

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The 2006-07 Season was our 60th Anniversary and we have had yet another successful year. Our on-field performances have been outstanding and our off-field activities equally rewarding.

Achievements:

Concentrating on our major successes shows many highlights:

- The Club Championships have now been won a record 5 times in a row by the Juniors and 4 times by the Seniors. The Juniors achievement is especially outstanding given our 'Participation over Results' policy
- Our Juniors won 3 Finals – the U11, U12 and U14 years. Our U13's lost their match but, as runners up, performed very well in a strong competition
- Last season the Seniors had 7 teams in the Semi Finals and had 7 losses. This year we again had 7 teams in the Semis but had 4 win through to the Final with resulting 3 Premierships
- Our Girls team also won their Final – a wonderful achievement.

Perhaps the biggest achievement is the continued resilience of our Club. Despite a declining demographic in the West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook area our numbers have held up very well and in fact have increased in key areas such as Kanga. The growth in numbers is an outstanding achievement based on good organization. I encourage anyone with some time on Saturday morning to go down to Edward Bennett Oval and watch the Kanga team in action. This is very well managed with children, parents and even grand parents all having fun in a well organised framework.

Kanga is our lifeblood. This year we had 118 registrations from which 54 graduated – many of whom will play U9s next season. Once our Kangas move into the Juniors, they continue to experience a highly professional approach as they move through the Age divisions. Over the years these children then move into Seniors. This year alone we had 7 Kanga graduates playing A1 Grade. Last season, 10 of 13 A1 Grade players were Kanga graduates. Arthur Souter, the founder of our Kanga involvement recently commented:

"We even have a number(of ex-Kangas) playing Grade with us at Northern District and they even recall those fun days when they played and remember...doing the many things still being done now."

Off-field

Our on-field success is in many ways a reflection of the tremendous things happening in the background. I have already commented on quality of our leadership at all levels. Grounds and facilities have been an ongoing issue – both the lack of and quality of these facilities. Our Executive has done a remarkable job in addressing these issues:

- We have spent \$32,500 on upgrading facilities – \$20,000 from our own funds.:
 - The nets at West Pennant Hills Public School has been a major funding initiative. With the support of the WPH Sports Club and NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation, we now have quality practice facilities there
 - Cherrybrook Public School net repairs and pitch replacement
 - Oakhill Drive Public School net upgrade.
- I have already commented on the quality of our Administration – from an outstanding Club Executive to our team managers and coaches. We are as strong as our weakest link so this says a lot about the talented people who run our Club – at all levels.

Volunteers - Thank you

Each year I comment on the number and quality of our Volunteers. Last season we had approximately 220 volunteers actively contributing to our Club by way of coaching, managing, scoring, umpiring, Convenors, selectors, registrar, gear stewards, equipment acquirer, clothing co-ordinator, equipment storage, publicity, financial recording, delegates to Association, hosts of general helpers and last, but by

no means least, those who serve on our various operating committees. The number is staggering but also explains why we are successful – by sharing the workload.

To all these folk – thank you for making such a difference.

Dominic Thornely - We were again privileged to have Dominic Thornely as our Club Ambassador for the 3rd year. Yet again, Dom made a significant contribution despite his heavy playing commitments for Northern Districts, NSW and Australia A. Thanks Dominic.

Greg Preston has decided to take a break from his role as Director – Finance. He has done a magnificent job running our overall finances since 1999. Our ability to be able to fund major infrastructure developments is partly due to Greg’s magnificent contribution in presentation of budgets & up-to-date financial information & recommendations based thereon. Well done, Greg.

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 selection is becoming increasingly difficult with so many talented and committed people involved in our Club. The winner this year is **Peter Lees**, our webmaster. Peter has spent countless hours over the past years, in setting up and improving our Club’s web site and richly deserves this acknowledgement of his services to the club.

Sponsors

Once again we have been well supported by our sponsors to whom we are very grateful: West Pennant Hills Sports Club and Kingsgrove Sports have been very good long term sponsors. The WPH Sports Club especially have been superb with a donation of \$10,000 to assist with the construction of new nets at West Pennant Hills Public School.

Current reality

We have had yet another very good season but it is always useful to think ahead of the looming issues we need to address:

- Complacency – will always remain a key issue. Once we start “reading our own publicity” we lose focus on the hard work required to continue moving ahead
- Demographic – another ever present issue. As the number of families with young children decreases in our area and the socio mix changes the pressures on growing our Club will likely escalate
- While not an immediate issue we are seeing warmer and drier summers – we need to be thought leaders both within our Association and the wider community about both the risks and opportunities this involves, specifically children not playing the game due to the increasing number of days too hot to make playing enjoyable.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who make this Club great. A special thanks to my fellow Executive members who are outstanding.

Barry McDonald
Chairperson

DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

Our 60th season as a Club in 2006/07 has been another good year.

A snapshot summary of the season follows.

Kanga

Kanga continues to be an outstanding success. John Coulthard's Division report provides all the detail. At a Club level Kanga continues to be highly successful with 118 registrations and 54 graduates going into U9's. Pur simply, the Kanga programme plus their very good supporting management structure is the single biggest reason for the continued growth of our Club. Kanga continues to provide to regeneration of both players for our Juniors and Seniors and, importantly, the management depth with coaches, managers and administrators.

2006-07 saw our Club link with Cricket NSW through Milo. There are a number of issues we need to work through with Cricket NSW to improve the support – this will be addressed separately.

Girls

Mark Tremain's Report also covers this in detail. This was the 10th year of offering Girls cricket. Since we peaked at 7 teams in 1998/99 there has been a steady decline in numbers. Through the efforts of Mark we are holding at 1 to 2 teams but there is clearly an opportunity to grow these numbers. Cricket NSW was involved last season and the opportunity is there again use their support help us grow participation.

