

## *CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT*

I am pleased to report on another successful year viewed from a number of perspectives. We have a lot to be proud of as a Club:

- After struggling through with 1 Girl's Team in 2007-08 we have 3 teams with a good management structure, coaches and full teams
- Despite the demographic decline now evident over a number of years, our Kanga registrations at 110 continue to be strong thanks to the wonderful effort of our Kanga Committee
- Junior Registrations were 35 teams which is 3 more than our previous Club and Association record
- Especially pleasing in this are the 5 teams we had in the U9s, U10s, U11s and U12s
- Our Seniors have now won the Club Championship for the 6<sup>th</sup> time in succession
- With our Girls – our B Grade Red side (Secondary School) made the Semi Final and our C Grade Side (Primary School) the Final.

Our Juniors were represented in all Age Divisions Finals, except for the U11 where they finished 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to our U12 Green, U13 Red, U14 Gold and U15 White teams. To our Runners-up, U12 Gold, U13 Blue and U16 Blue congratulations on a wonderful season.

While congratulations are rightfully due to those teams that made Finals, let's not forget the teams, especially those who finished at around the bottom of the Table who struggled to win games but still backed up week after week, had fun and will, hopefully, back up again next season. It is these teams and their support parents who deserve special acknowledgement by the way they have embraced the whole spirit of Participation.

Similarly, our Seniors had an outstanding season with 8 Teams making the Semi Finals and our A2 and C2 Premiers.

### **Participation over results**

Last year I commented on the success of our 'Participation over results' policy and quality of Volunteers that has contributed to our Brand, as a preferred Sporting Club, in the area being second to none.

We can first reflect on the size of our Club:

- 435 Registered Juniors
- 165 Registered Seniors
- 110 Kanga's
- 36 Girls
- 746 total registrations

This is a very large number of people we are providing the opportunity to play Cricket in our local community. I continue to be amazed at how few problems occur with a Club this size. That said, there have been occasional instances where winning at all costs is secondary to giving everyone an opportunity to star. Deepak and his Team have handled these few situations well.

### **Girls and Kanga**

#### Girls

I am especially happy with the rebirth of the Girls teams. Last year we were on the ropes with our only team dwindling to a few players who backed up week after week. After a concerted effort during the off-season we have now re-established the Girls to 3 full Teams, each with their own Manager and Level 1 Coach. John Porter and his Leadership Team of John Trinh and Craig Lofts have done a tremendous job in having the season run so smoothly.

## Kanga

Each season I am surprised at the strength of our Kanga registrations that consistently come in at over 100 children. Many of these children graduate to U9s and play right through to A1 Grade and some higher levels again. The effort of John Coulthard and his outstanding Deputy Glenn O'Connor, continues to do an amazing job.

## **Volunteers – Thank you**

Each year the effort of our Volunteers is acknowledged. With the growth in numbers it is again appropriate to acknowledge the amazing contribution of so many people. We can never get the actual numbers to precision but we can make a very good estimate based on team numbers and core roles.

The level of volunteer participation continues to be staggering and is another of the main reasons that sustains our Club. When we add up all the jobs volunteers do – Coaching, Managing, scoring, umpiring, managing gear, Divisional management roles plus club Executive structure we now have between 275 and 300 people volunteering with the increase in team numbers.

**Dominic Thornely** – NSW Blues Captain, Dominic Thornely, took on the role of Club Ambassador for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in succession. Despite a very busy First Class Cricket schedule Dom still made time to come along and attend Club functions, Kanga days and just being around when needed. The time he spends with us is very much appreciated.

## **President's Award (Jim Fuggle Trophy) – for off-field services to the Club**

When this Award was started in 1983/84 we have seen some worthy names winning this Award since – people who were always there. The winner this year is Deepak Narsai – our Juniors Director.

## **Sponsors**

Once again we have been well supported by our sponsors to whom we are very grateful: West Pennant Hills Sports Club, WPH Sports Club Restaurant and Kingsgrove Sports have been very good long-term sponsors.

## **Overview**

As mentioned, our Club has been very successful over many years. Kangas continue to 'punch' above their weight in attracting children to participate and the Girls are now back on track. Our Club is so well positioned solely due to the tremendous effort of our Volunteers and we cannot assume that this level and quality of support will always be forthcoming. With growth comes tremendous opportunity for our children through the established pathways to A1 Grade and potentially beyond. The flipside is that capacity to absorb the numbers of Teams is stretched and we will need to look at either different ways of doing things and/or limiting the numbers, especially in the Juniors. Kanga's and Girls will continue to get focus on growing numbers.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who make this Club great. A special thanks to my fellow Executive members on their continued superb efforts.

**Barry McDonald**  
**Chairperson**

## ***DIRECTOR OPERATIONS***

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 we confirmed, through research from the Parramatta JCA that our Club was formed in 1930. We are now about to enter our 79<sup>th</sup> year as one of the oldest and the largest cricket clubs in NSW.

### **Volunteer of the Year Award**

Our Club Chairperson, *Barry McDonald*, was awarded the Cricket NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for Sydney North this year – a large area with, 000's of volunteers. In typically modest comments, Barry has noted:

*"I consider that the award is not a personal one but an acknowledgement from Cricket NSW of the high regard in which they hold our Club. Therefore I content myself with this " badge of honour", holding it on behalf of the club who have come to the top of the list 2 years in a row."*

What makes this even more remarkable is that the Award is now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Volunteers from our Club have been the recipients on both occasions. One of the reasons for our success has been the tremendous effort of so many of our Volunteers – estimated at between 275 and 300 people – who all contribute so much to our Club. A fantastic achievement Barry, but these Awards do reflect a Club with a tremendous volunteer ethic that starts in Kanga.

### **Bradman Oval Game**

A brilliant day with a game organised at Bradman Oval on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January for those who are major contributors of our Club through their volunteer efforts. There are lots of stories and photos of the big day and the photo's can be seen on our Photo Gallery. For the record, Lord McDonald's Team 182 defeated Mr Coulthard's team 161 despite Mr Coulthard assuring everyone that the result was a tie.

### **Marketing**

For some time we have been reviewing the demographics of our area. Between 2001-06 Census data shows that the population of children aged between 0 and 16 years for postcode areas 2125, 2126, 2154 and 2158 has fallen by 740 children over this period with the biggest drop in the age group 12 and under. In addition to this, there is an existing problem with Girls numbers and a looming issue with Kanga numbers.

In this context, we undertook a new marketing approach: new style advertising, new and simpler banners, online Registration capability on the website, school visits with brochures and letter-box drops targeting Kanga and Girls cricket. The results were outstanding:

- Juniors – 35 Teams (+3)
- Girls – 3 Teams (+2)
- Kanga's – 110 children (101 last year)
- Seniors – 11 Teams (+2).

We will continue to monitor registrations and use this approach again as a pre-emptive approach to retain numbers.

### Hot weather

February saw record temperatures. In the early 1990's a full round was cancelled due to bush fires with many of our ovals being used as helicopter pads and bases for the Rural Fire Services. Apart from that weekend, the Round on the 7<sup>th</sup> February saw a number of games not proceed due to heat. This is the first instance in our Association history where games have been abandoned due to heat. The Association will be introducing a formal 'heat policy' next season to make sure that playing conditions are safe.

## Level 1 Coaching

Over the last 2 years we have run, in conjunction with CNSW, Level 1 Coaching Courses that are funded by the Club where people are involved in coaching Club teams. We now have a minimum of 29, Level 1 Coaches. Added to this are those who have completed Level 0 plus our Level 2 Coaches and we are building a good platform for the skill development of our children.

