
Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club

2024/25 YEARBOOK



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Reports From
2024 - 2025
Season



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John Moriarty, Ed Haverkamp, Dan
Copland, Josh Hardie, Alison
Hardie, Sue Jordan, Sharon
Anderson, Kylie Wanner, Ben
Surwald, Peter Cross

Sponsors



President's Report

2024-2025 NWCC President's Report

Sponsors

On behalf of our players, members, and families we'd firstly like to acknowledge the significant financial support provided by our sponsors for the 2024/2025 season. With playing and maintenance costs continuing to increase, the contribution these sponsors make to the club helps us lessen the impact on our members.

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We'd especially like to recognise the efforts of **Grant Binns** and Brad Binns who have been instrumental in developing our sponsorship program in 2022/2023 and driving it over the past three seasons.

On the field

Results

We were able to achieve some great team results:

- Men: 8th Grade minor and major premiers. Masters major premiers.
- Boys: U12Bs major premiers coming from fourth position.

Our remaining teams were competitive and/or showed improvement and commitment throughout the season. We had some wonderful individual performances throughout the season with several players making representative teams. Congratulations to all our players who will be recognised at our club presentations.

Captains

Thank you to all our mens and 3rd grade womens captains who stepped up into additional selection responsibility and provided a great environment for our players. This included a few new and returning captains and they all did a great job providing players with the opportunity to contribute.

Off the field

Coaches & Managers

To all our coaches and managers, we thank you for the care and guidance you showed to our players this season. It's a massive commitment and we hope you got as much enjoyment and satisfaction from your contribution as the players and families benefited from it.

Selectors

As noted above, our most of our captains took on a role in selections this season. They were well supported by **Greg Sadler** (Mens) and **Sharon Anderson** and **Simon Hardie** (Womens). Thanks for working well together to provide all teams with fair opportunity – especially Greg who spent countless hours communicating and updating teams due to late pull outs for injury, work etc.

Carrington St Oval Curator

Big thanks to **Grant Binns**, with a little help from **Mick Post**, for taking on the curator role this season. It's always a steep learning curve and Grant put in plenty to ensure the best surface and increased chance of play in the face of weather events.

Clothing

Big thanks to **Brad Binns** who took on the job of researching and selecting a new clothing supplier, developing new designs and coordinating orders and distribution. Clothing is not an easy task so we appreciate Brad taking on this responsibility. While we did receive some constructive feedback, overwhelmingly this change has been embraced by members..

Grange Raffles

As most would know, our major sponsor the Grange Hotel not only provides a direct financial contribution, they also enable us to run the meat tray raffles 2-3 times per month on a Friday afternoon throughout the season. Thank you to those that made the effort to help when it was your team's turn on the roster. A massive thank you to **Ron Kelly** for leading the raffle crew every Friday and **Ed Haverkamp** for coordinating the roster. Special thanks also to **Soham Bhatt**, **Grant Binns** and **James Smith** for stepping in on many occasions when we were short.

Committee & Support Roles

We have a constructive and productive committee who make a massive contribution to the running of the club. This includes some great new additions this season. Thank you to the following people for their contribution during the season:

- **Soham Bhatt** – for his diligence once again as Secretary.
- **Chris Rowan** – for taking on the Treasurer role with enthusiasm.
- **Garry Crowe** – for his efforts as senior recorder, milestone analyst and Mens Director.
- **Kylie Wanner** – for her efforts as junior recorder and Girls Director.
- **Josh Hardie** – new member for his efforts as Boys Director.
- **Alison Hardie** – new member for her role in Christmas Party coordination.
- **Alicia White** – for her efforts as Vice President, Keys Coordinator and Womens Director.
- **Sharon Anderson** – in her role as Womens Director and Assistant Secretary.

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- **Peter Cross** – new member who coordinated Alan Davidson net repairs and is working on bigger projects for Alan Davidson and Carrington St.
 - **John Moriarty** – for his work on equipment maintenance and as player liaison officer.
 - **Ben Surwald** – new member who coordinated the Toyota Raffle for the club this season.

Next season

It was great to see some new members join the committee this season. We look forward to building on that again this season so we can share the workload. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in June so keep an eye out for details. You don't need to attend the meeting to nominate for a position.

We are facing some mounting financial challenges due to the increasing costs we are facing across the board so we will be reviewing our fee structures during the off season. We welcome everyone's participation in that process starting with committee meetings every 2nd Wednesday evening. Please contact the club if you'd like to be involved. Enjoy your offseason!

Paul Moriarty
President

1st Grade



Team Awards

Batting: Peter Cross

Bowling: Kieran Lawson

Fielding: Lachlan Shedden

Some might describe the season of 2024/25 as the season that never was. With 9 competition rounds, 8 games scheduled, 7 games commenced, and 6 games completed, it's difficult to not come to the same conclusion. What this structure meant was that a strong start was required and after some close losses early on, meant we were on the chase for the rest of the season. To an outsider, looking at the table and results, they might conclude that we were easy beats or something similar to that. But nothing could be further from the truth. Only 1 team (in 7 bowling performances) scored more than 200 against us. We were the only team to hold premiership winning side to a score of less than 200. In 5 of our 6 completed games, we were in a genuine position to win and to only win 1 of these was the disappointment of the season, which hopefully is the key learning for the team moving into next season.

The team this season was a real mix of youth and experience. It was pleasing to see the development of Jack Sinnott, Levi Bailey, Yug Patel and Jake Duncan. Whilst all these had played 1st grade before, they will all have gained valuable experience for playing the majority of the season in the top grade. Whilst I don't like singling out players (but I will in this report!), it has to be noted that Jack taking on the opening bowling duties and Levi becoming (in my opinion) the coasts leading leggie are achievements that should be celebrated. Well done men! Yug and Jake showed glimpses of their capabilities this year and hopefully the season will hold them in good stead for the upcoming years to become consistent performers in the top grade. It should also be noted that we had two 1st grade debutants this season – Mal Hawkins and Ryan Cox. Congratulations to you both! It is worth singling out Mal's debut as he is only 15 - taking on the opening bowling duties, on hot day, a flat track and bowling superbly. It was truly great to watch and after working with Mal extensively during the preseason, not surprising given the effort this young man has put into his cricket.

Onto the team's engine room of James Smith, Kieran Lawson, Lachie Shedden, Mick Anderson, Aras Baird and Ethan Lulham. James and Kieran are without doubt class players within our unit and their performances with the ball demonstrated this. I'm still shocked at how Kieran was not in the team of the year... taking 19 wickets at less than 10 in 6 games is a great season. James' persistence, grit and desire to win on a weekly basis, whether with bat or

ball, was invaluable. Always disappointed that he 'didn't do better' and general leadership on and off the field was a great example to our younger team members. James bowled unchanged in taking 5-fa to bowl us to victory against Matcham, which epitomised his character. Lachie probably didn't have the season he wanted, by his high standards. But his fifty against Matcham showed us what he is capable of, and his fielding was top class all year. Mick had a great preseason and started well dealing with the challenges of opening the batting – the hardest place to bat. His effort against Matcham on a very difficult wicket helped set up a platform for the team, an approach to build on for the upcoming seasons. We welcomed back Aras for the last 3 games, which coincided with our 2 best batting performances of the season. Hopefully we see Aras a bit more next season as his stability at the top of the order is clearly valuable, and a big score isn't far away either, something I look forward to seeing! Ethan was as solid as ever with the gloves on, holding onto some great catches representing his class. Ethans' enthusiasm around the group at training and game day was always evident, adding to the team moral at any opportunity.

