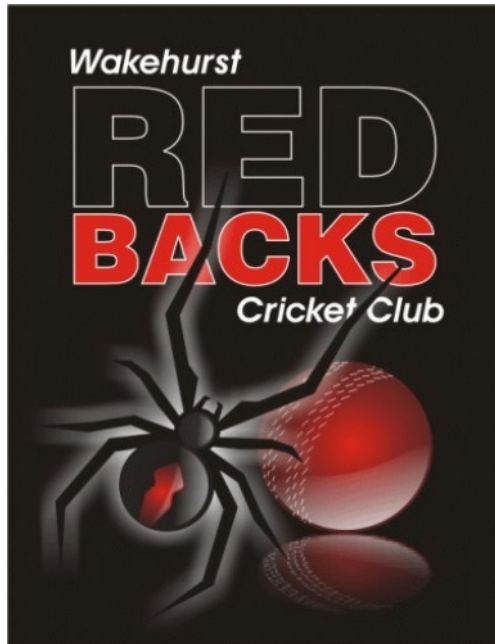


# **2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

## **WAKEHURST REDBACKS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED**



Your committee has much pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval the Annual Report for the 2024/2025 season.

**President: Matthew White**

**Secretary: Mark Turner**

**Treasurer: Ashley Jones**



# WAKEHURST REDBACKS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED

(ABN: 71 887 994 585)

## Annual Report

For the year ended 30 April 2025

This is the 43rd 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 Junior Cricket Association (Juniors) and the Manly Warringah Cricket Association (Seniors).

We have a proud history and over 400 players and officials across Blast Skills, Blast, Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association Junior Boys (Under 10 to Under 18) and Junior Girls (Under 11 to Under 15) and Seniors.

# Wakehurst Redbacks Club Values

Values are the core beliefs that shape the way people behave and make decisions. They provide a framework for how members treat one another and how they treat others.

**Community** – Wakehurst Redbacks encourage all people of various ages, cultures, ethnicities, and skill levels to connect through the common bond of cricket.

**Respect** – Respect forms the basis of our sport. At Wakehurst we respect the traditions of cricket, the opposition, the umpires and their decisions, and the supporters. We value and respect the club and the volunteers that help run it.

**Teamwork** – We play selflessly for the team and club, both on and off the field. We take pride in our team and rely on one another and understand that each player has a part to play.

**Enjoyment** – Enjoyment is the reason we play and support cricket. We use cricket to adopt a healthy lifestyle and build skills. We safeguard our young players and help them have fun and enjoy being part of a team and cricket family because it enhances confidence and self-esteem.

# 2024/2025 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
David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	<b>Kevin Wesson</b>	* <i>Deceased</i>

## Patron

Shawn Bradstreet

## Committee



<b>President:</b>	Matthew White	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mark Tuner	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ashley Jones	
<b>Vice President—Blast:</b>	Blake Gregory	
<b>Vice President—Juniors:</b>	Kevin Wesson	
<b>Vice President—Girls:</b>	Yvette Pallister	
<b>Vice President—Seniors:</b>	Ian Thompson	
<b>Registrar:</b>	Nadia Woods	
<b>Gear Steward:</b>	Ashley Jones	
<b>Grounds Coordinator:</b>	Kevin Wesson	
<b>Website:</b>	David Walker	
<b>Sponsorship:</b>	Laurie Zanella	
<b>Statistician:</b>	Ross Denny	
<b>Social Media</b>	David Walker	
<b>MWJCA Delegates:</b>	Kevin Wesson	Diana Turner
<b>MWCA Delegates:</b>	Ian Thompson	Matthew White
<b>General Committee:</b>	David Nimmo	Ashley Jones
	Deanne Hutt	

# 2024/2025 Age Coordinators



<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
<b>Girls Cricket</b>	Yvette Pallister
<b>Blast</b>	Blake Gregory
<b>Under 10</b>	Nadia Woods
<b>Under 11</b>	Scott Read
<b>Under 12</b>	Anthony Bruzzano
<b>Under 13</b>	David Casey
<b>Under 14</b>	Diana Turner
<b>Under 15/16</b>	Sunny Rigzin
<b>Seniors</b>	Ian Thompson

# 2024/2025 Junior Team Officials

<b>Team</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Manager</b>
U10 Div 1 Funnel Webs	Phil Bracken	Phil Bracken
U10 Div 1 Redbacks	Will Willis	Gary Worker
U10 Div 2 Black Widows	Mike Moir/Cameron Tanner	Brad Halprin
U10 Div 2 Huntsmen	Daniel O'Brien	Kasey Hincksman
U10 Div 2 Tarantulas	Martin Poshoglian	Louise Poshoglian
U10 Div 2 Trapdoors	Dylan Ferrie	Christiane Diniz
U10 Div 2 White-tails	Joshua Luff	Leslie Ellis
U10 Div 2 Wolf-spiders	Phil Hallinan	Claudia Higgins
U11 Div 1 Black	Andrew Rooley	Kylie Westren
U11 Div 1 Red	Scott Read	Tim Mayoh
U11 Div 1 Green	James Higgins	James Higgins
U11 Div 2 White	Elodie Spray	Justin Noakes
U11 Girls Diamonds	Ian Roberts	Bec Roberts
U13 Girls Diamonds	Emily Horstead	Zoe Knights
U15 Girls Sapphires	Owen Vale	David Walker
U12 Div 1 Red	Anthony Bruzzano	Angela Carter
U12 Div 2 Black	Paul Burrows	Renee Burrows
U12 Div 2 Green	Andrew Worboys	Timo Zauner
U13 Div 1 Black	David Du Plessis	Justin Wylie
U13 Div 2 Red	Chris Greenaway	Brendan O'Sullivan
U14 Div 1 Black	David Casey/Doug Mathlin	Suzanne Maris
U14 Div 1 Red	Mark Turner/Andy Hansen	Diana Turner
U14 Div 2 Wakehur/Cromer	Paul Burrows	Amy Bowen
U16 Div 1 Red	Sunny Rigzin	Sunny Rigzin
U15/U17 Div 2 Green	Andrew Baker	Brett Kretchmer



# Honour Roll Premiership Teams



## Under 10 Redbacks Div 1

**Coach:** Will Willis

**Manager:** Gary Worker

Brynmor Jones

Jack Willis

Mitchell Worker

Elliott Stead

Jude Stewart

Ryan Downey-Price

Hudson Barnier

Josh Henry

## Under 12 Black Div 2

**Coach:** Paul Burrows

**Manager:** Renee Burrows

Henry Baddock

Jake Chambers

Matthew Dadic

James Rozkydal

Edward Baddock

Daniel Thomassian

Bryon Marsh

Brendan Harrison

Logan Burrows

William Lloyd

Bryce Sargent

## Under 13 Black Div 1

**Coach:** David Du Plessis

**Manager:** Justin Wylie

Thomas Turner

Hayden Marshman

Jensen Du Plessis

Elijah Cook

Jack Wylie

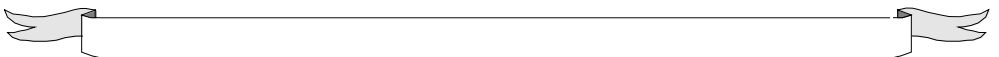
Hugo Hansen

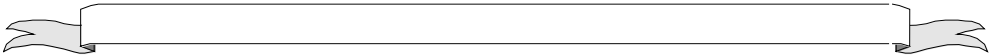
Daniel Hall

Oliver Steel

Luca Rochaix

Ty Siladi





# Honour Roll Premiership Teams



## Under 14 Red Div 1

**Coach:** Mark Turner & Andy Hansen    **Manager:** Diana Turner

Justin Turner  
Stuart Turner  
Dylan Brabant  
Nate Morrow

George Hansen  
Lachlan Rozier  
Liam Jeffs  
Lewis Riddett

Ryan Rosenkowitz  
Joshua Foord  
Hugo Stone  
Lucas Moise

## Under 16 Red Div 1

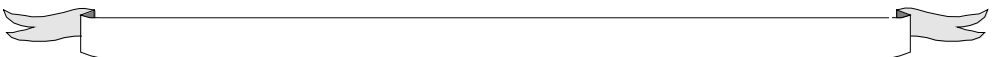
**Coach:** Sunny Rigzin

**Manager:** Sunny Rigzin

Nathan Cole  
Henry Stone  
Harry Pike  
Jack Douglas  
Harry Stock

Beau Moran  
Jacob Watts  
Caden Rosenkowitz  
Peter Hall

Daniel Deacon  
Will Rigzin  
Archie McGregor  
Lucas Richardson





# Honour Roll - Club Awards



## Junior Cricketer of the Year\* "Philpott Award"

**Nate Cole**

*Batting: 550 runs @ 55 HS 89\**

*Bowling: 5 wkts @ 16.2 BB 2/14*

*Fielding: 6 Catches*

*\*Applies to traditional cricket only (U12 and up)*



## Junior Rising Star "Bird Family Award"

**Thomas Turner**

*Batting: 349 runs @ 26.85 HS 44\**

*Bowling: 21 wkts @ 9, BB 4/17*

*Fielding: 21 Catches*





# Honour Roll - Club Awards



## Female Cricketer of the Year

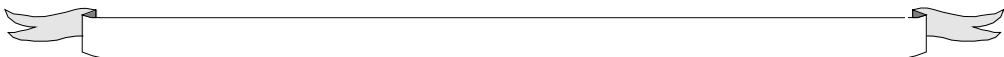


### **Willa Pearson**

*Batting: 317 runs @ 158.5 HS 75\**

*Bowling: 4 wkts @ 17.5 BB 2/11*

*Fielding: 0 Catches*





# Honour Roll - Club Awards



## “David Sheedy” Senior Rising Star Jacob Watts



*Batting: 179 runs at 34.45, HS 100*  
*Bowling: 11 wickets at 13.64, BB 4/8*  
*Fielding: 3 catches*

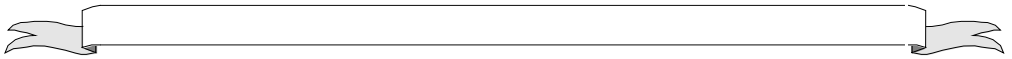
## Junior Club Person of The Year “David Nimmo” Award

### Izzy Pallister

Izzy has played for Wakehust since U11s in 2020, and had an instant love for the game. She has shown great community spirit towards the club over the past few years and is often spotted volunteering for the club helping set up the hall at last years MWJCA Presentation Night, on Team Photo Day/s, assisting at Pink Stumps Day/Night, helping pack orders and stocktake. Izzy also helped coach The Blast Skills kids. Izzy has nominated the club for Duke of Edinburgh this year and will continue to assist Ashley voluntarily in the clubhouse as instructed. Izzy offered to be Team Captain for her U15s team - and really enjoys game strategy. Izzy captained for more than half the season, giving other girls the opportunity if they chose to. Izzy played for the Allies, and in Peden & Brewers this year too. She is a valued member of the club. Thank You

Izzy !





# Honour Roll - Club Awards



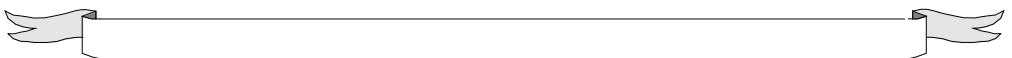
## Senior Cricketer of the Year Kai Connors

Kai Connors is the worthy recipient of this years Seniors Cricketer of the Year. Kai bowled with great pace and swing all season to take 41 first grade wickets across the competition to lead all players.

He became only the second player in the last five seasons to achieve such a feat of 40+ wickets in the associations top grade. His consistency landed him four x 5 wicket hauls across the rounds and ultimately a fifth in the Grand Final with figures of 5/96 off 24 overs. Congratulations Kai and we look forward to what the future holds!

## “Bob Lind” - Special Achievement Award George Hansen

Round 15 - 4th Grade vs HBCCC  
Batting 104 runs





# Honour Roll - Club Awards



## “Murray Family” Coach of the Year

### Paul Burrows

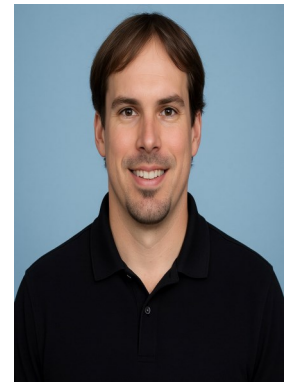


Paul has been recognised as Coach of the Year due to his exceptional dedication and leadership since 2020/21, and has also coached 2 teams for the last 3 seasons (that is 8 teams in total so far!).

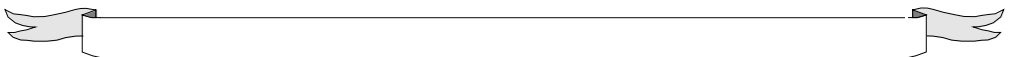
Paul has also been the age coordinator for U10s-U13s for the past 4 years. Paul has coached U10/1 & U12/2 both winning back to back Premierships under his guidance. Paul helped facilitate the Wakehurst/Cromer team to ensure no boy missed out on cricket - and would chaperone his own son and others to meet with their Cromer team. - This same team finished 3 on the ladder and played in the Grand Final. Well done Paul.

## “Ross Denny” Club Person of the Year

### Blake Gregory



Blake Gregory has done a wonderful job organising the Blast kids this year. He is always first at the field and last to leave with a happy, friendly smile. Consistently on the Whats App group feeding the team managers with all the information they need. Blake has been a long term WRCC committee member. A worthy recipient.





# Representative Honours

*Congratulations to the following Wakehurst players who represented Manly in Junior and Senior Representative competitions in 2024/2025.*



**Under 11 Presidents Cup Div 1**  
Hugo Hansen,  
**James Moran**, Thomas Turner

**U15 Margaret Peden Shield Waratahs**  
**Sarah Davidson, Tahlia O'Brien,**  
Elodie Spray and Indigo Vale

**Under 12 Arch Cawsey Shield**  
Jensen Du Plessis

**U15 Margaret Peden Shield Blue**  
Isabella Pallister, Willa Pearson

**Under 12 WG Foster Shield Div 2**  
Jack Wylie

**Under 15 Weblin Shield**  
Murray Moran, Mitch McCombe

**Under 13 WS Gee Shield**  
Leo Barnett, George Hansen, William  
Mathlin, Ryan Rosenkowitz, Justin  
Turner

**Under 15 President's Cup**  
Danny Deacon, Lukas Banham

**Under 13 JH Creak Shield Div 2**  
Dylan Brabant, Jack Maris

**Brewer Shield**  
Isabella Pallister, Willa Pearson

**Under 13 Mollie Dive Shield**  
Rebecca Wilson, Sarah Eastmead,  
Marlee White

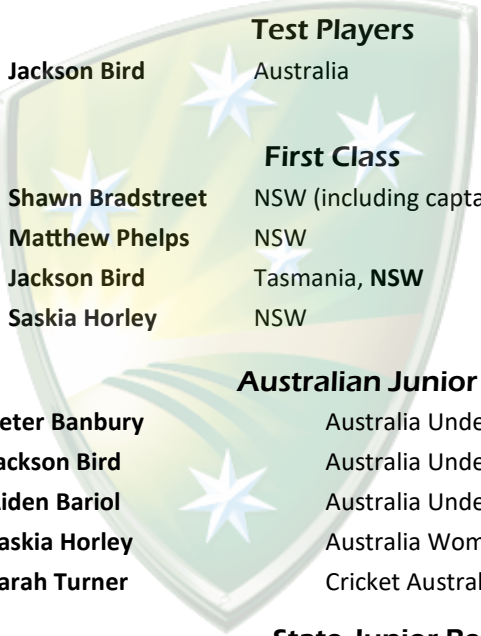
**Green Shield**  
Murray Moran

**Under 14 Harold Moore Shield**  
Nathan Cole, Beau Moran, Stuart  
Turner, Jacob Watts

**Under 14 President's Cup**  
Max Barnett, **Joshua Foord, Lucas**  
**Moise**, Mitchell Tapper



# International and State Representatives



**Test Players**  
 Australia

**Jackson Bird**

**First Class**  
 NSW (including captancy)

**Shawn Bradstreet**  
**Matthew Phelps** NSW  
**Jackson Bird** Tasmania, **NSW**  
**Saskia Horley** NSW

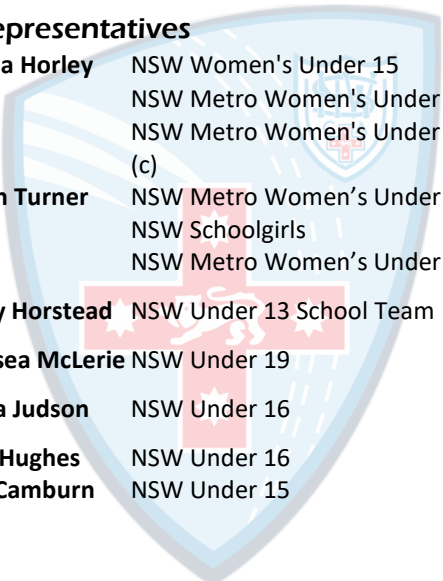
## Australian Junior Representatives

**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  
**Andrew Boulton** NSW Under 13  
 School Team  
 NSW Under 17

**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  
 NSW Metro Women's Under 18  
**Emily Horstead** NSW Under 13 School Team  
**Chelsea McLerie** NSW Under 19  
**Laura Judson** NSW Under 16  
**Lara Hughes** NSW Under 16  
**Tait Camburn** NSW Under 15



# 2024/2025 Team Award Winners

<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Sports Person</b>
U10 Div 1 Funnel Webs	Bill Hayes	Cooper Reid	Hayden Schindler
U10 Div 1 Redbacks	Brynmor Jones	Jude Stewart & Mitch Worker	Ryan Downey-Price
U10 Div 2 Black Widows	Oliver Halprin	Thomas Nichols	Lachlan Tanner
U10 Div 2 Huntsmen	Harvey Williams	Jacob Slater	Jack Hincksman
U10 Div 2 Tarantulas	Jaxon Hammond	Harry Poshoglian	Clive Harrison
U10 Div 2 Trapdoors	Julio Dos Santos	Jude Mair	Daniel Bell
U10 Div 2 Whitetails	Alfie Luff	Lucas Searles	Declan Grabham
U10 Div 2 Wolfspiders	Edward Strang	Leo Hallinan	Luka Smith
U11 Div 1 Black	Nash Roarty	Oliver Westren	Tomos Evans
U11 Div 1 Green	Spencer Ellis	Owen Burke	Yicheng Xu
U11 Div 1 Red	Angus Mayoh	Micah Montgomery	Josh Williams
U11 Div 2 White	Tom Roberts	Cain Van De Meuwe	Eamon Fitzsimmons
U11 Div Girls	Emily Roberts	Colette Frew	Mackenzie Duff
U12 Div 1 Red	Mitchell Bruzzano	James Moran	Roman Crouch
U12 Div 2 Black	Henry Baddock	Byron Marsh	Matthew Dadic
U12 Div 2 Green	Lachlan O'Brien	Harrison Worboys	Asher Burke
U13 Div 1 Black	Thomas Turner	Elijah Cook	Jensen du Plessis
U13 Div 2 Red	Chris Boichat	Oscar Stoddart	Kobi Leroux
U13 Div Girls	Sarah Eastmead	Rebecca Wilson	Elin Evans
U14 Div 1 Black	Max Barnett	Will Mathlin	Mitch Tapper
U14 Div 1 Red	Justin Turner	Nate Morrow	Lachlan Rozier
U14 Div 2 Wake/Cromer			
U15 Div 2 Green	Hamish Wood	Caleb King	Zach Greig
U15 Div Girls	Elodie Spray	Tahlia O'Brien	Isabella Pallister
U16 Div 1 Red	Nathan Cole	Archie McGregor	Jack Douglas

# President's Report



The 2024/25 season was another great one for the Wakehurst Redbacks Cricket Club (WRCC) and it is a pleasure to report on some of the highlights. The club had some great success on and off the field with our playing efforts and our community fundraising.

## **Fundraising:**

### **Pink Stumps Day**

Pink Stumps Day was once again a tremendous success. Ashley Jones led the committee and other club representatives to make our major fundraising event a record breaker for the club. This season the initiative included efforts of other clubs in the Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association (MWJCA).

Thanks to the players, supporters, and volunteers as \$26,683 was raised over the weekend which is an outstanding achievement. This included efforts from our junior and senior teams. Additional thanks to Ian Thompson who coordinated the efforts from the senior players. This will provide vital support to McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurses.

### **Stewart House**

The club also raised \$1647.00 for Stewart House this season. A big thanks to all members who contributed to this cause with donations consisting of toys, clothing and books. The money will go towards the organisations being able to fund 1,600 public school children to attend a 12-day stay at the nurturing environment at Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers.

# President's Report

## Grounds and Facilities:

We are lucky to have good use of our grounds, particularly the all-weather synthetic field. Due to the work of Ashley Jones, we managed to obtain better use of the synthetic field by liaising with other codes and the council in better management of equipment storage. Thanks to Kevin Wesson who again liaised with coached and managers around the coordination of practice facilities.

## Coaches and Managers

Thank you to our many coaches and managers who volunteered their time on Saturdays and on training days to assist the players in their development. Our coach of the year nominees were Sunny Rigzin, Scott Reid, Paul Burrows, Andy Hansen, Mark Turner and Will Willis. The WRCC Coach of the Year for 2024/25 was Paul Burrows. Congratulations to Paul who has been a long-term coach at WRCC and has coached multiple teams per season for a number of seasons.

## Participation

This season, we had 261 male and female junior players across the Stage 1 to Stage 3 formats participating with the Redbacks. We had over 40 registered senior players and 105 boys and girls participating in our Blast formats, which is a healthy number going forward.

## Blast

Both Blast Skills and Blast Competition were run very well on a Friday night at Lionel Watts synthetic. Special thanks must go to Blake Gregory, who coordinated the programs ensuring it all ran smoothly on the night. He was supported by Carlo Zanella,

Zach O'Sullivan, and Caleb Connors in the Blast Competition. Liam Jeffs, Josh Foord, Stuart Turner, Izzy Pallister, and Elodie Spray helped the little ones in the Blast Skills program. Thanks to Blake and the Blast crew for making it an enjoyable season for the parents and children.



# President's Report

## Juniors Playing Senior Cricket

It was great to see a number of our juniors playing senior cricket this season. I would encourage any older boys and girls wanting to improve their cricket by playing senior cricket next season.



## Premierships and Finals

We had seven teams reach grand finals this season, with five coming away as winners.

Congratulations to 12/2 Black, 13/1 Black, 14/1 Red, 16/1 Red.

Commiserations to 12/1 Red & 14/2 Wakehurst/Cromer.

Our First-Grade Senior team made the Grand Final for the first time since 2010. Unfortunately, they couldn't get across the line on the day. This was a great effort and with being a young team, hopefully they have a few good seasons ahead.



# President's Report

## Committee Members

A huge thanks to the Wakehurst Committee for volunteering their time and the hard work they put in behind the scenes during the season.

Ashley Jones once again did a mountain of work for the club. He acted as our treasurer, our equipment coordinator, the Pink Stumps coordinator and coordinated our uniforms plus other volunteering around the club. The addition of the Redback gazebos were terrific.

Mark Turner did a great job in his first season as Secretary of the club. Thanks to Mark, we had great communication between Committee Members, Club Members, Parents, and Supporters.

Kevin Wesson once again did a huge job as VP of Juniors (Boys). His work during the pre-season in organising players, coaches, and managers is much appreciated. Kevin also acted as our ground's coordinator, where he organised team training facilities throughout the season. He assisted the coaches and managers with great organisation. Additionally, Kev acted as a delegate to the MWJCA attending their monthly meetings.

Ross Denny prepared our statistics for the Annual Report and supported the Committee with Presentation Day. Additionally, thanks for your support for not only girls' cricket but all cricket at Wakehurst.

Blake Gregory did a fantastic job with the coordination of the Blast programs. He organised the teams during pre-season and instructed our Blast coaches to help the kids enjoy the sessions on a Friday night. Blake also did a great job managing our I.T.

David Nimmo provided support to the general committee by assisting Ian Thompson with the seniors.

Laurie Zanella did a superb job as sponsorship coordinator. His relationship with the Belrose Hotel, Chargrill Charlies, and Mark McInnes (Sydney Cricket Coaching) really helps the club.

Ian (Tommo) Thompson once again did a fantastic job in a demanding role. He coordinated our senior cricketers this season where we registered six teams in MWCA competitions. Additionally, Ian's work in organising the seniors' pizza nights & Pink Stumps Day made it a great success.

# President's Report

Diana Turner was our child safety officer again this season. She did a great job in organising our coaches and managers to obtain their Working with Children's Check and general child safety requirements. Di also attended the MWJCA meetings as a delegate.

Yvette Pallister did a great job as our VP of Girls cricket. During pre-season, she coordinated the girls' teams. She attended the MWJCA monthly meetings. She was involved in our fund-raising activities and she also spent hours of work coordinating this great annual report.

Nadia Woods did an amazing job of our pre-season organisation. It could not have happened so smoothly without Nadia. As club registrar, she did a fantastic job coordinating parent, coaches and managers through the PlayHQ registration process.

Craig Secombe was part of the general committee and was involved in our grant applications.

David Walker did a great job in coordinating the website and acted as our social media manager. The posts and photos at the end of each Saturday and thought the season were terrific.

Deanne Hutt helped us with Pink Stumps Day again this season. It's great to have our life members still actively involved in the club.

## Volunteers

We had 50 plus volunteer Coaches, Managers, Scorers, and Umpires this season.



# President's Report

## Sponsors

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

Our major sponsor, The Belrose Hotel was a great supporter 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 presentation awards, our pizza nights, and many seniors attended the hotel following Saturday afternoon games.

Chargrill Charlies provided the very popular Player of the Match awards.

Sydney Cricket Coaching – Thanks to Mark McInnes for your support.

Also, thanks to Shawn Bradstreet as our Club Patron.

Go the mighty Redbacks.

Matt White (President)



# Treasurer's Report

Wakehurst Redbacks Cricket Club Incorporated

## Treasurer's Annual Report

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th April 2025

Income	2024-25	2023-24
Merchandise Sales	9,386.20	4,275.00
Raffles and fundraising	56.42	134.14
Registration Fees	60,152.18	60,166.88
Sponsorship	10,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b><u>79,594.80</u></b>	<b><u>64,599.02</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising/Domain/Web Registration	1,191.16	0.00
Bank Fees	23.97	113.54
Captains Refunds	800.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	2,549.06
Equipment Purchases (Balls)	12,914.18	3,865.50
Equipment Purchases (Other)	484.08	1,747.81
Equipment Purchases (Playing Equipment)	2,480.07	4,009.55
Equipment Purchases (Signage/Advertising)	8,717.73	0.00
Events - Coaches and Managers	476.85	346.15
Events - Junior Presentation	977.40	(719.75)
Events - Other	2,939.30	264.50
Events - Senior Presentation	1,354.10	1,265.05
Events - Team	1,639.96	2,124.95
Juniors Coaching	2,165.00	500.00
Merchandise Purchases	4,290.93	8,123.73
Merchandise Samples	234.99	0.00
MWCA Senior Umpires	1,800.00	3,300.00
MWCA Seniors Registration Fees	6,000.00	5,400.00
MWJCA Team Registration Fess	6,155.00	12,121.00
Other expenses	2,187.49	2,244.48
Playing Strip	9,759.97	0.00
Postage, Printing and Stationery	1,658.13	2,233.38
Sporting Fields & Facilities	7,067.55	862.44
Team Photos	2,351.10	2,487.50
Thank you gifts for Coaches & Managers	1,500.00	0.00
Trophies	6,937.50	5,035.90
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>85,106.45</u></b>	<b><u>57,894.79</u></b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b><u>(6,511.65)</u></b>	<b><u>6,704.23</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>		
CBA Cheque Account	83,287.30	91,720.54
Accounts Receivable	560.00	0.00
Match Equipment - Balls	2,869.50	2,869.50
Merchandise for resale	11,685.40	9,084.46
Prepayments	343.13	343.13
Provision for doubtful debts		(4,000.00)
	<b><u>98,745.33</u></b>	<b><u>100,017.63</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses	21,014.35	19,475.00
Deferred Income	150.00	450.00
	<b><u>21,164.35</u></b>	<b><u>19,925.00</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>77,580.98</u></b>	<b><u>80,092.63</u></b>
Current Year Earnings	(6,511.65)	6,704.23
Retained Earnings	80,092.63	73,388.40
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>73,580.98</u></b>	<b><u>80,092.63</u></b>

Prepared by Ashley Jones

# Bob Philpott

The 2024/25 Season marked 21 years since the passing of our Club's founder Bob Philpott. The following was a profile of Bob's life, written by his good friend Peter Gotting, was published in the Sydney Morning Herald after Bob's passing.

When most children want to play sport or act on the stage, their parents find a club. Bob Philpott created clubs. Not just a rugby side, not only a cricket team, but both those, together with one of Sydney's only youth theatre companies.

An English master at schools across NSW, Philpott, who has died suddenly from a heart attack aged 60, taught far beyond the classroom. He was long recognised by Warringah Council as one of the most significant contributors to community life on Sydney's northern beaches.

Born in Fairlight, Philpott was playing cricket almost as soon as he learnt to walk. One of four boys, Philpott followed the family passions of rugby and cricket, and also created small theatres in the backyard. He was skilled with the ball but never a sports star. His talent was as director - not just of the stage but throughout life.

Educated at Manly West Primary and Manly Boys High, where he was school captain, he established the Balgowlah Cricket and Rugby Club with a group of friends before leaving school.

Philpott earned a scholarship to the University of Sydney to study teaching and started his career at Ibrox Park Boys High School, which later became Leichhardt High. He showed his mischievous nature by working with other young teachers to organise practical jokes such as distributing a teachers' toilet roster which dictated when they could use the amenities.

In 1968, he met his wife, Penny. Philpott was best man at a friend's wedding, she a bridesmaid. In his speech, he told guests he would certainly see more of Penny. They married within two years.

Penny became his partner in everything. They had two sons, Lachlan in 1972 and Nik a year later, when the family moved to Narromine in NSW's Central West. There he became English master but he was not keen on administrative duties, preferring the classroom. After five years, the Philpotts returned to Sydney, building a home in Frenchs Forest.

When Lachlan and Nik said they wanted to play cricket, their parents told them to find friends and they would start a team. This created the Red-backs Cricket Club, which exists to this day.

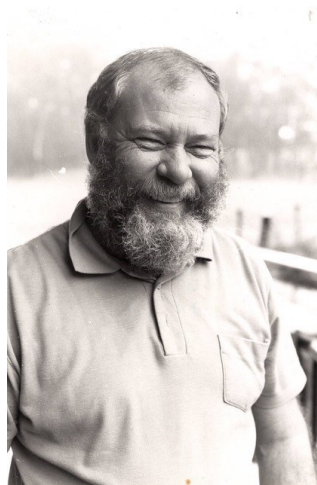
# Bob Philpott

Warringah Council built Glen Street Theatre in Belrose in 1985, giving the Philpott's another idea: a local youth theatre. Four hundred people attended the foundation Forest Youth Theatre Company meeting. Philpott became Director and his Wife producer. Their production of *Oliver!* was the theatre's first full-scale show and over the 18 years at Glen Street the company has produced 35 musicals and plays, all funded through ticket sales and fundraising. Philpott had difficulty rejecting anyone, with up to 200 young people involved in each production.

Stretching the definition of youth, Philpott appeared onstage in a production in 1997 when a cast member was involved in a car accident. His young co-stars were highly amused by his performance, slightly awkward with a script in hand, but Philpott was in on the joke and played up to it too.

