offering loads of encouragement. Improved throughout the season with the bat hitting 5 sixes, 35 fours and taking 21 wickets in his bowling.

Season highlight - 5 wickets taken in round 5 versus Peninsula Pacers. A solid performer week in and week out.

Dylan Nixon

Improved in all aspects of the game throughout the season. Needs to believe in himself and remain positive. Dylan had a great season with the bat hitting 6 sixes, 28 fours and taking 13 wickets in his bowling.

Season highlight - highest score with the bat 31 runs round 2 versus Harbord Scorchers. A quality batsman in the making.

Ben Rigney

First year cricketer. Bowling improved massively throughout the season. Electric in the field and a great set of hands. A fantastic teammate hitting 34 fours and taking 13 wickets with the ball. Some great runouts were had during the season.

Season highlight - Highest score 29 runs in round 10 versus Harbord Stars. Keep up the batting practice for next season.

Riley Bogaard

A consistent performer week in week out in all areas of the game. Riley has a safe set of hands in the field and had some good sessions as a wicket keeper. Popular amongst his teammates and a positive influence for the team. Riley hit 33 fours with the bat and took 13 wickets with the ball.

Season highlight - highest score 37 runs in round 13 versus Wakehurst black.

A solid performer with the bat and a great team player.

Oscar McLerie

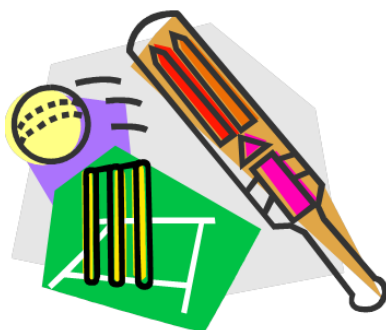
First year cricketer. Oscars bowling and understanding of the game improved dramatically throughout the year. Oscar learnt to play different bat-

ting shots and his bowling improved throughout the season. Oscar took some good catches as wicket keeper and in the field. Oscar hit 1 six, 30 fours and took 13 wickets with the ball.

Season highlight - hat-trick in round 13 versus Wakehurst Black. A positive influence on his teammates.

Michael Roache

Mike had a fantastic season with some great games at wicket keeper. He is a consistent batsman and a very good runner between the wickets and a fantastic communicator with his teammates. Mike's bowling was much improved by the end of the season taking 15 wickets and hitting 13 fours with



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the bat.

Season highlight - highest score 15 runs in round 20 versus Harbord Scorchers.

A well-liked teammate with more improvement to come.

Awards

Batting award - Aidan Wyse 15 innings, 300 runs, HS 38 runs.

Bowling award - Jack Evans 17 matches, 23 wickets, economy rate 3.46, best bowling 5/2.

Sportsperson award - Jordan Silardi. Jordan's enthusiasm, sportsmanship and competitiveness made him an outstanding team member with a positive attitude and leader of the "stump jumpers".

A very enjoyable year for me personally as a coach seeing the boys develop and play as a team.

Cheers

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Murray McLerie coach Under 11 white



Under 12 Red

The Under 12 Division 1 Red team had a very successful and consistent season with the team finishing second in the competition after the regular rounds. Unfortunately our form deserted us a little in the finals and we finished fourth after losses to very strong Seaforth and Forest teams. The majority of the team also stepped up to play in the Under 13 Division 1 T20 Manly Mini bash 05 competition where we performed credibly losing to a strong St Augustine's team in the final.

This season marked the first time the boys played traditional cricket in the afternoon and given the often hot conditions they all acquitted themselves very well. The standard of the Under 12 Division 1 competition was very high with several of the results in the games the boys played in being decided in the last over. To the boys credit we managed to win most of the tight games which emphasised our team effort without too much reliance on individual players. Most of the boys have known each other for several years and are good mates on and off the field which reflected in a positive way in their performances and the overall team results.

The commitment and support from the parents at each game was excellent and made my job a lot easier. Words of encouragement from the boundary were often very helpful when things were not going our way. A big thanks to Jen Rademan for doing a fantastic job as the team manager, especially for inputting all the scores into MyCricket on

a regular basis. Thanks also to Werner Rademan for often helping out at training and Nirnanjan Holla for his unwavering support as team scorer and strategic advisor.

In summary the U12 Division 2 Reds were part of a 13 strong team competition with the majority of matches being played being against strong opponents and tightly contested. Including the finals the team played 15 games, won 10 and lost 4 and had 1 draw. In the T20 mini bash the team played 4 games, won 2 and lost 2 including the final.

Jamie Anderson

Jamie A took his cricket to a new level this season and was one of our go to players with both bat and ball. He continued to develop as an all-rounder and was always energetic in the field. Jamie scored 188 runs in the regular season at an average of 23.5 with 17 boundaries Jamie had a top score of 53 not out which included two 6s. He was also one of our most consistent bowlers generating good pace and out-



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swing taking 7 wickets at an average of 17.9. Jamie was also one of our best fielders taking 9 catches and being involved in 2 run outs during the regular season. Jamie regularly gave the rest of the team a lift with his positive cricket and was also very helpful with suggestions for fielding positions.

Dylan Vlatko

Dylan was new to the team this year and had an immediate impact with his express left arm bowling and big hitting. He was always prepared to bat or bowl in any situation or position to help the team. Dylan was always positive on the field and was one of our best fieldsmen in the deep using his strong throwing arm to advantage. He scored 112 very hard hit runs off the bat during the regular season at an average of 11.2 with a highest score of 26. Dylan often made a contribution with the bat at key times in a game to help secure victory. He took 7 wickets for the season at an average of 19.7, with a couple of these wickets key to the winning of matches. Dylan's easy-going nature made him a pleasure to coach and he was very popular amongst the team.

Ryan McWilliams

Ryan returned to the team this season after missing a large part of last season due to injury and his confident and busy style of cricket was a positive for the team. He regularly took on the wicket keeping duties and did a great

job including a couple of excellent run out assists. Ryan scored 71 sweetly timed runs for the season at an average of 8.9 with a highest score of 18, with this highest score helping secure victory early in the season in a high scoring game. He took 2 wickets at an average of 12.5 and bowled some very useful spells when given the opportunity with the ball. Ryan is passionate about his cricket and his combined batting and wicket keeping ability will be an asset in the future



Thomas Chappelow

Thomas brought a high level of energy and enthusiasm to the team and became our go to fielder close to the bat in slips or gully displaying excellent reflexes. He scored 47 runs off the bat at an average of 6.7 and to his credit

often batted under pressure lower in the order. Thomas took 3 wickets during the season and was unlucky not to take more, he bowled economically and always fielded well off his own bowling. Thomas also used his speed and agility in the field to great effect, often saving runs, and contributed a team high of 4 run out assists during the season

Eshaan Holla

Eshaan had a standout season of spin bowling with his figures not reflective of the wicket taking opportunities he created. He worked very hard at his game and was always a handful for the batsmen with his accurate length and the sharp bounce his bowling action

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delivered. Eshaan took 9 wickets during the regular season at an economy rate of 3.8 runs per over. Wickets often fell at the other end due to the pressure exerted by Eshaan during some of his bowling spells. His opportunities with the bat were limited and he scored 26 runs for the season and he always batted in a positive manner. Eshaan's fielding has improved markedly as he continues to work very hard on his skills in the field, this included one memorable caught and bowled late in the season.



Saurav Holla

Saurav had a very consistent season with his spin bowling, his accuracy was much improved and he often troubled batsmen. To be fair his team mates did him no favours by dropping quite a few catches off his bowling. This did not phase Saurav and he kept plugging away which was very commendable. He took 2 wickets at an economy rate of 3.4 runs per over, which given the quality of most of the batting we played was very tight bowling for a spinner. It was really pleasing to see Saurav's batting improve and he was involved in a couple of late match winning partnerships during the season. He scored 60 well timed runs at an average of 12 with a highest score of 19 and was not out 6 times. Saurav also worked very hard on his fielding and provided a very nice throw for a runout assist at an important time.

Nick Layton

Nick stepped up a level this year with his wicket keeping and put in some long sessions behind the stumps in hot conditions for which he is to be commended. He was always calm under pressure and had 12 dismissals to his name for the season as wicketkeeper including a couple of well executed runout assists. He scored 36 runs for the season with the bat with a highest score of 14 and averaged 12. These runs were often scored under pressure trying to win games so were very valuable to the team. Nick's bowling opportunities were limited as he did such a great job with the gloves however he did bowl a couple of economical spells. Nick was another who was a pleasure to coach due to his friendly nature.

Freddy Youle

Freddy was our rock and go to man opening the batting on a regular basis often against very strong bowling. He continued to be an absolute pleasure

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to coach and always gave his best at training. Freddy scored 146 runs off the bat at an average of 14.6 with a top score of 27 and hit 10 boundaries during the season often with beautiful timing. He also took 1 wicket and bowled with an economy rate of 3.8 runs per over. Freddy was our specialist point fielder taking 9 catches for the season, including 3 in one game, with some spectacular efforts. He also contributed with some very classy ground fielding.

Nicholas Rademan

Nicholas had a stand out season with the bat producing a number of powerful and often quick fire innings with his batting really coming to the fore during the latter part of the season. He was our leading run scorer in the regular season compiling 286 runs at an average of 23.8 with a highest score of 41 and smashed 33 boundaries and two 6s in the 14 innings he batted. Nicholas made 25 or more runs seven times during the season and the pace with which Nicholas was able to score runs often turned close games in our team's favour. Nicholas also contributed some very good spells of medium pace bowling during the season taking 8 wickets at an excellent economy rate of 3 runs per over. He was also a keen fieldsman and was involved in 2 run out assists at important times in games.

Oliver Allesch

Ollie was one of the most improved players in the team and contributed in all facets of the game. His commitment in the field especially in the deep behind the stumps could not be questioned and he was involved in a team high 5 runouts including 2 direct hits.

His batting continued to improve and he was part of some very important partnerships in close games. Ollie scored 90 runs during the season at an average of 12.9 with a highest score of 30. Ollie also generated good pace with his bowling and improved his accuracy as the season wore on. He claimed 6 wickets at a good economy rate of 3.6 runs per over and produced our best bowling figures of 3 for 16. Ollie was a great motivator in the field and often found the words to fire up his team mates.

Liam Howells

Liam was a great character in the team especially in the field and was never short of a word including giving encouragement to his team mates. He had a great work ethic at training and this paid off as his bowling improved markedly during the season. Liam's bowling was often under estimated by the batsmen to their detriment. He was our second highest wicket taker for the season taking 10 wickets at an average of 14 and an economy rate of 3.6 runs per over. Liam did not get many opportunities with the bat however he scored a vital run in a match we won with 2 balls to spare which sticks in my memory (a beautiful lob over the slips!). As a fieldsman Liam used his pace and agility well and threw down the stumps 3 times with direct hits to claim some vital wickets.

Carlo Zanella

Carlo stepped up this season and worked much harder on his game including his mindset. His performances reflected this with more positive intensity on display both on and off the field. Carlo was our leading all-rounder and had a stand out season with the

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ball. His medium/fast bowling was very consistent and accurate which led to him regularly taking wickets. He claimed 17 wickets at an average of 8, an economy rate of 2.4 runs per over, and an excellent strike rate of 20.5 balls per wicket taken. He was also the second highest run scorer with the bat contributing 224 runs at an average of 20.4, hitting 31 fours, with a highest score of 56 not out. He was also a leading fieldsman taking 8 catches and contributing to 4 run outs including 3 direct hits. Carlo finished the season ranked in the top 5 for the Under 12s MWJCA Champion Player rating for the season which underlined his all-round ability and performances.

A special thanks to Luke Watts (Under 11s) who stepped in and played 5 games for the team. Luke was a pleasure to have in the team not to mention a great cricketing asset. In four innings

for the team Luke scored 86 runs at an average of 21.50. He also took 3 wickets and bowled with good pace and accuracy. He was a standout fieldsman and took 3 outstanding catches, all rep players, which was well received by the coach and his team mates!

Thanks also to Andrew Boulton and Cameron Bashford for helping out when we were short of numbers and playing one game each during the season.

The team awards this year are as follows:

Batting award: Nicholas Rademan

Bowling award: Carlo Zanella

Sportsman award: Dylan Vlatko

Thanks again to all the boys for their commitment and the camaraderie shown all season and also to all the parents for their time and help with the little things that matter each week.



Under 12 Green

It was an absolute pleasure to coach the Wakehurst Under 12 Division 1 Green in 2017/18. We had 7 new players in the team this year so the first challenge was for the boys to get to know each other and form an enjoyable team unit.

The main objectives I mentioned to the boys at the start of the season were:

1. Practice like you play
2. Build an enjoyable team culture
3. Enjoy your team mates success as much as your own
4. Be a better cricketer than you were last year

I think I can safely say all of the above was achieved!

It was very clear that whilst results did not always go our way, there was a massive improvement individually and collectively as a team throughout the season. There were 7 or 8 games that went down to the wire where we lost with only a few balls to be bowled or by less than 10 runs and if the boys can just turn some of those close games into wins next season then they will certainly give the semi-finals a nudge in a very competitive, high standard division.

One of the opposition coaches told me after the last game that we were by far the most improved team in the competition and that they couldn't believe our position on the table. That reflects the huge amount of hard work each of the boys have put in at training and on match days.

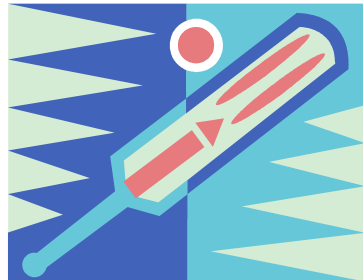
A special thanks needs to go to all of the parent helpers throughout the sea-

son for making sure the boys got to the games on time, to Stephen and Zia Cole for taking on the role of Manager, to those who helped with the scoring, ground setup, assisting at training etc. Our team was hampered by injury so I am also extremely grateful to our fantastic substitutes who filled in over the year (Harry McCracken, Dylan Thompson, Myles Nockolds, Nate Cole, Noah Pitkin).

There were many individual personal bests achieved by the boys this season with bat and ball and I look forward to observing the growth and development of the team as a unit next season.

Sam Arcus: 40 Runs @ 5.71 (H.S. 15), 5 Wickets @ 27.00

Sam was often called on to open the bowling against some quality batsmen and was always extremely economical and difficult to score off. Sam's rhythm improved markedly as the season progressed and he was rewarded with 5 wickets for the year. In the last game of the season Sam demonstrated his batting potential with an aggressive knock of 15 in a fine opening partnership with Dylan. Sam underestimates his batting a little and hopefully continues his development next season.



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Luke Avello: 116 Runs @ 12.89 (H.S. 28 no), 6 Wickets @ 16.83

Luke is a very keen and talented cricketer who given the chance would bat, bowl, field, wicketkeep all day. Luke needs to have a little more self-belief in his bowling talent as evidenced by him leading the overall team bowling averages. Luke was often asked to bat in the top 4 against some quality fast bowling and acquitted himself very well with some brave knocks, particularly his unbeaten 28 no early in the season.

**Josh Challoner:
100 Runs @ 11.11
(H.S. 23), 9 Wickets
@ 18.22**

A solid season from Josh as 2nd highest wicket taker (9) and hitting 100 runs for the year. The game against Harbord will remain in Josh's memory forever as it was on that day in November that he achieved his first ever 5 wicket haul (5/25). It was an outstanding effort that contributed to a season haul of 9 wickets. Josh is one of the hardest workers in the team at training and on match day.

Tom Cole: 245 Runs @ 27.22 (H.S. 56), 10 Wickets @ 21.60

Tom had a successful season with both bat and ball. With the bat he achieved the 2nd highest aggregate along with his highest ever individual score (56). Tom puts a high price on his wicket and was undefeated in 6 innings. As an allrounder we always had to decide how and when to best utilize Tom's bowling in the one-day format whether with the new ball or at the end of the

innings. Either way Tom was always up for the challenge and finished the season as the leading wicket taker (10), a great return. Tom could always be relied on to set an example in the field with his energy and positive talk.

Ryan Crabtree: 34 Runs @ 4.86 (H.S. 9), 1 Wicket @ 104

Ryan's season was hampered by a dislocated elbow which he also re-injured in one of the games towards the end of the season. In the games that he did play Ryan demonstrated that he is a very capable wicketkeeper, an area that I think he should continue to develop.

Ryan has a good technique with the bat and hopefully next season he will remain injury free and be able to spend lots more time in the middle.



**Harry Keech: 63 Runs @ 5.73
(H.S. 19), 1 Wicket @ 132.00**

Harry was very economical with the ball all season and was very unlucky not to return a greater haul of wickets. Harry also had some outstanding performances in the field with a couple of very memorable run outs and catches. Harry's batting improved considerably in the second half of the season, regularly showing much more aggression and better shot selection and placement. His well crafted 19 in the last game was a great reward for his hard work.

**Oliver McCracken: 98 Runs @ 7.00
(H.S. 24 no), 3 Wickets @ 83.33**

Something definitely clicked with Olly's batting in the second half of the season via some technique changes

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that he worked on over the Christmas break. Olly displayed great maturity in his shot selection and general power in his stroke play which was particularly evident in his season high score of 24 no. Olly picked up 3 wickets but he also showed particular prowess as a wicketkeeper this season and was very solid behind the stumps.

Dylan Nockolds: 150 Runs @ 16.67 (H.S. 40 no), 5 Wickets @ 34.40

Dylan is a very talented leggie who enjoyed a good season with both bat and ball. We threw Dylan into the firing line as an opening batsman and bowler on a few occasions and he responded magnificently. His 40no in the last game of the season was a clear standout performance for Dylan. It was a very smart, powerful batting display including an unforgettable pull shot for 6. Opposition batsman found his high bouncing leggies very difficult to play and Dylan was rewarded with 5 wickets. Dylan is an outstanding fieldsman and took some high quality catches.

Jeremy Scarf: 379 Runs @ 47.38 (H.S. 89 no), 6 Wickets @ 26.67

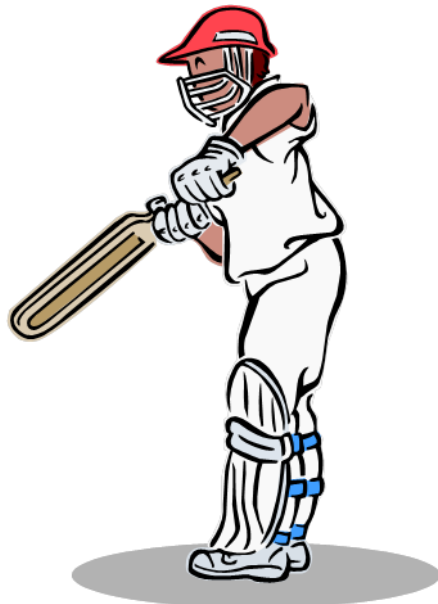
At the start of the season we weren't sure how often Jeremy would be able to play given his school cricket commitments but as it turned out he was able to play most of the games. Jeremy had another fantastic season with the bat and was the leading run scorer, with the highest average and individual score. His 89no was a highlight and I'm sure his first three figure score is just around the corner. Jeremy also showed great leadership on the field and chimed in with 6 handy wickets and also a stumping that he was particularly proud of.

Austin Stapleton: 57 Runs @ 28.50 (H.S. 27 no), 0 Wickets

Austin's season was unfortunately cut very short due to a bad knee injury. In the few games he played Austin showed great maturity with the bat. Whilst his 27 no was a fantastic knock, his determined fighting innings to bat for over an hour with Tom against Peninsula to avoid a defeat was a standout performance. A great team man with a fantastic attitude who can hopefully remain injury free next season and continue to develop to his potential.

Danny Thompson: 24 Runs @ 2.4 (H.S. 11), 5 Wickets @ 37.00

The overall improvement that we witnessed in Danny over the season was great to see. His hard work at training definitely paid off, particularly his bowling when he adjusted the length



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of his run up and began following through the crease at the point of delivery. This also resulted in noticeable extra pace. Danny took the new ball on a few occasions and he was rewarded with 5 wickets for the season. Danny's wall-like defence with the bat proved very difficult to penetrate and with a little more aggression in his strokeplay Danny's batting will continue to develop.

Lachlan Winlaw: 65 Runs @ 6.5 (H.S. 18), 0 Wickets

Lachie is a very determined cricketer with good general match awareness. His innings of 18 opening the batting against Beacon Hill was a standout for Lachie. It was a great example of controlled hitting and shows what Lachie is capable of with the bat. Lachie

should continue to develop his wicket-keeping as he was always very solid when given a chance behind the stumps.

Individual Award Recipients

Batting:

Jeremy Scarf (Average 47.38)

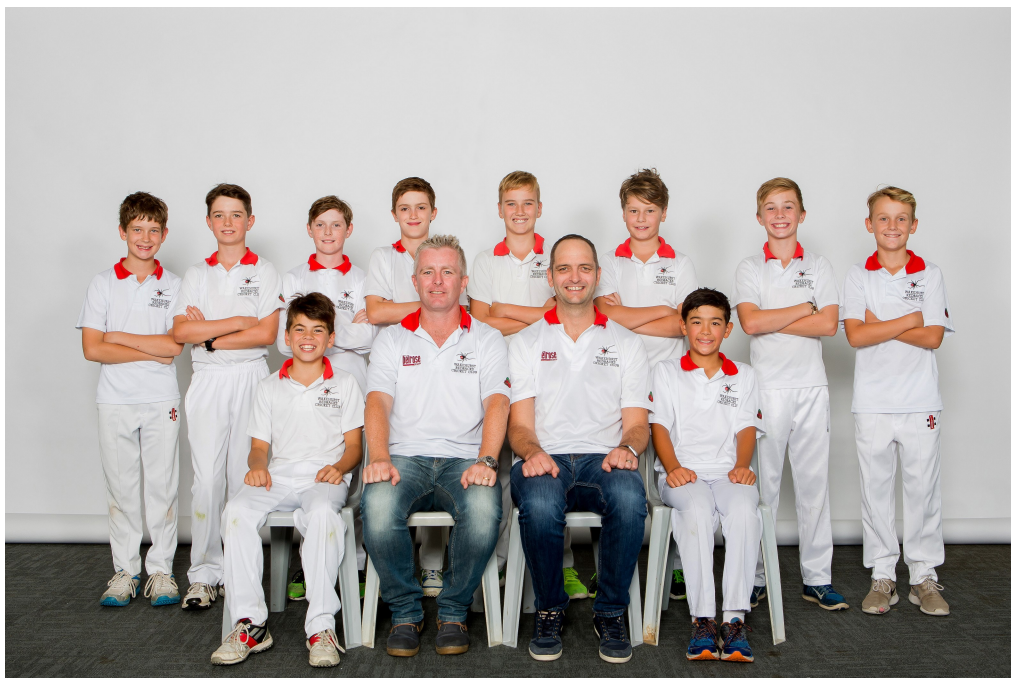
Bowling:

Luke Avello (Average 16.83)

Sportsperson Award:

Danny Thompson

Regan McCracken
Coach



Under 12 Orange

Nothing beats a summer of cricket on the Northern Beaches like dreaming of waves while enduring a Saturday afternoon heatwave with a team of boys dreaming of cooling off too. Sure was a hot one.