And lastly (but not least) the old boys – Andy Ryan, Paul Moriarty and Andrew Moseley. The 'Team First' mentality displayed by these three every week set a great example to the rest of the playing group. Their support of a first-time skipper was greatly appreciated. Whilst I know at times they had a different view from the skip, never once did it impact their attitude, supporting me through each good and bad decision. Thank You! Andy. It is a pleasure to take the field with you each week (and the rest of the playing group feel the same way). You never give up, are willing to bowl 20 straight in 35 degrees and make consistent valuable contributions with bat, ball and in the field. The club is extremely lucky to have had you in our first XI for the last 25+ years and I'm not alone in expressing that we want to see that continue. Paul, I'm not sure that you thought that you had another year in 1st grade ahead of you in August. Your selflessness to play a role in the team that needed to be filled is greatly appreciated. I must admit that I did have a smile on my face that first round when you joined me at the crease! Your enthusiasm in the field, specifically in close fielding, showed by example how it was done. Andrew came up when required (which was often) and displayed keeping that was high class. Also played 2 wonderful innings that were composed, measured and to be quite honest, absolutely brilliant to watch.

Personally, I'd like to thank all my teammates for the season. I know at time I was often tired and occasionally cranky, but despite the season not going as hoped, it was enjoyable being out on the field each week with this team. I'd also like to thank the committee and club for their support this year as well. The workload shouldered by the committee to keep this great club moving forward cannot be underestimated. And lastly, but most importantly, I'd like to thank my Wife, Echelle for her ongoing support during the season.

In closing, I look forward to next season as there is in my mind no doubt we can challenge for finals. However, as we found this year, playing finals doesn't just happen. Hopefully we can get some players back from sabbaticals and injury to boost the playing squad depth. We also need to have the opportunity to put a consistent team on the park each week. Having the consistency required during this season almost certainly would have resulted in us winning a couple more games. Something for everyone to think about if we want to challenge for premierships next season.

See everyone next season!

Peter Cross

Ladies 1st Grade

Team Awards

Batting: Alex-Bobbi Smith

Bowling: Violet Hardie

Fielding: Ella Davidson

This year our women's first grade had an eventful season showing moments of brilliance along with areas needing improvement. The team displayed outstanding performances all throughout the competition securing important victories which led us all the way to the semi finals! Unfortunately due to bad weather this was called off and we couldn't progress onto the grand finals. Despite this, each and every player contributed significantly to the teams success and everyone in the team displayed a skill of passion and determination which made this cricket season of 2023/2024 unforgettable.

I would also like to thank the Narara Committee especially Sharon Anderson and Paul Moriarty for helping me in my first season as a captain.

Sharon Anderson 29 runs @ 4.83 Thanks Sharon for making sure covers are on/off, running the show week in week out and making sure we have enough ladies to take the field every Saturday.

Holly Bayss only played 3 matches but took 4 wickets at an average of 14.25 and 6 runs for the season.

Ella Davidson is our Top Bowler with 13 wickets and 20 runs and the 2nd best fielder with 4 catches.

Loren Davidson only played 5 matches for us with 11 runs, 1 wicket & a catch.

Sukhmandeep Dhaliwal only played 1 match for us but shined with the bowling in Round 13 against Kincumber Avoca with 3 overs, 3 wickets, 2 run outs and took the game away from Kincumber.

Jessica Dowling 59 Runs and 2 wickets. Jess only played 9 matches due to injury and I would also like to thank Jess for standing in as Captain whilst I was away.

Ava Drury 79 Runs and 5 wickets with 4 catches

Quinn Grainger only played 2 matches but still took a wicket. Thanks Quinn for helping with the wicket keeping as well.

Violet Hardie 26 Runs and 4 wickets.

Emily Humphreys, second top batsman with 110 runs and the second top bowler with 9 wickets.

Michelle McLoughlin only played 5 matches for Narara and got us 24 runs.

Eileen Millen - One of our most dedicated player, helping us out every week with 6 runs, taking the prize wicket of Sophie McCrae and 1 catch too.

Rejoice Mudavose, 3rd top batsman with 90 runs and average 22.5.

Dehann Richardson an all rounder top batsman with 157 runs and 3 wickets.

Phoebe Rutherford only played 2 matches with 6 runs and 1 wicket

Kimberley Taylor, Kim played 8 matches with 15 runs and 2 catches.

Keira White got 35 runs and our 4th Top Bowler with 7 wickets and 2 catches.

Thank you also to everyone who helped with the task of covers and ground prep!

Alex-Bobbi Smith - Captain

2nd Grade

Team Awards

Batting: Grant Binns

Bowling: Grant Binns

Fielding: Matthew Doyle

The 2024/25 season proved to be a challenging one, marked by constant changes to the team lineup due to ongoing player availability issues in the 1st Grade squad. These challenges, however, created opportunities for several of our promising juniors, who stepped up admirably to 2nd Grade and delivered strong performances.

We made a reasonable start to the season, sitting at a 50% win rate leading into the Christmas break. Unfortunately, a heavy outright loss to Kincumber in the final match before the break was a blow, leaving us in the bottom half of the ladder heading into the new year.

Rounds 8 and 9 were both abandoned due to wet weather—matches we felt confident of winning. These missed opportunities made the road to the finals significantly harder.

Round 10 was similarly impacted by poor weather. A wet wicket hampered our innings in the second week, and a similar story unfolded in Round 11. Losing the toss and being sent in on a damp pitch resulted in back-to-back losses, effectively ending our finals hopes.

Despite the tough run, the team showed great spirit to finish strong, with a fantastic win in a shortened Round 12 match—a well-earned way to wrap up the season.

We ended the season in 5th place, just missing out on the finals. Given the adversity faced throughout the year, this was still a commendable result.

Key Performances:

- **Chris Rowan** – 5/28 (Round 1 vs Terrigal)
- **Grant Binns** – 5/36 (Round 3 vs North Power)
- **Andrew Moseley** – 103 (Round 6 vs South Spirit)
- **Chris Rowan** – 5/29 (Round 10 vs Lisarow Ourimbah)
- **Grant Binns** – 104* (Round 11 vs North Power)

Player of the Year:

Special congratulations to **Grant Binns**, who was deservedly awarded **Central Coast 2nd Grade Player of the Year**. His stats reflect a dominant season with both bat and ball:

266 runs @ 24.18 (8th in the competition)

22 wickets @ 12.73 (3rd in the competition)

A big thank you to all the players—especially the “old heads” who turn up week in, week out, and go above and beyond helping with covers, setup, and ground duties. Your efforts are what keep this team ticking.

Looking forward to next season, with hopefully a more settled lineup and a crack at finals cricket!

