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## Chairman's Report 2016-17

This season was a season of consolidation for participant numbers in the region. As expected we did not see the vigorous growth in playing numbers that we saw in the 15/16 season following CWC2015, we were however encouraged by the maintenance of interest that retained those numbers. There is no question however that we need to further enhance and grow the female aspect of our game. While progress has been slow in this area it will remain a focus.

Our representative sides all competed and did Northland proud, we were able to witness the return of a major junior tournament to Northland after an absence of some 5 years and saw firsthand the effort of both the players, supporters and volunteers for this event, the efforts of all of you is to be commended.

The NCA team lead by General Manager Stephen Cunis and Commercial Manager Helen Smith have done a great job and have been ably supported by our NCA staff and contractors, there have been multiple balls in the air during the 12 months and as a new management team they have performed admirably.

Our financial result was again satisfactory, we have recorded a modest profit which is in line with our goal of returning as much cash to the development of cricket in Northland as possible. Our rental commitments to The Cobham Oval Trust provide the basis for the fund that will in time need to be used to complete major renovation works here at Cobham Oval.

We acknowledge that to continue to operate on a similar scale that we currently do, we rely heavily on funding and sponsors. Their assistance by way of cash, grants, services and volunteer help is of huge significance. Again, as in previous years' special mention must be made of the Oxford Trust which continues its long association of support to Northland Cricket.

We also enjoy tremendous support from other trusts in the area and extend our heartfelt thanks to our close allies; the Northland Cricket Trust, Cobham Cricket Club and the Cobham Oval Trust. An example of how we can take a collaborative approach together has recently been displayed with the gathering of minds to progress with the acquisition of an electronic scoreboard involving these cricket partners.

Northern Districts and New Zealand Cricket also provide an essential baseline of cash and support and over the past 12 months we have engaged with both ND and NZC directly, on various projects. Major work is underway, relating to the growing Rodney area and how we can both cater to current participants and nurture future growth, and this is an important part of our association. Northern Districts farewelled CEO Peter Roach at the end of the season, and we thank him for his support over his time with ND. Northland has maintained a strong relationship, at many levels, with the ND management, right up to board level and we will continue to further this partnership with incoming CEO, Ben MacCormack. As with ND we have also developed strong bonds with NZC, again at many different levels, and this can only be positive as we retain a profile for being a progressive organization within New Zealand Cricket.

Our three key naming sponsors are greatly appreciated and we thank Bella Homes, Educare and PLUS CA for their enthusiastic support. Sport Northland also continues to supply valuable support along with our many signage and team sponsors and supporters.

The Whangarei District Council continue the fantastic supply of parks, wickets and cricketing services, to enable us to play our summer game. Without WDC support we would not have seen the return of international cricket to Cobham Oval. The Venues and Events arm of WDC has worked in conjunction with our NCA staff, to launch a successful joint bid to host tomorrow's stars of the game, with a round of pool matches for the U19 CWC to be hosted in January 2018. This will closely follow the BlackCaps vs West Indies ODI on December 20th. These are exciting times and should encourage positive results around participation of the sport while attracting travelers and sports fans to the wider Northland region.

Last year I commented on NZC's commitment of more resources and action toward grassroots cricket. While there is still much work to do, we have seen signs that this is underway. One example of embracing positive change has been the very quick uptake by most associations in New Zealand, to a revised format at junior cricket level with smaller pitches, less players, shorter game times and more excitement and involvement for all participants, including the parents. NZC have undertaken some rebranding to assist with further fan engagement - we continue to live in a world where people are time poor and want to spend free time doing something that has a higher interest or excitement factor. The further emergence of T20 in the past 12 months is attracting different crowd demographics, to that of test and ODI cricket, and this is no doubt testament to that.

I would like to make special mention of several groups

- The players - who have the passion for the game that keeps it going, the support for their various clubs and teams allows them in turn to flourish and that, in turn, helps Northland Cricket to prosper.
- Our many volunteers, parents and supporters who simply get on by supporting the game - serving on committees, taking kids to cricket, umpiring, scoring, consoling, congratulating; whatever aspect - it's all hugely important and we thank you.
- The 2016/17 NCA board who have all contributed to, and continued to provide input and debate on, the development of Northland Cricket. With a contested election, this year there may be changes, and I wish whoever is on the 2017/18 board team, all the best.

**Paul Tomich**  
**Chairman**  
**Northland Cricket Association**

## General Managers Report 2016-17

I'd like to make special mention of five key areas:

There has been very good growth within the Rodney region. Junior numbers have increased to over 120 players from Year 1 to 8 (up from 30, two years ago). These players play in a modified Friday afternoon cricket competition. Rodney also formed a junior sub-association team that played hard ball cricket in the Year 7-8 age group, on a part time basis. The local adult competition now includes seven club teams and the commitment and organisation from these clubs, has markedly improved. The next steps for the RCA is to establish ways in which local competitions, for specific age groups, can be formed within the Rodney District – the possibility of 'crossing borders' with clubs based in Auckland is an exciting prospect. This will only improve cricket in the region and NZC, NDCA, ACA, NCA and RCA are all collectively exploring new initiatives.

Junior cricket in Northland, based on Northland-wide competitions, is in good health. Various clubs have grown and it is pleasing to see numerous clubs being represented in each of our grades. A key area for the NCA to focus on is supporting junior clubs, specifically looking at the sustainability of plans/support structure already in place. This includes females playing cricket; the NCA needs to explore ways in which to establish an all-girls competition – clubs and schools are vital to this. New initiatives to our A Grade will be implemented in the 2017-18 season, which the NCA believes will encourage parent engagement and increase the players' enjoyment at that level. Our junior midweek competitions have been worthwhile – we now need to focus on retaining these midweek players and giving them new and exciting opportunities to play cricket. The Educare Coaching team is currently looking at ways to expand and enhance these midweek competitions.

Adult cricket is constantly evolving in Northland, as it is in all regions of New Zealand, and it is important to cater for all the varied interests of our players. This isn't always easy. However, I feel that the NCA does this well and we always endeavour to include clubs in our review process and planning for future seasons. The formats the NCA offers are all worthwhile, and although some players and teams might prefer specific forms of the game, it is important to cater for players who play, both socially and/or competitively. We feel that we do that. Can the standards of adult club cricket be better? Yes, I believe so. Therefore, I believe that the NCA's immediate focus is to support adult clubs in a similar manner to that of junior clubs – focusing on how clubs can be more structurally successful and sustainable.

