

West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club Inc.,
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81st Year

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Club Annual General Meeting
WPH Sports Club
Monday 27th June 2011
AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Correspondence
4. Presentation of Annual Report and Balance Sheet
5. Election of Office Bearers
 - + Chairperson
 - + Deputy Chairperson (Senior and Junior)
 - + Finance Manager
 - + Director – Operations/Secretary
 - + Director – Girls
 - + Director – Kanga
 - + Director – Juniors
 - + Director – Seniors
 - + Statistician / Historian
 - + Internet
 - + Association delegates (2)
 - + Association alternate delegates (2)
 - + WPHCCC Ambassador
6. General Business
 - + Association
 - + Season opening arrangements
 - o Readiness
 - o Promotion and marketing
 - + Other

Chairperson's Report

Our 81st season is now completed and we can all look back with satisfaction on another successful season. If success is judged solely on Premiership wins we have not reached the standards of previous seasons, having won only the C1 and C2 Grade premierships. However, we have always benchmarked our season performance against our 'Participation over results' policy in Juniors and this continues to achieve great success. Add to this the growing strength of our Girls teams, the continued success of Kanga and with it the quality of volunteers. Finally, our Seniors Division continues to perform very well.

Congratulations to our U15 Red and 13 Blue sides that both played in the Final. Also to our Girls B Grade Red Premiers and in Seniors, our C1 and C2 Premiers. What is also satisfying is where we finished in the competition tables. In the Girls, both Shield Teams made the Semi Finals. In the Juniors, for most of our Age Divisions, teams were generally clustered around 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th positions. If we graded teams we could win every competition but this shows the success of our participation policy. Finally, in Seniors we had 8 of our 11 teams in the rain affected semi finals and all teams were in the race until the final round.

This season there has again been many highlights:

Kanga numbers

Despite an ageing demographic the numbers are still strong. Numbers dropped from the peak of 128 last season but the 100 registrations were in line with the 5 years average of 101. However, it will be increasingly difficult to hold numbers as the demographic ages.

Cricket NSW presentation

The effort of our volunteers over many years was recognised by an invitation from CNSW to present to their Leadership Team on the success of our retention for Kanga graduates through to U9's. What we have achieved consistently over the last decade is considered best practice in NSW.

SportsPro relationship

This season, we also have entered into a 3-year relationship with Dean Gilchrist's SportsPro company to provide a specialised coaching program for all of our Junior players – boys and girls free of charge. This has been a tremendous success with a lot of good feedback and will be even better next season.

Schools development

In another first, we conducted an "Introduction to cricket" session with St Agatha's and introduced many children to cricket. This also built stronger bonds between our Club and the local school.

Conduct and Behavioural issue

For a Club our size there was not one behavioural issue that was referred to the Executive. This is a wonderful achievement that is a credit to everyone involved with our Club.

Pink stumps day

Well done to our U10 and U11 teams who supported the Glenn McGrath Pink Stumps Day. A special mention for our U11 Blue team that raised over \$1,900 on the day. There is more about this in the Report by our Director Operations.

John Coulthard – farewell and thank you

John Coulthard our Director Kanga ran his last Kanga session on Saturday at Edward Bennett Oval on 11th March. John has been a remarkable volunteer over many years. Just take a moment to appreciate this magnificent contribution:

- In 2008 John was awarded a 50 year service recognition pin from CricketAustralia. At the end of this season John will have clocked up 64 years of continuous service to cricket as a volunteer.
- John was awarded Life Membership of WPHC in 2003. Life Membership of the NSW Churches Union cricket in 1978. He had successfully captained WPHC sides between 1983/84 and 1993/94.
- In his time as Kanga Director, John has seen 940 Kanga children come through the Kanga program.
- John has developed a Kanga Program that has directly resulted in:

- An average 100+ Kanga children playing per year over the 8 years he has run the Kangas. This is a remarkable achievement with the demographic of the area ageing and other sports in decline in this area
- the development of a large core of volunteers who have graduated, stayed with the Juniors and taken on administrative roles in the Club and Association
- CNSW has acknowledged publicly that our Kanga program is one of the best run programs of its kind in NSW
- Girls now represent 10% of our Kanga numbers – a real growth %.

To quote Richard Makin, a former Junior who was coached by John:

“He is and was the best coach I ever had in my sporting life. I know people say that we were good because of people like Matt Barr and Brendan Twinning but John was responsible for making the tail wag when it was required and our bowling was very much a team effort as well. Well done John. What a champion”

Thanks for leaving such a fantastic legacy, John.

President’s Award (Jim Fuggle Trophy)

This year the Award was made to Patrick Chensee, our Director – Juniors. Patrick has been an active volunteer since Kanga days. After being an Age Convenor from the U9s, Patrick has been our Juniors Director for the last 2 seasons. His enthusiasm for junior development and playing the game in the right spirit has been a highlight of his many significant achievements. Well done Patrick.

Volunteers – Thank you

Every year I acknowledge the effort of our volunteers who make such a magnificent contribution. Thank you to the many people involved in every facet of running our Club.

Dominic Thornely – I continue to acknowledge the contribution of Dominic as our Club Ambassador for the 7th year in succession. Dominic only played Grade cricket and One Day cricket for NSW this season after a distinguished first class career. Dom recently won the coveted O’Reilly Medal – the 1st Grade Player of the Year award. What an awesome achievement. As well as representing the SpeedBlitz Blues in the One-Dayers and the KFC Big Bash this year, Dom took 42 1st Grade wickets at 14.33, as well as scoring 615 runs at 38.44. While these on-field performances have been outstanding it is Dom’s continuing support of our Club that continues to make a contribution. Thanks Dominic.

Sponsors

Thank you also to our Sponsors who continue to support our Club. Our sponsors are Kingsgrove Sports, WPH Sports Club, the WPH Sports Club Brassiere. Thank you for your continuing support.

The Future

We continue to have successful seasons on all fronts but this can’t last forever. There are many challenges ahead. The demographic trend I mention each year is real and will make it tougher over time to sustain our Kanga base. Another important consideration is the performance of the Australian cricket team. For many years, cricket at all levels has relied, to some extent, on a dominant Australian side with great players who inspire young children to follow their heroes. We are now in a new era with a national team in a rebuilding phase and this will have its own impact on inspiring children to take-up cricket. In summary, we need to keep our focus and work even harder to maintain the momentum.

A final thanks again to our Club Executive and Divisional Committees who contribute significant amounts of time and effort so that everyone can enjoy their cricket in a fun and safe environment.