Most of Philpott's performances, however, were behind the scenes and off the sporting fields. But it was there that much of the fun was had, with plenty of functions and parties. The theatre company stuck with musicals mostly, simply because more people could be involved.

Philpott, who most recently taught at The Forest High School, ran unsuccessfully for Warringah Council in 1995. He was never a politician, however. He ran fiercely independent, more determined to create local dog parks than become embroiled in party divisions.



It was apt when he played Santa Claus at local shopping centres over the past five years. With his trademark, unkempt beard, he was often described as Father Christmas. Others saw him as Pied Piper, who loved to entertain the casts of his theatre productions with renditions of the French comic song *Alouette*. It was mandatory for everyone to join in.

The Philpott's received Centenary of Federation medals earlier this year in recognition of services to the arts. He is survived by Penny, Lachlan and Nik as well as his mother, Elizabeth.

# 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 Philpott's 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 Balgollah 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



The Foundation logo created by Penny Philpott

# The Foundation of the Redbacks

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. Today 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 43 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.



Bob Philpott presenting awards at the club's very first presentation day held at Forty Baskets, Balgowlah.



A photo of the very first playing cap.

# Blast Skills

The Blast Skills cricket program is an entry level format for boys and girls aged 4 to 7 years. Some of these players moved to the Blast competition.

The program ran from October to March and was designed for participants to build their cricket skills through fun, game-based activities. Each child received a player pack when registering for the program.

An emphasis was placed on learning the basics of batting, bowling, and fielding. The activities were designed in a circuit style format where they would spend 5 to 8 minutes on each activity

before they would rotate to the next one.

Now that they have mastered the basics, they will be ready to graduate to Blast where they can play modified games of cricket.

A special thanks to **Isabella Pallister, Elodie Spray, Stuart Turner, Josh Foord and Liam Jeffs** who did a fantastic job at running the program every Friday night. They did a great job of implementing the program and keeping the kids engaged.



The primary focus with this form of cricket is to provide a positive, enjoyable introduction to the game using a variety of activities which develop basic cricket skills, provide physical fitness and encourage social interaction and team building. The children were taught specific skills including holding the bat, catching, throwing and basic bowling and batting techniques. Thanks to **Carlo Zanella and Zac O'Sullivan and Caleb Connors** for your assistance running this program.

Many thanks to the rest of the teams who participated in the Blast Skills and Blast Competitions this season. We look forward to their return next season!

# Blast

<b>Team 1</b>	<b>Funnel Webs</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Ying</b>
	1 Gilbert	Baumann
	2 Elijah	Barnier
	3 Edward	Clements
	4 William	Farr
	5 Winston	Smith
	6 Sonny	Ying
	7	
	8	
<b>Team 2</b>	<b>Trapdoor</b>	<b>OLGC</b>
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Kate</b>	<b>Hayes</b>
	1 George	Hayes
	2 Zander	Jean
	3 Finn	Kenihan
	4 Patrick	Kenihan
	5 Thomas	Gove
	6 Alexander	Kawwenje
	7 Xavier	Loneragan
	8 Joshua	O'Brien
<b>Team 3</b>	<b>Redback</b>	<b>OLGC</b>
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Kate</b>	<b>Seeto</b>
	1 William	Seeto
	2 Lucas	Falvo
	3 Gianni	Mustaca
	4 William	Ferguson
	5 Lucas	Yapp
	6 Oliver	Cooper
	7 Theodor	Halbgebauer
	8 Max	Harkness
<b>Team 4</b>	<b>White Tail</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Jacqui</b>	<b>Hill</b>
	1 Matthew	Hill
	2 Ryan	Hill
	3 Maverick	Ho
	4 Kimara	Wightley
	5 Archie	Snutch-Bradbury
	6 Finn	Magnus
	7	
	8	

<b>Team 5</b>	<b>Tarantulas</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Lauren</b>	<b>Curtis</b>
	1 Jack	Curtis
	2 Samuel	Doran
	3 Henry	Stroud
	4 Oscar	Pointing
	5 Oliver	Sambade
	6 Jordan	Cameron
	7	
	8	
<b>Team 6</b>	<b>Huntsman</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Jill</b>	<b>Craw</b>
	1 Logan	Telfer
	2 Zara	Craw
	3 Prabir	Nadkarni
	4 Samuel	Williams
	5 Neil	Rampal
	6 Jesse	van der Merwe
	7	
	8	
<b>Team 7</b>	<b>Wolf</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Joanne</b>	<b>Newling</b>
	1 Robert	Grant
	2 Bailey	Daking
	3 Tristan	Newling
	4 Joshua	Zinsli
	5 Patrick	Zinsli
	6 Leo	Slater
	7 Lily	St John
	8 Mikayla	Parks-Picard
<b>Team 8</b>	<b>Orb Weavers</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Stead</b>
	1 Arlo	Whitehead
	2 Jarnic	Wright
	3 Harvey	Stead
	4 Austin	Davelaar
	5 Lachlan	Debney
	6 Jasper	Ogden
	7	
	8	

# Blast

<b>Team 9</b>	<b>Daddy Long Legs</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Dean</b>	<b>Fitzsimmons</b>
	1 Lewis	Hall
	2 Oliver	Fitzsimmons
	3 Zachary	Brander
	4 Lachlan	Addison
	5 Elijah	Carnegle
	6 Edward	Hunt
	7 Lachlan	Gregory
	8 Ethan	Montgomery
<b>Team 10</b>	<b>Mouse</b>	
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Jo</b>	<b>Bainbridge</b>
	1 Logan	Hewitt
	2 Jet	Waugh
	3 Max	Maike
	4 Lachlan	Russell
	5 Kiera	Scott
	6 Charles	Fraser
	7 James	Fraser
	8	



# Blast



# U11 Girls Diamonds

Our U11 Girls Diamonds team thoroughly enjoyed their first season of competition cricket. From the very first training session to the final game, the growth and enthusiasm displayed by each player has been truly inspiring. The girls consistently worked on and fine-tuned their cricket skills, particularly their bowling technique. Learning how to bowl isn't easy, but with some cartwheel analogies and a chocolate bar prize for bowling the ball in front of the wicket, the improvements were noticeable.

The girls' progress after the first few weeks was impressive. By the second half of the season, our opponents were commenting on how well the girls were progressing.

On the batting front, by the end of the season, we saw some sweeps, pulls, drives, and ramp shots!

Throughout the season, the girls have shown incredible support for one another, both on and off the field. Their energy and creativity shone through in their end of game chant, applying pink zinc and their celebrations of wickets, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and respect.

It was also wonderful to welcome Mackenzie, Mia, and Ella to the team for the second half of the season.

Their addition took our team to another level, bringing us to nine players and adding different strengths to the team.

Thank you to all the parents for your unwavering support and encouragement. We look forward to building on this year's successes and continuing to grow as a team in the seasons to come.



# U11 Girls Diamonds

## Diamonds in the Field

Emily's bat sings with every run,  
Ramp shots soaring, under the sun.  
Colette's wickets, a record to beat,  
Her bowling skills, a formidable feat.  
Ella behind the stumps, sharp and keen,  
A wicket-keeping marvel, a cricket queen.  
Lilah's eyes, sharp as a hawk,  
Fielding with precision, her talent talks.  
Isla's speed, a blur on the field,  
Quick to react, her skills revealed.  
Mackenzie, focused, always on her feet,

Her skills and technique, truly elite.  
Mia's courage, body on the line,  
Supporting her team, every time.  
Nina's natural spin, hot shots in sight,  
Her dedication, shining bright.  
Cora's bowling, elegant and fine,  
With every delivery, she shines.  
Nine girls, a team so bright,  
Their achievements, a glorious sight.

Player Awards:

Batting Award - Emily Roberts  
Bowling Award - Colette Frew  
Sportsperson—Mackenzie Duff



# U13 Girls Diamonds

Having helped coach the team last year, it was fantastic to return and see lots of the team back, alongside some new players experiencing their first year of cricket, which is always so good to see.

The season began with a couple of tough matches against strong opponents, resulting in two early losses. However, the girls quickly found their rhythm, going on an impressive run and winning 7 out of the next 8 games.

A key factor in this success was the team's disciplined bowling, which consistently restricted opposition teams to very low totals.

Heading into the finals, we faced some challenging matches, losing the last two regular-season games. Despite this, the girls remained positive and determined, finishing 4th on the ladder and earning a well-deserved spot in the semi-finals.

The semi-final was always going to be a tough challenge against 1st-placed Harbord, a team stacked with representative players. However, the girls put in an outstanding performance, restricting Harbord to just 98 runs from their 20 overs, with Rebecca's bowling the standout with 1/5 of 4 overs.

This gave the girls a real chance, and thanks to some excellent powerful hitting from Sarah - who ended up with 31 runs including 1x6 and 3x4s and excellent running between the wickets from the entire team, we fell just five runs short of an incredible victory. It was a fantastic effort against such a strong side.

Overall, the team should be extremely proud of their season and how much they improved. Extras were significantly reduced as the season progressed, running between the wickets

became a real strength, and the fielding effort stepped up—taking catches, attacking the ball, and executing runouts that put opposition batters under constant pressure.

Big thanks to our amazing manager, Zoe, for keeping the team organised and to the Eastmeads for the countless slushie runs to keep the team cool and energised!!

## **Sarah Eastmead**

Sarah returned for another season with the team, and had an outstanding year, proving herself as a fantastic all-rounder. Her power hitting was a game-changer, often unsettling opponents and sending plenty of balls over the boundary rope. Sarah finished the season as the competition leading run-scorer, with 272 runs with an incredible average of 68. In addition, she also contributed with the ball, taking 9 wickets and playing a crucial role in the team's success. A huge congratulations to her for making the Molly Dive representative team this season!

## **Sevannah Ekmekjan**

In her first year of cricket, Sevannah made incredible progress, consistently giving 100% effort and improving with every game. Her best performance came in the final round of the season, where she shone with 19 not out, a runout, two catches, and a wicket—a true all-round display! It was fantastic to see her confidence grow throughout the season, and I hope she loved her first year of cricket. Hopefully, she'll be back next season for even more success!

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## **Elin Evans**

Elin is the kind of player every coach loves having on their team—always listening, giving 100% effort, and supporting both her teammates and coaches whenever she can. She showed massive improvement in her bowling this season, finishing with an impressive 9 wickets, including a standout performance where she took 2 wickets for no runs. With the bat, her solid defence made her a tough player to dismiss. Elin's dedication and hard work were evident all season, and it was a pleasure to coach her.

## **McKenzie Gruing**

In her second season with the team, McKenzie continued to build strong connections with her teammates, which is always great to see. One of her standout moments came against the Harbord Strikers, who finished 3rd on the ladder. McKenzie faced 24 balls without getting out, showing real determination against a strong bowling attack. Hopefully, she enjoyed the experience and took something away from it—whether it was learning new skills or just having a laugh with her teammates.

## **Phoebe Sorohan**

Phoebe was always eager to learn and improve, constantly asking for ways to get better—a fantastic mindset to have! She was a consistent performer throughout the season, proving incredibly difficult to dismiss with an amazing 9 not outs—no team could get her out! Alongside her batting resilience, she also made a strong impact with the ball, finishing the season with 8 wickets. Her dedication and determination were evident every game, making her a valuable player for the team.

## **Georgia Smith**

Georgia was a fantastic team player, always getting along with everyone and often found smiling or having a laugh. On the field, she was one of our best fielders, taking three incredible catches and executing three runouts with her outstanding throwing arm. With the ball, she was nearly impossible to score off, finishing the season with an exceptional economy rate of just 2.84. Her energy and skill made a huge impact on the team, and it was great to have her again this season.

## **Akira Tolani**

In her first year of cricket, Akira showed great commitment and a real eagerness to improve. She always paid attention in training, listened to feedback, and was often found staying back after sessions for extra practice with her dad. Her hard work paid off, finishing not out in four games and delivering her best bowling performance of 2 for 8. It was fantastic to see her progress throughout the season, and hopefully, she continues to grow in confidence and skill.

## **Rebecca Wilson**

Joining the team from the U11 Forest squad, Rebecca was an incredible addition this season. A true all-rounder, she always attacked the ball in the field and gave 110% in every play, constantly looking for ways to improve. Her fast in swinging bowling was a nightmare for opposition batters, often crashing into the stumps, and she finished the season with 8 wickets at an outstanding economy of just 1.9. Her batting flourished as the season progressed, making her a key player in the lineup. She ended as our second-highest run scorer with 136 runs at an average of 22.67. A huge congratulations to her for making the Molly

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Dive representative team this season!

## Piper Woods

Piper brought great energy to the team, always keeping spirits high in the field with her encouragement and support for her teammates. One of her standout moments came in the final round, where she built an amazing 28-run partnership with Savannah, showcasing excellent running between the wickets. With the ball, her accuracy was a key strength, finishing the season with a fantastic economy rate of 2.73. Her positivity and commitment made a big impact on the team



Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Rebecca Wilson

Batting Award—Sarah Eastmead

Sportsperson Award— Elin Evans



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# U15 Girls Sapphires

The Wakehurst U/15 Girls had an impressive season, qualifying for the semifinals and being narrowly beaten by the eventual champions - Harbord. In the semi-final, batting first, Wakehurst set a challenging total of 99 runs, and were eventually run down by Harbord with 8 balls remaining, in a very close encounter.

The 2025 U/15 competition was a tightly fought season, with each opposing team capable of victory on any given day. The even nature of the competition meant that the Wakehurst U/15's needed to bring a strong team performance to each game. Throughout the summer, the team played consistently good cricket, characterised by a belief in one another, determination, great sportsmanship, and a wonderful sense of team spirit.

In this tightly fought season, matches each week were often decided by the teams that took their chances in the field, or by those teams that made the most of their opportunities in key moments - a dropped or well-taken catch, a runout for or against, or a desperate boundary save.

The U/15's had a few setbacks this year. The most damaging setback was the loss of the extremely talented all-rounder Marlee White. Marlee suffered a season-ending stress fracture to her back in the early season rounds. Losing Marlee meant the U15's lost a Manly-Warringah representative player and a wonderful team-mate, who enhanced team culture with her energy and enthusiasm. The loss of Marlee added a little extra pressure to a squad down on players, particularly on the weeks when additional injuries or alternative sporting commitments meant the team was playing well below capacity. Being forced to play down on numbers, added obvious

challenges to the batting depth and allowed opposition players run-scoring opportunities via additional spaces in the field.

Now a little bit about each player.

The U/15's are a talented group who all made significant contributions to team performances each week. This depth of talent is perhaps best recognised by the fact that 7 players from the group represented Manly Warringah in both the *Mollie Dive* and *Peden* competitions.

## **Izzy Pallister**

Izzy is a talented all-rounder who represented Manly Warringah this season. Izzy is also a talented captain with a high cricket IQ. She captained the team more often than any other player this season and was widely considered by the group to be the team's leader. Izzy is a dangerous left-arm swing bowler who constantly moves the ball into right-handed batters. She frequently dismissed opposition players by skilfully swinging full-pitched deliveries at pace between bat and pad. In the latter part of the season, Izzy developed and diversified her bowling craft, working on her left-arm finger spin. Izzy was a consistent and dependable middle-order batter, who was often relied on to secure a run chase, or to bat out the overs. Izzy demonstrated a wonderful attitude to the game this season, she is a dedicated trainer who was frequently the first to arrive, and the last to leave sessions each week.

## **Sarah Davidson**

Sarah is a talented all-rounder who represented Manly Warringah this season. Sarah significantly improved as a player this season. She is a talented right-

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handed batter, who improved her footwork, front-foot play, and square-of-the-wicket shot-making each week. Sarah is a fearless player, who willingly opens the batting and relishes the opportunity to face the opposition's best new-ball bowlers. Sarah is also a handy bowler, who bowls accurate medium pace. She also likes to bowl the occasional *leggie*, and when she can manage enough control, spins the ball a *mile*. Sarah was one of four players in the group to share the wicket-keeping duties this season. Behind the stumps, and in the field, she has been a wonderful competitor, taking catches and contributing to numerous runouts.

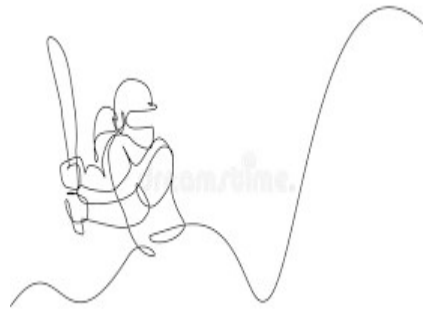
## Elodie Spray

Elodie is a talented all-rounder who represented Manly Warringah this season. She is a technically gifted batter with an advanced front-foot ability and impressive timing. Elodie unsurprisingly, scores many of her runs in the forward arc between mid-wicket and cover, a task that was frequently made more challenging this season by the exceptionally slow (long-grassed) outfielders that she encountered each week. Elodie is a very capable medium-pace bowler, and an outstanding fielder. She was most likely the best catcher in the team, taking 9 catches this season and a few near misses to half-chances that no other player in the team could have gotten a finger to.

Elodie has a wonderful attitude to the game, she is a positive and dedicated trainer who was among the first to arrive, and the last to leave sessions each week.

## Tahlia O'Brien

Tahlia joined the team a few weeks into the season and quickly established herself as an integral and valuable member of the group. She is a talented fast bowler with impressive rhythm, technique, and pace. Tahlia took the new ball in most games as our opening bowler, and she frequently took crucial top-order wickets from all the top teams, through fast and accurate swing bowling. It would be fair to say that Tahlia wasn't anyone's favorite bowler in the training net sessions each week, where most of the team copped a bruise or two facing her in the nets. Tahlia was a wonderful trainer however, and she worked hard on her game all season. Her talents with the ball were quickly noticed by the rep team selectors, and Tahlia thoroughly deserved her call-up to play reps with Manly Warringah this season. Tahlia is also an outstanding fielder with a strong arm, and she batted with a positive attitude, throughout the batting order, looking to score runs where-ever possible.



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## **Indigo Vale**

Indigo is a talented all-rounder who represented Manly Warringah this season as a keeper / batter. She is a technically gifted upper-order player who can play the full range of cricket shots, off both the front and back foot. Indigo likes to work the ball into space and is an excellent runner between the wickets. Indigo, like many talented batters in the competition this season, played many quality cricket shots that were unawarded with runs, due to the extremely slow, long-grass outfields. Indigo kept wickets extremely well all season, and contributed to many runouts, both when behind the stumps, and when in the field. Indigo also made a valuable contribution to the team with the ball each week, bowling accurate medium paced deliveries. Indigo was among the team's most dedicated trainers, and she always projected a positive energy by providing uplifting, energising, tactical, and motivational chat from behind the stumps.

## **Lily Walker**

Lily is among the most improved players on the team this season. She improved all aspects of her game throughout the year, and was a true all-round team player, making valuable contributions as a batter, bowler, wicket-keeper, and fielder each week. Lily's bowling accuracy and consistency improved incredibly, and her deceptive slower bowling challenged batters with both flight and bounce, leading to many vital wickets at crucial times this season. Lily is a determined batter, who proved to be incredibly hard for the opposition bowling attack to dismiss. She was confident to play shots, and she scored much-needed runs at vital times throughout the year. Lily trained well all season,

and her considerable improvement was due to this consistent and commendable effort.

## **Willa Pearson**

Willa is among the finest cricketing talents for her age in the State, and a Manly Warringah representative player this season. Yet despite her considerable talent, she was always humble and displayed a commendable team-first attitude. Willa is a capable team captain, team leader, fast-medium swing bowler, and very good wicket-keeper. She is particularly talented however, with the bat in hand, where her powerful ball striking and confidence to take on any bowling attack, can quickly secure victory and decimate any opposition. In one memorable innings this season, Willa struck 9 sixes, in a batting display that had all spectators on either side of the boundary in awe. Unfortunately, Willa was unable to make all fixtures this season due to other representative sporting commitments.

## **Ella Paxton**

Ella is a determined and consistent cricketer who bowls accurate line and length medium pace, and bats with determination, resilience, and a never-say-die attitude. As a bowler, Ella consistently puts the ball in good areas and invites the opposition to play false shots and make wicket-inducing errors. Ella did well with the ball this season, and she took many valuable wickets. With the bat in hand, Ella was difficult to dismiss this season. She has a strong defence, was patient, and would certainly thrive in longer forms of the game, beyond the 20/20 format. Ella was a good trainer this season and she improved her performance steadily each week.

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## Jordan Hiscoke

Jordan is a determined and consistent cricketer who bowls accurate line and length medium pace, and bats with a positive attitude where she is willing to play her shots and attack the opposition bowlers. When bowling, Jordan consistently puts the ball in good areas and invites the opposition to play false shots. Jordan did very well with the ball this season, and she took many valuable wickets, primarily bowled. With the bat in hand, Jordan is always positive, hits the ball hard, and likes to play her shots. Her *have a dig* attitude was certainly the way to go in the 20/20 competition format this season..

## Marlee White

Marlee is a talented all-rounder who was selected to represent Manly Warringah this season. She is a technically gifted upper-order batter, who can play the full range of cricket shots, off both the front and back foot. Marlee is also a very capable medium-fast bowler and all-round fielder. Marlee was unfortunately injured early in the season, with a season-ending stress-fracture to her back. Marlee is a dedicated and committed trainer, who works hard to improve the technical aspects of her game. She is also a wonderfully positive teammate who brings energy and an infectious and uplifting enthusiasm to the team.

Player Awards:

Batting Award—Elodie Spray

Bowling Award—Tahlia O'Brien

Sportsperson Award—Izzy Pallister



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# U10/2 Black Widows

This team came together with representation from 3 different local schools in the area. We had our first training session the Friday evening before the first game where the kids met each other for the first time. The boys then show up the next day and won their first game, an amazing start to the season. From there we had some ups and downs with results, but the boys continuously did their best and encouraged each other to show really great team spirit out on the pitch.

Testament to their efforts, in the second last week of the comp they came within a whisker of knocking off the undefeated Peninsula team. Then, in the final week they played a Beacon Hill team that had previously beaten the boys by nearly 40 runs, and turned that around into a 13-run victory. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this group and can't wait to see them all again next season!!

## **Alfie Akers**

Very technically sound with the bat. One of the best straight drives going around and certainly his most productive shot earning him a few boundaries across the season. Some nice flighted slow bowling getting the ball above the batsman's eyeline making it difficult to hit and earning him 6 wickets across the season. Always giving his all in the field and developed his wicket keeping nicely as well.

## **Harry Banham**

Harry regularly contributed with bat and ball across the season. He took 5 wickets and 3 run outs and consistently got a few runs on the board to contribute to the team total. He has

worked really hard at training sessions to improve his defensive batting technique. This culminated in a fantastic display against the top team (hasn't lost a match all season). He opened the batting, facing their best bowlers, he made 2 runs off 17 balls but did not lose a wicket in a fantastic defensive display. This start gave the team a red-hot chance to win this game.

## **Alex Griffiths**

Alex is a consistent performer and was a pleasure to coach as he always worked on technical improvements at training and in the games. Always good for a few runs with a high score of 10. He also contributed well with his bowling and fielding earning himself 3 wickets and 3 run outs, he also stuck 2 outstanding catches across the season which were 2 of the hardest hit balls that I have seen this year.

## **Oliver Halprin**

The teams go-to bowler if we needed pace on the ball. Oli consistently took wickets across the season with his fast and accurate bowling. Always contributing with the bat and was the leading run scorer for the team and the competition with 153 runs for the season. He also improved his running between the wickets really well. His energy in the field was amazing which became infectious and often lifted his teammates energy levels.

## **Marcos Moir**

Marcos always gave it his all on game day. One of his most memorable efforts was when he was batting last against Beacon Hill and the scores were pretty close as he entered. He was

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given the instruction to NOT get out against some quick bowling and we will get over the line. After taking several body blows, he stuck it out for a famous 0\* to help the boys to a 7-run victory and Player of the Day honours. He regularly chipped in with runs and wickets and was also involved in 3 run outs throughout the season.

## **Thomas Nichols**

After a cautious start to the season, Tommy went from taking 3 wickets in his first 5 games to ending the season as the leading wicket taker for the team and second in the comp with 16 wickets with a best of 3/5 off 3 overs. He has also developed a solid defensive game with the bat and brings an awesome energy with his running between the wickets, often earning the team a few extra sneaky runs. He also brought this energy into the field and showed some good technique with wicket keeping as well.

## **Matthew Sonemann**

Great improvement across all aspects of the game. Matt worked really hard on his bowling at training, and after taking his first wicket after 11 games he backed it up and got a second the very next week - showing great improvement in the second half of the season. I could always rely on a few runs coming off Matt's bat and he developed a very nice pull shot earning him a few boundaries across the season. He also effected 3 run outs in the second half of the season as his movement in the field improved.

## **Lachlan Tanner**

Lachy developed well across the season in all aspects of the game, achieving personal goals and milestones set along the way. He also used his voice well, out on the field, to ensure the coaches plans were followed out in the middle. Achieving 132 runs, taking 15 wickets, 6 catches (including 1 at wicket keeper) and 10 run outs - a great all-round performance for his first year of cricket.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award: Thomas Nichols

Batting Award: Oliver Halprin

Sportsperson Award: Lachlan Tanner



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# U10/2 Tarantulas

What a season, full of growth, friendship and fun. This team came together after a good master blasters season and with the ability to play that league for another year, all the boys wanted to play Saturday or 'real' cricket! With the knowledge that our team was young and all players able to play for two years in the U10's comp, we went in knowing it may be tough and we might not challenge during the season.

Our initial game, after a couple of the first nets the boys had ever been to, we came up against the Harbord Spinners, the eventual winners of our division. We came within 20 runs of victory, a great start to the season!

In our second game we had a win against the Cromer Cobras, a team of younger players like us on a wet track at St Matthews Farm oval. Our batters got us to 62 and we kept them to 42 with a couple of wickets to Harry Poshoglian who made an impact with the ball off a skidding pitch. Up until the Christmas break we got close to the higher ranked teams with Clive Harrison, Jaxon Hammond, Matty Wills and Harry Poshoglian all contributing with good runs and wickets.

Just before the break we played the top ranking Harbord Spinners again at Beverley Job and nearly knocked them off with Harry scoring a large maximum 6 and 14 runs and Matty and Olly Leng claiming vital wickets to keep us in the hunt. We went down with a couple of wickets at the end to lose by 18, but we knew we had it in us for more wins.

After the break we had a few losses and then had a big rivalry under lights against the other Wakehurst team the Wolf Spiders. They claimed the win under lights on a brilliant match at Lionel Watts and we knew we had to dig deep for the last few games.

Round 14, Friday night game up at Killarney against the Forest Sixers was a tight battle, with fierce bowling from Jaxon Hammond, three wickets in an over, and Harry Poshoglian with a strike rate of 113. It was all down to the last over. Could Forest take a boundary? It was plain sailing with Clive Harrison at the helm. Another win!

We finished up with 4 wins out of our season and a platform with the same team to play another year of U10s and become even better!

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## **Albie Whelans**

Albie is a crafty left handed batter with a sweet sweep shot had dramatic growth in bowling ability this season. A valued member of the team and with an economy of 7.05 bowling, Albie also scored 30 runs for the season consistently scoring runs each game with great calling and running between the wickets. I expect a big season from Albie next year with a season of T20 under his belt.

## **Clive Harrison**

Clive has been one of the biggest improvers this year. With a consistent scoring rate with 38 and 4 wickets for the season at an economy of 4.27 runs an over, Clive has been a big part of the teams all rounder ranks and the most improved player within the squad for the season. Also a player to watch with the gloves, Clive was one of our standout wicketkeepers this year.

## **Harry Poshoglian**

Harry has been an integral part of the team this year topping our run scoring and wickets list. A highest score of 22 runs with a combined total of 138 runs in the season at a strike rate of 77, and 14 wickets at an economy of 2.45, Harry hit the lone six of the year and fast bowling with many wickets hitting middle stump! An accurate fielder, Harry had a few direct run outs this season as well.

## **Jaxon Hammond**

Jaxon came into this season without master blasters experience and has shown to be a solid performer. Coming second in our runs total and wickets taken, Jaxon is a very good all

rounder with strong scores and good ability with the ball. Excellent in the field, and catching and throwing amongst the best, Jaxon has a bright future for the Wakehurst Club.

## **Joshua Mead**

Josh has had a great year with the Tarantulas. A great wicky with focus on every ball bowled and a great temperament when batting and bowling to learn the skills that will grow over the years. Josh has learned the art of blocking and keeping his wicket, and when bowling - has grown to getting an accurate ball which he should be proud of.

## **Matthew Wills**

Matty was the surprise packet this year. A deadly fielder in close, Matty affected four run outs during the season and has a strong arm for throwing. This showed with the ball consistently bowling well each week and best figures of 1-1 off three overs and consistently getting wickets many of them bowled. A great player to have in the team, Matty is always willing to help the team and provides some good laughs while out in the field, and excellent attribute.

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## **Mitchell Duff**

Mitch had a fine season this year. With bowling figures in the Round 14 match of 1-9 off two overs, and his first wicket of the year, Mitch showed a vast improvement in his batting technique and bowling ability throughout the year which is commendable. A good left handed batter with strong sweeping ability, the leg side is looking good for Mitch, also a strong arm with the ball in the deep, Mitch also showed some good wicket keeping acumen behind the stumps with tidy catching and glovework. Looking for a big season next year!

## **Oliver Leng**

Oliver has been one of the most improved players this year for the Tarantulas. Oli has an improved batting technique and great calling and running between wickets, he also has a strong knowledge of field placement and throwing resulting in a good couple of runouts this season. With a score of 9 and best figures of 1-4, I expect Oli to increase all facets of his allrounder game next season, a very capable cricketer.

## **Patrick Baddock**

Patty has been a great all rounder this year, wickets, runs and solid in the field. Consistent with run scoring and in the last half of the season, was the best at calling through team mates for runs in the middle of the wicket. Paddy has all the abilities of increasing runs, wickets and fielding with an excellent bowling action and measured stance in batting, and a strong arm in the field with 2 great direct hit run outs against the Cobras earlier in the season, backing it up with 2 more during the season to be the standout in the field this year for the team.

Player Awards:

Batting Award - Jaxson Hammond

Bowling Award: - Harry Poshoglian

Sportsperson Award: Clive Harrison

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# U10/2 Trapdoors

The 2025 season was one of growth and development for the Wakehurst U10/2 Trapdoors. This team, comprised mostly of cricketing rookies (and playing an age group up), have come an incredibly long way since the start of the season. After an interesting first training session (that gave almost everyone second thoughts about joining or coaching a cricket team) we stripped it back to basics - and set 3 objectives for the season.

1. Listen
2. Learn cricket
3. Have fun

And over the summer, I think we achieved those objectives. With most of the kids never having batted or bowled before, our coaching team was dedicated to building skills all year. Despite a winless season (agonisingly close on a number of occasions!) I think both the boys and parents should be very proud of their growth this season.

Before getting into the player profiles I wanted to thank our Manager, Cris Dinz, for keeping us organised throughout the season. I also wanted to give a special shout out to the co-coaching/umpiring team of John, Pat, Inacio, Brian, and Jason - both for their contributions and 'resilience' ever Saturday.

But on to the players!

## **Daniel Bell**

65 Runs - HS 9, 4 wickets - BB 2-11

A huge season of progress. Developed into a genuine all rounder with bowling in particular getting better every week.

Handy behind the stumps when called upon - and would always be looking to get in the game.

## **Ben Basic**

63 Runs - HS 10, 2 wickets - BB 1-11

One of the more experienced players in the team and had an excellent season with the bat in particular. Was brilliant to see Ben progress to making runs on all sides of the wicket and he made plenty nudging it down the leg side.