Brad Binns - Captain

3rd Grade

Team Awards

Batting: Andrew Sainsbury

Bowling: Mal Barsing

Fielding: Cooper Farrell

Third grade finished the season in 6th position and managed just the 5 wins. In all but 2 games we were competitive and going into the final round we still had a chance to make the finals but just came up a little short. In reality, we lost too many close games. Sides would pass us 8 down or we'd be bowled out 15 or so runs short.

The competition in third grade this year was a lot closer than previous seasons. Any of the sides that made the finals could have won the competition and it was disappointing to just miss out on a spot in the finals. With third grade this year we had a great mix of youth and experience. Being on grass this year, our goal was to provide an opportunity for some of our youth league players to play seniors, to learn and develop. The balance of the side comprising some seasoned veterans and some retired Dads. In total we had 30 players represent the club this year in third grade. Some of the regulars

Neil Dixon – hard hitting opening bat who likes to get the innings moving. Dicko played some great innings this year getting us off to fliers. Great to have around the younger players and combined well with Nath and Coop at the top of the order. They'll both benefit from spending time with Dicko and watching him bat. Took a couple of good catches as well.

Nathan Sainsbury – showed plenty of patience and an ability to occupy the crease for long periods. Places a high value on his wicket which is refreshing given the modern approach to the game. Never looked out of place in third grade. Fielded well and when required kept well.

Cooper Farrell – probably didn't see his true potential with the bat this season. Showed glimpses of what he is capable of in a couple of innings. I have no doubt he will score plenty of runs for the club in the future. Bowled well for us this year, even opened the bowling against The Entrance and managed to contain their aggressive batting line up. Fielded well and took plenty of catches.

Ashton Surwald – one of the most promising all rounders in the club. Scored plenty of runs for us this year and scored fifties in a couple of our wins. Was one of the faster bowlers in third grade and bowled without luck. Could have easily taken a big haul in any of the games. Natural athlete in the field and has great hands. Look forward to seeing Ashton push for higher selection in the coming years.

Kye Feltham – kept well for us this season. Another of our youth league players that will benefit from spending the season in threes. Was our leading run scorer in youth league and played a couple of valuable innings for us in threes this year. Once he fully understands his strengths and plays to them will score plenty of runs.

Adam Walsh – another veteran playing threes. Fantastic to have around the younger players. Started the season strong scoring plenty of runs and had his season not ended early with injury would have been our leading run scorer. Took a great one handed catch to show the young ones how it's done. Still plenty of years ahead of him yet.

Ben Surwald – played his first season in a few years. Showed why he was one of the best bowlers in the district. Always bowls a consistent line and length. Deserved to take more wickets but this could have been a case of him being a bit too good for the opposition. Hopefully the body holds up and we can get a few more games out of him next year.

Geoff Christy – bowls his 8 straight every week, fields for the remainder and then umpires for 40 overs. Bowled well for us every week and provided valuable intel on the opposition. Needs to get his old man to stand somewhere other than behind the bowlers arm when he watches.

Robert Hay – not his best season with the bat. Got a few starts but just didn't manage to go on with it a post some big scores. Took a couple of great catches. Great team man and always happy to help out.

Mal Barsing – our leading wicket taker this season. Always looked threatening with the ball and achieved the outstanding figures of 8 for 11 from 5.4 overs v Warnervale. His bowling style and smarts make him a real handful on grass. Be great to have him around a bit more.

Michael Cross – one of veterans to play a few games for us this year. Had limited opportunities with the bat but still managed some handy contributions. Awesome to have around the younger players who benefited greatly from his positive attitude.

Toby Mielekamp – filled in for us a few times this year. Carried his bowling form from youth league into threes. Has plenty of promise and is eager to learn and improve. Hopefully he continues to play seniors on a more regular basis next season.

Mick Mara – only played a few games with us this year due to family commitments. Managed to wear one in face batting on a wet deck. Fortunately the damage wasn't too bad (couple stitches) and he was back a couple of weeks later. Burgled a couple of wickets with his slow offies. Hopefully he can find some time to fit a few more games in next year.

Others to play a couple of games were Baily Figallo, David Lawrie, Neeraj Mattass, Adam Montgomery and Nick Tsougranis. Thanks to all the others who filled in for us at various times this season. Their efforts and attitude are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the boys for their efforts with the covers this season. It's difficult enough to get covers down at our local ground but having all of our home games out of area make it a little more challenging. Thanks also to Paul Moriarty, Peter Cross, Brad Binns and the Sadlers for their efforts on the selections panel.

It was an absolute pleasure to play in this side this year. I look forward to building on this seasons efforts and challenging for the title next year.

Captain – Andrew Sainsbury

Ladies 3rd Grade



Team Awards

Batting: Sue Donovan

Bowling: Alana Beck

Fielding: Fiona Nadilo and Cindy Russell

What a season it has been for our ladies 3rd-grade cricket superstars! Firstly, we survived!!!! From the very first game to the final overs, this team has shown nothing but grit, growth, and good vibes. Whether it was smashing fours, diving (or not diving) saves in the field, or cheering each other on from the sidelines, every single lady brought something special to this team! Beyond the laughs and the occasional mishap, what really stood out was the team spirit. The friendship and camaraderie that has been built this year is just as impressive as any trophy. Honestly, I couldn't be prouder to be Captain of this squad of champions. You are all talented, hilarious, slightly chaotic cricket queens and I wouldn't change a thing (except maybe our catching average).

A huge thankyou to our scorers, umpires and supporters who showed up every week and always had our back, it wouldn't have been possible to play without you!

Bring on next season, where we'll continue to confuse the opposition with our wild mix of energy, unpredictability and just enough skill to be dangerous! Here's to bigger hits, fewer runouts (that's us) and more amazing afternoon teas. Watch out world - the 3rd Grade Lionesses are just getting started!

Alicia White - Captain

5th Grade



Team Awards

Batting: Kyle MacGregor

Bowling: Vince Kennedy

Fielding: Harrison Faber

And with another summer, the lions continue to grace cricket fields around the Central Coast. Fifth grade had much the same team as last season in fourths with some new faces who seamlessly replaced those who had gone onto bigger and better things. Thankfully, this season we were a bit more competitive – notching up a few more wins than last. We had a few more close games this year – almost beating the top team in the comp and a close one for the last game of the season. But with the ups, there are the downs, losing to teams that were below us on the table. We welcomed some new players to the club and into the team – Neeraj Mattas early into the season, and towards the later, half of the season - Damien Kelly and the Brothers Drew – Jake and Keagan.

Even though we were more of a bowling side this season, our batting wasn't too bad. We had a few good innings during season, digging ourselves out of trouble if we got into it. Everyone had a good innings at one point during the season, stepping up at times when it was needed. Neeraj scored the only 50 this season, showcasing his talents as an upper order batsman. Other batter of note were Kyle MacGregor and Himan Rao, who scored a number of innings in the 40's and played great innings when required. Another great innings of note was Bailey Macdonald's 40+ in the last game of the season. Everyone chipped in with runs when needed at various times.

As mentioned, bowling was our strength. Lead by the old warhorse Adam Montgomery, our bowling was consistent. He as well supported by Vince Kennedy, Johan Fernandes and Neeraj throughout the season – a winner takes all bowl off between Adam and Vince for most number of wickets in the side occurred in the last game of the season. The main quad of the bowling attack was well supported throughout the season by others, with Harry Faber turning into a handy slower bowler by the season end. Kyle's Hatrick against Brisbane Water was the highlight of the season, ending up 3/5 off 1.3 over.