## Pathways

The strength of our Club starts at Kanga and flows into the Girls, Junior boys and Seniors. No other Club in our Association and few within NSW have the level of organic growth as we do.

In a survey of our 11 Seniors Teams the following numbers of players have come from our Junior pathways; Kanga's, Juniors and Girls:

Division	Started in Kanga	Current Juniors playing Seniors	Parents playing Seniors with Junior Boys	Parents playing Seniors with Junior Girls	WPHC Juniors Graduates
A1	2	0	0	0	6
A2	1	0	0	0	7
Colts Red	5	1	2	1	9
Colts Blue	5	0	3	0	9
B1	1	0	0	0	4
B2 Red	1	1	1	0	2
B2 White	0	1	2	0	3
C2	3	7	3	0	2
C3	1	0	0	0	6
D1	0	0	0	1	3
D2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	10	11	2	51

This shows that of the 143 registered players in Seniors:

- 10 play Juniors also play Seniors on a regular basis – the number is much higher when fill-in players are included
- 11 parents of Juniors play in the afternoon
- 2 parents have Girls playing
- 74 regular players have come through the Junior / Kanga ranks – this is 52% of our total Senior numbers have come through our Club pathway.

## Northern District

At Grade level there are currently 14 players plus 2 Green Shield players – a total of total of 15 out of 75 players with ND – 20% of the Grade Club. There are also 8 women / young ladies playing from our Club across 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Brewer Shield in Women's SCA Grade competition

## **Kanga**

Kanga continues to be an outstanding success. This year we have now registered 1,702 children since starting in 1992/93. Apart from providing sport for our children it is also the beginning of the life-time cricketing pathway:

- Last season we registered 5 teams in the U9s – of whom 45 were Kanga graduates
- In 2009-10 there are a further 53 available to play U9 in 2009-10.

The success John Coulthard and his team (Glenn O'Connor and Ben Frawley) have had over the last couple of years continues to be amazing.

### Kanga Manual

Another outstanding achievement has been the creation of a Kanga Manual. This is an excellent book pulled together by John and his team that documents the approach, Programmes and how Kanga operates – an excellent resource document and knowledge base for future generations.

### **Girls**

Last year was a struggle even putting a Team on the field. After a lot of hard work during the off-season and the tremendous support from John Porter and his Team (John Trinh and Craig Lofts) we have rebuilt the Girls into a vibrant Division of 3 Teams that will hopefully be sustained for future years.

### **Juniors**

Deepak's Report as Director – Juniors accompanies this Report. In addition to the highlights covered in this Report:

- Our 35 teams is a Club and Association record – surpassing the 32 in 2007-08 and 2000-01 results
- 10 Teams made it through to the Semi Finals and 7 to the Final.

Congratulations to our Age Division winners:

- U12 Green
- U13 Red
- U14 Gold
- U15 White

And to our Runners-up:

- U12 Gold
- U13 Blue
- U16 Blue

There have also some outstanding individual achievements:

- *Alex Rashleigh (U16 Red):*
  - Scored 601 runs this season to come 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Club U16 record of 621 by Steven Cass in 1996/97
  - Alex became the first Junior player in our recorded history to have scored a century (109\*) and taken 7 wickets (7/29) in one match
  - In the same game, Alex partnered with Anjan Oberai (149) in a Club and equal Association record 4<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 242. This broke the previous 4<sup>th</sup> wicket (all Grades) record set in 1992/93 by Upper Hills in the U12 Comp.
- U16 Red Team performance of scoring 6/338 (in one morning) is also the highest recorded score by an U16 team for our Club.

### Tamworth Tour

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Carnival for our non representative U14 players was again organised. Being a Club based Team the boys competed well. There are some great photo's on the website so have a look when you get the opportunity. Thanks to Patrick Chensee for making this happen.

### Green Shield Representatives

Well done to 3 WPH Juniors who were selected in the Green Shield Teams (U16):

- Daniel **Anderson** (WPHC U14 representing Northern District)
- Kevin **Godfrey** (WPHC U16 representing Northern District)
- Alex **Rashleigh** (WPHC U16 representing Sydney)

### U14 Representatives

In the Moore Shield Representative team, 4 of the 12 players are from WPHC – Daniel Anderson, Shanik Lokuge, Sid Sethi and Sid Shankar. In the President's Cup we had Marcus Creais, Indika Dissanayake, Tom Lee, Bhavya Nanda, Lachlan Vile and Oliver Winkcup. All up we have 11 of the 24 U14 Rep players from our Club.

### Charity game

A great write-up in the 'Fitz Files' in the Sydney Morning Herald as Team of the week. As a season starter the U12 Blue and U12 White played their now annual Charity game. This time both teams played an Indoor game, all with pink grips, and with the match aggregate being donated to Breast Cancer research. The kids ended up raising \$203 for this great cause. Well done fella's.

### **Seniors**

A separate report follows. In summary though the main highlights are:

- A fantastic year, winning our 6<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship – a Club record
- Of our 11 teams (+2 on 2007-08), 8 Teams made the Semi Finals with 3 going through to the Final. Our A2 and C2 Premiers and D2 Runners-up.
- Last season we registered our 316<sup>th</sup> Senior Team. This takes into account the 8 Teams that played in Parramatta during the 1930s.

### [www.wphccc.org](http://www.wphccc.org)

Our website continues to be an outstanding communication tool for our Club. Apart from averaging between 2,500 and 3,500 hits / per month the major website developments since last year have been a tremendous success:

### On-line registration

This year saw record registrations across all Divisions. Approximately 40% of Junior registrations were on-line, 60% for Kanga and 25% for Seniors. This was very popular and will grow over the years.

### Google Map Ground references

Another very successful innovation has been the Google Grounds map reference facility. This has proven to be one of the most popular access points to our website.

A special thanks to Peter Lees, for his tremendous work on developing this wonderful capability.

**Ross Anderson**  
**Director – Operations**

## **SENIOR'S REPORT**

Winning our 6<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship, having 8 Teams in the Semi Finals with 3 making it through to the Final (A2, C2 and D2) and A2 and 2 Premiers. Also outstanding was that of the 3 teams that missed out, every team except our B2 Red Team was within striking distance with 1 game to go.

### **Thanks**

A huge thanks to the people who do so much work during the season to get Teams onto the field and then run things on the day. To our Captains – thank you:

<u>A1</u>	Matt Dawson
<u>A2</u>	Matt Jobson
<u>Colts Blue</u>	Mark Bennett
<u>Collts Red</u>	Parneet Bhatia
<u>B1</u>	Michael McDowell
<u>B2 Red</u>	Gav Hassett
<u>B2 White</u>	John Mitchell
<u>C2</u>	Andrew Fiedler
<u>C3</u>	Peter Heidegger
<u>D1</u>	Roger Friend
<u>D2</u>	Johnathan van Blerk & Russell Smith

### **Outstanding performances**

#### Centuries

332.	2008-09	102*	Gus Grima	C1	Castle Hill RSL @ Headen 27/9/08
333.		117	Tim Millington	B2 Red	Pymble @ Campbell Pk 11/10/08
334.		103	John Steel	C1	CHRSL @ Greenway 25/10/08
335.		102	Alex Connell	B2 Red	WPHC White @ Greenway 6/12
336.		125	Matt Thorndyke	B1	Mt Colah @ Greenway 7/2
337.		118	Paul Mullinger	C2	St Ives @ Normanhurst Oval 21/3

#### *Note:*

*The first number represents the consecutive number in our History – e.g.; the first century this season is our 332<sup>nd</sup> overall.*

Outstanding bowling performances were achieved by:

#### Seven wickets in an innings:

125.	2008-09	7/61	Marco Delgado	D1	ARL @ Foxglove South 15/11
126.		8/38	Matt Dawson	A1	CHRSL @ Kenthurst 15/11
127.		5/0	James Kealy	B1	Mt Colah @ Mt Ku-ring- gai 22/11
128.		7/7	Adam Hutchings	Colts Red	Vs Kenthurst @ Turramurra Oval 20/12

#### 10 wickets in a match

Nil this season.