Juniors

Deepak's first Report as Director – Juniors accompanies this Report. Some of the highlights are:

The 29 teams we entered was the highest number since 2003-04 and the equal 2nd highest ever registered. The biggest number being the 32 registered in 2000-01. Of these 29 teams, 5 were U9 and 5 were U10 – this gives us a good base for future years.

We have now won the Club Championship a Club record 4 times in succession – 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006-07 – overall 7 times. In addition to this we won 3 Premierships (U11 Blue, U12 Gold and U14 Blue) plus our U13 White team who were Runners up – fabulous results when account is taken the 'Participation over results policy'.

Last season we had ten (10) U16s receive their Arthur Souter Medals – young blokes who have been with us since Kanga's. The importance of this cannot be understated as it is this organic growth that is the foundation of our Club's strength. While we are one of the biggest Clubs in Australia, the size of our Club is not an issue. The important matter is that we play under our 'Participation over Results' Charter where everyone gets a 'fair go'. Equally as important, is the source of this growth – mainly from the organic source of our Kanga programme. No other Club, certainly within our Association and probably beyond have this depth.

Since entering our first Junior team in 1946/47 we have entered 583.5 teams (the 0.5 team was a combined team with St Ives in 1992/93). We expect that next season we will register our 600 Junior team – an amazing achievement.

Representative stars

How about our future stars in the U16 rep team. The lads played in a major tournament at Armidale in early January and won the Final by 1 run against some very good teams from around NSW and Qld. What makes this special is that of the 12 people in the team, 10 were from WPHC plus the Coach (Evan Hutchings). Well done fellas.

Seniors

A separate report follows. However, winning our 4th successive Club Championship's for the first time is a highlight. Other highlights are:

- We dropped 1 team to 10 this year but this is a good outcome as we were less stretched in fielding teams over long weekends and HSC than in previous years
- 2005-06 we had 7 teams make the Semi's and all lost. 2006-07 saw the same Semi Final result but 4 winners with 3 Premiers
- It is especially pleasing to see the continued strong relationship between all sections of the Club but especially, from the Seniors perspective, the links to our Juniors. Not only do we have a ready pool of keen Juniors to fill in but we also the graduation from U16's is very important, not just to retaining numbers, but also maintaining our Culture. We have a better mix than most Clubs of both new folk who have joined us and also the large group of players who have been with us since Kanga and Juniors. This provides the glue that has seen the development over time of a strong West Penno culture – we don't see a lot of our players play for other Clubs and we also see a high level of willingness to help out.

www.wphccc.org

Our website is very popular with increased usage every month when compared to comparative months in previous years. The website is increasingly becoming one of the main sources for new players coming to our Club and this is especially so with our Kanga recruitment. We now get over 3,000 hits on average during the season and this number is increasing. our record month is 3,794 page hits in October 2005. The message is that our website is fast becoming one of the most popular forms of communication we provide and it is growing in importance.

Ross Anderson (Director Operations/Secretary)

SENIOR'S REPORT

2006-07 was another very successful year with 10 teams participating in A1, A2, Colts, B1 (2 teams), B2, C1, C2, C3 and D2 Grades. Our A1 team this season was the 40th consecutive season we have competed in A1 – a wonderful achievement especially given the promotion and relegation system in place.

There were many good news stories:

- Our seven (7) Semi Finalists (A2, Colts, B1 Red, B2, C1, C2 and D2) backed up the 7 from last year
- Winning 3 Premierships (A2, B1 and D2) is outstanding with B2 just missing out by 9 balls to save the Final after batting last on a rain affected deck
- Winning our 4th consecutive Club Championship – a first for us is also a wonderful achievement
- We continue to see a good flow of graduating U16's into seniors. This season we had 9 players graduate which is one of our main sources of growth

Some more team specific highlights follow:

Emerging stars

- 14 year old Gav Taylor is already a legend being a NSW Blue and scoring 80 in B1
- Ryan Blaker, just 13 years old, played his first ever Seniors game in C1. Opening the batting he top scored with 71 and held the innings together for a good win.

Outstanding performances

Century scorers

312.	2006-07	126*	Geoff Starr	D2	Kissing Pt @ Les Shore 1 28/9
313.	(13)	154*	Sean Doohan	B2	Mt Colah @ Mt Ku-ring-gai 7/10
314.		116	Matt Phipson	Colts	Kenthurst @ Storey Pk 14/10
315.		137	Bruce Poehlsen	B1 Blue	Kissing Point @ Auluba 14/10
316.		104*	Nigel Moore	D2	Galston-Glenorie @ Northholm 14/10
317.		103	Michael Banner	A2	Kenthurst @ Kenthurst 21/10
318.		110*	James McBrien	D2	Hornsby @ Montview 28/10
319.		102*	John Nesbitt	C1	Beecroft @ Howson 28/10
320.		118	Mark Carnerio	C2	Pennant Hills @ Annangrove 11/11
321.		102	James Fiedler	C2	Kissing Point @ Holland 25/11
322.		118	Martin Boon	A2	ARL @ Greenway 2/12
323.		117	Nathan Orton	B1 Red	Kissing Point @ Auluba 2/12
324.		126	Michael Banner	A2	Beecroft @ Thornleigh 20/1/07

Note:

- * The first number represents the consecutive number in our History – e.g.; the first century this season is our 312th overall.

Outstanding bowling performances were achieved by:

Seven wickets in an innings:

124.	2006-07	7/72	Adam Walter	B2	CHRSL @ Headon 27/1
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10 wickets in a match

42.	2006-07	4/38, 6/32	Adam Walter	B2	Kissing Point @ Auluba 21 st & 28 th October 2006
43.		7/24, 3/37	Pat Nesbitt	C1	Hornsby @ Glenhaven 4 th & 11 th November 2006
44.		7/72 , 4/56	Adam Walter	B2	CHRSL @ Headon 27 th

Anecdotes

Heads you lose

This is a classic from Roger Friend, our C3 Captain:

“C3's had a cold a miserable day. It started with the toss, I call heads while Alf James (Wahroonga captain) tossed the coin. The coin did indeed land on a head ,mine, but then fell to the ground tails up.