Barry McDonald
Chairperson

Director – Operations

Another big season, our 81st as a Club. There were many achievements through this season:

Kanga cricket

Our 19th season of Kanga has concluded with 57 Graduation certificates handed out to our future U9's who will have Coaches, Managers and Team administrators all set to start next season – our 20th season of Kanga. Also with our 100th Registration we have now started the cricket pathway for 1,930 young cricketers since Kanga started in 1992/92.

Girls

Under John Porter's leadership and the contribution of enthusiastic playing volunteers (especially Edwina Chappell) our Girls have consolidated the recovery we made last season. With two Shield Teams in the Semi Finals and a C Grade Team ready for bigger things next season, this is encouraging. Congratulations to Anthea Staines with the amazing average of 152.0 and took out the NSGCA batting average.

Juniors

Our Junior numbers continue to go against the demographic trend with 30 teams – down on the 35 from last season which was unsustainable. We are now at the optimum number of teams. This was an unusual season in that we had just the U15 Red and U13 Blue teams making it through to the Final. While both teams just missed out, congratulations for making it into the Final. Perhaps more important in the bigger picture is the performance of most of our sides who were closely positioned in the points table around 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th position. This is important to us as we don't grade teams and nor do we encourage Teams finishing at both ends of the competition table.

Anecdotes

U14 White

The U14 White's completed their 2nd tie in two matches. In the Round 4 game against Redfield (at Northholm Grammar), they were set 226 for victory after day 1 and were bowled out for 225. On the following Saturday we were chasing 185 for victory against last year's premiers WPHC Green at Les Shore Oval and were bowled out for 184.

Peter Rashleigh, Manager of the U14's commented:

“The tied match against Redfield was the first time in my life as a player, manager, coach & parent that I have ever been involved in a tie and it is hard to believe that it could happen again in the next round.”

Fast scoring

In the Round 9 game, our U15 Blue side went on a run rampage. After losing the toss and bowling first we rolled Berowra for 69 in 22 overs with Matt Vile taking 4/17. In the 36 overs we had left to bat we finished at 2/310! How about this for a scoreboard:

- Matt Vile – 77 runs
- Manismar Singh – 52 rtno (retired not out)
- Nick Hey – 53 rtno
- Hussain Jamali – 20 rtno
- Joel Herzog – 34 rtno
- Akshay Menon -3 rtno
- Anik Gnanasekaram – 33 rtno

This is scoring at a rapid average of 8.6 runs / over. It is also the highest recorded score by a WPH U15 side beating the previous best of 5/305 Vs Hornsby on 11/10/2008 @ Dural Park. Well done fellas.

Seniors

This was also another successful season with only rain preventing a good representation in the Finals. After a 2nd week washout in the Semi Finals, only the top placed teams made it through to the Final. We won both Finals we played in – C1 and C2 Grades. The Seniors Report covers the season in detail but a special mention to Sid Sethi (U16 Blue) playing B2 Seniors. In his first season he took 26 wickets at 6.50 which is the best bowling average in any

grade in our history – brilliant effort Sid. This performance has beaten the previous record of 6.60 set by Chris Christensen in C1 Grade in 1954/55.

Congratulations

Our esteemed Chairperson – Barry McDonald was recently awarded Life Membership of the HK&HDCA Umpires Association. Barry was also appointed as Auditor of the Association's accounts.

This is a special achievement and is added to Barry's other Life membership's of the Association and ofcourse our Club. To get a Life Membership is special but to have 3 is truly amazing.

Coaching

Year 1 of a 3-year coaching arrangement with SportsPro has been a wonderful initiative and a first in this Association. To offer every child free professional coaching is an amazing achievement. Thank you to SportsPro for the professionalism in the way they undertook this challenging task. Thank you also to Andrew Miedler who did an amazing job co-ordinating this big job.

The following quote from Rick Turner (U14 Red) says it all:

"I sounded out each of the boys who attended the professional coaching session. Overwhelmingly the feedback was extremely positive. Every player wants to attend more sessions."

Pink stumps day

Our Club continues to play an important role in the Community. This is shown in the tremendous work by our U10 and U11 Teams who supported the Glenn McGrath Pink Stump day. The following Report is from Brendan Flynn (U10 Blue Team) who raised over \$1,900 on the day:

"The day went very well I think. All of our parents really got into the spirit of the day. Some we had organised to bake pink cakes, donuts etc and we just got people to buy, buy, buy. We had some of our parents pledging \$ per four. I sponsored each catch taken for \$10, thinking our catching has not been what it should the last few weeks. This should be a cheap shout...Well it did the job as the boys took 6 of them...3 were very, very good efforts...."

We also sent a seller of raffle tickets to James Henty where one of the other Under11's was playing to max our sales.

Given that we did end up drawing the raffle at the ground late after the game as sales were pretty much exhausted for the day...Kenthurst team had their own raffle so no sales there but a few bought a sausage & drink or cake to contribute...

Julian Bish (Manager) is collating this arvo but we were over \$1500 for the day, with some silent auction items still to be added. So we are hoping for closer to \$1900- \$2000"

Have a look at the photos on the website and see what a great day it was – well done to everyone involved.

Representative cricket

We continue to be well represented at Association Representative level.

- In the DCA Shield teams (U10 Creak Shield to U16 Watson Shield) we had 20 players selected with 6 in the Watson Shield. Add 3 from the Martin Shield and 1 from U23 Telegraph Shield and this was a strong WPHC presence
- In the Presidents Cup / IDCA games we had a further 19 players represented.

Green Shield Representatives

The A W Green Shield is elite U16 competition in NSW and is rated by Wikipedia as the elite U16 competition in the world. So to make this Comp is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to our Greenies for this season:

- *Northern District* – Daniel Anderson (Capt), Marcus Creais, Bhavya Nanda, Darshan Pandya, James Madden, Lachlan Vile
- *Mosman* – Indika Dissanayake, Sid Sethi, Sid Shankar
- *North Sydney* – Shanik Lokuge, Josh Mathias.

To have 11 of our U16 player's make this Competition is an outstanding achievement – well done fella's.

Level 1 course –congratulations

Another successful season start with 19 of our folks completing their Level 1 qualification. Congratulations to our latest Level 1 Coaches:

David Beer	Tim Byrnes
Murray Chapman	Edwina Chappell
Ian Cooper	Colin De Silva
Roger Dunkerley	Daniel Fiedler
Shankyar Ghodsi	Ashish Khurana
Johnny Manolelis	Ben Meikle
Arjun Methra	Tarun Motwani
Andrew Miller	Glen O'Connor
Ray Silins	Rodney Stockwell
Dasuni Kannangara	

Our latest State Representatives

Felicity Trinh

Felicity was selected in the NSW U16 Team to play in the National Championships at Blacktown between 1st and 7th December. Felicity currently plays for Gordon but played all her Junior cricket with West Penno. Congratulations Felicity.