Like a bowl of fruit the Oranges had a mixed season with plenty of sweet but also some slightly sour moments; like that one time we won a thriller, but had to later forfeit thanks to the reliably absent manager not knowing the bowling order rules. He selflessly 'retired' soon after. Not to worry the boys along with their claytons coach / manager celebrated hard with that win anyway!

When they played as a team, particularly when they bowled well they were a joy to umpire with stumps knocked clean out of the ground and some absolutely marvellous classic catches taken that had the dads swearing they could hear Richie Benaud calling "what a catch!". Great keeping from Danny, Will, Rohan, Bailey and Thom (bravely with a sprained wrist) was also a highlight, especially where some third world pitches caused some most unpredictable bounce.

At times leadership, or lack of, had a certain umpire / coach threatening to make orange squash but with the nomination of Finn as unofficial team captain, his marvellous repertoire of G-ups such as "more swing than a disco!" and "more Nicks than a family Italian!" kept the boys motivated albeit just a tad too vocal at time.

Jake's efforts as our opening lefty paceman saw several openers sent marching without bothering the scorers, quickly followed by the top order,

and for his efforts bagged a 5 for including a hatrick and a 4 for. From the other end Rohan - also a quick lefty was often unplayable picking up plenty of wickets in the season. Lachie R, Lachie D, Thom, Alex, Noah and Bailey provided an interesting mix of medium pace, spin and fruit that consistently fooled batsmen and tore through the middle and lower order while importantly keeping the runs down.

Batting was very much a mixed bag so when we were rolled for under 50 it was a clear indication that 20-20 tactics of air swings and taking on a good fielder running can fail, spectacularly. That aside, when we put on a solid score our bowlers got the job done delivering some well earned wins. Over the season Alex belted several 40s, Lachie "Johnny Walker" Rourke and Rohan both hit some memorable 50s; while Will, Danny, Lachie R and Jono made some great knocks when it counted.

Thanks to all the parents for their help over the season, particularly Alex at training each week (a far superior coach!) and for his absolutely spectacular marquis that would've had Tony Greig marvelling at; Mike B - who earned the BBQs Galore gourmet award; plus Michelle, Michael, David, Stu, Ian & Janella for all scoring during the season - while 'Sideways was always there with advice and sometimes there with support, taking out the inaugural Rock Paper Scissors Award for always surrendering the prized role of scoring. Our biggest hero without doubt though was our phantom "manager" who earned himself a free shirt for his tremendous efforts.

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I wish the boys all the best in their future sporting endeavours and hope that as they progress into High School that cricket will remain their No.1 sport of choice in summer.

Cheers boys & parents,

Ben Rourke - "coach" and "acting manager".

Team awards:

Bowling: Jake Hayes - including a hat-trick and a 5 wicket haul; 17 wickets average 9.7

Batting: Alex Cooper - 312 runs @ 31.2

Sportsmanship: Finn Davison = bringing energy and enthusiasm to the field, taking the John West classic catch

(caught and bowled) of the season, and sharing in some important partnerships at the crease.

Lachie R
Alex Cooper
Thom
Jake
Finn
Lachie D
Danny
Rohan
Bailey
Will
Jono



Under 13 Red

A fantastic season for the team, undefeated during the regular season only to endure a narrow and character building loss in the grand final.

The team welcomed a couple of new faces this year, with Jet, Tai and Kai joining the squad and all performed strongly, making match changing contributions during the season. As is now to be expected, the camaraderie between the boys was as strong as ever, they are united by their fanatical love of cricket. We were the loudest and keenest in the field every week, and that typically showed in the results.

The other key feature of this team is that, whilst we play to win, we do our best to ensure everyone has an equal go. Everyone in the team can both bat and bowl capably, with 9 of the 12 players scoring at least one innings of 20 or higher with the bat and 11 of the 12 players getting a 2-for in an innings with the ball. This year we also witnessed some spectacular individual performances that deserve a special mention, with 2 maiden centuries and two maiden 5-fors. Congratulations to Luke (102 n.o. and 5/18), Andrew (100 n.o.) and Sentarou (5/7). You never forget your first ton!

Whilst all the boys found the grand final result a disappointment (and the parents too), that is cricket, you can't win them all. Having been premiers the last 2 seasons, the three-peat was not to be, but let's knuckle down next year as we battle for another baggy red.

Tai Addison: Tai's bowling improved substantially through the season, his spells of accurate fast outswing bowling in the both the semi-final and the

grand final were outstanding. He finished the season with 9 wickets at 10.9 but based on those performances will bag a lot more wickets next season. Also quite handy with the bat, Tai rescued us versus St Augustine's in the opening game with a critical 18 and finished the season with 87 runs at 17.4 and a solid 6 catches in the field.

Mason Ballard: Part way through the final game of the regular season, Mason, with figures of 2/2, announced to the fielders nearby "I've never got better than a 2-for before". The team was surprised by this statistical anomaly as it knows what to expect from Mason - fast, accurate and swinging both ways. Six balls later the innings was over and a grinning Mason walked off with his new best bowling figures of 4/2. He finished with 13 wickets for the season at 7.4, which would have been higher if not for an early season injury. Also took one of the catches of the season, right on the boundary at deep long on, which changed the momentum of a key match. Can hold a bat, finished with 47 runs at 15.7

Michal Banham: Our very own "Gary", gun offspinner Michal was brought on to target the opposition's best batsmen who survived the pace barrage. With a series of big scalps throughout the season, he finished the equal top wicket taker in the team with 17 wickets at 9.6, and was also in the top 5 wicket takers in the association for U13/1. A key figure in the field, finishing with a leading 14 dismissals, taking the critical catches and stumpings as keeper and in the field took one of the catches of the season, leaping high and one handed at point to catch it in his fin-

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gertips. Provided hope in the grand final with the bat hitting one towering six and almost another, but it wasn't to be, caught by a great catch on the boundary. 59 runs for the season at 9.8

Andrew Boulton: What can be said about Andrew Co-captain.. Star batsman. Star bowler. Immaculate technique. He exploded into the season in round 1 with 100 n.o. off 83 balls with 21 boundaries, his maiden century, and against top calibre opposition in St Augustine's. After many more match changing innings, finished the season with a team leading 334 runs at 83.5, which we believe is 2nd in the association for U13/1's for aggregate and the leading average. A bowler that other teams fear, his fast swinging deliveries accounted for 16 wickets at 6.75, with best bowling 3/6. 10 dismissals in the field with his rocket arm surprising batsmen for 3 runouts. After playing together with Andrew for many years, the boys are good mates and sad to see him head off to play for his school, St Augustine's - but look forward to some epic battles next year mate!!

Jordan Challoner: Jordan seemed about 20-30cm taller this year than he was the previous season. He had a slow start to the season and his normally "Hazlewood-like" consistency and accuracy with the ball was missing. This was frustrating for Jordan but he kept at it and in the second half of the season it all came good, his reliability and accuracy returning and with some out-swing as well, netting him a crucial

2/4 in the semi final and a great spell in the grand final as well. Well done. 8 wickets at 17.8 for the season, and 28 runs with the bat. Don't worry about your batting - it will also come good again in time - keep working on it.

Kai Connors: Kai was a new addition to the team, he settled in quickly and was the complete team man. Completely selfless with the bat, gave his all to get extra runs late in the innings, often at the cost of his wicket - correctly valuing a couple of extra runs for the team which might win the game for the team as more important than his batting average. Finished the season with



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a healthy 111 runs at 12.3, with a high score of 41 versus top four side Col-laroy. But it was with the ball that Kai really made his mark, after a slow start to the season he then he delivered with his surprisingly fast, accurate outswing leading to a series of match-turning figures including a 4/2 and two 3/5's. Finished with a joint team leading and association top 5 aggregate of 17 wickets for the season at the sensational average of 5.9

Declan Curry:

Solid with the bat in hand, an opening batsman who can withstand the best that opposition fast bowlers dish out. Without his 28 with the bat versus St Augustine's in the opening game of the season, we would have lost the game. Finished with 99 runs at an average of 24.8. Owned the gully position in the field; took one of the catches of the season, with the ball smashed towards him at close range and low down to his right, he took it second grab, an absolute screamer! His medium pacers often fooled opposition batsmen, netting him 7 wickets at 18.3 for the season.

Eddy Hutt: Returned with a vengeance with the ball after a 2016/17 season where he did the right things but just didn't seem to get wickets. The opposite happened this season, he had the knack of coming on at the right

time and demolishing batsmen with his accurate and tricky left arm pace or his guileful chinamen, turning breakthroughs into routs. Finished with 10 wickets at the team leading average of 5.0 and the miserly and team leading economy rate of only 1.67 runs per over. Was the mainstay of our grand final batting, retiring after 15 overs, he just needed one more batsmen to build a partnership with. Also starred with the bat with a 43 versus Forest Blue. Finished the season with 119 runs at 17.0.



Luke Lar-

son: Luke had a season that must have exceeded all his pre-season dreams. Started early in the key first game against our eventual grand final opposition St Augustine's, his accurate and full bowling keeping their

talented batting order in check with 5/18, his first ever 5-for. He went on to record 15 wickets at 6.6 for the season. But wait. It gets better. In the 5th game of the season Luke strode out to open the batting when the team was looking for quick runs. 21 overs later, Luke raised his bat for his maiden century - 102 n.o. 14x4 and only 86 balls faced. He finished the season 3rd on aggregate and 2nd in the averages with 211 runs at 52.75. But wait - it still gets better. Luke was a magnet in the

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field taking a team leading 10 outfield catches, nothing better than an absolute screamer running backwards in the grand final. The only suggestion the coaches can make in his development is to please not wake up from your pre-season dream until you foresee us hitting the winning runs in the grand final!!

Jet McDade: Jet played some big innings when it counted, with his 41 in the semi-final rescuing the team after early wickets. Also hit some big sixes in earlier innings. He finished 4th in the batting aggregate with 198 runs at 39.8, a great performance. Jet's keeping was also strong and he secured his position as the team's undisputed best slipper at training and also with some good grabs at first slip on match days. Finished with 10 dismissals in the

field. His big ripping legspinners also accounted for 8 wickets at 7.9.

Sentarou Murata-Davison: Co-captain Sen led the team well and always had ideas on new fielding positions to get a wicket. His punishing innings with the bat had a big impact in many matches during the season, he finished the second highest runscore in the team with 233 runs at 38.8, and at a strikrate of 95, double team average. The highlight of the season was his 37 off 15 balls to finish off key rivals Forest Green in a 20/20. A lethal weapon in the field, he stalked batsmen and surprised many with his rocket arm and athletic catching, finishing with 13 dismissals in the field and as a keeper. This was a breakthrough year with the ball, by bowling a fuller length Sen converted his pace into wickets, bagging a 5/7 and much improved season figures of 15 wickets at 8.1.



Oliver "Waffle"

Wright: Waffle stepped up when it counted against our grand final opponents of the previous two years, Forest Green. In this key 20/20 his opening 31 from 29 against the best of their rep bowlers could send down was a match winning performance, demoralising the opposition and establishing the platform for a big win. He finished the season with 81 runs at 9.0. Handy with the ball, contributed with 6 wickets at 14.0 and a 2/10 versus Forest Blue. The team is sad to see Waffle head off to play for his school next season, after

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many seasons of laughs, wins and mateship together.

Season awards:

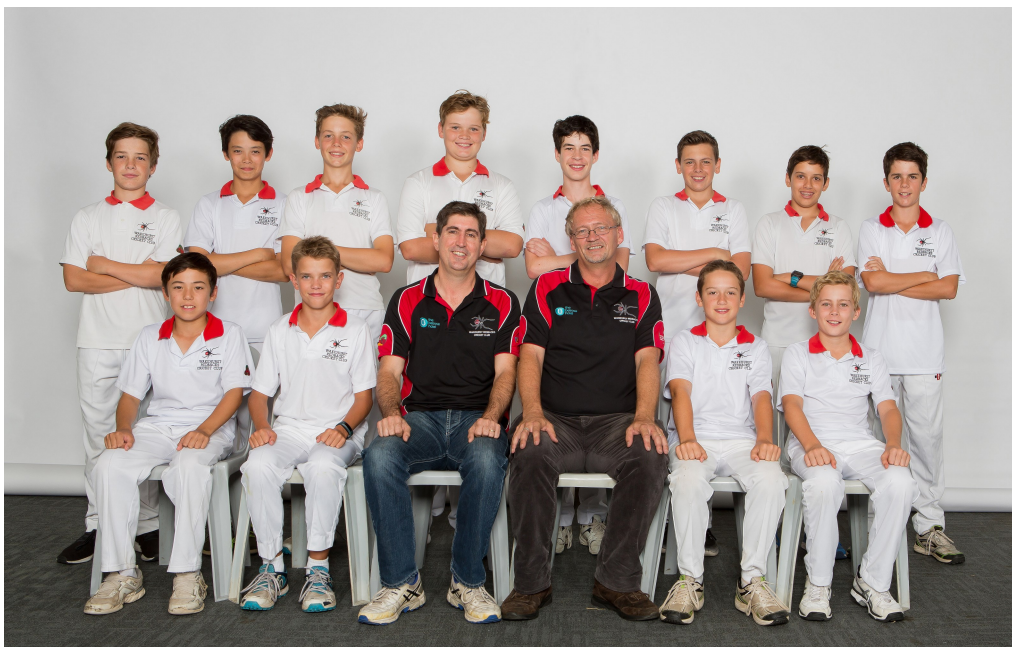
Batting: Andrew Bolton, 334 runs @ 83.50, HS 100 n.o.

Bowling: Eddie Hutt, 30.0 overs, 8 maidens, 10 wickets for 50 runs @ 5.00

Sportsperson Kai Connors for selflessness with the bat and always being keen, polite but equally driven to win team member. Also joint leading wicket taker with 17 wickets @ 5.88.

Thanks go to the manager Chris Wright who did a fantastic job keeping us organised, the myriad of scorers especially Chris, Andy and Annabel and all the parents who helped with umpiring, coaching, set up and all the other activities needed to keep the team going.

From coaches Stu & Ed



Under 13 Green

The U13 Greens were a team comprising 7 players from the U12 Green team from the previous season as well as taking in 6 new players. There was an immediate bond between the old and new players and a sense of camaraderie and good natured fun that held the boys in good stead throughout the season.

Training sessions on Fridays were always keenly attended and allowed me to fine tune whatever aspect of the game I felt would be most important prior to the game on Saturday. It also helped to focus the boy's minds on the game the next day and I invariably had an enthusiastic team turn up for Saturday's game.

There was great sportsmanship on and off the field - supporting each other and taking great delight when a team-mate bowled or caught a member from the opposition. They would also acknowledge good play from the opposition, congratulating players who had batted out their overs or scored good runs.

The team's bowling improved out of sight with extras making less and less of a contribution to the score sheet as the season progressed. The kids also had the cricket sense to realise where to bowl to a batsman to limit their scoring potential and they always tried to continue to bowl those lines that would keep a batsman on strike if they were having trouble scoring.

Unlike their bowling, the team wasn't able to replicate their previous season success with the bat and it was in this area that most of our games were lost. Despite this there were some real highlights with a couple of players scoring

good runs at crucial times in games and others who found a way to frustrate the opposition and hold down an end when the team needed it most. Because of their lack of success with the bat, the boys seemed to lose their confidence and unfortunately never really found the right balance between defence and attack. I hope that the boys don't lose heart and come back next season with even more resolve to improve in this area of their cricket.

I'd like to thank all the parents as well as they turned up every Saturday, hanging around to cheer the team on through their highs and lows, sunshine and rain. With special thanks reserved for our manager and main scorer Robert Thomas who was assisted by Judy Gombos when she was available.

It has been a challenging but ultimately enjoyable season to be associated with the U13 Greens. I have taken great pleasure watching the boys' resilience when things haven't gone their way and especially enjoyed the fact that they stuck together and continued to support each other through the whole season.

Rhys Nockolds

Like last season, Rhys was one of our main bowlers and was often asked to do the heavy lifting in the bowling department. Not having express pace, Rhys has to rely on line and length to get his wickets and to contain the batters and he consistently delivered, always looking likely to make a breakthrough and regularly taking wickets throughout the season. Rhys struggled to find his form with the bat this season and it wasn't until the last game of the season that he showed us what he

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was capable of, calmly scoring 15 off 46 while wickets fell around him. With a memorable cover drive for four being the stand out shot of the innings and of Rhys's season. Hopefully he can carry that sort of batting into his next season.

Aiden Hume

One of our strongest all-rounders, Aiden always tried to make an impact on the game. While he didn't have the success of the previous season with

ball in hand, Aiden still bowled exceptionally well. Always troubling the batsmen and looking likely to get wickets while drying up the scoring. Aiden's batting seemed to improve again this season and he managed to put a

couple of unfortunate dismissals early in the season behind him to post a season best 21 off 29 in the eighth round. What the stats don't show is how the run rate invariably picked up whenever Aiden came in to bat, always looking to put the fielding team under pressure and take cheeky singles. Sometimes this strategy was to his own detriment but it was certainly exciting to watch. Aiden had another solid season and will continue to improve.

James Thomas

James started the season looking to build on the gains he had made with his batting in the previous season and showed us what he was capable in only the fourth game of the season scoring 44 only to get out on his very last ball

when going for one last four. Unfortunately, from then on James's luck with the bat dried up and he found that when you start to doubt yourself things just don't go your way in cricket. James continued with his good form in the bowling department finishing the season as one of our leading wicket takers with 9 wickets at an average of 10.33. He could be counted on to bamboozle the opposition batsmen (and his coach) with his patented combination of finger spin and pace bowling. Another good season from

James who has the potential to make real improvements if he focuses on the simple things and doesn't overthink his game.

Ishan Shah

With talent aplenty Ishan started the season with a bang, blasting a quick fire 19 in

our first game and it seemed he had retained all of his ability to score quick runs that we remembered so well from the previous season. Ishy also wanted to take on more of a leadership role within the team and took great care to make sure he got himself set when he first went out to bat. However this seemed to go against his natural tendency to swing hard at the ball and he found it hard to judge which ball to go for and which to treat with respect and often found himself getting out to silly mistakes. Once again we looked to Ishan for his accurate bowling and while he didn't enjoy the success he would have liked he played an important role, always tying up one end and restricting the runs from flowing.



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Jamie Leong

Jamie came back this year with plans to improve further as a batsman and improve he did. He regularly held down one end and frustrated the opposition bowlers with his awkward but effective defence. This proved invaluable as he often came in when we had lost a couple of quick wickets and a period of stability was just what was required. In round ten he opened the batting with James and carried his bat, scoring 4 runs of 31 deliveries, but more importantly he kept the strike turning over and really anchored our innings. With his slow wobblers, he is never going to take a lot of wickets but again it's all about economy with Jamie, finishing with 2 wickets but only going for 32 runs all season. Jamie invariably made it hard for the batsmen to score runs ending up with a team best economy rate of 3.2.

Alexander Yates (aka "The Magician") Relying on the tried and tested method of bowling a good line and length, Alexander invariably frustrated the opposition batters, often leading to their demise. Alexander regularly took wickets through the season and was a valuable member of the bowling unit. Alexander would be the first to admit that batting isn't his thing but he continued to work on his batting technique this season, improving on his stoic defence and trying to add a couple of scoring shots to his repertoire. Often batting in the tail, Alexander was sure to frustrate the opposition bowlers who were looking to wrap things up only to find a master blocker at the other end with other ideas.

Cooper Joyce

Cooper was a new member to the team and to WCC but his easy going nature saw him settle easily into the team. Always enthusiastic, Cooper was regular at training and worked hard on all aspects of his game and as a result both his batting and bowling improved as the season progressed. Cooper was one of our better fielders and could be relied upon to catch anything that came his way while his strong throwing arm invariably saw the ball returned the ball over the stumps from the boundary. Cooper really impressed with his commitment to the team and even came to support his team mates when he was out injured with a broken leg.

Ty Pounsett

Unable to join the team until round 4 due to a broken collar bone Ty proved once again to be one of our most valuable all-rounders. Ty is a natural athlete who is always a pleasure to watch in the field. Any batter foolish enough to take on Ty with a cheeky run would quickly find themselves scrambling to make up their ground and would be sure to be a bit more careful the next time the ball went his way. Ty was also one of our go to bowlers who could be relied upon to tighten up the bowling from one end when the opposition looked like getting on a role. Like most of the rest of the team Ty struggled with the bat this season and was never able to capitalise his opportunities when he had a good start. I'm sure that runs were only just around the corner for Ty and always had the feeling that one good knock would open the flood gates.

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Lachlan King

One of our new players to the team, Lachlan's natural athleticism and desire to be involved meant he was always close to the action. Sharing keeping duties with Lachlan Anderson, Lachlan impressed with the gloves but it was in the field that his ability to move quickly to the ball really shone out, regularly cutting off the ball before a run could be scored. Lachlan also showed real potential with the bat and was always keen to test the fielding team with a quick run or two, although sometimes his enthusiasm to get the scoreboard ticking over was his undoing. Lachlan's bowling showed potential when he found the right line but he needs to work on his consistency in order to put batsmen under pressure.

Lachlan Anderson

Returning to cricket after taking some time away from the game, Lachlan was one of the big improvers of the season. A little rusty in the early games Lachlan quickly found his feet and his place in the team as one of our two wicket keepers. Like any good keeper Lachlan loves to take the fight to the opposition and get involved in a little friendly on field banter with the opposition. Lachlan was our leading run scorer and it was a real pleasure to watch him flash the blade at any ball that had a little width. He regularly found the boundary through the season but it was Lachlan's running between the wickets and his loud calling that would really unsettle the bowling side. All set to impress his grandfather in the last game of the season, Lachlan was cruelly given out by a very poor umpiring decision, but like the true sport he is he took it on the chin, accepted the decision and walked off. It was this sort of maturity that

saw Lachlan take on the role as one of the leaders of the team who could be relied upon to lift his team mates when things weren't going their way.