We were asked to bat and in the cold dark and blustery conditions only Chris Williamson looked solid. We were all out at tea for just 64. It was after tea however, that our woes really took hold. Our bowlers bowled well in the tricky conditions and created a stream of opportunities but with cold hands and bodies it completely deserted us. The dropped catch count rose well into double figures before one was held to stop the rot.

A day to forget as far the cricket was concerned, but I doubt if any of us will complain about fielding in 40 degree heat (like last week) again”.

Groundhog day

A funny thing happened the other day. I have been getting reports that our Club Chairman (Barry McDonald) and equally ageless Director – Kanga were seeing practicing for about 90 minutes at the Sports Club nets. While Barry and John are Club Legends in their own right they are now long term Administrators of our great Club. Why Ground hog day? It could easily have been a scene from 30 years ago – same spot, same legends – same skills! To quote Barry:

“Cannot speak for John but I had no difficulty whatever in getting out of bed on Friday. In fact my shoulder was not even sore from bowling a few down. John did however indicate when I left him that he was going home to have a cup of tea and a good lie down, after administering voltarin.”

Bee swarm

Nothing like a day at Bannockburn Oval with the usual bee swarm stopping the game for a while. Added to this Gav Taylor confirming to everyone that he is stung at least once whenever he plays there. This was all too much for Eric Junkkari. The fact that he is allergic to bee stings may have had something to do with it but Eric just took off, raced down to the local Pharmacy and in Eric's words 'held them up'. He came back to the ground some time later with anti histamines, sprays and pills. By this time the bees had arrived in Brisbane.

The storm before the storm

Booney (A2) didn't have much sleep and delivered a Booney special at Greenway. Too tired to do much running he smashed 118 in the A2 game against ARL. The Big Man hit 7 sixers and 13 fours (94 in boundaries). He had a 100 run partnership with Ranga who scored 12 of them and he brought up his 100 with a 6 to move from 97 to 103. The big fella also took 24 off an over – a record by a WPHC A2 player. Once the big fella scored his ton he remarked “I'm getting tired and will smack them around a bit now’.

Just to finish off a great day, the big fella then accepted \$10 from the boys to get the stumps and markers in pouring rain. Welcome back big fella.

Golden moment

Bill Peterkin, one of our great Clubman is currently the Development Manager for the Gold Coast Titans. Hearing that A1 needed a player with 3 days notice, just before the Christmas game, Bill drove the 900 Km from the Gold Coast to help out. No records on this one but BP could be the only person in Club history to drive 900km to make a golden duck! Well done anyway Bill.

The Man strikes again

‘The Man’ played this week in C1. Tony had to attend his mothers wedding in Perth on a Friday before a game and left the Reception (at the Lonely Shag Restaurant of all places) at 11.30pm. When asked by his

mum why he was leaving he explained that he had to play a game of cricket, “in Sydney”. Tony was up at 4.15am, caught the 5.50am flight (after the flight had been closed) and made it by cab from the Airport to Glenhaven 5 minutes before the start. He has already made the effort to get from China in time for a big game. All that and he was run-out brilliantly after 4 balls.

Dean Jones revisited

How about this story of toughness on Nick Bennett, relayed by Colts Captain Greg Fiedler:

“At the first drinks break during our run chase Nick was 50 n.o and was seen out the back of Kenthurst dressing rooms being very ill from heat exhaustion. While I suggested he retire, he insisted on batting on, and literally teed off in Dean Jones- “Calcutta fashion” moving from 50 to 97 in about 40 mins before unsuccessfully trying to bring up his maiden 100 with a six. What very few at the ground knew before Nick went out to bat is that the doctor diagnosed him with a chipped sternum during the week from a football incident and should not have played. When I asked what were the repercussions of playing he just said “avoid being hit in the chest or it will break”-what young blokes will do to get on the field.”

Sorry, for bowling

About to start his bowling in the Kanga dads game Vs Seniors, Peter Westerberg (D2) apologised to the batsman, before he bowled a ball “I apologise for what is about to follow”. He had good reason to apologise, taking out Club Icon John Coulthard who stretched a back muscle trying to reach one of his deliveries.

Gun performers

Congratulations to our top performers this year:

Highest run scorers





1. James McBrien (D2) – 557 @ 32.76
2. Michael Banner (A2) – 480 @ 30.00
3. Dan Moye (B1) – 478 @ 43.45
4. Nigel Moore (D2) – 466 @ 35.85
5. Geoff Starr (D2) – 439 @ 43.90
6. Mark Carnerio (C2) – 431 @ 33.15
7. Andrew Mills (B2) – 430 @ 30.71
8. Matt Dawson (A1) – 416 @ 34.67
9. Nathan Orton (B1) – 408 @ 29.14
10. Martin Boon (A2) – 397 @ 33.08
11. Gavan Hassett (B2) – 384 @ 24.00

Highest wicket takers

1. Tim Connell (B2) – 43 @ 18.44
2. Adam Walter (B2) – 40 @ 14.58
3. Geoff Starr (D2) 38 @ 8.68
4. Matt Thomas (D2) – 34 @ 9.74
5. Chris Collits (C1) – 31 @ 16.81
6. Matt Spalding (A1) – 30 @ 14.23
7. Senth Paramaguru (C2) – 28 @ 17.25
8. Sean Doohan (A2) – 27 @ 8.85
9. Matt Jobson (A2) – 26 @ 16.88
10. Tim Starr (D2) – 25 @ 10.52

Club Wisden

Another year of outstanding performances. Here goes:

-  Greg Fiedler brought up his 6000th run for WPHC – the 2nd highest aggregate in our history
-  Bill Peterkin – 3,000 runs
-  Iain Ryan and Matt Davidson scored their 2,000 runs
-  1,000 runs were notched up by:

- Luke Quinlivan
- Nishane Pillay
- Stuart Newman
- Michael McGregor
- Nathan Orton
- Andrew Driscoll
- 🏏 In the bowling department, 200 career wicket were taken by:
 - Kishore Rampersad
 - Chris Rae
 - Amir Marzouk
- 🏏 100 wickets by:
 - James Blackmore
 - Dave Collits

Ross Anderson
Secretary – Seniors

DIRECTOR - JUNIORS REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report in this ninth edition of the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Cricket Club Year Book and my first as Director - Juniors.