## **Julio Dos Santos**

90 Runs - HS 12, 6 wickets - BB 3-21

A fantastic all round cricketer who quickly established himself as a gifted power hitter, and was our top run scorer by a margin. Julio may well have the safest pair of hands in this age group, and took some brilliant catches both at training and in matches. A pleasure to coach.

## **Nate Ferrie**

10 Runs - HS 4, 3 wickets - BB 1-10

Another player who progressed incredibly well this season. Developed his bowling action from a chuck to a smooth and graceful delivery - sometimes with two shoes on, sometimes with one. Always smiling, Nate made the most of objective 3 - 'Have Fun'

## **Lucas Bell**

19 runs - HS 6, 3 wickets - BB 2-16

The U10 Funnel Webs had a fantastic

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Our most improved player across the season. Lucas came back from summer break a new player - with both batting, bowling and application in the field all improving out of sight. Was great to see his enjoyment of the game increase alongside his skills.

Player Awards:

Batting Award - Julio Dos Santos

Bowling Award - Jude Mair

Sportspersons Award - Daniel Bell

## Finn Curran

19 runs - HS 4, 1 wicket - BB 1-18

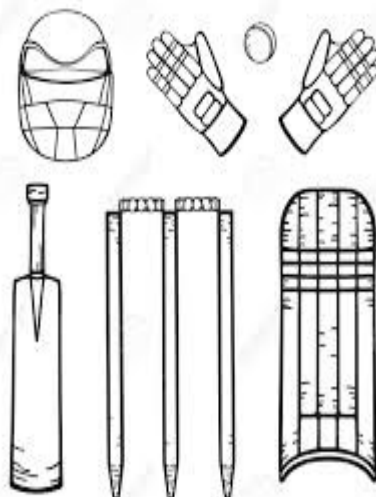
An outstanding wicket keeper, Finn progressed the other areas of his game throughout the year to become another well rounded cricketer. Finn has a natural batting technique that would be the envy of many - with an impenetrable defence. Massive improvements in bowling - and awesome to see him go from avoiding it to asking the captain to throw him the ball.

## Jude Mair

41 runs - HS 7, 7 wickets BB 2-6

A true competitor. Jude was another of the more experienced players with a run up that would leave Brett Lee gasping for air. Our best bowler and a wily keeper/fielder - he was relentless in his hunt for wickets and the win. Gave batsmen nightmares with his chatter behind the stumps. Always backing up at the non-strikers end, Jude pinched dozens of runs like a thief in the night.

Big congratulations to the players for their efforts this year, and looking forward to seeing you back next year!



# U10/2 Funnel Webs

The U10 Funnel Webs had a fantastic first season playing together, with most boys coming up from Blast, a couple of old timers, and a couple who were new to the game and quickly came to love the sport.

The team showed great commitment to training, and enjoyed challenging themselves to get better each week. You could tell they were just loving the camaraderie of being in a really fun, energetic team.

Although we only managed to get a handful of wins for the season, the boys rarely focused on the result and you could tell they enjoyed the challenge of learning the technical side of the sport whilst hanging out, cracking jokes and encouraging one another.

Watching the boys develop and improve was fantastic, with each player bringing their own expertise to the game. Particularly pleasing was the level of encouragement and positivity when fielding, which is admittedly not easy to do when the weather is heating up!

A huge round of applause goes to all the other parents who did so much to help in every department, be it coaching, scoring, umpiring or cheering the boys on every week. It's been a great season, and a great team to be a part of!

## **Fred (Frederico) Bracken**

93 runs Highest Score 15 Strike Rate 51.1

7 wickets Best 2-2 Economy 3.8

2 run outs 1 stumping

Fred was one of the senior players in Stage 1, and took that responsibility very seriously. After a tentative start to the season, he quickly became one of the most consistent and quickest bow-

lers in the team, whilst also achieving the best bowling economy rate (giving away the least number of runs). His speed and agility in the field was also notable, with one of the strongest fielding arms in the team. In the batting department, Fred's favourite leg side pull shot often saw him scampering between the wickets or hitting the boundary - this helped him achieve the highest strike rate in the team. Aided by his strong judgement to call for a run at the right opportunity, he was the second highest run scorer for the team.

## **Bill Hayes**

122 runs, Highest Score 14, Strike Rate 50.6

15 Wickets Best 4-10 Economy 3.8

2 catches 2 run outs

Bill moved seamlessly from Master Blast to Stage 1 cricket, and has quickly become a confident stroke player with the bat. Bill was the leading run scorer in the team, which can largely be attributed to his ability to accumulate quick singles through excellent communication with his batting partners. He leads with the premise that attack is the best form of defence, and quickly learnt to expand his repertoire of scoring shots. Bill has a very fluid, natural bowling action, achieving great success to be one of the leading wicket takers. His enthusiasm in the field was also a delight, often asking his bowling attack to "send those bails to Bunnings"! I look forward to seeing Bill continue to grow and improve as a player.

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## **Dylan Mah Chut**

64 runs, Highest Score 10, Strike Rate 24.7

7 wickets Best 2-8 Economy 4.6

2 catches 2 run outs

Another first timer to the cricket field, and another who quickly caught the cricket bug, often asking for extra training sessions. Always keen to be first on the batting or bowling line up, you could tell he was putting plenty of thought into the game.

Dylan quickly mastered his bowling action, and became an excellent seam bowler for the team - so much so, that he was eager to learn leg spin soon after! His highlight for the season came when he narrowly missed out on a hat-trick, taking two wickets in a row, but being unlucky not to get the third.

## **James (Jim) Middleton**

57 runs, Highest Score 10, Strike Rate 26

5 wickets Best 1-3 Economy 5.3

2 catches, 2 run outs

Jim's first season playing cricket has showed immense promise, striking fear into opposition batsmen with the high bounce he could extract from the pitch. His eagerness to practice drove his mother crazy at home, and allegedly his younger brother was frequently seen fetching balls for him in the garden. Jim was like a sponge in training, soaking up all the knowledge the coaches could share with him.

2 catches and 2 run outs showed what

an important contribution he made in the field, as only one player achieved better statistics in that area. I can't wait to see Jim continue to improve in the future - he has the strength and height to be a talented all rounder.

## **Cooper Reid**

91 runs, Highest Score 15, Strike Rate 32.2

14 wickets Best 2-3 Economy 3.6

3 catches 6 run outs

Our very own Mr Cricket, Cooper was the consummate professional and genuine allrounder, and was always first to training. His commitment to the game is unmatched, which could be seen from his ability to bowl seam up, as well as then learning leg spin, with significant success. His prowess in the field was superb, achieving the most number of runs outs in the team - give him 3 stumps to aim at, and chances are he'd hit them! Also an excellent stroke player with the bat, his timing of the ball was excellent - when he moves up to Stage 2 with a harder ball, he will get even more value for his shots. I have no doubt we will see great things from Cooper over the years to come.

## **Hayden Schindler**

55 runs. Highest Score 14. Strike Rate 28.7

3 wickets Best 1-4 Economy 3.8

1 catch 4 run outs

Our youngest and most fearless player, Hayden was at his most vocal in the field, where he could always be relied

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on to give words of encouragement to his bowler—certainly signs of potential to become a chirpy wicket keeper! His bowling technique and accuracy improved tremendously during the season, and he was unlucky not to get more wickets from successfully targeting the stumps.

With the 2nd highest number of run outs in the team, his throwing accuracy was also a huge contributor to the team's success.

## Lachlan Schindler

46 runs Highest Score 10 Strike Rate 33.1

4 wickets Best 1-7 Economy 4.2

1 catch 1 run out

Lachlan was another of the senior players who played Stage 1 last year, and brought that experience to bear by mentoring the less experienced players in the team. His natural leg break bowling action regularly caused problems for opposition batsmen, and he continued to improve his accuracy as the season went on.

Lachlan was a great communicator with his batting partner, showing good judgement when calling for quick singles, often after a strong shot to the leg side.

We were unlucky not to be able to use his services more during the season, due to clashes with other activities, but he was always there to support and encourage his team like any senior professional would do.

## Jack Soper

45 runs, Highest Score 6, Strike Rate 18.7

10 wickets Best 3-5 Economy 4.1

2 catches 4 run outs

Our 3rd highest wicket taker, Jack's metronome like bowling accuracy was too much for many batsmen to handle, regularly getting the ball to swing in favourable conditions. His banter and sledging ability in the field, as expected coming from a long line of Queenslanders, kept his team mates entertained and spirits high.

His casual style of running between the wickets caused consternation for his parents at times, but his ability to hold down an end was something that could be relied upon to produce several key batting partnerships during the season.

## Player Awards:

**Bowling Award** - Cooper Reid

**Batting Award** - Bill Hayes

**Sportsperson Award** - Hayden Schindler



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# U10/2 Whitetails

The U10 White Tails embarked on their debut season with enthusiasm and determination. For a group of kids new to the game, the season presented its fair share of challenges, as they faced more experienced opposition week after week. However, the team showed tremendous resilience, improving their skills and teamwork with each match.

Despite a tough start, their persistence paid off in the latter part of the season, securing two well-earned victories that highlighted their growth and development. Every player made strides in batting, bowling, and fielding, and most importantly, they fostered a great team spirit and love for the game.

While the results may not have always gone their way, the season was a success in many other ways. New friendships were formed, confidence grew, and valuable lessons were learned. With this foundation, it will put the boys in good stead to further their cricket skills in the seasons to come.

## **Ash Kerle**

Ash brought an infectious enthusiasm to the side, his willingness to listen at training and work on his skills made him a pleasure to have in the team. Each week Ash made small improvements to his batting and bowling which was evident to see when he left his best till last, top scoring for the side as well as making his season high score of 14 in the last game of the year. Ash was a superstar in the field with numerous run outs to his name and always putting his hand up to don the gloves.

## **Lachlan Ellis**

Lachie is the perfect example of the saying 'Hard work pays off'. In the early parts of the season Lachie somehow managed to be on the end of some unlucky dismissals when batting and had some catches dropped off his bowling. But as the season went on, Lachie's determination shone through. With the highlight of his season seeing him hold his nerve as the last batter, protecting his wicket and scoring the winning runs to secure the White Tails their second win of the season... not to mention when he sent the stumps flying to get his 1st wicket in the last game of the season.

## **Max Baldwin**

Max is another example of someone who never gives up. Each and every week he turned up to training and worked on his batting and bowling. Max's game awareness was a feature of his season. Although he might not have scored the most runs, his contribution in a batting partnership meant we were always picking up the extra runs. It was a pleasure to have Max in the side and seeing his improvement from the beginning of the season to the end was something he should be proud of.

## **Alfie Luff**

Alfie was another one of our brigade who left his best form to late in the season. It was a pleasure to see Alfie's game slowly build throughout the first half of the year and then putting together a few nice batting performances at the tail end. The highlight of his year was hitting the teams highest score of 18 runs in a local derby , as well as a couple of silky catches behind the stumps.

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## **Lachie Sweetman**

Lachie was definitely our all-rounder! Whether it was taking wickets, scoring runs or taking catches behind the stumps... he did it all. However, it was any of these that made Lachie's contribution to the team memorable. Lachie's determination in the field saved us countless runs, his ability to chase a ball to the boundary and cut it off before it went for 4 was an amazing attribute and something that cannot be coached.

## **Lucas Searles**

Lucas' season started with a bang! A cracking 4 of the very 1st ball he faced, and it didn't stop there! Lucas was consistently amongst the runs as well, taking a massive 16 wickets with the highlight being an incredible 6 wickets for 8 runs off 4 overs. Lucas was also a star in the field and behind the stumps managing to pick up an amazing stumping. Well done on a memorable season.

## **Declan Grabham**

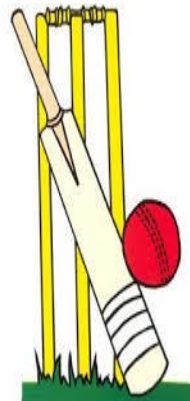
Dex was another player who made steady improvements as the season progressed turning into a player that could turn a game on its head with an amazing innings with the bat or ball. The highlight of his season was a superb morning of pace bowling ending up with the amazing figures of 4 for 5 off 4 overs and a match winning 11 runs which saw the White Tails produce our long awaited maiden win of the season.

Player Awards -

Bowler Award - Lucas Searles

Batting Award - Alfie Luff

Sportsperson - Declan Grabham



# U10/2 Wolfspiders

As we conclude the 2024-25 season, it is a moment to celebrate the fun journey and the huge improvements made by the U10 Wolf-Spiders during their first season of competitive cricket. With our boys being 7 or 8 at the start the season, competing against older, more experienced teams presented some significant challenges.

However, they did the club proud displaying unwavering spirit and enthusiasm from the first to the last ball of the season.

Winning two matches might seem modest on paper, but those victories were milestones for the boys and very well deserved. We finished 6th on the ladder, but a far better team than how we started the season.

Throughout the season the boys continually worked on the fundamentals of cricket. Their fielding saw significant improvement, with an impressive 15 catches for the season – a great achievement for under 10s. As the season progressed, the team committed fewer overthrows, learning the importance of backing up and reducing runs. Running between wickets became much more confident and it was great to see some quick singles towards the end of the season. The biggest area of improvement was our bowling. For some of the team members who had never played cricket before, there were initial struggles to get the action right and consistently land the ball on the wicket. However, through hard work at training, in the nets, and in backyards, the boys began consistently delivering good balls and taking crucial wickets. The number of extras decreased, and we became a much more competitive team.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly their first win, which came during a Friday night derby under lights against the other Wakehurst team (another team of Legends). The match coincided with the Pink Stumps round, adding a special touch to an already memorable occasion. Played in great spirit, the boys displayed their best cricket and determination to clinch the victory. It was a great night that the team will surely cherish—not least because it is hard to say whether the parents or boys were more excited about the result!

Another defining moment of the season was a hard-fought match against a much older and bigger Harbord Spinners, who went through the season undefeated.

While the result did not go our way, our boys displayed incredible courage, standing tall and valuing their wickets against bigger and faster bowlers. Their performance demonstrated their huge improvements, resulting in a much closer game compared to our first match against the season premiers.

The boys were a fantastic group to coach, consistently playing with great spirit and sportsmanship. An encouraging first season, with strong foundations for great success in the years to come. Well done to all of them!

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## Harry Gibbs

Harry joined the team having never played cricket before. A determined left hander, who started landing some very difficult deliveries that led to a number of wickets and some frustrated batsmen. Always working hard at training, he saw improvements in all areas of his game over the season. A great team member who was always supporting his mates.

Harry scored 16 runs and took 6 wickets for the season.

## Hadley Gray

Hadley was another newcomer to cricket, but had a great first season. He bowled with good pace and was always happy to take up the challenge of batting up the order, making valuable runs towards the end of the season. A natural athlete who also performed very well behind the stumps - regularly putting his body on the line to make the save in the field and help his team. Hadley scored 32 runs and took 2 wickets during the season.

## Leo Hallinan

Leo had an excellent season with both bat and ball. A passionate cricketer who started the season as a 'batter', but through hard work at training he developed into an accurate, fast, and destructive pace bowler that took a lot of wickets (he may have even got the coach out once or twice in the nets). Leo scored 52 runs, took 13 wickets and 2 catches. He took team best figures of 3-5 against Cromer. A great all-round effort and well-deserved recipient of the Bowling Award.

## Quinlan Higgins

Cricket obsessed and as passionate as anyone out there. Quin was our most improved batter regularly scoring valuable runs in the second half of the season, through quick singles and carefully watching the ball. His left arm bowling is developing nicely and will be a challenge for his opponents in the years to come.

Quin always ran hard in the field and also impressed behind the stumps.

Quin scored 48 runs, took 2 wickets and 1 catch during the season.

## Luka Smith

Luka was another strong all-round performer who contributed to all areas of the game. His fielding was exceptional, and I do not think anyone will forget his catch off his own bowling against Cromer—a one-handed diving screamer, low and to the left - a classic catch by any standards.

Luka scored 45 runs, took 5 wickets and 5 catches during the season. A standout team member and Sportsperson award winner.



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## Edward Strang

Ed is another passionate cricketer who was always first to arrive and last to leave training. A genuine all-rounder with a great batting and bowling technique, which will bring him great success in the years to come. He always gave 100% and kept fighting until the end. Ed scored a huge 105 runs, took 14 wickets and 5 catches.

He also had the top score for the year with 25 against Harbord. Another excellent all-round effort and well-deserved recipient of the Batting Award.

## Hugo Tilling

Hugo had a great first season of cricket. As a newcomer to the sport, he showed remarkable dedication at training, always listening to the coach and playing with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Throughout the season, Hugo's bowling improved significantly, becoming more accurate with great seam position. Another very handy fielder who ran hard and did an excellent job behind the stumps on a number of occasions. Hugo scored 18 runs and took 5 wickets during the season.



## The Parents

A huge thanks to all the parents who helped get the boys and their gear to the games and training, set up the field, keep score and help with the training. Special mention to our Manager, Claudia Higgins, who did a fantastic job organising the team, making sure we knew where to be each week and arranging the schedule for duties.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Leo Hallinan

Batting Award—Edward Strang

Sportsperson Award—Luka Smith

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# U10/2 Huntsmen

A great debut season from the boys in the U/10 Huntsmen team. This was a new team, with some of the boys meeting for the first time at the start of the season. It was great to see the boys (and parents) build friendships with each other over the season which created a positive team environment.

It was even better to see the boys significantly develop their cricket skills throughout the season as none of them had ever played competitive cricket before. The boys came a long way from the start of the season in understanding a number of fundamental aspects of the game: batting stances, bowling actions, walking in, wicket-keeping, running between wickets and backing up in the field. The highlight of the season for our team was seeing the boys improve so much in these areas.

The team finished 6th on the table with 6 wins and 8 losses which is a fair representation of their season. Despite a better grasp on some of the fundamentals, the boys are still working on reducing the amount of sundries when bowling, being alert in the field, calling effectively when running between wickets and playing good balls with a straight bat.

Above all, our focus this season was on playing the game in the right spirit: displaying good sportsmanship, being respectful to umpires, parents, opposition players and teammates, keeping talk positive on the field and enjoying playing the game, regardless of the result. This has put the boys in good stead for their next season.

## **Jack Hincksman**

Jack enjoyed a great season for the Huntsmen, developing his skills in all aspects of the game. Jack is a great team player, always offering encouragement to his teammates on the field and contributing to a positive team culture. Jack took wickets consistently throughout the season, 11 in total, which was the highest for our team. Jack also hit the stumps a number of times in the field with his great throwing arm, resulting in a number of outstanding direct hit run-outs for our team.

## **Harry Middleton**

Harry had a strong summer for the Huntsmen. As the season progressed, Harry displayed great skills in catching, wicket-keeping and his knowledge of the game improved significantly. His match awareness and knowing tactically what to do in pressure situations, highlighted his development this season. Harry finished the season with a total of 105 runs. This was the second highest in our team and the fifth highest in the competition.

Harry's ability to be a good judge of a run and communicate effectively when running between wickets was something his teammates were able to learn from.

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## **Hugh Miller**

Hugh worked exceptionally hard on his game throughout the season. His dedication to improve both his bowling action and his batting technique was exemplary. As a result, he was our most improved player over the course of the season and began to bowl with some genuine pace after the Christmas break. His innings in February when he hit three boundaries and achieved his highest score of 16 was one of the highlights of the season.

## **Bradley O'Brien**

Bradley improved in all facets of the game across the season. He worked hard on his line and length when bowling and developed his batting style as his confidence built over the summer. Bradley's ability to take catches under pressure were demonstrated when he bowled early in the season and took a great catch at midwicket towards the end of the season. Bradley enjoyed training and playing with his teammates, consistently offering them positive encouragement which was great for team morale.

## **Joshua O'Brien**

Joshua joined the team halfway through the season to "fill in" whenever players were unwell or families were away. Playing two years above his age level, Joshua demonstrated fantastic bowling skills that were troubling for batsmen from opposition teams. Joshua's defence when batting against good bowlers was outstanding and he has improved in his ability to run between wickets. Joshua's assistance this season to ensure that we had enough players each week was much appreciated by his teammates and their parents.

## **Joey Palmer**

Joey had a solid season for the Huntsmen over the summer. He always showed good sportsmanship and has led by example in displaying good manners and respect to adults involved with the team and at Saturday games. Joey overcame a leg injury in February and was able to resume playing in March. He finished the season with a total of 8 wickets which is a reflection of Joey's dedication to improving his accuracy when bowling. Joey developed his fielding skills well, contributing to 5 run-outs during the course of the season. His highest score of 16 was one of the highlights of our batting performances this year.

## **Jacob Slater**

Jacob had a fantastic season for the Huntsmen. Jacob was our most consistent and accurate bowler all season, bowling the least amount of sundries and often challenging the opposition batsmen. His bowling was often better than his figures suggested, just missing the stumps as batsmen played and missed. The highlight of Jacob's season was when he took a hat-trick with figures of 3-7. He also went within a whisker of achieving a second hat-trick later in the season! He finished with a total of 10 wickets and very healthy economy rate. Jacob also worked hard on his batting and finished the season with a total of 103 runs which was the third highest in our team.

# U10/2 Huntsmen

## Harvey Williams

Harvey had an excellent first season of cricket for the Huntsmen. He dominated with the bat, achieving a total of 141 runs for the season which was the most for our team and the second highest in the competition. Harvey consistently hit boundaries and worked hard on his ability to communicate when running between wickets. Harvey developed his bowling skills nicely throughout the season improving his accuracy and speed. In one game, he took an impressive 2-12 and proved to be a handful for opposing batsmen.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Jacob Slater

Batting Award—Harvey Williams

Sportsperson Award—Jack Hincksman



# U10/1 Redbacks

Season 2 in the U10s competition for the team in 2024/2025. With that experience we were placed into Division 1 and given the esteemed Redbacks team name, what an honour!

We had 3 new players join the team, a couple with Blast experience and the other a heap of backyard cricket.

An early loss to the Seaforth Lumberjacks proved to be the team's only defeat. The pre-Christmas break saw a string of dominant victories before the division grading re-shuffle led to a flurry of nail-biting finishes during the 2nd half of the season.

A fierce rivalry formed with the several Seaforth teams in the division, none greater than the 3 games against the Lumberjacks for 2 wins and 1 loss. The close competition with the Lumberjacks and Forest Lightning kept us on our toes all season long, making each match an exciting spectacle!

After 17 games - 14 wins, 1 loss, 1 washout and a bye, the Redbacks finished the season in 1st place, Division 1 Champions! - a fantastic achievement for a dedicated group of cricketers!

Going 13 games unbeaten was a fantastic run. A key factor in our success was the boys exceptional work in the field, where we took an impressive total of 174 wickets across 15 games—an average of 11.5 wickets per game, conceding only 6 runs per wicket.

The Redbacks were fortunate to have several team outings to the SCG during the summer break (thank you Stead's!) to watch the BBL. Much fun was had by all, including the adults! This allowed

the boys to bond, autograph hunt and even have a chat with former Redbacks legend Jackson Bird.

A massive shout-out to Dee Jones, our chief scorer throughout the season—thank you, Dee, it was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the parents who attended training sessions and games, providing unwavering support and encouragement throughout the season. Your involvement truly lifted the team and helped us secure victories in those close matches.

A special mention goes to the players and their parents—every Redback participated in every game (except for Josh's injury), demonstrating amazing commitment and dedication to the team's success.

Will and I are so impressed with how every player developed over the course of the season. They put in so much effort during training and games. We are so proud of the positive attitude they displayed, and it was wonderful to hear the encouragement the boys provided to their teammates from the sideline and in the field.

It has been a pleasure to coach such a fantastic group of boys who get along well, love cricket, and would train late into the night if we let them! Enjoy the off season Redbacks.

Cheers, Gary and Will

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## **Hudson Barnier**

Hudson joined us from Blast and quickly became a valued team member. Hudson is a great listener; consistently gave his best and always had a smile on his face which was lovely to see and showed how much he was enjoying his cricket.

Hudson received plenty of encouragement from the parents on the sidelines to run faster and to pump those legs to get to the other end, it made for exciting (tense) viewing!

Hudson's POM performance was in Round 10 when he took a great catch and grabbed a runout vs the Seaforth Tigers to swing the momentum of the game and inspire the team to a close win. The crowd was going crazy! (The Barnier's were the loudest!)

Hudson's highest score was 8, best bowling figures 3 for 14 with 1 catch and 4 runouts.

Well done, Huddy, you showed massive improvement in all areas of the game throughout the course of season, it was great to have you as part of the team.

## **Ryan Downey-Price**

Ryan, another new addition to the team, brought his many hours of backyard cricket experience to the field.

A great listener, with eagerness to learn, Ryan's cricket improved rapidly, and he's developed into and a very consistent performer for the team.

With a unique bowling action that generated significant swing and seam movement from around the wicket, Ryan troubled many a batter.

Ryan's POM performance in Round 15 had a win against the Seaforth Stars, with a solid 13, a tight 3 overs and 3 runouts, an awesome contribution!

Ryan's highest score was 18, best bowling figures 1 for 7 with 2 catches and

8 runouts.

Great first season Ryan, you were part of some important partnerships and the time you spent outside of training doing extra practise really paid off, great effort.

## **Josh Henry**

The 3rd new player to the team. Josh joined us from Blast.

An unfortunate trampoline accident meant Josh's season didn't start until Round 9. Despite this, he showed great commitment by attending training whenever possible to meet his new teammates and get involved.

His debut game featured a fantastic catchat square leg that contributed to a close win over the Seaforth Tigers.

Another bowler who comes from around the wicket, Josh creates an awkward line for the batsmen that whips across them making him difficult to get away. Josh's highest score was 7, best bowling 1 for 7 with 2 catches and 1 runout.

Well done, Josh— you made great progress in the short time after injury and made a solid contribution to the team.



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## **Brynmor Jones**

Brynmor's all-round cricketing skills were a joy to watch this season. His batting went to another level, showcasing powerful shots down the ground and through the leg side - including two sixes in the final game!

His confidence at the crease grew as the season progressed, ultimately finishing as the top run scorer in the division!

In an epic game against a strong Forest Lighting in Round 14 Bryn formed a solid partnership with Jack; with Bryn hitting 12 runs off the final over under huge pressure to secure the victory. Bryn also honed his wicketkeeping skills, proving a brave and confident performer behind the stumps ("catch it or wear it!").

Bryn's highest score was 35, best bowling figures 3 for 5 with 3 catches, 13 runouts and a stumping.

Bryn finished the season as top run scorer for the Redbacks with 272 in just 14 innings (also top in Div 1) - awesome to watch mate.

Great season Bryn, you displayed great leadership and confidence in your ability by being calm when batting and taking the game on when required. Your ability with the bat highlighted by scoring double digits every time you went out to bat.

## **Elliott Stead**

Elliott demonstrated excellent all-round cricketing ability this season, contributing runs, wickets, catches, and runouts.

Elliott's quick singles weren't as kamikaze as last season with him finding more able fast runners that complemented his love of quick singles. There were still a few moments during the season that caused some gasps from the home supporters

though! Always entertaining Elliott! Elliott's often about to overtake his batting partners, pressuring the fielders to make mistakes by turning dots into ones and ones into twos. This was infectious and helped his teammates boost their own run tally's. Elliott's fielding and fast feet helped him get 4 runouts in the Round 12 game against the Seaforth Stars.

Elliott also had a storming game in Round 8 with 5 for 12 from his 4 overs making a big contribution to the result.. Elliott's highest score was 17, best bowling figures 5 for 12 with 5 catches and 13 runouts.

Great season Elliott, your running between the wickets was impressive and your ability to contribute across each game was testament to your skills across the field.



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## Jude Stewart

Jude the Dude. The spiritual captain and leader of the Redbacks. Jude lives and breathes cricket; he always wants to contribute and takes it to heart when he feels he hasn't played his best.

What makes Jude a great leader is his constant positive encouragement of his teammates; he is never quiet in the field, lifting the team when things are quiet or they're under pressure.

Jude is a pleasure to coach, and he puts in many hours outside training - working on his technique and practising his bowling.

A highlight performance was in a big win over Cromer, where he scored 22 runs including 3 beautifully swept fours, and claimed 4 for 8.

Jude's highest score was 22, best bowling figures 4 for 8 with 1 catch and 3 runouts.

Jude finished equal leading wicket taker with Mitch for the Redbacks this season, and equal 2nd for the division.

Great season Jude, your positive attitude and leadership really pushed the team to achieve great things. You were always smiling and having fun out there.

## Jack Willis

Jack showcased his all-round skills again this season, consistently featuring with bat and ball. A player with a great batting technique, he was able to hit the ball all around the wicket, picking out gaps in the field with ease, this enabled him to always feature with the bat.

Jack's consistent line, length and pace with the ball in hand is a joy to watch, the outswing he produces every ball made it extremely difficult for the batsmen with many maidens

bowled. He's one of the fastest bowlers in the competition who sent bails regularly flying when he snuck one past the bat!

Another Redback with a strong arm, Jack had a hatful of direct hit runouts this season, ping-pong throws from everywhere to runout many hapless batters. It's hard to pick a standout game for Jack because he always seemed to feature; but a couple of highlights would be his partnership with Bryn to get the team over the line vs Forest Lightning (plus the wicket of their best player) and his fielding effort with 3 catches, a stumping, and a wicket in the win over the Seaforth Stars in Round 12.

Jack's highest score was 34, best bowling figures 3 for 8 with 6 catches, 12 runouts and a stumping.

Jack finished the season with 230 runs - 2nd top run scorer for the Redbacks and 3rd in the division, along with the top of the division in fielding.

Another fine season Jack, you're an excellent cricketer who contributed to many important partnerships to help the team achieve great things. Jack - you made your dad, Coach Will, proud watching you from the sidelines go about your cricket and confidently get it done.



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## Mitchell Worker

Another player who loves his cricket, Mitch watched almost every minute of the summer of cricket!

Mitch's all-round cricket was always exciting to watch, his love of smashing fours on the leg side continued! His consistency with both bat and ball significantly improved over the course of the season allowing him to always contribute to the team's success. Mitch's performance in the Round 6 win over the Seaforth Tigers was excellent. coming in as last man, he belted 5 fours to finish on 29. The Redbacks crowd was going crazy as Mitch hit a four off the 2nd last ball to get the team over the line in a tight 5 run win. A fantastic knock!

Mitch hit the shot of the season - the team's first 6 in the Round 12 win over the Seaforth Stars - another crowd stirring moment.

(sometimes too strong!) Mitch was able to achieve a hatful of direct hit runouts, he managed 5 in one game in the win over the Seaforth Suns, awesome work! A massive improvement in Mitch's bowling consistency saw him take a heap of wickets, putting it in the right spot with stumps regularly getting knocked over.

Mitch finished equal leading wicket taker with Jude for the Redbacks this season, and equal 2nd for the division. Mitch's highest score was 29, best bowling figures 4 for 8 with 1 catch and 12 runouts.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award - Jude Stewart & Mitch Worker

Batting Award - Brynmor Jones

Sportsperson Award - Ryan Downey-Price

Another player with a strong arm



# U11/2 White

Most of the team played U10 cricket together last year although we welcomed 2 new players this year, Cain and Lucas. We also welcomed a new coach, Elodie, who plays for the U/15 Sapphires and was supported throughout the season by assistant coaches Dean and Brad and Manager Alfie.

Fair to say there is plenty of enthusiasm in this team and the boys were ready to go after just a couple of training sessions!

The initial draw placed the team in U11/2 Pace and we faced several other Harbord, Beacon Hill, Peninsula and Collaroy teams.