## **Anecdotes**

“You know you are in trouble when.....”

Our ‘father/son’ C2 side is a very good young side (fathers excluded) but with Age and Association bowling restrictions they often lacked the killer punch to put sides away. In one game, after using 9 bowlers, to quote Andrew Fiedler, “*you know you are in trouble when both wicket keeper’s bowl*”.

### A great tradition

Our A1 played their 43<sup>rd</sup> straight year in A1 – having had a team continuously in the elite grade since 1965/66. The boys also have a tremendous tradition – for the first session everyone wears the Club baggy as a sign of respect to honour of playing for this great Club.

### Something in the timing

Our Club Ambassador, Dom Thornely came along to our Kanga welcome and introduction night last Monday. He mentioned that we better organising some more major Club events. Last time Dom came along to our Presentation Day he had just agreed to terms to play IPL for the Mumbai Indians. On Monday night he had just been announced as NSW Captain while Simon Katich was overseas. First up – really well done Dom and second, we need to get some more major Club events organised to keep up the momentum.

### Ugly dog that one

Got to hand it to one of our C1 players who is old enough to know better. While on the sideline a genuinely ugly dog was hanging around the lads. This player made a comment that “I would like to see the owner as they reckon dogs look like their owners”. You guessed it, just in ear-shot was the owner who quickly volunteered this fact. The quick reply was ‘handsome dog’.

### Smelly cap

In true A1 spirit Bill Peterkin had one of those ‘moments’ going out to bat. Wearing the famous WPHC baggy blue with the reverence it deserves, Bill realised he could smell something. It was in fact stale beer that remained in his cap after it was used as a drinking glass last week. It must have worked as he top scored with 41.

### Is he a left hander?

Chris Sharkey (C1 leg-spinner) is the observant type. With a left and right-hander batting you would expect the thoughtful spinner to be bowling to a well thought out plan. Not our Chris. It took him 3 balls to realise that there was even a left and right-hander batting. Well done mate.

### Floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee

Got to hand it to the wonderfully talented Gavin Taylor (A1) – our youngest ever A1 Grader. To put this in context, Gav goes to The Kings School and the only way he gets out of playing cricket for the School (so he can play for us) is to do swimming. Unfortunately just before the game, he had to swim 4 kilometres in squad training. While opening the batting (he scored a courageous 30 in an 80 partnership) he started getting bad cramps. To make things worse he was then stung by a bee on the shoulder. While amusing, from a distance, he ended up dropping the bat after every shot due to the pain.

### 5/0

How about James Kealy’s (B1). Playing at Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval James achieved Club first in taking 5/0 against the 4<sup>th</sup> placed Mt Colah. Using the windy conditions to perfection this performance is the 1<sup>st</sup> time in our history that this has been achieved. The previous nearest was the 7/11 by Ryan Cherrie Vs Kenthurst in the 2004/05 C2 Final or the 8/4 by Don Lamb for B1 against Castle Hill in 1962/63. Well done James.



## Love is in the air

We are such a romantic bunch at West Penno. How about these, just from this weekend:

### *A Captains love for his players*

Matt Smokey Dawson (A1) was having a good night out with the boys when the text message started to come:

12.55 am – Smokey texted Bill Peterkin with the message ‘I love you’

2.57 am – a voice message mentioning that their Taxi driver looked like Harbijan Singh while with Adam Walter – obviously taking Bill’s place.

*The sequel* – Matt got a second ball duck.

### *A players’ lover for his team*

Emerging star Gavin Taylor goes to The Kings School. To get out of playing school cricket on Saturday so that he can play A1 (how good is that) he swims squads every Saturday morning and does 3 km. When asked why, the response was “for the love of the team”.

### *Get me to the Church on time*

Got to hand to Simon Smyth (A1 and Seniors Director). Simon is getting married early next year and is doing the right thing by having the wedding on a Friday. This is to allow the A1 boys the chance to attend the wedding and for Simon to play the next day. How good is this.

## Club record

A Club record was achieved at Glenhaven Oval in the D2 game Vs Kenthurst. Daniel Anderson (who is 13) scored 81\* of a winning innings total of 112 which is 72.3% of the total. This effort passed the previous record set by Club great Greg Fiedler in C1 (23/10/2004) who scored 95 out of 146 (65.1% of the total).

## Keeping it in the family

Our C2 side is a family affair. Get a load of this one. Taking the field in one match there were 4 Creais' (David, James, Marcus and Chris). With 2 Fiedler's (Andrew and Daniel), 2 Miedler's (Andrew and Riley) & 2 (Geoff and Nick) Starr's you can only imagine the life of the Opposition scorers.

Not sure if the 4 Creais' is a Club record but it would be up there. This still has a long way to go from the early teams of the Association though. The South Colah Cricket Club had 18 sons of Patrick and John Duffy (Duffy Ave) of Thornleigh, Dural CC was sustained by the seven sons of Thomas Best, Pennant Hills CC by the 10 sons of Arthur Thompson (Thompson Corner) and Castle Hill CC by the eleven sons of John James.

## Big hitting

Russell Ingram (C3) scored 36\* but.....in this he scored 5 sixes with 4 coming from one over in five balls with 3 lost balls. One massive six went over square leg (Caterston 4) that cleared the top of several of the tall gum trees that surround the ground (they would be at least 20m high trees). The scoring sequence was: dot, 6 (ball lost), 6 (ball lost), dot, 6 (ball lost), 6. This is the equal greatest number of 6's in an over by a West Penno player equalling the record set on 12/1/2008 (A2 Vs Galston-Glenorie 2 @ Mt Ku-ring-gai) when *Ronan Barrett* hit 4 in the 16<sup>th</sup> over to win the game. Well done Russell.

When asked about his innings and some of his shots by Captain Peter Heidegger back at the Club, he made the remark "*my on side shots are actually quite weak.*"

## Consecutive appearance ‘record’ looms

At the risk of becoming the Peter Westerberg (D1) noticeboard, he is rapidly approaching a rare achievement – at the end of the season Peter had not missed a game since he started in 2002-03. Formal records are a bit thin on this one but long-term memory, drawn from older players, reckon this will be an ‘unofficial’ record.

### Chilling out

Got to hand it to the A1 boys. Turning up to play in furnace like conditions Bill Peterkin turned up with a portable air-conditioner, closed the door during breaks and chilled out (literally) during the regular breaks. It worked and helped the boys to roll Hornsby for a moderate score on a wicket that should have had 300 scored on it.

### A weird week

A match update from Mark Bennett, Captain of our Colts team says it all.

*"Here are the scores.*

#### Week 1

*No play due to hot weather*

#### Week 2

*No play due to rain"*

### "You know this pitch doesn't spin - try the other one"

The quote of the day by Greg Fiedler after Peter Westerberg bowled a ball that pitched on the adjoining pitch.

### "Lord McDonald"

The best welcome of an opposing Captain by the fielding side – John Coulthard's official welcoming of Barry McDonald to the crease to start his batting spell – *"Gentlemen, may we welcome the opposing Captain, Lord McDonald"*. John just got a welcoming clap.

### "Coming to the end of his spell"

Greg Fiedler's comment after 4 balls of his son James' 1st over that had already gone for 18 runs. The over cost 25 runs after Matt Dawson had a bit of fun.