He also ended up on another hatrick during the last game of the season, but didn't get the choccies. Other bowling

performances of note were Yak's 5 for 6 off 8 against Warnervale, Neeraj's first wicket for the club and a number of 3 fa's shared between the boys.

On the field, we did really well. The standard was set by Harry Faber, who was like a whippet in the field, and by Bailey Macdonald who wasn't far behind. Peter Paterson did a wonderful job behind the stumps for the majority of the season, until an injury unfortunately forced him to sit out the rest of the season. With Keeping duties up for grabs, Bailey Macdonald put his hand up and never looked back. Impressing all, he did an exceptional job behind the stumps for the remainder of the season

Special mention goes to the boys and their Arvo teas that they brought during the season. While we may not have led the 5th grade competition at any stage of the season, if the standings were set by Arvo Teas, we would've been Minor Premiers by a long shot! Our Arvo teas set the standard!

As always, it was another enjoyable year playing for the mighty lions. I'd like to thank everyone who played in 5ths in one way or another this year, came & watched and/or helped out in anyway during the season. Thanks to Yak for steering the ship for the few games that I was unable to play and especially to the members of the team who would help set up Gavenlock whenever we had a home game.
Until next season,

Lucas Sadler - Captain

7th Grade - Green



Team Awards

Batting: Josh Mason

Bowling: Brayden Tate

Fielding: Rob Blandford

The 7th Grade Green team had an up and down season. The team was a 'father and son' team with the majority of our team coming from the Copland, Mason, Blandford and Rutherford families. Our goal at the beginning of the season was to be competitive and try and make the finals.

Our competitiveness showed throughout the season as we proved to be a tough side to beat. We pushed all of the front running teams, with most games going the distance. Only outstanding individual performances from opposing players proved to be the difference between us and the higher placed teams.

We had some very close losses and some wins we shouldn't have, particularly defending a very low total against The Entrance. Unfortunately for us we had a few injuries throughout the season which didn't help our chances. But we fought hard right through the season.

This season brought out the best in many of our players. Brayden Tate's performed brilliantly with the ball, opening the bowling with swing and pace, taking vital wickets. Harry Blandford gained a yard of pace and had many dangerous and effective spells. Elijah Copland was damaging with both bat and ball, blasting runs and spinning through teams- including taking the first '5 for' in recent seasons for our team. Lachlan Mason's catching and bowling came along very well throughout the season, taking important breakthroughs at crucial times. Jarrod Tonkin joined us after Christmas and in his very first season of cricket ever, showed great enthusiasm and improving skills with every outing. Jayden 'Wild Thing' Wilde-Taylor was damaging with both bat and ball whenever he was with us, his big hitting setting up our innings on many occasions. Krishna Ganta joined us this season and his exquisite

timing, strong hitting and skilled fielding were a great asset to the team. The comeback of the year was from Danny Rutherford, who returned to cricket after last playing in the U16's a few years ago now. His reliable batting, great hands in the field and very handy, accurate bowling all added strongly to our performances. Rob Blandford was again reliable with the bat at the top of the order, strong behind the stumps and his knowledge and experience of opposing teams and players provided valuable tactical insights. Thanks also to Rob for captaining the team for a game early in the season.

A big thank you to all of the juniors who filled in for us at various occasions throughout the season, all contributing to the efforts when they played. Thanks too to the premiership winning 8th Grade players who also joined our team throughout the season. A special thanks to Greg Sadler for his efforts in team selections this year. Trying to wrangle the players for all the lower grades and supply the needs of the higher grades is a huge task.

Thanks once again for everyone's help this season and already looking forward to next season.

Dan Copland and Josh Mason

Cheers

Dan Copeland & Josh Mason - Co-Captains

7th Grade - White



Team Awards

Batting: Soham Bhatt

Bowling: Soham Bhatt

Fielding: Callum Walsh

Firstly I would like to congratulate Brendan and 8th grade team and Andrew and the Masters team for winning their respective grand finals.

7th Grade White this year was a late admission to the competition. We didn't have enough seniors to make a single team so we decided to fill a side with around six juniors each week. In total we had to use 28 players including 9 juniors, 6 new players to the club and 1 player who returned having not played for 12 years.

Of our 18 games we won 10, lost 7 and Drew 1, and we ended the season in 6th place out of 12. Had we won the last game of the season we would have played in the semi finals. We were always in the hunt but lost a couple of key games which we should have won which would have got us into the finals. We also defeated the eventual premiers during the season.

Nevertheless the concept of having half the side made up of juniors was successful. Not only did the juniors get valuable experience playing against senior players, they also covered for us older blokes in the field with their youthful exuberance. I look forward to following their career as they eventually transition into full time seniors

There were some notable performances during the season

Batting: Given we have to retire at 50 runs, David Lawrie(4), Soham Bhatt (2), Atul Gaur (1), Ethan Haverkamp (1), Declan Walsh (1), and Jake Wanner (1) all scored 50 this season with Soham Bhatt scoring the most runs (365).

Our highest partnership of the season was 118 between Jake Wanner and David Lawrie against Warnervale where we also scored our highest team score 5/268

Bowling: There were several notable bowling performances: Ansh Bhatt 3-1, David Lawrie 3-3, Yohan Seneviratne 3-6, Chace Martin 3-7, Reagan Gomez 3-13, David Lawrie 3-17, Callum Walsh 3-17, Yohan Seneviratne 3-24 with Soham Bhatt taking the most wickets (18)

Fielding: The most catches were taken by: Buster Farrell (8) & Callum Walsh (8), Atul Gaur 6, & Ansh Bhatt 5

I would like to thank our juniors for not just filling in but also for contributing to the success of 7th grade White this season. In no particular order they are: Ansh Bhatt, Anuj Bhatt, Buster Farrell, Reagan Gomez, Ethan Haverkamp, Chace Martin, Aibel Thomas, & Callum Walsh. I would also like to thank the parents and carers of our juniors who not only made sure our junior players were at the games on time and brought the best afternoon teas in the comp.

It has been an absolute pleasure leading this team and watching the team improve as the season went on. It would be remiss of me to not thank Soham Bhatt who looked after things when I was unavailable to play during the season. You were a great help Soham.

I look forward to catching up with you all next season

Captain - Garry Crowe

8th Grade



Team Awards:

Batting: Phil Davidson

Bowling: Phil Davidson

Fielding: Rhys Seiler

Firstly, I like to take the opportunity to congratulate Andrew Bull & the over 40's Masters side on their Grand Final victory and also to our Youth League cubs who made a nice run to the semis unfortunately going down to eventual champions Wyong. I hope this seasons experience makes you all hungry to go all the way next season. Good luck.

The 2024/25 season was one to remember for the Narara Wyoming Lions 8th Grade side, capped off with a grand final victory to seal both the minor premiership and the championship. It was a fitting reward for a team that showed consistency, resilience, and a strong sense of unity throughout the season.