Hamish Wallace

Another new face to the Greens, Hamish quickly showed his worth as a leader, helping to set the field and exhort his team mates to try a little harder. Hamish was always ready to keep his team mates on their toes if they were losing focus in the field and would often lead by example, taking that catch or helping with a run out that got the team back into the contest. Hamish was also one of our better batters and showed us all what he was capable of when he scored 32 against St Augustines to help the team secure their first win. While he never was able to replicate that effort, Hamish never gave up and always looked to pick up the run rate. With the ball in hand, Hamish often troubled the batsmen and when he had the chance would invariably slow the run rate and create chances.



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Zane Hiscoke

This season was Zane's first try at cricket and I hope it won't be his last. He showed a real willingness to learn and improved steadily as the season progressed. Zane was one of our most economical bowlers, only giving away 29 runs all season and regularly taking wickets, proof yet again that line and length trump speed when it comes to bowling. With his batting Zane is a work in progress and I am sure with more practice could turn into a handy middle order batsman.

Zach Fittler

Zach was also trying cricket for the first time this season and impressed early with his big hitting and very strong throwing from the deep. Without a doubt the biggest hitter in the competition, Zach loved nothing more than belting the ball out of the ground.

It was the sort of hitting that could turn a game in a matter of a couple of overs and certainly rocked whichever poor bowler he happened to be facing when in the right mood. He who lives by the sword dies by the sword and unfortunately Zach was never able to keep his wicket for more than a couple of overs before being dismissed. Perhaps out of frustration Zach seemed to lose his desire to play in the second half of the season. We saw very little of him after the Christmas break which is unfortunate as the team could have done with his fire power in quite a few close games that they couldn't quite close out due to a lack of batting depth.

Season awards:

Batting: Lachlan Anderson

Bowling: James Thomas

Sportsperson: Rhys Nockolds



Under 14 Red

The U14s had another enjoyable season in a season of change for the team. This season we had 7 new players to the team and I was very impressed with the way the team came together so quickly.

With new players comes a new support crew for the team that being the parents. I would like to thank all the parents for their support of both the players and myself as coach. In particular I would like to thank Kath Condon, who took on the role for manager and Julian Humphrey for stepping in to umpire as well. We always had someone putting their hand up to score or umpire and it was really appreciated.

Overall, I felt the season was a great first season for a team that had not played together before. The ability of the players to continue to work on their own skills and at the same time support their teammates get improve as well was a credit to you all. I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I did.

This season we had 14 regular players. They were:

Abigail Powell.

Abi became our new captain and did an outstanding job. She lead from the front with both bat and ball and picked up her first hat trick. Abi's strength as leader was her ability to bring 13 players, most having not played with each other before this season. Great job Abi.

Matthew Humphrey.

Matt had a great season with the bat. He scored 309 runs at an average of 28.09. Going into the season I had put pressure on Matt to lead our batting



attack and was very proud that he was able to deliver. Well done Matt.

James Condon

It was James's first season in Div 1 and he should be happy with the effort and performances he had. He has a great ability to occupy the crease with the bat. As his attacking shots continue to develop, I look forward to seeing his development in the coming seasons.

Jack Atkins

Jack's medium pace was again on show this season. His ability to pick up a wicket when the team needed it was great. He also showed he has the shots to score runs with the limited opportunities he had. Thanks Jack.

Annabel Hutt

Annabel had a great season. Leading our attack with the ball, she was often too good for the batters. It is very clear to see that she loves the game and is always supporting her teammates. Annie also played some critical innings with the bat and is a true all-rounder.

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Matthew Gribble

Matt is our keeper. His skill levels again continued to grow behind the stumps. Matt is also the leader of the team with his talk in the field. He took some great catches this season, including a few down the leg side along with some stumpings. Top job Matt.

Andre Terleckyj

Andre took on a new role this season as a top order bat and did it well. He also continued his bowling talents with a great ability to bowl at the stumps. This skill means Andre continues to pick up wickets for the team. His support for his fellow teammates is outstanding. Great stuff Andre.

Tom Salmon

Tom joined us from Forest this season and straight away fit into the team. Tom was our best overall fielder with a great catching technique and strong arm. He is also one of our quicker runners with the bat. I hope you enjoyed your first season with the Redbacks.

Oscar Lambkin

Oscar had a great season with the ball. His leg spin skills continued to improve and his ability to land the ball in the right place consistently meant that he was equal leading wicket taker. He also had some key batting performances over the season to allow us to get competitive totals. Well done Oscar.

Tom Larson

Tom was another in his first season in Div 1. Tom was able to take on the higher skill level in his stride. Having some key innings with the bat with limited opportunities he showed the rest of the team how to run between the wickets. Next season will be Tom's

season to shine now that he has his first season in the top division under his belt.

Mitchell Norton

Mitch also had a great season. Mitch opened the batting for us this season and is one of the best hitters not just in the team, but in the competition. Once he is in, he is very hard to stop. When he is not batting, he is bowling off the long run, with lots of pace. Mitch was critical to our team this season which showed in his stats. He was second in runs and third in wickets. An exceptional season. Awesome work Mitch.

Alicia Humphrey

Alicia played the first half of the season with us before heading overseas. She was dominate with the ball and with only playing half the season was only 2 wickets behind the leading wicket takers. Her ability to hit the right spots and build pressure allowed her to take key early wickets. Looking forward to seeing how many wickets Alicia can take in a full season.

Emma Smart

Emma joined us for the second half of the season to replace Alicia. She played predominately as a bowler and often



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took the new ball. Another one with good control and the ability to bowl consistently good line and length. Thanks Emma.

Josh Bassett

Unfortunately, Josh was ruled out of most of the season with an ankle injury that required surgery. Josh was again dynamic in the field with good hands and speed across the ground.

The award winners are:

Batting: Matthew Humphrey

Bowling Award: Abigail Powell

Sportsperson (player of the season):
Mitchell Norton

Thanks
Ian Bassett
Coach



Under 15 Red

Lachie Johnson

Johnno played all 15 matches and captained many of the fixtures. He achieved a highest score of 56* vs Cromer Kookaburras, and season stats of 15 innings, 5 not out innings, 347 runs at an average of 34.70. Lach is a natural cricketer, a strong leader of the team, and a good team man. He hits the ball hard, and when batting solidly in the top order, Lach generally got the team off to a good start in most innings which is evident with season scores of 44, 41, 37, 27, 23 and 21, and often built good partnerships with Luke Richardson and Matt Kuchel. His wicket keeping was solid, taking 12 catches, 1 stumping and 3 run out assists throughout the season and was always motivational to the team behind the stumps keeping up the team banter. Johnno always gives 100% and is always present at training, and his leadership assistance is greatly appreciated by the coaching staff.

Hurshwin Sharma

Hurshwin played all 15 matches, and was a integral part of the team's bowling attack with his pace and aggressive bowling approach. Throughout the season he bowled 71 overs, 8 maidens, and took 20 wickets for 222 runs. His best bowling figures in an innings was 3/14 against Cromer Kookaburras at an average of 11.10. He achieved 3 wicket hauls in an innings 3 times this season and other notable figures included 2/10; 2/1; and 2/3 against SPX Yellow, Forest and SPX Orange respectively. His aggressive running between the wickets was appreciated by the team in the lower order where he scored 123 runs at an average of 15.38, with a highest score of 20 runs against Forest. Hurschwin also took 4 catches

this season and we appreciated his strong and energetic efforts this season whether at training or on game day.

Luke Richardson

Richo played all 15 matches in the 2017/18 season and contributed well with the bat and ball. Generally opening the batting, he usually managed to get the team off to a strong start. Luke scored 335 runs at an average of 27.92 with a highest score of 52. Consistency was key for Luke with other scores of 50*, 39*, 37, 27, 25, 23 throughout the season and built solid partnerships with Lachlan Johnson and Matt Kuchel. With the ball, Richo bowled finger spin this season capturing 10 wickets at an average of 13.80, with his best figures of 4/6 and 2/5 against Forest and St Augustines Gold. Luke continues to be one of the cornerstones of the Redbacks club and his leadership and 5 catches throughout the season was very much appreciated. Also acknowledged is his team spirit and presence at training sessions throughout the 2017/18 season.

Bailey Foord

Bailey is one of the regular contributors who goes about his work in a quiet manner, and played all 15 matches this season. An all-rounder, Bailey had a solid season with both ball and bat. His best bowling figures of 2/9 at an average of 19.80 was appreciated, and he scored 66 runs with the bat at an average of 8.25. A highest score of 19 against the leading team, Harbord Goannas, was a highlight where he stood tall when the team failed to post a large score. One of the strengths that Foordie enjoys is his speed, whether

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chasing in the field or running between the wickets—his speed and good arm resulted in 2 run outs for the team and one assist. A great team man, Bailey always puts in 100% at training and at the game and continues to be an integral part of the Redbacks line up every week.

Cormac O'Donnell

Cormac played all 15 games this season, and continued to build his allrounder status being effective with the bat and ball. He scored a total of 165 runs at an average of 16.50, with a high score of 38* vs St Augustines Gold, and added another good start of 34 to his tally against Cromer Kookaburras. He had the ability to score quickly in the middle order and helped deliver the wins over the season by consolidating the middle order with some solid and quick scoring. With the ball, his best figures were 1/4 at an average of 45 as he delivered his medium pacers with great shape. He also contributed strongly in the field with 6 catches complimenting his excellent fielding. Cormac is an excellent team man who supports his team mates, always turning up to training and giving 100%, contributing to an excellent summer for the Redbacks.

Matt Kuchel

Batting 219 runs @21.9 with a high score of 39 n.o and 6 wkts @20 and 7 catches
Matt jointed us this year and wasted

no time scoring 26 n.o. in his first match. An aggressive 'leftie' at the crease looking to also push the scoring rate along and pressure the fieldsman. Also is fantastic in the slips, taking some of the best catches seen at this level in a long time. Along with his tight left arm spinners he was always tying the batsmen down, forcing them to hit across the line— his best bowling of 3 for 1 was a prime example of his tight bowling. A great team man, who has fit in perfectly....as if he had been in the team for years. Well played 'Kooch'.



Noah Kasmar

Batting 73 runs @ 10 with a high score of 22 and 8 wkts @ 37 with 3 catches
"Kassie" took 10 wickets this year with his ever improving 'leggies', but could have well had 20. He constantly deceived batsman. His figures of 2 for 27 against a strong Collaroy team was fantastic, given the batsman he was bowling to. With the bat, his top score of 22 was great at the end of the innings. Rotating the strike and hitting the loose ball was the plan and he did well. Also his 14 n.o against the eventual Premiers was a solid innings, mirroring his effort in his top score earlier in the season.
Noah was more outgoing this year, more communicative. This was so evident to the coaches that he captained in a few games and performed very well. Well done 'Kassie' a good year all round.

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Ben Rowan

10 wkts @ 17.7 and 8 runs with 5 catches

Ben came from the Div 2 team that played so well last season. Ben took 10 wickets at 17.4 and was the quiet achiever this year. His best figures for the season happened to be in the Semi Final against Harbord. 2 for 8 off 3 overs was just what the team needed after the openers got off to a quick start.

Just moving the ball away from the right handers just enough to entice the false shot. Earlier in the season he claimed 2 for 6 against St Pius with his 'outies' in another tight spell.

With the bat, Benny didn't give the scorers RSI, but did score a few handy runs in tight situations. A good season from Ben he improved throughout the season with the ball and also snared 5 catches, mostly at mid on. Well done Ben.

Henry Thomas

230 runs @ 23 and 5 wkts @24 with 3 catches

Henry came to us from Peninsula who unfortunately couldn't muster a team. Peninsula's loss was certainly our gain. Henry is an attacking batsman who likes to hit it 'everywhere'. This was illustrated in his innings of 43 against St Pius was a great innings to watch. 8 boundaries hit with both determination and power to all parts. His aggressive nature with the bat enabled us to score more runs that was needed in several games.

With the ball, Henry bowled left arm over, across the right handers and claimed his best figures of the season against Harbord. 3 for 16 2 caught behind with the batsman temped outside the off stump and the other wicket was

bowled Great bowling in a losing effort. Henry also took 3 fine catches at important times.

Henry is a fine lad and fit into the team seamlessly, a great team man with a good future both in cricket and in the game of life. Nice one "Thommo".

Toby Cousemaker

Batting 125 runs @ 13.9 with a high score of 52 n.o and 10 wkts @ 16.7 with 2 catches

Toby also came from the 'far north' of the peninsula, bringing with him several years of DCA cricket experience with the ball and was a fine addition to the 'Redbacks'. Bowling he snared 10 wickets but there must have been 20 to 30 plays and misses by the batsman. His excellent outswingers constantly cause all batsman to think they had the ball covered only to see the keeper applaud another fine delivery that beat the bat. Toby took wickets in most games but his best was against Cromer, 3 for 23 with 2 being caught behind the wicket. Batting, Toby scored a fine 52 no against St Pius. Clean striking was the order of the day, splaying the ball from mid-wicket to cover in a fine display of middle order batting. Toby's other score of note was against Collaroy, scoring 35 and in a partnership with Lachy of around 50 ensured a strong



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total that was very competitive. Toby is like all the boys, a team player. He was a delight to have in the team and always supplied encouragement and a little experience when he thought necessary and at the right time. Well done 'Cliffy'.

Euan Loh

8 wkts @ 23. Batting 3 runs with a top score of 3 with 2 catches

Euan came to us (with Ben) from our Div 2 team. His bowling improved throughout the year, along with his pace and swing. His best bowling figures were against St Augustine's - 2 for 14 off 6 overs. He bowled quick and swung the ball, his wickets were a bowled and an LBW. Towards the middle to the end of the season he was our fastest bowler, continuously beating the batsman with pace. Ash and I

agree that he is probably the most improved bowler in the team. If he can just be a little more consistent, he will be a constant threat to any batsman he bowls to. His attitude is also excellent, always turning up to training with the right attitude and also began to ask questions about how and what to bowl. Good luck in your future cricketing endeavours "Miner". Work hard—you will be rewarded.

Season awards:

Bowling: Hurshwin Sharma 20wkts @ 11.1

Batting: Lachy Johnson 347 runs @ 34.7

Euan Loh: Coming up from Div 2 at the start of the year, his bowling gradually improved. Though he only got 8 wickets his pace and swing was excellent. He had a few batsman more than a little nervous.



Under 15 Green

It was the year of cricket that almost never happened. At the start of the season the Wakehurst U15 age group found themselves in a situation where they had too many players for one team and too few to field two full teams. After exploring several options and with the help of the club committee, the association and our resourceful manager - Vanessa White, we hatched a plan to merge with the Peninsula team who were also short of a few players to field a side.

Then, logistically, trying to find a training ground that suited the boys from Peninsula as well as the Wakehurst boys was a challenge but again, due to the tenacity and resourcefulness of the club and our manager, we settled on a home training ground at Terrey Hills that suited both teams and off we went! Having only settled on a training ground late in the process it meant, as coach, I only met 9 of our players for the first time on the morning of the first match - not the best prep you could ask for but what an incredible bunch of lads who immediately amalgamated into one team and got stuck in!

The first half of the season was somewhat of a challenge in which we played a single competition made up of 10 teams - 6 obvious Div. 1 teams and 4 Div. 2 teams. At the mid-point of the season the decision was made to split the competition, and this is when the boys' confidence grew and put their skills on display.

We had some cracking matches - particularly against our closest competitor, Collaroy which contained several ex-Wakehurst players to give those

matches an extra level of spice. These games were competitive and tense but always played in the right spirit. After a very uncertain start to the year we ended up enjoying a great year of cricket. We ended up top of the Div. 2 table at the end of the season and unfortunately lost to Collaroy in the grand final after having beaten them twice during the season rounds. What an incredible bunch of boys who set aside their own club loyalties to play in a combined team. The work ethic at training and on game day was the best I had experienced as a coach. A group of dedicated, hard working young cricketers who also knew the time and place to have a laugh!! Well done boys.

I also wanted to thank a few of the parents - putting a team on the field each week is a team effort. I would like to call out a few parents for their massive contribution.

Vanessa White - our manager extraordinaire. For your organisation and diligence in organising us and for your determination that we were going to have a season despite the bleak outlook at the beginning of the year!!

Alex Richards - Alex and Tonya must go down as the most resourceful and generous scoring duo in the competition. Always at the ground early, gazebo erected, camp table out with platters of fruit and snacks for the entire team. Your support of the team has been incredible and appreciated!!

Micky Yates - always there to lend a hand weather it was training or on match day. Micky's passion for the game and his energy to help the boys

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out was remarkable and who can forget Micky's fielding performances while we were short a few players at centre wicket training. Micky also regularly helped with scoring duties if Alex was away riding his bike up a mountain or away on business. You are one of a kind Micky!

Claire McCaffery - our other stand-in scorer, the Peninsula boys' co-ordinator and coach's coffee runner. Thanks for your support and help Claire - your contribution to our team was enormous!

Player Summaries:

Angus Castle

Angus was one of our opening bowlers all season and made a habit of securing an early breakthrough. Opposition opening batsmen struggled to deal with Angus' left arm over swing bowling. Angus' best figures for the season were 3/10 against Collaroy. Angus took 18 wickets this season at an average of 11.67 with a strike rate of 22. Very importantly for an opening bowler Angus bowled 14 maidens this year creating the pressure needed at the top of the order. Angus also took 4 catches. Fantastic year for Angus.

Elliot Copas

Elliot was once again a very handy all-rounder for the team. Aggressive bats-

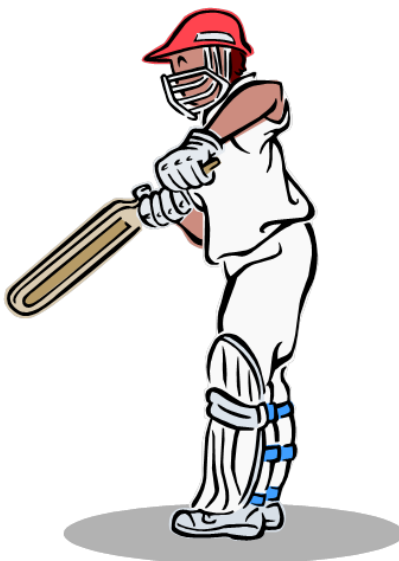
man, reliable medium pace bowler, great with the wicket keeping gloves on and one of the best catchers and ground fielders in the team. Although Elliot will likely be disappointed with his batting average this year he made some very key contributions with the bat scoring 87 runs this season and getting into double figures 5 times with a high score against Collaroy of 19. Elliot bowled 26 overs this year with a very respectable economy rate of 3.5. Elliot's catching is one of his strengths, taking 6 catches this season with one as wicket keeper.

Riley Dean

Riley was one of the boys from Peninsula returning to cricket after a number of seasons out of the game. Riley's passion and energy is very contagious and an absolute pleasure to coach. Riley was a strong all-rounder making contributions with the bat, ball and most impressively in the field. Batsmen very quickly

worked out not to take a quick single to Riley with his blistering pace and great arm. Any tardy batsman was caught short! Riley averaged 8 with the bat this year making some great double figure contributions including a high score of 15 against Forest. Riley was regularly our first change bowler taking 8 wickets this season at an average of 22.38. His best bowling figures were 2/4 off 2 against St Pius. Riley also took 3 catches this year.

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Harry Finlay

Another Peninsula player who joined our team this year and one of the big improvers. Harry is an absolute pleasure to coach and a natural leader - demonstrating this all year as one of our co-captains. During the season Harry developed into one of our top batsmen with a straight drive any batsman would be proud of. Harry scored 115 runs this season at an average of 11.5 - after the split of the comp Harry averaged 18.5 in the Div.2 competition. Well done Harry - this shows how well he developed as the year went on. Harry top scored with 25 against Collaroy, our toughest competition. One of Harry's other strengths is his off-spin bowling. He took 5 wickets this year with his best being 2/17. Harry also took 2 catches and assisted in a run out. A great season that saw Harry emerge not only as a leader in the team but a much-improved batsman and very useful bowler.

Jordyn O'Neil

Another handy all rounder from Peninsula. Jordyn scored 47 runs this year at

an average of 8. Jordyn has developed into a very handy right arm round off spinner who has perfected the dart into leg stump that found many batsmen out this year. Jordyn took 7 wickets at an average of 14.86 with his best figures 2/1 off 3 including 2 maidens against St. Pius. One of Jordyn's strengths is his catching - a very natural and confident close catcher who took 7 catches this year most of them at short mid-on or mid-off. Well done Jordyn.

Drew Power

Another one of our Peninsula boys. A great team player and an absolute pleasure to have in our team. Drew is a developing all rounder making good contributions with the bat as the season progressed and continued to develop his leg spin skills. Drew scored 22 very valuable runs this year at an average of almost 8 and took 2 catches. A highlight was a very important knock of 12 not out, in a critical game against Collaroy that we ended up winning by two runs. This allowed us to finish at the top of the table at the end of the regular season. Keep working hard on those "leggies" - look forward to seeing you back next year!

Andrew Prassopoulos

What a valuable all-round talent Andrew has been this year and an absolute pleasure to coach. Andrew has developed into an aggressive, fast scoring opening batsman with incredible natural timing. Andrew scored 156 runs this year at an average of 13 with high scores of 32, 28, 27 and 15. Regularly in the runs this year Andrew can score quickly and I look forward to seeing him continue to develop as a

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batsman and showing patience at the crease. Andrew is also a very handy medium pace bowler taking 8 wickets this season at an average of 20.75 with best figures of 3/6 off 5 against Forest. Andrew is also a very competent wicket keeper and catcher having taken 4 catches this year.

Daniel Reay

Daniel has been our regular captain this year with strong all-round skills, batting at number 4, bowling and wicket keeping. Daniel is a very strong all-round talent and very keen competitor. He scored 249 runs this year at an average of 19.15 and averaged 29.13 after the competition split. Daniel's high point with the bat this year was 66 against a very strong Collaroy side. He made some other big contributions with the bat of 50, 36 and 33. Daniel's bowling this year was also a highlight, taking 7 wickets at 12.57 with best figures of 3/0 off 2 against Forest. Daniel also kept wicket for much of the season always keen to keep a clean sheet of byes which he did achieve at least once this season. Daniels contribution in the field was outstanding with 4 catches - 2 as wicket keeper, 3 run outs and 3 stumpings. Daniel is a very strong player and leader and I look forward to watching his development over the coming years.