John Anderson

John was selected for NSW to participate in the School Sports National Championships at Canberra over 7th – 14th January. John plays for the U14 Red's and D2 sides. Well done John.

Country Carnival

Congratulations to our Junior Teams who are now back from their Country Carnival Tours. This is one of the highlights of the season where a combined Team from our U14 (Tamworth), U15 (Armidale) and U16 (Taree) teams play against Representative sides from all over NSW. Photos from the U14 Carnival are on the Photo Gallery. Well done folks and congratulations on representing our Club so well.

Ross Turner Cup (showpiece East Vs West U15-U14 game)

Nick Hey, Rushil Narsai, James Partridge, Jackson Preedy, Aditya Ramakrishnan, Mansimar Singh, Vineet Suri, Matt Vile (v-c – East)

Glenn Hourigan Cup (showpiece East Vs West U13 – U13 game)

John Anderson (Capt West), Sid Dissanayake, Daniel Heidegger, Travis Loxton, Dean Piek, Dylan Schouten.

Association Award winners

Congratulations to the following players who won major Awards for last season:

Juniors

- Baulkham Hills Shire Presidents Trophy (Best all-round performance in all competitions) – Daniel Anderson
- Presidents Trophy (most runs in any Grade) – Daniel Anderson (686 runs)
- John Anderson – U14 batting (345 @ 86.25)
- James Partridge – U15 batting (315 runs @ 105.00)
- Daniel Anderson – U16 batting (686 runs @ 137.20)
- Sid Sethi – U16 bowling (21 wickets @ 8.0)

Girls

- Anthea Staines – NSGCA batting average (152 runs @ 152.0)

Seniors

- Andrew Mills (C1) – 524 runs @ 32.75
- Andrew Watt (C1) – 31 wickets @ 16.97
- Arun Kumar (C2) – 33 wickets @ 19.39

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Each year we comment on the importance of our website. Peter Lees does a fantastic job on the website and he is already well advanced in refreshing the site in readiness for next season.

So long, farewell and thanks a million

John Coulthard

The retirement of John Coulthard has already been covered by Barry McDonald in his Report.

Matt 'Smoke' Dawson

Matt has started playing Seniors in 1997/98. He graduated from the Juniors and had a distinguished playing career. Matt became our 21st A1 Grade Captain in 2008-09. His playing performances have also been stella. Between 1997/98 Matt has scored 3,500 runs in 180 innings at 19.89 and taken 266 wickets at 19.51 bowling his left arm spin. His most memorable innings was the 141 he scored in the A2 Grand Final in 2004-05. He has been a great Club man. Apart from his tremendous playing performances, he will also be remembered for his Presentation Night performances giving the season update with the moral support of his 'beer wench' keeping the vocal cords refreshed. The reason for Matt leaving – he has picked up a job in Argentina and from there – the world. Thanks for everything Matt.

Ross Anderson
Director – Operations

DIRECTOR - JUNIORS REPORT

2010-11

This is the thirteenth edition of the West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club Yearbook. This is my second year as Director of Juniors, and after eight years this is my final year as an Age Co-ordinator.

The national trend was a loss of players. The Club has a policy of “*participation over results*” and perhaps this is one of the reasons that your Club is amongst the largest in Australia and numbers continue to be strong, with 30 teams in the 2010/2011 season (down from 35 in the previous season). Our 444 Junior players formed just over 25% of the association’s competitions.

Age Group	WPHCCC	HK&HDCA Total
Under 9	5	25
Under 10	6	18
Under 11	4	15
Under 12	2	15
Under 13	4	11
Under 14	4	14
Under 15	3	10
Under 16	2	8
Total	30	116

We had five teams in the semi-finals - Under 16 Blue, Under 15 Red, Under 14 Gold, Under 13 Blue and Under 11 Blue. We did not have any premiers this season, but all of our teams seem to be well balanced, with no age group teams finishing top and bottom, the best example being the Under 14 where all four teams finished in the top seven out of 14 teams.

There were some outstanding individual results with 9 centuries scored by 7 players: -

- Andrew Meikle U15 Green
- Anik Gnanasekaram U15 Blue
- Nick Hey U15 Blue
- Daniel Anderson U16 Blue *triple Centurian*
- Santosh Krishnan U15 Blue
- Raymond Khamis U15 Red
- James Partridge U15 Red

Nine bowlers received “*five for*” awards: -

- Pravin Chanmugam U11 Blue
- Anush Sharma U11 Red
- Parthraj Sarvaiya U12 Red
- Aditya Ramakrishnan U14 Green
- Michael Gunn U14 White
- Jack Kinchington U14 White
- Matt Vile U15 Blue
- Timothy Eades U16 Blue
- Debdutta Misra U16 Red

Three bowlers scored hat-tricks:-

- Dylan Bish U10 Orange
- James Denyer U13 Red
- Tom Simpson U13 Blue

Aside from the HK&HDCA competitions, the Club received and accepted invitations to play at the Tamworth Under 14 Carnival and the Taree Under 16 Carnival, both are held in January and played against Association Representative sides on turf wickets. We are the only Club invited to compete at these Carnivals; it is a great experience and an honour to receive the invitations. The Under 15s Carnival at Armidale was washed out this season.

This was our fourth year in Tamworth and a very wet week. The touring team was again coached by Andrew Miedler and managed by Justin Russell. It was great effort to get the boys to four matches in challenging conditions, well done Andrew and Justin, their report follows.

This season we received and accepted an invitation to play at the Under 16s Stan Austin Carnival at Taree. It was our first year at Taree and we chose to stay at a Buddhist inspired guest house at Old Bar. The team was coached by Tim Byrnes, managed by Patrick Chensee and well assisted by Ali Dhorajawali and Greg Norrell.

As with past seasons the Club utilised three Hornsby Council grounds for training and matches, Greenway Park, Thomas Thompson Oval and Edward Bennett Oval, and James Henty and Campbell Park for matches. I would like to thank the Council for their continued support, especially Mayor Nick Berman and Warren Southwell.

The Club would also like to extend our thanks to West Pennant Hills Primary School, Oakhill Drive Primary School, Cherrybrook Primary School and Dural Primary School for use of their grounds and nets for training. We are very fortunate to have the continued support of these local schools and their generosity should never be taken for granted.

We have been fortunate also to have the continued support from West Pennant Hills Sports Club, with a sports grant, use of the nets, use of the meeting rooms and a first membership offer to new membership applications from those associated with the Cricket Club.