Representative cricket is a major component of the NCA – both junior and senior. We have very good representative programmes in place and the NCA is proud of these. With some codes moving away from having representative teams at intermediate level, the NCA has no intention of doing this in the foreseeable future. We believe that playing representative cricket for Northland is special in all age groups, and those who are selected gain so much from playing for Northland. No, not everyone can be a representative player but to be frank, that is what makes it special.

Our sponsors – the NCA is extremely appreciative of the financial support we receive. Bella Homes, Educare and Plus CA, three of our biggest sponsors, are fantastic to work alongside and the mutual respect we have for each other is a mark of the relationships we currently have. We also have numerous additional sponsors that support our association in various capacities – I thank them all for their commitment to growing the game in Northland and for their support. Also to our supporters – whether volunteers, or those involved

within key infrastructural organizations, the NCA thanks you immensely and we acknowledge the time, effort and overall support you show the NCA.

Overall, we have made very good progress in a lot of key focus areas. I am proud of that. It's now time to re-establish what is most important to cricket in Northland, and move forward. In doing this, a new strategic plan is currently being developed in conjunction with our key stakeholders to ensure we do all we can to develop the game we all love.

**Stephen Cunis**  
**General Manager**



# Operations Report 2016-17

## 1. School coaching programmes

The Educare NCA Coaching Team worked in various High Schools, Intermediates and Primary Schools throughout the season. As usual the NCA coaching programs were well received and respected by schools. The Educare NCA Coaching Team would like to thank those schools for their support of cricket in Northland. We visited over 50 schools throughout Northland, many on a regular basis and we hope that the relationships we have with these schools continue to grow.

### Next Steps

New games and/or structure to coaching programmes. Possibly looking to combine classes and/or ask for sports monitors (or the like) to join our coaches to learn more about mentoring younger children. Target specific schools/classes and link our sessions with other curriculum areas (technology, math etc.). Run intra and interschool festival days. Cross-code – teaming up with Northland Hockey to run multi-code festival days.

## 2. Midweek Competitions for Primary and Intermediate students (school-based teams)

There were various teams that played Friday afternoon cricket in the Northland region:

- Six 8 aside teams played in the Bream Bay competition - pre-Christmas.
- Six 8 aside teams played in the Maungakaramea competition - pre-Christmas.
- Eighteen 8 aside teams played in the Rodney competition - pre/post-Christmas.
- Twelve 8 aside teams played in the Whangarei competition - pre/post-Christmas

### Next Steps:

We need to adjust some of these competitions. We feel that there needs to be new initiatives planned so schools and students stay interested. The NCA will look at having these competitions prior to Christmas and then other alternatives in Term One. These initiatives will be confirmed as planning for next season gets underway. More emphasis on teacher and parent assistance at competitions. We are also exploring the need for a secondary school competition to engage older players – lunch times and after school options are to be discussed.

## 3. Junior numbers playing in Saturday competitions

- C Grade – 12 teams (2014/15 – 8 teams, 2015/16 – 20 teams)
- B Grade – 11 teams (2014/15 – 8 teams, 2015/16 – 9 teams)
- A Grade – 6 teams (2014/15 – 6 teams, 2015/16 – 6 teams)
- Third Grade – 5 teams (2014/15 – 5 teams, 2015/16 – 9 teams)

### Next Steps:

Numbers were down in regular Saturday cricket but we feel we still have a good base of junior players. It is important to promote both midweek and weekend cricket and push the fact that both can be played. After the Cricket World Cup, there was possibly a 'natural' drop off in public interest so in the future, we need to

promote better immediately after tournaments like that. School flyers will be distributed again. NZC are promoting the 2017-18 season and targeting grass roots cricket, within their advertising campaign. Third Grade is a concern, there was much debate about the competition at JCB meetings and it has been recognized that this needs to be better facilitated in order to strengthen what is an important stepping stone grade into senior club cricket.

### **Junior club/school competitions**

Meaningful competitions were established for various age groups. It was pleasing to again receive positive feedback about the competitions facilitated by the NCA. The feedback that the NCA obtained, verified that junior players experienced cricket in a variety of formats; suiting a diverse level of skill and ability. Many of the clubs and schools demonstrated a good level of communication and commitment towards their teams and the NCA is extremely appreciative of their effort.

### **Northland-wide School Cricket Tournament Winners:**

- NZ Shield (Intermediate Girls) – Kamo Intermediate.
- Doug Thorpe Trophy (Intermediate Boys) – Kamo Intermediate.
- John Bruce Trophy (JSS Girls) – WGHS.
- Armstrong Shield (JSS Boys) – WBHS.
- Leaf Cup (Senior Secondary Girls) – WGHS.
- Bruce Scott Trophy (Senior Secondary Boys T20) – WBHS.
- Robertson Shield (SSS Boys Challenge Shield) – WBHS.

### **Northern Districts School Cricket Finalists:**

- ND 'NZ Post' Zone Finals (Intermediate Boys) – KIS.
- ND 'NZ Shield' Zone Finals (Intermediate Girls) – KIS.
- ND 'JSS NZ Community Trust' Zone Finals (JSS Boys) – WBHS.
- ND 'Gillette Cup' Zone Finals (Secondary Boys) – WBHS.
- ND 'NZ Community Trust' Zone Finals (Secondary Girls) – WGHS.

### **Northland-wide Junior Club Cricket Winners:**

- C Grade: Pre-Christmas – OCCC Hawks  
Post-Christmas – OCCC Hawks/OCCC Wolves
- B Grade: Pre-Christmas – Kamo Gold  
Post-Christmas – OCCC Green Caps
- A Grade: Pre-Christmas – Northern Wairoa  
Post-Christmas – Maungakarama
- Third Grade: Pre-Christmas – Northern Wairoa  
Post-Christmas – Northern Wairoa

### **Next Steps:**

As identified in our midweek competitions, improving player/parent engagement in our various competition formats is crucial to keeping the children playing and the parents coaching and supporting. We are currently looking at some possible modifications to junior rules in order to achieve this. It is also

important to ensure we try to cater for a girls-only competition. The increased demand for this from parents and players is an exciting addition to junior club cricket in Northland. We also would like to see more school teams enter our local tournaments and/or festival days, to do this we will need to revisit our current tournament structures/rules to suit players age and skill range.