This year marked my 10th with the club, but my first as captain—an experience made all the more special by the character and commitment of this group. We were lucky to welcome two fantastic additions to the team in Taf Mudavose and Alex Hogan, in what was both their 1st season in senior cricket for the club. A special thank you as well to Al's father Peter Hogan, who stepped in when we needed numbers while a few of our regulars were called up to 7th Grade as the season played out.

On the field, we saw some standout performances that set the tone for our campaign. Phil Davidson and Adrian Seiler both produced brilliant five-wicket hauls at different stages, also Jake Wanner bagging an amazing 6fa turning games in our favour and keeping the pressure on the opposition. The batting lineup was just as strong, with Rhys Seiler, Jake Wanner, Josh Hardie, Craig Coskerie, and the

ever-reliable Phil Davidson consistently being in the top 10 of the leading run scorers throughout season for our grade.

Phil Davidson's all-round excellence didn't go unnoticed, earning him the well-deserved title of **8th Grade Champion Player**. His efforts, both with bat and ball, were instrumental in our success.

As a team, finishing the regular season as **minor premiers** was already a huge achievement—but to then go on and claim **grand final glory** was the perfect ending. Every player contributed throughout the season, and stood up for the occasion when needed. Whether it was cutting off boundaries, taking catches, or scoring runs when it mattered.

Thanks to everyone involved with the club for their support, and to the players for making this such a memorable season. Here's to backing it up again next year!

Brendan Blake - Captain

Masters Over 40



After last year's agonising Grand Final defeat, hopes were high that the Old Lions could still compete with the competition's Elite. Losing Adam Walsh to injury and Ben Surwald (3rds offered a more lucrative contract) was offset by the timely returns of Big G and Mose. Due to work and family commitments, and a steady stream of injuries, the squad also expanded to see a few valued Masters debutants this season in Matty Doyle, Neil Dixon, Lucas Sadler, Soham Bhatt, David Lawrie, and Jakob Wanner. This incredible 'next-up' mentality saw crucial contributions from all players throughout the season, ensuring we maintained a high standard no matter the opposition.....well, except for The Entrance game in Round 2, where we were 'lucky' to only be chasing about 400 off 40 overs. Let's never speak of that game again, unless it's after we beat The Entrance in big matches - more on that later.

There were lots of memorable individual performances this year, including:

- Soham's 4 fa on debut vs those pathetic sooks from Southern, and an equally impressive 3 fa against Lisarow against some intimidating hitters.
- Rhino's 4 for 2 against a bewildered Gosford.
- Rowey's lower order demolition of Warnervale taking 4 fa.
- Dave Lawrie bowling absolute tripe against Warnervale, then managed to put together 3 perfect deliveries to pick up a stunning hat-trick. You owe Rowey a beer!
- Stunning 10 wicket victory over Terrigal.
- Macca and Mose's consistent runs at the top of the order throughout the season.

The real standout memory for the season was clearly the Grand Final rematch: Lions vs Seagulls Vol. III. The Entrance were statistically better and by all accounts, very confident of another Premiership. With a fair amount of pre-match strategizing (we must check on the legality of taking Masters cricket this seriously), we went into the

game with some strong plans to control the Seagulls Big Bats. Andy and G bowled perfectly to their field, each taking 2 crucial wickets and keeping the run rate manageable. Then came Cracker Hardie. Being asked to come on as a change bowler for the first time, he knew the assignment, and strangled the last of their gun bats and killed their run rate. Salts and Rowey were also outstanding with their control and changes of pace. And a real un-sung hero of our last two seasons, Geoff Christy, put in another brilliant spell to restrict the Seagulls to a score we were confident of chasing.

After losing our two Poms early, Mose and Rhino calmly resurrected the innings with a classy 80 run partnership. Dicko did his best to maintain the pace with some exciting hitting, but it seemed like the run rate was getting away from us. Who do you need batting when multiple tactics and constant calculations are required: a human cricket computer. Luckily we had Mozza on our side to find every gap, squeeze every run between the wickets, and generally annoy the opposition bowlers. His steady innings allowed Big Game G to play his best innings in 20+ years! G swept, slapped and whacked every bowler anywhere he wanted and ran just as hard as Moz. It's not nice to laugh at your opponents, but lots of funny memories were made watching the Gulls trying to deal with the G onslaught. Just as it looked as though the target might be out of reach, these two Club Legends linked together some big overs, and suddenly, WE were in the box seat. After a nervous couple of wickets, enter the Ice Man, Scotty Salter, knocking the ball around, pushing hard between the wickets, and then bombing the winning runs over the boundary whilst maintaining a heart rate of 47 BPM. This was one of the best games of cricket I've ever been involved in. I was amazed at how the boys put in an almost flawless performance against some seriously good opposition. I hope everyone remembers this game as fondly as I do. Good, hard cricket, and we got to enjoy a nice drink with the Gullies afterwards before talking smack back at The Grange. Premierships never get old, not even when you do.

Thank you to all the lads involved in the squad this year. Whilst we couldn't get everyone on the park for the GF, you all made this another successful and enjoyable season. Extra thanks to our amazing leadership team of Andy, G, and Mose, who provided valuable insight and advice during my first season in charge of a team since 2006. Your knowledge of bowling changes, field settings, and batting tendencies was pivotal in our team's success and I am extremely grateful. Finally, I just want to say how much I value the friendship and camaraderie that Narara Wyoming Masters Cricket still provides me. The body definitely can't handle the long days every weekend anymore, so to be able to catch up with old and new mates every month, play some bloody good cricket, and share a million stories and laughs: it means the absolute World to me to still be a Lion. Thank you so much, Gentlemen.

Now.....Where do we come from?

Andrew Bull - Captain

Male Youth League



Team Awards

BATTING AWARD KYE FELTHAM
BOWLING AWARD TOBY MIELEKAMP
FIELDING AWARD ASHTON SURWALD
COACH'S AWARD COOPER FARRELL

The Youth League team this season improved significantly from last season. We won five of our nine games and played some good cricket every week. This saw us make the finals this year being narrowly beaten by the eventual premiers. A fantastic effort given we didn't win a game last season.

We had a good mix of players across 3 age groups which gave us a good mix of experience and young talent. Every player that played youth league last season improved, and those playing in their first season performed well and showed they had the skills to succeed.

This year we decided to have a shared captaincy role and the players that asked to take on this role lead well and gained some valuable experience leading the side. They played with a great team spirit and were a joy to coach and watch.

Cooper Farrell (c) – not his best season with the bat but bowled and fielded well. Lead the side well when he was captain. Was always at training and has a great attitude. Will be better for this season in youth league and look

forward to seeing him continue to develop in the coming years.

Kye Feltham (c) – showed this year what he is capable of with the bat. Played some exceptional innings and put the opposition under pressure by always looking to score. Kept well and captained the side well again this year. Was selected to play a couple of games in second grade this season and will benefit from that experience.

Nathan Sainsbury (c) – batted well this season and never looked troubled against the new ball. Played some good innings for us this year, shows plenty of patience and can occupy the crease for long periods. Solid in the field again this year and captained the side this year for the first time.

Malcolm Hawkins – bowled well with the new ball for us. Always bowled with great consistency and has the ability to move the ball both ways. Showed again this season he has loads of ability with the bat and is developing into a very good allrounder. Made his first grade debut this season which was a very proud moment for us.