The two main whole-of- Club events are Registration Day and Presentation Day. Oakhill Drive Primary School has given us the use of the School Hall for the past couple of years, for which we are very grateful. Even if you use the on-line registration, it is still handy to call in, pick up a Year Book, have a word with your age co-ordinator and check if you need another player's shirt.

With the winter sports shortening the between season breaks, Presentation Day was held the Sunday after the Finals, and it is becoming a practiced art to arrange so quickly. The weather was so wet, Campbell Park was unusable and the venue moved to Oakhill Drive Primary School. This was the first season for the Club to use the school for this purpose and credit must go to James Trainor, Michelle Lombard and Paul Vink for organising the set up of the grounds.

A special thanks to James Trainor for co-ordinating the run sheet, this season we had the younger age groups awarded their trophies on stage and weather notwithstanding it was a great success. Also thanks to Abe Khamis for organising the trophies on time.

It was the responsibility of the Under 9s parents to handle the catering, and under challenging circumstances did a fantastic job. Thank you Paul & Michelle Vink and the Under 9 parents.

I am at the end of my time as Director of Juniors at the Club. I have been on the Junior's Committee for eight years as an age co-ordinator, the Secretary for three years and two years as Director, during this time I have seen the absolute best of people, generous of their time, efforts and goods. I have also seen the very worst of children's sport, overly competitive and argumentative parents and badly behaved players. Through all the decisions that are made to organise this Club, there has only been one driving ethos, to allow all teams to play cricket on as many Saturdays as the weather permits.

During this time the Club has installed cricket pitches, renovated nets and pitches, upgraded kit bags and equipment, but all of this whilst worthwhile and necessary was secondary to getting the boys to the game, be that the Saturday Competition matches, the NSW Cricket Twenty/20 or the Country Carnivals. To see and feel the joy when a player gets his first wicket, hits his first boundary, bags a "5 for" or scores a century, if you want to see great sport go to your children's matches.

My thanks go to the team volunteers, the coaches, managers, umpires and scorekeepers. Once a season starts it generally keeps clicking along due to the efforts of the Coaches and Managers, as I said on a wet Presentation Day, this Club is blessed not just with a great number of coaches and managers, but a number of great coaches and managers.

The Club is also blessed with outstanding Committees, past and present. This season a Club legend John Coulthard retired as Director of Kangas. Like most parents and children, John was mine and my son Ben's first introduction to this Club, he is the inspiration behind many of the Club committee persons. Barry McDonald, the Club President is and has been the source of all wisdom and counsel. These two great men are true volunteers - their only motive for being on the Committee is their passion for the game, I thank them for sharing these years with me.

I would also like to thank Ross and Denise Anderson our tireless Club Secretary and exceptional Team Coach. The preceding two Directors of Juniors Evan Hutching and Deepak Narsai have been outstanding advocates for the Club and I thank both of them for their example.

The last thanks go to all the partners of the parents involved in the Club, for whilst us parents are getting our children to the grounds, our partners have to organise the rest of our lives.

Thank you all for being part of cricket with me.

Patrick Chensee
Director – Juniors

Junior Girls Cricket 2010/11

This season we entered 3 teams – our Red and Blue Teams in the Shield Competition (Secondary School) and a Team in the C Grade Cup Competition (Primary School).

Teams were drawn from Castle Hill, Gordon, Hornsby, St Ives, West Ryde Rovers and our course WPHC. All games were T/20 fixtures with B Grade using a hard ball and the Cup competition with equal participation for all.

Both Shield Teams had a fabulous season with the Red's finishing 2nd and the Blues 4th in the competition with the Reds going on to win the Final. Our younger girls in the Cup competition came 3rd overall.

The Shield Final was played on Sat, 5th March at Berry Park Mt Colah. This also included a pink stumps day with proceeds of the event being sent to the McGrath Foundation. A highlight was the attendance of Australian star and former WPHC player Lisa Sthalekar. In a dominant display the match scores were WPHC Red 2/71 (17 overs) defeated Castle Hill 7/67. Congratulations girls on winning the Premiership.

Best performers in the Shield Competition for the season were:

Batting				Bowling		
Year	Name	Runs	Ave.	Name	Wickets	Ave.
2010-11	Anthea Staines (Red)	152	152.00	Christina Williamson	8	12.00
	Jessica Smallwood	56	14.00	Michaela Porter	2	18.50

In the Cup Competition MyCricket stats were not maintained as this was a mainly development competition.

A number of the girls in the Cup competition will be moving to Northern District next season and we wish them well with their continuing cricket careers. A special mention goes to Edwina Chappell who has contributed so much to both the organisation of her Team and also the support she has given the NSGCA (publicity) and for our Club. Thanks also to our Coaches, Team Managers and parents who turn up to support.

Next season we will have core of older players and are aiming at migrating all the Kanga girls we can to the Cup competition for next season. Last season we had a record 10 girls playing Kanga with many of these girls eligible to play in the Cup Competition next season. It would be great to try to get 2 junior teams in the Cup for next year and this should be our aim.

We should also look at all the girls playing with boys and see if we can get them into the girls for next season.

We will continue to work closely with the rest of the Club on promotion and schools liaison to build on the solid base we have achieved.

John Porter
Director Girls

DIRECTOR – KANGAS REPORT

2010-11

Coming down from last year's huge registration of 128 Kangas to 100 this season seemed like a bit of a letdown at first. In fact, it proved to be quite a benefit. By the time the season concluded everyone involved agreed that 100 was a much more manageable figure, with teams generally of 12 players being the ideal number for our volunteers to cope with each Saturday. As always our parents, almost to a man – or woman – stepped forward to volunteer and again we enjoyed a happy and very smooth running season.

The Parent Information Night, held at the Sports Club, and subsequent Coaching Seminar on Edward Bennett Oval was very well attended. By our start date in Mid October everyone was ready and 'raring to go'.

It was very pleasing to note a rise in the number of girls registered this season. They seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Part of our Recruitment Program included mounting a special 'Kanga Skills' demonstration in the school ground of St Agatha's Primary School, with the blessing of the school Principal and assistance of the teachers. Special thanks go to our Chief Coaches, Shaun Jackson and Michael Woolnough for planning and executing this initiative.

As customary, we had our Kangas placed in 8 teams, each named after a famous cricket ground and it was encouraging to watch the youngsters' skills blossom as the season progressed. The centre wicket games and specialised net practice proved very popular (with parents as well as Kangas) – as did the two skills day competitions we staged in December and on the final day in March.

The season culminated with a lively presentation day when all of our Kangas received participation trophies and 57 were awarded graduation certificates for their promotion to our Juniors' ranks.