### **Representative programmes**

#### **Junior Representative**

The Northland Senior Secondary Girls team took part in the ND regional tournament in Tauranga. They learnt a lot and enjoyed the tournament environment. We have a group of young girls coming through in this age group and they gained a lot out of this tournament. Thank you to Karl Treiber and Ben Hyde for their assistance with this team.

The NCA had three players representing us in the NPL (Northern Premier League). This is a competition that is made up of elite female players from around the ND, CD and Auckland regions. These players were Tia Saunders, Olivia Lobb and Jade Litchfield. Congratulations to each of these young ladies for their achievements.

The Primary Boys team, again coached by Karl Treiber, developed a lot as the year progressed and they had some very worthwhile performances. There were some very talented boys in this squad and the Winter Training Academy (WTA) most certainly aided in their development. Thank you to Karl Treiber, Murray Byles and Neil Condon for their assistance with the coaching and managing of the Primary Boys squad. And, to the many other volunteers that contributed in various ways. Also thank you to the large group of supportive parents associated within this age group, their commitment is second to none and is much appreciated.

The Junior Secondary School Boys team played some very good cricket and there is a core of talented players coming through in this age group. Various players stood up throughout the season and it was pleasing to see specific individuals contributing in matches. Finishing second at the tournament was a great achievement. A special mention must go to Roger Turner, Ryan Trigg, Mike Webb and Craig Cooper (along with Karl Treiber) for their efforts in coaching, managing and selecting JSS teams and also to each of them for assisting in Northland's hosting of the JSS tournament. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. Again, thank you to the enthusiastic group of parents associated within this age group, their support is outstanding.

The Senior Secondary Schools Boys team also had a very good season. They came third in the tournament in Gisborne and this was very pleasing to see. The team had some skillful and capable players that are starting to develop their skills and game sense. Sam Walker, Roger Kidd, Mark Oldridge and Richard Pooley all played significant roles in the coaching/managing/selecting of SSS teams and they worked tirelessly. The NCA thanks them for their efforts and expertise.

#### **Next Steps**

Continue to plan and implement worthwhile junior representative programmes. Reviews of the 2016-17 have taken place and the NCA has robust plans, in order to move forward. The NCA needs to ensure that selectors, coaches and managers are identified, and assisted appropriately, before during and after the season. Trainings need to continue being of a very high standard and vigilant planning needs to be apparent when designing training schedules.

## **Senior Representative**

The Northland Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a very good season, winning nine matches and only dropping one, on the first innings. We had unfortunately little luck in our Two Day matches; firstly getting rain against BOP when only needing a further 20 runs, 3 down, and with 10 overs remaining. Then, against Counties Manukau, there was no play due to rain. It eventually came down to the last weekend of Fergus Hickey cricket to decide the winner. With four team's all in the mix, we unfortunately just missed out on winning – BOP becoming the eventual winner. We had numerous significant performances but Henry Cooper was the stand out player for the Northland team. He amassed 522 runs in seven bats, at 261, and he picked up 7 wickets at 28.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI team played six matches throughout the season and various younger players were introduced into the Northland environment. It was pleasing to see the side share the spoils with the Auckland Development side in their series of matches and come second (by only one point) in the Basil McBurney competition. It was a very good year for the team and it was pleasing to see the side start to perform more consistently.

Barry Cooper and Murray Child were again selectors and their commitment to the squad, as always is massively appreciated and respected. Brent Martin, Sam Walker, John Fitzpatrick, Sally Leftley, Don Nelson and Jono Leftley's assistance was also greatly appreciated throughout the season.

## **Next Steps**

Each new season is a fresh challenge and we must continue to plan for the future. As always this includes introducing new players to the squad and ensuring that coaches and managers are assisting players in their overall development, on and off the field. We need to look at different players to fill spots in the Northland 1<sup>st</sup> XI when our best and brightest move up to represent ND. Trainings need to continue being of a very high standard and careful planning needs to be apparent when designing specific training plans and schedules. We need to ensure we enjoy our playing and training environment and celebrate the successes we have, both as individuals and as a team.

## **4. Adult Club Cricket**

Although there is a general consensus that improvement is needed in terms of the overall skill levels in club cricket, the NCA feels that adult club cricket was of a satisfactory standard in the 2016-17 season. This was reflected in the way four different clubs won various Premier and Reserve Grade competitions. It was great to see Onerahi Central CC have strong numbers within the club and have both a Reserve and Premier Grade team. It was also pleasing to see the City Guvnors enter a team into the Reserve Grade T20 competition. Competition winners were:

- Reserve Grade One Day – **Kamo CC**
- Reserve Grade T20 – **Bream Bay CC**
- Reserve Grade 50/40 Competition – **City CC**
- Reserve Grade Sub Association Competition (Greg Guy Shield) – **Kamo CC**

- Premier T20 – **Onerahi Central CC**
- Premier One Day – **City CC**
- Premier Two Day – **City CC**
- Northland Premier Cricket Challenge Shield (Karl Treiber Shield) – **Onerahi Central CC**
- Premier Sub Association Competition (Dargaville Shield) – **Rodney CA**

**Next Steps:**

It is important that we cater for players with different skill levels/time restraints, to provide them with opportunities to play. We would like to encourage more teams, like the City Guvnors, to enter various competitions that suit their levels of skill and/or commitment. The NCA hopes to provide clubs with a one page document that enables committees to use a simple template of what a successful club looks like. Clubs can then identify key areas for themselves to consider moving forward. The NCA will also endeavor to continue to promote cricket in Northland to overseas players, to enable amateurs the chance to play cricket in our part of the world.