First up was the Harbord Big Shots and despite losing the toss and being put into bat we scored a very tidy 75 although unfortunately it was not quite enough as we went down by 1 run. We got our first win in Round 3 and then embarked on a 3 game winning streak that saw us shoot up the table. Notable moments included a mammoth 132 runs in one innings, 5 run outs in one game from Thomas Davies, and a memorable 23 off 17 balls from Cain. A couple of abandonments followed and we struggled to get back into the rhythm as we lost the next 2 games after returning to action. Fortunately, we managed to click back into form in the new year as 4 wins on the bounce saw us rise to the heady heights of 2nd and had us all dreaming of silverware in the next few weeks!

Notable moments on this winning run included our first 6 of the campaign from Tyler, a nail biting win over the Harbord Big Shots with exceptional batting by Eamon and Thomas Davies

seeing us home.

Then came the big one, first vs second. Unfortunately the tie clashed with a school band camp which meant we were short and had to borrow a couple of U10 players but the boys did exceptionally well in a narrow loss.

We eventually finished in a very respectable 3rd. It was great to see how all of the players developed over the course of the season. They all played to the spirit of the game regardless of the results, supporting each other and working together.



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## **Thomas Davis**

Enthusiastic and always looking to get involved in games and training sessions, Thomas was an all-rounder whose left arm pace bowling bamboozled many an opposition batsman. His 5 run outs in one game (all from direct throws) was a significant highlight. One of our key strike bowlers, Thomas, took 10 wickets at an average of 11.4 and his ability to read game situations was crucial to us getting home in a couple of tight finishes.

## **Eamon Fitzsimmons**

Eamon's popularity amongst his team mates is clear to see and has a smile which lights up the entire pitch when celebrating his own wickets or someone else's. Eamon is a credit to himself with his selfless approach (resulted in him playing 1 game for the opposition where he won them the game!!) His bowling and batting has greatly improved over the season and his best bowling figures of 1for 6 came so close to getting us over the line against Peninsula.

## **Dylan Noakes**

Dylan is a bundle of energy whether he is bowling, batting, wicket keeping or fielding and was one of our top all-rounders as he made regular contributions with all aspects. An unorthodox medium pace bowling style saw him pick up 10 wickets throughout the season at a respectable average of 10.5, score 71 runs and take several catches behind the stumps.

## **Tom Roberts**

Tom was one of our top performers in both bowling and batting. He scored 144 runs and took 14 wickets at a miserly average of 8.5. His partnerships

with Lucas gave us impetus in some crucial games and his dedication to improving his game and training means he has a bright future in the sport.

## **Bastien Spray**

A much loved member of the team Bastien has a terrific knack of getting a wicket or scoring a boundary at critical times in the game. Under the watchful eye of his big sister (coach Elodie), he has continued to work hard in training, resulting in some very tidy bowling in the later rounds of the competition.

## **Luke Tomlinson**

Always full of energy and enthusiasm, Luke gives everything in training and in games. Known affectionately as "sunglasses" due to his insistence on wearing the biggest pair the coaches have ever seen, Luke was our star fielder taking 4 catches and getting 8 run outs whilst scoring a very handy 53 runs with the bat.

## **Cain Van De Meuwe**

Cain joined the team having recently come over from South Africa and added a sprinkling of star quality. He picked up 15 wickets at an average of 5.75 (the most for the team) and scored 134 runs. Along with his 2 little brothers (who quickly became team mascots!) Cain demonstrated an enormous amount of ability that has the potential to take him wherever he decides in his cricket career.

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## Lucas Marshman

Whilst being one of the quietest members of the team Lucas quickly became a coaches favourite with his consistent bowling, switching from pace to spin with great success. Over the course of the season he gave away very few extras which was an area the coaches tried to get all of the team to focus on. After some initial hesitation, Lucas put in some great batting performances with his mate Tom.

## Player Awards:

Batting Award - Tom Roberts (144 runs)

Bowling Award - Cain Van De Meuwe (15 Wickets)

Sportsperson Award - Eamon Fitzsimmons (his effort throughout the year was an example to all the boys about always trying your best).



# U11/1 Red

After a successful previous season where we finished with eight straight wins and an overall second on the table in U10/1s, the new season could not come soon enough. Expectations were high, with the majority of the team returning from the prior season.

Round 1, however, saw us bat a little conservatively, setting a modest total of 83 against the competitive Seaforth Snakes. Despite great bowling from Edison and Micah, with two wickets each, Seaforth managed to sneak by us by just one run.

Shell-shocked from our first game, we then went on to lose the next two, predominantly due to losing too many wickets. Little did we know at the time, but even with thirteen straight wins afterward, the damage had already been done early in the season, and those three losses resulted in us finishing in third place.

Round 4 saw us finally return to form and secure the first win of an eventual thirteen in a row. They say catches win matches, and our five catches this match, supported by Thomas taking 2-7, kept St Augustine to 86 runs. Our entire team batted well to finish up on 157 runs for a dominant victory.

Our first local derby against Wakehurst Black came along in Round 5 at Passmore Oval. Chasing 96 for victory, Thomas (30), Bodhi (24), Angus (23), and Henry 21 helped us post a formidable total of 179 runs. In addition to his 24 runs, Bodhi also took 2 for 6 to be named player of the match.

Our batting continued into Round 6, where we compiled a massive 173 against the strong bowling attack from Harbord. 3-11 from Henry and 2-8 from Edison ensured Harbord didn't get close to our target.

Round 8 found us back at Passmore

against our rivals, the Seaforth Snakes, as we were keen to avenge our one-run loss in Round 1. Pouring rain made batting extremely difficult, but batting first, we posted a modest total of 89 runs with the loss of 10 wickets, so we had to defend 49 runs. At the 12-over mark, it was not looking good, with Seaforth reducing the deficit to 7 runs with 8 overs remaining.

Enter Bodhi "The Wizard" Webb: a wicket maiden and a run-out in his first over, followed by another bowled and run-out in his second over, gave us a 21 run lead with 5 overs remaining. A wicket maiden by Thomas the following over put us well on top for an improbable victory by 19 runs.

After Christmas, Round 10 brought us up against the undefeated Seaforth Storm. Batting first, a superb innings of 27 by Henry, including 5 fours, enabled us to put a competitive target on the board. Once again, we were reliant on our bowling attack to get us home, with Angus leading the way with 2-3, Henry 3-20, Edison 2-12, and Micah also taking 2-12.

In Round 13, our run of wins nearly stumbled. Despite winning our first game against Harbord pretty comfortably and taking the lead after 10 overs, we managed to lose 7 wickets in the final 10 overs, allowing Harbord to close in.

However, we held on by 9 runs, with the highlight of the game being Edison's two caught-and-bowled wickets against their top batsmen, contributing to our 10th win in a row.

Another local derby against Wakehurst Green at MacFarlane Oval saw us triumph by 95 runs, highlighted by Josh scoring 20, taking 4-8, catching one,

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and getting two run-outs. In addition, Angus, with 19 runs, surpassed 200 runs for the season.

In Round 15 against Peninsula, Angus (25), Josh (23), and Micah (17) helped us post a very challenging total of 170 runs. Josh also surpassed 200 runs for the season, an incredible achievement given that this was his first season of cricket. Bowling-wise, Thomas produced his best career bowling performance with 3-2, followed by Josh with 2-8 and Bodhi with 2-9, leading to an eventual 84-run victory.

While those initial three games ultimately cost us the possibility of winning, the team can hold their heads high with an incredible thirteen wins in a row. Each team member continued to develop their skills, but more importantly, they approached each game with incredible sportsmanship, encouraging each other and their opponents in the pursuit of excellence. Their resilience and teamwork have been nothing short of inspiring, proving that even in the face of early setbacks, dedication and a positive mindset can lead to remarkable achievements.

## **Josh (The Natural) Williams**

After a slow and unremarkable start in Round 1, which gave no hint of what was to come, Josh exploded into action in Round 2 and carried that momentum throughout the rest of the season. He amassed an impressive 252 runs, top scoring in 7 matches, taking 15 wickets, and consistently contributed with catches and run-outs, truly earning his nickname "The Natural". Always present and influential on the field, his unique abilities made him a magnet for the ball, as he pulled off an incredible 18

catches and 14 run-outs.

## **Alexavier (X-Man) Fenton**

By far and away our most improved player of the season, X-Man truly transformed his game, showing significant growth both with the bat and the ball. It all culminated in Round 16, where he delivered a standout performance, taking 4 wickets for 18 runs, including his first-ever catch—a moment that marked a milestone in his cricketing journey. His batting also saw remarkable progress, as he amassed 82 runs, nearly doubling his total runs from the previous season.

However, it was with the ball where X-Man truly excelled, claiming an impressive 11 wickets over the course of the season.

## **Henry (Hat-trick) Hay**

Unfortunately, we didn't have Henry for the entire season, but in the games he did play, he was nothing short of outstanding.

A standout performance came in Round 10, where he scored 27 runs with the bat, single-handedly keeping the team in the game while others struggled. He also claimed 3 wickets, leading us to a crucial victory over the previously unbeaten Seaforth Storm. Despite playing in only 10 matches, Henry accumulated 128 runs and took 17 wickets, consistently demonstrating his mature and skillful approach to the game.

## **Edison (Mr Cricket) Crouch**

Don't let his age fool you—Mr. Cricket is a true all-rounder, excelling in every aspect of the game despite his youth. With an impressive record of 164 runs, 20 wickets, 8 catches, and 6 run-outs, it's clear that he's a key player on the field. Beyond his batting and bowling,

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he's also recognised as one of the finest wicket-keepers in the team, making it nearly impossible to keep him out of the action. His ability to step up when it counts is evident in his performance, especially in Round 13 against Harbord, where two brilliant caught-and-bowled wickets against their top batsmen played a crucial role in winning the game.

## Angus (Warnie) Mayoh

Our youngest player, yet undoubtedly our best batsman, Angus showed remarkable improvement throughout the season. His growing confidence and precision with the bat allowed him to top score four times in the final ten rounds and amass a total of 263 runs. Shane Warne would have admired the way Angus bowls. It's truly astonishing how he generates such control, drift, and spin—skills that far exceed what you'd expect from someone his age.

His tally of 14 wickets is impressive, though somewhat understated due to a few missed catches by the team along the way.

## Bodhi (The Wizard) Webb

Following his strong performances from the previous season, the Wizard continued to weave his magic and baffle batsmen at all levels. Rarely content with just a single wicket, he consistently delivered match-changing spells, ensuring that when he's on form, the stumps rarely stand a chance. With three impressive 3-wicket hauls, he finished the season with a stellar total of 20 wickets, further cementing his reputation as a lethal bowler. With the bat, Bodhi scored 121 runs—an improvement over last year—making him one of the hardest batsmen to dismiss with his solid technique and resilience at the crease.



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## **Thomas (Tornado) Read**

Thomas stands as the sole member of the prestigious 200-run, 20-wicket club, a remarkable achievement that speaks to his consistent performance across both batting and bowling. Since the previous season he emerged as a far more precise and calculated batter while also becoming lethal with his accurate in-swing bowling.

His most impressive batting performance came in Round 5, where he posted a top score of 30, the highest total of the season for our team. On the bowling front, Thomas peaked in Round 16, delivering his best bowling performance with figures of 3 wickets for just 2 runs. With Jonty Rhodes like reflexes, he also recorded 12 run-outs and 5 catches and our only stumping of the season.

## **Micah (Mr Magic) Montgomery**

Magic Micah had an outstanding season, beginning with his exceptional performance with the ball. He managed to take a wicket in almost every game, with his best bowling figures being an impressive 4 for 3 in Round 7, which played a key role in leading us to a commanding victory. Always trusted to bowl against the toughest batsmen, Micah consistently slowed the flow of runs with his pace and accuracy. With his last ball of the season he managed a final wicket to nudge ahead with 21 wickets total for the bowling award. As a batsman, Micah was highly reliable and composed, reaching double digits in nearly every match he played. Micah made significant strides in the field, improving dramatically from zero catches last year to a 6 this year, 3 of which came while wicket-keeping.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Micah Montgomery

Batting Award—Angus Mayoh

Sportsperson Award— Josh Williams



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# U11/1 Black

The Wakehurst U11 Black team had a challenging but rewarding season, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and continuous improvement. While the results didn't always go our way, the team consistently put in competitive performances, often taking matches down to the wire. Despite facing stronger opponents, the boys showed incredible spirit and sportsmanship, making every game a contest until the final ball. From the outset, it was clear this team had potential. The players bonded quickly, developed a strong sense of camaraderie, and displayed great enthusiasm for learning and improving. While victories were hard to come by, there were several close encounters where the team showed their growth and determination.

Beyond the scoreboard, the improvement in skills, teamwork, and overall understanding of the game was evident week after week.

## **Edward Leeming**

Eddie is the heart and soul of the team, always encouraging his teammates and leading by example. He has developed into a quality all-rounder, mixing both pace and spin with the ball, taking several wickets—including multiple caught and bowled dismissals. His batting saw great improvement, with a newfound ability to regularly place shots through the covers and keep the scoreboard ticking over with singles. He also smacked a few impressive boundaries, showing his growing confidence. Eddie's wicketkeeping skills also progressed, as he bravely got his body behind the ball and executed crisp footwork to take catches on both sides of the wicket.

## **Oliver Westren**

Ollie has continued to grow as a talented cricketer, showing his versatility with both bat and ball. His powerful straight drives regularly found the boundary, and his solid defensive technique helped him anchor important innings. His passion for the sport and evolution as a leg spin bowler was a major highlight. His smooth action created dip and turn, and he finished the season with multiple wickets to his name. His fielding was also strong, with sharp reactions and safe hands ensuring he contributed in all aspects of the game.

## **Rory Whiteford**

Rory brought great energy to the team and made significant strides as a cricketer this season. His ability to adapt to different roles was invaluable, and his bowling became a key weapon for the team. He delivered consistent line and length, keeping opposition batters in check. With the bat, he played some vital supporting knocks and looked more comfortable at the crease as the season progressed. His enthusiasm in the field was also a highlight, where he saved countless runs with his athleticism and quick reflexes.

## **Nash Roarty**

Nash was a dynamic presence at the crease, always looking to put pressure on the opposition with aggressive stroke play. He had a keen eye for boundaries and was never afraid to take on the bowlers. In addition to his batting, Nash established himself as a fantastic fast bowler. His pace and aggression put batters under pressure, and as the season progressed, his accuracy significantly improved, allowing him to consistently hit the right areas and trouble the

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opposition.

His quick reflexes in the field also saved valuable runs for the team.

## Hayden Brabant

Hayden had a standout season with the ball, emerging as one of the team's most reliable wicket-takers. Bowling full and straight with a hint of outswing, he regularly dismantled batting lineups and finished among the top wicket-takers. His batting saw major improvements as well, with his ability to find gaps between mid-on and square leg leading to some well struck boundaries. His commitment and passion for the game were evident in every match, making him a key contributor to the team..

## Archie Rooley

Archie developed into a well-rounded cricketer over the season, showing great composure with the bat and increasing effectiveness as a bowler. His solid forward defense and ability to drive down the ground helped him accumulate valuable runs. With the ball, he bowled disciplined medium pace and kept the scoring rate down, often building pressure that led to wickets.

His outfield catching was another standout, taking some incredible grabs that turned games in our favour.

## Tomos Evans

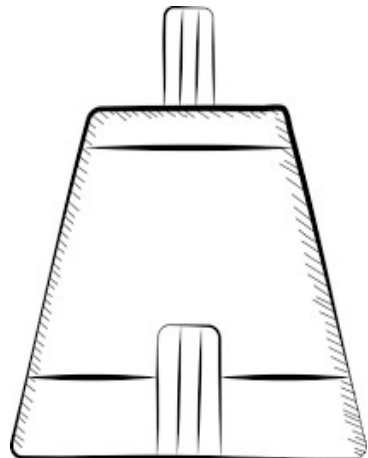
Tomos continued to impress as a dependable left-handed batter, placing a high value on his wicket and building his innings patiently. His running between the wickets was excellent, ensuring the team kept the scoreboard moving. With the ball, his accurate left-arm bowling made life difficult for opposition batters, and he picked up several crucial wickets. His ability to throw with both hands surprised many batters, leading to some key run-outs in the field. His all-round game and dedication made him a vital member of the team.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Oliver Westren

Batting Award—Nash Roarty

Sportsperson Award—Tomos Evans



# U11/1 Black



# U11/1 Green

The U11 Greens (still nicknamed the "Potatoes") had a year best summarised as "growth".

Starting the season in Division 2, the boys played their hearts out to become the top ranked team, earning a promotion to Division 1.

After much trepidation (who doesn't love winning?!) the boys knuckled down and got to work.

The team got off to a hot start (albeit in bucketing rain) in Division 1 with a win over one of the many Seaforth teams.

Well and truly on the back foot heading into the final 10 overs, the team managed to take 9 wickets in an incredible 8.5 over spell including a hat-trick to Owen (Theo completing the team double hat-trick on the next ball), and Spencer and Liam each taking back-to-back wickets to seal the win.

The season was not without its ups and downs, and those low points were where the growth really occurred. Following successive mid-season defeats, the boys came back stronger and more resilient, and the improvement in the team and individual performances reflected this.

All in all, the boys picked up nine wins (four in Division 1) seeing them finish fourth overall. On their Division 1 results alone they would have topped a number of teams who played the entire season in the division (an additional 6 games): an achievement of which they should be extremely proud. Whilst there is no silverware to show for their successes, the individual and team growth shines brightly in their young cricket careers, with the boys well prepared for the step up into U12s.

Good luck for next season. Third times a charm...go Potatoes!

## **Owen Burke**

12 matches, 76 runs, 21 wickets, 4 catches, 10 run outs.

The all-rounder does it again. Owen's batting, particularly in the second half of the season in Division 1, saw a huge improvement. But who can ignore the bowling performances? With a hat-trick and 4/10, followed up later in the season with a team best 6/16, it's no surprise he has taken home the bowling award for the second season in a row.

## **Liam Chapman**

11 matches, 78 runs, 11 wickets, 4 catches, 2 run outs.

Picking up where he left off last season, Liam's game continued to grow with new top scores, best bowling, and several important catches throughout the season. Whether intentional or otherwise, the addition of darting off-cutters to his bowling often perplexed batsman accustomed to straight deliveries. Had it not been for some balls inexplicably missing the stumps (leaving umpires and spectators alike questioning the laws of physics), Liam could have attained several more wickets through the season.

## **Joshua Cutting**

12 matches, 102 runs, 9 wickets, 6 catches, 6 run outs.

The team's second (in no particular order) all-rounder found his footing after the step up to Division 1, consistently contributing with bat and ball, in particular the last 4 games where he scored double figures in 3 of 4 innings. Josh's stand-out performance comes with an amazing stat-line - 14 runs, 3 wickets, 2 catches and 2 run outs (and the win!).

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## **Spencer Ellis**

15 matches, 152 runs, 18 wickets, 3 catches, 4 run outs.

The surprise of this season was not that Spencer continued to frighten opposition batsman (in addition to his teammates in the nets) with his pace, but the addition of some big-hitting batting to his repertoire. Top scoring for the season and across several matches including a boundary-laden 31, Spencer's commitment to developing his game is certainly paying off.

## **Theodore Higgins**

12 matches, 87 runs, 6 wickets, 2 catches, 3 run outs.

After taking out the batting award last season, Theo decided being a leg-spinner was more his game, which added an important point of difference to the team. When it worked, his bowling was a thing of beauty, bamboozling batsman all across the Beaches. Leading a double life playing for school and club was tough, but Theo took it in his stride competing hard every week and always finding a way to contribute, with bat, ball or in the field.

## **George Politakis**

14 matches, 51 runs, 5 wickets, 2 run outs.

The newcomer to the team, George showed tremendous growth throughout his first season. George worked hard to improve, adding an important second left-hander to the team's stock. It was great to see the hard work pay off with best bowling of 3/18 coming in the penultimate game of the season.

## **Lachlan Thomas**

13 matches, 71 runs, 7 wickets, 1 catch, 3 run outs.

Lachie had another solid season, con-

tributing equally with bat and ball. Always first to put his hand up for keeper, Lachie's efforts often shone through off the stat sheet, with hard running between the wickets or putting his body on the line behind the stumps. Coach's highlight was lockdown bowling against arguably the top batsman in the age group, holding him to one run off the over and also taking a wicket to help the team secure a tight win against a very tough opposition.

## **Yicheng Xu**

13 matches, 53 runs, 5 wickets, 5 run outs.

Never one to stand out with flashy figures, Yicheng delivers through consistency, doggedly protecting his wicket or darting in for 6 quick (both pace and time between) deliveries! Always focussed and committed, Yicheng stands out with the level of effort he commits to everything he does on and off the field.

## **Team Awards:**

**Batting:** Spencer Ellis

**Bowling:** Owen Burke

**Sportsperson:** Yicheng Xu

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# U12/1 Red

What a season it has been for our team!

We had a core group of 4 boys who played U/12's div 2 last season who decided to stay in U/12's to play in their right age group and move up to Div 1. The rest of the team was predominately made up of talented younger boys who were playing up an age and in a few cases up 2 age groups. This gave us a great mix of older and experienced heads along with the young and up and coming boys.

We started the season strong with the ball, winning the first 3 games and bowling teams out for under 70 runs in all 3 games. We then came up against a couple of strong Seaforth teams in which we narrowly lost but it showed us where we needed to improve to compete with the best. The boys took this challenge on and were keen to improve in a few key areas that included urgency in the field, consistency with bowling a good line and length and valuing your wicket with the bat.

The result of this was that we finished the regular season with 11 wins, 5 losses and a draw which resulted with us finishing 3rd on the ladder and giving us the opportunity to play finals cricket.

We came into our semi-final having to play one of the Seaforth teams in which we had narrowly lost both times we played them in the regular season. We had a positive attitude, and the boys delivered, with one of their best all-round and with some consistent tight bowling we bowled them out for 71. The pleasing thing to see as a coach, which was the case for most games this season, was that the wickets were shared across 6 bowlers, which showed that it was truly a team performance. We also took 2 amazing

runouts, which was something we had been working on all season at training. We then batted and got the runs relatively comfortably, only losing 4 wickets and with 8 overs to spare.

We then got the opportunity to play a Grand Final against another Seaforth team who were undefeated since Round 2. We batted first and scored a very respectable 101 runs on a slow Nolan's outfield.

Unfortunately, Seaforth got the runs with 3 wickets to spare, but as we did all season we fought to the end, and we made them work for their victory.

To give a bit of context, of the 4 teams in the semi-finals, the other 3 teams had 3+ rep players, and the Seaforth team who we played in the final having 5-6 rep players, while our team has 1. To be able to not only compete but beat most of these teams through the season, is a true testament to all the boys and their 'team first' mentality.

As the coach, I am super proud of this group of boys and what they have achieved. By the time we reached the finals, we were playing some of our best cricket. The teamwork, determination and fighting spirit that got us to the Grand Final were a testament to how far we had come. Even though we didn't get the ultimate reward, the growth of each player, both individually and as a team, was truly something special.

I would like to personally thank all the parents for their support and in particular our Manager, Angela, for everything you did throughout the season to support myself and all the boys.

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## **Asher Rehman**

Asher joined our team for the first time this season. He is a very technically correct left-handed batsman who like most left-handers was very good at scoring runs off his pads. He opened the batting on a few occasions including in our finals games and got his highest score of the season of 16no in the Grand Final.

With the ball, he was a consistent medium pace bowler who often got the ball to swing. Asher is a great listener and always takes feedback on board to try and improve his game.

Batting - 85 Runs at an average of 10.63

Bowling - 6 wickets at an average of 13.17

## **Bennett Crouch**

Bennett is a great team player, he is one of those boys that always puts the team first. Although, Bennett missed a bit of cricket with other commitments, he still made some good contributions throughout the season. This included a quick-fire career high 18no against Forest where he was hitting the ball to all parts of the field. With the ball, Bennett was able to get good pace and bounce and when he bowled a good line and length was difficult to play for any opposition batter. Best bowling figures of 2/19 also against Forest.

Batting - 30 Runs at an average of 5.0

Bowling - 6 wickets at an average of 18.0

## **Charlie Luff**

Charlie was also a new player to the team who took up the challenge of playing Div 1 cricket. He performed admirably with both bat and ball making some very handy contributions throughout the year. Charlie has the ability of hitting a long ball with a highest score of

21no against Forest. He was also very consistent with 7 scores of 10 or more. With the ball, he had a great ability to swing the ball, which was evident in his best bowling figures of 3/9 against Collaroy Plateau in which he hit the stumps twice with in-swingers. Batting - 116 Runs at an average of 19.33

Bowling - 8 wickets at an average of 17.63

## **Finn Sorbara**

Finn is the quiet achiever of the team. He goes about his work with little fuss and has some great natural ability with both bat and ball. With the bat, he times the ball beautifully and the ball flies off his bat with what seems like little effort. He made some vital contributions this season with a highlight of 31 off 33 balls which included 6 boundaries. Finn also bowls very well with a natural technique which allows him to bowl with good pace and also swings the ball which has resulted in the majority of Finn's wickets being bowled. Finn got 3 wickets in an innings twice with best figures of 3/5 against Collaroy Plateau.

Batting - 129 Runs at an average of 12.9

Bowling - 15 wickets at an average of 9.87

## **James Moran**

James is one of the boys who was playing up 2 age groups this season and he performed admirably. He is another left handed batter who has a great technique with a great ability to put away the bad ball.

With a highest score of 27, he was a model of consistency, scoring over 20 runs in 6 separate innings. James also bowled leg-spin and was very consistent with his line and length which resulted

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in him getting wickets consistently throughout the year without conceding many runs.

His best bowling figures were in the Grand Final where he got 3/5 off 4 overs.

Batting - 184 Runs at an average of 23.0

Bowling - 18 wickets at an average of 7.61

## **Kabir Mehta**

Kabir was a big improver over the season.

He was another player who was playing up in age and quickly learnt how to play to his strengths. He made some useful contributions with the bat with a stand-out 26no against Forest playing some great drives down the ground. With his bowling, Kabir bowled a good line and length with no pace on the ball which made it difficult for a batter to get him away. He also took a couple of nice catches in the field.

Batting - 72 Runs at an average of 8.0

Bowling - 5 wickets at an average of 21.0

## **Liam Pallister**

Liam had an all-round consistent season, being one of the older boys in the group, he led with his actions with both bat and ball. He got to double figures 6 times this season with a standout performance of 32no against Seaforth Power which included 6 boundaries. Liam was also one of the quickest bowlers in the comp which led to him getting several wickets when he attacked the stumps. He had 2 x 3 wicket hauls with a 3/2 off 3 overs and 3/1 off 4 overs. In the field, Liam had a strong arm which often prevented opposing batsman getting an extra run.

Batting - 136 Runs at an average of 19.43

Bowling - 15 wickets at an average of 9.13

## **Mitchell Bruzzano**

Mitchell was our Mr. Reliable, he often was the glue in our batting innings with 7 not outs throughout the season. He reached double figures 8 times with a high score of 29no against Seaforth Power. Mitchell was our main Wicket Keeper and did a terrific job in minimising byes and took 10 catches and was involved in 9 runouts. With limited opportunity with the ball, his best bowling was 3/24 off 4 overs. He also took on a leadership role within the team by helping with field placings.

Batting - 164 Runs at an average of 27.33

Bowling - 9 wickets at an average of 14.11

## **Roman Crouch**

Roman is such a delight to coach; he is a great listener and is always keen to improve his game. He will do anything to help the team and was a big improver throughout the season. With the bat, Roman has a good technique and with more experience and continued hard work, he will see this deliver positive results.

His highest score was 16no.

Roman's bowling is also very economical, getting a wicket in 7 different games. Roman was also a standout fielder who fielded in key positions at cover and mid-wicket and saved many runs with his quick movement.

Batting - 74 Runs at an average of 6.73

Bowling - 7 wickets at an average of 19.0.

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## Samuel Read

Samuel was another big improver throughout the season, particularly with his bowling and fielding. He made some useful contributions with the bat, with a standout being 35no against Forest where he hit 6 boundaries. Samuel's bowling improved and with a good line and length, he was able to get some key wickets getting a wicket across 8 different games.

Samuel also took the 2nd most catches in the team with 9 catches as he had a very safe pair of hands in the field.

Batting - 80 Runs at an average of 8.0

Bowling - 8 wickets at an average of 16.5

## William Bruzzano

William is a keen cricketer who always does his best for the team. His batting was the big improvement in his game, where he has built a solid defence and was used as an opening batsman towards the end of the year. His highest score was 18no against Peninsula. With the ball, he was a consistent wicket taker taking a wicket in 12 different games with best figures of 2/7 against Harbord. He was also very economical in most games with a bowling average in single digits.

Batting - 84 Runs at an average of 12.0

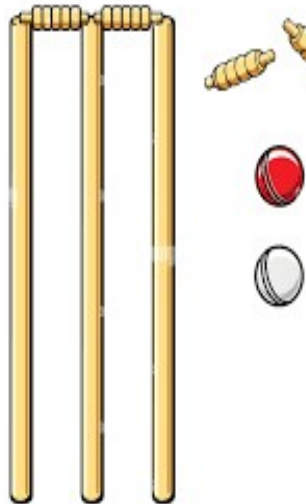
Bowling - 14 wickets at an average of 9.86

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—James Moran

Batting Award—Mitchell Bruzzano

Sportsperson Award—Roman Crouch



# U12/1 Red



# U12/2 Green

Our Team came together quickly with the two U11 teams from last year joining forces and kicked things off in style with a 100 run win over Seaforth Strikers. We had a memorable season only dropping two games in the regular season both of which we avenged in the second round with comfortable wins against each of those 2 teams to remind us how much we had improved through the boys' hard work. We finished the season as the minor premiers which was a well deserved achievement. With the most runs scored for the year of any team in the comp and least runs scored against we were riding high at the end of the season. As sport has a way of doing, we unfortunately had a tough day out in the semi final being bowled out cheaply and despite fighting hard with the ball couldn't quite get it done. We are incredibly proud of the boys who had a great year with a fantastic bunch of team mates who all continued to learn, develop and improve on all facets of the game. That is absolutely what we measure the success of the team on and we look forward to seeing this group back next season.

Several highlights of the season include: Being the only team to beat Collaroy Hydros, who shortly after were promoted to Division 1. Sharing a great rivalry with the other Wakehurst team winning one each (unfortunately we didn't get the decider in the GF but great to see them go on to win it).

A good mix of contributors across the season such as -

- Bailey and Harry with some good early

form with the bat.

- Lachlan, Josh and Liam consistent through the season.

- Harrison and Josh again consistently took wickets through the season while Asher, Lachie, Charlie and Liam consistently bowled tightly and were unlucky not to pick up more wickets through the season. Harry was our secret weapon with the ball scaring batsman with his sheer speed including getting a hat-trick against Seaforth.

- Lachlan's (50\*) and Charlie's (47\*) amazing partnership against a tough opposition in Harbord to help seal the win.

- Jack and Zac also showed great improvement with the ball both with their consistency but also stepping up the pace they were bowling.

## **Angus von Konigsmark**

Angus played half the season before heading off to play for his new school in the back end of the season. He had a couple of great knocks with the bat with a 14 and 15 early on. Angus began the season bowling beautifully getting 3/9 in just the second game! He continued to show himself as a good sport, great teammate and positive voice on the field always looking to lift the team up. Angus also continued his strong sideline snack game from last year! We were sad to lose him to his school team but knew our loss would be their gain.

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## **Asher Burke**

Asher had some good early season success with the bat and hit some very powerful shots throughout the season saving his best knock for the 3rd place playoff game with 22\*. He was at home with the ball in hand, and was one of our most frugal with an economy rate of 1.9 runs per over. It was awesome to watch Asher's learning curve through the season. He worked incredibly hard and developed into an awesome bowler. Equally fantastic to watch was his pace and fluid action as he ran in to bowl. A really positive contributor to training and would bowl non stop when others started to get tired. A real all round effort with 9 catches (equal highest) and 3 run outs as well. Congrats Asher on an excellent season and look forward to watching you continue into next season.