Toby Mielekamp – bowled exceptionally well and was our leading wicket taker this season. Finished just one wicket short of being the competition leader. A pleasure to coach and we hope to be seeing him play again next season.

Ashton Surwald – has loads of natural ability and makes it look easy when batting, bowling or fielding. Unlucky at times not to take more wickets but wickets will come. His batting was much improved this season and is starting to look more comfortable playing on grass. Another to be selected in second grade this season and suspect a first grade start is not too far away.

Elijah Copland – adapted well to playing on grass batted well for us this season. Played a couple of good innings but the highlight for me was swatting a first grade opening bowler over mid wicket to set the tone for our innings in a must win game.

Harry Blandford – bowled well for us this season. Looks dangerous when he consistently gets the ball in good areas. Took a couple of good catches and always has a great attitude. Has improved so much over the last couple of years and will continue to improve in the coming years.

Brayden Tate – one of the most improved players in the club. Bowled very well for us this year and still has plenty of potential to unlock. Took plenty of wickets in seniors as well. Loves the game and if he continues to work hard will work his way up the grades.

Declan Walsh – missed a couple of games due to other commitments but still had a great season. His batting this year improved enormously and he played a couple of great innings for us. Can hit the ball hard and score freely when needed and also occupy the crease which shows a great understanding of the game. Has loads of talent and potential and hopefully he can play some senior cricket next season.

Ethan Haverkamp – has plenty of potential. Showed how much his batting has improved this year by playing a great innings in the semi final. Looks fantastic and is difficult to get out when he plays straight and hits through the line of the ball.

Callum Walsh – one of our under fifteens playing up this year. Never looked overawed and played a couple of good innings. Still has a couple of years in youth league so if he continues to improve will be a leading player in the competition. Pleasure to coach and always eager to learn.

Buster Farrell – another of our under fifteens playing up this year. Has a great attitude and always wants to get in the game. Bowled some good spells and will develop into a leading bowler in the competition over the next couple of years. Played a great innings towards the end of the season highlighting his allround talent.

Thanks also to Ben Surwald and Adam Walsh for assisting with managing, coaching, umpiring and their advice during the season. Big thanks to Paul Feltham for scoring for us this season. This allowed us to watch the game and talk to the boys. Thanks to all the parents for getting players to training and especially the games on Friday afternoons.

It's been a pleasure coaching this group over the past few seasons. From where we started in the 14Cs to where we are now is a credit how hard the group have worked and applied themselves. Every player should be proud of their efforts and achievements, I know the club is. I look forward to seeing every one of the players continue to develop and become the backbone of the club in the seasons to follow.

Andrew Sainsbury - Coach

Female Youth League



Team Awards

Batting: Violet Hardie
Bowling: Ella Davidson
Fielding: Olivia Wanner

This year saw our Narara Wyoming girls join forces with girls from Terrigal Matcham and Wyong to form a youth league team. The team was made up of 3 girls from NW, 5 from TM & 2 Wyong.

It is a credit to all the girls that they bonded straight away and supported each other from the very first game. It has also been lovely to see the girls all support each other and even cheer for their teammates' clubs in their Saturday morning and senior cricket games because of the friendships they have formed in this youth league team.

It has been so rewarding to see how much all the girls have improved over the season and we are excited to watch the girls continue to grow and improve over the coming years.

Special thanks to Rosie from Terrigal Matcham for managing the team. Thanks also to all the parents who scored throughout the season.

The 24/25 youth league team

Olivia (NW) -Olivia was the captain of the team and led by example. She was great at being fair and organised with the team, providing opportunities for all the girls to showcase what they had to offer. She has a powerful bowling arm and is great in the field with the direct throw runouts.

Holly (TM)-Holly was our vice-captain & somehow made batting look easy. She was the team's leading run-scorer and one of the team's wicketkeepers. Holly has a safe pair of hands in the field and is a great team player.

Ella (NW)-Ella is a great all-rounder. She can bowl both pace and spin and was the team &leading wicket-taker. Ella is powerful with the bat and great at running between the wickets squeezing out any extra runs where she could.

Violet (NW)-Violet is a great all-rounder. She is a fast bowler and was one of the highest wicket taker for the team. She is also very strong with the bat and seemed to hit 4's with ease.

Lucy (TM)-This was Lucy's first year of cricket and wow what a great first year it was. Lucy is fearless in the field and took the most catches this season. She also performed well with the bat & was one of the leading run scorers.

Eliza (TM)-Eliza was a valuable team member. She is a fast and accurate left-handed bowler and one of the leading wicket-takers for the team as well as having the best bowling strike rate.

Annabelle (TM)-Annabelle is a fearless player. She is one of the team's wicket keepers as well as being great at forming solid partnerships with the bat. She improved dramatically throughout the season.

Phoebe (TM)-Phoebe has been great with the bat this season. She is fast between the wickets and has the best batting average for the team. Phoebe is an accurate leg spin bowler and a great team player.

Grace (W)-Grace joined the team from Wyong and fitted in straight away. She is a supportive team player and with great hand-eye coordination. Grace is a powerhouse with the bat, cementing herself as a capable opening batting forming some great opening partnerships with Ella & Violet.

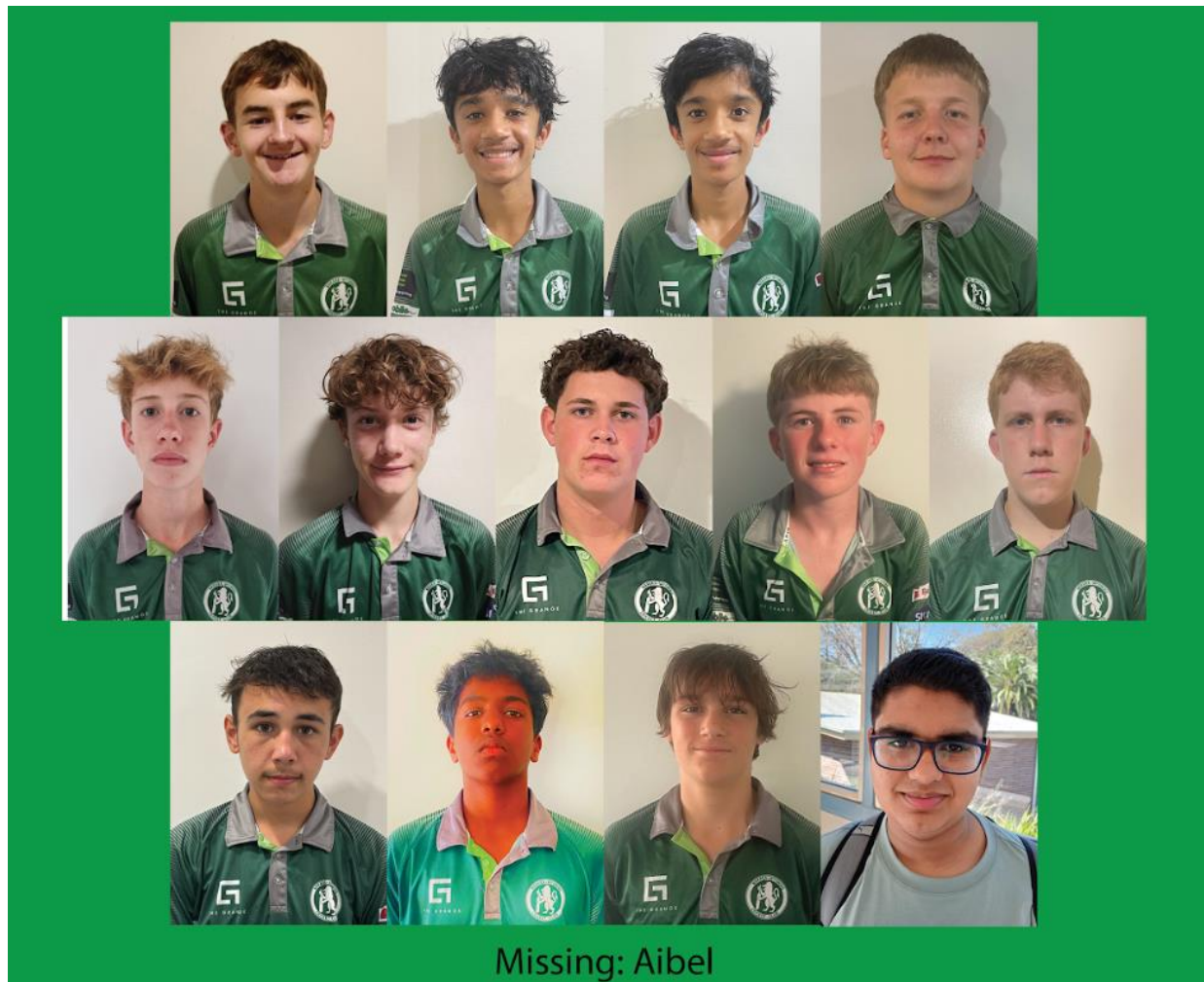
Hayley (W)-Hayley also joined the team from Wyong. Hayley was very quiet in the beginning however once comfortable with the team contributed brilliantly with the bat and in the field. She found her spot as the LMS queen.