**5. International and Domestic Cricket – Cobham Oval**

These games included:

- Bangladesh v NZ XI – One Day
- Northern Knights v Otago – Ford Trophy (One Day)
- Northern Knights v Wellington – Ford Trophy (One Day)
- Northern Knights v Otago – Plunket Shield (First Class)
- Northern Spirit v Wellington – T20 and One Day
- Northern Spirit v Auckland – T20 and One Day

**Next Steps:**

We have a very full schedule for the upcoming 2017-18 season. We have an ODI (Black Caps v West Indies) confirmed. We also have Ford Trophy and Plunket Shield matches along with U19 CWC games scheduled. It is important that our planning and organization is thorough, moving forward to ensure we facilitate these matches professionally.

**6. Sponsors**

Without our sponsors, we would not function as we do. Their support is outstanding and the NCA most certainly appreciates and the relationship we have with them. It is one of mutual respect and therefore worthwhile, to the overall well-being of cricket in Northland. From junior cricket to adult cricket, we have a great group of sponsors that are committed to promoting and developing cricket in Northland.

**Next Steps:**

The NCA wants to continue the strong relationships that we currently have with sponsors. We feel that their input into our overall philosophy of cricket in Northland is very important and the NCA will endeavor to work with them, within this area.

## 7. Volunteers

The club and regional junior coordinators did a fantastic job and their dedication has been admirable. Without them, cricket in Northland would not operate as it does. There were, similarly, numerous coaches and managers that worked with these junior coordinators and they did an outstanding job. There were also a number school coordinators that assisted in establishing school coaching programmes and entered teams in various competitions. Their efforts were instrumental to the success of our midweek competitions and school tournaments.

Tony Edwards has been, as ever, influential in the success of junior cricket in Northland. The countless hours that 'Tank' has put into A, B and C Grade is hugely appreciated and he is an integral part of our organisation. His winning of the Sir Jack Newman Award, the most prestigious 'Services to Cricket Award' in NZC was extremely well deserved. He, along with Wok Jones and Chuck Norris, who are our cricket liaison managers for First Class teams playing at Cobham Oval, are true cricket lovers and the work that they do greatly benefits cricket in Northland.

The Code of Conduct commissioner, Graham Mathias, had few issues to deal with this season but the NCA is grateful for his professionalism and presence as, and when it is needed.

Recognition of those that are members of the Cobham Club and Northland Cricket Trust is important. Their dedication and expertise, in numerous areas of cricket and its administration, is thoroughly appreciated by all at the NCA.

As in any organisation like ours, Boards are vital to the smooth running of such organisations. The NCA senior and junior boards are no exception and their services are thoroughly appreciated. The NCA also has a governing body in the Northern Districts Cricket Association. Peter Roach (CEO) was extremely supportive of our association and James Pamment (Knights Coach), Pat Malcon (Director of Cricket), Pete Zanzottera (Junior High Performance Coordinator), Cliff Dickeson (School Tournament Coordinator), Kari Carswell (Women's Development Officer) and Andrea Friar (Marketing Manager) were all committed to, and enthusiastic in, developing cricket in Northland. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by the NCA.

I'd like to make mention of Sport Northland and the Whangarei District Council; they have been a pleasure to work with throughout the season and their support of cricket Northland is excellent.

The hard work shown by John Prunell and Nathan Bunting has been hugely appreciated and it is important to thank the team at Recreational Services for their efforts. John and Nathan are always approachable and open to discussion in terms of practice and playing surfaces around Whangarei and this was respected by players and NCA staff, alike.

Kaipara Flats Cricket Club worked hard throughout the season with Recreational Services and their accommodating attitude was noteworthy for all visiting teams. Carl Tomich also worked tirelessly on the Maungakaramea wicket. All their efforts and dedication was fantastic. Also, a thank you must go out to ground staff in the Northern Wairoa, Bream Bay and Kerikeri clubs.

Finally, the NCA acknowledges the services provided by the huge numbers of suppliers, volunteers, parents, officials and club administrators who provided match, administrative or simply parental support to the players in our association. Without you all, cricket would simply not function as effectively as it does.

### **Next Steps**

Interacting/communicating with our current, and newly identified, volunteers in a positive and professional manner. We need to look at different ways to recognize and acknowledge our volunteers. We must do all we can to keep them in the game and seek their feedback on various areas. We need to continue to have/form strong relationships with various organisations that we work alongside and our communication must be professional and open.

### **8. NCA Staff**

Stephen Cunis has stepped up to the role of General Manager extremely well. He is very supportive of the staff and has given us very good guidance and developmental opportunities. He is enormously proud of the association and this is reflected in his administrative and coaching roles.

Helen Smith, who is the NCA's Commercial Manager, has continued to excel in her new role at the NCA. She has been supportive, efficient and very professional in assisting with operational matters. Her honesty and reliability has been greatly appreciated. Helen has continued to be instrumental in the association's success and I'm positive that this will continue in the future.

Karl Treiber was again terrific in terms of coaching experience and expertise. He has designed worthwhile coaching and playing programmes for various junior players/teams in Northland and his coaching skill and manner has been well received, by all concerned. His knowledge and understanding of junior cricket in Northland is excellent and he is a hugely valuable asset to the NCA.

Ben Hyde was fantastic in his role within Northland Cricket and like Karl Treiber, deserves mention for his passion and commitment to cricket in Northland. His efforts have certainly been well received by the schools and clubs that he has worked at. The job of managing junior competitions; adjusting draws, monitoring grounds and the many other areas that he manages, is a tough one and he did a great job in trying to accommodate teams and clubs alike, where possible.

Sam Walker's efforts in his role at the NCA has been excellent. He is a capable administrator and coach and his services have been appreciated by those of whom he has worked with. He has also continued to resurrect Indoor Cricket and 18 adult sides have entered into social and competitive competitions during the off season. This, along with his well-organised and professional Holiday Programmes, has seen the indoor facility being used more often, in the off-season.

The NCA's school coaching team; Sam Walker, Kevin Forde, Kara Cunis, Ben Hyde, Brett Randell, Tyler Lortan, Pete Barnett, Liam Jones, Findlay Buchanan, Chamodh Peiris and Rory Anders were very good in their commitment towards the NCA and coaching expertise. They set high standards in terms of punctuality, organization and all-inclusive activities and this was recognized by many of whom they coached. Rory Christopherson, who ran wicket keeping sessions for our young wicket keepers, also did an outstanding job.