## **Finals**

**A2 258 defeated St Ives 247 @ Storey Park (21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009)**

### Day 1

Day 1 saw the batsman turn it on against the Minor Premier. Leigh Van den Broeke was outstanding with his patient 85 against negative bowling wide of the stumps. He got fabulous support from James Fiedler 43, Scott Henderson 41 and Alex Robertson with 37. The only 'disappointment' was the loss of 4 for 1 late in the day but this also gave us an opportunity to have a shot at the top order. Partnerships were the key with outstanding efforts from Leigh and James Fiedler with 73 for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket and 75 between Leigh again and Scott for the 6<sup>th</sup> wicket. Stumps day 1 saw us 258 and St Ives 0/5.

### Day 2

We did it in a game that went down to the wire. St Ives got to within 12 runs of pulling off victory. Our bowlers were superb on a wicket that kept its consistency all match. Darren Morrow was the standout. He bowled 27 overs and took 5/89 including the last wicket. He also got great support from Matt Jobson with his 3/36 that included his 100<sup>th</sup> Club wicket – what a match to get it in. Scott Henderson also bowled with good pace for 2/75. The match turned just before Tea when they were coasting but lost 3 quick wickets for 1 run. Great effort fella's. This is now our 3<sup>rd</sup> A2 Premiership.

### Youngest Captain

Congratulations to *Matt Jobson (A2 2008-09)* who Captained our A2 side. Matt had just turned 20 (born 17/2/89) so was 20 and 1 month old on the day. This makes him our youngest ever Captain of a non Colts Premiership winning side. Nick Bennett holds this record.

C2 236 and 4/141 defeated St Ives 147 @ Normanhurst Oval (21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009)

### Day 1

After being 3/15, 5/69 and 6/100 to finish with 236 was outstanding. The highlight was the magnificent 118 by Paul Mullinger who combined with Andrew Fiedler (24) to put on a very important 103 partnership. Fabulous support also from Geoff Richards with 39 (out going for a 6 before his retirement score of 40) with Taki Manolelis with 25. Paul's ton was our 337<sup>th</sup> and what a game to get it in. More about this below.

Our turn to bowl and as we got the runs so fast there was time to have a long bowl at them. At 4/77 there was still a bit of work to do with Geoff Starr taking 2 wickets and Riley Miedler and Pula Mullos taking 1 each. Stumps score was WPH 236 and St Ives 4/77.

### Day 2

A comprehensive win against the Minor Premier. After being precarious overnight we blasted them away. Geoff Richards took 3/23 (16 overs), Geoff Starr 3/17 (13 overs) destroyed the top order. The rest of the damage was done by Michael Richards with 2/8, Riley Miedler 1/19 and Paul Mullinger 1/15.

With the game over quickly we batted until they lost interest. Geoff Starr, did it with the bat this time with 40 (retired), Geoff Richards scored 24 and Paul Mullinger backed up hid ton with 45\*. Interesting point about this match is that while we finished behind St Ives on the table this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we beat them this season.

Congratulations boys on winning our C2 Premiership since 2004/05.

D2 141 lost to Berowra 171 @ Warrina Street (21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009)

### Day 1

The D2 boys just keep surprising. As Jonathan van Blerk mentioned it was a case of 'David Vs Goliath' but in this case David is standing toe to toe. Berowra have strong batting with an ability to build partnership around our former 'great' Greg Fiedler – not this time with regular wickets being taken at critical times. Ian Nichol continues to do what he has done so well all season and took 4 for 71 from 29 overs. He got very good support from Claudio van Blerk with 3/28 (14 overs), Arun Kumar 1/8 (13 overs) and Jonathan van Blerk 1/6 (11 overs). The run rate is not an issue as we held them to a low scoring rate. Berowra were 4/115 after 56 overs, we then got the last 6 wickets for 55, all out in the 83<sup>rd</sup> over. The game may well be decided in the first 10 / 15 overs – see off their openers and then milk the remaining runs. All of our games against Berowra this season have been close so this one will probably be the same but with us a nose in front – at this stage. Stumps Day 1 – Berowra 171 with WPHC yet to bat.

### Day 2

Today showed a lot about the character of this team. After losing a wicket on the first ball of the day and being 5/34 we fought back well. A fantastic partnership between Vishnu Ratnam (50) and Sekhar Vardhan put on 54 to put us back on track. We ended up falling just short but managed to guts it out for 66 overs. Some of the experienced players commented that 150 was a 'gettable' score and this proved about right. When you consider that this is a group of soccer dads, many of whom have not played for 20 years to even make the Final has been a tremendous effort. To push to Minor Premier so closely makes this achievement even better. Well done on a fabulous season fella's.

### **Top performers**

Congratulations to Brendan (top run scorer) and Scott (top wicket-taker).

### **Top 10 run scorers**

1. Brendan Harkin (D1) – 564 @ 56.4
2. Geoff Richards (C2) – 554 @ 39.6
3. Peter Heidegger (C3) – 551 runs @ 29.5
4. Vishnu Ratnam (D2) – 418 @ 32.1
5. Faisal Shamis (D1) – 388 @ 29.8

6. Matt Thorndyke (B1) – 378 @ 37.8
7. Geoff Starr (C2) – 395 @ 32.9
8. Nathan Fathers (B2) – 352 @ 32.0
9. Amesh De Silva (C3) – 324 @ 23.1
10. Caudio van Blerk (D2) – 324 @ 24.5
11. Russell Smith(D2) – 314 @ 20.9

### **Top 10 bowlers**

1. Scott Henderson (A2) – 37 @ 11.6
2. Roger Friend (D1) – 33 @ 14.8
3. Jacques Viser (C3) – 32 @ 17.5
4. Ian Nichol (D2) – 31 @ 12.9
5. Geoff Richards (C2) – 27 @ 11.0
6. Dylan Brogan (Colts) – 28 @ 7.9
7. Sekhar Vardhan (D1 & D2) – 28 @ 11.3
8. Matt Dawson (A1) – 26 @ 13.9
9. Isaac Malamel (Colts) – 26 @ 12.2
10. Andrew Joyce (B1) – 24 @ 11.6
11. Chris Williamson (C3) – 24 @ 14.7

### **Club Wisden**


Another year of outstanding performances. Here goes:


 4,000 runs:

- o Andrew Fiedler C2 Vs Hornsby @ Campbell Park, 1/11/08
- o Kishore Rampersad B2 Vs Hornsby @ Montview East 17/1/2009


 1,000 runs:

- o Steve Baker C3 Vs Glenhaven @ Glenhaven, 15/11/08
- o Geoff Starr C2 Vs Kenthurst @ Kenthurst 2, 29/11/08
- o James Fiedler A2 Vs Galston-Glenorie @ Northolm, 6/12/08
- o Nick Bennett A1 Vs Hornsby @ Storey Park 7/2/09

 350 wickets – James Makin

 100 wickets:

- o Ben McNamara B2 Vs CHRSL @ Caterson 2, 25/8/08
- o Craig Hutchinson B2 Vs Hornsby @ Campbell Park 8/11/08
- o Jacques Visser C3 Vs Glenhaven @ Glenhaven Oval 28/2/09
- o Andrew Watt B2 Vs Castle Hill @ Caterson 2 8/2/09
- o Marco Delgado D1 Vs Berowra @ Northolm 7/3/09
- o Matt Jobson A2 St Ives 22/3/09 @ Storey Park **Final**

 50 wickets

- o Rowan Keating B1 Vs Glenhaven @ Glenhaven 20/9/08
- o Rowan Dixit A2 Vs St Ives @ Greenway 27/9/08
- o Dylan Brogan Colts Vs Normanhurst Warrabee @ Turramurra 1/11/08
- o Peter Whitehead A1 Vs St Ives @ Parklands 31/1/09
- o James McBrien Colts Vs Kissing Point @ Storey Park 12/10/08.