It was always going to be a hard season for the girls, coming together as a new group with many of them this being their first year of cricket. Overall the confidence and growth shown by the girls from our first game to the last was great to witness.

I look forward to watching the girls in the coming years to see what they can bring.

Kylie Wanner - FYL Coach

Under 16 Boys



Team Awards

BATTING AWARD BUSTER FARRELL

BOWLING AWARD CHACE MARTIN

FIELDING AWARD CALLUM WALSH

COACH'S AWARD ETHAN HAVERKAMP

Congratulations to the U16's for their efforts this season.

The boys trained well each week, mixing it up with the Youth League boys, and they played in good spirit even when things weren't going their way.

Congratulations to the boys who played Youth League this year, whether permanently or as a fill in. They enjoyed a few more wins and learnt a lot.

Congratulations also to those who played permanently or filled in for senior teams on a Saturday afternoon. It was great to see many of the boys achieving some pleasing personal milestones playing against men.

It was a tough season for them, being a young team in the U16 competition, with wins hard to come by. We probably should've got a few more wins than we did but it wasn't to be, although they did knock over Lisarow the two times they played them!

I'd like thank Ed and Soham for managing the team and assisting me with coaching throughout the season, and all the other parents/carers who supported the boys and the team throughout the season (scoring, making sure the boys were padded up, umpiring, etc.). I know it can be challenging at times and you don't always get to focus on your child, so thanks very much.

I hope the boys enjoyed their season, and wish them luck in their winter sports.

Yours in cricket,
Adam Walsh
Coach

Under 12B Boys



Team Awards:

BATTING AWARD BRENDAN KELLY

BOWLING AWARD AUSTIN MCDONALD

FIELDING AWARD WALTER MURPHY

COACH'S AWARD AYREN ZIBRAN

COACH'S AWARD ROWAN RAMANAH

What a season it's been for the mighty U12 Lions!

We kicked off the season with solid performances, showing glimpses of the potential within the team. While the early rounds saw some ups and downs, one thing became clear — this was a group of players who refused to be counted out.

As we moved into the business end of the season, something clicked. The Lions transformed into a different beast altogether. We were sharp, focused, and hungry. Opposing teams underestimated us at their peril — and we made them pay. Never underestimate the Lions.

Knockout Kings

Come finals time, the Lions were unstoppable. We stormed through the quarter-final and semi-final with grit and determination, each player stepping up when it mattered most. Our bowling was fierce, our fielding tight, and our batting composed under pressure.

In the grand final, we saved our best for last. Every player contributed — from disciplined overs and sharp catches to clever partnerships with the bat. We played as a unit, backed each other, and held our nerve when the game was in the balance.

We were underestimated. We responded like champions. And we finished the season as champions.

Key Highlights

Finals Brilliance: Undefeated through all knockout matches.

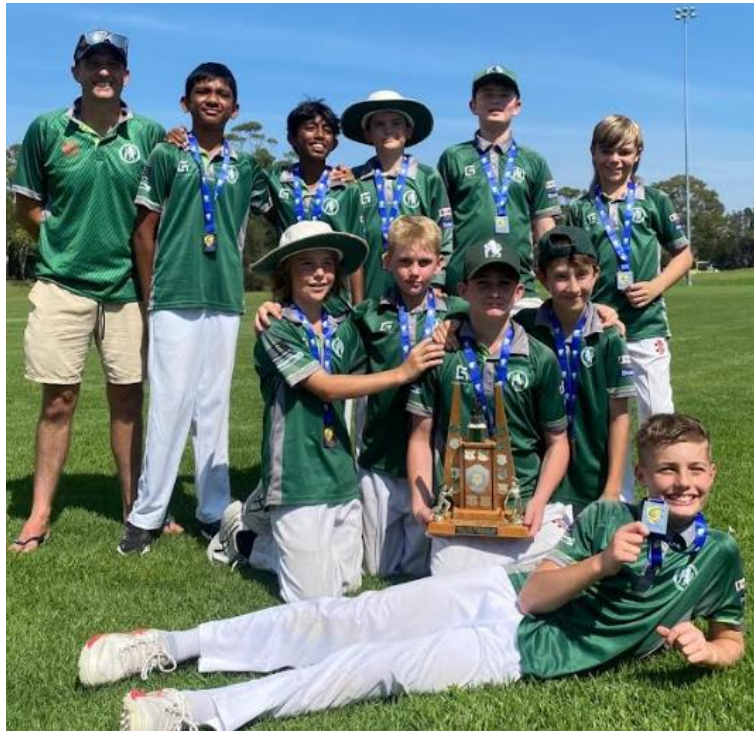
Teamwork & Spirit: Every player contributed in crunch moments.

Growth: From round one to the grand final, the development in skills, confidence, and belief was remarkable.

Final Word

This season has shown what's possible when a group of young cricketers believes in themselves and plays for each other. The U12 Lions have made their mark — not just with a trophy, but with a fearless attitude that will be remembered.

2024/25 U12 Premiers – The Lions. Hear us roar.