John Richards

John has been a great all-round contributor for Wakehurst again this year. John's strength would have to be his bowling. He bowled 31 overs this year taking 9 wickets at an average of 18, with best figures of 3/2. With the bat John scored 20 valuable runs this year, mostly coming just when we needed them most. John's fielding was the big improvement this year taking 6 catches and assisting with a run out.

Isaac Turner

Isaac is as good a number 3 batsman as I have seen in the local competition. Outstanding technique and temperament with the ability to rotate the strike that I have not seen in a batsman at this age. Isaac has been wonderful to watch this year not only with his batting but bowling contribu-

tions too. With the bat Isaac had a sublime year making 449 runs at an average of 89.8. He was not out 11 times this year only losing his wicket 5 times. Isaac only failed to make double figures once this year with high scores of 61, 48, 46, 40, 40, 35, 31, 23, 21, 21. With the ball Isaac is a very fine spin bowler taking 18 wickets at 12.94 - his best figures were 3/3 off 5 with 3 maidens. In the field Isaac took 4 catches and assisted in 2 run outs. What an incredible year for Isaac. I look forward to watching his development over the coming years.



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Corey Wakeford

Corey converted from baseball to cricket this year and has developed his skills enormously over the year. Having to learn everything from the very basics Corey has made some great contributions during the year. He scored 108 runs this year with his highest score of 32 against St. Pius. I think the opposition bowlers realised very quickly not to bowl Corey a full toss - with his baseball skills he didn't miss them very often!! From not knowing how to bowl at the start of the season Corey worked every session on his bowling and bowled a few overs in matches this year. He is a great catcher and like Jordyn, was a very valuable close catcher taking 5 catches and a run out. It was fantastic to have had Corey as part of the team and I look forward to seeing him out there again next year.

Jamie White

Jamie has developed into a fine opening bowler this year. Having spent a lot of time on his run up and rhythm, this has paid big dividends for him this year. Jamie bowled 67 overs this year and took 14 wickets at an average of 13.57 with best figures of 4/12 off 4 against Forest which included his first hat-trick. Jamie's big improvement this year was the reduction in the number of extras he has conceded enabling him to bowl at an economy rate of 2.84. Jamie also took 4 catches this year. An excellent year with the ball for Jamie and I'm looking forward to seeing even more pace and swing from him next year.

Charley Yates.

Charley is our defensive brick wall. Our regular opening batsman, Charley has developed very solid technique

and a defence that very few bowlers managed to crack this year. He scored 288 runs this year at an average of 32 and a highest score of 44 not out. Charley got into double figures 12 times and was retired not out 6 times. An incredible achievement. Charley also bowled well this year with a mix of off spin and very solid medium pace. He bowled 23 overs and took a wicket with his best 1/15 off 3. Charley also took 3 catches this year. A great year for Charley - exceptional with the bat and I look forward to more from him next year.



Team awards this year went to:

Batting - Isaac Turner

16 Matches
11 Not out
449 Runs
Highest Score 61
Average 89.80 (103 after
competition split)

Bowling - Angus Castle

16 Matches
67 Overs
14 Maidens
Average 11.67
Economy rate 3.12
Best Bowling 3/10

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Sportsperson Award – Daniel Reay

Captain, great contributions with bat, ball and wicket keeper. Strong leadership and sense of team spirit.

Other notable nominations for Special Achievement Awards:

Jamie White

Hat-trick against Forest taking
4/12 off 4 overs.

Isaac Turner:

449 Runs this season
Highest score of 61 no
Retired not out 11 times
Average 89.8

Daniel Reay

2 scores over 50
Highest score 66

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Under 16-18 Red

This side was comprised of a mix of experienced players who had made the grand final of this competition last season and a strong group of younger players who had finished runners-up in the U15's. The reality of cricket in this age group, being a time of transition for many players from junior club cricket to Shires, Grade or seniors, is that most clubs end up with a number of players registered who may actually rarely play for their clubs, and Wakehurst is no different in that regard. We had 24 players registered, but the performance of the side was ultimately dependent on a core group of 12 players.

Those players can be extremely proud of their results. The side finished runners-up in the Saturday competition and took out the manly Mini-Bash. In both competitions they produced their best performances in the semi-finals to knock over St Augustine's, who had been the competition front runners all season.

Ably captained by Cohen Mantle, the side played some excellent cricket at times throughout the season, but lacked consistency. The start to the season couldn't have been better with wins in each of the first three games, including a nail-biting one run victory over the ultimate premiers, Harbord. However, the rest of the season was accurately represented by the performances in the last four games. Having been soundly beaten by Beacon Hill (who didn't make the semi-finals) and St Augustine's (who scored 250 against us off 30 overs) in the last two rounds of the regular season, the side produced what it is capable of in comprehensively dismantling St Augustine's in the semi-final, only to put in possibly

its worst performance of the season in the final against Harbord.

Nevertheless, there was one consistent theme throughout the year, and that was of a team that enjoys its cricket and of a group of players who enjoy each other's company - and those are far more important attributes than consistent on-field performance.

As this is the final age group for junior club cricket, some of the players will not be returning next year. To that end I'd like to recognise the contributions of Anthony Denny, Saskia Horley and Cohen Mantle, as well as Tom Hughes who is moving overseas. All have been exceptional club representatives for Wakehurst over many years.

Below are a few words on each of the core players.

Cohen Mantle

Cohen was team captain. In this age group, we adopted an approach of letting the players run the side without any significant input from the parents other than in a support capacity. Consequently, Cohen led the side in every respect, and did so admirably. Cohen also had a key role to play with the bat, scoring 293 runs at an average of 20.93, and alternated between keeping wickets and bowling key spells throughout the season. Most importantly, Cohen approaches the game with a positive attitude and a determination to enjoy his cricket. Cohen's best individual performances came in rounds 7 and 8 when he scored back-to-back half centuries against Forest and Beacon Hill.

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Manly Mini-Bash premiers!

Declan Annear

Declan joined the club this season and proved to be a real asset, both with his batting and keeping ability, and also with his relaxed, personable approach. Declan developed into a reliable top order batsman, his best innings coming in round 3 against Beacon Hill when he scored 55 and made a significant contribution to the side chasing down 216 for victory. A real team player, Declan was always happy to fill whatever role was asked of him.

Ben Cook

Ben bowls fast-medium inswingers and is a capable lower order bat. He was often called upon throughout the season to spearhead the attack and carry the load of bowling when times got tough. He relishes such challenges and invariably delivers either in the form of wickets or a reduction in the

run rate. He finished the season with 18 wickets at an average of 20.36, and his best bowling performance came in round 4 against St Augustine's when he took 5/30 from 11 overs, including the key wicket of Jake Osborne. His best effort with the bat came in round 13 against Beacon Hill when he scored 28.

Anthony (Ant) Denny

Ant is one of the stalwarts of the side and will be truly missed next season. He is a ca-

pable bat and can surprise with the ball, but most importantly he brings a fantastic attitude to his cricket. One of the real characters of the side he has a positive impact on all those around him and is always supportive of his team mates. Ant's best performance with the bat came in round 12 against Forest when he scored 29, and with ball in round 9 against St Augustine's when he took 3/29.

Saskia Horley

Saskia is possibly the most dedicated cricketer in the side, with a work ethic that is already paying off with representative honours. Saskia has a sound batting technique and is capable of scoring runs all round the wicket. She is also a very capable spin bowler and has a safe pair of hands. Saskia fin-

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ished the season with 259 runs at an average of 43.17, including back-to-back scores of 64* against St Augustine's and 70 against the Harbord Emus, and a crucial 45* in the semi-final against St Augustine's. Saskia is destined for higher honours and we will follow her career with interest.

Tom Hughes

Tom is the quiet achiever of the team. You barely know he's there until he cracks the ball to the mid-wicket boundary from outside off stump. Blessed with a good eye and an attacking mindset, Tom played some key innings for the side throughout the season. His best performance came in round 2 when he scored 20.

Ethan Joseph

Ethan is a fast-medium bowler with the potential to terrorise opposition batting line-ups when he gets it right. His ability to make the ball rise sharply off a good length is a real weapon, but consistency needs to be his focus. Ethan's best performance with the ball came in round 9 against St Augustine's when he took 3/19. Batting is not his strength, but in round 5 against the Harbord Emus, in the unaccustomed role of opener, he scored 24. One of the keenest cricketers going around, Ethan brings an infectious positive attitude whenever he plays.

Joel McGregor

Joel is a very talented all-round cricketer. Blessed with a natural, sound batting technique, the ability to bowl deceptive outswingers and sharp reactions in the field, he is a key member of the side. Despite all those talents, perhaps his most valuable asset is his calm, composed approach to his cricket irrespective of the state of the game.

Joel finished the season with 402 runs at an average of 36.55, including a century (110) in round 3 against Beacon Hill, 61 in round 6 against the Harbord Hornets, and 3 scores in the 40's. Joel's commitment to the side was also appreciated as, rather than leave the side short, he made valuable contributions in many games before having to leave early to go and play Shires for Warringah.

Declan McLerie

Declan is a great team player, happy to fulfil whatever role he is asked to perform. His bowling has become a real strength of his game. His late inswingers claimed many victims throughout the season and he finished with 13 wickets at an average of 15.15. Forest found him particularly difficult to play. He took 4/9 against them in round 7, and backed it up with 3/27 against them in round 12, including a hat-trick in which he took the key wicket of Jake de Angelis. Hat-tricks don't come round too often, and it couldn't have happened to nicer guy.

Oliver Melville

Oliver's selection for Warringah Shires meant we didn't get to see as much of him this season as we would have liked, but when we did it was great to have him around. He's a reliable opening batsman and very capable medium pace bowler who can tie batsman down with his accuracy. His best performance came in round 12 against Forest when he scored 29*.

Jeremy Nicholson

Jeremy is a left arm medium pace bowler with the ability to bowl dangerous inswingers or utilise his angle to create chances in the slips. In terms of wickets, this was a leaner season for Jeremy

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than we have become accustomed to, but he saved his best for the big games. In the semi-final the St Augustine's batsman found him batsman found him virtually unplayable as he took 5/6 from 5 overs and bowled the side to victory and into the grand final.

Owen Shaw

Owen was new to the side this year, and developed into a reliable middle order batsman and part-time medium pace bowler. A real quiet achiever, he goes about his work with a minimum of fuss. His best performance with the bat came in round 13 against Beacon Hill when he scored 34, and with the ball in round 12 against Forest when he took 3/14.

Cameo roles

The following players also made cameo appearances throughout the season:

Ned Barnet; Will Bassett; Aiden Bennett; Oliver Campbell; Jake Dobson; Sam Jones; Brynn Mendel; Lachie Molyneux; Hilton Ovenden; Josh Park; Zac Thomas; Sarah Turner. The most notable of those appearances was a century (139) by Brynn Mendel in round 1.

Thanks to Andrew (Smells) Melville, Ross Denny and Bill McLerie for their assistance umpiring, scoring and attending training throughout the season, and to the rest of the parents for their support of the side.

The awards go to:

Batting: Saskia Horley, 259 runs @ 43.17

Bowling: Declan McLerie, 13 wickets @ 15.15

Sportsperson: Declan Annear



2017/2018 Senior Award Winners

1st Grade

Batting	Matt Varjavandi	Sportsperson	Sam Worthington
Bowling	Ryan Ludowyke		

3rd Grade

Batting	Jamie Freidlein	Sportsperson	Jamie Freidlein
Bowling	Nicholas Dollman		

4th Grade

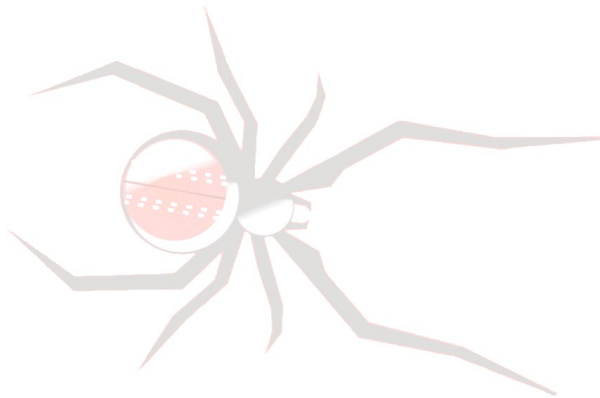
Batting	Toby Kovacs	Sportsperson	Nick Jarvis
Bowling	James Wright	Mick Martin Medal	Luca Candotti

5th Grade

Batting	Andrew Davies	Sportsperson	Thomas Hughes
Bowling	Cormac O'Donnell		

Captains

1st Grade	Matthew Varjavandi
3rd Grade	Matthew Murray
4th Grade	Luca Candotti
5th Grade	Andrew Davies



Vice President Seniors Report

It has been a pleasure and an honour to again this year be able to look after our Senior cricketers as Vice President, as well as take the field as a Redback. This is a very proud club surround by a fantastic bunch of people, both in the playing group, player's families and the committee.

Cricket is such a wonderful game where we can play as a team but also battle within ourselves to grow our individual performances. Being part of a community who play cricket with respect for the game and true respect for their teammates and opponents is a wonderful thing. Our club is known by our rivals of as a genuinely great bunch of people who play hard and fair.

GRAND FINAL WINNERS

We entered 4 teams for Season 2017/18. Of those 4 teams, 3 made it to the semi-final and 1 team won the Grand Final. Congratulations to Luca Candotti's 4th Grade Team (known as the "Black Widows") for taking out the ultimate prize and earning back-to-back Grand Final Baggy Reds!

I had the privilege to watch this amazing Grand Final, and what a cracker of a game it was. Coming down right to the end as it did last year.



HIGHLIGHTS

Aside from the one Premiership, some other highlights of the season were:

- We introduced a coach this season. A very big THANK YOU to Cameron Merchant who did a great job of running the training sessions and really worked hard on a personal level with all players at training to really give them some of those more intricate skills we wouldn't normal think about. Certainly was a big help to a number of the players.
- More players than every moving through various grades/teams.
- Number of new Juniors playing Seniors for the first time. Performed really well and great to have them as part of the Senior's squads.
- Fielded full sides every week all season.
- The utilisation of MyCricket "availability function" this year was fantastic. This allowed for much easier selection process later in the week to make sure as many people as possible got a game.

THE CHALLENGES

Along with the highlights, we also had some challenges this past season. The main challenge being around getting consistent teams each week and really getting that continuity. This is really a result of so many part time players. Whilst

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this is a necessary and normal issue - it is our ratio of full time players vs. casual players which poses the challenge. To reduce the issue we had in the prior season where we had trouble filling sides, this season was about putting the right amount of teams in based on full time players and statistics. It proved the right amount, but I would really love to have more teams next season. Certainly after Christmas, we had a surplus of players which is never ideal - I want everyone to get a game. But this requires some commitment from players to play as much as they can and do the correct type of registration at the start of the year.

We had 94 Registered Senior players for 2017/18 with 46 Full-time, 34 Part-time and 14 Juniors (some MWDCA who didn't play). Whilst the reduced number of 4 teams allowed us to fill them each week - there was a lot of changes each week - which affected key positions - i.e. sometimes you wouldn't have your strike bowlers, or your batting line-up was completely different.

The full complement of Senior players theoretically provided 23.5 players per team. The Full-Timers theoretically provided enough players for 11.5 players per team - but our full timers weren't all actually playing full time. It all turned out ok - it just meant a lot of juggling between teams.

The plus side of all of this complexity, is that we had a lot of cross-pollination between the teams. New friendships formed and the essence of a true 1 club forming.

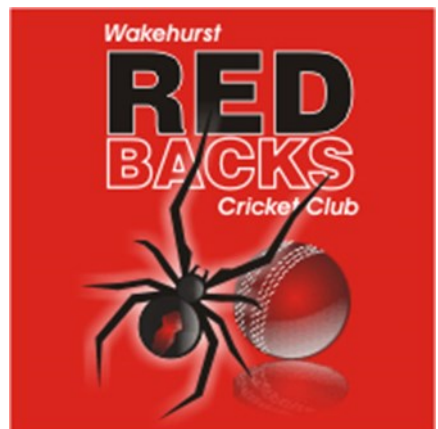
TRAINING

Training started similarly to last year - with a very small percentage of the squad coming down to the main training day. There are of course many reasons for this - and I don't expect it to be full.

By the end of the season, once the word got out this coach thing was pretty cool - we saw record numbers at training - which was fantastic. Really had a pretty good spread across a lot of the grades. Always better to be facing new bowlers as you would do in the game. Rotating the batters in their time slot was also great. Get down next year everyone who can - it's a lot of fun, and it will reflect in your performances.

VISION FOR 2018/19

We still have some challenges to address if we really want all our teams at the top of each grade - which as sportspeople is our goal. I am mindful though, that this is secondary to ensuring we are providing a fun



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club, with a great bunch of people who we spend a Saturday afternoon with. Actually – they are probably on a par – both important.. As sportspeople – we want to be successful.

Some of the things I think we need to improve on, and will require some thinking from us as a committee as well as you as players are:

- How do we create a clearer development pathway for our Juniors as they transition to Seniors cricket and beyond. We want the younger players developing with us and enjoying cricket at that harder level.
- Get the right players playing at the right level across our MWCA competitions
- Ensure that we are able to field full sides in every team, every week
- Streamline the administration of our Senior teams. More utilising as a whole on the availability technology to enable simple selection across all grades.
- Ensure those players who are keen to move up grades and challenge themselves have a route to do this.

IN SUMMARY

This past season saw more interaction between the players of different grades than ever. At the end of the day, although we play in separate teams, we are one club..... the Mighty Wakehurst Redbacks.

I hope you enjoyed your year of cricket again this year and again, Congratulations to 4th Grade who earned their esteemed Baggly Reds!

Thank you for everyone involved, including the family and partners who came down and watched!

Can't wait for Season 2018/19!!

GTMR!! (Go the Mighty Redbacks!!)

KEVIN HUME

Vice President – Seniors



Seniors 1st Grade

In what was a very distinctly different first grade side to Wakehurst teams of past, it was an overall quite successful season for the boys. A disappointing loss in the Semi Finals to our archrivals Harbord will not discourage us going forward and I hope we can get a similar team back together next season to have another crack.

After asking to play 2nd grade and being graded as one of the best teams in the competition, we had an extremely poor start to the season which included a loss to Manly Breakers (who only won one game all season). This was highlighted by our lack of continuity in players each week and some poor losses.

However, the boys were able to turn it around to the tune of 6 straight wins going into finals and some memorable wins to go with it including beating Long Reef and Harbord convincingly.

Thanks to everyone who played with us this season it was great fun. We'll go one step further next year I'm sure of it.

Matthew Varjavandi (Captain)

Varj has seen himself rise from 4th grade captain to taking over the 1st grade captaincy in the few years he's been at Wakehurst. The man led by example with the bat all year including the highest score in Wakehurst 1st grade history of 144 against Collaroy Plateau. Is beta.

Highlights: A century and one half century. Best figures of 3 for 21. Dropped a lot of catches. Total score of 11 for the season in our internal (totally not corrupt) ranking system.

Jonathon Hain (Manager)

The inspirational leader of the team who does not fail to deliver in all aspects of the game. Has no idea how to field but he'll still let loose if anyone else makes a mistake. Bats way too low for how aggressive he is. Really loves to take on the bowling. Is alpha.

Highlights: Best figures of 3 for 21 including 3 full toss wickets in one over. Total score of 2 for the season.



Sam Worthington

Our opening batsman and part time offie. Absolutely killed it in the last two games of the season with a 102* and 78 in the Semi Final. Was fantastic in the field as well and always a joy to have around.

Should have been at 3rd slip in the Semi Final. Is alpha.

Highlights: Impressive batting all year. Best figures of 2 for 37. Total score of 14 for the season.

Matt de Groot

Opening fast bowler and swashbuckling lower order batsman. Matt shared a massive partnership with Varj in which he scored 79 against Collaroy Plateau. Also, took 13 wickets at 9.8 for the season. Is probably too confident in his own ability and that is why we kept him away from the captaincy

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as much as possible. No one wanted to see him bowl 35 straight from one end. Is alpha.

Highlights: Averaged 48.3 with the bat. Best figures of 5 for 49. No comment on fielding. Total score of 5 for the season.

Andrew Gordon

The apron was back at it again showing up to each game reeking of alcohol and ciggies. Combined nicely with Sam as the other opening batsman. Failed to live up to his high ranking of 1st grade plus and coming off scoring the most runs in 2nd grade. Questionable on alpha/beta status.

Highlights: Scored a handy 81. No reason to bowl him. Total score of 5 for the season.

Reece Liddy

Reece continued to be a good middle order batsman and back up wicket-keeper. Still can't bowl because of his back or something like that. Fielded for us in the Semi Final which was huge. Is alpha.

Highlights: Scored 33 one game. Total score of 1 for the season.

Daniel Annakin

Opening/1st change bowler. Defies the law of physics how he bowls so fast in such a tiny, cute frame. Took 20 wickets at 19.90. Bowled some absolute rippers this year and scored important late order runs. Is alpha.

Highlights: Scored 25 one game. Best figures of 4 for 27. One of the best fielders in the competition. Not tall.

Ryan Ludowyke

Star opening bowler and an even better number 11 batsman. Bowled better and better as the season went on and is

great to watch when he's up and firing. Was particularly impressive against Long Reef in a one-dayer. Took 22 wickets at 14.8. Is alpha.

Highlights: Best figures of 5 for 16. Is a fantastic fielder. Quite tall.

Bradley Gordon

Top order batsman and has a big smile. Brad loved to go down to the pub with the boys after the game but was not very good at skolling. Scored a total of 214 runs in the season and I find him to be really easy on the eyes. Highlights: Scored 43 in the first game. Was downhill from there. Took some very important catches in the Semi Final. Bowling should not be spoken of.

David Nimmo

The President of this fine establishment and a crafty top order batsman. Scored a brilliant duck in the Semi Final just when we needed him. Shouts for many chippies at the Pub it's amazing. Tells me he bowls but I doubt it. Questionable on alpha/beta status. Highlights: Scored 32 against the top team. Nimble in the field.



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Sean Nimmo

Sean was always taken away from us due to his commitments to that beta thing called Shires. Will be 18 next season yewww. Is alpha after joining the slips cordon at such a young age.

Highlights: Scored 27 in the Semi Final. Cannot bowl. Great fielder.