I reflect upon the talent and enthusiasm of the Kanga Administration Team. Each year I have said 'they are the best' and it is always true. Each year those who put their hands up to take on the extra chores of administration just get better and better.

This year's team of Glenn O'Connor, Jackie Holmes, Shaun Jackson, Michael Woolnough, Andrew Morris and Mike Roberts have worked together like a well-oiled machine, leaving nothing to chance and making sure every facet of the Kanga season ran perfectly. It has made my job easy.

I can now retire, knowing Kangas is in very safe hands, with almost the entire very dedicated group backing up again next season.

Thank you – and farewell.

John Coulthard
19 March 2011

Seniors

The season started with the inaugural T/20 Competition over the 1st two weeks. It also coincided with the end of the drought and many games were rain affected especially on the turf based A1 and Colts competitions.

Of our 11 teams, 8 made it through to the Semi Finals and with a day 2 wash-out for all games, only the top 2 sides went through in each grade. While we were well placed to win at least 5 and possibly 6 games, only our Minor Premiers went through – C1 and C2 Red with both winning the Premiership.

A Grade Player numbers

Thanks to our great player data base we can allocate a unique player number to every A1 Grade player who has played with us since our 1st team in 1951/52. Presentations were made last Monday and photo's are on the website. Very few Clubs would be able to provide numbers so they will add a bit more prestige to play for our top team. Our A1 Grade players and their numbers are:

- James Makin – Player no 187 and our 22nd Captain
- Tim Rae – 212
- Matt Dawson – 214
- Simon Smyth – 246
- Matt Spalding – 270
- Peter Stott – 282
- Leigh Van den Broeke – 283
- Nick Bennett – 290
- Scott Henderson – 299
- Alex Roberston – 301
- Daniel Anderson – 302
- Matt Jobson – 303

Thanks

Our Captains do so much work and a big thank you is extended to each of our Leaders:

<u>A1</u>	James Makin
<u>A2</u>	Tim Leyshon
<u>Colts</u>	Tom Blissenden
<u>B1</u>	James McBrien
<u>B2</u>	Narendra Kulkarni
<u>C1</u>	John Mitchell / Kishore Rampersad
<u>C2 (Red)</u>	Marco Delgado
<u>C2 (White)</u>	Jono Van Blerk
<u>C3</u>	Glenn O'Connor
<u>D1</u>	Roger Friend
<u>D2</u>	Peter Westerberg

Outstanding performances

Centuries

354.	2010/11 (10)	176	Matt Thorndyke	B1	Vs CHRSL @ Gilroy College 25/9
355.		166	Allan Raffel	C3 Red	Vs Galston-Glenorie @ Northholm Grammar 25/9
356.		125*	Neeraj Gupta	D1	Vs Thornleigh @ George Christie 25/9
357.		130*	Claudio van Blerk	C2	Vs Berowra @ Campbell Park 9/10 & 16/10

358.		100*	Arkit Grover	D2	Vs Kenthurst Upper Hills @ Caterson 6/16/10
359.		145	Glenn O'Connor	C3 Blue	Vs WPHC Red @ Campbell Park 31/10
360.		102	Niranjan Sundararaj	D2	Vs Thornleigh @ Thornleigh 21/11
361.		107*	Riley Miedler	C2 Red	Vs Kissing Point @ Campbell Park 22/1/2011
362.		104	Carl Madsen	Colts	Vs Berowra White @ The Glade 5/2/2011
363.		103*	Luke Herzog	C2 Red	Vs WPHC White @ Cheltenham Oval 6/2

Note:

The first number represents the consecutive number in our History – e.g.; the first century this season is our 354th overall.

Outstanding bowling performances were achieved by:

Hat-trick

35.	2010-11	5/5	Ansel Castelino (8/1/2011)	B2	Vs Kenthurst Upper Hills @ Annangrove
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Top performers

Top ten run scorers

1. Allan Raffel (A2, B2, C2, C3) 890 runs @ 52.40
2. Andrew Mills (C1) 528 runs @ 31.10
3. Michael McGregor (A2) 512 runs @ 39.38
4. Julian Raffel (A2, B2, C2, C3) 500 runs @ 41.70
5. Carl Madsen (Colts) 452 runs @ 34.77
6. Niranjan Sundararaj (D2, D1) 429 runs @ 28.60
7. Chris Williamson (B2) 414 runs @ 27.60
8. Matt Thorndyke (B1) 384 runs @ 38.40
9. Riley Miedler (A2, B1, C1, C2) 359 runs @ 51.29
10. Ben Lyttle (C3) 353 runs @ 25.21
11. Chetan Bhatt (C2) 353 runs @ 29.42

Top ten bowlers

1. Ankit Grover (D2 & D1) 36 wickets @ 12.00
2. Niranjan Sundararaj (D1/D2) 34 wickets @ 11.00
3. Simon Smyth (A1) 33 wickets @ 11.97
4. Andrew Watt (C1) 33 wickets @ 16.90
5. Arun Kumar (C2) 33 wickets @ 19.76
6. Manchanda Vikas (C2) 31 wickets @ 16.71
7. Taki Manolelis (C3) 29 wickets @ 14.34
8. Craig Hutchinson (C1) 28 wickets @ 10.50
9. Peter Stott (A1) 27 wickets @ 12.41
10. Luke Herzog (C2) 26 wickets @ 12.69
11. Graham Auld (D1) 26 wickets @ 14.81

Champion Player

Total club – top 10 players

1. Sid Sethi – 149 points (U16 Blue & B2)
2. Daniel Anderson – 140.3 points (U16 Blue & A1 Grade)

3. Allan Raffel – 139.0 points (A2, B2, C2, C3)
4. Julian Raffel – 106.0 points B2, C2, C3)
5. John Anderson – 102.9 points (U14 Blue & D2 Grade)
6. Niranjana Sundararaj – 101.9 (D2)
7. Carl Madsen – 100.2 points (Colts)
8. Ankit Grover – 99.1 points (D1 & D2)
9. Aditya Ramakrishnan – 94.6 points (U13)
10. Riley Miedler – 94.0 points (A2, B1, C1, C2)

By Grade

1. A Grade – Simon Smyth 69.4 points (1st in Club & 6th in Association)
2. A2 – Michael McGregor 86.8 points (1st and 7th)
3. Colts – Carl Madsen 86.4 points (1st & 3rd)
4. B1 – Alex Connell 77.8 points (1st & 10th)
5. B2 – Chris Williamson 89.0 (1st & 3rd)
6. C1 – Andrew Mills 83.4 points (1st & 3rd)
7. C2 – Julian Raffel 89.0 points (1st & 2nd)
8. C3 – Ben Lyttle – 72.5 points (1st & 11th)
9. D1 – Sam Thariani 51.6 (1st & 22nd)
10. D2 – Niranjana Sundararaj 60.2 points (1st & 9th)