## **Bailey Schramm**

Bailey started the season in great form with the bat, with a top score of 27 in game 1 and 39 in game 3 - when it was in Bailey's zone, the ball went a long way! His well-flighted bowling action really troubled a lot of batters and he improved his consistency through the season bowling a very economical spell in our semi. A couple of highlights with the ball included when he opened against Cromer and picked up 4/2 followed by a clutch 2/3 to wrap up the innings in our win against Collaroy Hydros. Also contributed in the field taking 5 catches and took a run out. Bailey was another great contributor to training and the team, always really keen to play cricket and bringing positive energy to the group.

## **Charlie Tanner**

Charlie might have thought of himself as a bowler coming into the season but

he really proved himself with the bat averaging close to 20 and with a top-score of 47\* (to help lead the team to a win over Harbord) and was unlucky not to crack a maiden half century. He was also one of our most reliable bowlers during the season and had a great game with the ball against Cromer picking up 3/3.

Charlie's post batting ritual involved sitting in his chair with a packet of Jatz as he pondered how he had just gone with the bat in hand! He gave his all each week and was passionate about his cricket which was great to see.

## **Harrison Worboys**

Harrison started steadily with the bat and showed that he was a strong opener that could do an important job to see off the opening spells on a number of occasions.

Deceptively pacy with the ball, Harrison showed again that he could deceive batters and consistently take wickets picking up 2 wickets five times and only having 3 games where he bowled and didn't get a wicket. Highlights include taking the wicket of the leading run scorer in the comp from Harbord for a modest score. He was also sharp in the field with 4 catches and 3 runouts late in the season.

Harrison was a good team contributor - including often leading the sideline activities including touch footy and a second game of cricket while we were batting. Harrison finished as our top wicket taker with 15 wickets.

## **Harry Robertson**

Harry showed early in the season that he was a solid bat and could hold an end and played an important role in several games through the middle order after we had lost early wickets. Harry

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showed that he could bowl quicker than anyone and worked hard on his consistency through the season which paid off well. An absolute highlight was when we were bowled out cheaply against Seaforth, and Harry stepped up for the team by opening the bowling and took 4 wickets, including an incredibly well-deserved hat-trick! Batters regularly asked the umpire at the non striker's end how many balls were left in the over - hoping like anything to have the pace barrage end! Harry is only going to keep getting better with the ball and he's going to continue to scare opposition batters (and the coaches at training)!

## Jack Terry

Jack had a great season and batted well through the middle of the season with a good cluster of scores above 10 and some good partnerships including our best opening partnership to date, of the season, against St Augustines. Jack's bowling improved a lot through the season as well and by the end of the season he was bowling with some real pace and improved consistency. His bowling run up seemed to get bigger with each ball briefly earning him the nickname Brett Lee as he came running in from the boundary! Jack was one of our regular wicket keepers showing he was handy with the gloves including a couple of nice catches. He always brought lots of energy to games and we look forward to seeing him back

next season!

## Joshua Zauner

Josh was definitely one of our strong all around players across all disciplines from batting and bowling to wicket keeping. As our second leading wicket

taker with 12 wickets and 2nd leading run scorer Josh was always in the middle of the action. He had a great habit of taking wickets in clusters, twice picking up 3-fers. Josh's highlight with the ball came against the top CPCC team where, after his own unlucky run out dismissal, Josh went out and took 3/10 with the ball to play a big role in our win. He also was one of our wicket keepers and contributed well to minimising the number of extras. Josh was always a positive voice through the season and a positive influence on the team at training and games. Great season, Josh!

## Lachlan O'Brien

Lachlan joined the team from Round 5, after returning from Canada to live in Sydney. He found form quickly with the ball taking a wicket with the only ball he bowled in his first game! Bowling a tight line and length all season he finished with the team's best bowling economy (a miserly 1.8 runs per over). After a few games Lachlan also found form with the bat initially hitting a 25 before going on later in the season to hit the team's only half century (50\*) as well as a 30\*. He regularly took the WK gloves and was one of our best - taking two catches in one game as part of 7 for the season and seldom let a bye through. Lachlan finished as our top run scorer with 172 runs through the season at an average close to 20.

## Liam Shephard

Liam started the season by announcing he wasn't a batter, before going on to be one of our most consistent batters through the whole season! He was our third highest run scorer through the season and another player that consistently built good partnerships through

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the middle order. He regularly dug in when an innings needed stabilising and learned which bowlers to target and which ones to be more defensive towards. Liam was also fantastic with the ball, picking up 10 wickets and bowling tightly through the season. Regularly tasked with fielding in some of the hot zones when we bowled he showed great determination and athleticism to save us many runs through the season with his fielding - with 2 runs outs and 2 catches as well.

## Mitchell Hall

Mitch was again one of our biggest hitters on the team and showed that when his eye was in, that the runs would come and they would come quickly! One of his batting highlights for the season came against SPX where he hit 32\* off 35 and was part of our revival that took us from 4/30 to posting a score of 167. Mitch backed that up with his best bowling of the season with 3/1 in the same game. A passionate cricketer, Mitch always gave his best with bat or ball and our most consistent “walking in with the bowler” caller and doer, trying to encourage and energize his team mates no matter how the game was positioned. Another handy wicket keeper, Mitch brought the same energy to the gloves and was very reliable and focused.

## Zachary Simes

Zac had some standout knocks through the season including a great innings against SPX with Mitch, where he helped us recover and retired not out before coming back in and almost getting out with a mankad (a story for another time!).

Zac had a really important knock in our semi final when it was most needed to

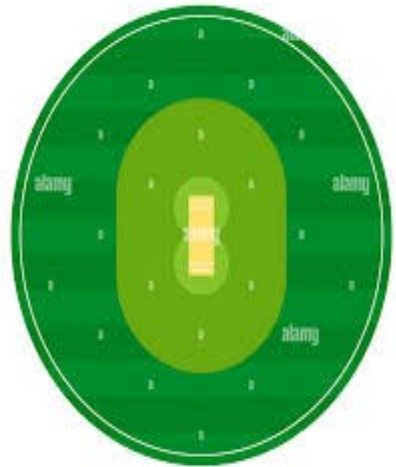
help us post a score that we could try and defend, batting the innings out with Bailey. He took a step up this season showing that he could bowl more accurately and with good pace and he picked up a wicket in each of his last four bowling games, including a bowled in the 3rd place playoff that only touched the bails! Another highlight was a perfect yorker against the other Wakehurst team to give us 2 wickets in 2 balls following on from a run out the ball before.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award— Harrison Worboys

Batting Award—Lachlan O'Brien

Sportsperson Award— Asher Burke



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# U12/2 Black

What an incredible season our Wakehurst 12/2 boys have had. It was our first season of Stage 2 cricket, so it was going to be a big challenge for the boys - also considering eight of our boys were playing up against boys that were a year to a year and a half older. We have all six of our 10/1 premiership team, two boys from the 10/2 winning team, two boys from 11/2 last year and a new player to the game.

There was a big focus in training on bowling accurately, learning the forward defense so we didn't throw our wickets away and a lot of effort put into improving all aspects of our fielding. The team's first game was a brilliant result, scoring 149 runs and then bowling Harbord Demons out for 37. It certainly got our season off to a great start.

We narrowly lost our second match vs CPCC WiFi's, but then went on a three game winning streak until round six in a narrow loss to Seaforth Vipers. After this loss, we didn't look back, winning the next eight out of our nine matches including a nail biting win vs the higher ranked Wakehurst Green in the last few balls. We evened up the ledger vs the CPCC WiFi's in Round 15 bowling them out for 42 and chasing the runs down comfortably.

After 18 rounds, we made our goal of a top four finish, coming third, which meant we had to play the second placed WiFi's in the semi-final.

We won the toss and bowled first, backing our bowlers and fielding. We did a great job in the field, restricting the WiFi's to 113 off 27.3 overs. Our batting effort was very solid with great

contributions from many of the boys, however due to the WiFi's accurate bowling we ended up needing 20 runs off the last two overs.

Unbelievably Brendan hit two boundaries, as well as four no-ball byes, we got 18 off the second last over and won the match with 3 balls to spare.

The Grand Final was vs fourth ranked Seaforth Strikers, who we had played twice with one loss and one win in very close matches - so we were expecting a very tough GF.

We won the toss and elected to bowl again, however things didn't go to plan, as the Strikers came out very aggressively sitting at 3-91 after 15 overs.

'Shoes' was then tossed the ball and bowled an unbelievable spell of 4 for 7, and we had them bowled out in 22 overs for 120 runs.

The run chase was the most mature batting performance all season, our openers Eddie and Jake got us off to a fantastic start with Henry and 'Shoes' also making big contributions. To everyone's amazement, we pulled off the grand final win with 11 balls remaining!

To say I'm proud as a coach would be an understatement, the team culture and belief that this team possesses is unbeatable with a good number of these boys now winning titles back-to-back.



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## Edward Baddock

Eddie enjoyed another great season of cricket this year with the Redbacks. His bowling was excellent with a good economy rate and taking 9 wickets @ 12.33 with best figures of 3 for 5. His batting really improved throughout the year, he always saves his best for the big matches as he's a big time player. With a huge knock and top score of 23 (33) in the Semi and 17 (25) as an opening batsman in the GF. He had a top score of 41 vs Seaforth Strikers and ended up with 120 runs @ 15.00. Always a key contributor to the team - well done Eddie!

## Henry Baddock

Henry was new to cricket but lives next to Bambara nets, and it was clear to see from early on he is a very gifted cricketer with bat and ball, as well as in the field. He joined up with his cousin, Eddie, and quickly became an integral part of the team. With the ball, he was very quick and very accurate with an economy rate of 1.97 and taking 11 wickets @ 7.35. In the practice nets, our batters always changed quickly so they could choose the pitch Henry wasn't bowling in!

His batting was a real highlight, rarely failing with the bat and stepping up when it mattered (hitting 29 off 35 in the GF).

With a top score of 40, but also a very healthy average of 40.67 with 244 runs for the season. Henry has a bright future in the game of cricket.

## Logan Burrows

Logan had another stellar year of cricket, in particular with the ball in hand bowling his left arm pace bowling. He was often handed the ball to bowl against some of the better batters and finished the season with 13 wickets @ 13.38 with best figures of 3 for 10 vs the WiFis in Round 2. He also mixed it up and bowled some spin, taking a couple of wickets with his tweakers as well. Logan has a great batting technique and is an excellent runner between wickets. He faced the first ball of the season, as opener, scoring 17 not out which got our season off to a brilliant start. Great work Logie!

## Jake Chambers

Jake is a very passionate cricketer, puts in extras in the nets and it certainly showed this year - especially with his batting.

Jake is also a spin bowler, taking four valuable wickets for the season. Importantly, he kept wickets brilliantly for the season - taking some great catches and lots of talk from behind the stumps.

His batting was a huge improvement this year, showing great technique and patience with some terrific batting efforts including 18no in the SF and 17 (23) in the GF - another big time player! He ended up with the second most runs for the team with 149 runs @ 18.63 and a top score of 37no vs SPX Blue. Awesome work Jakey!

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## Matthew Dadic

This young man known as "Shoes" has had an incredible season of cricket. The level of improvement we've seen this year has been out of this world. With the bat, ball and the gloves, Shoes has worked hard on all aspects of his game and it's worked wonders.

He has become a very reliable batsmen, only getting out five out of his 12 innings.

Making 141 runs @ 28.20 with a top score of 41 vs Seaforth Strikers.

Shoes saved his best performance for the GF, taking 4 for 7 and turned the game around in a miraculous bowling effort. He also scored 9no with a patient innings to ensure we chased down the runs. What a performance! He ended up 13 wickets @ 8.85. Sensational work Shoesy!

## Brendan Harrison

B-Man came into the team from the 10/2's team last year and was already good mates with a lot of the boys so fitted straight in. His positive attitude and perseverance always provided a boost for his teammates.

Brendan was a huge asset to the team with the ball, taking 12 wickets @ 10.58 with best figures of 2 for 6 vs Cromer Crocodiles. He opened the bowling in the finals and did a stellar job.

His batting improved dramatically throughout the season, but the real highlight was the Semi Final when he walked in with us needing 20 runs off the last two overs. Cool as a cucumber, Brendan smashed two fours and helped us score 18 off the 29th over. The pure elation and emotion after this moment, and celebrating with his teammates and our parents was the moment of the season. A truly brilliant season, Brendo!

## William Lloyd

Will came into the team after a season in 11/2's, with his mate Bryce. He was always one of the first to training and put in a lot of effort in the nets throughout the season.

These efforts paid off, as he made some valuable innings with the bat with his clean hitting including hitting the winning run in our Semi Final vs the WiFi's. His bowling improved through the year with one wicket in his first seven matches then taking five in his next five matches, with six wickets @ 18.50 for the season.

He has been a great team player and had a great season with us, well done Will!



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## **Byron Marsh**

If there was a "most improved award", it would be close between Shoes and Byron but it would have to go to Byron. He has improved out of sight throughout the season.

His swashbuckling batting style was exciting to watch, as he's a very powerful hitter of the ball, scoring 72 runs @ 12.00 with a top score of 22. He even performed a forward defense in the GF which pleased the coach very much! Byron's bowling is what really excelled this year. Taking 15 wickets @ 8.60 (seventh in the comp) with best figures of 4 for 9 vs the WiFi's who were top of the table at the time. An excellent season by Bryon, he should be very proud of his efforts.

## **James Rozkydal**

Jamie has had another great year of cricket, as a key contributor with bat, ball and gloves. He was one of our main keepers for the year, and proved to be a real natural behind the stumps.

He bowled some excellent spells throughout the year taking six wickets with best figures of 2 for 5. Also taking two catches and three run outs, his fielding was sharp.

Jamie also played some important innings with the bat, making 121 runs @ 15.13 with a top score of 25 vs Seaforth Strikers.

He also hit the winning runs in the GF, hitting a boundary to seal the victory. Great stuff Jamie!

## **Bryce Sargent**

Bryce played 11/2's last year and immediately bonded with his new teammates. He has been a very supportive young man, did whatever

Role the coach asked and always showed great manners and respect. Bryce has improved massively with the bat and especially with the ball. Later in the season, he became a reliable "go to" bowler to keep the run rate down and a breakthrough wicket. Taking four wickets, with best figures of 2 for 9 vs Cromer Crocodiles.

He displayed a solid batting style, retiring a couple of times and facing some tough bowling. Overall, Bryce has been a pleasure to coach and a much loved team member - congrats Bryce!

## **Daniel Thomassian**

Dan has had a great season with the team, joining us with his mate B-Man from the 10/2 winning team from last year.

He has delivered in crucial moments for the team with the bat and ball, as well as in the field taking three catches and keeping for us on numerous occasions.

He took 12 wickets @ 11.75 with best figures of 3 for 3 vs SPX Blue. With the bat, he was very consistent, a good striker of the ball and scored runs quickly with 118 runs @ 14.75 with a top score of 26 against SPX Blue.

Dan is a very energetic cricketer and has added a lot of energy to our squad this year, he did a fantastic job overall. Superb season Dan!

Player Awards

Batting Award - Henry Baddock

Bowling Award - Byron Marsh

Sportsperson Award - Matthew Dadic

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# U13/1 Black

The 2024/25 season turned into a highly successful campaign for the team, finishing second on the ladder at the conclusion of the pool matches prior to finals. During the round robin stage, we won 11 out of 16 matches (70%-win record), with 2 games abandoned due to wet weather. In a highly competitive competition comprising 8 quality teams (consolidated from 12 in the previous season), this was a remarkable achievement for our boys and one that they should be justifiably proud of.

To then go on to beat Peninsula in an absorbing semi-final and then the powerful Seaforth team in the Grand Final to be crowned Premiers was simply the cherry on top and something none of us will ever forget.

We had a relatively young team, with 4 boys playing up (2 up one year and 2 up two years), which made our success even more impressive.

Most notably, the team showed great resilience and courage in standing up when faced with adversity and won some very tight, heart-stopping encounters in the final over of matches. Our collective learning and mantra of “every run counts” and ensuring that the boys embraced the fact that the ball could come to them at any point and they needed to therefore be on their toes at all times, certainly paid dividends for us.

Aside from the team’s heroics in real nail-biters in the semi-final and Grand Final, one of the other highlights of the season was beating Forest off the final ball of the match, chasing down a steep victory target of 179. In my opinion, that was a season-defining moment and served to galvanise the team—there

was a genuine belief that we were a top side who could beat any of our opposition on any given day. A similar heart stopping victory was achieved later in the season against Harbord, with the winning runs coming off the penultimate ball of the match, a clear indication of the maturity displayed consistently by the boys throughout the season and this is what ultimately pulled us through in icing the big moments when it really mattered.

Competition-wide, 3 of our boys (Thomas, Hayden & Jensen) finished in the top 12 run-scorers and from a bowling perspective, 4 of our boys occupied spots in the list of top 10 bowlers, namely Thomas, Elijah, Jensen & Hugo. A special shout-out to Thomas for achieving the feat of finishing 1st overall in number of wickets taken – very well done! This is, in itself, a great achievement, and we congratulate the boys concerned on their efforts.

Thomas further took by far the greatest number of catches in the competition at 21 (9 clear of the pack), which must be something of a record!

## **Elijah Cook**

Eli is one of those players who would, if given the opportunity, play cricket 24/7. It is a joy to be around Eli as he asks lots of questions and listens attentively in his quest to become a better cricketer and this showed in his performances throughout the season and in his growth as a fine young cricketer. His seam movement and swing proved too hot to handle for many batsmen and he took crucial wickets at regular intervals with his remarkable efforts in the GF by removing 2 leading batsmen within the space of 3 balls, deserving special mention.

From a batting point of view, Eli was

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unlucky at times not to hit more gaps in the field playing really stylish shots and scoring even more runs in the process than he did.

His development as a great fielder was also a joy to watch and culminated in him taking 3 superb catches against St Augs Gold. Well done on a great season, Eli!

## **Daniel Hall**

Daniel continued on his cricketing journey of development and played some good knocks at the top of the innings to get the team off to a good start on occasion, none more so than his 27 not out in the semi-final against Peninsula. He possesses good hand-eye coordination and when he connects, the ball stays hit!

His medium pace bowling also continued to improve as the season progressed, and he caused his fair share of headaches for batsmen with his swing through the air. Most notably, Daniel's fielding improved towards the back end of the season, culminating in his man-of-the-match performance in saving crucial runs in the game against Collaroy. Continue to work hard, Daniel, and I look forward to following your progress in the coming season.

## **Oliver Steel**

Ollie enjoyed another good season as a "team man" and could always be relied upon to do his best out there, no matter what the circumstances.

He played a fantastic innings of 25 early on in the season against Peninsula and also pitched in regularly with a few quick wickets when the team needed it most - his 3 for 6 in the semi-final against Peninsula being a prime example of this.

Ollie also shows plenty of enthusiasm

in the field and was often there to remind us that we need to adopt the attitude that the ball can come to you at any moment, so you can never switch off when fielding. Well done, Ollie!

## **Ty Siladi**

Ty continued where he left off in prior seasons by building on his ability to bowl some tidy leg spin. When he dropped it "on the spot" with great flight, he caused numerous anxious moments for batsmen, not knowing whether to come forward or stay back to his bowling. His man-of-the-match performance against Forest just before the Christmas break was a joy to watch. Ty is also a very eager fielder who never lets the team down and cut off numerous potential 2's or boundaries in restricting these to singles - his catching has most definitely also improved, and he really has a safe pair of hands.

From a batting perspective, Ty was given the opportunity to bat in all positions during the season and displayed a lot of courage in keeping out some swift deliveries from the quicker bowlers and is also a good runner between the wickets.

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## Hayden Marshman

Hayden is a joy to coach as he is a very attentive young cricketer who thinks about the game and what “comes next”. Whilst much of Hayden’s success came with the bat, he is a very talented all-rounder, took some very handy wickets and pulled off some stunning catches during the season. A true highlight was when he put in 2 consecutive man-of-the-match performances for his 44 and 4 (both not out) against St Augs Green and Collaroy respectively, and also contributed greatly in the fielding department in both those matches and indeed, throughout the season, culminating in a tremendous effort in the Grand Final in getting the team across the line with some power-hitting.

I look forward to watching Hayden further develop his cricketing skills and building on the solid platform he has created.

## Luca Rochaix

Luca has an uncanny ability to bowl consistent medium/fast deliveries right on off-stump. No matter whether he opens the bowling or comes on later in the innings, he always makes batsmen play and that is all that a coach can ever ask for. This culminated in Luca picking up regular wickets throughout the season prior to incurring an unfortunate injury during the middle part of our season.

However, he bounced right back after making his return to claim a man-of-the-match award against the top-of-the-table Seaforth team with 2 top class wickets (both clean bowled) and a wonderful catch to dismiss their opener. Luca has also steadily improved on his batting and I’m sure there’s lots more to come in that department. Overall, he

is a very attentive and keen cricketer and above all, possesses a wonderfully calm temperament.

## Jack Wylie

Jack joined the team at the start of the season and slotted in seamlessly. He is an ultimate “team man” in his quiet way and always tries his hardest, no matter what the circumstances.

He is a great young man to have in the team as not only is he able to keep wicket and/or field with distinction, but his batting is consistently reliable, and his bowling often led to key breakthroughs for the team.

Jack sets very high standards for himself and can sometimes be disappointed when he doesn’t achieve something which is “up there” with the best! His all-round ability saw him get man-of-the-match against Collaroy with 2 crucial wickets (getting rid of one of their openers and the number 3 batsman), while his 16 not out late in our innings meant that we took our final score to over 200 for the first time in the season. Well done, Jack!



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## Hugo Hansen

Hugo, our vice-captain, is an extremely talented cricketer, whether with bat, ball or wicket-keeping gloves! He enjoyed a tremendous season and is another one of our boys who sets very high standards for himself.

Hugo turned in some great performances and was certainly one of the most consistent contributors to our success. It would be remiss of me not to highlight his incredible running between the wickets where he certainly set the standard for our team, and he further saved us a bucket-load of runs when he was behind the stumps in cutting down byes and saving wide deliveries and balls down the leg-side.

He also put in a tremendous effort with the ball in the GF by effecting crucial breakthroughs at regular intervals. Great job, Hugo!

## Thomas Turner

Thomas had a great season with both bat and ball, not to mention his energy and enthusiasm in the field. He also filled in admirably when asked to keep wicket.

Thomas embraces all aspects of cricket, and his knowledge and appreciation of the game is simply outstanding. He is a true all-rounder who delivered some top performances for the team during the season, often under a fair amount of pressure. An example of this was when he hit the winning runs off the last ball of our innings against Forest when all the fielders came in to exert pressure on the batsmen.

He further played crucial knocks in several of our matches and his ability to build partnerships with some of the other boys was a highlight.

Thomas' off-spin and flighty/quick variations also caused significant

headaches for opposition batsmen. His noteworthy achievement of topping the overall wicket-taking stats is indeed a very special one.

## Jensen du Plessis

The leader of the pack enjoyed an exceptional season with both bat and ball. However, I think the most pleasing aspect was how well Jensen captained the team and provided guidance to all his teammates when it came to field placements and "what to do next" when the team faced pressure situations. His constant encouragement and chatter served to lift the team and his legendary calls of "down, down!" to get our fielders to put their bodies on the line to save crucial runs will be remembered for a long time!

Jensen sets a very high standard with his fielding, whether at slip, cover or mid-off, but it's with both his batting and bowling where he made big statements this season in leading from the front, complementing and rounding out the great efforts of all his teammates. His big 6's against Harbord and Seaforth (in the GF) off some of the quickest bowlers in the competition were certainly a highlight, as were his consistent displays of great leg spin bowling, mixed with subtle variations in being simply unplayable at times.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Elijah Cook

Batting Award—Thomas Turner

Sportsperson Award—Jensen du Plessis

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# U13/2 Red

The 2024-2025 Wakehurst Redbacks Under 13s Red team was a fresh combination of returning players and new faces. From the outset, the boys played with great spirit, built strong teamwork, and forged both new friendships and strengthened old ones.

Throughout the season, the team gave their all in every match. They secured five solid wins and were competitive in almost every game, with several close losses by just a few runs. On their day, they were capable of beating anyone. The boys made great strides in developing their cricketing skills—particularly in their batting technique and bowling consistency. Each player found their niche, whether with bat, ball, or both. A huge shout-out to our amazing manager, Brandan O’Sullivan, who kept everything running smoothly all season. There’s a lot for the manager to juggle behind the scenes, and Brandan handled it all brilliantly to keep us on track. Thanks also to Mark Blinstrub for his help with training and game-day warm-ups.

Also, thanks to all the parents who chipped in with scoring—your support was greatly appreciated!

## **Eamon O’Sullivan**

Eamon joined the team this season and made an immediate impact. His batting and bowling improved steadily, and he always brought a positive, team-first attitude. With a strong batting technique featuring solid defence and powerful hitting, he quickly became a valuable asset in all parts of the game.

## **Andy McLennan**

Andy had another fantastic season, cementing his place in the top order. He combined solid defence with powerful drives and significantly improved his

consistency. Andy’s bowling also stepped up, delivering accurate spells, taking crucial wickets, and his outfield catching was game-changing on multiple occasions.

## **Josh Blinstrub**

A true team player, Josh brings energy and positivity every week. His hard work—both at training and on his own—paid off late in the season, with a solid defensive game and a fierce cut shot emerging. His dedication and improvement were impressive, and he should be proud of his efforts.

## **Chris Boichat**

Chris was our standout all-rounder, finishing at the top of the batting stats and collecting plenty of wickets. He also served as our main wicketkeeper, adding great stability behind the stumps. Always reliable, Chris delivered multiple game-defining performances with bat and ball.

## **Kobi Leroux**

Kobi is the embodiment of good sportsmanship and team spirit. He bowled with consistent accuracy and was unlucky not to pick up more wickets. He developed a solid batting technique and brought relentless energy to his fielding—always encouraging and backing up his teammates.

## **Zach Ying**

Zach brings infectious enthusiasm and well-timed encouragement in the field, lifting the team’s energy. With the ball, he bowled with real pace and was lethal on the stumps, finishing as our second-highest wicket taker. With the bat, Zach regularly lit up the innings with fireworks— explosively sending balls flying to all corners of the field, thrilling teammates and spectators alike.

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## Riley Secombe

Riley showed big improvement with the ball this season, delivering some fast and accurate spells. He also built confidence in his batting, combining sound defence with attacking intent. In the field, Riley gave it everything—full of energy and commitment.

## William Greenaway

Will had an excellent season with the bat, developing a stylish and powerful technique. He was consistently among the top run scorers and helped secure matches with composed batting in high-pressure moments. His bowling also came along well, which resulted in fiery spells that had batters on edge and produced many wickets.

## Oscar Stoddart

Oscar had a superb season with the ball, finishing as our leading wicket taker. His consistent, accurate, and threatening opening spells set the tone in many matches. He also improved his batting, contributing with some aggressive innings and forming key partnerships throughout the season.

## Lucas Casey

Lucas is our left-arm quick with a smooth, classical bowling rhythm. His ability to swing the ball and hit the stumps made him a real weapon. With the bat, Lucas played aggressive, slashing innings, regularly finding the boundary and lifting team momentum when needed.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award— Oscar Stoddart

Batting Award— Chris Boichat

Sportsperson Award— Kobi Leroux



# U13/2 Red



# U14/1 Red

Congratulations 14/1 Red.

What an outstanding season!

Our first training session of the season saw four new faces join the team. Within minutes George, Ryan, Lachie and Lucas became part of the fold, and felt like they had been there since u10s. As is often the case with club cricket, a new year also brought on a new rotation with coaching staff. The boys as always showed amazing respect to the coaches this season, and turned up every training and game eager to listen, learn, and play the best possible cricket they could.

This hard work, commitment and dedication resulted in an outstanding team effort from game 1, and the boys continued to deliver every week resulting in eventual Grand Final glory! In the regular season the mighty Red had the highest win / loss ratio of the comp of 14 wins : 2 Losses (2 N/R).

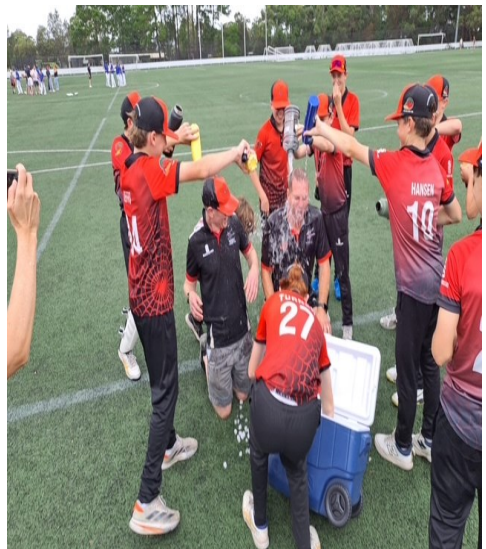
A testament to the strength of this team was the sharing around of roles & responsibilities leading to match winning contributions from all of the boys at different stages. We placed a primary focus on player participation & rotation, allowing for opportunities across all positions within the line up throughout the season.

The boys prided themselves on showing the highest standards in the field, and always brought positive energy both on & off the field. Each game they focused very much on what we were there to achieve as opposed to what the opposition were doing. Whether they were ensuring there was “no 2 on Di”, or giving critical focus for the next “15 seconds”, the boys always kept their heads up, and their outlook positive.

We could not be more proud of the courage displayed by the boys when

they needed to dig deep in some games, including both of the finals games. As well as this, we were constantly impressed by the composure shown when faced with pressure situations – this is a team that learnt how to win matches even when in some sticky situations. The contributions by each & every team member demonstrates the strong future development prospects for this team as they carry on their cricketing journeys in the years ahead. Thanks must go to all of the parents for their active involvement on game days, helping with scoring, field set up, and keeping a steady supply of snacks flowing for these ever growing teenagers! Thanks to Di for managing the team, we appreciate all that you do. Congratulations boys, Major and Minor premiers. You have truly earned your Baggy Red!

Mark and Andy.



# U14/1 Red

## Dylan Brabant

Dylan had another impressive season. Ever reliable for hitting his line & length when called upon with the ball, Dylan was one of our 'go to' bowlers who was able to dry up runs or take key breakthrough wickets whenever needed. Collecting 16 wickets at an average of 13.7. Dylan also made key contributions with the bat, none more so than in the semi-final against Wakehurst Black when faced with the need for both a partnership & quick runs, Dylan delivered a run a ball 24\*, and propelled us to a competitive total to defend.

## Josh Foord

Josh is a gritty competitor who demonstrated his 'allrounder' status throughout the season.

Comfortable opening the batting as much as sending down his wily leg spin (10 wicket season),

Josh was ever ready to take on a challenge that came his way. Always keen to further develop his batting technique & arsenal with the ball, with the bat Josh contributed valuable runs on numerous occasions throughout the season including a match winning 58\* (10 x 4's) in the Rd 6 derby against Wakehurst Black.

## George Hansen

George displayed excellent composure & spirit throughout the season. Ever reliable & a big game player, aside from critical runs in the Semi & GF (37 & 30 respectively) George was instrumental in a number of key partnerships that helped keep our momentum during the season. Some memorable knocks included his 62\* (Rd 6) in partnership with Josh against Wakehurst Black, then followed up the

next round with a blistering 50\* (28 balls) vs the Allies. Typically miserly with ball & reliable for a breakthrough, George picked up 9 wickets over the season.

## Liam Jeffs

Always one we could count on to "bring the energy" on those hot summer mornings, Liam is a great team player who was steadfast in the field & keen to take the gloves for 15 overs whenever called upon (8 catches / 3 stumpings). Liam contributed some key knocks during the season. His 26 runs opening against Saints Gold in Rd 9 saw us in a strong position early, then his crucial 20\* at #6 in the GF helped boost our total to what proved to be a match winning total.