### **Ross Anderson**

**Secretary – Seniors**

## *DIRECTOR - JUNIORS REPORT*

It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report in this eleventh edition of the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Cricket Club Year Book.

The 2008/09 season represents 79 years of the Club's existence. This season has yet again seen an unprecedented increase in enrolments and there was also a repeat performance with 7 teams across all age groups playing in the finals. This season we went one better with 4 premierships and 3 teams being runners up.

In terms of registrations, 435 players were registered in 35 teams as follows:

- Under 9 – 5 teams
- Under 10 – 5 teams
- Under 11 – 5 teams
- Under 12 – 5 teams
- Under 13 – 4 teams
- Under 14 – 5 teams
- Under 15 – 4 teams
- Under 16 – 2 teams

This represented an increase of 3 additional teams on the previous season. For years we have expected the growth in player numbers to stabilise, however, with a successful Kanga Program under the guidance of John Coulthard and the management team, our player registrations continues to flourish. The enthusiasm and professionalism with which the Kanga Program runs continues to attract and retain young Cricketers with the Club. A special thank you goes to John and his team for another successful year.

We have emulated the performance of the 2007/08 season with 7 West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club teams playing in the finals. This season again will go down in the Club's history as one of the most successful. The Club was rewarded with three premierships. Congratulations to our Premiership teams: Under 12 Green, Under 13 Red, U14 Gold and Under 15 White. Congratulations also to the members of the Under 12 Gold, U13 Blue and U16 Blue teams for their performance as runners-up.

Despite all of these successes it must be highlighted that they were achieved in an environment that encourages "Participation Over Results" and is emphasised in our Preferred Playing Code. The Club continues to encourage the concept of "balanced teams" where player participation is encouraged and team spirit is nurtured.

I take this opportunity to thank West Pennant Hills Public School, Oakhill Drive Public School, Cherrybrook Public School and Dural Public School for the use of their cricket facilities by our Club cricketers. A special thankyou goes to West Pennant Hills Sports Club for the use of the nets and the Club meeting facilities during the season. I also thank the team from Kingsgrove Sports at Westside for their support during the season.

This season we were able to schedule the presentation day one week after the finals. This was made possible by a fantastic effort by the Junior Committee members. A special thank you goes to Deanne Steer, for her efforts in getting the trophies ready for the big day. Once again it was a privilege and a pleasure to have Dominic Thornley and Denise Anderson on hand as special guest presenters.

I also wish to thank the team who are extremely competent, enthusiastic and make the Junior Cricket Program at WPHCCC very successful:

- Andrew Fiedler (Deputy Director – Juniors and U15 Age Co-ordinator)
- Rajesh Sethi (Treasurer)

- Mike Watts (Secretary)
- Rakesh Kaul (Registrar)
- Peter Rashleigh (U16 Age Co-ordinator)
- Patrick Chensee (Equipment Officer and U14 Age Co-ordinator)
- Glenn Ashelford (U12 Age Co-ordinator)
- David Schubert (U11 Age Co-ordinator)
- Ben Frawley (U10 Age Co-ordinator)
- James Trainor (U9 Age Co-ordinator)
- Andrew Miedler (Director of Coaching U9 – U12)
- Peter Dick (Director of Coaching U13 – 16)
- Robin Blumfield (Clothing Co-ordinator)
- Deanne Steer (Trophy Co-ordinator)
- Abe Khamis (Grounds Co-ordinator)

I wish to thank all of the Committee Members for their support and encouragement during the year.

A special vote of thanks goes to Deanne Steer, Glenn Ashelford and Ben Frawley who has served the Club with distinction in their roles over many seasons. You will be remembered for many years to come!

A final thanks to all coaches, managers, players and parents for their continued support and we look forward to a successful 2009/10 season.

**Deepak Narsai**  
**Director - Juniors**

## ***JUNIOR BOYS TROPHY WINNERS***

<b><u>Age Group</u></b>	<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Team Player</u></b>	<b><u>Batsman</u></b>	<b><u>Bowler</u></b>
Under 11	Blue	Michael Fiedler	Stanton Tam	Bailey Miedler
Under 11	Red	Sidath Dissanayake	Deane Piek	James Denyer
Under 11	Green	Sanjay Balakumar	Scott Miller	Jasdeep Girn
Under 11	White	Michael McCann	Joel Behlevanas	Andrew Murphy
Under 11	Gold	Robert Russell	Daniel Heidegger	Lashan De Silva
Under 12	Green	Kevin Li	Sam Iyer	Rohan Phillip
Under 12	Gold	Thomas Steele	Campbell Blue	Joe Burke
Under 12	Red	Alex Chidgey	David Lyttle	Adam Van Sarloos
Under 12	White	Sam Collison	Mathew Rashleigh	Justin Edwards
Under 12	Blue	Sid Kasbekar	John Anderson	Arjun Babla
Under 13	Red	Hayden McWilliam	James Partridge	Aaron Hawkins
Under 13	Blue	Cameron McBrien	Nicholas Hey	Matthew Vile
Under 13	Green	Daniel Koleth	Andrew Meikle	Arjun Bhasin
Under 13	White	Michael Duck	Raymond Khamis	Thomas Dearden
Under 14	Red	Dev Nadaradjane	Shanik Lokuge	Joshua Mathias
Under 14	Blue	Ryan Schouten	Daniel Anderson	Siddarth Sethi
Under 14	White	Alexander Joyce	Mansimar Singh	Indika Dissanayake
Under 14	Green	Alexander Nindra	Taylor McCann	Megh Mankad
Under 14	Gold	Mark Porvaznik	Thomas Lee	Matthew Campling
Under 15	Blue	Lachlan Blue	Wynston Lee	Jake Hickman
Under 15	Red	Marcus Creais	Lachlan McBrien	Nick Starr
Under 15	White	Siddarth Shankar	Lachlan Vile	Matt Dick
Under 15	Green	Gautam Iyyar	Matthew Hearne	Raymond Bastock
Under 16	Red	Stephen Young	Alex Rashleigh	Anjan Oberai
Under 16	Blue	Josh Murray-Howard	Kevin Godfrey	Michael Richards

### **Premiers**

Under 15 White  
Under 14 Gold  
Under 13 Red  
Under 12 Green

### **Arthur Souter Shield**

Crispin Demetriou  
Jamie Joseph  
Blake Mather  
Hayden MacIntosh  
Bharat Ramesh

### **Runners Up**

Under 16 Blue  
Under 13 Blue  
Under 12 Gold

Alex Rashleigh  
Damon Steer  
Aditya Vishwanathan  
Peter Yates

### **Centuries**

Giyan Dharmadasa  
Kevin Godfrey  
Wynston Lee  
Lachlan McBrien  
Anjan Oberai  
Alex Rashleigh

### **Hat Tricks**

Lachlan Vile

### **5 Wickets in an Innings**

Simran Binda 5/14  
Giyan Dharmadasa 5/39  
Hamish Menday 5/2  
Riley Miedler 5/17  
Anjan Oberai 5/11 & 5/11  
Alex Rashleigh 7/29  
Jonathan Walder 5/14  
Thomas Winkcup 6/8

**John Coulthard Award**  
**Junior Cricketer of the Year**

Alex Rashleigh

**Under 13 Charles Booth Award**

Hayden McWilliam



## *GIRLS REPORT*

Girls cricket in our Club has a long and successful history. Having started in 1996/1997 we have now registered 40 teams.