Kara Cunis, who facilitated the Go Girls Programme designed by the NCA and New Zealand Cricket, was fantastic in developing and facilitating school coaching programmes for junior girls.

Geoff Ogle was instrumental to the successful organisation of the umpires and his commitment was greatly appreciated by the NCA. Geoff also did a great job within the NCA's maintenance programme.

### **Next Steps**

Professional development opportunities are very important to upskill staff at the NCA. The structure of the NCA is continuously evolving and it is vital that the staff continue to grow and evolve with it. The NCA is a fantastic organisation to work in and we must continue to do all we can to assist in the development of the game in Northland, in a positive and respectful manner.

Overall, the 2016/17 season was a very successful one and there is a strong foundation to continue to build on for the 2017/18 season. More emphasis is, again, going to be put into the administering of adult club cricket, sustaining junior club and midweek numbers, assisting schools to enter more teams in school tournaments and within our junior representative programmes. The NCA will endeavor to professionally facilitate international and domestic cricket at Cobham Oval and the Northland Men's team will do all they can to win silverware. The NCA coaching staff will be working hard with our junior representative players in our Winter Training Academy to ensure that we keep developing the next crop of Northland, ND and NZ players. It is planned that cricket in Northland continues to grow stronger and that the Northland Cricket Association grows with it.

**Neal Parlane**



## **Umpires Report**

The 2016/17 season ran smoothly for umpires with coverage, for all but one game, throughout the season. Umpires standing this year were Ross Kneebone, Geoff Ogle, Mike Elliott, Graham Dennie, Kevin Salmon, Dave Lobb, Tony Edwards and Warwick Rota.

Special thanks to Mike Elliott for his trips to Kaipara and to Dave Lobb who was asked to umpire Northland v Auckland after having only umpired one club game.

Our numbers have been steadily increasing over the last few years. One Saturday in January we had 8 umpires standing on one day; surely a record for NCA.

At this stage, we will have 11 umpires to call on next season with Chris Pattenden and Dale Moorhouse joining us, and maybe the odd cameo from Martin Kimber, if we are lucky.

There are a lot of rule changes coming into force before the 2017/18 season. We are likely to receive them just before the season starts so captains and umpires will need to be aware of these.

Looking forward to another exciting season.

**Geoff Ogle**  
**(Umpires Coordinator)**

## **Northland Junior Cricket Report 2016-17**

Junior cricket in Northland for the 2016/17 season saw a stabilizing trend in registration numbers after the great increase in the number of players from the 2015/16 (post Cricket World Cup). We had 12 C grade (two divisions), 11 B grade and 6 A grade sides enter our Saturday competitions.

Our team of coaches have continued to engage new players within the schools and this has been reflected in the growing numbers involved in modified midweek cricket. I would like to thank our NCA coaching staff, Stephen Cunis, Neal Parlane, Karl Treiber, Sam Walker and Ben Hyde for their passionate encouragement towards all of Northlands young cricketers.

We have had a number of girls involved in representative ND sides/squads. Makayla Templeton and Paige Witten, in the JSS age group, along with Tia Saunders and Jade Litchfield in the SSS age group. Tia, Jade and Olivia Lobb were also involved in the new NPL senior girls' competition.

The Northland Junior Rep season was a successful one. The Primary Boys won 7 out of 9 games. The Junior Secondary School side were runners up at their tournament and the Senior Secondary School Boys came third, which has probably been our best season for a long time.

Notable overall performances from the primary boys were Nathan Condon, and Sam Lints. The JSS were Sam Webb, Billy Alexander-Crawford, Nathan Parkes, Alex Gordon, Luke Trigg and Max Turner and the SSS boys being Caleb Boswell Smith, Hamish Kidd and Quinn Pooley, not to mention Cullen Lowe.

Worth noting, is the fact that Northland hosted the annual Junior Secondary School tournament for the first time in over 5 years. This proved a great success largely due to the awesome efforts of our committee; comprising of Ryan Trigg, Mike Webb and Craig Cooper who were inspirational with their organisation and hard work throughout the week. Some classic Northland hospitality (seafood, and bbq) was rolled out on the Thursday night for all the teams and supporters and was widely acknowledged as a huge success. A big thank you to Trigg and all those parents who made the evening work so well.

Continuing the trend of thank you, one must go to Helen in the NCA office for her tireless efforts in applying for funding for our rep teams. To all the coaches, parents and volunteers who help throughout the year, I would like to thank them very much as without them we would not have the strength and numbers in junior cricket. Our JCB board members are, Dean Potter, Craig Cooper, Tank Edwards, Mark Oldridge, Roger Kidd, Richard Pooley, Neil Condon, Simon Hart, Karl Treiber, Stephen Cunis and Lowell Gundy - thanks for your services.

I see a slight problem going forward with our rep teams is that the cricketers of old are not there to take our primary boys, so a succession plan may need to be discussed next year, as to how we can foster them in the forthcoming years. And, we only have four teams, at this stage, in 3rd grade so we will need a good strategy on this to increase numbers going forward.

Rep Honors – ND Under 19, Caleb Boswell Smith. ND Under 17 - Luke Trigg

**Roger Turner**  
**Chairman JCB**

## **Club Cricket Review 2016-17**

The Premier grade season started with the usual rain, interrupting the Dargaville Shield. The final was played between Rodney and Whangarei. Rodney won quite comfortably, in a 6 wicket win.

City CC were team to beat this season, taking out the Oxford Trust Two-Day competition and the Lion Red Cup One Day competition. They were denied a triple title winning season, by Onerahi Central CC, who beat them in a closely fought T20 final played at Cobham Oval.

The premier bowler of the year was Tom Herman of Onerahi Central CC. Brad Kneebone (OCCC) was the wicketkeeper of the season, Ben Hyde (Kamo CC) took out the Batsman of the season and was also the Premier Club cricketer of the season.

### **The 2016/17 Premier Cub Team of the Season**

**Bert Horner  
Chamodh Peiris  
James Thompson  
Ben Hyde  
Harry Darkins  
Joseph Yovich  
Brad Kneebone  
Kyran Dill  
Cullen Lowe  
Tom Herman  
James Merry  
Kieron Nelson**

In Reserve Grade, Bream Bay CC defeated Onerahi Central CC in a well fought T20 final. Kamo CC defeated Maungakarama CC easily in the 40 over competition final and City CC came out on top of a very close, and well fought, Declaration Cricket competition.