Mark Godfrey

Not much to say about this guy. His most impressive performance was at the end of year festivities when he left the group for half an hour to play on the pokies alone. Averaged 7 for ages before he decided to score slightly better runs. Was the most improved with his bowling and ended up with amazing stats of 12 wickets at 10.92. Can't turn it though. Is probably beta let's be honest.

Highlights: Once again scored 7 a bunch. Best figures of 4 for 22. Was excellent at first slip.

Cameron Powell

Cam had a very up and down season with the fellas. Consistently showed up and put in some great performances but didn't have the same luck with his bowling as he did with his batting. When he pitches up his bowling however, he is deadly. Is definitely beta after dogging the boys for exams.

Highlights: Scored 31 including a massive 6. Really good fielder.

AJ Fry

Excellent all-rounder who just knows how to bowl in Park Cricket. AJ took a resounding 15 wickets from his 8 matches at an average of 10.7. Quit when the going went tough and is therefore beta.

Highlights: Best figures of 5 for 25. Excellent fielder and motivator. Forev-

er in our hearts.



Harrison Black

Full time wicket keeper and no time batsman. Harry was welcomed back into the team this year and had quite a few laughs with the slip cordon. I always wonder what they are talking about, wish I was good enough to be in there.

Highlights: Many a dropped catch. Hit some cool 4s and stuff.

Roland Schmidmaier

Rolls was a solid addition to the lower order and the pub team. An excellent cricketer and an even better bowls player. Could use some practice with those leggies.

Highlights: Scored 18 and batted with about 7 different partners one game.

Seniors 3rd Grade

This season started with a challenge. After not performing that well last season in 4th Grade, we had hope with changes to selection process, we would be able to secure some good players this season and take on 3rd grade, allowing the club to have a split amongst the grades. Unfortunately our season didn't go to plan, with a number of key players having injuries during the season as well as some being unavailable in the last half.

Despite not performing as well as we could, and losing a number of games we shouldn't have lost - we did have a good run there in late part of the season, and as always - it was fun with a great bunch of guys. We came from bottom on the ladder to fighting for that semi-final spot, which didn't come to fruition.

It was quite a challenging season in terms of getting a consistent squad. We utilised 25 players across the 14 rounds. Was really great to get to play with some of our club mates we hadn't played with before.

Matthew Murray

Our season again was led by the strategy master Matt Murray, who was always a guiding light showing that true Redbacks spirit and demonstrating to



other players the true spirit the game should be played in.

After a brief mojo issue with his swing bowling, Matt took control of this and put in some great master classes of hooping in swingers, all the while looking as light on his feet as an 18yo. Thank you Matt for all your incredible hard work and passion leading the team once again. High Score of 12 not out. Best bowling 3/44 with an economy rate of 4.0

Jess Ball

Our quintessential all-rounder had a good season this year, and his dry humour always makes Saturdays fun. Most memorable was his 63 late in the season against Manly Leagues - which took us from a collapse to a miracle victory. Jess didn't always manage the runs his talent deserves, but his bowling and fielding makes him a solid addition to the team.

Blake Gregory

What do I say, 2017/18 for Blake Gregory was the realisation of all his hard work at training over the past couple of years turning himself from a baseball player to someone showing incredible resilience and a true cricket batting style. With 4 not outs - he really showed his batting development. Should he have batted higher up in the order - his aggregate would have reflected his incredible evolvement. Always a team player - and always happy to fill in for other grades. Pleasure having you around mate.

Christopher Beecher

It was great to have Chris back in Redback colours this season! Welcome back mate. We really need to get you an updated playing shirt for next sea-

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son though.

Chris is another talented all-rounder being solid at the top of the batting order with high score of 34 and an aggregate of 179. Best bowling 3/31

Jamie Friedlein

This season saw the rise of the Freddy. We saw glimpses of brilliance and he put in some magnificent performances with both the bat and the ball. Freddy was the leading run scorer for the season as well as the top scorer. His 102 not out against Beacon Hill was innings of the season. Jamie tightened up his bowling significantly this year taking our only 5-for as well as a great economy rate. Batting aggregate 248 with an average of 27.6. Best bowling 5/41 with an econ rate of 3.2

Andy Cunningham

Andy again had another good season with us. He must have the biggest biceps I'd say wielding that monster piece of willow. Andy was our solid opener, who you can always count on to take the shine off the ball. He was missed in the last few games of the season. Batting aggregate of 199 with an average of 18.1 with top score of 39. Didn't get much of a bowl this season.

Harrison Scott

Harry decided not to Captain this year and just enjoy playing his cricket. He was certainly a welcome talent to a somewhat different squad he had from last year. No doubt the fastest runner in the team and the best beard in the club. Solid all-rounder who performed well with the bat and the ball. Harry is also an amazing fielder, despite one game where his throwing was off by about 30 degrees, he is amazing to



watch in the field.

He also underrated himself as a batter - but we managed to see some great innings which we all knew was expected from this talented all-rounder. When given the chance - he performed. High score of 44. Best bowling figures of 3/15 with an econ rate of 3.3

Phil Dunne

Phil "Mad Dog" Dunne was another new addition to the club this year - welcome Phil! Mad Dog always gives 110% and his passion is infectious. Also fond of as deep strategic analysis - his thinking reflects the power he puts in to his batting swing. Best bowling figures of 2/6.

Simon Horton

Simon "Mondo" Horton embodies our club. He is a selfless contributor to the club who is always willing to assist any team. Mondo has the unique knack of always managing to have the ball hit him directly on the boniest parts of his body. What you can count on though is for Mondo to always put himself behind the ball and make sure nothing gets through. Mid-on/Mid-off specialist. Mondo showed some real signs of development in his batting this year by working out some of his technique issues - which resulted in some lovely shots, especially those late cut shots down to the boundary. With no-doubt

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the best laugh in the club and the biggest heart, this club is blessed to have Mondo.

Richard Howard

Welcome also to Ric Howard this season! Solid batting with a crazy good eye, and also a handy off-spinner. Ric hadn't played for a number of years, so look forward to seeing what he can do next season now he has his eye back in. Highest Score of 39 and best bowling figures of 2 for 4.

Kevin Hume

Welcome back Kev "Rampage" Hume to this squad for the season with his solid batting and tweaking leg spinners.

Unfortunately Kev was not at his best this year as he was playing with a significant knee injury all season done in round 1 for 1st grade while achieving his best batting performance for the year. Highest score of 55 and best bowling figures of 3/19.

Nicholas Dollman

Nick "Dolly" Dollman again was a key player in this team with his incredibly economical off-spin darts. Economy rate of 2.8. He has the incredible knack

of being able to find the pad for LBW. He was sorely missed in the later part of the season. Dolly has a real sling-shot of an arm too, so invaluable in the field. Dolly underrates himself in the batting sense always choosing to bat at the bottom of the order. He has a great technique and would welcome him to push himself to bat a bit higher. Highest score 12 not out. Best bowling 3/12.

Aaron Melder

Another newbie for the club, Aaron was a welcome addition to the Red-backs. He has a gentle personality, but a real competitive but fair nature. Aaron was solid in his batting and an extremely good wicket keeper. Highest score of 34 not out.

Stuart Banham

Whilst we lost Stu for most of the season - he is excused as he was selflessly coaching one of our Wakehurst Junior sides. He was sorely missed though as both an aggressive opening batter and a prodigious swing bowler. Of his 6 matches - it wasn't his best year with the bat or ball - this was not a reflection of his talent. Hopefully we can snag him back for some more game time next season.

Adrian Hookham

The return of Hooks! Was great to see Hookham back donning the Baggy Red! We didn't get him for long, but for the 4 games we had him, he made an impact in key matches. Unfortunately injury took him away from us again right before finals. Hooks managed to get the 2nd place spot in the batting aggregate. Highest score of 98. Hopefully have him back full time next season.

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Jamie Murray

We also had the pleasure of Jamie “Rabbit” Murray joining us for the last part of the season. Rabbit had been working hard at film school for most of the season and unable to play. When he did come back though, his hard to pick action certainly caused some issues for opposing batters. He also looked fantastic with the bat this year. Highest score of 36 and best bowling of 4/45 with an economy of 3.1.

Gavin Franklin

Whilst we only had Gav for a couple of games this season - he is always a contributor to our results. He was certainly missed as an opening bowler this year due to injury and work commitments. Highest score of 26 and best bowling figures of 4 for 20.



Seniors 4th Grade – ‘Black Widows’

WRCC 4th Grade Premiers 2017-18

Expectations for the Black Widows were high this season after last season's premiership win. It was a disrupted pre-season though. The Rodwell boys were having a year off; the Kovacs's were unsure if they'd play and Adam McKern was said to be in contract negotiations with Wollongong Uni. In the end, we got the Kovacs's and Adam across the line, and we came into the season with a new captain in Luca, and a couple of new recruits in Nick Jarvis and Peter Karcher - with Will and Gabe joining the squad through the season. In its essence though, the team remained very much a father/son team.

The team prides itself on three qualities above all else: playing the game in a positive manner; total respect for our teammates, the opposition, and the spirit of the game; and an unwavering belief in ourselves, no matter the circumstances. It was this self-belief that delivered us a second Grand Final victory!

We thank the Wakehurst club once again for the tremendous support we've received in supporting the father/son concept. We'd also like to acknowledge and thank our families for their support and patience throughout the season

Cameron Brown

With the HSC now behind him, this was a much improved season for Cameron. One of the most attractive stroke-makers in the team, Cam can destroy an attack once he gets going, and he produced a couple of good scores. One

of Cam's best innings with the bat was in the opening game against Dee Why. Coming in with the team in trouble at 4-27 in the 10th over, he blazed 47 from 52 balls, including six 4s, in a match-winning 5th wicket partnership of 83 with Toby to set up a match winning total of 6-158. He was unlucky not to reach his half century. He scored an equally impressive 38 against Manly Breakers in round 10.

Having had an ordinary season in the field last year, Cam was back to his reliable best under the high ball. Following Michael Kovacs' sudden vacation of keeping duties, Cam quietly stepped into the role of fulltime keeper and the gloves just appeared to fit. He finished the season with 4 catches in the outfield, 5 as keeper, 1 stumping, and 2 runout assists. Two standout performances were his wicket-keeping in the finals, particularly in the Grand Final showing great composure under extreme pressure to safely glove the return throw and complete the match winning run out.

And who would have thought that Cam had a hidden talent for the 70's classic Nutbush City Limits (must be a Friday night Brown family favourite playing in the background while the Bulldogs are playing on the TV), leading the young guys through the song at the end of season celebration. Cammy was certainly back!

David Brown

David Brown is the heart and soul of the Black Widows. He does those little things that just make a day's cricket run so seamlessly. Painting the crease lines at the start of play, running the bar, doing the BBQ, scoring... nothing is too much trouble for Brownie - although he drew the line at the kit this

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year. "I'll do anything you want but I'm not lugging that !@#&^% kit around again", he was heard to bark.

Admittedly, we're all a little nervous before the start of play and we watch with trepidation for signs of his mood as he purposely strides out to the centre, with fence post and spray paint in hand, and Cammy in tow.

A David Brown completed scorebook is a rare thing of beauty, which Browney's protégé Matty Martin still aspires to. We were somewhat surprised though when Browney became a devotee of the MyCrick-et scoring app, particularly given his reluctance to get a smartphone.

It was great to see Browney get a few more opportunities higher up the order this season and he didn't disappoint us. The definite highlight of the season was in our last round match against Manly Leagues. On the first

day he stabilised the middle order with a very tidy 7 runs off 52 balls in a partnership with Adam, which featured a range of shots and some memorable running between the wickets.

On to day two. With the Manly Leagues batsmen on top and the Black Widows desperate for a breakthrough, the skipper knew he needed something special. He looked around the field and spotted DB limbering up at fine leg. He tossed the trusty veteran the ball and was immediately rewarded. Snarling "watch this you young blokes", the wily fox mesmerized the batsmen with 11.4 overs of probing, accurate medium pace, backed up by foot, ankle and

shin fielding, the likes of which had never been seen before on a cricket field. He finished the match with 3-37; not enough to save the match, but enough to give him the satisfaction of telling the young blokes "that's how you do it - line and length!"

Luca Candotti

Luca offered to captain the team this season, which is not an easy task when you have a diverse range of players, and when you are also a key batsman and bowler. And what a fantastic job he did in leading the team: tactically;

with aggression but in the right spirit of the game; always thinking as the game was unfolding; and able to listen to input from some of the other experienced players in the team.

Luca took his bowling to another level this year - a bit quicker, but maintaining his classic line and length. Come season's end Luca took 23 wickets from a phenom-

enal 142 overs, including 44 maidens, average of 13.09, and an economy rate of 2.12. There were many standout innings but perhaps the highlights were his two opening spells in the Semi Final and Grand Final, both of which lay the foundation for our success in both of those games.

Luca had a strong season with the bat, making quite a few good starts and establishing valuable partnerships at crucial parts of the match. Always playing with a steady head, Luca knew when to play conservatively and when to increase the run rate, never giving away his wicket with a rush of blood.

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This season Luca continued with his exceptional fielding - quick in the outfield, strong arm, and very safe pair of hands - finishing the season with 6 catches and 2 runout assists. There was probably no better display of this than in the Grand Final with the catch he took to dismiss Mike Urquhart. All of us tired in the field, runs at a premium, Luca extends his arms to a height that probably no one else in the team could have and takes the catch at a crucial point in the game.

Luca had a wonderful season which culminated in him winning our coveted Mick Martin Medal, a feat made all the harder due to having the responsibility of captain. He kept a cool head all season - the Grand Final being one of his best all-round matches of the season.

Peter Candotti

Specialist slips fielder, opening bat, team manager and Big C... add to this his bag of tricks in the spin bowling department and Peter was back in a big way for the 2017/18 season. Switching between opening batsman and the middle order, Peter had a solid season with the bat getting quite a few starts. His best innings was against Collaroy when he came in at no 8 - all fired up - following an unsavoury dismissal and some earlier sledging by the Collaroy keeper when he was umpiring, he was overheard mumbling some expletives directed at the Collaroy keeper on his way to the crease. What followed was a blistering display of batting where Peter finished unbeaten on 36 runs from 52 balls, including 2 fours - unfortunately for him he ran out of partners.

Peter solidified his hold on first slip this season taking 4 sharp catches, managing to keep the Phantom (kept at

bay in gully) and Adam McKern (banished to fine leg) out of the cordon for most of the season.

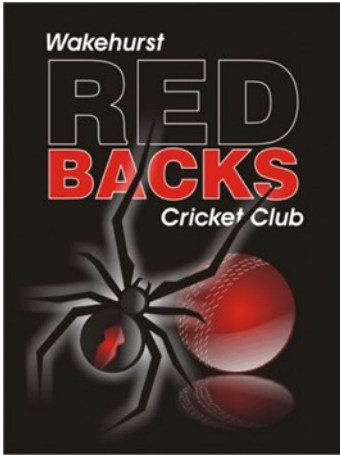
Obviously working on his bowling throughout the offseason, the skipper had no choice but to unleash him in round 10 in an attempt to remove the Manly Breakers no 3 (who had seen off our opening attack and appeared to have settled in). Enter P Candotti. The no 3 was exposed to the full repertoire of Peter's deliveries: the off spinner; the leg spinner; the top spinner; but the ball that bowled him was a beautifully delivered slider. At the close of play Peter had the best strike rate in the competition and the skipper had at his disposal another lethal spin bowler, to be unleashed at will on unsuspecting teams.

Suspect to normally sustaining injuries as the season unfolds, it appeared Peter approached this season on the back of a vigorous training regime with limited injuries being incurred. Apart from the usual black nails, injured fingers, and bung knees, it appeared he was going to be in for an injury free season. That was until Day 2 of the Grand Final when we witnessed one of the strangest of injuries to unfold on a cricket field. When the last wicket fell and Grand Final victory materialised, the team came together in an ecstatic huddle. At the same time Peter was seen running in the opposite direction, arms extended in Hayne Plane fashion, looking for players to celebrate with. Unbeknown to him the huddle had formed at the other end of the pitch. The next time we saw Peter he must have somehow managed to find the huddle. As the huddle disbanded Peter was found lying on the ground with a torn calf! How the calf was torn is still under investigation.

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Mike Dunn

A stylish batsman who mixes flashes of brilliance with rash shots and missed opportunities.....and fancies himself as a slips fielder. Who would have guessed that “The Phantom” works in real estate!

With the heat coming out of the Sydney market we expected to see a little more of The Phantom this season. Not so. He managed to squeeze a handful of games in between open houses, auctions and seemingly endless gatherings of his extended family. How one family can have so many birthday parties for 3 and 4 year olds defies belief! Both season highlights for the Phantom came against Harbord. Batting at number 5 in round 13, he displayed rarely seen maturity, and curbing his natural instincts, compiled an excellent 42 runs off 81 balls, guiding us to a defensible total of 165. At our next meeting in the Semi Final he was given out LBW, shouldering arms to the leg spinner for 0, causing Michael Kovacs to gasp “geez, you’d think we were playing in the sub-continent”. The neu-

tral umpire in defending his somewhat questionable decision declared “he can’t do that, I had to give him out”, followed up by the observation that “he’s not much of a batsman anyway is he?”

The Phantom wasn’t utilised in the bowling department this season as much as he would have liked, being hampered with a knee injury. He took 2 wickets, both against Dee Why. Slips is the Phantom’s preferred position in the field. He thought his position may have been cemented early on when he believed that the so-called Chairman of the slips cordon committee (Michael Kovacs) had given him the green light to field in slips for the season. This was soon retracted when Phantom was caught socialising in the cordon and hadn’t realised that the right handed batsman had taken a single, which now meant a left handed batsman was on strike. Phantom was now fielding in leg slip with the skipper bowling to an offside field! The Chairman was not happy and the Phantom was expelled to the outfield, last seen grazing at cow corner.

Nick Jarvis

Whilst a newcomer to the team this year, Nick slotted in immediately having previously played junior cricket with all of the boys. Nick is a selfless team player who brings great energy to the group and is always ready to do whatever needs to be done to support the team. Nick had an interrupted season due to a broken finger but this did not prevent him from coming along to as many games as possible and providing his support. He even convinced Gavin to host the post Grand Final celebration party at his house!

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The standout match for Nick was the round 3 clash against the Manly Breakers. The Breakers tail was providing a bit of resistance and Nick chimed in to finish off the innings, firstly with a great run-out assist and then he was tossed the ball to finish off the innings - which he did bowling the last man out and finishing with 1-9. The Breakers bowled tightly and Nick, coming in at number 3, put together a 24 run partnership with Adam to get us within comfortable range of the target - and a bonus point win!

Nick loves nothing more than chewing the fat while playing, bringing his own distinctive style of team banter to the field. When waiting in the sheds to bat Nick could have been mistaken for a fan from the stands in the Caribbean, complete with dreadlocks and Caribbean headwear. There he would tell tales that would mesmerise teammates. In the Semi Final he had Matty so enthralled in one of his tales that Matty forgot to get the BBQ supplies on time, and to the chagrin of David Brown who was scoring directly behind Nick and Matty, was overheard saying: "don't you f\$%#ken blokes talk to each other!?" In true Caribbean style Jarv just turned and smiled, while Matty headed off for a long walk to Harris Farm!

Peter Karcher

Our new recruit for the season "The Karch" slotted seamlessly into our bowling line-up. Whilst not the quickest of bowlers, his unerring accuracy and probing line challenged every bats-

man. His ability to swing the ball meant he took over the role as opening bowler. He didn't disappoint. Limited to just four appearances with the Black Widows due to family commitments, Karcher took 11 wickets at the excellent average of 10.82. Not bad for an old bloke! His best performances came firstly, on debut in round 2 against Cromer in a rematch of last year's Semi Final, where Karcher took 4-28 as we bowled out Cromer for 120; and secondly in the one-dayer against Manly Breakers in round 9, where he took 4-11 and pulled off a brilliant diving catch just millimetres from the



ground.

A steady technically-correct batsman, Karcher opened the innings on two occasions though didn't really have the chance to show his undoubted talent with the bat.

A great teammate, Karcher was sorely

missed in the second half of the season and we hope that he can return next year. You could tell The Karch just loved his cricket. He would bring his son to the games who also loved being involved with the team.

Michael Kovacs

Some of us spend the cricket off season playing winter sports, traveling or just having a break. And then some of us spend the off season trying to convince Michael Kovacs to back up for another year. Initially resisting our repeated advances on the grounds of injury and spending more time with his family. Michael finally relented however and answered an SOS call for

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the round 4 match against Mona Vale when we found ourselves short on numbers.

Now it was a very quiet season by Michael's lofty standards and some have said that his single-most significant contribution to the team this year was fitting most of the team out in very loud, surfer and bird themed shirts! <https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/KurlyWurlyBar>

Whilst it's true that he only played a handful of games this season Michael's undoubted class was there for all to see as he pulled off a number of catches and stumpings that we mere mortals can only dream of.

Opportunities with Henry's new bat were limited so we'll need to wait until next season to see that blade in full flight.

Highlight was the smug, self-satisfied look on his face when he nicknamed Peter Karcher "Gerni" and every time he mentioned the "high pressure" that Karcher was applying to batsmen. We are extremely grateful for Michael's support throughout the season and ironically, we think we more saw of Michael this season, when he wasn't playing full time, than last season when he was. So Michael, you definitely need to play full time next year to spend more time with your family.

Toby Kovacs

Another Kovacs who played hard to get. At the start of the season Toby announced that he was unlikely to play, having moved to the inner west and now attending Sydney Uni. To our great fortune he decided to play with us, initially for a handful of games - which became the full season. Toby's statistics for the season speak for themselves. 349 runs at an average

of 49.86, 23 wickets at an average of 7.30, 13 catches (6 as wicket-keeper) and 4 run out assists!

What really stood out this year was the development of Toby's bowling. Virtually unused as a bowler early on in the season (with the exception of a five over spell in round 4 yielding 2-10), he was unleashed in the round 9 two day match against the strong Cromer team. Leading a depleted bowling attack and defending a smallish total of 123, Toby, supported by James Wright, bowled the Black Widows to within a whisker of a memorable victory. Together they destroyed the Cromer top order, having them reeling at 6-42. Only an excellent 76 not out from the Cromer skipper, Greg Rollins, thwarted their efforts. Toby finished the match with 4-20 off 17.2 overs and announced himself as a spearhead of the attack.