The 2008-09 season was one of the most important in our Girls history. The previous season saw us struggle to field a team. During the off-season we developed a detailed strategy and it worked when we fielded 3 teams – 2 B Grade (Secondary school) and 1 C Grade (Primary School) team. We have gone from being having a fragile base to being one of the stronger Clubs in the NSGCA.

There were a number of innovations this season:

- Our marketing plan was aggressive with new style colour ads, direct approaches to local schools and Girl's sporting Clubs (Netball and Soccer)
- Coloured clothing
- Dedicated Level 1 Coaches who looked after each Team plus Managers
- A Girls Executive
- An early season commencement with training starting soon after Registration Day
- At Association level all games were T20 – short, fast and with 8 fielders.

Much thanks goes to Barry McDonald and Ross Anderson for the effort in this area.

Our Teams did very well with one B Grade and the C Grade Teams finishing in the top 4 but the high level of participation was the biggest achievement. It was also great to see so many of our Girls turn-up on the combined Presentation Day with the Boys division.

Congratulations to all of our Girls who helped to make this season so successful.

A special mention must be made of Felicity Trinh who achieved some outstanding results. She was selected in the NSW Emerging Breakers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and had a great year scoring 160 runs at 53.3 and taking 14 wickets @ 5.2 topping the batting and bowling awards for the association. Felicity also won the Lisa Sthalekar Player of the Year Award.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of so many people to make this season a success. John Trinh and Craig Lofts for their active support on the Girls Committee, our Coaches – Ashleigh Antoun, John Steel and Matt Scoular, and our parents who managed, scored and umpired the games.

**John Porter**  
**Director - Girls**

## ***DIRECTOR - KANGAS REPORT***

Was this our best Kanga Season yet?

In our 17 seasons we have had bigger registrations, but 109 was certainly up there as far as numbers are concerned.

But it was a season where everything 'Jelled', everything ran smoothly, everyone enjoyed the experience. Even the weather co-operated to make this a memorable season of great Kanga Cricket

Although we have the policy of appointing 5 designated officials for each team, it seemed that for most Saturdays we had a full complement with all parents participating in the activities. And all that great support paid tremendous dividends in the rapid progress made by our Kangas throughout the season.

Even more heartening were the numerous comments made by parents on Presentation Day, saying how much fun they had enjoyed throughout the season and this was the parents – not just the kids!

For the record, our 109 boys and girls were again placed in 8 teams – mostly age based to ensure even development.

Of those 109, 57 – including – I am delighted to report – 3 girls, gained their graduation certificates and are now eligible to move up into our junior ranks next season.

With the will be going a large number of enthusiastic parent/volunteers who are looking forward to next season with as much anticipation as their children.

I must pay tribute the tremendous Kanga support team – Glenn O'Connor, Mike Woolnough, Wendy Paton and Indy Gunewardhene – plus all of our managers, coaches and gear stewards who all contributed so much. Thank you for your support.

And well done Kangas – Bring on next season!

**John Coulthard**  
**Director - Kangas**

## Team Entrances

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Kanga (numbers)	Girls (numbers)	Total (Seniors & Juniors)
<b>Parramatta District Junior Cricket Association</b>					
1930/31	1				
1931/32	1				
1932/33	1				
1933/34	1				
1934/35	1				
1935/36	No team				
1936/37	No team				
1938/39	1				
1939/40	1				
1940/41	1				
1942/45	War years				
<b>Sub total</b>	8				
<b>HK &amp; HDCA</b>					
1946/47	2				
1947/48	3	1			
1948/49	2				
1949/50	2				
1950/51	2				
1951/52	2				
1952/53	3				
1953/54	4				
1954/55	1				
1955/56	1				
1956/57	2				
1957/58	2				
1958/59	2				
1959/60	2				
1960/61	2				
1961/62	2				
1962/63	2				
1963/64	3				
1964/65	2				
1965/66	3				
1966/67	3				
1967/68	3	3			
1968/69	2	3			
1969/70	3	6			
1970/71	3				
1972/73	3				
1973/74	3	7			
1974/75	3				
1975/76	3				
1976/77	2				
<b>1947 to 76</b>	(72)	(79)			(151)

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Kanga (numbers)	Girls (numbers)	Total (Seniors & Juniors)
1977/78	3	5			8
1978/79	4	3			7
1979/80	4	4			8
1980/81	4	4			8
1981/82	5	11			16
1982/83	6	10			16
1983/84	7	13			16
1984/85	8	15			23
1985/86	8	10			20
1986/87	6	10			20
1987/88	7	11			21
1988/89	6	10			21
1989/90	7	11			21
1990/91	7	11			24
1991/92	7	11			24
1992/93	7	11.5*	70		25
1993/94	7	14	96		27
1994/95	6	16	130		22
1995/95	7	20	90		27
1996/97	8	23	100	44 (4)	31
1997/98	9	28	100	44 (4)	38
1998/99	7	29	100	85 (7)	36
1999/2000	6	29	126	72 (6)	35
2000/01	8	32	86	50 (4)	40
2001/02	10	26	92	29 (2)	36
2002/03	10	24	86	20 (2)	34
2003/04	11	29	97	23(2)	40
2004/05	10	27	100	37 (3)	37
2005-06	11	28	100	13 (1)	39
2006-07	10	29	118	13 (1)	39
2007-08	9	32	101	11 (1)	41
2008-09	11	35	110	31 (3)	46
<b>Sub Total</b>	308	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	316	650.5	1,702	(40)	
<b>Aggregate</b>	966.5				

**Note:**

- U10s 1979/80 – Average Cricket introduced.
- \* The .5 team was a shared team with St Ives U14 under the name of Ku-ring-gai.
- Kanga introduced 1992/93
- On 31/5/2006 we agreed to be part of the Milo 'Have-a-go' programme.
- Girls introduced 1996/97

## *UNDER 9 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

In the 2008/09 season the West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club fielded 52 players in 5 teams in the Under 9 age group.

Over 30 Kanga's graduated to the under 9's and this program continues to provide a magnificent player base for the entire club. The skills, enthusiasm and love of the game is instilled in the players early in their development and it was certainly enhanced during their season in the under 9's. Families from Baulkham Hills to Kenthurst chose to play with the club, wholeheartedly embracing the participation over results philosophy which is so strongly promoted.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped out during the year, whether it was umpiring (without the luxury of video replays or hot-spot to assist in their decisions), scoring, warming the boys up with a few catches or deliveries or wildly cheering every run, wicket and catch. I would especially like to thank those parents who took on the coach and manager roles: David Murray, Julian Bish, David McAllister, Rod Stockwell, Jeff Lee, Craig Hutchinson, Ajay Mohindra and Greg Harris. Without your time, effort and dedication the club cannot exist and the boys would miss out on the wisdom and guidance you have to offer them.

To each of the young players, I want to thank you for playing this wonderful game of cricket in the best of spirits. Sometimes the mornings were early and the days were hot, but you continued to try your hardest and always encouraged your team mates. I was continually impressed by the flashes of brilliance and the sportsmanship demonstrated on the field, and fully laid out picnics off the field. Your enthusiasm was so often demonstrated when we had a full team on the sideline, with the field all set up, even before the first opposition player appeared at the ground.

For me the most rewarding part of the whole season was to see our most improved player take his first wicket in the final few matches and then star in our final match with a wicket and a run out. The rest of the team rushed to congratulate him, genuinely thrilled for his triumph and the enormous smile on his face lit up the entire field. I have been thrilled to hear of similar stories in each of the other teams and know that the future of the club is in safe hands.