The 2006/07 season represents 60 years of the Club's existence. This season also represents a season of consolidation after significant amount of funds were spent improving cricket sports facilities.

In terms of registrations, 333 players were registered in 29 teams as follows:

- Under 9 – 5 teams
- Under 10 – 5 teams
- Under 11 – 4 teams
- Under 12 – 4 teams
- Under 13 – 3 teams
- Under 14 – 3 teams
- Under 15 – 3 teams
- Under 16 – 2 teams

This represented an increase of an additional team on the previous season. We expect the growth in player registrations to continue as there is a increase in Kanga registrations in the past few seasons. The Kanga Program under the guidance of John Coulthard, Peter Burke and the management team 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. It is with regret that Peter Burke resigned due to personal and family reasons. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for the efforts he has put into the Kanga Program.

Once again the Club produced a successful 2006/07 season. Between the Under 11 and Under 16 age groups there were six competitions. Of the 24 semi-finalists a total of 10 were West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook teams. Of these teams, four proceeded to make the finals and ultimately the Club was rewarded with three premierships. Congratulations to our Premiership teams: Under 14 Blue, Under 12 Gold and Under 11 Blue. Congratulations also to the members of the Under 13 White team for their performance as runners-up. It is worthy of mention that our Club also won the Junior Club Championship for the fifth season in succession.

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

As reported in the last year, the Club was successful in obtaining grant funding (50%) from the Department of Sport and Recreation the balance being contributed by the West Pennant Hills Sports Club for the reconstruction of the nets at West Pennant Hills Public School which was formally opened by Lisa Sthalekar 15th September 2006. The reconstruction of the run-ups at the Greenway Park nets is also complete. Funding for this was obtained form the Department and Sport and Recreation, Cricket NSW and a contribution by Hornsby Council. Once again, we thank the Member for The Hills, Mr Michael Richardson for his support of the Club's successful applications for the grants and funds contributed by the West Pennant Hills Sports Club and Cricket NSW.

I take this opportunity to thank West Pennant Hills Public School, Oakhill Drive Public School and Cherrybrook Public School for the use of their cricket facilities by Club cricketers.

Despite the adverse weather many players and parents braved the conditions to attend our annual Presentation Day to celebrate a fantastic 2006/07 season. It was a privilege and a pleasure to have the Councillor Andrew Isaac (C Ward), Lisa Sthalekar and Simon Smyth on hand as special guest presenters. I also thank David Longfield from Longueville Books for sponsoring the First Edition Australian Cricket Diaries, Steve from Kingsgrove Sports at Northmead and David from Sportsmode.

Since this was my first year as Director – Juniors, I realised early in the year that I had to fill a huge gap with the resignation of Evan Hutchings who had filled the role for four seasons. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Evan for his support and efforts he has put into getting the Club where it is today. I hope to build on this in the years to come. I also wish to thank the team who are extremely competent, enthusiastic and make the Junior Cricket Program at WPHCCC very successful :

- Evan Hutchings (Deputy Director – Juniors and U15 Age Co-ordinator)
- Greg Preston (Treasurer)
- Patrick Chensee (Secretary and U12 Age Co-ordinator)
- Imran Khan (Registrar)
- Andrew Miedler (Equipment Officer)
- David Bennett (U16 Age Co-ordinator)
- Deanne Steer (U14 Age Co-ordinator)
- Andrew Fiedler (U13 Age Co-ordinator)
- Glenn Ashelford (U10 Age Co-ordinator)
- David Schubert (U9 Age Co-ordinator)
- Anne Starr (Clothing Co-ordinator)

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

A final thanks to all coaches, managers, players and parents for their continued support and we look forward to a successful 2007/08 season.

Deepak Narsai (Director - Juniors)

JUNIOR BOYS TROPHY WINNERS

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Player</u>	<u>Batsman</u>	<u>Bowler</u>
Under 11	Blue	Tyrone Smith	Nicholas Hey	Jacob Cummings
Under 11	Red	Aiden Russell	Thomas Steer	Jackson Preedy
Under 11	Green	Joel Herzog	Nicholas Leonard	Arjun Bhasin
Under 11	White	Luke Pignone	Savin Weeraratne	Hamish Menday
Under 12	Gold	Abhimanyu Srikanth	Thomas Lee	Daniel Kleinhans
Under 12	Blue	Harrison Norrell	Daniel Anderson	Siddarth Sethi
Under 12	Green	Charles Blumfield	Taylor McCann	Piranaa Alagiah
Under 12	White	Shannan O'Donnell	Francis Levitt	Mansimar Singh
Under 13	Red	Lachlan McBrien	Peter Flook	Gopy Parathan
Under 13	Blue	Stuart Turner	Ashane De Silva	Joel Mather
Under 13	White	Matthew Dick	Siddarth Shankar	Devansh Govil
Under 14	Red	Shashankh Thirumeni	Anjan Oberai	Patrick Power
Under 14	Blue	Jonathon Leonard	Michael Richards	Kevin Godfrey
Under 14	White	Jamie Joseph	Stephen Wray	Alex Rashleigh
Under 15	Red	Daniel Chew	Kieran Mahoney	Pat Graham
Under 15	Blue	Harpeet Singh	Daniel Brain	Tim Starr
Under 15	White	Joshua Noney	Elliott Kramer	Adam Hutchings
Under 16	Blue	Harry Connolly	Taylor Paton	Anuj Devalia
Under 16	White	Kapil Mistry	Tim Anderson	Tim Scoular