Club Wisden

100 runs

- Peter Westerberg (D2) Vs Thornleigh @ Campbell Park 29/1/2011

1,000 runs

- Allan Raffel D1 Vs Hornsby @ Headen Park 27/3/2010 (Grand Final)
- John Steel (C1) Vs CHRSL @ Glenhaven Park 2/10/2010
- Andrew Watt C1 Vs CHRSL @ Glenhaven Park 2/10/2010
- Bryce Morley C1 Vs St Ives @ George Christie 30/10/2010
- Matt Thorndyke B1 Vs Berowra @ Thornleigh Park 4/12/2010
- Scott Henderson (A1) Vs Kissing Point @ The Glade 11/12/2010
- Andrew Percival C1 Vs Berowra @ Foxglove Nth 12/2/2011

2,000 runs

- Simon Smyth (A1) Vs Kenthurst-Upper Hills @ Kenthurst Park 9/10/2010
- Nathan Fathers (C1) Vs CHRSL @ Glenhaven Oval 18/12/2010

3,000 runs

- Eric Junkkari (C1) Vs CHRSL @ Northholm Grammar 20/2/2010
- Peter Lees (C2) Vs Hornsby @ Holland Rd 25/9/2010
- Leigh Van den Broeke (A1) Vs Kissing Point @ Storey Park 26/2/2011

4,000 runs

- Amir Marzouk (A2) Vs Galston-Genorie @ Thornleigh Oval 12/3/2011 (Semi Final)

Club season highest wicket taker

- Ankit Grover (D1 & D2) – 36 wickets @ 12.0

50 wickets

- Darren Morrow (A2) Vs St Ives @ Turramurra Oval 13/3/2010 (Semi Final)
- Dylan Brogan (A2) Vs Kenthurst-Upper Hills @ Kenthurst Park 27/3/2010 (Grand Final)

- Mark Bennett (B1) Vs Berowra @ Turramurra Oval 28/3/2010 (Grand Final)
- Adam Hutchings (Colts) Vs Kenthurst-Upper-Hills @ Berowra Oval 13/11/2010
- Tim Scoular (A2) Vs Wahroonga Bladerunners @ Thornleigh Park 13/11/2010
- Taki Manolelis (C2) Vs Hornsby @ Hassell Park 12/3/2011 Semi Final

100 wickets

- John Steel (C1) Vs Kenthurst-Upper-Hills @ Glenhaven ark 16/10/2010
- Scott Henderson (A1) Vs Kenthurst-Upper Hills @ Kenthurst Park 16/10/2010

150 wickets

- Matt Spading (A1) Vs ARL @ Berowra Oval 27/3/2010 (Grand Final)
- Ben McNamara (B1) Vs Hornsby @ Montview Oval East 8/1/2011
- Craig Hutchinson (C1) Vs Berowra @ Greenway Park 12/3/2011 (Semi Final)

350 wickets

- Eric Junkkari (C1) Vs St Ives @ George Christie Oval 31/10/2010

Partnerships

7th wicket WPHCCC (D1 Grade) record partnership – 141 runs

Niranjan Sundararaj 85* & Sekhar Varden 48 Vs Kissing Point @ Annangrove Park 5/3/2011

10th wicket WPHC (D1 Grade) record partnership – 46 runs

Sekhar Vardhan 75 & Graham Auld 16* Vs St Ives @ Karuah Oval 23/10/2011

Seniors

Finals match reports follow:

C1 Grade

WPHC 5/122 defeated Hornsby 117

Day 1

Arriving at The Glade with an infield saturated by a leaking sprinkler valve delayed the start of the game for an hour. Not knowing what to expect on a wicket with a reputation for welcoming bowlers we won the toss and sent Hornsby in. The track was dry and reasonably hard and ended up playing well with few fears – looking like a par score of 200 was needed.

We bowled and fielded well. John Steel was outstanding and took 5 of the first 6 wickets to fall. He bowled straight and pitched it up and got the reward. He finished with 6/24 from 14 overs and was the bowler most responsible for bowling Hornsby out for a score well below par. Add Craig Hutchinson who bowled his typical probing spin to take 3/25 and Dinesh De Silva with the remaining wicket for 12 runs and we had a score that we would have taken it.

With 25 overs to bat the day out Hornsby threw everything at us with some excellent swing bowling on the grassy surface. While it would have been good to enter day 2 with one or two wickets down but we are still in a solid position with Craig Hutchinson and Andrew not out and lots of batting to come in a team that does not have a tail. While there is still a bit of work to do we are in a very good position.

Day 2

Resuming at 4/51 with another delayed start due to rain we were well placed but the early loss of wickets could have been costly in this tight Final. Craig Hutchinson and Andrew Percival were the two not out batsmen overnight and they batted superbly, putting on 64 runs taking the score from 4/34 to 4/98 and within easy reach of the target. Andrew was out for 22 and Craig went on to post

the highest score of the match with 53*. A real feature of their partnership was excellent decision making around which ball to hit and importantly, which ball to leave. Craig and Dinesh went on to finish the game and win us our 1st C1 premiership since Dale van Den Boogaard captained C1 back in 2003-04.

This was a good win and was compensation to many in the team who went down to Hornsby in 2007-08. Well done fella's.

C2 Grades

C2 Red 3/135 defeated Normanhurst-Warrawee 132

Day 1

We started well by winning the toss, the boys were so excited at being able to bowl they were literally jumping out of their skin. WPHCC Red began by being energetic and intimidating in the field, and this made the opposition very nervous for the first few overs. Some excellent bowling and fielding culminated with the first session ending with them 3 down for only 16 runs. The first wicket fell to our Captain, Marco Delgado, who careened the ball into the batsman's pads for an LBW. This was followed up with a wicket to Riley Miedler after Sarinda Wickramasinghe took an excellent catch at square leg in what was only the sixth over. Two overs later Riley's solid display of swing bowling generated another wicket when he smashed into the stumps, sending the boys into raptures.