Able to bowl consistent spells of accurate, penetrating in-swing - with a deadly yorker, Toby formed a formidable opening bowling partnership with Luca in the latter half of the season. Toby's contribution to the team was summed up in the Grand Final. He provided the backbone of our 1st innings score of 117 in compiling 34 runs off 71 balls before being unlucky to be given out LBW. This was followed up in the field with an incredible 4-21 off 17 overs and a sharp catch - in 40 degree heat. Then, in the dying overs, with Dee Why closing in on our total, Toby chased down a ball to the boundary, and with a great throw, whipped the ball back to Cammy standing over the stumps, to secure the Grand Final winning run out!

Will Lynch

Will joined the team mid-season at the conclusion of his European holiday,

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meeting the father-son criteria as the son Michael Kovacs always wanted. His enthusiasm and energy gave the team a much needed lift as we returned from our Christmas/New Year break. A great team player, his commitment to the team and love for the game cannot be questioned. His sense of humour is "unique" and we are still scratching our heads about some of the things that come out of his mouth.

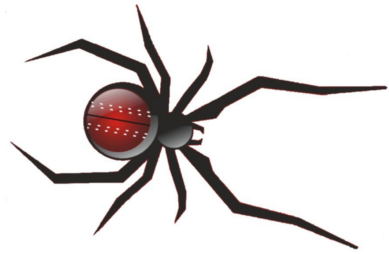
Batting in the nets, Will showed the potential to be a very good batsman. Unfortunately, he struggled to replicate his net form on the pitch in his limited opportunities. In round 13 against Harbord however, with the team in trouble at 8-135 and a few more runs required to post a competitive total, Will played a mature patient innings in partnership with Adam, scoring 14 and helping us post a defendable total of 165.

With the ball Will bowled consistently; his off spinners delivered at a good economy-rate to build pressure - until he decided to bowl medium pace off his long run - and the result was like steam being released from a pressure cooker. His best performance came in round 12 against Collaroy, taking the wickets of two of their best batsman to post 2-31, as well as contributing with two catches to cap a great all-round performance. He was also responsible for a couple of spectacular missed chances when fielding for the opposition - both off Toby! We look forward to a full season next year with more opportunities with bat and ball.

Matt Martin

Mr Consistency. Matty only missed one game all season. A very handy medium paced bowler, Matty probably didn't take as many wickets as would have

liked this season, however he continually built pressure which would often lead to a wicket being taken from the other end. The season highlight came in the round 3 clash against Collaroy on a wet skidding pitch. Matty was practically unplayable, ripping through Collaroy with figures of 4-11 to leave them floundering at 7-19 and setting



up a big win. Matty finished the season with a haul of 12 wickets. Matty had been improving with the bat at training and there was no better display of this than in our round 9 clash against Cromer. The scourge of Cromer (following last year's Semi Final winning shot), Matty had earlier joined Harrison at the crease. On Matty's arrival at the crease the Cromer skipper looked white as a ghost - a hangover from Semi Finals past. Matty decided on this occasion that rather than doing everything in his customary twos, he thought he would rub salt into Cromer's 2017 wounds, up the ante and triple his normal two to six, where he played a great supporting role to Harrison, putting on a partnership of 34, before he was bowled for 6. Cromer must surely be questioning why he doesn't bat higher up the order!

Matty is also a very reliable fielder whose energy in the field is infectious and lifts the team whenever we look

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like falling flat. The older guys love fielding near Matty because he takes on the workload of two fielders and will always support those whose quicker days are behind them. Matty finished the season with 5 catches and 2 runout assists.

Adam McKern

This year Adam stepped up and solidified his role as an opening batsman, batting at the toughest time, facing the new ball and the best bowlers. He became crucial to our success, setting the tone for the rest of the innings and almost doubled his run tally from last year finishing with 262 runs at an average of 21.83. We're not sure what led to his success. Was it the interchanging of the old black durag for the new white one? Was it the new Thrax bat (Indian grade 3 willow last seen on eBay for sale for 50 Rupees), or was it walking in to bat with the Greenback Boogie ringing in his ears? Whatever it was it worked. As a result, his bowling took a back seat this year; however, he could still be relied upon to break a crucial partnership. Arguably his best spell came against Harbord in round 13 when Harbord looked well in control at 3-92, chasing 165. Adam bowled in tandem with Toby, taking 3-22, to rip through the Harbord middle order leaving them in tatters at 7-101 and forcing them to bat out for a draw. Adam has promised to work on his geometry in the offseason to ensure his outfield is correctly positioned when fielding square and at 45 degrees to the wicket. In what appears to be a good start, he was overheard reciting Pythagoras' theorem while crossing to fine leg between overs late in the last round against Manly Leagues.

Adam is a tremendous fielder (off his own bowling), beginning with his trade-

mark celebration before the ball has even reached the batsman, and he took two of his three catches off his own bowling. This same catching ability was not always replicated when others were bowling. From his heady days of fielding at 2nd slip, the team felt it was in his best interest to be banished to fine leg for most of the season to learn the finer art of fielding in the outfield. At fine leg he seemed to relish the tranquillity, revel in the crossover between overs, and perfect his field geometry. We look forward to Adam building on his impressive season with the Black Widows next season.

Iain McKern

Having captained the Black Widows to a first up premiership last season, Iain unselfishly stood down as skipper this season to give the opportunity to Luca and to concentrate on his batting. The freedom that this brought to his batting was evident early on in the season and he performed consistently, proving to be our rock in his preferred position of number 3. In ten innings, most of those at three, he only failed to reach 20 runs on three occasions. Although he would have liked to have turned a few more of those starts into 50's, he still finished the season with 325 runs at the excellent average of 32.5.

Iain started the season brilliantly with the ball, often breaking key partnerships in the one-day matches with his explosive pace deliveries, delivered with a blood curdling grunt. However, as the season went on he bowled less, preferring to give the opportunities to the younger members of the team - or so he would have us believe.

Iain's season with the ball officially ended with a memorable 12 ball over

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against Harbord, featuring a series of leg side wides, with a no-ball ball thrown in for good measure. Remarkably, despite conceding 6 runs from wides and no-balls, the over only went for 8 runs. Those of us on the field at the time are a little surprised that a few more of Iain's missiles weren't called wide. We suspect it was a combination of the young umpire's sympathy towards the struggling bowler, and the fact that the keeper, Michael Kovacs, was taking up position at leg slip in the latter half of the marathon. Interestingly, this match also coincided with Kovacs's last appearance as wicketkeeper for the season!

This aside, the highlight of the season for Iain was undoubtedly his 68 runs against Harbord in the Semi Final. Coming in at 1-21 and chasing 131 for victory, Iain dominated the Harbord attack with a masterful innings, featuring in two excellent partnerships with his son Adam (46 runs) and then Toby (50 runs), steering the team to within comfortable sight of the target.

Gabe Suntutup

Gabe quickly made a name for himself as the team's number one supporter - coming along to almost all of our games. He was a huge help running out drinks and providing laughs for the whole team with his sense of humour and his sheer bravado in entering into an ongoing verbal stoush with the Harbord keeper.

Gabe had never played cricket before (although you wouldn't believe it if you had listened to him boast about his "Steve Smith like batting" and his rapid bowling), however in round 2 when we were struggling for numbers Gabe offered to help out. Coming from a baseball background, it seemed like Gabe

had brought his baseball glove out into the field as he stopped every ball that came his way.

In round 5 Gabe once again answered our call for help as we were a player short. Gabe got a bowl! His first ball went straight to gully. We settled in for what looked like being a lengthy over. To our amazement, Gabe's followed it up with an absolute peach! It's taken the edge and went straight through to the keeper. The whole team went up in unison in expectation of the umpire's finger of death. The umpire was unmoved and Gabe was denied his first wicket. Although they were the only two games Gabe played, he was very much a part of the team and his support as the ultimate 12th man was invaluable to our success. We look forward to a full season next year!

Doug Wright

Round 1 v Dee Why. Doug picks up where he left off last season where he'd earned his reputation as "The Finisher", due to his knack of steering the team home in tight situations. Batting at number 7 he contributed 10 runs off 11 balls to an unbroken 46 run partnership with Toby, to establish an imposing one day total of 158. Disaster then struck in the Dee Why innings! Doug, nicknamed Punter for his uncanny resemblance to Ricky Ponting when fielding at cover, dived for a regulation stop. Unbeknown to us at the time, he'd landed awkwardly and had fractured his ribs. Doug soldiered on to see out the match - but would then be out of action for two months! On record as saying that "I start to look forward to weekend cricket on Saturday night" Doug was devastated - and the Black Widows camp was thrown into turmoil!

As expected, a couple of broken ribs

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weren't going to stop Doug from enjoying his cricket. He was still there at training, and at every game. When he did return, Doug struggled with the bat, and we will need to wait until next season to witness again his uniquely unpredictable medium pace bowling. But "cometh the hour; cometh the man". In the Grand Final, coming in at number 8 and with the side in deep trouble at 7-90, the patient and unflappable "Finisher" returned. Poking and prodding, he batted for 20 overs and together with his son Michael, kept the Dee Why bowlers at bay for over an hour, guiding us to a total of 117, which in a match ultimately won by five runs, proved to be a match winning innings. The last word goes to Mike Urquhart, the vanquished Dee Why batsman who begrudgingly observed "if only we could have batted with that level of discipline".

James Wright

James was a revelation with the ball, stepping up to become a crucial member of our attack. Bowling first change and in the middle overs his angle and swing away from the right-hander proved nightmarish for opposition batsmen. James finished the regular season with 21 wickets, the most of anyone in the team, at a very impressive average of 11.05.

His biggest improvement was his accuracy and economy going from 4.58 last year to 2.88 this year and it was this pressure that allowed us to be so effective through the middle overs. James' best performance of the year came in round 3 where he took 4-11 off 5 overs to rip through the Manly Breakers lineup. However, it was James' consistency, only twice failing to take a wicket in an innings, that was most impressive.

With the bat James played a few different roles including opening the batting at times during the season. Although this role was unfamiliar to him, James approached this challenge with confidence and positivity, playing several important knocks. One such innings was in round 5 against Collaroy, batting on an unbelievably wet and skidding pitch, James batted patiently in compiling 14, anchoring our chase to steer us to victory. The importance of this innings was highlighted by the fact that this was the equal highest individual score of the match. He was equally effective however, batting down the order where he was free to play his naturally attacking game, as one of the cleanest hitters in the competition.

As one of our safest fielders James took five catches this year and he could consistently be relied upon to field in the key positions in the field.

Michael Wright

Previously regarded as a steady opening batsman, Michael transformed his game to become an adaptable and dependable member of the middle to lower order. Impressive was the way he approached his innings, with a clear plan to attack anything short while keeping out the good balls. Depending on the game situation, Michael was adept at playing an innings to either dig us out of a hole or accelerate the innings. In round 7 against Manly Leagues we were in trouble chasing 148 and needing quick runs, Michael came out and blasted 21 off 15 including four boundaries as we fell just short off the Manly total.

His most impressive innings however, came in the Grand Final against Dee Why where we were in deep trouble at 8-91. Batting with his father Doug, Michael was resolute in defence in a partnership

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that lasted just short of 20 overs, frustrating the opposition and helping us reach a defendable total.

Michael didn't have his best year with the ball as he at times struggled with his consistency and confidence. He was nonetheless a valued member of the bowling attack and had an uncanny knack of taking big wickets at important times. One such example was in the Semi Final against Harbord where Michael stepped up on the big stage taking 3 wickets including the wickets of two of the key Harbord batsmen.

Michael finished with 3-19 off 6 overs as we bowled out Harbord for 127 putting us in reach of the Grand Final!

An athletic fielder with a safe pair of hands, Michael often patrolled the mid-wicket boundary using his speed and rocket arm to save valuable runs.

In addition, we'd like to recognise the following players who helped out during the season - with a special thanks to Matt Murray for making members of the third grade squad* available:

Kevin Hume* (Round 5)

Simon "Mondo" Horton* (Rounds 6 & 7)

Gavin Franklin* (Round 7)

Blake Hunter* (Round 8)

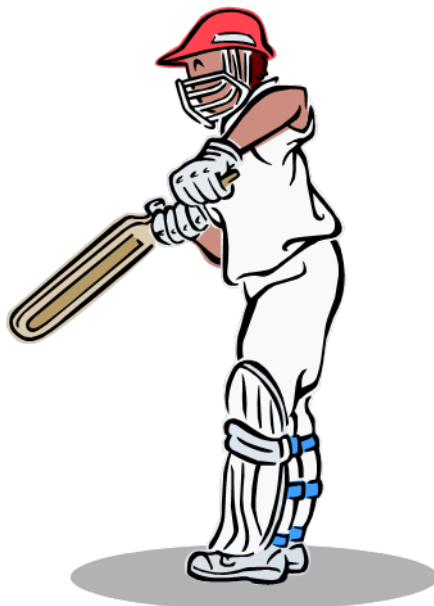
John McCormick (Round 9)

Harrison Graham (Round 9)

Jonathon Hain (Round 9)

Phil Dunne* (Round 10)

Blake Gregory* (Round 11)



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I am not sure whether I love or loathe it however, park cricket before the beginning of the season is perhaps nearly as frenetic as playing a Grand Final! Hmm...perhaps not! After a highly satisfying 2016/2017 season that resulted in our side being Premiers, I thought it was going to be quite an easy process to maintain our squad and build to going back to back in fine style! However, the anomaly that is park cricket can definitely shatter those hopes rather quickly. After quite a period of time in where I was not sure whether my side would even be fielding a team, we managed to scrap together a side that made it to the field with little preparation against Beacon Hill for Round 1. To put into perspective, 3 of those players that were in the side did not play for the team again for the whole season! There were quite a fair few introductions just to know the names of each individual.

Nevertheless, once the first ball was bowled, we knew that the season had gone underway and we had to accept whatever consequences became of this. Initially after having a decent opening stand of 29 between Tom Fitzgibbon and the memorable Thomas Hughes, we fell into a rot at 4/52. Do not fear though, your captain is here! Along with Jack Pocklington, we turned the tide and ended up putting on 158 together unbeaten for the 5th wicket! The unbeaten partnership of 158 happened to coincide with both Jack and I achieving our highest scores! In the end, the chase from Beacon Hill was a little too much for them, especially when our opening bowling combination took 4/21 off a total of 11.2 overs! A special mention must go to Oliver Harris who in his one and

only game took 2/23 off 3 overs! Beacon Hill were bowled out for 128 and thus, gave us an great start to the season!

Round 2 against Harbord Bowling Club saw no fewer than 5 changes being made to the team from the previous week! Harbord Bowling Club were our opponents from last season's rained out Grand Final and were looking to seeking avenge! What happened in the first hour of the game was nothing short of extraordinary. In his first game in the Seniors, Cormac "Fishy" O'Donnell proceeded to open the bowling and absolutely tear apart any chance that Harbord Bowling Club may have had! The conditions suited Cormac perfectly and his ability to jag the ball back in outside of off stump were just way too good for their batsman. In the end, Cormac took 5/17 off 6 overs ON DEBUT to bowl Harbord Bowling Club out for 38 in 13.1 overs! All of the other bowlers managed wickets as well in Matthew Moore, Nathan Bennett and Tom Fitzgibbon to ensure that it was indeed a team effort! Caleb Koithra and Patrick Todd would guide us home to win by a comfortable 9 wicket margin with just a touch above 20 overs to spare!

Round 3 against Chatswood Gypsies were somewhat of an unknown entity as they had never played in the competition previously. We learnt pretty fast that their opening batsman would be a massive threat to our chances of winning! However, a well thought out plan that had nothing to do with the captain achieved the vital wicket and apart from a tail-end flurry, Chatswood were comfortably bowled out for 109. Matthew Moore's key wicket of their open

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ing batsman would lead him to 2/22 off 5 overs whilst Sam Dempsey bowled with inspiration on his first game back by earning 2/12 off 5 overs. Caleb Koithra anchored the chase beautifully that led him to finishing on 64 not out. Caleb's partnerships with Jack Pocklington and yours truly ensured we would win by 8 wickets and proceed on to the next game 3 from 3!

To this day, I thought I had not watched a more destructive performance with the bat than when I saw Tim Ryan blast an unbeaten 174. On Saturday October 28, 2017, I was sorely mistaken. In what sadly was his only appearance for the season, Rhys Brooks went about one of the most unbelievable batting efforts that you will ever see. By the time 8 overs had been completed in our innings, we were already on 100 runs. When Rhys was finally dismissed just a fraction before the half-way mark of the innings (30 over Game), the team score was 192. Rhys managed to bludgeon 137 runs off just 51 balls that included an unbelievable 15 sixes! Supported by Thomas Hughes who made 37 himself at the top of the order, the partnership these two put on effectively meant Long Reef were already out of the game. Being so swept in the excitement of the situation, we still managed to finish all out for 248! We had 3 overs left to bat! Nevertheless, it was quickly realised that Long Reef's opening batsman were in for a challenge and scored runs at will! Thomas Fourie was then put on and took out the off stump of their key batsman and in his spell, took 2/10 off 4 overs. Thomas's effort put Long Reef out of the game and they decided to bat it out, finishing on 9/89 off 30 overs. We bowled everyone that game and incredibly, our best bowler was Thomas

Hughes with 2/2 off 2 overs. I have been reminded of that every single game since by him....

Unfortunately, Round 5 against Collaroy Plateau was rained off even though it could have been possible to start...let's move on from that. Round 6 was a re-match against Beacon Hill and it was a much tougher Beacon Hill side that went out and played. We actually had a better start than the last time we played them thanks to the 2nd wicket partnership of Tony Dertadian and yours truly. After Tony was dismissed for a well-made 22 and to this day, yours truly is still unsure how he was bowled on a full toss on leg stump, we collapsed to 6/86. After a number of comfortable victories, we were in deep trouble. Enter Jack Chick and Shawn Richardson. We had seen a bit of Jack bat in the previous match and he has all the technique to play as high a level as he wants in Cricket. Shawn on the other hand was in a similar situation for us last season and managed to carry us across with an incredibly well controlled knock. These two individuals stepped up and put on 92 unbeaten for the 7th wicket! From



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6/86, we took our score to a defensible 6/178 however, knew that it was not going to be easy still. Jack had a match to remember though and took 4/24 off 6 overs to take any chance that Beacon Hill had of victory. Sam Dempsey took the crucial wicket of their most destructive batsman and Cormac bowled miserably to take 1/8 off 5 overs. In limited overs cricket, sometimes it is more important about economy rate than necessarily taking wickets...

Round 7 against Harbord Bowling Club was always going to be a tougher match than the previous encounter and Harbord's decision to bat first was perhaps done on avenging their previous efforts! Well, they definitely did prove it! Even though 4/126 off 30 overs was a bit slow, the ground was not particularly fast and they ran plenty of those runs that they accrued. Cormac once again led the way with his 2/10 off 4 overs whilst Jonathan Hain, Blake Hunter and Thomas Hughes bowled spells that kept the runs tight to help us with the chase. After Tony and yours truly were both dismissed in forgettable shots, Thomas Hughes and Josh Capiron went about fixing the problem and took away the early ascendancy that Harbord Bowling Club had gained! Thomas made 32 and Josh fell just short of a well-deserved half-century with 48 but at 3/107 just before Josh's dismissal, surely 20 runs to win with 7 wickets in hand was pretty straightforward? Wrong. We went from 3/107 to 8/113 in an almighty collapse. Thankfully, the rear-guard efforts of Matthew Moore and Blake Hunter salvaged the day and we clawed out a 2-wicket victory in what became a very nerve-wracking game! We were still undefeated and comfortably on top of the ladder!

Round 8 against Chatswood Gypsies was possibly one of the most disjointed matches of cricket that will ever be played. To this day, I still have not had any response from the MWCA over the match in where Chatswood Gypsies failed to turn up both weeks at the beginning of the designated starting time. On both weeks, the game was delayed by 30 minutes as we were waiting for them. In the rulebook, it is clearly listed as a forfeit that could be played under protest. However, we did ourselves no favours with the performance we put up with the bat. Josh Capiron can hold his head up high with a fantastic 67 not out however, the next highest score was 13 and we fell to a disappointing 147 all out with plenty of time to bat out remaining. Even with a few early wickets in their run chase, Chatswood regrouped and managed to chase down the total with 5 wickets to spare. It is a bit arguable though how many players they actually had to bat as it looked like in Week 2, they did not even have enough players. Round 8 was clearly the game that I would like to forget the most from the season...

Round 9 against Long Reef was more about making a statement after what happened the previous round. It proved to be just that as we bowled Long Reef out for 66 in just under 20 overs. Everyone in the bowling department bowled well with Sebastian Candido making his long awaited return to the field with 3/7 off 3 overs. It was a destructive spell in where Long Reef had no answers for his bowling. Ky Broome happened to play his first game for us as well and took 3/21 off 3.3 overs with a wonderful display of aggressive spin bowling. Luke Richardson and Will Lynch helped us off

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to a good start in the run chase that was enough to avoid any potential disasters with Luke batting to the end and making 29 not out. A comfortable 7 wicket win was attained with just under 20 overs to bat and we were back in control just before Christmas!

Round 10 against Collaroy-Plateau would just happen to be our first time that we would face this side. Thomas Fourie was particularly keen to play against this side! Thomas went on one of the most destructive opening spells you will see, taking 4 wickets and absolutely dismantling the chances of Collaroy-Plateau. Even though Thomas was hit for a few runs towards the end, his 4/26 off 6 overs will not be forgotten! Some sharp fielding at short cover by Jack Pocklington helped Thomas pick up some of his wickets! Matthew Moore cleaned up the tail with 3/2 off just 2 overs and James Quillan bowled a fine spell of 1/8 off 6 overs to ensure Collaroy were bowled out for just 63 runs. The run chase proved to be surprisingly difficult at first with the loss of 2 early wickets however; Josh Capiron and yours truly would come to the rescue with an unbeaten 3rd wicket stand of 66 to carry the team over the line to an 8 wicket victory! After what happened in Round 8, comprehensive wins in Round 9 and 10 was the tonic that was needed.

Unfortunately, the Christmas break can be detrimental towards maintain momentum and Beacon Hill were definitely up for the challenge! On the 3rd occasion we had played Beacon Hill for the season, we batted first and were bowled out for 141. Thomas Hughes managed to make 26 up the top of the order and fine efforts in the middle order from Anthony Denny (24) and Blake Hunter

(42) ensured that we at least had a defensible total. At one point in Beacon Hill's chase, the game was clearly in the balance when they were 7/114. However, we were unable to take the final wickets and fell just short of a tight victory. Cormac O'Donnell took 2/22 off 7 overs and James Quillan bowled well to manage 2/26 off 6 overs. Sam Dempsey was cruelly robbed of a big wicket haul in his 1/13 off 9 overs. Apparently there were a number of dropped catches....catches win matches boys!