I hope to see you all back for the 2009/10 season and remember "keep your arm straight and brush your ear on the way through".

**James Trainor**  
**Under 9 Age Co-ordinator**

## *UNDER 10 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

Cricket for the Under 10s in 2008/09 saw 5 teams comprising 60 boys competing for the enjoyment of the game prior to moving into hard ball competition in the Under 11s for 2009/10. From all reports, they thoroughly enjoyed their season and will return to the Club for another year in the coming season.

Winning premierships is not the true measure of success at this young age, but ensuring our children enjoy their cricket, learn good sportsmanship and return to play the next year is.

Thank you to all the U10 Coaches & Managers who contributed to the development of our next generation of cricketers, and who made it so enjoyable for our children.

Our boys stand in good stead for the challenges of real competition in the U11s next year. Of the 5 teams, 3 of these lost only 1 game throughout the year, with the other 2 teams also performing very well, there will be some great rivalries that develop between this age group of teams into the future.

I think it is also worth recognising some of the achievements of our boys over the season.

Jonathan Walder took 5 wickets in an innings & Taha Shoaib scored more than 50 twice for U10 Gold.

U10 Whites saw most of their team return from last year, and with a few new players showed great resolve all season. Andrew Jennings hit some of the biggest sixes seen by a 9 year old.

U10 Green were a combination of 2 teams from last year and lost only 1 game.

U10 Red were also the combination of 2 teams from last year, and they gelled together well to enjoy a successful season.

Thomas Winkcup took 6 wickets for 8 runs in one innings for U10 Blue, while Travis Loxton backed up solid bowling with 294 runs at an average of 98 & a strike rate of 153. He was also one of the top run scorers for the representative side.

All in all a successful season and we look forward to seeing all the boys return for 2009/10.

**Ben Frawley**  
**Under Age 10 Co-ordinator**

## *UNDER 11 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

The U11's eventually settled on 59 players this year which made up 5 teams. They had a fabulous year and from feedback throughout the season enjoyed themselves immensely.

As this was the players first year playing with a hard ball and out meant out, the players learnt quickly to protect their wicket yet continue to score runs. The stroke play developed and it was a pleasure to watch. Big improvements were also noticeable in running between wickets, bowling and ground fielding.

Sincere thanks to all Coaches & Managers this year, who made a coordinators job very easy. The fact that there were no issues is a credit to the Coaches & Managers on how they conducted themselves and more importantly their teams. The U11's didn't build teams of champions but champion teams where everyone got a go and team spirit was always high win, lose or draw.

Thank you also to the parents that volunteered their time to score, umpire and cheer their team.

While no U11 team made the finals it remained a very successful and enjoyable year. The priority of the Club is for the boys to develop their cricketing skills and to enjoy playing the game. From my observations both of these got a big tick.

Coaches, and I'm sure players, are eagerly looking forward to next season to build on skills, have a dig, and enjoy themselves once again.

Look forward to seeing you then.

**David Schubert**  
**Under 11 Age Co-ordinator**

## *UNDER 12 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

The club fielded 5 teams in the Under 12 competition for the 2008/2009 season. The age group has maintained this number of teams for the past number of years. The competition was made up of 17 teams within one division, so all teams were unable to play each other once during the season, unfortunately this can have an impact on a teams position. All games were played in good spirits yet were competitive, so a lot of good cricket was played during the season.

As with last year our club fought out the Grand Final, with the same 2 teams making the day again this year. On this occasion our "Green" team just getting the better of our "Gold" team on the day, in another very close contest. Both teams had performed very well throughout the season, both reaching the final having been undefeated during the season. Our "Red" team just missed out on the semi-finals (5<sup>th</sup>) while the other teams "Blue" and "White" performed well during the season without getting the results. It is great to see all the children playing the game in the correct spirit and encouraging each other throughout the games and season.

A special thanks to the following people, who gave up their time to coach, manage and develop our player's skills: Geoff Bell, Jayesh Mistry, Faisal Shamsi, Tony Guant, Ramakrishnan Srinivasan, Myles O'Meara, Raj Babla, Brett Woollett, Peter Rashleigh, and Mike Kinchington.

Thank you also to all the other parents and who made themselves available to help with Umpiring, scoring and warming up the players. All this helps to ensure that the children have the best opportunity to enjoy their game.

There were many outstanding performances during the season, and all should be congratulated on their performances as well as their sportsmanship throughout the season.

**Glenn Ashelford**  
**Under 12 Age Co-ordinator**



## *UNDER 13 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

We fielded four teams, in the U13 competition. The highlight of the season was extremes in weather conditions. This is surely a sign of the changing weather patterns. Nonetheless, when cricket was eventually played, there was some superb and some closely contested games.

The cricket club relies on parents to support the club in the coaching and management of the teams. I am proud to report that our teams were coached by very capable individuals who dedicated a significant amount of time and energy during the season. We are grateful to our coaches Geoff Richards (Red Team), Andrew Cummings (Blue Team), Ben Meikle (Green Team), Tony Pignone (White Team).

There is a significant amount of information, reports and communication that is channelled to all parents and cricketers. For this, I thank the managers, Justin Russel, Ruth Brain, Jenny Smith and Abe Khamis. who competently fulfilled their tasks.

The **U13 Red** team progressed to the finals and were declared premiers in a rain affected final while playing against our own club U13 Blue team. The boys were thrilled to be crowned premiers after a very narrow loss in the finals during the previous season. Geoff Richards has done a great job inspiring the boys to focus on their performance and cultivate a never give up attitude during the season. The boys took up this challenge and had a fantastic season.

The **U13 Blue** team were runners up and performed gallantly throughout the season. The team had a few new players which slotted easily into the team and performed well. Andrew Cummings, has instilled a great work ethic amongst the boys which allowed these talented cricketers to perform well during the season.

The **U13 Green** team has many talented players with good contributions by all the cricketers. The team also had a few new players. The team has many talented players and Ben Meikle has done a great job to harness the talent in a tough competition and given their performance this season they have the players to perform even better next season.

The **U13 White** team has an outstanding line up of players who have the talent to perform well. The team's enthusiasm during games has lifted their performance against stronger teams. Tony Pignone, has done a tremendous job in getting the boys to believe in themselves and their abilities.

A successful 2008/09 season was made possible by the parents who volunteered in score keeping, umpiring, taking the players to training and matches and cheering the teams on. Thank you for being participants to these activities. You make it all happen for your very grateful young boys!

Looking forward to catching up with you all again during the 2009/10 season!

**Deepak Narsai**  
**Under 13 Age Co-ordinator**

## *UNDER 14 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

In season 2008-09 the Club fielded 63 Under 14 boys, forming five teams in the 13 team competition; with 16 new registrations to the Club in this age group and one team more than last season, this was going to be a challenge.

The Gold team and the Blue team made the semi finals, Gold defeating Berowra in the Finals. Gold have played in all four Finals and won three of the four competitions, Under 11, Under 12 and Under 14. The last three finals have been played against Berowra. Andrew Porvaznik has been the coach for the past two seasons, Manager this season David Campling. Congratulations and thanks to Andrew and David, congratulations to all the boys.

The Blue team were unlucky in the semi final against Berowra, a quick check of the rules may well have got them into the Finals. Many thanks to Coach Denise Anderson and Manager Gary McLennan have developed the boys over the past two seasons.

The Green team took on a couple of new players this season, it has taken a few seasons to settle the team and hopefully the results will come soon. Many thanks to Coach John Menday and Manager Trevor Jesse, they have patiently moulded this team over the past three season.