## Lucas Moise

New to the club this season, Lucas very quickly showed his great fit both in how well he settled in with teammates as well as his excellent work ethic at training. Always ready to give 110%, Lucas often showed his ability with the new ball, hitting a good length at pace early & building pressure on the top order batsmen. Lucas also showed his ability to amass quick runs with the bat, a highlight was his 53 which included 12 x4's in Rd 5 at Lionel Watts.



# U14/1 Red

## **Nate Morrow**

Always keen to deliver what was needed by the team, Nate had a great season contributing some valuable runs at key moments. While not his top score, his 15 runs in what proved to be a pivotal 41 run partnership with Dylan in the semi-final was testament to this. Nate also delivered with the ball collecting wickets on most outings to lead the wicket takers with 17 wickets at an average of 13.1 & strike rate of 17.

## **Lewis Riddett**

Lewis always brought a positive energy to every game, helping to lift his team mates out in the field. Great line and length bowling with late swing, brought him 14 wickets through the season and earned him the spot of opening bowler in the semi-final and final, nabbing two wickets in each. A stand out performance was in the grand final, where he clean bowled the danger batter in the first ball of his first over. He then came back to bowl the death overs, and again took the crucial wicket of a batter who was clearing the rope and threatening to run down our total.

## **Ryan Rosenkowitz**

Ryan was Mr-reliable with both bat and ball. 13 wickets with the ball and 363 runs at an average of 40 with the bat made him the team's ultimate all-rounder. His calm demeanour meant he regularly found runs or took wickets at crucial times in the tight games. One of many highlight performances was his 3 wickets for two runs, and 31 no with the bat against St Augsburgs.

## **Lachlan Rozier**

Lachie was a rock of the team behind the stumps with the wicket keeping gloves, taking 10 catches, 10 run-outs and 3 stumpings over the season. He also had a number of powerful performances with the bat, accumulating 204 runs, with an average of 17. He had a standout performance in a home derby against Wakehurst Black, scoring 37 runs with six boundaries, and taking an incredible 3 stumpings.

## **Hugo Stone**

Hugo was a key all-rounder to the team this season, whether that be scoring runs up the order with the bat or finding us a key breakthrough with the ball. He took an invaluable 14 wickets, and scored 110 runs, including a great knock of 42 not-out off 45 balls, including seven 4s. A special mention must go to his hatrick against Wakehurst Black that included two of their danger batters.

## **Justin Turner**

Justin was an absolute powerhouse with the bat, scoring a team high 428 runs, which was also third highest in the comp. He consistently delivered match winning knocks, including two 50s\* and a high score of 69. Beyond the bat he was also a danger man with the ball, taking 11 wickets, and safe pair of hands behind the wicket, with 4 wicket keeping catches. While he achieved plenty of higher scores throughout the season, a game high 38 runs in the pressure cooker of a grand final stands out as a key highlight amongst many others.

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## Stuart Turner

Stuart was a constant source of positive encouragement to his team mates. With the bat he went about his business with a great balance and controlled aggression that saw him accumulate 264 runs at an incredibly impressive average of 52.8! With the ball you could always rely on him to dry up the runs, with an economy of 3.56, and 6 wickets. He got over 30 runs six times during the season, with a standout performance scoring 40 not out against Seaforth.



Team Awards:

Batting: Justin Turner

Bowling: Nate Morrow

Sportsperson: Lachlan Rozier



# U14/2 Wakehurst-Cromer

This year our boys combined with Cromer to form an U14 Div 2 team. Our four boys (Bradley, Levi, Fraser and Jack) have played for Wakehurst for many years and are passionate cricketers, so they were happy to merge if it meant another season of cricket for them. They had to build new friendships with the Cromer boys, who were all really accepting of their new teammates.

The season started off a bit rocky, as this was a newly formed team, with only two wins from their first eight matches. They then won six on the trot to reach the semi finals. They played Harbord Hitters in the semis and won this match with our four Wakehurst boys making big contributions.

Our Grand Final was against the top ranked BSHS Smashers, who we happened to beat a few weeks previously.

Unfortunately our strongest player in the team (top bowler and second top batting in the comp) was ruled out the day before the GF with an ankle injury, so the boys had to dig deep and perform at their very best. Our Wakehurst boys played valiantly but unfortunately we fell short of victory.

Runners Up for the season was a fantastic result for these boys and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

A massive thankyou to Stewart, the Cromer club president who coached our boys, as well as Amy who was our manager for the season.

## **Bradley Burrows**

Bradley had a breakout season with the ball but with the bat he was a real asset to the team - becoming a top order bats-

man. He learnt to value his wicket and his forward defence was very solid, retiring unbeaten on seven occasions.

Bradley finished with 134 runs @ 14.89 with a top score of 21, taking 10 wickets @ 19.20 - with best figures of 2/6, as well as taking 5 catches.

Bradley was the team captain for the Grand Final and did a great job leading the team. A great year by Bradley.

## **Levi McQuoid**

Levi had another great season with the Redbacks, in particular with the ball in hand, opening the bowling for a lot of the season. He bowled very economically and took 13 wickets @ 11.62, the eight best in the competition for bowling. His best figures were 3/7.

Levi is also a very powerful hitter of the ball and times the ball extremely well making 112 runs for the season @ 11.20 with a top score of 24. Well done Levi.

## **Fraser Kerr**

Fraser is a very passionate cricketer, always encouraging his team mates and keeping the chatter up. Fraser had a terrific season, especially with his bowling - taking 14 wickets @ 18.14, which was the sixth best for the competition. His top figures were 3/2 at Lionel Watts, in a five ball spell! He also made contributions with the bat, including smashing 27 with 4 boundaries at our home ground Lionel Watts. Brilliant year by Fraser!

## **Jack Bowen**

Like the rest of our Wakehurst boys, Jack was a key member of this team. He was the chief wicket keeper for the

# U14/2 Wakehurst-Cromer

team, doing an excellent job behind the stumps all season.

When Jack bowled, he usually got a breakthrough with 9 wickets @ 11.11 with best figures of 2 for 3.

Jack is a very big hitter of the ball, smashing plenty of boundaries and making 106 runs @ 11.78 with a top-score of 30 (off 30 balls) at Lionel Watts. A top season by Jack, well done!



# U14/1 Black

The U14's Wakehurst Black's squad assembled at the start of the season with our established team players from the previous season and some new members as we were playing our first season of 11 a side, we welcomed Max, Mitch, Harry and Finn G to the team.

The boys once again started the season well and started to play some good cricket. In the first half of the season our results were mixed, and the boys found that when they did concentrate and put into practice what they practiced at training they got impressive results on game day. However, when our focus was not there it did reflect on us not playing our best cricket.

The boys fought right to the end of the season, and we scraped into the finals in fourth position. The boys went down in our semi-final to Wakehurst Red, who went on to claim the Premiership. The boys bounced back well the following week and playing with plenty of Freedom, easily accounted for Seaforth in the playoff finishing a respectable third in the comp.

Despite the result we are incredibly proud of all the boys for the effort that they have all put in. Each player put their hand up to carry the team when someone else may have been having a difficult day. Mateship, teamwork, positivity, sportsmanship, and resilience have been a strength of this squad for the past 6 years and this season was no exception.

A big thanks to Suzanne for managing the team again this season, to all the parents that scored each week and the coaches Doug and Dave, with some

great help on game day by Liam and Tim.

We are looking forward to next season already!

## **Leo Barnett**

Leo had a solid season; his batting speaks for itself each game. It was the other aspects of the game that Leo developed well this season. His on-field leadership continues to grow, his wicket keeping skills developed well and in some games was happy to keep for the full 30 overs. Leo continued to work on his bowling through the season and his pace and accuracy continued to develop. Leo is a very complete cricket player and such a positive person to have in the team, he is always never short of encouragement for others and helping them improve their game. Leo stacked on 308 runs for the season and 9 wickets.

## **Max Barnett**

Max was a welcomed addition to the team joining his brother for his first full season at Wakehurst. Max stood out as an immensely powerful player, he had sizzling pace, could bat, and was a genuinely nice kid to have in the team. Max was a strike bowler that could blast batsman out with ease, he really knew how to rattle those stumps picking up 26 wickets. But it was not just his bowling, he could also swing the willow and had a great top score of 88 early in the season and a total of 386 for the season. Max was always lifting others up around him, either when fielding or encouraging others from the batting bench. A delightful addition to the team and Wakehurst.

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## **Jordan Casey**

Jordy is a stalwart of the team who clearly enjoys his cricket and the company of his teammates. Jordy has developed his bowling skills and is very accurate medium pacer who doesn't give many runs away. When he is on, he can be very deceptive and regularly frustrates the batters picking up handy figures of 2/10 in a game. As a batsman, Jordy was at his best when he attacked the bowlers picking a quick fire 19 in our final game. He seemed unfazed when facing fierce pace or crafty spin and managed to hit plenty of boundaries. Jordy took 4 catches this season and was a busy fielder regularly at mid-on or mid-off. He is a team-player and a pleasure to coach and was up for any challenge presented to him.

## **Harry Foy**

Harry joined the team this season and slotted in perfectly to the team. What was great about Harry was that he was a real team player, he would never question his role for a particular game, whether that was opening the batting duties or taking the new ball to open the bowling picking a handy 13 wickets in the season. Harry while quietly spoken, really developed his confidence through the season and this showed with his results, both with the bat and the ball getting a season high of 49. Harry was a great kid to coach this season, and his cricket development was outstanding.

## **Billy Franklin**

Billy continued to improve his cricket this season. Known for his power game, if big hitting Billy showed on occasions how devastating this can be when he is seeing the ball with ease.

This allowed Billy to pick up his first 50 in the last game of the season.

Billy continued to work on his bowling through the season and was a go to person when we needed some variety in our bowling attack. His slower spin bowling yielded results when he was varying his deliveries and had his radar on picking up 10 wickets.

## **Finn Geraghty**

Finn joined the team for his first season at Wakehurst, he was welcomed by all members of the team and slotted in perfectly. He was also upbeat about his cricket both at training and on game day. He showed good signs of developing his game as the season progressed and he had solid results with the bat when given time in the middle. He continued to work on his consistency with his bowling and keeping it tight when required to starve the opposition of runs. Finn showed that he was a very capable fielder with excellent catching taking 9 for the season and 3 and run outs. It is always a pleasure to have team members of his calibre in your team.

## **Jack Maris**

Jack is another long-term member of the team. He didn't play as many games with us this year due to school sport commitments, but when he did, he always made an impact. Jack seems to have grown about 1 foot taller since last year and is a very good fast left-arm bowler. He took 16 wickets with an economy of 3.3 and many batters who faced him couldn't manage the swing and bounce he created picking up 2/6 in a game. Jack didn't get many opportunities to bat this season, but when he did, he played in a positive manner and was always looking for

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runs. The coaches were always delighted to see Jack in our line-up as he brings a positive attitude to his cricket and the team.

## **Will Mathlin**

Will is such a dynamic player to have in the team, focused on his game and ensuring the team performed to their ability on game day. Will has been known well as being a gun bowler taking 21 wickets, but there is a lot more to his game that he continued to develop this season. His batting improved as the season progressed often picking up key runs in the middle order with some great stroke selection and an aggressive approach, he would often set us up for victory when setting a quality score piling on 233 runs. Will also chanced his hand at some keeping duties during games which will benefit his overall reading.

## **Marcus Murchison**

Marcus is another long-term member of the team who clearly enjoys the company of his teammates. He had a strong season with the bat scoring over 150 runs.

He always looked dangerous when he tried to increase the run-rate. While he didn't bowl as much this season, he managed to take wickets when it was required and took some important catches when they were needed. Marcus is one of our more vocal team members who regularly encourages his teammates and provided many light-hearted moments throughout the season.

## **Jordy Plummer**

Jordy is a gifted athlete and cricketer who is a real asset to the team.

Jordy has played with this team for many years and his positive, never-say-

die attitude is infectious in the team. He is a gifted left-handed batsman who scored over 200 runs this season and his strike rate exceeded 100. He is also a very accurate fast bowler who bowls dangerous outswingers to right-handed batters. Jordy is a delight to have in the team as he sets a high standard for other teammates to follow.

## **Sammy Rooley**

Sammy is another long-term member of the team who had a great all-round year. Sammy was asked to bat up the order in crucial games this season and performed very well in those games. This was highlighted by his highest score of 36 as opener against the top of the table St Pius (at the time). Sammy is also a very accurate bowler who has a great economy rate and took wickets regularly. While he didn't take any catches this year, he was a strong fielder who supported his fellow players well.

## **Mitch Tapper**

Mitch joined the team for his first season at Wakehurst with a reputation as a high-level cricketer. He did not disappoint us. Mitch is a natural athlete who is very capable in all facets of the game. He is very capable batsman who had a high-score of 68. He's an agile fielder and wicket keeper and bowled very well when he was given the opportunity. Mitch's greatest strength was being a natural leader within the team. He is quietly spoken, but what he does say resonates with his teammates. Mitch is a great asset to the team.

## **Finlay Whiteford**

Finlay - what a burst of energy for the team. Known for outstanding catching and fielding in general, this was an

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obvious strength during the season. Finlay also developed other aspects of his game, he worked on his line and length for his bowling, which coupled with his pace allowed him to take wickets when called upon. His batting continued to develop, and his stroke selection would allow him to put those bad balls, bowled at him away. A great team player who would never question his role on game day. 128 runs (high score 33), 10 wickets (best 3/17), 4 catches & 1 run out.



Player Awards -

Batting award - Max Barnett

Bowling award - Will Mathlin

Sportsman of the Year - Mitch Tapper



# U15/2 Green

The Under 15 Green team had a challenging season, starting off in the Under 15s 2nd division competition and in the early rounds the team worked hard to establish a strong position on the ladder. With 4 wins from 4 games to start the season (plus a bye) they headed to second on the ladder.

After Round 5 the top 4 teams in the Under 15s 2nd division were moved into the Under 17s 2nd division competition. This presented a competitive challenge for the boys, now playing against many teams with bigger players with more experience, and this scenario proved too much at times.

Regardless, the team rose to the occasion and didn't back down while developing their individual and team efforts. I saw improvements in the quality of play across the whole team.

The team ultimately finished the season 7th out of 12 on the ladder.

When the season drew to a close, the Under 15s 2nd Division teams in the competition were taken out to have their own play-offs. We finished 2nd amongst the Under 15s teams and so we played the first semi-final against the 3rd place team, the Beacon Hill Blast.

On a hot day at Lionel Watts Oval, the team came up short against Beacon Hill, losing by 32 runs.

The following Saturday the team lined up in the 3rd Place playoff against the St Augs U15 Boys Green team. It's appropriate to say they dominated - bowling St Augs out for 31 runs.

They scored the winning runs in the 5th over.

As my first season as coach, I would like to thank the boys for their efforts at training and on game days, and I'd especially like to thank team manager Brett Kretchmer for his support.

I'd also like to thank the other parents for their efforts in scoring and coaching, with a special shout out to Sarah Kretchmer and Ron McLerie.

## **Russell Baker**

Russell had another solid season, contributing with bat and ball and in the field.

He scored 229 runs with an average of 22.9. His highest score was 31 not out. With the ball, Russell took 10 wickets at an average of 20.0 and an economy rate of 5.13.

His best figures were 2 for 6.

Russell was very effective behind the stumps, taking 2 catches as wicket keeper. He took two other catches in the field.

## **Lachlan Benic**

Lachlan took some important steps this season in developing his game. He was a great listener at training, and you could see the difference on game day.

He scored 130 runs at an average of 11.82. His highest score was 25 not out. With the ball, Lachlan took 6 wickets at an average of 54.33 and an economy rate of 6.29.

His best figures were 1 for 8.

Lachlan excelled in the field, with 4 catches and 4 run outs.

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## Cooper Cameron

Cooper had a strong season with the ball as our leading wicket taker (23), 2nd in bowling average (12.13) and 4th in economy rate (4.85 runs per over). His best figures were an excellent 3 for 3. His medium/slow-paced bowling was accurate and tricked batsmen on several occasions.

Cooper scored 133 runs at an average of 19 and a high score of 27 not out. He also made 6 catches and had 2 run outs.

## Kyan Chalk

Kyan was a very competitive new member of the team, moving down from 1st division to play with friends. A great talker on field, Kyan led the way on bowling economy (3.96 runs per over) with his accurate medium-pacers and took 13 wickets with a bowling average of 15.33.

With the bat, Kyan managed the 4th highest average on the team (21.56), scoring 194 runs with a high score of 49 not out. Kyan excelled in the field, making 5 catches, 3 run outs and 2 stumpings.

## Alex Dudek

Alex's batting took a major step forward and at times dominated the opposition bowling. He scored a total of 320 runs at an average of 29.09. His highest score was a team leading 81 not out! Alex's results with the ball were a tad disappointing - as we can all see his potential. A bit more focus on his consistency in line and length before next season will see a return to form in this area.

He took 5 wickets at an average of 40.6 and an economy rate of 5.21. His best

figures were 2 for 9.

In the field, Alex made 4 catches.

## Zach Greig

Zach's game took a major step forward this season - I noticed a definite increase in self-confidence - and this led to an increasing influence on overall team performance.

He scored 98 runs with the bat at an average of 10.89. His highest score was 32 not out - his highest ever score.

Zach's medium-pace bowling was very consistent and as dangerous as it's been as part of the team. He took 8 wickets at an average of 31 and an economy rate of 5.17. His best figures were an amazing 3 for 3.

Zach was one of our leading wicket keepers. He made 2 catches and had 1 run out.

Zach's development, team focus, and good sportsmanship have earned him the Sportsperson Award for this season.

## Caleb King

Caleb wins our Bowling Award, when combining his team ranking for wickets (18), bowling average (9.22) and economy (4.15). His spin bowling also presented a number of stumping opportunities. His best figures were 2 for 7.

Caleb was also effective at the crease, with a total of 136 runs, a batting average of 12.36 and a high score of 31 not out. Caleb made 4 catches and had 1 run out.

# U15/2 Green

## Isaac Kretchmer

Isaac was a passionate team-focused Vice Captain for the team this year. He showed glimpses of a new level of batting competence. He scored 168 runs at an average of 16.8. His highest score was an admirable 51 not out. Isaac's bowling was dangerous. He took 13 wickets with a bowling average of 15.15 and an economy rate of 4.58. His best figures were 2 for 7. He made 1 catch and had 1 run out.

## Elliot McLerie

Elliot joined the team some weeks into the competition, and despite some misfires in his first few games, he was a quick learner, and his batting and bowling improved over time, ultimately hitting the winning runs in the 3rd place playoff game against St Augs. Elliot mixed his bowling between pace and spin, and he took 6 wickets at an average of 40.17 and an economy rate of 6.03. His best figures were 2 for 8. He scored 87 runs at an average of 9.67, with a high score of 16 not out. Elliot made 5 catches and had 1 stumping.

## Hamish Wood

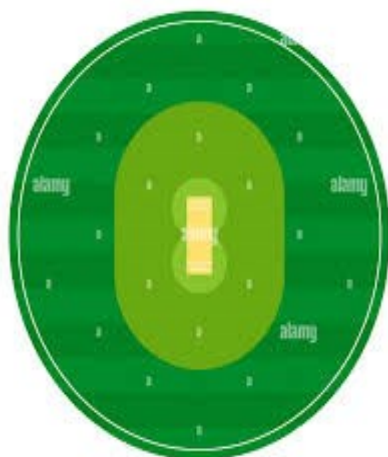
Hamish led the way as Captain this season. He wins the Batting Award easily, with a total of 421 runs at an average of 38.26 and a high score of 76 not out. With the ball, Hamish took 9 wickets at an average of 26.56 and an economy rate of 4.88. His best figures were 2 for 7. Hamish made 1 catch and had 2 run outs.

Player Awards:

Batting: Hamish Wood

Bowling: Caleb King

Sportsperson: Zach Greig



# U15/2 Green



# U16/1 Red

This season's theme was to play for fun and not take things too serious was a good fit for the team as the boys have well and truly reached their teenage years now.

An early Saturday morning start sometimes made for a slow first season with the boys warming up to the day, and getting on top of their socials, as the morning progressed.

Throughout the season there were ups and downs however the boys finished on a high taking out the Grand Final in an absolute classic contest. The game ebbed and flowed throughout with all watching, extremely nervous to the very end.

The question "so, how many do they need per over now?" was on repeat in the second innings.

Whilst we were able to set a target of 200 runs batting first, we still felt we left a few runs out there. Too many of our shots went straight to the fielders. So, we were confident but still very wary going into the second innings.

Then it started to look very grim, with Seaforth/Harbord reaching half the required runs in 13 overs with plenty of wickets to spare. But somehow through hard work and good luck the boys managed to scrape some wickets together to put pressure back on the batting team. The moment of the day was when Danny dropped a sitter at short mid-wicket, that caused the batters to go for a quick single. Eager to make amends, Danny responded with a direct hit after picking the ball up quickly from the ground. The run out removed the non-striker who was one of the best batters in the competition and their best chance for victory. It was an in-

credible bit of cricket and likely won us the match in the end.

Winning was enjoyable in so many ways. It showed what a great team sport cricket is, to be enjoyed with your mates and was also very fitting for some of the boys who had yet to go all the way after a few close attempts in previous seasons.

A big shout out to Nate who did a great job captaining (and baby-sitting) the boys out on the field and Craig, our coach, who was all-round exceptional with everything. Finally, thank you to everyone who helped along the way and to the boys who hopefully enjoyed themselves and had a season to remember!

## **Beau Moran**

Beau is such a good keeper with 5 stumpings and 17 catches. Not scared of standing up as well.

## **Nate Cole**

Nate is a run machine. 550 in a season. Champion player.

## **Danny Deacon**

With Danny it's either, four or six. 5 sixers and 5 fours in an innings of 70, sums him up.

## **Caden Rosenkowitz**

Coming into the team mid-season, it could be said that his leggy's "turned" things in our favour. Throw in a lazy 80 odd, one match as well.

## **Jacob Watts**

So reliable across every aspect of the game. 18 wickets and over 200 runs in season.

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## Henry Stone

Henry is the energy of the team. Always full of encouragement and aggressive with the bat. Scored 70 one week.

## Will Rigzin

Good all-rounder. Some elegant shots and some key runs made in tight situations.

## Archie McGregor

Top leg spin bowling. Great consistency with flight and a mean change-up delivery every now and again.

## Jack Douglas

Gave 100%, 100% of the time. Runs, wickets and a great player to have around the team. Took the most catches as well.

## Lucas Richardson

Opening bowler. Ploughed through another season leading the charge from the front each week with quality fast-paced bowling. Getting through 66 overs along the way.

## Harry Stock

Mr Consistent. Locking up one end with his tight line and length. Took a 4fer in one match and only needs one hand to take a catch.

## Harry Pike

Unfortunately, Harry missed most of the season with injury. It was a big loss as he is a great player. But we know he will be back stronger than ever.

Player Awards:

Batting: Nathan Cole  
(550 @ 55)

Bowling: Archie McGregor  
(19 @ 19.32)

Sportsperson: Jack Douglas



# U16/1 Red





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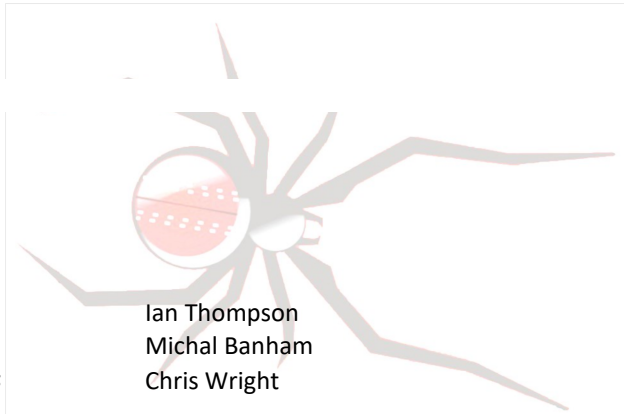


# 2024/2025 Senior Award Winners

<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Batting</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Sports Person</b>
Seniors Firsts	Benji Wilson	Kai Connors	Nick Simpkin
Seniors Thirds	Corey Frew	Matt Bull	Luke du Plessis
Seniors Fourths	Jacob Watts	David Nimmo	Neal O'Brian

## **Captains**

Seniors Firsts  
Seniors Thirds  
Seniors Fourths



Ian Thompson  
Michal Banham  
Chris Wright

# Vice President Seniors Report

The 2024/25 season had us field six teams across Saturday and, for the first time in several years, Sunday T20 competitions.

Our Saturday competition teams consisting of 1st, 3rd, and 4th grades. While our long belated return in the T20 competition showed us represented in 1st and two 2nd grade teams. Over all, we collectively won 17 games across the season. Success in 1st and 3rd grade campaigns, while 4th grade and our T20 teams battled hard all year without many points to the ladder.

Our 1st grade side had a fantastic season, culminating in the first Wakehurst Grand Final appearance in fifteen years in the top grade. Although we came up short, it was a season to be proud of after finishing bottom of the table the previous year after promotion.

A young and newly promoted 3rd grade side led by Michal Banham, Corey Frew and Finlay Sorohan had a terrific first crack playing full time senior cricket. The team consistently turned up and put in a standard of cricket we strive for at Wakehurst. The ladder does not reflect the effort these young men dedicated every Saturday on the field and at Wednesday training, with a place in finals up for grabs on the last day of the season. Despite the many turns and twists the season threw at them, they always played the right way and that is something that will hold them in good stead as they continue to grow and learn in the coming seasons.

Our mix of youth and more mature minds that made up 4th grade this season had a great season given all the changes the team endured across the

year. With almost double the numbers of players to play than other sides and average age gap between teammates, longer than our last 1st grade grand final appearance, the team put together an effort I am most proud of - out of all the sides on the park this season.

Superbly led by Chris Wright and David Nimmo, these two veterans of park cricket did a wonderful job of directing the young team around the ground and cultivating a culture that many other clubs in our association envy. It was a pleasure to watch the joy many of the older teammates had being a part of their younger constituents achievements out in the middle. A massive shout out to all involved who created such a wonderful environment for all the junior cricketers at Wakehurst venturing into senior park cricket.

Our two T20 teams had difficult seasons and look to bounce back next year.

On an individual note, we had some incredible accomplishments this season.

Andrew Davies passing 5000 career runs for Wakehurst, the first to ever do so.

Kai Connors becoming only the second player in the last five years to take 40+ wickets in 1st grade. Young Jacob Watts and Nate Cole stepping into their first seasons in senior cricket and scoring 350+ runs. A special mention to both Jacob and George Hansen for scoring centuries in the men's competition, an amazing effort by both while still playing juniors in the morning.

# Vice President Seniors Report

To Blake Gregory, Ashley Jones, Di Turner, Sean Moran, Lisa and Kerry Frew as well as all others who helped put the teams on the park this year, thank you for all your over and above efforts.

The number of juniors and young men playing cricket in senior teams this year only means we will continue to grow and develop as a club, and I look forward to what the future seasons hold.

As always,

GTMR



# Vice President Seniors Report



# Seniors First Grade

Ball one of the season came against the newly promoted Manly Breakers, late September down at Nolan's Reserve and the boys set the tone for what was to come.

Following that two wicket nail biting win, thanks to a Kai Connors and Henry Gearin 57 runs 8th wicket partnership, the mighty Wakehurst first grade side were set on a path to better our last place finish the season before.

Back to back narrow losses against Collaroy and Beacon Hill, gave us a reality check before we took down reigning premiers Harbord on their home turf. Contributions from Tom Parrish, Ed Hutt and Jack Harrold with the stick, in the opening four rounds left us at two and two, a quarter of the way into the season.

Round five saw us take on Cromer for the first time this season, a dominating performance from the boys in black, red and white. Kai Connors the star, picking up his second 5 wicket haul of the season to date and Benji Wilson starting his campaign with the bat after missing the initial first few rounds.

Rounds six, seven and eight saw us slide down the ladder with losses to finish the first half of the season in trouble, heading into the Christmas break. Not without resistance from Aidan Hogan who bowled his heart out against Collaroy across 26 overs, down on fielders.

Post break saw us still searching for points after a loss and a wash out. The boys still optimistic despite the mountain of points separating us and the top four teams. This also marked a huge occasion in our clubs history, as the evergreen Andrew Davies became the first player in our his-

tory to pass 5000 runs for the club. An incredible achievement made all the more impressive by the fact the next closest is over 2000 runs behind him.

Round eleven is where the team went on an all time 'give em hell' roll. We won five in a row to make the Grand Final.

Round 11—Cromer

We won by 59 runs.

Round 12 - Beacon Hill

We won by 211 runs first innings and went for outright. Enjoy chasing leather Pravin.

Round 13—Manly Breakers

We won by 15. Sorry gents, we just wanted it more.

Round 14—Harbord,

We won by 11 runs. Not how you start, it's how you finish.

An enormous innings from Benji Wilson of 110\* holding his bat, a couple quickfire 50's from Joey Braund, handy runs from Tom Hughes and Sean Nimmo to go along with another 5 wicket haul from Kai Connors - the standout performances in that time.

# Seniors First Grade

Into the Semi Final and facing the bogie team Collaroy. In the two seasons for first grade this side had played, this was the only team we'd never managed to topple. Six games, plenty of heartbreaking loses, no wins.

Sparing the details, from the outset of our bowling innings after being sent in to field, we wanted it more than them. Every over, every ball, every minute of that game we were hungrier. In the field Tom Parrish and Sean Nimmo led the energy. With the ball the trio best known as 'the pack' of Kai Connors, Henry Gearin and Aidan Hogan were unrelenting. Even young Ed Hutt joined the party to pick up a key wicket for the boys to leave us exactly 100 to chase for the opportunity to play in the first Wakehurst Grand Final in fifteen years.

At 6/86 it was tense, but cometh the hour, cometh the man, Jack Harrold after a tough month leading into the game stepped up to the crease and launched three shots into the rope to send us back home to Lionel Watts for the big dance.

After all the emotions of the semi final and the previous four rounds of cricket, the boys were feeling high heading into the field day one. A wicket first ball of the match sending us and the supporters on the sidelines into raptures but from then on it was tough sledding. A few things went against us, and credit to Cromer for going on from finishing the season top of the

ladder and claiming the premiership. Yet again Kai Connors grabbing the moment with another well deserved 5 wickets.

To say I'm proud of this team is an understatement. The grit, grind and dedication this group of players have put in for each other deserved a trophy. Consistently the most attendance at training by all the senior teams, still turning up an hour before the game - when the grumpy old captain asks them to, even while nursing hangovers. Sharing many a drink together off the field and being a team that all oppositions respect and regard as good blokes. That is what I'm most proud of.

To the many who filled in and assisted us all season, you are as much a part of this team's success as anyone I've mentioned. It takes a whole club to make a first grade grand final, not just eleven blokes on a field.

As always,

GTMR

# Seniors First Grade

## **Benji Wilson**

After skipping his side to last place in second grade the year before, Benji got a well-deserved promotion into first grade.

Benji was a rock at the top of the order when he arrived on time and his quickscoring 388 runs at 32.2 landed him second amongst the competitions run scorers. The highlight of his contributions came in the form of an incredible 110\* not out carrying his bat against the old enemy Beacon Hill. Not only was Benji the sides leading run scorer, he also possessed an impressive pair of mitts that snagged many the scalp of first grade batters at gully and campers down on the south coast still talk about his efforts one cold balmy night late February. In all honesty, Benji played a crucial role in the teams achievements, facing 500+ deliveries at the top of the order to be a cornerstone of our success.