Jacob Cherrington from Kamo CC was the batsman of the year. The bowler of the year in Reserve Grade was Tim King from City CC. The Reserve Grade Player of the Year was Tim King.

Northern Wairoa were both the pre-Christmas competition champions as well as the post-Christmas champions of Third Grade.

Junior Club Cricket, again, thrived this season. We had Saturday junior teams from Kerikeri, Northern Wairoa, Rodney, Bream Bay, Maungakaremea, Kamo, Onerahi Central and City CC. We also had over 20 teams playing regular Friday night competitions based at Maungakaremea Domain, One Tree Point Primary and Cobham Oval.

**Junior Competition Winners this season were**

<b>A Grade Pre-Christmas</b> – Northern Wairoa CC	<b>Post-Christmas</b> – Maungakaremea CC
<b>B Grade Pre-Christmas</b> – Kamo Gold	<b>Post-Christmas</b> – OCCC Green Caps
<b>C Grade Pre-Christmas</b> – OCCC Hawks	<b>Post-Christmas</b> – OCCC Hawks/OCCC Wolves

Overall, a successful season, with a lot of positives moving forward. Thank you to the many volunteers in the clubs for their tireless work, it is greatly appreciated by the NCA.

Thanks, must also go out to Geoff Ogle and his team of umpires. All of Northland Cricket appreciate the effort you and your team put in.

**Neal Parlane**  
**Competition Manager**

## **Northland Senior Secondary Girls 2016-17**

The Northland Secondary Schools Girls side traveled to Tauranga for their tournament in late November. We had a reasonably inexperienced side, who despite this fact, competed very well in all of our first three games. Ultimately though, we weren't quite able to put together both the batting and bowling in the same game, to get a win, but valuable match intensity experience, was gathered.

Some notable performances came in our bowling against Poverty Bay. Tia Saunders, Brooke Golightly and Charlie Green all bowled economically taking two wickets apiece. Jade Litchfield also hit a fine 57no (31 balls) against Hamilton. The girls then finished the tournament with a resounding win over BOP and look in a good position moving forward with several promising players having 2/3 years left, in the age group.

Bowler of the Year - Tia Saunders

Batter of the Year - Jade Litchfield

Player of the Year - Tia Saunders

Representative Honors – ND JSS, Makayla Templeton, Paige Witten. ND SSS, Tia Saunders, Jade Litchfield.

**Ben Hyde**

**SSS Girls Coach**

## **Northland Primary Boys 2016-17**

The season started with two games against Counties over Labour Weekend at Bruce Pulman Park. The boys came away with two good wins, which was a pleasing result as most of the boys were new to cricket at this level.

The boys continued to progress well over the next few weeks with wins over Western Districts and North Harbour. While these results were pleasing and the boys showed they had the ability to bowl teams out, our lack of batting depth was a real concern, especially if our top 3 batsmen failed to fire.

The first competition game was against Hamilton at Kaipara Flats. We batted first and got through to 143 for 6. Hamilton's opening bowlers were quick and accurate, and while our openers saw them off without any loss of wickets it was a slow start. Nathan Condon 63 and Sam Lints 33, were top scorers.

Bowling second we were able to put them under pressure, however but we were probably 15-20 runs short and they got through to 144 for 6.

The tournament started with us beating Bay of Plenty Lakelands comfortably, bowling them out for 129, thanks to Caleb Beazley's 3-16. We got through to 130-3, with Sam Lints getting a quick fire 64no.

The boys followed that up with a big win over Poverty Bay, dismissing them for 57; Cole Jakicevich-Roberts 4-4 and Liam Froggett 3-16. We then knocked the runs off quickly, 60-3, with Nick Byles finishing 18no.

Next up was Hamilton Invitational and a good bowling and fielding display saw them bowled out for 108. While we were cruising initially, with Sam Lints 38 and Nick Byles 28, our lack of depth showed and we struggled through to 109-6.

Last game of tournament was against Waikato Valley. Our fourth game in 4 days showed in our fielding display and they posted 161-9, this being the largest total posted against us. Nathan Condon bowled well with 4-19. The boys then struggled through to 142 all out, largely thanks to a determined 55 from Nathan.

So overall 7 wins from 9 games, which is a great result for the season and could have been 1 better as we were a better side than Waikato Valley.

Many thanks to Karl Treiber for his continued coaching, and co-selector Neil Condon for his hard work throughout the season. Also, a special acknowledgment to Michelle Condon and Sandy Byles for their feeding and looking after the boys at tournament. Thanks to Dean Robinson and Derek Slatter for their work with the Development team in the first half of the season.

**Murray Byles**

## **Northland Junior Secondary Boys 2016-17**

Luke Trigg (capt), Sam Webb, Kian Bird, Cam Gordon, Alex Gordon, Cale Pooley, Max Turner, Harry Cooper, Braden Hutchinson-Walters, Kalani Snooks, Nathan Parkes, Billy Alexander-Crawford.

After being a bit lack lustre last year and with a home tournament this season, we set about delivering results and not just talking about our potential.

A solid weekend against Counties produced some good performances and we came home with two wins out of the three games. The boys continued this form against Western and North Harbour.

Our top order was a lot more solid, with Luke Trigg and Sam Webb getting us away to decent starts and the middle order showed a bit more resilience. We felt that if we could get a reasonable score, our bowlers could do the job for us.

This is pretty much how things turned out, at the tournament. We knew the wickets would be low and slow. Good wicket to wicket bowling by the medium pacers created pressure and once our spinners came on, we squeezed the opposition into errors. Nathan Parkes lead the way with consistently accurate spells all tournament, with good contributions by Max, Braden, Cale and Kalani.

Ultimately our secret weapons turned out to be Billy with his right arm leg spin, Alex who bowled his "Lance Cairns style" off spin and they were ably supported by Sam. They bowled really well and when they operated in tandem, they not only took wickets but also boxed the opposition into positions from which they could not win the game. All this was backed up with excellent fielding and I felt we were the best fielding team at the tournament.