Premiers

Under 14 Blue
Under 12 Gold
Under 11 Blue

Arthur Souter Shield

James Blair
Anuj Devalia
Andrew Lawler
Nicholas McFarlane
Kapil Mistry
Taylor Paton
Avijit Safaya
Shahil Sawjani
Justin Steer
Matthew Stinson

Centuries

Anuj Devalia 110
Taylor Paton 106 no
Tim Scoular 138
Elliott Kramer 155
Carl Madsen 110
Tim Starr 100 no
Hat Tricks
Chris Creais 3/7
Devansh Govil 4/20
M Porvaznik 3/13

5 Wickets in an Innings

Adam Hutchings 5/17
Kevin Godfrey 5/7, 5/15 & 5/9
Michael Richards 5/13
Damon Steer 5/10
Stephen Wray 6/18
Daniel Anderson 5/8
Santhosh Krishnan 5/17
Siddharth Sethi 7/11
Jacob Cummings 5/14

Runners Up

Under 13 White

John Coulthard Award

Junior Cricketer of the Year

Adam Hutchings

Under 13 Charles Booth Award

Lachlan McBrien

DIRECTOR - GIRLS REPORT

The North Shore Girls Cricket Association (NSGCA) competition for 2006/07 comprised a combined A and B grade competition and a development group of young players which held learning sessions up until Christmas and then formed a mini competition after Christmas encompassing 6 teams.

The combined A and B Grade contained 8 teams and all teams played in a home and away competition over 14 rounds. At the conclusion of the regular season, A Grade and B Grade semi-finalists were determined based on the competition table positions.

WPHCCC fielded a team in the combined A and B Grade competition and ended the regular season in 5th place. This meant we competed in the B Grade semi-finals. There were three teams who stood out in the competition, however there was very little between positions 4th to 7th, which made for some close games throughout the season.

We played Castle-Hill White and expectedly won easily through to the final. In the final we came up against Gordon (who we only beat by 10 runs in our previous encounter). We were struggling a little bit at 6 for 92 after 22 overs (matches are played over 30 overs) when the rain came. It rained enough to result in the game being called off. As WPHCCC finished higher on the competition ladder, we were declared B Grade premiers for 2006/07.

It was a great feeling for this team to finally win a competition after being a beaten finalist and twice a semi-finalist in the three previous years that I have managed this team.

I must congratulate the girls on the manner in which they played all their games during the year and I am impressed by their continued, strong improvement in all aspects of their game. We have a few girls that have played all four seasons, but we also had a number of girls who played competition cricket for the first time this season. These girls performed extremely well given that the level of the cricket in the competition was reasonably high. I was also extremely pleased with the leadership qualities shown by many of the girls when given the opportunity to captain the side.

We had three girls represent the district in the Under 15's competition, Courtney Goggin, Jessica Ridley and Aarti Shah. Jessica and Aarti also picked up individual awards at the NSCGA presentation as leading batter and bowler respectively in B Grade. Jessica scored 256 runs at an average of 36.6, whilst Aarti took 13 wickets at an average of 6.5, with an economy rate of just 2.0 runs an over.

Finally a thank you to Geoff and Terry for their umpiring and Kerrie for her scoring throughout the season. Also a thank you to the parents who assisted the team at various times during the year.

Girls Trophy Winners

Best Batter -	Jessica Ridley
Best Bowler -	Aarti Shash
Team Player -	Rachel Tremain

Mark Tremain (Director - Girls)

DIRECTOR - KANGAS REPORT

And so we complete our 15th season of Kanga Cricket which makes us the oldest Kanga group in NSW and possibly Australia – as well as one of the biggest.

Since we initiated the Kanga programme back in 1992 we have introduced 1,491 young boys and girls to the Great Game. Many of our Senior team members today can proudly claim that they were “West Penno Kangas”.

118 were registered this season, up 18 on last year, so we had to squeeze a ninth team onto our tiny Edward Bennett Oval. For the first time, we held a pre-season ‘Information Night’ for parents and potential managers and coaches. We had 69 attend what was a great night ‘getting-to-know-you’ evening.

At this point, tribute must be made to the ‘Three Stooges’, Ben Frawley, Phil Hando and Glenn O’Connor. When Deputy Director, Peter Burke suffered an unfortunate health problem they willingly stepped into the breach and did so much to make our Kanga season so successful.

To help new Kanga parents, we conducted, with the help of a senior coach from Cricket NSW, a cricket orientation course. It was enthusiastically attended by 24 parents, many of whom are planning to advance to Level 1, which will also be sponsored by the Club.

While the emphasis was, as always, on parent and child fun together, our revised curriculum this season concentrated a little more on specific skills, especially bowling. The centre (hard) wicket was used for mini games, complete with mini pads and gloves. As well, each team was given special, concentrated sessions in the Club nets.

We sure know how to break a drought! All we have to do is schedule the Twilight Games and it is sure to rain. Yep – we did it again this season. Ah well, next year.....

The Charity match between the Kanga dads and the Senior Club organised again by Ben Frawley was a great success – except for the casualties. Our sympathies go out to Mino Vellani, one of our Kanga dads, who suffered a nasty leg injury before the game even started. The big winner on the day was the Heart kids Foundation for which we raised \$789.50.

Presentation Day on our last Saturday of the season was a memorable occasion thanks again to the superb organisation by Suzy Munro, Yvonne Davies and their band of merry mums.

Thanks also to Lee Jefferies who put his professional expertise to production of our Team photo’s.

This season, a record 54 Kangas received Graduation Certificates and we look forward with interest to their further progress through our junior ranks.