## **Sean Nimmo**

The other half of the second grade bad boys to come up into the major leagues, Sean's approach to building an innings into the thirties was the complete opposite of Benji. His patience and willingness to bat long periods of time a real pleasure to watch from the balcony of Lionel Watts. Unfortunately for Sean and his adoring spectators, he always seemed to cop the best ball bowled by the opposition bowlers each innings.

Luckily, Sean's second to none clean hitting put many the bowler and opposition captain back over their head. His 252 runs at 22.9 not reflective of the talent he possesses and next year is odds on favourite to set the record for quickest century for

Wakehurst. It would be remiss of me not to mention Sean's ability to bowl extremely underrated spells of (very) fast outswing that took some of competitions best batters wickets. He also stepped into the role of keeping towards the end of the season and solidified himself as the teams most all around cricketer through the forementioned skills and an innate knowledge of the rules of cricket, such as; "If he hits it in the air and we catch it, that's out". Go Wakehurst.

## **Andrew Davies**

The man, the myth (at the start of a game), the legend. Very few cricketers in Wakehurst Cricket Clubs storied forty two year history have amassed 5000 runs. In fact, just the one, Andrew Davies. The achievement equal parts an immense testament to his skill with the bat and an ongoing dedication to the club and teammates surrounding him. Way back fifteen or so years ago Andrew was plying his trade in the now defunct 7 th grade in our competition. To watch his progression up the grades and churn out run after run in the top order to reach this goal is nothing short of inspiring. As for the season passed, Andy did what Andy does best, make runs for Wakehurst and long may it continue. His 272 runs at 20.9 consistent as ever. Here's to the next 5000.

# Seniors First Grade

## **Joey Braund**

Joey is a long suffering Tigers fan, and as a Tigers fan he gave us glimpses of brilliance that make you believe this might just be the year. Well Joey did finish inside the top four for the side in runs making 251 runs at 22. 8, but he will be the first to admit there could have been a higher place finish with the talent he holds every time he strides out to the middle. Batting number four is arguably the hardest position in cricket and for a young man to take it on with wickets tumbling around him or the need to push the rate from ball one was a real pleasure to watch. Joey's maturity over the season and becoming a real leader amongst players much more senior than he hold him in great stead. His insight and reading of the game continue to grow and he has the capacity to become one of the clubs great players if he so chooses to. Just keep the slow inswingers on the shelf for a few more years please.

## **Tom Hughes**

One half of the Big Bash Brothers, Tom showed in the second half of the season outstanding progression in the way he built an innings. A modest return of 152 runs at 11.6 not a proportionate reflection of his batting post-Christmas break. Tom will admit he had an off year with the stick, but his response at training after being told rather unceremoniously he needs to up his game was a true indication of his character and what he can bring to this side. Tom readily was the first one to games to warm up and more importantly, cheer on junior sides playing beforehand. A true clubman in many ways and will always give his

teammates everything he's got. His efforts post grand final will leave a scar on many a teammate.

## **Jack Harrold**

The other half of the Big Bash Brothers, Jack had an up and down year that he will admit could have gone better. His ability to hit the ball to the fence is without question, but his season occasionally came unstuck facing overs from the opposition where scoring wasn't coming as freely. Jack's 151 runs at 13.7 not a true indication of his ability with the bat. A bounce back year next season will be one for the ages, as he goes out to prove a point in the middle order. Jack's off field efforts were never in question and he remains one of the great clubman within the group, just needs to find a better team than the Roosters.

# Seniors First Grade

## Edward Hutt

Another young player who had an up and down year, young Ed (formerly good fielder in second grade) showed the competition he can be the best player in the side when he wants to be. A pre game meal of room temperature sushi could be to blame. But we all know he has aspirations of becoming Australia's next shot put champion at the Olympics with that throwing action. Ed's late cut has become legend in the suburbs of Harbord and Collaroy, once he gets stuck into a decent pre season no doubt they will be talking about the drive too. His 178 runs at 16.1 coming at the back end of the season. Ed also has the skills to become a very handy spinner, something all his teammates hope he develops for the coming seasons.

## Tom Parrish

Wicket keeper extraordinaire, leg spinning secret weapon (unused), batting rock into the forties, Tom is the Swisse (reserve) Army knife of the team. The man leads the team in chat and intensity and become arguably the most important figure for us on many occasions driving the energy behind our bowling innings. Tom's 211 runs at 17.5 came at the top of the order and he was his consistent best holding together many an innings. Tom's insight into the game and reading of situations behind the stumps a huge asset to the team that was rarely acknowledged but hugely appreciated. His gloves were silking and his offloads to slip something even Joey's idol Benji would be

proud of.

Next season will be one to watch out for as he looks to make it into the fifties and beyond.



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## Henry Gearin

Considered by many as the 'Dad' of the team, Henry brings much more to the side than good channels, sound technique with the bat, and an understanding of the game. His efforts this year as (undefeated) stand in skipper were instrumental in helping the side make top four in the competition and something he should be very proud of. Henry's 195 runs at 17.7 came at valuable times when his team needed him. More so, his 29 wickets at 20.6 were a culmination of relentless line and length as part of the trio affectionately known as 'the pack'. His leadership in the side something to applaud and holds the club in great stead as he helps push for another grand final appearance in the coming seasons. The team will be very well guided in the coming seasons under his tutelage.

## Aidan Hogan

The karate kid of Wakehurst, Aidan put in countless hours of proverbial wax on, wax off in the nets each week to become the go to man late in the season when the team needed a breakthrough. His 29 wickets at 14.1 a just reward for the leaps and bounds he is making at the club.

Aidan provided a laid back approach to cricket that works for him and will only continue to improve as he bowls more overs. His personal growth from cider to beer this season also something to applaud, as long he strays away from Hughesy and his umbrella straws at the Belrose (a wonderful establishment). His best effort no doubt against Collaroy, when down on troops he combined with Henry toiling away to take 6/71 off 26 overs, more than 50 overs between the

two of them. A cornerstone of the 'pack' and a huge future at the club ahead of him.

## Kai Connors

What a cricketer, may be biased but by far the best player in our competition. When he is on makes the two piece ball move sideways and at pace. Kai had a record breaking year becoming only the second bowler to take 40+ wickets in the first grade competition the last five years. At his best, Kai is unplayable and it shows with fours 5 wicket hauls this season. His 6/17 against Beacon Hill to get us into a finals spot at Melwood one of the great spells of fast bowling witnessed. Not many will forget the inswinger he bowled to Collaroy's #3 in the semi final either. Kai is undoubtedly destined for higher honours and we all can't wait to see what his bright future holds, he will always have a place here with his 'pack' with Wakehurst. Long may he continue to ruin opposition batters weekends.

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## **Nick Simpkin**

You'll struggle to find a better bloke in park cricket. The man who personifies mateship to the point of sledging (cheers Riley), Simpko is one of the all time greats.

What he may lack in substance in the scorebook, he makes up for with vibes, snags cooked and chilli sauce concocted.

The man for all grades and very, very worthy recipient of our team's sportsperson award.

## **Blake Gregory**

Blake yet again fell victim to the turmoil that is finding players for all grades in a park cricket club. His leadership across all teams and at training the real reason seniors cricket at this club continues. Took it to the extremes however when he broke his thumb and required pins in it to avoid being asked to play in other grades by his successor. Thank you to all your contribution mate, couldn't do it without you.

## **Rick Howard**

Played sparingly but when he did was nothing short of entertainment. His reserve ramps, pulls and scoops gave his teammates on the sideline quiet the laugh and many an opposition skipper a headache. A great man to have around the pub and hopefully returns for his 110th season of cricket next year.

## **Ian Thompson**

Made a Grand Final, scored 188 runs at 17 to go with 13 wickets. Better luck next year.

Player Awards:

Bowling Award—Kai Connors

Batting Award—Benji Wilson

Sportsperson Award—Nick Simpkin



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A newly formed team in the Wakehurst senior's scene, the squad largely formed from last seasons U17s junior's team who hadn't played much, if any, seniors cricket before. This young team came out with a positive attitude to their first season in 3rd grade, facing many challenges with other teams as well as many players learning their new cricketing environment. We were the youngest team in the competition by quite a margin, starting the season off with just three adults, the oldest of which was 19. Although our team was young, there was so much room for each player to grow throughout the season and ultimately, set personal records. As a team we improved throughout the year finishing 5th, well ahead of expectations. With 10 half centuries and 2 x five wicket hauls its clear a lot of individuals stepped up and proved they could perform in the senior's cricket environment.

From state players with clicky wrists to penultimate ball winners, some may say our season had it all. I am very proud of the team and how they fared through adversity on the field, especially when I was unavailable. I was very happy to see how the players stepped up into the leadership roles in my absence, winning games and enjoying themselves. Having Blake join us mid-season was very useful, his seniors experience helped to mentor the team as well as lift spirits when they fell. Overall, for this team to take it to the last game of the regular season with finals still on the cards, was impressive in itself and I couldn't be prouder of the season these boys had.

I would also like to give a shout out to all the players that have come in to fill in for us throughout the season, as well as a massive thank you to Ian Thompson for finding these players for us. In particular, we would like to thank Blake Gregory for joining our team mid-season when we were missing a keeper and missing our captain to add leadership and experience to a very inexperienced team.

## Lukas Banham (wk)

Lukas 'Baby' Banham had a bit of a shortened season in seniors due to his inclusion in the rep's team. He was a bit hit or miss with the bat this year, getting off to good starts with a couple of 40's but not building big innings like we know he can. Unfortunately for us, Lukas was to save his big performances for his team in blue, rather than our team in red. He took a great stumping off of Myles keeping up to the stumps, a comical stumping off his toes off Mathew's bowling and kept the team's spirits high with his chat. We hope to see more of the Lukas in red next season.

8 matches, 125 runs at 17.86, HS 45, 7 catches as wicket-keeper, 1 run-out, 2 stumpings.



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## Michal Banham (c)

Not exactly the ideal season for the skipper, missing a large part of the season due to travels and then injury, he only managed to play in 7 games. Taking the step up a grade with a new team was a very fun experience for Michal, gelling well with the team and finding roles for everyone quickly. The skipper started to find form with the bat in the new year, scoring a crucial 60 runs in our 'game of the season' win over 4th place Seaforth CC. Looking to ride his new-found form through to the end of the season, Michal got off to an aggressive start in his next innings. A start so aggressive, that he somehow managed to dislocate his knee in a lofted cover drive. Still very proud of his team and supported when possible.

7 matches, 117 runs at 23.4, 1x 50s (60), HS 60, 1 wicket at 59, BB 1/16, 7 catches.

## Mathew Bull

It was Matt's first season of cricket since U10s and he wasn't sure if he could compete in 3rd Grade. At first, he was known for his uncanny talent to shine the ball, keeping the ball so shiny you can still see your reflection - even when the ball is 70 overs old. Before Christmas, Matt bowled a bit - taking 4 wickets with an average of 33.5. He must have had an incredible Christmas break as after that we saw the real Matt Bull as he bowled his way through 2025 with another 16 wickets at 8.06, 13 of which came in January. Matt's highlight for the season was when he spun the team to an unbeliev-

able 2-run victory, taking 6/29 and even bowling the last over. His batting innings was dubbed the most "entertaining" knock of the year, in his 45-run partnership with Daron. We cannot wait to see what next year holds for our new frontline spinner, many more wickets to come for him. 12 matches, 24 runs at 8, HS 7, 20 wickets at 13.15, 1x 5fa (6/29), BB 6/29, 1 catch.

## Will Drury

Unfortunately, Will missed a large part of the season due to work commitments, but when he was available, batsmen struggled. His height and pace left stumps skittled, but his sharp reactions to snag a tough caught & bowled really highlighted the potential for a big season ahead. We hope to see more of Will in future seasons, as we know he has so much more talent to showcase.

4 matches, 8 runs at 2.67, HS 4, 3 wickets at 12.67, BB 2/16, 1 catch.



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## **Luke Du Plessis**

Luke had a very impressive season with the bat and bowled really well on his day. The team's designated pinch hitter, Luke would come in when the team needed someone to put the pressure back on the bowlers. What impressed the team the most, was his batting maturity towards the end of the season. Early in the season Luke was a nervous starter who'd swing wildly, but Luke found a way to calm himself and play more sensible innings while still nailing the bad ball over the rope. (A long way over the rope sometimes). His bowling was a bit wayward at times, but once he found his line and length, batsmen really struggled to keep their stumps upright. A work injury towards the end of the season unfortunately ended his hopes of winning the batting award, but still had a stellar season nonetheless.

13 matches, 227 runs at 25.22, 2x 50s (53, 53), HS 53, 5 wickets at 35, BB 2/15, 3 catches, 1 run-out.

## **Daron Ekmekjian**

Daron was our very own 'first grader', consistently bowling the team back into the game when under pressure. Daron was our most economical bowler by quite a margin, with an economy rate of just 2.8. This comfortably cemented his place as the designated first change and death bowler for the team. Although he didn't pick up as many wickets as he would have hoped, he played a crucial role that led to wickets at the other end. He was also able to contribute with his sharp fielding and with a very memorable knock

in the final game of the season. With the season almost over, Daron scored his seniors top score of 38, in a 45-run 9th wicket partnership with Mathew Bull. Another solid season from Daron and we're excited to see him return next year.

12 matches, 85 runs at 10.63, HS 38, 12 wickets at 18.82, BB 3/18, 4 catches, 1 run-out.

## **Taveet Ekmekjian**

It was a shame we couldn't see as much of Tav as much as we had liked, but work and gym commitments prevented him from playing the whole season with us. He was great to have both on and off the field, always optimistic and helped out where he could. We hope to see more of him next season.

2 matches, 1 wicket at 22, BB 1/14

## **Corey Frew (vc)**

Another strong season for Corey, stepping up with the bat as the leading run scorer for the team this season as well as filling in the captaincy role whilst Michal was overseas. Corey experienced captaincy at its toughest, playing against a team that sided a female state cricketer in 3rd grade park. Although he struggled to get starts with the bat, once he got going, the runs flowed quickly. He scored his maiden seniors' half-century with a monster captains knock of 76, at better than a run a ball in a narrow 2 run loss against Collaroy. Corey showed glimpses of his impressive bowling potential in taking key wickets at crucial moments. He once forgot what sport he

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## **Blake Gregory (wk)**

Blake was our saving grace, filling in as our keeper before joining the team on a permanent basis. Blake not only proved handy behind the stumps, but showed strong leadership and mentored the boys throughout the season. Though hailing from a different generation, Blake fit in the team like a glove, his on-field chat and banter mixing in perfectly with the team. Most notably, Blake scored a steady 30 to help our collapsing batting order post a respectable total versus Collaroy. In theme of previous team injuries, Blake unfortunately dislocated his thumb whilst keeping in the final game of the season. An operation and a few screws later, we hope to see a speedy recovery for our mainstay keeper in time for next season.

9 matches, 52 runs at 8.67, HS 30, 1 wicket at 26, BB 1/4, 7 catches as wicket-keeper.

## **Josh Jones**

If there was an award for 'best chat', there would be no doubt in anyone's mind that Josh would hold this award for years on end. Josh had a keen curiosity to know each batsman's favourite fruits, cuts of meat, and to his surprise, discovered that he was the only cricketer on the Northern Beaches whose favourite milk flavour was banana. Chat aside, Josh was always lifting spirits and taking wickets, claiming 13 scalps throughout the season. His personal highlight was taking his maiden five-wicket haul against Collaroy. He was keen on batting, until a lusty swing typically brought an early end to his innings. He was showing

signs of improvement throughout the season - who knows we might even promote him to No.9! Josh's fielding was always on point, nailing some nice direct-hit runouts and taking catches as they came to him.

12 matches, 37 runs at 4.63, HS 11, 13 wickets at 23.69, 1x 5fa (5/38), BB 5/38, 3 catches, 2 run-outs.

## **Conor Mulcahy**

Conor was our very own 'ginger ninja' and a mainstay of the batting lineup with two fifties including 73 versus Seaforth CC, the second highest innings of the season for the team. Conor is a natural opener or top order batsmen, ready-made for the transition to seniors cricket, especially in the two-day games where he was often the immovable object that protected the middle and lower order from the opposition and anchored the top order. Although he didn't get as much of a bowl as he'd have liked, he still chipped in with a few wickets and some very tight bowling. He was a keen cordon fielder, but thrived in the covers, rarely letting the ball past him. Conor was a key member of the team, always putting his hand up for any umpiring or scoring roles as well as being flexible with his playing roles. 12 matches, 199 runs at 19.9, 2x 50s (73, 56), HS 73, 4 wickets at 34, BB 1/13, 5 catches, 2 run-outs.

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## **Dylan Nockolds**

Dylan is a useful all-rounder for the team, helping out with both the bat and ball. His batting showed promise, reliably getting start after start and has the skills to start landing big scores once he settles in to seniors. He was very solid in the field, except for one moment where he dropped the batsman on 50 whilst celebrating too early (off the skippers bowling no less...). Oops. Midway through the season, Dylan decided to reveal a secret talent of his, rocking up to a net and bowling some gun leg spin. After a few weeks of working on it in the lab, he got his chance in game and snagged himself a couple of wickets. Suddenly, it looks as if the team now has our own Lyon, Murphy and Warne. A strong season from Dylan, promising a future filled with many more runs and wickets in seniors.  
11 matches, 158 runs at 15.8, 4 wickets at 20.25, BB 2/25, 4 catches.

## **Myles Nockolds**

Myles, younger brother of Dylan, had a stellar season in red. Another all-rounder, Myles delivered with both bat and ball in hand. His sheer pace and scrambled seam had batsmen dancing around the crease out of panic, watching helplessly as the ball seamed in every direction. The stats don't quite reflect how well Myles bowled, with many batsmen teasing their wicket, only to escape out of luck. Myles' batting was entertaining to watch, hitting boundaries for fun. His confident and aggressive style rewarded him with two superb half-

centuries, with his batting average being the equal highest in the team. Myles was electric in the field, taking good catches anywhere on the field and putting everything on the line to save boundaries and prevent runs. A great season that hints at bigger and better seasons ahead.

12 matches, 176 runs at 25.14, 2x 50s (59\*, 50), HS 59\*, 8 wickets at 27.5, BB 3/18, 5 catches, 1 run-out.

## **Finlay Sorohan (vc)**

Finlay was a key performer with bat, ball and as co-captain late in the season. A text book opener he looked confident with every ball he faced and finished in the top 3 run scorers for the team, including innings of 48 and 67. As a bowler his 12 wickets at a tidy average helped contain the opposition. Although his form dipped later in the season, his leadership on the field never wavered. Finlay was often the first to lift teammates heads after a misfield or poor delivery and was chipping in with tactical suggestions from time to time as well. This leadership is critical to team success and did not go unnoticed. When Michal was ruled out injured for the last portion of the season, Finlay was asked to step up and captain the side, doing this well and almost securing a place in the semi-finals. One of his best seasons to date, and a stepping stone for future seasons in red.

12 matches, 211 runs at 17.58, 1x 50 (67), HS 67, 12 wickets at 13.58, BB 4/15, 2 catches, 1 run-out.

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## Player Awards:

### Batting Award - Corey Frew

Top Run Scorer and highest individual innings: 251 runs at 20.92, 2x 50s (76, 51), HS 76

### Bowling Award - Mathew Bull

Leading wicket taker and best bowling figures with 20 wickets at 13.15, 1x 5fa (6/29), BB 6/29

### Sportsperson Award - Luke Du Plessis

Based on a 3-2-1 points system for individual performance after each game; 227 runs at 25.22, 2x 50s (53, 53), HS 53, 5 wickets at 35, BB 2/15.



# Fourth Grade

This was a season of changes for Fourth Grade Red. With many of the lads from the original 'dads and lads' structure now moved onwards and upwards to better pastures, some new blood was called for. Joining the remaining core (some might say 'rump') of 5 or so dads & seniors still willing to hack it, came two groups. Firstly, several other stalwart club seniors were signed on; secondly, we welcomed the appearances from a group of talented juniors from the U16s. Throw a change in captaincy into the mix and it was a remodelled Fourths taking the field.

Our season began well enough with a couple of good wins and a draw in a 2-dayer where we were in command all the way, just missing out on taking the final few wickets for a result. We came perilously close in a couple of other matches, losing our opening match by just 3 runs in a low-scoring affair. However, as the season went on we somehow lacked the consistency and sometimes luck to close the deal, falling further down the ladder.

By the New Year we were firmly in the bottom half of the ladder, but in a credit to the team still pushing for wins and producing some superb individual and team performances, particularly in our batting. The final set of 2-dayers in our schedule proved a bridge too far and we didn't quite have the depth to prevail, remaining winless in that sequence of matches.

We gave it a good shake nonetheless, leading to the final match of the season, the battle for the wooden spoon on LW astro v Harbord in an absolute run-fest in which over 600 runs were scored.

Individually and collectively, there were standout performances and moments: with a couple of 4-wicket hauls (Jacob and David), two centuries (Jacob and George) and nine 50s, plus four 100+ run partnerships and a number of 50+ ones. In fact, our team topped the table in terms of total runs scored through the season, with 2270.

On the downside we also conceded the most runs of any team, and ultimately it was our inability to break through and dismiss the opposition - a feat achieved only twice, in our first and last matches - that counted against our season.

But importantly it was all played with great spirit and comradeship, on and off the field. Any disappointments were momentary, and I believe the disparate elements of the team blended well together and made it an enjoyable and memorable season. It was particularly gratifying to see the results of the U16s (in actuality mostly 13-14-year-olds) who each played superbly and clearly have great things ahead of them in the game - a terrific bunch of lads it was a pleasure to play with and observe.

Special thanks go to the more experienced hands like Dave, Neal and Mondo who gave me a lot of support in my neophyte year as captain, could not have done it without your advice and help. And heartfelt thanks also to the other players from senior and junior grades that stepped in to play one or two matches for us throughout the season when we were short - I think by the end we had around 30 players on our total roster. Looking forward to see what the next season brings - GTMR!

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## Jarrold Blackman

Jarrold came into the team from Round 6 and quickly slotted in as if he'd always been there. A much-needed addition in the pace bowling department, his trademark last-possible-second whirlwind delivery action always startled the opposition batsmen who were wary and unsure thereafter. A key part of our attack and go-to opening bowler, Jarrold was always enthusiastic and up for however many overs were asked of him. One highlight was his 3 wickets and a run-out against Manly Leagues, thus taking all the wickets that fell in that innings. Another 3-for in the final match of our season at home on LW2 was some reward for perseverance against perfect batting conditions, including trapping their in-form centurion lbw. Jarrold was perhaps our unluckiest bowler, whose efforts deserved more wickets and created more (untaken) chances than were ultimately achieved. Still as equal-third wicket taker for our season, Jarrold's contributions week in and week out were always appreciated.

Usually coming in well down the order, Jarrold did not get many chances with the bat this season, but a couple of well-clobbered boundaries on occasion show the promise of more to come next season. 24 runs at 3.4 in 8 innings, HS 9, 10 wickets at 30.4 off 80 overs, BB 3-36, runouts 1.

## Nate Cole

Traits of Nate's - consistency, confidence, commitment! Clearly a natural cricket talent, Nate is a tremendous asset for any team looking for some spine and grit in their top order, and we were very glad to have him. I've never seen anyone relish the prospect

of opening the batting quite so much as Nate, and he slotted into that role with ease. While a few of us have making it to double figures as an aspiration, Nate passed that milestone in every innings and frequently built on his starts to rack up significant scores. With three 50s and a run-out 49 he was central to good top-order performances and reliably delivered with a combination of watchfulness, deft running and magically timed boundaries to all parts. He figured in five half-century and two century partnerships as an inspiring and team-building batting partner. Nate's overall attitude was equally as impressive, bouncing back from dismissals with maturity and focussed support to his team-mates. Attentive in the field also with a good arm, he can provide useful bowling options too with his well-directed medium pacers. Great things in the future for this young lad. 352 runs at 35.2 in 10 innings, HS 86, 1 wicket at 36 off 10 overs, BB 1-4, catches 1.

## Warren Davis

Warren came to us only late in the season, joining up after quite a few years absent from the game with the reported encouragement of his cousin, Kieran. His first innings was a revelation, belting the Cromer attack to all parts on his way to an assured 55 not out.

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This was the mainstay of our otherwise disappointing innings, we were missing all our regular juniors and badly needed some oomph in our batting which Warren provided, coming in at 2nd drop and batting all the way through to score half our innings total, saving our blushes in the process. A couple of sharp and running catches showed he was no slouch in the field either. His next innings was cut short, as the non-striker, in an unfortunate runout but for someone who hadn't played for years there was clearly an abundance of talent and timing still hanging around!

Alas circumstances and work commitments meant he could ultimately only play a couple of matches for us, but hopefully will be back next season - if only for the after-hours entertainment of pub sessions with Kieran..  
57 runs at 57 in 2 innings, HS 55\*, catches 2.

## Jack Douglas

Jack filled in with us over several matches, and it was great to see such a keen youngster stepping up and taking on challenges in all aspects of the game at senior level. A couple of batting appearances came in matches at times where we had been struggling, and his mid-order contributions and combinations with the tail helped to staunch the collapse and steer towards respectability in those late innings overs. It was his bowling spell however that perhaps best showcases his attitude and aptitude. This was on the astro at LW, a boundary-friendly batting track that the opposition were looking to exploit. Jack came on as 1st change just as they were accelerating and picked up a great wicket caught behind in his 1st over.

Just about any tap past a fielder was a 4 and our depleted bowling attack would struggle to reign in the scoring. Jack persevered with maturity, thoughtfulness and an undimmed enthusiasm that was justly rewarded with the capture of two of the three wickets that fell. As a fielder Jack proved highly versatile, putting it all-in for the team. It was a pleasure to have such a convivial and team-oriented player as Jack to call upon, and I hope there'll be more opportunities in future seasons.

20 runs at 6.7 in 3 innings, HS 9, 2 wickets at 15.5 off 5 overs, BB 2-31

## Peter Hall

Another fine and accomplished young batsman from the U16s, Peter played for us in the 1st half of the season where he made the #4 or 5 position his own. He seemed always ready to convert a start into a decent score and achieved that readily in five of his six innings with fluid strokes and well-judged running. His 44 not out brought us home in our victory over Harbord, an instructive display of patiently and inexorably working towards a target. A couple of matches later he top-scored with a fine 51 vs Beacon Hill on wet grass at LW, pushing us towards a total we could at least look to defend (alas, that time we did not). Other contributions in the high 30s and 20s were likewise valuable. One can easily forecast mountains of runs in his future.

181 runs at 36.2 in 6 innings, HS 51, 0 wickets off 8 overs, BB 0-20, catches 2

## George Hansen

George came in to our team for several matches across our season, another talented youngster

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with a great attitude and willingness to mix it up in the seniors comp. When bowling he was unphased by batsmen looking to hit around and was controlled and economical overall, unlucky not to pick up a couple of wickets in his spells. It was on the batting side of the ledger however that George's moment came - crafting what was to become a marathon century on the last day of the season at LW2. Batting at #3, George came in with the score on 2 after the loss of an early wicket. By the time he was finally out around 55 overs later, he'd amassed 104 runs in doggedly determined fashion and earned the plaudits and praise of team-mates and opposition alike. This proved the backbone of our run chase, including a 135-run partnership with Caden. All up a classy performance and a harbinger of great things to come in future seasons.

117 runs at 39 in 3 innings, HS 104, 0 wickets off 14 overs, BB 0-22

## Simon Horton

Mondo was a very welcome addition to our team this year, a player with an evident deep appreciation and knowledge of the game that rubbed off on his team-mates. A wily and thoughtful player with an experience not to be underestimated, he was always willing to contribute and support the team. Mondo's bowling was a bit of a revelation, in retrospect under-utilised on occasions. Sending down a mix of generally good length deliveries given some decent air, batsmen usually found it quite tricky to face or get on top of it. Wickets came through a combination of tempting the rash shot and deceiving with change of pace or direction; a haul of 5 wickets from a total of 21 overs across the season was a very

decent and justified return. Mondo was equally lively and versatile in the field, covering just about all positions and taking a couple of well-judged catches. Mondo had few opportunities for lengthy stays with the bat, usually coming in at the final few overs. Next season hopefully there will more opportunities all-around.

13 runs at 1.6 in 9 innings, HS 3, 5 wickets at 25.8 off 21 overs, BB 2-19, catches 2.



## Mitch McCombe

Mitch is an excellent all-round player to have in our team, or any team. As one of the two main spin options we had this season, Mitch stepped into our former captain Michal's shoes as the go-to bowler for mid-innings harassment and gnawing away at batsmen, until their confidence or patience breaks and they're sent on their way, outfoxed. He picked up wickets consistently with a coolly launched variety of high-flighted, cross-cutting deliveries and the odd surprise arm balls. He combined well with 'keeper Neal standing up to the stumps to take the edge for at least 3

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caught-behinds. Highlight performance is possibly the 3-for in our 2-dayer vs Collaroy, wickets in successive overs to really put a dent in their hopes. On the batting side Mitch was a handy and versatile contributor in top or mid orders, with a run of half-a-dozen double-figure scores in the high teens and twenties, whatever the circumstance. Particularly noteworthy are the 24\* holding on with the tail avoiding complete collapse vs Manly Breakers, and then a 29 when opening to help set the platform for our eventual win vs Harbord.

118 runs at 16.7 in 8 innings, HS 29, 9 wickets at 21.8 off 53 overs, BB 3-27, catches 2.

## Beau Moran

Beau played in a brace of matches for us at the start of the season and was quickly revealed as an elegant and confident batsman with a great eye and all-round shot selection. A player with the patience and stamina to build an innings, but also the ability to pepper the boundary with deftly timed drives and pulls that were instructive to watch. He averaged over 50 across his innings, with the highlight an impressive 86 not out in our 2nd match. Coming in early at 1st drop, with the score on 1, Beau steered us through right to the winning runs as he combined well with successive batting partners to get us to the 150 needed for our 1st victory. This was followed up a couple of weeks later with a confident 61 opening in the 2-dayer vs Collaroy, combining with Nate in a 135-run partnership that set the platform for a great team innings. Clearly a player with great potential and many runs and high scores ahead.

162 runs at 54 in 4 innings, HS 86\*

## Murray Moran

Murray brought some much-needed genuine pace into our attack, and for the matches he was able to play for us he certainly delivered with some economical and threatening spells. A young lad clearly already at home with intimidating opening batsmen at the senior level, his bowling will develop from strength to strength as the seasons go on. His best of 3-13 was a crucial part in reigning in the opposition Cromer batsmen who'd got off to a good start, ultimately restricting them to a total we were able to chase down for one of the good wins of our season. Murray is a dab hand in the field as well, holding on to some great catches all over the park. He also showed confidence with the bat on the few innings he came in, providing some useful runs at the tail-end, the highlight a well-struck 20 as we piled on some runs v Collaroy in a 2-dayer to put a win beyond their reach. 31 runs at 10.3 in 4 innings, HS 20, 6 wickets at 15 off 29 overs, BB 3-13, catches 4.

## David Nimmo

Dave is a class player who brings his great wealth of experience at the club and in the game at all levels and puts that to effective use in every match. It was certainly a great boon to have him in our team this year and I for one was grateful to have his tactical nous and assured playing skills on hand. With the bat in hand, Dave accumulates runs in a manner as natural-born as it is effective, keeping the middle order run-rate flying along. Highlights include his 25 not out that helped bring us home in our 6-wicket win

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against Harbord, chasing down 200-odd. Later on, Dave top-scored with 32 when opening under trying circumstances, in a match where for various reasons we could only muster 8 players on the day - an innings of leading from the front. As a bowler, Dave had a vital role in providing the senior spin options, and he did not disappoint. Frequently called upon to send down over after over, he always proved hard to get away and challenged the batsmen in all areas. Over the course of the season, he deservedly picked up 12 to become our leading wicket-taker. Most memorable was in our final match where he bowled a mammoth 22 out of 75 overs, winning 4 hard-earned wickets with guile and dedication.