Under 12C Boys



Team Awards

BATTING AWARD MATTHEW MERROTSY

BOWLING AWARD DANIEL FATHERS

FIELDING AWARD TYLER WALSH

COACH'S AWARD ASHTON HARRIS

This season our U/12C boys team was made up of players transition up from the U10s last year and a few players new to cricket. The year proved to be a great developmental & learning experience with the boys stepping up against older players and adjusting to the longer pitch, longer format and no second chances after being dismissed. Each player improved their game significantly as the season progressed and were playing their cricket as a solid team and in the right spirit.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the parents for their commitment to getting the boys to training & the games, and for their positive support throughout the season. Also, I would like to thank our team manager Steve Fathers for his efforts in organising every aspect of the season, from training to scoring to keeping everyone informed, he didn't miss a trick all year.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to secure a spot in the semi-finals, falling a couple of wins short of 4th place. There were a number of games that we narrowly lost which was the difference at the end of the season. However, the boys always maintained a positive attitude and continued to enjoy their cricket no matter what the results were. I'm proud of the way the boys conduct themselves and display great sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to coach and spend time with such a great bunch of kids and I'm already looking forward to next season and building on the progress that we made this year.

Mark Smith - Coach

Girls Sixers



Girls Sixers - Green

Team Awards

BATTING AWARD BILLIE WHITE

BOWLING AWARD ELOISE HARDIE

FIELDING AWARD JOSEPHINE HAYWARD

COACH'S AWARD ANNABELLE SPRAGUE

What a year it's been. The 2024/2025 season was an incredible journey for the Girls Sixers – a season full of learning, growth, and memories.

Our team was a beautiful mix of first-timers, graduating Blast players, and returning stars. With such a wide range of ages, skills, and experiences, this year became about so much more than just cricket. It was about building skills, growing confidence, and most importantly, creating friendships that will hopefully last well beyond the pitch. While the scoreboard may not have always been in our favour, success came in so many other ways. I was especially proud to see each and every one of you achieve personal milestones – your **first runs, first wickets, first catches, runouts, boundaries**, and of course, our **first wins!** Those moments, and the smiles they brought, meant the world. Seeing the way you celebrated each other's successes and stood by your teammates through thick and thin was inspiring.

Watching your growth over the course of the season – as players and as a team – was a real privilege. I know each of you has so much more to give, and this is only the beginning of your cricket journeys.

A massive thank you to **Cameron Mitchell** for leading our Thursday afternoon training sessions with such enthusiasm and energy. Your commitment made a big difference. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents – your support was invaluable. Whether it was helping with setup and pack-up, umpiring, scoring, or just being there every week – I couldn't have done it without you.

With the season now wrapped up, I want to say the biggest **thank you** to our amazing team:

Anna, Billie, Eloise, Josie, Layla, Olivia, and Zarwa – thank you for giving it your all, every single week.

Coaching you was an absolute joy, and I hope you had as much fun as I did.

Looking forward to seeing you all again next summer!

Josh Hardie – Coach

Girls Sixers - White

Team Awards

BATTING AWARD KENDRIX MITCHELL

BOWLING AWARD SOPHIE MERROTSY

FIELDING AWARD LILY MCRAE

MOST IMPROVED AWARD KUNASHE MUDAVOSE

COACH'S AWARD ISLA FRIEND

We had such a great year in the Girls Sixers this season!

Nearly all of the girls in the Sixers White had moved up from our blasters program from last season. It took a couple of games for the girls to get used to playing with all of the gear and a harder ball but their confidence started to grow and so did our tally of runs and wickets.

All of the girls worked really hard at training during the season and it started to show at our games every Saturday. We had so many great individual and team achievements throughout the season that all of the girls should be extremely proud of. The levels of enthusiasm, participation and willingness to learn from all of the girls was really wonderful to see.

A huge thank you goes out to Cam McRae who put his hand up to manage and score each week for our girls. Thanks to Matt Friend who always helped me out at training and with umpiring on Saturdays. Also a big thanks to Josh Hardie who was the coach of our other Girls Sixers team, without all of his help the girls wouldn't have been able to play each week so thank you again!

To all of our amazing parents, thank you for always being so encouraging, helping me out with training and most of all for always cheering on all of our girls every Saturday morning.

We have so many young talented girls in both teams who achieved some really impressive things and at times against girls who were much older. We were also the only club to field two teams in the Girls Sixers Competition, which really is great for the future of Girls and Women's cricket at our club.

Congratulations to both of our teams on an enjoyable and successful season!

I hope to see you all again later in the year for the start of next season.

Cameron Mitchell
Girls Sixers White Coach

U10 Boys



Team Awards

BATTING AWARD JACK MCDONALD

BOWLING AWARD JACK LE BRETON

FIELDING AWARD ZACHARY VISTNES

COACH'S AWARD LUCA HENDERSON

The Under 10's boys team had a great season of fun, learning, good times and quality cricket. All the players made the step up from Master Blasters the previous season, so was a steep learning curve to begin. However, everyone worked hard during training, with barely a single player missing a session, and the improvement over the course of the season was outstanding from all players. This was rewarded with some great wins, especially towards the end of the season, and it was fantastic to see the team gel together and develop a love for the game. What was also very encouraging was the spirit in which all the boys played the game. Their sportsmanship, encouragement and good nature was always on display and remarked upon several times by opposition coaches. The boys all learned how a big part of playing cricket well is not just how many runs you score or wickets you take but also how well you behave and stay positive, how well you treat the other team and your team mates, how well you handle losing, how gracious you are when winning, and how well you keep trying even when things aren't going your way.

It was a real privilege for me to get to coach such a great group of kids and help guide them through their first season of proper cricket. They always treated me, Malcolm and each other with respect and it was a pleasure to be in their company. I had loads of fun along with the boys too!

Big thanks to Malcolm for giving up his time to volunteer as assistant coach, never missing a training session or a match, doing an outstanding job as scorer and giving me and all the boys great support over the season, very much appreciated.

And thanks to all the parents for making the effort and sacrifices to allow your kids to play cricket and for all your help and support over the season!

Blasters



Another great summer for our blasters programme! This year there were some changes on previous years – We held the programme at our newly upgraded Carrington St oval, starting the year with Master and Junior blasters at the same venue (for the first time in some years) and finished with the Master Blasters entering the newly created u/9's transition programme.

For me, there was 2 significant highlights –

1. Seeing over 30 kids (plus family members) down at Carrington St each Saturday morning playing cricket.
2. Watching the progress of our u/9's playing real cricket for the first time. The enthusiasm of these kids (and parents!) made this a truly enjoyable experience!

As a community club, we rely heavily on the volunteers and it was great to see all the parents helping out on a Saturday morning. I believe that this engagement is critical to the overall enjoyment of the kids, particularly at this young age. There are some people I would like to single out for their assistance with the Junior Blasters – James Cross, Nick Bergholcs and Grant Binns. Thanks for jumping in guys!

With the older Blasters, singling people out for their help is difficult. I'm happy to say that all parents (and brothers, sisters, uncles and aunties) were more than happy to help with scoring, chasing balls, kitting the kids up, setting up and packing up. For me, this was great to see and added to the enjoyment of Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoons. However, I would like to single out Andrew Moseley, Matthew Friend and Eddie Harvey for their help with training. This assistance led to massive improvements on the field which was noted every week. Hope to see you all next year and feel free to get more friends along and make an even bigger year next year!

Peter Cross
Blasters Coach/Coordinator

Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club