John Coulthard (Director - Kangas)

Team Entrances

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Have-A-Go (numbers)	Girls (numbers)	Total (Seniors & Juniors)
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	6			
1969/70	3				
1970/71	3				
1972/73	3				
1973/74	3	7			
1974/75	3				
1975/76	3				
1976/77	2				
1947 to 1976	(72)	(79)			(151)
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

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Have-A-Go (numbers)	Girls (numbers)	Total (Seniors & Juniors)
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
Sub Total	288	583.5			
Total	832.5		1,491	417 (35)	

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

There were 46 players for the 5 U9 teams this year. They had a fabulous year and from feedback throughout the season enjoyed themselves immensely.

Throughout the year one could see the development and improvement in the players as they got used to the game structure and playing conditions. Coaches often commented how the teams were developing their skill and team work and looked forward to keeping as many as possible together for promotion to the U10's next season.

There were some outstanding individual efforts but more importantly the players one and all grew as a team. They played the game in the right spirit encouraging and supporting their team mates win or lose. For that alone all the players deserve congratulations.

As mentioned the players development throughout the season was noticeable. They were fortunate to have 5 dedicated and committed coaches who devoted significant time and energy throughout the season. I would like to thank those coaches for their efforts. Andrew Miedler, Gavin Poole, James Gardner, Lalin DeSilva and Lee Jefferies.

As you all will appreciate there are significant amounts of information to disseminate to parents throughout the year as well as team organisation both during the week, at training and on match day. For their wonderful efforts I would like to say thank you to the team managers. Mike Watts, Andrew Miller, Mari Howes, Aubon Fernando, and Sarah Thorne. Well done.

Finally a big thank you to all the parents who supported their teams at both training and match day; either keeping score, umpiring, general organisation and of course cheering.

David Schubert (Under 9 Age Co-ordinator)

UNDER 10 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

During the 2006/2007 season our club fielded five Under 10 sides.

The teams participated in a non-competition format based around player involvement. The teams played 2 day matches, bowling 1 week and then batting the other. Each team had 45 overs to bat and bowl, so all players were able to participate. Although this competition was on a participation basis only, there were many highlights during the year, including many excellent individual performances with the bat and ball.

Apart from the efforts of our cricketers, a special thanks must go to the following people, who gave up their time to coach, manage and develop our player's skills:

Green Team: Myles O'Meara
Daryl Buckingham
Blue Team: Raj Babla
Jane Williamson
White Team: Glenn Ashelford
Mike Kinchington
Gold Team: Kevin Pidd
Peter Schouten
Red Team: Kris van Saarloos
Tony Gaunt

They gave their time unselfishly every week to ensure the players were prepared for their matches.

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.

Next year our players step up to 'real' cricket, and I feel most are ready to take on the challenge. I wish them well in moving away from non- competitive cricket, but I know they will enjoy the opportunity to emulate the stars of cricket.

Glenn Ashelford (Under Age 10 Co-ordinator)

UNDER 11 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

We fielded four teams, comprising of a total of 50 players in the U11 age group. This was the first year of playing in a competition format for most of the players.

Thanks to the efforts of the Coaches, Andrew Cummings, Robert Partridge, Tony Pignone and Geoff Richards and the grass roots training given to our players from Kanga to this level resulted in a superb season for all the teams.

The U11 Blue and U11 Green teams progressed to the semis, with the U11 Blue team winning the premiership for this age group while the U11 Green team were beaten in the semis. The U11 White and Red team finished 6th and 7th on the U11 table. The U11 Red team went on to win the Kimbo Cup.

Congratulations to Nicholas Leonard, Connor Jackson, Arjun Bhasin, Joel Herzog, Aaron Hawkins, Hayden McWilliam, Jackson Preedy, Nicky Hey, Tyrone Smith, Albert de Bruyn for making the HK&HDCA representative side. This is a significant achievement as the trials were very well attended it was the fantastic efforts of these cricketers that got them selected.

The cricket club relies on parents to support the Club in coaching and management of the teams. I am proud to report that our teams were coached by very capable individuals who have dedicated a significant amount of time and effort during the season. The team managers again competently performed their tasks during the season. We are grateful to our coaches (refer above) and managers Steven Vile, Jenny Smith, Abe Khamis and Richard Gooderham.

Jacob Cummings from the U11 Blue team was awarded the bowling trophy for achieving 5 wickets for 14 runs in their semi-final game.

A successful 2006/07 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.

Deepak Narsai (Under 11 Age Co-ordinator)

UNDER 12 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

In season 2006-07 the Club fielded 51 boys, forming four teams in the 14 team competition.

The Gold team was the only Club U12 team to make the semis. They won the Final against Berowra. Congratulations to coach Neil and manager Andrew for making back to back titles. The Gold team being the same as 05-06 season with the addition of new player Matthew Campling.

Blue team coach Tony, manager Rajesh, Denise and Peter treated this season as a consolidation year, all the boys are keen so watch for them next season. Many thanks to Green team coach John and manager Trevor, they lost half a team took on a lot of new players. White team also lost a coach and some players, well done to Mani, Marisa and Graham, after a difficult start the team finished well and won the Kimbo Cup.

Four boys were awarded bowling trophies, from the Gold team Mark Porvaznik scored a hat-trick, from the White team Santhosh Krishnan bowled a "five for" and from the Blue team Siddarth Sethi and Daniel Anderson both bowled a "five for".

At Rep level Mani Krishnan was U/11s coach and Rep Convenor. Five boys making the Rep squads, from the Blue team Daniel Anderson, James Madden and Siddarth Sethi, from the White team Santhosh Krishnan, and from the Gold team Oliver Winkcup.

Many thanks to our volunteer umpires some decisions are crucial and often controversial. Thanks also to the scorekeepers, it is surprising how many scorekeepers from other clubs want to give a commentary on each ball as well as score!

Under 12s had 12 boys attend the Sports Education Group training sessions at Waitara Oval in October to assess their training methods. Also in October we had 12 boys attend the ING Blues vs SA match at North Sydney Oval as part of the on ground entertainment.