The White team boys have mostly been together for a few seasons, with four Rep players, they are full of potential and keen, often seen at the nets outside of training; many thanks to new Coach Muzzafar Mirza and Manager Brad Joyce, good luck for next season.

It is the Club's policy to place boys within a team they nominate whenever possible. With all other teams full or reluctant to accept more players, the Red team was comprised of 14 boys, 13 boys new to the Club, six had not played competition cricket; after Round 4 they were 2 wins and 2 losses. The Club gratefully accepted Graham Smith as Coach, with 2 Year 11 Oakhill College students Tom Blissenden and Sam Croft as Assistant Coaches. Graham and Sam are former players and Tom is currently playing Colts, the three did a fantastic job of coaching the boys and forming them into a team, well done, your help was greatly appreciated.

Under 14s participated in the CNSW Michael Clarke Twenty/20 Competition. Two Club teams competed Blue, with players from Blue and Red; and Green with players from Green and White. The second round game was Blue vs Green with Blue winning of a last ball boundary! Neither team made the semis but it was a fun break from regular training.

The only performance award for U14s was Simran Binda from Red taking 5 for 14 off 8.

At Rep level, Peter Lee coached the U14 President's Cup team, Ross Anderson was manager of the U14 Moore Shield. Eleven boys make the Rep squads, from the Blue team Daniel Anderson, James Madden, Siddarth Sethi, from the White team Santhosh Krishnan, Indika Dissanayake, Mansimar Singh, Bhavya Nanda from the Gold team Oliver Winkcup, Thomas Lee, Mark Porvaznik and the Red team Shanik Lokuge.

**Patrick Chensee**  
**Under 14 Age Co-ordinator**

## *UNDER 15 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

We had 4 Under 15 teams this year, up one from last season. We had a total of 52 players, of which 16 were new to the club. Many of these new players were for the Pennant Hills club, who were unfortunately down on numbers this year and unable to field a full team.

Firstly, congratulations go to the U15 White team who were able to defend their premiership victory from the previous season. They managed to win the premiership from 4<sup>th</sup> position in a replay of the previous year's final against Castle Hill RSL. The Blue team also featured in the finals series, after finishing the preliminary rounds in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Both the Blue and Red teams enjoyed improved results over the previous season, and it's great to see the strong core group of players returning year after year. The Green team was largely made up of new players to the club, and showed improvement throughout the year as they got to know each other better...the first year as a new team is always the hardest, boys!

There were many excellent on-field performances this season, including 3 century scorers:

- Lachlan Vile – 106 no (Lachlan scored 302 runs at 100.7 to win the association batting average trophy)
- Lachlan McBrien – 113
- Wynston Lee – 100 no

There was a single 5 wicket haul, that being Riley Miedler with 5/17 in the Final. Jake Hickman also topped the association bowling aggregate with 16 wickets.

Many of the boys enjoyed plenty of cricket this summer. Not only did we have a high participant number playing some senior cricket for the club on Saturday afternoons, but we also took a squad of 12 players to Armidale for an Under 15 cricket carnival in January. This was the first time we were invited to Armidale for this annual event, and followed on from the previous season's inaugural appearance in the Under 14 country carnival in Tamworth. The families who attended had a wonderful time and boys who came along will only learn from the experience of playing against quality sides on turf pitches.

On the Representative side, we provided a strong contingent of players to the Hornsby-Ku-Ring-Gai rep sides. 2 players represented the U15 sides (Taki Manolelis and Ashane De Silva), whilst 4 represented the U14 sides (Marcus Creais, Darshan Pandya, Sid Shankar and Lachlan Vile).

Many thanks to the coaches this season, Peter Dick, Geoff Hickman and Geoff Starr, who all backed up from last year, and particularly to Brian Hearne who took up the role as the Green team's coach at late notice. The Managers (Dave Linaker, Rajesh Talpade, John Goggin and Andrew McLean) also deserve thanks for their behind-the-scenes roles in helping the coaches and organizing the parents to ensure everything goes as smoothly as possible on playing days.

We hope the new players in particular enjoyed their first season with West Pennant Hills–Cherrybrook Cricket Club and will return again next year.

**Andrew Fiedler**  
**Under 15 Age Co-ordinator**

## ***UNDER 16 AGE COORDINATOR'S REPORT***

This year the U/16's fielded 2 teams of 13 players each. The Blues consisted of 11 players from the premiership winning team from 07-08 and the Reds also had 11 players back up from the previous season. The U/16 competition was dominated by Normanhurst who went through the season undefeated. The other 3 semi final spots were up for grabs right up till the final round. I'm pleased to say that the Blues (2<sup>nd</sup>) and the Reds (4<sup>th</sup>) both qualified for the semis but disappointingly the Blues were defeated in the Grand Final by Normanhurst. For the Reds this was a fantastic improvement after winning only 1 match in 07-08.

### **U/16 Reds Report : - Peter Rashleigh (Manager)**

We really started this season on fire. Wins against Upper Hills, Mt Colah, Hornsby and a narrow loss to Normanhurst saw us running 2<sup>nd</sup> after 4 rounds. The only concern was our fielding as we were giving too many players extra chances by not holding our catches. As the season progressed poor fielding was the main reason why we lost 3 of our next 4 games. This left us in 5<sup>th</sup> place heading into the final round. A nail biting 8 run win against Mt Colah and a loss by Castle Hill saw us sneak into the semis. In the semi final the eventual winners, Normanhurst, were far too good for us. One major highlight for the team this season was the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 241 between Anjan Oberai and Alex Rashleigh in Round 1. This broke the club record & equalled the HKH Association record. Our score of 6/338 was the highest score ever recorded by a WPHC U16 team.

The team was generally well behaved and played their cricket in a good spirit. Thanks to Thiru Pukazhenth (Coach) for his continued commitment to our team, Darren Mather for supporting me with the umpiring duties, Ronelle Laffer (our regular scorer) and to all the parents for their general support of Thiru & myself.

### **U/16 Blues Report: - Andrew McIntosh (Manager)**

The final season of junior cricket saw many of the players from last season return, plus a couple of new faces. Starting off well, the team fell into a mid-comp slump, and the probability of gaining a semi-final spot was falling away. After the Christmas break, the team pulled up its collective (and decidedly smelly) socks and did the business. Unfortunately, last year's nemesis, Pennant Hills, did not make it to the semis. We were really looking forward to renewing our rivalry with them in the semis. The team won a place in the Grand Final, but was beaten by the better team on the day.

On a personal level, I would like to congratulate the team on their fine sportsmanship and their sense of inclusiveness. Team co-captains Crispin Demetriou and Michael Richards carried out a great job, with player/coach Hayden McIntosh keeping the ship on course. Many thanks to umpires Peter Steer, Keith Herzog, Mike Godfrey, Steve Pesavento and to all scorers. A special thank you to Penny Demetriou for providing delicious morning tea treats every week (except for one).

On that note, after 16 years involvement with WPHCCC, I bid farewell to junior cricket.

### **WPHC U16 Representative Players:**

NSW DCA 08/09 (Junior Representative Competition)

- Hornsby Kuring-gai Hills U/15 Weblin Shield - Anjan Oberai, Alex Rashleigh

AWS Green Shield 08/09 (U16 Grade Competition)

- Alex Rashleigh (Sydney CC)
- Kevin Godfrey (Northern Districts CC)

Thanks to all the volunteer coaches, managers, umpires and scorers for helping to make 08-09 another successful season. I wish all the players best wishes as they move into Senior cricket and encourage them to continue their relationship with the WPHC Club.

**Peter Rashleigh**  
**Under 16 Age Co-ordinator**