The second session was more even, with the opposition settling into a rhythm. Manod Wickramasinghe however, broke the partnership with some excellent swing bowling, generating a caught behind and taking out one of their better batsman. Taki Manolelis and Manod continued to trouble the batsman, consistently missing the outside edge by a coat of varnish, and were unlucky to not be rewarded further. Some excellent pace bowling from Luke Herzog also went unrewarded, with the opposition batsmen simply not good enough to get an edge. Sarinda bowled well, with some terrific wrong'uns and leg breaks just missing the edge or the stumps. However, we needed something to break the monotonous batting, and our skipper delivered. Marco bowled an inspirational second spell, taking a wicket in his first over when an edge flew to Riley at first slip who took a great catch to his left. This was then followed up in Marco's next over when he utterly confused the new batsman with his outswing, getting the most plum LBW you would ever see. Our fielding also picked up, with an energetic Luke leading by example, and Chris Raue consistently chatting and fielding well in the deep, providing a voice when others were quiet earlier.

Perry Waldron then came to the party – his flight and spin were deceptive from the start and cut down the runs, and in his sixth over the batsman slogged a delivery that looked to be a certain four. However, Allan Raffel, running backwards and to his left, took an amazing catch. Marco then clean bowled the opposition skipper in the next over, and WPHCC Red was back in town after a tremendous momentum shift. The opposition's established batsman could not believe his eyes as wickets tumbled around him, with Perry again taking a wicket when the ball was skied to Allan at deep mid-on, who took a very comfortable catch.

Momentum was completely with us now, and it only took another four overs to claim the last wicket - Perry bowled an excellent flighted delivery to the No. 11 who smashed it down Allan's throat at deep mid-wicket who took an excellent running catch away to his right. The boys did an excellent job to dismiss the opposition for only 132 after 53 overs.

Our openers had a tough task to bat out the remaining 28 overs of the day - however Daniel Fiedler and Riley did an excellent job, punishing some poor bowling and overcoming some difficult batting conditions to post 52 for the first wicket. Daniel was unlucky to be rapped on his pads and be given out, but he scored well with 14 runs – significantly better than the previous time he faced this team (a memorable single run from 21 overs...). The boys start the second day with Riley looking solid on 27 not out, and David Behlevanas to capitalise on his steadfast late-evening

defensive batting with a big score tomorrow. We are hopeful of putting Normanhurst to the sword with a massive score, and are hopeful of bringing home a win to top off an excellent season. It would be great to get some support from the other WPHCC teams, so get down to Turramurra Oval from 12pm tomorrow to see what will no doubt be another first-rate performance by the C2's.

Day 2

WPHCC 139/3 defeated Normanhurst 132 all out

We resumed the 2nd day on 52/1 chasing 130 after Saturday's solid opening partnership by Daniel Fiedler and Riley Miedler. Whilst there was a bit of rain about, the umpires felt that it was not heavy enough and allowed play to continue. Shortly after the start we lost Dave Behelevanas followed by Riley Miedler while the score was at 62. With many of our players never having played on Turf or at Turramurra oval, we all knew that there was still lot's of work ahead and the task ahead required us to neutralise the momentum gained by Normanhurst. It was at that stage that the Raffel Brothers (Allan 40 and Julian 37) came together under testing conditions and applied patience and a solid batting partnership (77) to get us home. Once they had seen off the pressure, they scored a succession of boundaries that set the tone and forced Normanhurst to conceive at around 15h00.

What a wonderful season this has been and everyone hopes to be back next season to apply ourselves and enjoy the game we love so much.

This is our first C2 Premiership win since Andrew Fiedler won the trophy in 2008-09. Another special achievement was the effort of Taki Manolelis, Daniel Fiedler and Riley Miedler who have now won 5 premierships in 4 years (juniors included).

Anecdotes

'My hands were in the way'

Picture this story. One of our greatest all-rounders (Eric Junkkari C1 with 341 wickets) was coming into bowl and needing just one wicket to take his 3rd hat-trick. In our 81 years this is so rare that there have only been 35 ever taken. Eric set his field to perfection and bowled the perfect ball – a late outswinger to a well set cordon. If he took this wicket he would have equalled Andrew Driscoll as our most prolific hat-trick taker. Anyway, the batsman got a top edge and it carried gently to gully only to be out down. We won't share the name of the culprit (will we Andrew Percival) but the reason was the best explanation... *"I didn't see it because my hands were in the way"*.

What an entrance

A1 Grade has a well established fine system that typically funds a weekend away (with money left over). Enter debutant Daniel Anderson (DA) who rocked up to his 1st A1 Grade match against the 5 times Premiers ARL. No problem with this but.....DA also plays Rugby League for ARL in the off season and decided to turn up to the game in his favourite shorts – you guessed it – ARL playing shorts. So before a ball was bowled the first fine of the season.

The bogey team

Adam Walter (B1) is one of the most talented players in our Club and would be playing A1 Grade if his shoulder was right. He is also a very talented bat against every team except CHRSL. Last season our then B2 side scored a massive 430 against CHRSL but Waltz managed a golden. Another season, a higher Grade, but the same opposition. This time we belted 6/383. This time around, he said he was definitely going to block out the first ball, no matter how tempting it may be. And, true to his word, he was not dismissed by the first ball. After the 3rd, however, he was walking back from the field with another 0 to his name. This is the definition of a bogey team.

Nice shot that...

Alex Robertson (A1) scored an impressive 42 against Kenthurst but it was the way he got out that made this memorable. Batting out of his crease Alex played at a ball and missed – no problem so far. Alex though thought it would be good to have a practice shot at what he should have done – still out of his crease. The keeper threw the stumps down and thanks for coming. Apart from being the second innings in a row where he was stumped what makes this memorable is that it was against a medium pacer and has earned himself some serious fines that will go a long way to paying for the end of season weekend away.

A family day out

Apologies for a bit of indulgence but this one is close to home. During this Round a new Club record was set. Picture this one. Day 1 of Round 2 saw Daniel Anderson (A1) LBW for a 1st ball duck. Day 2 Round 1, his father Ross (C1) managed his 3rd ever 1st baller over many years of cricket. Finally, John (D2) opened the batting in D2 and was run out for a diamond duck. So how about this for a record – 3 family members out for 0 runs in 3 different Grades, facing 2 balls between them and only 1 person actually putting bat to ball.

Powerhouse innings

Glenn O'Connor (C3 Captain) had one of those fabulous innings that did everything except get his team across the line. In a team total of 191 Glenn belted 145. How about this for an achievement. Included in this innings were 25 fours, 1 six and another personal best – a 3 all run. An even better achievement is that this is 75.9% of the team total – our 2nd best ever performance over 81 years. The best achievement was from *Andrew Bray* (A2 Grade 1989/90) who scored 163 out of 188 (86.7% of the innings declared total). Well done Glenn!