Our Club had another great season celebrating its 60th year and winning three of the six Juniors competitions. The challenge for next season will be the team make ups as most of the boys are now in high school or will by mid next season.

Patrick Chensee (Under 12 Age Co-ordinator)

UNDER 13 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

We had 3 teams in the U13s this year, the Whites, Blues and Reds. In the regular season, the Blues finished 3rd, Whites 4th and Reds 8th. Both the Blues and Whites were defeated in the Semi-Final and Final respectively by the competition winners, Normanhurst Black, who won their third premiership in a row. Surely we are due to knock Normanhurst off their perch next year!

U13 Whites Report – Peter Dick (coach)

What a great season was enjoyed by the Under 13 White's.

In a very close competition that was extremely stressful for the Coach and Manager yet entertaining for the Spectators, the Under 13 White's qualified fourth for the semis and ended Runners Up. The success of the team is testimony to teamwork and the players 'never say die' attitude that resulted in the season's highlight of defeating the previously undefeated minor premiers twice in succession – once in a sudden-death match to qualify for the finals, and again in the semi-final.

Whilst every player contributed to the team's success at different times throughout the season, the following players deserve a special mention based on their efforts:

- Riley Miedler: batting (263 runs / 29.22 avg) and bowling (12 wickets / 8.08 avg)
- Sid Shankar: batting (239 runs / 39.83 avg) and bowling (9 wickets / 10.11 avg)
- Dev Govil: bowling (17 wickets / 9.76 avg) including a hatrick against the premiers Normanhurst.

Aside from the team's success, each of the players improved their individual cricket skills and played for the team. Furthermore, the support of the Manager, Scorers and Parents was much appreciated throughout the year, and I look forward to continued improvement and success with the team next season.

U13 Blues Report – Geoff Mudge (coach) and Geoff Hickman (manager)

The U13 Blues started the season slowly registering our first win in round 3 of the competition. We had finally found some form and the boys played some excellent cricket in the middle of the season winning 5 consecutive games to secure a final 4 position and a shot at the semi-finals.

Although our bowling and fielding remained strong we were unable to produce enough runs with the bat and were beaten in the semi-final by the eventual competition winners, Normanhurst Black.

It was great to see the improvement in the boys' skills over the season and also the wonderful support offered by the parents of the U13 Blues – especially Geoff Hickman as our team manager and the various parents always keen to help out at training and with the various umpiring & scoring rosters.

Highlights of the season included:

- Half centuries to Ashane De Silva (52 no) and Ben Madsen (60 no)
- Stephen McFarlane's 4/18 against Normanhurst Red
- Ashane De Silva's 193 runs at an average of 24.13
- Joel Mather's 16 wickets at an average of 8.19
- Stuart Turner being named our Player's Player with 143 runs at 15.89 and 6 catches as wicket keeper.

Congratulations to the boys on a successful season.

U13 Red Report – David Flook (coach)

The Red's had a mixed season with a number of new players (from other teams as well as new to the game) as well as a number of injuries during the season, so took a while to get working as a team, but by season's end we had some great team work going. There were a few good batting partnerships towards the latter part of the season and some great bowling efforts. Team confidence in their own ability grew as the season went on and this had a great impact on their performance. There was a significant improvement in everyone's fielding skills, with far fewer balls going past and some spectacular catches and throwing down the stumps. Bowling was a lot tighter with fewer wides and no balls. Not the greatest season, but I hope all the boys enjoyed the time. Of particular note was Lachlan McBrien winning the Charles Booth Award. Lachlan has performed admirably as Captain over the last few years and has stepped up a notch in organising the field and encouraging his team mates.

I would like to thank Geoff Starr and John Goggin for their assistance as well as the parents for helping on the day.

In summary, another successful season. Thanks again to the managers (Max, Geoff H & John) & coaches (Peter, Geoff M & David) for their tireless efforts all year. Yet again it was a year that went extremely smoothly behind the scenes, which translated into excellent results on the field. To all the players who participated, we hope you will return next year to West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, not just so you can continue your enjoyment of cricket, but also because this club is without doubt the most organized and most successful club in the association – both in Juniors & Seniors. (...shameless plug for the club...)

Andrew Fiedler (Under 13 Age Co-ordinator)

UNDER 14 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Following on from last year, the U/14's fielded three teams, Blue, White and Red. WPHCC enjoyed a successful season in the U/14's this year, with the Blue team being undefeated premiers and the Red team finishing fourth.

The U/14 White's season was a little disappointing with only 3 wins from 8 games. They finished the season on a high with 2 wins after Christmas including a big win over semi-finalists, WPHC Red. The current group of 12 players have plenty of potential but need to learn how to concentrate on the field especially when wickets aren't falling. In his first season as coach, Peter Rashleigh was satisfied that several of his players improved greatly this season.

The U/14 Red Team started off the 2006/2007 season on a disappointing note, losing the first 2 matches played. Both the opposing teams were "beatable". However, the team pulled up its socks and came together in a dream run of successive wins and were always placed among the top 6 teams in the district.

The U/14 Red team qualified for the semi finals by narrowly beating the No.5 team by 2 Points in the last match of the round. Even in the Semi-Final, the team did a brilliant job by bowling out Pennant Hills for just 151 runs, however, a nervous and defensive batting performance led to the team losing in a match that could have otherwise been a win.

The Blue team had a wonderful season this year. They were undefeated in the minor round and went on to convincingly beat Pennant Hills (again!) in the Grand final. . With only 12 players in the team, the boys struggled most weeks to field a full team, but still played together as a team and overall, improved their cricket.

Credit should be given to all the boys for their efforts, hard work and increased maturity this year. Let us hope they can continue this next year.

I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to the coaches and managers of the teams, without them the boys would not be able to take the field each Saturday morning.