So, we made the final against Bay of Plenty Coastlands at Cobham Oval. Ironically it ended up as a one day final in that we couldn't play on a fine first day, due to a wet block whereas the other games at Kensington were played over two days.

Northland batted first, managing 190/7 thanks to a great innings of 71 from Luke Trigg with support from Sam Webb, with 33. It was a reasonable score although we felt we didn't finish as well as we could have.

A shaky start by our medium pacers didn't help our cause, but then Braden trapped their best batsman, Tim Pringle, LBW. Once our spinners settled, we pressured them all the way to have them 6 down still needing 50 runs. A 7<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 40 got them home with one ball to spare, despite a couple of late wickets. So, it was a great final and although we didn't quite get there, the experience will help make the boys better players. They played good, consistent cricket all season and developed really well.

The added bonus was that we had 6 other boys playing at the tournament in either the composite team or for Poverty Bay.

Thanks to our selection/management team of Craig Cooper, Roger Turner, Dean Potter and Todd Skudder. They provided great role models for the boys, around clear thinking and cohesiveness.

**Karl Treiber**

## **Senior Secondary Schools 2016-17**

### **Trials**

The Senior Secondary season began with two trial games in February and March, which doubled as WBHS First XI Cup warm ups. Both games were keenly contested and resulted in wins to WBHS over the Rest of Northland. No one really grabbed the opportunity to promote themselves, above what was already known, but it was important that everyone who was keen to play had a chance to show their skills. With exams at the end of the year, this was the best time to trial players.

### **Winter Training**

One day was spent indoors in the October holidays with outdoor plans ruined by the weather.

### **Labour Weekend v Counties**

Two teams were taken to War Memorial Park, resulting in 4 wins, a thrilling tie and a loss. Day 1 saw T20 matches and mixed teams. On Day 2, an A and B team was selected for the 50 over games. Our A team lost but it was ideal to experiment with a few fringe players. Players who improved their tournament chances were Owen Arthur and Liam Wewege. It was also good to see some different players, notably Conor and Tom Bolton and Daniel Blunden. The boys left with confidence they could perform well at tournament.

### **Final Trial**

A final trial was held at Kensington Park, giving everyone a last shot at making an impression. This gave everyone six games to grab a tournament spot, so no complaints could be made about lack of chances. Selection criteria was commitment and the ability to do 2 out of 3 skills well. Batting, bowling and/or fielding. A couple could consider themselves unlucky, but fielding let them down. Dante Mitchell broke a finger making his selection a difficult decision.

### **Tournament Team**

We named the following for tournament, with three names put forward to ND for invitation consideration. All three were selected, which was fantastic.

Quinn Pooley (c), Chamodh Peiris, Luke Trigg, Hamish Kidd, Cullen Lowe, Caleb Boswell Smith, Owen Arthur, Liam Wewege, Sean West, Matt Kingi, Kurt Oldridge, Connor Wilson

### **ND Invitation**

Dante Mitchell, Kane Webster, Campbell Jones

### **Nov 27 v North Harbour**

Two teams travelled to Devonport Domain, to play North Harbour, but unfortunately the weather ruined the second innings. It was a good opportunity to give everyone a bowl and experiment. North Harbour reached 217 in their 50 overs. West, Boswell-Smith, Wilson and Kidd bowled well, and the latter two also contributed brilliant run outs. Northland were 53/4 when rain came with the wicket becoming very erratic. Quinn Pooley was not out and had battled hard.



## **Gisborne 12 -16 December**

With the goal of a vast improvement over previous years, a meeting and practice were held a week before leaving, discussing what was expected on and off the field. T20 tactics were outlined and the importance of these games to making the top four. The senior group of Quinn, Hamish and Caleb's input added to a thorough presentation by Sam Walker. The team left knowing what was expected of them and their roles.

### **Day One v BOP Coastlands T 20**

Playing eventual champions Coastlands was a tough start, in a hard draw, but Northland put up a strong performance and, if a relatively easy catch had been taken on the boundary, the result may have been different. Batting first Coastlands lost early wickets and at 59/5 at 11 overs were in trouble, Sean West and Connor Wilson doing the damage. Caleb Boswell-Smith 0/9 off 4 and Hamish Kidd 0/16 off 4 bowled very tightly, and with just 25 runs scored off these 8 overs Northland should have restricted Coastlands to less than their eventual 111. McKenzie top scored with 41 but was dropped on 15, an expensive mistake by Northland. Luke Trigg was busy with 4 catches and a runout. Sadly, Connor Wilson injured his knee which saw him hindered for most of the tournament.

Aiming for 40 at the 6 over mark Northland began slowly. Once Cullen Lowe, 24, and Hamish Kidd, 23 off 23, got going, Northland were in the hunt. At 68/2 at 14 the introduction of spin saw them go. Although cameos from Liam Wewege 16 and Quinn Pooley 10 gave Northland hope, they ended 6 short at 105/7.

### **Game 2 v Waikato Valley T 20**

Northland choose to field and a run out in the first over was a great start. But Waikato Valley then took control and were in a dominant position at 74/1 in the 12th over. The left arm spin of Hamish Kidd had immediate effect dismissing both set batsmen. This spell, 2/15 off 4 and a late rally by the Northland bowlers at the death saw WV reach 110/6. A great fightback by Northland. Northland's chase started disastrously, 32/4 after 9, but a superb partnership by Quinn Pooley 41no and Caleb Boswell-Smith 37 no, easily kept pace with the 7.2 run rate. Needing 2 off the last over Caleb somehow took it to the last ball before scrambling through for a single and a deserved win. An outstanding partnership by two senior players. The team fielded very well in both games.

### **Day Two v Counties 50 overs**

Northland won the toss and elected to bowl. Boswell Smith had immediate success but a 50 run 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket partnership saw Counties fight back. From there wickets fell at regular intervals as Kidd again strangled the middle overs and a devastating second spell of 3/7 from Boswell-Smith wrecked Counties innings. All the bowlers had good economy rates. A solid start, useful partnerships and, added to a horrific 32 wides by Counties, saw Northland cruise home with 7 overs to spare and a Top 4 playoff spot.