91 runs at 18.2 in 6 innings, HS 32, 12 wickets at 25.5 off 94 overs, BB 4-95, catches 2.

## Rhys Nockolds

Rhys has been with our team from the beginning, progressing from a junior bowler with enthusiasm but perhaps lacking some confidence in other aspects of the game, to now a more disciplined young man who on his day can send down some cracking deliveries. This season he most often appeared in the role of an opening bowler, taking on the challenge of being pitted against the top-order batsmen. Historically a mercurial bowler whose range of deliveries kept the batsmen (and his captain!) guessing, he has a knack of pulling out some completely unplayable deliveries against the run of play to capture well-deserved clean bowled wickets. When he can find a consistent length, he's a danger to any batting side, one highlight being the two wickets secured

against in-form batsmen in an otherwise rampant Manly Breakers batting lineup. We saw some more dedicated application in the field from Rhys, taking a couple of finely judged catches on the boundary. With his batting there has also been some pleasing improvements. Usually classified as a traditional no.11 and therefore with few opportunities to dig in and hang around, this year Rhys showed he could play a few well-struck shots and picked up a couple of boundaries. Looking forward to more of those next season!

16 runs at 4.0 in 9 innings, HS 6\*, 9 wickets at 51.8 off 75 overs, BB 2-29, catches 2.



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## Neal O'Brian (wk)

Our doughty and indestructible wicket-keeper had another great season behind the stumps, snatching up diving chances wide to the left, to the right, or straight down the middle. Neal claimed around a dozen dismissals throughout the season and dealt with our occasional wayward deliveries with agility. As a bowler or fielder you always feel you have his full support and encouragement; if there's one thing the youngsters will take away from this season, it's the message that " 'mine' is a hole in the ground"

... some Welsh wisdom to carry forward! When it came to batting, his lower order innings were exhibitions of canny scampering between the wickets and gritty defence. The highlight of course was his 107-run stand with Jacob for the 7th wicket vs Manly Leagues, where for 35 tense overs they steered us away from the rocks at 6 for 74 to the more respectable shores of nearing 200. Neal held out watchfully for Jacob to get his hundred, and by the end had compiled 24 hard-fought runs himself including some late boundaries. Another quality season in the bag for the ageless Neal, looking forward to seeing those famous running celebrations on taking a good catch next time!

73 runs at 7.3 in 11 innings, HS 24, 0 wickets off 1 over, BB 0-12, catches 10, stumpings 1, runouts 4.

## Connor Sheppard

Connor is the essential and beating cricket heart of the team, wearing it on his sleeve and putting it all in, with both his own game and supporting his team-mates. In all aspects he gives it 100%, on and off the field, the team would not be the same without him.

It's been gratifying to see the levels of dedication Connor is bringing to his batting game. More determined now not to give his wicket away with a cavalier swing, he's the picture of concentration after each delivery, walking away to square leg with the focus on the next ball and how he's going to play it. Usually coming in at 5 or 6, Connor can be a powerful hitter in the latter stages of the innings, getting a few good boundaries to push our score upwards towards respectable totals. Always full of welcome enthusiasm and cheer (and chat!) in the field, his bowling when asked - has come along in strides this season. Not a conventional bowler to be sure, but some well-considered overs particularly towards the end of the season were rewarded with some wickets, including his best Wakehurst career figures of 2-36 in our final match. All in all, it's great to see improvement across all areas season on season, long may it continue! 38 runs at 4.8 in 7 innings, HS 14, catches 1, 3 wickets at 39 off 22 overs, BB 2-36, catches 1.

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## Jacob Watts

Jacob had a stellar season with us with both bat and ball, and was the competition's leading run-scorer right up until the final day when he was just pipped at the post by a measly 40-50 runs or so. It started from his debut in the very first match, when in just 4 brief overs he tore through the opposition middle order collecting 4 wickets for a stingy 8 runs.

His brand of left-arm pace with accurate movement across always troubled opposition bats, the majority of his 11 wickets coming from clean bowled and lbw's, showing they were well-earned.

Jacob became the go-to 1st change bowler and could always be counted upon to be economical and elicit circumspection and respect from wary batsmen. Over restrictions for younger bowlers meant he was often only able to send down a handful of overs in an innings, but he bowled with great maturity and made every ball count. With the bat in hand his contributions were as if not more memorable, racking up two 50s and two scores in the high 40s, and capped off with the highlight of his superb century, an even 100.

This came in a 2-dayer late in the season on LW2, accumulating half our innings' runs in a measured display of concentration and patience. It was thoroughly deserved as all who saw it would attest, a combination of perfectly placed drives and alert sharp running. No slouch in the field either with a few great catches to his name, Jacob has all the makings of an excellent all-around player at any level and an encouraging and amiable team-mate to boot.

379 runs at 34.4 in 11 innings, HS 100, 11 wickets at 13.6 off 59 overs, BB 4-8, catches 3

## Chris Wright (c)

With the arrival of a couple of dead-keen, younger and (tbh) more talented batters looking for top-order action, Chris was displaced willingly from his usual role as dour opener with the temperament of a Chris Tavare after a heavy lunch.

Moved down to the middle order middle order where the luxury of time is usually in short supply, a more aggressive batting style was called for. There was a modicum of success, one highlight being a quick-fire 40 knocked out in the late afternoon of a 2-day match at Collaroy which helped take the team from 200-odd to an unbeatable 305 1st innings total. Several other contributions in the teens and twenties were scattered throughout the season, alas all too often brought to premature close as stamina and concentration waned. More practice next season! The mantle of captaincy required changes in approach on the field as well, moving from accustomed square leg to mid-on for a better view of the bowling attack. Bringing himself on for a few overs in most matches to help bridge the gaps in said bowling attack, he was able to chip in with a few wickets along the way and a handful of spells that tied the opposition down on several occasions.

123 runs at 12.6 in 11 innings, HS 40, 6 wickets at 46.5 off 65 overs, BB 1-5, catches 4.

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## Kieran Young

Kieran would be the first to tell you he didn't have a stellar batting season, but stats tell only part of the story. In just his 2nd season as a player -- converted from our most vocal, if not wittiest, spectator -- Kieran has thrust himself from the outset into the unforgiving role of opener. A one-false-move-and-you're-dead gig, usually against the quickest and shiniest and swingiest of deliveries. Being able to withstand and blunt the opening attack for a few overs helps the team and on numerous occasions,

Kieran does just that. Kieran will still step up for another crack at facing the first delivery whatever the prior outcome, an attitude that does him great credit. And let us not forget his contributions to team morale generally as a master of the dark arts of the chat, both on the field and off. Many a pointed observation or edgy tale have cheered us up and brought undone opposition players, as memorable as they are unprintable.

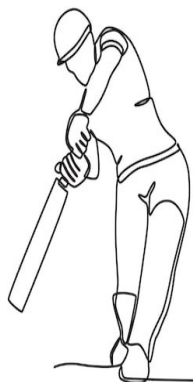
Here's to many more games ahead!  
23 runs at 2.9 in 8 innings, HS 7,  
catches 1.

Player Awards -

Batting: Jacob Watts  
379 runs at 34.4 in 11 innings, HS  
100,  
2x 50, 1x 100

Bowling: David Nimmo  
12 wickets at 25.5 off 94 overs,  
BB 4-95

Sportsperson: Neal O'Brian



## Juniors Records - Batting

		Batting Average		Best Innings		
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Innings	Season
11/1 ##	Xavier Ryan	84.33	2013/14	Lachlan Charles Luke Watts #	87* 113	2009/10 2017/18
12/2	James Wright	37.4	2010/11	Matthew Weaver	63	2006/07
	Jack Douglas #	84.0	2021/22	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
	Joseph Sharp #	68.0	2021/22			
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
	Joseph Sharp #	66.83	2022/23			
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	<b>Nathan Cole</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Nathan Cole</b>	<b>89*</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
15-17/1	William Toohey	90.5	2022/23	Miles Milliner	96*	2022/23
16-18/2 #	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
14/1 T20				Ryan Haskard	37	2011/12
U13/1 Girls	Daisy Addison	96.0	2020/21	Tait Camburn	50*	2022/23
U13/2 Girls				Daisy Addison	25*	2017/18
<b>U15 Girls</b>	<b>Willa Pearson</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Willa Pearson</b>	<b>75*</b>	<b>2024/25</b>

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## Juniors Records - Batting (cont.) & Fielding

Grade	Highest Aggregate Runs			Most Catches (minimum 5 catches)		
	Name	Aggregate	Season	Name	Catches	Season
11/1 ##	Adam McCormick Luke Watts #	290 362	2006/07 2017/18	Oliver Campbell	14	2012/13
12/2	Ben Watkins Jet McDade #	239 376	2013/14 2016/17	Rory Sarkies	13	2013/14
12/1	Michael Cosentino Aidan Boulton #	425 471	1995/96 2019/20	David Olver	14	2001/02
13/2	Rory Sarkies Aryan Reddy #	298 390	2014/15 2018/19	Jack O'Shea	15	2012/13
13/1	Javed Badyari Daniel Deacon #	367 435	2005/06 2022/23	<b>Thomas Turner</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
14/2	Anthony Denny Joseph Sharp #	361 401	2013/14 2022/23	Anthony Denny	14	2013/14
14/1	Javed Badyari <b>Justin Turner</b>	406 <b>428</b>	2006/07 <b>2024/25</b>	Braden King William Bassett Matthew Balkus Jet McDade Beau Moran	13	2010/11 2014/15 2014/15 2018/19 2022/23
15/2	Isaac Turner	449	2017/18	Ryan Lloyd	20	2022/23
15/1	Ben King	569	1997/98	Finlay Sorohan	16	2023/24
15-16/2	Brad Forster	183	2003/04	Chris Hurley	8	2003/04
15-16/1	<b>Nathan Cole</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	Jason Tabrett <b>Jack Douglas</b> <b>Daniel Deacon</b> <b>Beau Moran</b>	7	2003/04 <b>2024/25</b> <b>2024/25</b> <b>2024/25</b>
15-17/1	Miles Milliner	473	2022/23	William Toohey	24	2022/23
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
14/1 T20	Ryan Haskard	55	2011/12			
U13/1 Girls	Taylor Wilmot	304	2022/23	Georgia Cooper	14	2020/21
U13/2 Girls	Shae Hiskett-Jones	84	2017/18	Shae Hiskett-Jones	6	2017/18
U15 Girls	Lara Hughes	326	2022/23	Gemma Lacey	11	2018/19

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## Juniors Records - Bowling

Grade	Bowling Average (minimum 30 overs)			Most Wickets		
	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Wickets	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 Arlo Thompson #	4.33 3.85	1993/94 2020/21	Matthew Whittaker	26	2000/01
				Jacob Watts #	29	2022/23
15/2	Saskia Horley	5.56	2014/15	Isaac Turner Angus Castle Billy Chaloner Daron Ekmekjian Max Plummer	18	2017/18 2017/18 2022/23 2022/23 2022/23
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	<b>Archie McGregor</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
15-17/1	Myles Nockolds	8.42	2023/24	<b>Cooper Cameron</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
16-18/2 #	Matt LeMoy	10.88	2006/07	Nick Miller	17	2004/05
				Matt LeMoy	17	2006/07
16-18/1 #	Hayden Gullick	5.67	2013/14	Jason Tabrett	30	2004/05
14/1 T20				William Denny	6	2011/12
U13/1 Girls	Lara Hughes	5.53	2020/21	Lara Hughes	17	2020/21
U13/2 Girls				Shae Hiskett-Jones Olivia Champion	5	2017/18
U15 Girls	Emily Horstead	5.38	2020/21	Laura Judson	16	2018/19

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## Juniors Records - Bowling (cont.)

Best Figures				Hat Tricks			
Grade	Name	Figures	Season	Grade	Name	No	Season
11/1 ##	Daniel Tabrett	6/0	2001/02	11/1 ##	Brad Lind	1	1984/85
12/2	Thomas Ogden	6/5	2007/08		Daniel Tabrett	Dbl	2001/02
	James Dee	6/5	2009/10		Luke Whitten	Dbl	2002/03
12/1	Nick Berney Noah Kasmar	5/6	2005/06 2014/15		Marcus DuRoss	Dbl	2007/08
					Elliot Copas	1	2013/14
12/2	Wilson Sarkies	1	2014/15	<b>Harry Robertson</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	
13/2	Cameron Weldon Sam Evans #	5/17 5/11	2007/08 2021/22	12/1	John McNally Thomas Ivers	1 1	2009/10 2012/13
13/1	Shawn Bradstreet	8/0	1984/85	13/1	Shawn Bradstreet	Dbl	1984/85
14/2	Euan Dixon	5/3	2013/14		Daniel Tabrett	1	2003/04
14/1	William Denny <b>Max Barnett #</b>	5/4 <b>6/9</b>	2011/12 <b>2024/25</b>	14/1	Lachlan Molyneux	1	2014/15
15/2	AJ Cerovic	4/7	2014/15		Xavier Ryan	1	2016/17
15/1	Alexander Cook	7/12	2006/07		Abigail Powell	1	2017/18
15-16/2	Russell Brown	5/1	2003/04	<b>Hugo Stone</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	
15-16/1	Caden Rosenkowitz	5/29	2024/25	14/2	Euan Dixon Caleb King	1 1	2013/14 2023/24
15-17/1	Luke Woodward	4/2	2022/23	15/2	Jamie White	1	2017/18
16-18/2 #	Andrew Harris	4/10	2006/07	15/1	Angus Jackett	1	2007/08
16-18/1 #	Jason Tabrett	6/9	2004/05	15-16/2	Russell Brown	1	2003/04
14/1 T20	William Denny	5/4	2011/12	16-18/1#	Jason Tabrett	1	2004/05
U13/1 Girls	Lara Hughes	3/2	2020/21		Nathan Heath	1	2009/10
U13/2 Girls	Jemima Seward	3/4	2017/18		Thomas Rodwell	1	2015/16
U15 Girls	Laura Judson	4/1	2019/20		Declan McLerie	1	2017/18
				U13/1 Girls	Georgia Cooper	1	2020/21
				U15 Girls	Sophia Slater	1	2020/21

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## Seniors Records - Batting

	Batting Average			Best Innings		
Grade	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Innings	Season
A1/1st Grade	Damian Wallace	50.18	2015/16	Ronit Mahajan	162*	2019/20
A2/2nd Grade	Thomas Bitmead	76.4	2010/11	Jason Russell-Jones	157	2011/12
A3/3rd Grade	Jadon Wilson	57.0	2020/21	Nick Kough	159*	2018/19
B1/4th Grade	Toby Kovacs	69.67	2016/17	Stuart Banham	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 1st Grade				Tristan Lever	120	2009/10
Seniors T20 3rd Grade				Ronit Mahajan	84*	2020/21

## Seniors Records - Batting (cont.) & Fielding

Grade	Highest Aggregate Runs			Most Catches (Minimum 5 catches)		
	Name	Aggregate	Season	Name	Catches	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	Jadon Wilson	513	2020/21	Adrian Hookham Sean Nimmo	14	2013/14 2020/21
B1/4th Grade	Andrew Davies	536	2019/20	Andrew Davies	25	2019/20
B2/5th Grade	Adrian Hookham	830	2009/10	Andrew Davies	15	2020/21
B3/6th Grade	Aaron Willey	623	2012/13	Andrew Davies	17	2012/13 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
14/1 T20	Ryan Haskard	55	2011/12			
Seniors T20 1st Grade	Tristan Lever	227	2009/10	Timothy Cameron	6	2010/11
Seniors T20 3rd Grade	Ronit Mahajan	125	2020/21	Karanvir Singh	3	2020/21

## Seniors Records - Bowling

Grade	Bowling Average (Minimum 30 overs)			Most Wickets		
	Name	Avg	Season	Name	Wickets	Season
A1/1st Grade	Ronit Mahajan	9.0	2020/21	<b>Kai Connors</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
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	Cohen Mantle	6.82	2018/19	Joshua Sheedy	37	2008/09
B3/6th Grade	Christopher Guyot	5.33	2020/21	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 1st Grade				Karinvir Singh	13	2019/20
Seniors T20 3rd Grade				Pranaydeep Kolcharam	10	2020/21

## Seniors Records - Records - Bowling (cont.)

Best Figures				Hat Tricks			
Grade	Name	Figures	Season	Grade	Name	No	Season
A1/1st Grade	<b>Kai Connors</b>	<b>6/17</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	A2/2nd Grade	Steven Thomson	1	2015/16
A2/2nd Grade	Cameron Powell	6/44	2019/20		William Denny	1	2023/24
A3/3rd Grade	Cohen Mantle	8/87	2019/20	A3/3rd Grade	Jadon Wilson Cohen Mantle	1 1	2020/21 2020/21
B1/4th Grade	Gavin Franklin	8/38	2016/17	B1/4th Grade	Robert McColl Daniel Annakin	1 1	2010/11 2014/15
B2/5th Grade	Phil King	8/80	2009/10	B2/5th Grade	Cohen Mantle	1	2018/19
B3/6th Grade	Phil King	8/18	2007/08	B3/6th Grade	Robert McColl	1	2008/09
B4/7th Grade	Matthew Murray	8/97	2004/05		Michael Flynn	1	2008/09
					Randall Hinds	1	2008/09
C1/8th Grade	Matthew Murray	5/30	2005/06	B4/7th Grade	William Denny Jacob Aquilina	1 1	2013/14 2013/14
One-day A Grade	Lachlan Charles	4/11	2015/16				
One-day B Grade	Euan Dixon	5/6	2015/16				
Seniors T20 1st Grade	Tristan Lever	5/11	2010/11				
Seniors T20 3rd Grade	Pranaydeep Kolcharam	3/15	2020/21				

## Perpetual Club Player Awards

Season	Junior Cricketer of the Year	Female Cricketer of the Year	"Bird Family" Rising Star Award	Senior Cricketer of the Year	"David Sheedy" Seniors Rising Award
1982/83	Ryan Jones	-	-	-	-
1983/84	Peter Banbury	-	-	-	-
1984/85	S. Lane	-	-	-	-
1985/86	Peter Banbury	-	-	-	-
1986/87	Michael Ellery	-	-	-	-
1987/88	Chris Stolk	-	-	-	-
1988/89	Mark Smithers	-	-	-	-
1989/90	-	-	-	-	-
1990/91	Greig Holston	-	-	-	-
1991/92	Adam Grigg	-	-	-	-
1992/93	-	-	-	-	-
1993/94	Michael Dunn	-	-	-	-
1994/95	Michael Dunn	-	-	-	-
1995/96	Ben King	-	-	-	-
1996/97	Jackson Bird	-	-	D. Barker	-
1997/98	Ben King	-	-	D. Fitzsimmons	-
1998/99	Grant Wood	-	-	A. Boulton	-
1999/00	-	-	-	-	-
2000/01	-	-	-	-	-
2001/02	Ben Stinson	-	-	-	-
2002/03	Ben Gwilliam	-	-	-	-
2003/04	Javed Badyari	-	-	-	-
2004/05	Jason Tabrett	-	-	-	-
2005/06	Javed Badyari	-	-	-	-
2006/07	James Crombie	-	-	-	-
2007/08	Carlton Anand	-	-	-	-
2008/09	James Crombie	-	-	-	-

## Perpetual Club Player Awards (Contd.)

Season	Junior Cricketer of the Year	Female Cricketer of the Year	"Bird Family" Rising Star Award	Senior Cricketer of the Year	"David Sheedy" Seniors Rising Award
2009/10	Nathan Heath	-	-	-	-
2010/11	Braden King	-	-	Andrew Bitmead	-
2011/12	William Denny	-	-	Nick Pye	-
2012/13	Alex Bain	-	-	Tristan Lever Tim Ryan	Hayden Gullick
2013/14	Hayden Gullick Anthony Denny	-	-	Jamie Murray	Toby Kovacs
2014/15	Toby Kovacs	-	-	Kevin Hume	Cameron Brown
2015/16	Cohen Mantle	-	-	Damian Wallace	Lachlan Charles
2016/17	Jet McDade	Annabel Hutt	Tai Addison	Andrew Davies	Cameron Powell
2017/18	Andrew Boulton	Lulu Ryals	Laura Judson	Andrew Davies	Cormac O'Donnell
2018/19	Cooper Horley	Gemma Lacey	Luke Watts	Jadon Wilson	Cohen Mantle
2019/20	Aidan Boulton	Laura Judson	Alex Cooper	Cohen Mantle	Christopher Guyot
2020/21	Thomas Walker	Emily Horstead	Aidan Boulton	Jadon Wilson	Kai Connors
2021/22	Aidan Boulton	Emily Horstead	Jacob Watts	Benjamin Wilson	Luke Larson
2022/23	Jacob Watts	Lara Hughes	Danny Deacon	Cohen Mantle	-
2023/24	Arlo Thompson	Tait Camburn & Elodie Spray	Stuart Turner	Michal Banham	Corey Frew
<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Nathan Cole</b>	<b>Willa Pearson</b>	<b>Thomas Turner</b>	<b>Kai Connors</b>	<b>Jacob Watts</b>

## Perpetual Club Officials Awards

Season	"The Murray Family" Coach of the Year	"David Nimmo" Junior Club Person of the Year	"Ross Denny" Club Person of the Year
2005/06	Simon Crombie Michael Walsh		-
2006/07	Ross Denny		-
2007/08	Christopher Russell Matt Woodhouse		-
2008/09	Stuart Slocombe		-
2009/10	Tom Cooney		-
2010/11	Anthony Connolly		-
2011/12	Gordon Powell		-
2012/13	Danny LeMoy		-
2013/14	Brad Gordon Jess Ball		-
2014/15	Craig McGregor		David Brown
2015/16	Simon Smart		Julie Williams
2016/17	Ian Bassett		Deanne Hutt
2017/18	Stuart White Regan McCracken		Jeff Cook
2018/19	Mat Keen		Deb Kasmar Kevin Hume
2019/20	Anthony Nicey	Logan Nicey	Kevin Wesson
2020/21	Phil Stoddart	Nat Guyot	Karen Judson
2021/22	Darren Kilkeary	Jasper Young	Ashley Jones
2022/23	Andy Hansen	-	Chris Melville
2023/24	Kerry Frew	Emily Horstead	Ian Thompson
<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Paul Burrows</b>	<b>Isabella Pallister</b>	<b>Blake Gregory</b>

## "Bob Lind" Special Achievement Award

Season	Winner	Achievement
1982/83	-	-
1983/84	-	-
1984/85	Shawn Bradstreet	8 for 0 - U13/1 vs St Augustine's
1985/86	Peter Banbury	8 for 14 Rep Game
1986/87	Brad Verrills	Clubs first century
1987/88	Mark Brady	101 not out
1988/89	R. Plummer	100 Rep Games
1989/90	-	-
1990/91	-	-
1991/92	-	-
1992/93	-	-
1993/94	-	-
1994/95	-	-
1995/96	Michael Cosentino	U12/1's - 109 not out in 25 overs
1996/97	S. Griffiths	A2's - 2 x 100's with one in Final
1997/98	Ben King	U15 Div 1 MWJCA Batting Aggregate record - 569 runs
1998/99	B1 team	Dismissed Forestville for 1 run
1999/00	-	-
2000/01	-	-
2001/02	Daniel Tabrett	U11/1's - Double Hat trick 6 for 0
2002/03	M. Gainsford	U16 - 122 in 59 Mins
2003/04	Russell Brown	U15/16 Greens – 5 for 1 incl. Hat trick
2004/05	Ryan Campbell	U11/1's - 80 runs
2005/06	Lloyd Rogers	U14 Green 92 runs
2006/07	Mitchell Pugh	U15 Red - 100 not out against St Augustines
2007/08	Marcus DuRoss	4 for 8 incl. Double Hat trick
2008/09	Adam McCormick	U13 Red 105 not out
2009/10	Adrian Hookham Tristan Lever	5th Grade 274 v Collaroy, 830 season runs 1st Grade 20/20, 120 runs in Semi, Avg 227 for 5 games

## "Bob Lind" Special Achievement Award (Contd.)

Season	Winner	Achievement
2010/11	1st Grade Seniors team	First ever Wakehurst 1st Grade premiership team
2011/12	Jason Russell-Jones Benjamin Sykes	256 run 4th wicket partnership vs Long Reef (2nd Grade - Round 7) after being down 3/16
2012/13	-	-
2013/14	Jacob Aquilina	7th grade semi-final - Century (117) and 5 wickets (5/42)
2014/15	Damian Wallace	3rd grade semi-final - Century (154) and 7 wickets (7/11) plus 2 catches and direct hit run-out
	Hamish Green	Double century - 209 from 135 balls with 13 fours and 6 sixes
2015/16	Saskia Horley Anthony Denny	In the Under 16-18 competition, Saskia and Anthony combined for a 229 run opening partnership against St. Pius in Round 3. Both Saskia (102 off 122 balls with 13 boundaries) and Anthony (119 off 143 balls with 13 boundaries and a six) scored their maiden centuries.
2016/17	Gavin Franklin	8/38 in 4th grade - Club record for 4th grade. 3rd best bowling figures in history of the club.
2017/18	Luke Watts	Scored century (113) in under 11 age group
2018/19	-	-
2019/20	Cohen Mantle	Three consecutive 5 wicket hauls – 5/26, 5/22 and a record breaking 8/87 across Rounds 6, 7 and 8 in 3rd grade
2020/21	Timothy Radom	Match winning performance taking 12 wickets for the match in 6th grade Round 15 which included 4/36 and 8/25
2021/22	-	-
2022/23	Miles Milliner	Round 10 - 96 not out off 44 balls 11 x 6s. Also scored 94 Of 41 balls in another innings
2023/24	Daron Ekmekjian	Round 15 - 4th Grade vs Seaforth Bowling figures of 7-27
<b>2024/ 2025</b>	<b>George Hansen</b>	<b>Round 15 - 4th Grade vs HBCCC 104 Runs</b>

# Batting Milestones



## 5000 Runs

Andrew Davies

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Tristan Lever  
Cohen Mantle

Tim Cameron  
Matthew Varjavandi

Adrian Hookham  
Brad Gordon

Toby Kovacs

## 2000 Runs

Tim Bennett  
Toby Kovacs  
Matthew Murray  
Jack Garay  
David Nimmo

Tom Bitmead  
Hayden Gullick  
Jamie Murray  
Sean Nimmo  
Benjamin Wilson

Randall Hinds  
Andrew Gordon  
Jess Ball  
Edward Hutt

Ryan Valentine  
Brad Gordon  
Anthony Denny  
Ian Thompson

## 1000 Runs

Nick Dowell  
Phil King  
AJ Fry  
Ben Crawshaw  
David Nimmo  
Adam McCormick  
Jake Fry  
Joel McGregor  
Adam McKern  
Matthew Humphrey  
Aidan Boulton  
James Wright  
Max Thompson

Jason Russell-Jones  
Adam Schober  
Ben Gwilliam  
Jarryd Watters  
Jacob Aquilina  
Brynn Mendel  
Lachlan Molyneux  
Kevin Hume  
Luca Candotti  
Richard Howard  
Christopher Guyot  
Kale Gabila  
Tim Ryan

James Crombie  
Andrew Bitmead  
Braden King  
Kian Mantle  
Cameron Brown  
David Sheldon  
William Jonkers  
Luke Richardson  
Alex Cooper  
Stuart Banham  
Edward Hutt  
Luke Watts  
William Denny

Michael Gainsford  
Mark Callanan  
Chris Hurley  
Ryan Campbell  
Lachlan Charles  
Jake Alexander  
Iain McKern  
Reece Liddy  
Ian Thompson  
William Bassett  
Jadon Wilson  
Tom Cole  
Benjamin Wilson

# Batting Milestones (contd.)

## 1000 Runs contd.

Will Toohey	Luke Larson	Nick Ball	Michael Wright
Joey Braund	Beau Moran	Rohit Jayaram	Jacob Watts
Michal Banham	Patrick White	Arlo Thompson	Thomas Hughes
Cooper Horley	Thomas Walker	Corey Frew	<b>Nathan Cole</b>
<b>Jack Harrold</b>	<b>Myles Nockolds</b>	<b>Leo Barnett</b>	<b>Justin Turner</b>
<b>George Hansen</b>	<b>Daniel Deacon</b>	<b>Kai Connors</b>	<b>Finlay Sorohan</b>

# Bowling Milestones



## 200 Wickets

Jamie Murray	Matthew Murray	Tim Cameron	<b>Kai Connors</b>
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## 100 Wickets

Joshua Sheedy	Phil King	Tristan Lever	Michael Gainsford
Robert McColl	Andrew Bitmead	AJ Fry	Steven Thomson
Lachlan Molyneux	Harrison Scott	Hayden Gullick	Matthew Varjavandi
Thomas Fourie	Ryan Ludowyke	James Wright	Nick Dollman
Anthony Denny	Cohen Mantle	Adam McKern	Luca Candotti
William Denny	Jack Garay	Daniel Annakin	Jacob Aquilina
Matthew Martin	Kai Connors	Ian Thompson	Michal Banham
Luke Larson	Jake Dobson	Arlo Thompson	<b>Jacob Watts</b>

## Nathan Bennett

*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.*

# Office Bearers at Wakehurst Redbacks

Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer
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
2010/11	Danny LeMoy	Ross Denny	Mark Haskard
2011/12	Danny LeMoy	David Nimmo	AJ Fry
2012/13	Danny LeMoy	David Nimmo	AJ Fry
2013/14	Danny LeMoy	David Nimmo	AJ Fry
2014/15	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Adam Stenner
2015/16	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Adam & Jane Stenner

## Office Bearers at Wakehurst Redbacks

Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2016/17	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Adam & Jane Stenner
2017/18	David Nimmo	Deanne Hutt	Jenny Pittar
2018/19	-	Deanne Hutt	Jenny Pittar
2019/20	Deanne Hutt	Bernadette Chang	Julian Humphrey
2020/21	Matt White	Carol Boulton	Julian Humphrey
2021/22	Matt White	Carol Boulton	Julian Humphrey
2022/23	Matt White	Charlotte Nash	Julian Humphrey
2023/24	Matt White	Charlotte Nash	Julian Humphrey
<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Matt White</b>	<b>Mark Turner</b>	<b>Ashley Jones</b>



# Vice Presidents at Wakehurst Redbacks

Season	Blast	Juniors	Girls	Seniors
2009/10	-	-	-	David Sheedy
2010/11	-	David Sheedy	-	Jake Fry
2011/12	-	Jake Fry	-	David Sheedy
2012/13	Ryan Erasmus	-	-	David Sheedy
2013/14	Tim Ryan	Tim Ryan	-	David Sheedy
2014/15	Tim Ryan	Tim Ryan	-	David Sheedy
2015/16	-	Kieran Young	-	Kevin Hume
2016/17	-	Kieran Young	-	Kevin Hume
2017/18	-	Laurie Zanella	Deanne Hutt	Kevin Hume
2018/19	-	Laurie Zanella	Deanne Hutt	Kevin Hume
2019/20	Matt White	Kevin Wesson	Karen Judson	Blake Gregory
2020/21	Matt White	Kevin Wesson	Karen Judson	Blake Gregory
2021/22	Dean Fitzsimmons	Kevin Wesson	Katrina White	Blake Gregory
2022/23	Dean Fitzsimmons	Kevin Wesson	Shona Stewart	Ian Thompson
2023/24	Dean Fitzsimmons	Kevin Wesson	Yvette Pallister	Ian Thompson
<b>2024/25</b>	<b>Blake Gregory</b>	<b>Kevin Wesson</b>	<b>Yvette Pallister</b>	<b>Ian Thompson</b>

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