WPHC U/14 White – Coach: Peter Rashleigh, Manager: Catherine & Brett Hawkins

WPHC U/14 Red – Coach: Thiru Pukazhenth, Manager: Ramesh Swaminathan

WPHC U/14 Blue – Coach: Stephen Pesavento, Manager: Kerrie Hammond

Also, many thanks to all the parents who helped out at training sessions, scored and umpired each week.

There were several notable performances this year, in particular:

Kevin Godfrey who took 5 wickets in a game, in THREE separate games! (well done Kevin!)

Damon Steer and Michael Richards who took 5 wickets in a game,

Stephen Wray – 6 wickets in a game

The following players were selected in the HKHDCA Representative teams:

Stephen Wray, Alex Rashleigh and Wynston Lee (U/13 Gee Shield) Anjan Oberai (U/13 IDCA team)

Kevin Godfrey, Michael Richards, Jayden Hammond & Lachlan Thomson (U/14 Moore Shield).

Congratulations to all the teams on a successful and rewarding season.

Deanne Steer (Under 14 Age Co-ordinator)

UNDER 15 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

In the 2006/07 season there were three WPHC teams in the Under 15 competition that comprised 13 teams. The WPHC teams were Blue, Red and White and overall these teams performed very well.

The Blue team was consistent all season, unfortunately missing out on qualifying for the semi-finals by a narrow margin. The Red team competed enthusiastically all season and progressively improved with each match. They should be very proud of their commitment and efforts as a team. The White team finished third, losing to the eventual premiers, Upper Hills, in an exciting semi-final that could have gone either way.

There were several performances during the season that are worthy of recognition as follows:

Blue Team:	Chris Creais	Hat-trick	18 November 2006
	Tim Starr	100no	11 November 2006
White Team:	Elliott Kramer	155	25 November 2006
	Carl Madsen	110	18 November 2006
	Adam Hutchings	5/17	11 November 2006

Statistically, the following players were outstanding in their respective teams:

Blue Team:	Daniel Brain	248 runs @ 35.43
	Tim Starr	20 wickets @ 7.25
Red Team	Kieran Mahoney	300 runs @ 37.50
	Patrick Graham	11 wickets @ 20.60
White Team	Elliott Kramer	236 runs @ 33.71
	Adam Hutchings	23 wickets @ 6.04

I would like to thank each of the Under 15 players for their wonderful performances throughout the season and, in particular, for the positive spirit in which they played their cricket. You all represented our Club brilliantly and are a credit to it. Sincere thanks also to the Coaches and Managers, Geoff Starr (Coach) and Tony Brain (Manager) of the Blue Team and Pat Kumar (Coach) and Jeff Young (Manager) of the Red team. Thanks also to the parents of the White team that I coached for their valuable support and assistance at training sessions and games.

I look forward to seeing you all back in 2007/08.

Evan Hutchings (Under 15 Age Co-ordinator)

UNDER 16 AGE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

We had 2 teams representing WPHCCC in the under 16 competition this year. One team, White, was returning intact from their successful season in U15's where they were premiers and the Blue team was a mixture of players returning from the other U15's teams plus some new additions.

Both teams performed well during the season and both made the semi finals.

Unfortunately neither team was able to make it past the semi finals this year. Everyone should however be happy with the season, the results achieved and the improvement in the standard of the cricket being played.

I would like to thank the coaches and managers of both teams for their efforts and assistance as without them we would find it difficult to get the guys on the field.

In particular I would like to thank Nick Bennett and Matt Scoular, two guys who were playing U16 cricket only 2 years ago, for stepping up and taking on the coaching role for the Blue team when we were unable to find a parent to take on the role.

White

Coach: Ian Blair

Manager: Richard Howell

Blue

Coaches: Nick Bennett & Matt Scoular Manager: Wendy Paton

A special thank you also goes to the parents who provide support on match days as this assists with the smooth running of the teams.

Next year the players will move into the senior ranks and I wish them all the best for their future cricket. Hopefully the majority of players will be continuing on Saturday afternoons with WPHCCC.

A number of the players from the U16's club teams again represented at Association level. The players were: Anuj Devalia, Robert Howell, Nick McFarlane, Chris Milojevic, Richard Nash, Taylor Paton and Rajith Premachandra.

Anuj Devalia played in the Northern Districts Grade Club Green Shield U16 team.

David Bennett (Under 16 Age Co-ordinator)

Representative Players in HK&HDCA Teams

U/10 Foster Shield

Santhosh Krishnan

U/11 Creak Shield

Daniel Anderson

Marcus Creais

Siddharth Shankar

U/11 IDCA

James Madden

Jon Stevens

Oliver Winkcup

U/12 Cawsey Shield

Wynston Lee

Stephen Wray

U/12 President's Cup

Riley Miedler

Alex Rashleigh

U/13 Gee Shield

Michael Richards

Damon Steer

Adam Stevens

Lachlan Thomson

U/13 IDCA

Crispin Demetriou

Jayden Hammond

Luke Herzog

Jonathon Leonard

Damon Pesavento

Shashankh Thirumeni

Devin Weeraratne

U/14 Harold Moore Shield

Parneet Bhatia

Ryan Blaker

Thomas Blissenden

Gavin Taylor

Tim Wales

U/14 President's Cup

David Bonnichsen

Daniel Brain

Shane Campbell

Adam Hutchings

Thomas Louw

Hemant Vijaykumar

U/15 Weblin Shield

Andrew Casey

Eugene Kruger

Charith Mayadunne

Ashad Munas

U/15 IDCA

Anuj Devalia

Thomas Godfrey

Robert Howell

Nick McFarlane

Richard Nash

Taylor Payton

U/16 Watson Shield

Sujith Dissanayake

Ranga Ediriwickrama

Aaron Rigato

Yannick Samarasinghe

Clayton Waters

Jon Whealing

U/16 President's Cup

Dylan Brogan

Nick Reedy

Green Shield

Sujith Dissanayake

Ranga Ediriwickrama

Charith Mayadunne