Over the course of the season, the competition was noticeably becoming tougher and our Round 12 match against Harbord Bowling Club was no exception. A solid batting performance from Harbord Bowling Club had them comfortably moving along early in their innings. However, the chance to turn to spin proved to be quite useful as Ky Broome and Ric Howard went about stifling the momentum that Harbord Bowling Club had. Thomas Fourie was then brought back on and along with Matthew Moore, the screws were tightened and wickets began to fall. Thomas led the charge with 4/39 off 12 overs whilst Matthew Moore can be very pleased with his 1/15 off 5 overs considering he was brought on at the death! The chase was never going to be easy though as Harbord managed to make 9/196 off their allotted 50 overs. Losing a few early wickets did not help our cause and we fell to 3/57 and in quite some trouble. However, over a long and gradual period, the momentum had shifted. Initially, the 4th wicket stand of 67 between Jack Pocklington and yours truly led us out of serious danger. The 5th wicket stand of 73 that was unbeaten between Blake Hunter and I finished the job off to post a fantastic 6 wicket victory. In the end, I

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managed to finish on 102 not out and bat for nearly 45 overs to achieve the feat. It is the most satisfying batting performance I have done considering the circumstances of the match.

Round 13 against Chatswood Gypsies was definitely all about seeking revenge for a match that we were furious about the previous time we played them. Batting first, a great opening stand between Patrick Todd and Thomas Hughes took the score to 50 before Patrick fell for 31. From there, Thomas and myself then put on 100 for the 2nd wicket until someone finally decided to catch a ball that Thomas hit and he fell for a new best of 43. Jack

Chick and I stayed to the end and we managed 2/184 off 30 overs with yours truly making 92 not out. Chatswood never really looked like making the chase as they were losing regular wickets and were subsequently bowled out for 136. It was good to see Hamish Moore back in the side and to get a wicket on return was good to see! Nathan Bennett proved that he only needed 1 over to produce some lethal damage and earning 2/1 off that feat is something to be proud of! James Quillan and Cormac O'Donnell led the charge at the start and took 2/23 off 10 overs between them to all but dent any hopes Chatswood may have had.

By Round 14, we knew that we had won the Minor Premiers title for the season, a fine achievement to do it with plenty

of time to spare. We wanted to mix things up for the final few rounds and give players a go that perhaps may not have been done as well throughout the season. Nathan Bennett then decided to send a friendly reminder that his batting services will be required for next season. For what was years of hard work and practice, finally Nathan deserved some reward and his 31 against Long Reef will never be forgotten. Boundary after boundary, the team was thrilled at seeing Nathan dismantling the Long Reef bowling attack.



Along with Josh Capiron and Jack Pocklington, we were sitting comfortably at 3/133. However, things can change quickly in Cricket and we fell to 182 all out. A few late boundaries from Sam Dempsey ensured that we would reach that

score because it could have easily been less. After Long Reef's start, we were in a spot of bother when they were 0/58. A great ball from Sam Dempsey brought about a wicket but Long Reef pressed on to 1/108. Once again though, Thomas Fourie bowled their talisman batsman out and the tide swiftly changed. Matthew Moore bowled the performance of his Wakehurst career to take 5/33 off 11.1 overs and carry us to a thrilling 1-run victory! To put this in perspective, Long Reef were 8/181 before a crazy run out and a first ball duck. It was an incredible game in the end after what was initially going to be a bit of fun. Well, it certainly was fun at the end!

The final home and away game happened to be against Collaroy and once

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again, things were mixed up to ensure that everyone had a go. Collaroy batted well at the top of the order and managed to bat out their entire 65 overs for 8/210. We bowled 11 players throughout the game and Shawn Richardson happened to be the best of the bowlers with 2/6 off 6 overs. Shawn managed to bowl in tandem with his son Luke at one point and proved to be quite effective! It will be great to see that next season a few more times! The run chase was not exactly one of our finest and more effort was put into ensuring we would have a 2nd attempt at rectifying it.

Bowled out for 106 was pretty poor but Sebastian Candido making 28 was one shining light. In our 2nd attempt, we held off the follow-on with 7/125 off just 15 overs. I was pretty keen on avenging my cheap dismissal in the 1st innings and made 88 off 43 balls on the 2nd attempt! Blake Hunter and Nathan Bennett batted out enough time to ensure that there was no way Collaroy could win and we held on to just going down on 1st innings. There you have it, the home and away season was over and we finished on top by a considerable margin! Things were moving along fine and we managed to pick our near best squad for the semi-final against Long Reef.



The decision to put Long Reef into bat first in the semi-final was one that was based around bowling them out for a cheap score and then just batting until a realistic result could not be reached. However, the key to achieving this was by ripping apart their top order as we knew that was a significant threat. In the end, a crucial dropped catch and a missed run out or two really hurt our chances as they went to 1/107 on what was a tough wicket to score on. Nevertheless, the bowlers did not give up and we managed to turn it around to bowl them out for 161. Cormac O'Donnell stepped up at the end to take 4/15 off just 6.3 overs with Sam Dempsey and Ky Broome bowling well in support. The most significant effort though came from Thomas Fourie who bowled tirelessly for little reward in his 19 over spell for 1/35. A chase of 162 was challenging but with our batting line-up, we were confident of chasing it down. Initially after losing Patrick Todd, Thomas Hughes and myself put on 42 for the 2nd wicket to steady the ship to 1/47. Thomas was then unlucky to chop on and with yours truly being dismissed LBW for the first time that season, Wakehurst collapsed to 6/58 and in dire trouble. Josh Capiron and Matthew Moore proceeded to steady the ship until they both departed quickly and we were done at 9/95. Ky Broome and Same Dempsey never gave up though and were starting to really scare Long Reef with a 10th wicket stand of 38. Hope was starting to build until Sam's stumps went out of the ground and we were bowled out for 133.

After being so far out in front for the entirety of the season, to lose in the semi-final was pretty devastating. There are a number of reasons that cost us the

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game but it is a credit that at times, we could have thrown the game away but did not. We never gave up and fought it out no matter how hard it was. To pull Long Reef back from 1/107 to 161 all out is an incredible effort. For Ky and Sam to keep the faith and take us from 9/95 to 133 all out shows mental strength. To put in perspective, the 23 not out was the highest score Ky had made for us by quite some margin. I am really proud of this team, quite a young team too at that. We knew at the start of the season that this was not our strongest squad we could have had but everyone stepped up and improved over the course of the season. I am not sure what will happen for season 2018/2019 but I do hope that we can keep the squad together and bring some players back from previous times too! It is always a wonderful experience playing in this team and as long as the guys are keen for one more, it will surely be an entertaining season to say the least!

As I have done in previous seasons, below is a profile of every "core" member of the 2017/2018 playing squad for the Wakehurst 5th Grade side:

Nathan Bennett

Matches: 9

Batting Stats: Innings: 4. Runs: 36. Average: 12.00.

Highest Score: 31 against Long Reef, Round 14.

Highest Partnership: 2nd wicket of 54 with Josh Capiron against Long Reef, Round 14.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 15.5. Maidens: 0. Runs Conceded: 58. Wickets: 6.

Best Bowling Figures: 2/1 (1 Over) against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 13.

Fielding: 0 Catches

Highlight of the Season: By far and away, Nathan's efforts of 31 with the bat against Chatswood Gypsies. I am already looking forward to seeing what destruction Nathan can commit to an opposition's bowling attack next season!

Ky Broome

Matches: 6

Batting Stats: Innings: 3. Runs: 30. Average: 15.00.

Highest Score: 23* against Long Reef, Semi-Final.

Highest Partnership: 10th wicket of 38 with Sam Dempsey against Long Reef, Semi-Final.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 41.2. Maidens: 5. Runs Conceded: 164. Wickets: 9.

Best Bowling Figures: 3/21 (3.2 Overs) against Long Reef, Round 9.

Fielding: 3 Catches and 1 Assisted Run-Out.

Highlight of the Season: Ky's performance in the semi-final was outstanding. Not only did he record a fantastic 23* in a chase most other players would have given up on, his 2/33 off 12 overs helped stem the flow of runs to start the turnaround in restricting Long Reef's ability to score runs.

Sebastian Candido

Matches: 5

Batting Stats: Innings: 3. Runs: 42. Average: 14.00.

Highest Score: 28 against Collaroy-Plateau, Round 15.

Highest Partnership: 9th wicket of 35 with Thomas Hughes against Collaroy-Plateau, Round 15.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 22. Maidens: 3. Runs Conceded: 77. Wickets: 3.

Best Bowling Figures: 3/7 (3 Overs) against Long Reef, Round 9.

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Fielding: 1 Catch and 1 Assisted Run-Out.

Highlight of the Season: Sebastian's welcome return to the team after quite some time out was the pick of his performances. His efforts of 3/7 in just 3 overs absolutely destroyed the Long Reef middle order and put us on the pathway to a big win!

Ben Capiron

Matches: 8

Batting Stats: Innings: 6. Runs: 15. Average: 2.50.

Highest Score: 6 against Beacon Hill, Round 6.

Highest Partnership: 1st wicket of 10 with Caleb Koithra against Harbord Bowling Club, Round 2.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 1. Maidens: 0. Runs Conceded: 11. Wickets: 0.

Best Bowling Figures: 0/11 (1 Over) against Collaroy-Plateau, Round 15.

Fielding: 1 Catch.

Highlight of the Season: Ben gave it his all throughout the season and was wonderful in the field. Ben's one and only boundary for the season gave him his highest score for the season and I am sure he will be on the lookout to hit a few more next season!

Josh Capiron

Matches: 10

Batting Stats: Innings: 9. Runs: 211. Average: 30.14.

Highest Score: 67* against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 8.

Highest Partnership: 3rd wicket of 73 with Thomas Hughes against Harbord Bowling Club, Round 8.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 14. Maidens: 1. Runs Conceded: 62. Wickets: 4.

Best Bowling Figures: 2/21 (6 Overs) against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Fielding: 2 Catches and 1 Assisted Run

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Highlight of the Season: Josh's new career-high of 67 not out against a challenging bowling attack and wickets falling all around him was a testament to his batting temperament. Nothing fazes him and when he is needed, he will step up and deliver in fine style!

Jack Chick

Matches: 8

Batting Stats: Innings: 6. Runs: 95. Average: 31.67.

Highest Score: 33* against Beacon Hill, Round 6.

Highest Partnership: 7th wicket of 92 with Shawn Richardson against Beacon Hill, Round 6.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 26. Maidens: 2. Runs Conceded: 100. Wickets: 5.

Best Bowling Figures: 4/24 (6 Overs) against Beacon Hill, Round 6.

Fielding: 0 Catches.

Highlight of the Season: By far and away, Jack's efforts in Round 6 against Beacon Hill would have to go down as his highlight for the season! To walk away a top performer with both bat and ball in the same game is not an easy feat to achieve!

Andrew Davies

Matches: 14

Batting Stats: Innings: 14. Runs: 552. Average: 61.33.

Highest Score: 114* against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Highest Partnership: 4th wicket of 158* with Jack Pocklington against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 5. Maidens: 2. Runs Conceded: 17. Wickets: 2.

Best Bowling Figures: 2/17 (3 Overs) against Collaroy-Plateau, Round 15.

Fielding: 14 Catches (Wicket-Keeper), 3 Stumpings and 2 Assisted Run-Outs.

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Highlight of the Season: The 102* against Harbord Bowling Club in Round 7 was probably my best ever batting performance from a temperament standpoint. Batting for over 45 overs and chasing down a score of nearly 200, I was very pleased to earn the win that day and be there at the finish!

Sam Dempsey

Matches: 6

Batting Stats: Innings: 4. Runs: 38. Average: 12.67.

Highest Score: 18 against Long Reef, Round 14.

Highest Partnership: 10th wicket of 38 with Ky Broome against Long Reef, Semi-Final.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 47. Maidens: 10. Runs Conceded: 161. Wickets: 9.

Best Bowling Figures: 2/12 (5 Overs) against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 3.

Fielding: 1 Catch.

Highlight of the Season: Sam's ability to charge in and put his entire body through every ball he delivered was a testament to his efforts. You will never see Sam not put anything but his absolute best into every delivery. He was cruelly denied plenty of opportunities to take more wickets by agonising margins.

Tony Dertadian

Matches: 6

Batting Stats: Innings: 4. Runs: 35. Average: 8.75.

Highest Score: 22 against Beacon Hill, Round 6.

Highest Partnership: 2nd wicket of 57 with Andrew Davies against Beacon Hill, Round 6.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 1. Maidens: 0. Runs Conceded: 14. Wickets: 0.

Best Bowling Figures: 0/14 (1 Over) against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Fielding: 1 Catch.

Highlight of the Season: Whilst some people will say it was his memorable over of bowling, I like to think his 22 in Round 6 against Beacon Hill was his moment for the season! If you were that game, you will definitely not forget that catch that he took as well. I thought I was watching a EPL Goal-Keeper at work...



Tom Fitzgibbon

Matches: 5

Batting Stats: Innings: 2. Runs: 19. Average: 9.50.

Highest Score: 13 against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Highest Partnership: 1st wicket of 29 with Thomas Hughes against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 13.1.

Maidens: 0. Runs Conceded: 58. Wickets: 6.

Best Bowling Figures: 2/18 (2.1 Overs) against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 3.

Fielding: 1 Catch.

Highlight of the Season: Tom's efforts in the opening round of the season when we had a very disjointed side were crucial towards achieving victory. By opening the batting and taking some key wickets with the ball, it meant we could start 1 from 1!

Thomas Fourie

Matches: 11

Batting Stats: Innings: 5. Runs: 24. Av-

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verage: 4.80.

Highest Score: 14 against Long Reef, Round 4.

Highest Partnership: 7th wicket of 28 with Jack Chick against Long Reef, Round 4.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 74.2. Maidens: 13. Runs Conceded: 243. Wickets: 18.

Best Bowling Figures: 4/26 (6 Overs) against Collaroy-Plateau, Round 10.

Fielding: 7 Catches (2 as Wicket-Keeper) and 1 Assisted Run-Out.

Highlight of the Season: Thomas bowled a number of inspiring spells and led the way to quite a number of batting collapses. The sweetest of all was against Collaroy-Plateau as he really tore them apart to the point that there was no point of return for them in their innings!

Thomas Hughes

Matches: 14

Batting Stats: Innings: 14. Runs: 200. Average: 15.38.

Highest Score: 43 against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 13.

Highest Partnership: 2nd wicket of 100 with Andrew Davies against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 13.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 24. Maidens: 3. Runs Conceded: 87. Wickets: 5.



Best Bowling Figures: 2/2 (2 Overs) against Long Reef, Round 4.

Fielding: 2 Catches and 2 Assisted Run-Outs.

Highlight of the Season: The highlight of the season for Thomas was clearly his ability at exercising serious restraint in his 5 off 59 ball knock in the semi-final against Long Reef. A true testament to showing that the forward defensive is still alive in this level of cricket! In all seriousness, Thomas had a presence about him that has never been matched in my experience of playing for Wakehurst, a true hero of the game!

Blake Hunter

Matches: 7

Batting Stats: Innings: 7. Runs: 81. Average: 20.25.

Highest Score: 42 against Beacon Hill, Round 11.

Highest Partnership: 5th wicket of 73* with Andrew Davies against Harbord Bowling Club, Round 12.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 18. Maidens: 1. Runs Conceded: 66. Wickets: 3.

Best Bowling Figures: 1/5 (3 Overs) against Long Reef, Round 4.

Fielding: 2 Catches.

Highlight of the Season: Blake's carefully crafted innings of 42 against Beacon Hill in quite a difficult batting situation stood out on top of the unbeaten 20 he made in a crucial partnership with yours truly to defeat Harbord Bowling Club in Round 12. Blake's fielding presence will never be forgotten either.

Matthew Moore

Matches: 11

Batting Stats: Innings: 6. Runs: 65. Average: 13.00.

Highest Score: 17 against Long Reef,

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Highest Partnership: 7th wicket of 31 with Josh Capiron against Long Reef, Semi-Final.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 56.1. Maidens: 6. Runs Conceded: 224. Wickets: 14.

Best Bowling Figures: 5/33 (11.1 Overs) against Long Reef, Round 14.

Fielding: 4 Catches and 1 Assisted Run -Out.

Highlight of the Season: The heroic bowling performance of Red against Long Reef in Round 14 was truly a testament to his endurance. Bowling over after over with the intent on earning a wicket each time is not something that can be done with ease. Red's ability to push through the barriers and win the game was a fantastic performance.

Cormac O'Donnell

Matches: 12

Batting Stats: Innings: 6. Runs: 5. Average: 0.83.

Highest Score: 3 against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 8.

Highest Partnership: 10th wicket of 20 with Josh Capiron against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 8.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 63.3. Maidens: 12. Runs Conceded: 197. Wickets: 22.

Best Bowling Figures: 5/17 against Harbord Bowling Club, Round 2.

Fielding: 6 Catches.

Highlight of the Season: Cormac's 1st and last game of the season gave him combined figures of 9/32 off 12.3 Overs. An outstanding young bowler with a very strong temperament in keeping to his plans. I am looking forward to seeing him step it up another notch next season!

Jack Pocklington

Matches: 10

Batting Stats: Innings: 7. Runs: 153.

Average: 30.60.

Highest Score: 48* against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Highest Partnership: 5th wicket of 158* with Andrew Davies against Beacon Hill, Round 1.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 3. Maidens: 0. Runs Conceded: 16. Wickets: 0.

Best Bowling Figures: 0/16 (3 Overs) against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 13.

Fielding: 6 Catches.

Highlight of the Season: Jack had an outstanding year for the bat and consistently made scores whenever he went out to bat. I will be looking forward to seeing him finally earn a well-deserved half-century next year! Jack is an outstanding fielder as well who puts 100% effort into supporting the bowlers.

James Quillan

Matches: 9

Batting Stats: Innings: 6. Runs: 16. Average: 3.20.

Highest Score: 10 against Collaroy Plateau, Round 15.

Highest Partnership: 6th wicket of 33 with Andrew Davies against Collaroy Plateau, Round 15.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 36. Maidens: 6. Runs Conceded: 132. Wickets: 3.

Best Bowling Figures: 2/26 (6 Overs) against Beacon Hill, Round 11.

Fielding: 4 Catches.

Highlight of the Season: James was really unlucky not to enjoy greater success with both bat and ball. However, his best spell was against Collaroy Plateau in Round 10 when he took 1/8 in 6 overs in what was a fantastic spell of miserly left-arm bowling. This time next season, expect much bigger success from this boy!

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Seniors 5th Grade (Contd.)

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Patrick Todd

Matches: 6

Batting Stats: Innings: 5. Runs: 69. Average: 17.25.

Highest Score: 31 against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 13.

Highest Partnership: 1st wicket of 50 with Thomas Hughes against Chatswood Gypsies, Round 13.

Bowling Stats: Overs: 2. Maidens: 0. Runs Conceded: 8. Wickets: 0.

Best Bowling Figures: 0/8 (2 Overs) against Collaroy Plateau, Round 15.

Fielding: 1 Catch.

Highlight of the Season: It is always a shame to see Patrick not have enough games under his belt to really demonstrate the ability that he has with the bat. His 31 though against Chatswood Gypsies against a tough bowling line-up was his stand-out performance though.

Apart from the “core” squad members, I would like to thank the following guys for helping out when required:

Rhys Brooks

Daniel Clifford

Anthony Denny

Jonathan Hain

Oliver Harris

Simon Horton

Ric Howard

Sam Jones

Caleb Koithra

Will Lynch

Hamish Moore

Joel McGregor

Luke Richardson

Shawn Richardson

Justin White

Thank you for coming along to play for the team when needed. Hopefully we will see all of you play in a greater capacity next season!

Finally, I would like to thank the Wakehurst Redbacks Club Committee for all of their efforts throughout the season. Thank you to David Nimmo who has led the club for another season, his leadership has been second to none. A special thanks must again go to Kevin Hume who goes above and beyond his duty to ensure that all of our sides are organised. It has been fantastic to have a more organised feel to the club's training session and the numbers have clearly indicated that it is a success. Hopefully, we can capitalise on that even further for next season. Either way, Wakehurst is tracking along rather well and with so many juniors coming through the system that are more than capable of playing Seniors cricket already, the signs are looking promising for Wakehurst.

Overall, I am a bit disappointed with how the season has concluded however, it is just a reminder of the way sport can be sometimes. We have a right to feel downtrodden by falling short in the semi-final after leading the competition all the way through. Season 2018/2019 should be about avenging those demons and having our best season yet! We should all be aiming to have the best season we can. It would be fantastic to see for instance, Josh Capiron hitting a century or James Quillan taking a 4-wicket haul in a game. To imagine Jack Pocklington and Thomas Hughes raising their bat for a well-deserved half-century or Sam Dempsey taking a 5-wicket haul I believe is very realistic for next season. We just need to practice, work hard and give it our best. We know we can do this so let's start making it happen now.

GO THE REDBACKS!!!!