D Grade Seniors

One of the more remarkable results was played out between our D1 side Vs St Ives. With St Ives at 4/81 overnight, chasing 233, nothing could separate the two teams with the match resulting in a tie. We completed our innings in 53 overs and St Ives completed theirs after 53.1. Both teams conceded exactly 27 extras. To say that nothing separates the teams is an understatement, as the two sides also played out a tie in the T20 competition this season! In that clash, St Ives was 7/98 and WPH-C finished at 8/98.

Club records

Individual

Round 6 of the Juniors Competition saw the achievement of a long standing Junior Club record of 3 successive centuries. Daniel Anderson U16 Blue made successive scores of 104 retired not out, 122 rtno and 153 rtno. Well done DA.

This Juniors achievement is now shared with the great Laurie Tuckerman (Senior record) who played A1 in 1951/52. Laurie's successive scores were 161 (Semi Final), 139* (Final) and 103 (Grand Final).

“A genuine number 11”

In C1 we were playing a good side who we thought had limited batting. After getting a competitive total of 251, Normo were slow in chasing the total and were rapidly falling behind the run rate. After a couple of wickets in comes their number 4 bat – Lindsay Corbett, a West Penno A1 Grader from way back. A comment from one of our experienced players (thanks Ross) claimed that he was ‘a genuine number 11’ so just bowl straight. Enter the great Eric Junkkari who has taken 350+ wickets for our Club. With this advice he pitched the ball up and bowled

in-swingers. The first mistake was going for 22 runs in the over. The next mistake was being bowled again – 20 runs (6.2.6.6 scoring sequence) with balls going over the roof at Normo Park – 42 runs off 2 overs. Despite Eric’s impressive record this is our most expensive 2-over recorded sequence in our history. His figures went from 2/29 (8 overs) to 2/71 (10 overs).

High achievers

How about our D2 side who have players with all sorts of achievements outside D2. In the last match Jason Laffer was filling in from a higher grade and is in the NSW Volleyball Team. Dean Piek (13 years old) is the Australian Karate Age Champion and John Anderson is in the NSW PSSA cricket team.

A debut to remember

Hat-tricks are rare to get 2 in an innings is unique. Playing B2 in his first match for West Penno, Ansel Castelino bowled 4 overs and in these 24 deliveries he took 5/5 that included a hat-trick in his 2nd over. It didn’t end here. Four balls later he was on another hat-trick, and on the critical ball the batsman edged to 2nd slip. However, we didn’t have a 2nd slip in place and this was an opportunity missed.

The mountain has been achieved – bring on the next one

It’s happened – not only has Peter Westerberg (D2 Captain) achieved his 100th career run but it was done before his 100th innings. Coming into bat (at number 11) the D2 boys were riding every ball to see he Peter could achieve this milestone before his 100th innings – and he did. The run was a pull shot. The milestone was acknowledged with both arms raised – acknowledging this milestone that has taken a while in coming. A few facts about this achievement. Peter started playing for us in 2002-03 and has not missed a game. This has been achieved over 98 innings and 32 not out innings – another record. We have a photo of this achievement and is on the website for posterity. Well done Peter but the milestones never stop – bring on the next one – 150 runs.

A slower one

Craig Hutchinson (C1) had a blinder against St Ives – taking 6 wickets with his off-spin. The batsman he got out to finish the innings had an amazing insight into Craig’s bowling. He commented that “*he didn’t pick the slow one*”. Not a bad assessment given that Craig is a slow bowler.

Raining 6’s

Nathan Fathers (C1) decided to explode back into form against Mt Colah – pity the unfortunate slow bowler in one memorable over. Nathan hit him for 22 with a scoring sequence of 2, 2, 6, 6, 6, dot. Playing at Foxglove with another game within hitting distance on the next ground, Nathan did exactly that. After hitting his 1st 6 that landed meters behind 2nd slip on the adjoining pitch his next one was even closer. For the rest of the over, the other game stopped for personal safety reasons. In another piece of history Nathan just missed scoring the 2nd highest number of runs off an over (34 is the record by Matt Scoular) behind John Steel who scored 26 from an over against the same team at the same ground last season.

Commitment

Baby can wait

Simon Smyth, A1 star, welcomed young Dylan Archer Smyth into the world on Thursday. Simon though is so committed to the A1 Grade Team that he managed a fantastic balancing act on the weekend. With Mel, his wife, recovering in Hawkesbury Hospital after giving birth, Simon turned up to Berowra Oval, took 4 wickets, opened the batting and then went back to the

Hospital. All in days work for Simon. Thankfully Mel won't see this update because he was meant to be somewhere else (like the hospital) other than opening the batting – well done mate.

Patience and more patience

Daniel Fiedler (C2) showed more patience than a chess grand master. Opening the batting for a weakened C2 Red side, Daniel needed to provide the backbone at the top of the order and he sure did. After taking 17 overs to get off the mark, Fied's then batted another 4 overs before he was finally dismissed – 1 run in 21 overs. Keeping in mind that Daniel is usually a fast scorer his response was that *"they bowled straight"*. With a bit more quizzing about this landmark achievement the reason has been uncovered. Daniel was coached by A1 Grade opening bowler Scott Henderson. The positive is that he put on an important 42 in partnership to give us a solid platform.

Can you check the score

Pressure situations do it to the best of us. Picture this one – James Makin (A1 Captain) and Senior Actuary for Zurich is scoring with our 15 year old A Grader in Year 10. With the season on the line for A Grade and the scores getting closer with 9 wickets down James asks the Year 10 student to check his scoring. Zurich is obviously in good hands.

The Cap

James Makin (A1 Captain) is one of our long term stars. A1 Grade have a tradition that for the first session of each game they all wear the Club baggy blue. James wears his original baggy – a 1987 'West Pennant Hills Sports Club' special going right back to his days as a Junior. Got to hand it to Alex Robertson, who reminded James that he wasn't born when James first wore the cap.

The Umpire strikes back

Bill Peterkin (sometimes A1) arrived at Parklands to support the boys in the Semi Final and commented to our umpire, Geoff Hasler, that he was looking forward to enjoying the cricket sitting under a tree on a steamy day. Geoff response was that he was hoping that there was a tree big enough to provide shade.

Last to Grand Final

You have to hand it to our U15 Red side who lost in a thrilling Grand Final. This team was largely the U14 side that came last in the U14's the previous season. This season they joined with another WPHC side and they made it through to the Final – a great success story. Well done fellas.

Records

Family affair

While speaking of Grand Finals, how about this for a record. In what we think is a Club record, over the last 5 consecutive seasons, a family member of the Fiedler / Miedler and O'Meara families have played in a Grand Final for a WPHC Team. What a great achievement.

Ross Anderson
Secretary