Andrew Davies (5th Grade Captain)

WRCC Records (2017/2018) - Batting

Batting Average (minimum 8 innings)				Best Innings		
Juniors						
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Inn.	Season
11/1	Xavier Ryan	84.33	2013/14	Luke Watts	113	2017/18
12/2	Jet McDade	41.78	2016/17	Jet McDade	88	2016/17
12/1	Daniel Tabrett	245.0	2002/03	Michael Cosentino	109*	1995/96
13/2	Jake Alexander	43.20	2012/13	Liam Enright	81*	2010/11
13/1	Daniel Tabrett	247.0	2003/04	Adam McCormick	105*	2008/09
14/2	Anthony Denny	60.17	2013/14	Lloyd Rogers	92	2005/06
14/1	Liam Walsh	107.33	2010/11	Javed Badyari	120	2006/07
15/2	Isaac Turner	89.8	2017/18	Daniel Reay	66	2017/18
15/1	Javed Badyari	149.5	2007/08	Mitchell Pugh Brynn Mendel	100*	2006/07 2015/16
15-16/2	Brad Forster	30.5	2003/04	Brad Forster	48*	2003/04
15-16/1	Jarryd Watters	28.56	2003/04	Jarryd Watters	53*	2003/04
16-17/2	Aaron Willey	46.8	2004/05	Chris Russell	110	2006/07
16-18/1 *	Toby Kovacs	90.67	2013/14	Hamish Green	209	2014/15
* Included U16-17 prior to 2012/13 season						
Girls						
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Inn	Season
13/2				Daisy Addison	25*	2017/18
13/1	Stephanie Hughes	54.0	2017/18	Lulu Ryals	40*	2017/18
15	Natalie Guyot	25.29	2017/18	Annabel Hutt	56*	2017/18
Seniors						
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Inn.	Season
A1/1st grade	Damian Wallace	50.18	2015/16	Matthew Varjavandi	144	2017/18
A2/2nd grade	Thomas Bitmead	76.4	2010/11	Jason Russell-Jones	157	2011/12
A3/3rd grade	Thomas Bitmead	48.1	2009/10	Damian Wallace	154	2014/15
B1/4th grade	Toby Kovacs	69.67	2016/17	<i>Stuart Banham</i>	135	2015/16
B2/5th grade	Adrian Hookham	63.85	2009/10	Adrian Hookham	274	2009/10
B3/6th grade	Joel Willey	71.88	2010/11	Nick Dowell	189	2004/05
B4/7th grade	Jason Russell-Jones	86.0	2007/08	Jason Russell-Jones	146	2007/08
C1/8th grade	Robert Smythe	36.29	2006/07	Randall Hinds	91	2005/06
C2/9th grade	Ryan Payne	22.4	2003/04	Nick Dowell	116	2003/04
One Day A grade	Lachlan Charles	33.46	2015/16	Lachlan Charles	83	2015/16
One Day B grade	Andrew Davies	37.5	2016/17	Tim Ryan	174*	2016/17
Seniors T20	-	-	-	Tristan Lever	120	2009/10

WRCC Records (2017/2018) - Batting (cont.) & Fielding

Highest Aggregate				Most Catches (minimum 5 catches)		
Juniors						
Grade	Name	Agg	Season	Name	Ct.	Season
11/1	Luke Watts	362	2017/18	Oliver Campbell	14	2012/13
12/2	Jet McDade	376	2016/17	Rory Sarkies	13	2013/14
12/1	Michael Cosentino	425	1995/96	David Olver	14	2001/02
13/2	Rory Sarkies	298	2014/15	Jack O'Shea	15	2012/13
13/1	Javed Badyari	367	2005/06	Lachlan Johnson	16	2015/16
14/2	Anthony Denny	361	2013/14	Anthony Denny	14	2013/14
14/1	Javed Badyari	406	2006/07	Braden King	13	2010/11
				William Bassett	13	2014/15
				Matthew Balkus	13	2014/15
15/2	Isaac Turner	449	2017/18	James Pelletier	11	2014/15
15/1	Ben King	569	1997/98	Eric Anand	14	2006/07
15-16/2	Brad Forster	183	2003/04	Chris Hurley	8	2003/04
15-16/1	Jarryd Watters	257	2003/04	Jason Tabrett	7	2003/04
16-18/2 *	Chris Russell	278	2006/07	Hayden Gullick	13	2012/13
16-18/1 *	Nathan Heath	442	2009/10	Cameron Brown	14	2013/14
* Included U16-17 prior to 2012/13 season						
Girls						
Grade	Name	Agg	Season	Name	Ct.	Season
13/2	Shae Hiskett-Jones	84	2017/18	Shae Hiskett-Jones	6	2017/18
13/1	Stephanie Hughes	162	2017/18	Lulu Ryals	8	2017/18
15	Natalie Guyot	117	2017/18			
Seniors						
Grade	Name	Agg	Season	Name	Ct.	Season
A1/1st grade	Damian Wallace	552	2015/16	Chris Hurley	18	2013/14
A2/2nd grade	Andrew Bitmead	541	2010/11	Daniel Annakin	15	2015/16
A3/3rd grade	Adrian Hookham	493	2013/14	Adrian Hookham	14	2013/14
B1/4th grade	David Sheldon	534	2014/15	Brynn Mendel Toby Kovacs	13	2015/16 2017/18
B2/5th grade	Adrian Hookham	830	2009/10	Andrew Davies	14	2017/18
B3/6th grade	Aaron Willey	623	2012/13	Andrew Davies	17	2014/15
B4/7th grade	Jason Russell-Jones	602	2007/08	Toby Kovacs	14	2013/14
C1/8th grade	Phil King	383	2006/07	Malcolm Leithhead	15	2006/07
C2/9th grade	Ryan Payne	336	2003/04			
One Day A grade	Lachlan Charles	435	2015/16	Andrew Davies	22	2015/16
One Day B grade	Max Domanski	519	2015/16	Andrew Davies	12	2016/17
Seniors T20	Tristan Lever	227	2009/10	Timothy Cameron	6	2010/11

WRCC Records (2017/2018) - Bowling

Bowling Average <small>(minimum 30 overs)</small>				Most Wickets		
Juniors						
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Wkts	Season
11/1	Daniel Tabrett	3.6	2001/02	Paul Campbell	26	2000/01
12/2	Jack O'Shea	2.92	2011/12	Jeremy Nicholson	20	2013/14
12/1	Brad Verrills	2.47	1985/86	Joel Chappelow	23	2014/15
13/2	Joel Trevor	2.24	2005/06	Brad Ashby	23	2006/07
13/1	Shawn Bradstreet	3.65	1984/85	Shawn Bradstreet	51	1984/85
14/2	Ashley Stoneham	5.54	2009/10	Cameron Gallo	20	2005/06
14/1	Richard Rainey	4.33	1993/94	Matthew Whittaker	26	2000/01
15/2	Saskia Horley	5.56	2014/15	Isaac Turner Angus Castle	18	2017/18
15/1	Joel McGregor	4.43	2015/16	Alexander Cook	31	2006/07
15-16/2	Brad Forster	8.88	2003/04	Brad Forster Matthew Whittaker	18	2003/04
15-16/1	Tom Lynas	11.18	2003/04	Jarryd Watters	13	2003/04
16-17/2	Matt LeMoy	10.88	2006/07	Nick Miller Matt LeMoy	17 17	2004/05 2006/07
16-18/1 *	Hayden Gullick	5.67	2013/14	Jason Tabrett	30	2004/05
* Included U16-17 prior to 2012/13 season						
Girls						
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Wkts	Season
13/2				Shae Hiskett-Jones	5	2017/18
13/2				Laura Judson	13	2017/18
15				Olivia Hough Gemma Lacey	6	2017/18
Seniors						
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Wkts	Season
A1/1st grade	Damian Wallace	9.18	2015/16	Timothy Cameron	25	2010/11
A2/2nd grade	AJ Fry	9.55	2012/13	Ryan Ludowyke	34	2015/16
A3/3rd grade	Damian Wallace	5.0	2014/15	Jamie Murray	49	2013/14
B1/4th grade	Toby Kovacs	7.09	2016/17	Ben Hynes	37	2005/06
B2/5th grade	Cormac O'Donnell	8.95	2017/18	Joshua Sheedy	37	2008/09
B3/6th grade	Thomas Fourie	9.43	2014/15	Thomas Fourie	47	2014/15
B4/7th grade	Joshua Sheedy	7.48	2007/08	Ben Crawshaw	35	2007/08
C1/8th grade	Robert McColl	18.08	2006/07	Robert McColl	25	2006/07
One Day A grade	Michael Barton	7.77	2015/16	Michael Barton	26	2015/16
One Day B grade	Andy Pradana	9.77	2016/17	Sam Dick	22	2015/16
Seniors T20	-	-	-	Timothy Cameron	11	2011/12

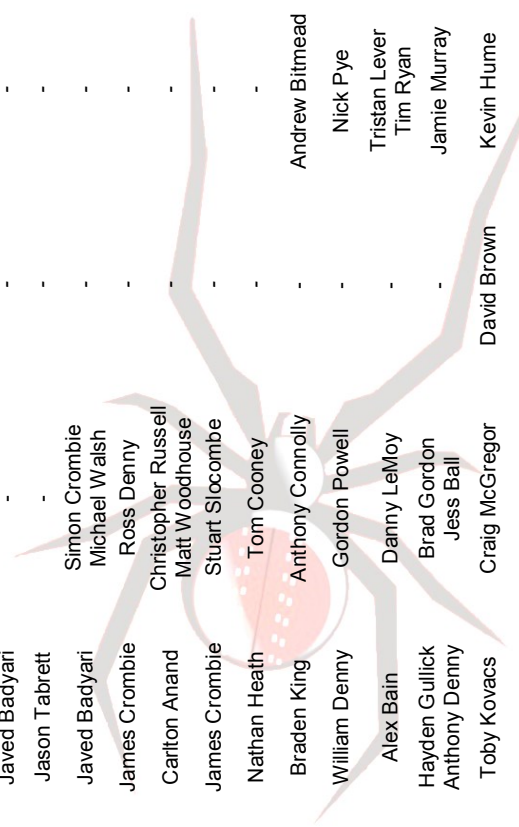
WRCC Records (2017/2018) - Bowling (cont.)

Best Figures				Hat-Tricks			
Juniors				Juniors			
Grade	Name	Fig.	Season	Grade	Name	No.	Season
11/1	Daniel Tabrett	6/0	2001/02	11/1	Daniel Tabrett	DbI	2001/02
12/2	Thomas Ogden	6/5	2007/08		Luke Whitten	DbI	2002/03
	James Dee	6/5	2009/10		Marcus DuRoss	DbI	2007/08
12/1	Nick Berney	5/6	2005/06		Brad Lind	1	1984/85
	Noah Kasmar	5/6	2014/15		Elliot Copas	1	2013/14
13/2	Cameron Weldon	5/17	2007/08	Wilson Sarkies	1	2014/15	
13/1	Shawn Bradstreet	8/0	1984/85	12/1	John McNally	1	2009/10
14/2	Euan Dixon	5/3	2013/14		Thomas Ivers	1	2012/13
14/1	William Denny	5/4	2011/12	13/1	Shawn Bradstreet	DbI	1984/85
15/2	AJ Cerovic	4/7	2014/15		Daniel Tabrett	1	2003/04
15/1	Alexander Cook	7/12	2006/07	14/2	Euan Dixon	1	2013/14
15-16/2	Russell Brown	5/1	2003/04	14/1	Lachlan Molyneux	1	2014/15
15-16/1	Jarryd Watters	4/11	2003/04		Xavier Ryan		1
16-17/2	Andrew Harris	4/10	2006/07		Abigail Powell	1	
16-17/1	Jason Tabrett	6/9	2004/05		15/1		Angus Jackett
Girls				15-16/2	Russell Brown	1	2003/04
Grade	Name	Fig.	Season		Jamie White		1
13/2	Jemima Seward	3/4	2017/18	16-17/1	Jason Tabrett	1	
13/1	Laura Judson	3/5	2017/18		Nathan Heath	1	2009/10
15	Abby Taylor	2/1	2017/18	16-18/1	Thomas Rodwell	1	2015/16
					Declan McLerie		1
Seniors				Seniors			
Grade	Name	Fig.	Season	Grade	Name	No.	Season
1st grade	Tristan Lever	6/20	2011/12	2nd Grade	Steven Thomson	1	2015/16
2nd grade	Ryan Ludowyke	6/50	2015/16	4th Grade	Robert McColl	1	2010/11
3rd grade	Damian Wallace	7/11	2014/15		Daniel Annakin	1	2014/15
4th grade	Gavin Franklin	8/38	2016/17	6th grade	Robert McColl	1	2008/09
5th grade	Phil King	8/80	2009/10		Michael Flynn	1	2008/09
6th grade	Phil King	8/18	2007/08	Randall Hinds	1	2008/09	
7th grade	Matthew Murray	8/97	2004/05	7th grade	William Denny	1	2013/14
8th grade	Matthew Murray	5/30	2005/06		Jacob Aquilina	1	2013/14
One Day A grade	Lachlan Charles	4/11	2015/16				
One Day B grade	Euan Dixon	5/6	2015/16				
Snr T20	Tristan Lever	5/11	2010/11				

Wakehurst Redbacks Perpetual Club Awards

Season	"Bob Lind" Special Achievement Award	Junior Cricketer of the Year "Philpott Award"	Coach of the Year "The Murray Family Coaching Award"	Club Person of the Year	Senior Cricketer of the Year	Rising Star - Seniors
1982/83	-	Ryan Jones	-	-	-	-
1983/84	-	Peter Banbury	-	-	-	-
1984/85	Shawn Bradstreet	S. Lane	-	-	-	-
1985/86	Peter Banbury	Peter Banbury	-	-	-	-
1986/87	Brad Verrills	Michael Ellery	-	-	-	-
1987/88	Mark Brady	Chris Stolk	-	-	-	-
1988/89	R. Plummer	Mark Smithers	-	-	-	-
1989/90	-	-	-	-	-	-
1990/91	-	Greig Holston	-	-	-	-
1991/92	-	Adam Grigg	-	-	-	-
1992/93	-	-	-	-	-	-
1993/94	-	Michael Dunn	-	-	-	-
1994/95	-	Michael Dunn	-	-	-	-
1995/96	Michael Cosentino	Ben King	-	-	-	-
1996/97	S. Griffiths	Jackson Bird	-	-	D. Barker	-
1997/98	Ben King	Ben King	-	-	D. Fitzsimmons	-
1998/99	B1 team	Grant Wood	-	-	A. Boulton	-
1999/00	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000/01	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001/02	Daniel Tabrett	Ben Stinson	-	-	-	-
2002/03	M. Gainsford	Ben Gwilliam	-	-	-	-

Wakehurst Redbacks Perpetual Club Awards (Contd.)



Season	"Bob Lind" Special Achievement Award	Junior Cricketer of the Year "Philpott Award"	Coach of the Year "The Murray Family Coaching Award"	"Ross Denny" Club Person of the Year	Senior Cricketer of the Year	Rising Star - Seniors
2003/04	Russell Brown	Javed Badyari	-	-	-	-
2004/05	Ryan Campbell	Jason Tabrett	-	-	-	-
2005/06	Lloyd Rogers	Javed Badyari	Simon Crombie Michael Walsh	-	-	-
2006/07	Mitchell Pugh	James Crombie	Ross Denny	-	-	-
2007/08	Marcus DuRoss	Carlton Anand	Christopher Russell Matt Woodhouse	-	-	-
2008/09	Adam McCormick	James Crombie	Stuart Slocombe	-	-	-
2009/10	Adrian Hookham Tristan Lever	Nathan Heath	Tom Cooney	-	-	-
2010/11	1st Grade Seniors team	Braden King	Anthony Connolly	-	Andrew Bitmead	-
2011/12	Jason Russell-Jones Benjamin Sykes	William Denny	Gordon Powell	-	Nick Pye	-
2012/13	-	Alex Bain	Danny LeMoy	-	Tristan Lever Tim Ryan	Hayden Gullick
2013/14	Jacob Aquilina	Hayden Gullick Anthony Denny	Brad Gordon Jess Ball	-	Jamie Murray	Toby Kovacs
2014/15	Damian Wallace Hamish Green Saskia Horley Anthony Denny	Toby Kovacs	Craig McGregor	-	Kevin Hume	Cameron Brown
2015/16	Gavin Franklin	Cohen Mantle	Simon Smart	David Brown	Damian Wallace	Lachlan Charles
2016/17		Jet McDade	Ian Bassett	Julie Williams	Andrew Davies	Cameron Powell
2017/18	Luke Watts	Andrew Boulton	Stuart White Regan McCracken	Jeff Cook	Andrew Davies	Cormac O'Donnell

Wakehurst Redbacks Perpetual Club Awards (Contd.)

Season	Junior Rising Star "Bird Family Award"	Female Cricketer of the Year
2016/17	Tai Addison	Annabel Hutt
2017/18	Laura Judson	Lulu Ryals



Batting Milestones



3000 Runs

Tristan Lever	Tim Cameron	Toby Kovacs	Adrian Hookham
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2000 Runs

Tim Bennett	Tristan Lever	Tom Bitmead	Randall Hinds
Ryan Valentine	Tim Cameron	Adrian Hookham	Toby Kovacs
Hayden Gullick	Andrew Davies	Andrew Gordon	Brad Gordon
Matthew Varjavandi			

1000 Runs

Nick Dowell	Tim Bennett	Tristan Lever	Jason Russell-Jones
Randall Hinds	Ryan Valentine	Tim Cameron	Tom Bitmead
Phil King	Michael Gainsford	Mark Callanan	Andrew Bitmead
Adam Schober	Adrian Hookham	James Crombie	AJ Fry
Matthew Murray	Brad Gordon	Chris Hurley	Ben Gwilliam
Jamie Murray	Hayden Gullick	Braden King	Toby Kovacs
Kian Mantle	Jess Ball	Ben Crawshaw	Jarryd Watters
Ryan Campbell	Andrew Davies	Andrew Gordon	Jacob Aquilina
David Nimmo	Cohen Mantle	Matthew Varjavandi	Cameron Brown
Lachlan Charles	Anthony Denny	Jack Garay	Adam McCormick
Lachlan Molyneux	Brynn Mendel	Jake Alexander	Jake Fry
William Jonkers	David Sheldon	Sean Nimmo	Luke Richardson
Joel McGregor	Iain McKern	Kevin Hume	



Bowling Milestones



200 Wickets

Tim Cameron

Matthew Murray

100 Wickets

Joshua Sheedy

Tim Cameron

Phil King

Tristan Lever

Michael Gainsford

Matthew Murray

Robert McColl

Andrew Bitmead

AJ Fry

Jamie Murray

Steven Thomson

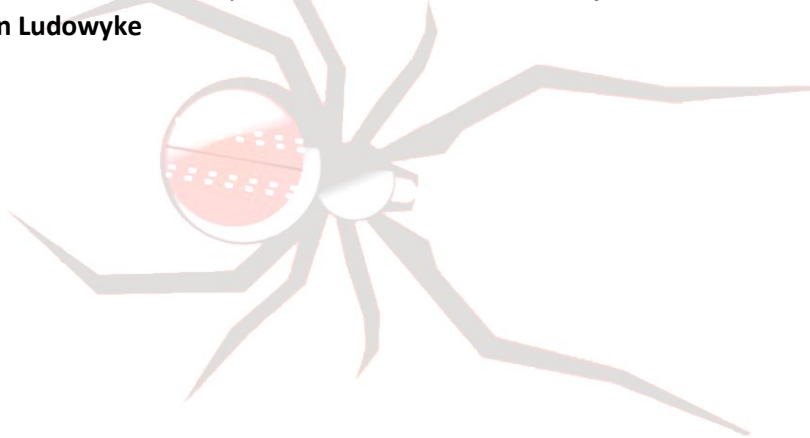
Lachlan Molyneux

Harrison Scott

Hayden Gullick

Matthew Varjavandi Thomas Fourie

Ryan Ludowyke



Batting and bowling milestones are only based on player statistics since electronic data entry began around 2004. As records were not kept prior to this, it unfortunately does not account for the player achievements in the earlier years when only paper based statistics were kept.

Official Positions held at Wakehurst Redbacks

Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer	VP-Juniors	VP-Seniors
1981/82	Bob Philpott	Warwick Brady	Jo Gotting	-	-
1982/83	Bob Philpott	Warwick Brady	Jo Gotting	-	-
1983/84	John Kleem	Warwick Brady	Jo Gotting	-	-
1984/85	Bob Philpott	Warwick Brady	Peter Henry	-	-
1985/86	Bob Philpott	Warwick Brady	Peter Henry	-	-
1986/87	Bob Philpott	Warwick Brady	Peter Henry	-	-
1987/88	Bob Lind	Warwick Brady	Tony Lovett	-	-
1988/89	Bob Lind	Ed Neill	Tony Lovett	-	-
1989/90	Bob Lind	Gary Fitzsimmons	Ernie Epplett	-	-
1990/91	Bob Lind	Gary Fitzsimmons	Ernie Epplett	-	-
1991/92	Bob Lind	Gary Fitzsimmons	Ernie Epplett	-	-
1992/93	Bob Lind	Gary Fitzsimmons	Colin Gough	-	-
1993/94	Bob Lind	Arman Cosentino	Colin Gough	-	-
1994/95	Bob Lind	Arman Cosentino	Colin Gough	-	-
1995/96	Bob Lind	Arman Cosentino	Colin Gough	-	-
1996/97	Bob Lind	Arman Cosentino	Colin Gough	-	-
1997/98	Bob Lind	Graham Lewis	Warwick Dunn	-	-
1998/99	Bob Lind	Graham Lewis	Warwick Dunn	-	-
1999/00	Bob Lind	Graham Lewis	Warwick Dunn	-	-
2000/01	Bob Lind	Graham Lewis	Warwick Dunn	-	-
2001/02	Terence Olver	Danny LeMoy	Ian Vickery	-	-
2002/03	Terence Olver	David Liddy	Ian Vickery	-	-
2003/04	Ian Rose	D Good	Ian Vickery	-	-
2004/05	Ian Rose	Malcolm Leithhead	Ian Vickery	-	-
2005/06	Ian Rose	Ted Beecher	Ian Vickery	-	-
2006/07	Danny LeMoy	Ted Beecher	Ian Vickery	-	-
2007/08	Danny LeMoy	Ted Beecher	Anthony Garay	-	-
2008/09	Danny LeMoy	Ross Denny	Anthony Garay	-	-
2009/10	Danny LeMoy	Ross Denny	Mark Haskard	-	David Sheedy
2010/11	Danny LeMoy	Ross Denny	Mark Haskard	David Sheedy	Jake Fry
2011/12	Danny LeMoy	David Nimmo	AJ Fry	Jake Fry	David Sheedy
2012/13	Danny LeMoy	David Nimmo	AJ Fry	Ryan Erasmus *	David Sheedy
2013/14	Danny LeMoy	David Nimmo	AJ Fry	Tim Ryan	David Sheedy
2014/15	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Adam Stenner	Tim Ryan	David Sheedy
2015/16	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Adam/Jane Stenner	Kieran Young	Kevin Hume
2016/17	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Adam/Jane Senner	Kieran Young	Kevin Hume
2017/18	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Jenny Pittar	Laurie Zanella	Kevin Hume

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The “Peter Tasker Memorial Shield”**

**WRCC Records (2017/2018)
Club Championships**





The foundation logo was originally created by Penny Philpott, the wife of Bob Philpott, our club founder and first President.



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