### **Day 3 Semi final v Hamilton**

Hamilton began well and not before a double change, in the 11<sup>th</sup> over, when West and Wilson both struck, did Northland look likely. Another 46 run partnership followed before Kidd removed both set batsmen.

Hamilton collapsed from 90/2 to be 155 for 9 in the 44<sup>th</sup> over, Kidd, West and Wilson bowling extremely well. Owen Arthur also chimed in with a wicket, from a tidy spell. Unfortunately for Northland the next 6 overs were crucial in the outcome as Hamilton's last pair added 39 vital runs. Needing a run rate of 4 to win, the Northland batsmen struggled to get above 3 throughout the entire innings and scoreboard pressure told in the end. Strike rates were below ideal and with Hamilton's spinners miserly and taking 7 wickets between them, Northland were all out for a mediocre 136. A poorly constructed chase.

#### **Day 4 Play off 3/4 v B O P Lakelands Two day match**

This was without doubt the most disappointing day of the tournament. Lakelands came out swinging hard, catching Northland off guard. The usually excellent fielding looked very ragged, resulting in frustration for the bowlers and captain, Pooley. The quicker bowlers were expensive, not helped at all by sub-standard fieldsmen. Bowling into a strong wind, Kidd again was difficult to handle picking up wickets. Pooley with his off-spin and Kurt Oldridge's medium pace backed him up with excellent spells. At 158/7 Lakelands were in trouble but a late rally saw them add 88 runs in the next 30 overs and gain the momentum.

Northland raced out of the blocks, 40 off 6 overs. But the disease that had spread through the team in the field infected the batting as well. At the end of the day Northland were 123/8 with only Peiris 32 and Pooley 47 contributing anything worthwhile.

#### **Day 5**

Even with a lackluster day 4, we knew we were good enough to achieve an outright win. Much of the day's success can be credited to Kurt Oldridge and Sean West. Both got set then counter attacked superbly, blasting 80 runs in just 10 overs. Lakelands began to panic, realizing the game wasn't theirs by right, but the momentum was with Northland and they went into the field on a high. Caleb Boswell-Smith had been told that as the senior bowler he needed to go up a gear or two. He responded superbly, destroying the Lakelands top order and bowling with memorable pace and rhythm. Lakelands then went into survival mode, defending strongly but Pooley continued downwind with his pace of Boswell-Smith, West and Lowe while the spin of Kidd dried things up at the other end, while creating numerous chances. This was a fine period of team work by all, excellent fielding, good bowling and clever captaincy. Eventually Lakelands succumbed all out for 99. Boswell-Smith led the team off with a well-deserved 5/19 off 14 overs.

To finish the job the target was 147 in 39 overs. Another slow start saw pressure build and at 42/4 in the 16<sup>th</sup> over things weren't looking bright. But a positive partnership filled with sweetly hit boundaries from Cullen Lowe, 52, and Boswell-Smith 49no, saw Northland race home with 6 overs left. Fittingly Boswell-Smith hit a big 6 to win the game at 152/5.

A thorough all round performance by the team with pride restored.



<b>Bowling</b>						
	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>RPO</b>
C Boswell Smith	52	9	148	11	13.5	2.8
H Kidd	66	7	168	11	15.3	2.5
S West	44	6	171	11	15.5	3.9
C Lowe	35	2	145	6	24.2	4.1
C Wilson	12	2	71	5	14.2	5.9
Q Pooley	10	1	22	3	7.3	2.2
K Oldridge	7	3	11	1	11	1.6
O Arthur	5	0	17	0	17	3.4
C Peiris	4	0	27	1	27	6.8
M Kingi	12	0	72	0	-	6

### **Summary**

Overall a very good year for the team, we performed well in the rep games leading up to tournament and a third placing in Gisborne was a vast improvement on previous years. No easy games in a tough draw saw the team compete well with the better teams and we weren't carried by one or two individuals. We struggled, at times, to get 24 players on the field and our depth is not great at the B team level. The commitment shown by most to represent Northland was excellent, some driving many hours to do so. I thank all the parents and boys who put in the effort, especially to the ones who didn't make the tournament team. Without their efforts we wouldn't have any competition for places and our standards would drop.

Team wise, a great group of boys to take away, tinged with some sadness as Chamodh, Matt, Connor and Dante move on. All long-time age group reps. Our ND Invitation boys also went extremely well. Dante Mitchell; two great knocks, Campbell Jones; spearheading their bowling and Kane Webster; who made life difficult for some and took 4/11 v Poverty Bay.

Quinn Pooley did a great job leading the team; he was well supported by Hamish Kidd and Caleb Boswell-Smith. While most had cameos during the tournament Pooley, leading run scorer, Lowe and Boswell-Smith stood out, playing vital roles with the bat, however batting in general was our Achilles heel. Bowling-wise, 11 wickets each, were taken by Kidd, Boswell Smith and West and all three were very impressive at times. Luke Trigg did well behind the stumps, considering he had just finished the JSS tournament. Connor Wilson was unlucky his injured knee hampered him because his strike rate with the ball was very high. I would like to also mention Kurt Oldridge and Owen Arthur who didn't get as many opportunities as they would have liked, but showed what useful players they will be for the team in 2017, when they did. Effort wise in the field no one out did Matt Kingi.

Caleb Boswell-Smith and Luke Trigg were selected in the ND under 17s and it was also fantastic to see Caleb make his Northland Senior debut.

A big thanks to Richard Pooley, Mark Oldridge and Sam Walker for their contribution during the year. Sam was very analytical and fair in his team selections and his thorough preparation before the tournament was impressive. His passion for the team was almost Northland like, so well done Sam! Mark worked very hard behind the scenes with team organisation, van driving, scoring, dishes etc. Both Mark and Richard made my job a lot easier.

Roger Kidd as manager was excellent in his communication with the squad and is a great assist as his attention to detail is second to none as it his commitment to see this side be successful.

2017 should be a huge year for this team as the bulk of the team should be back and anything short of Champions will be disappointing.

**Roger Kidd – Manager / Sam Walker – Coach**

## **Northland Men's B Team 2016-17**

### **Bay of Plenty 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Blake Park 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Bay of Plenty 211/8 beat Northland 137/10**

After losing the toss Northland were asked to bowl. Northland fielded and bowled pretty well throughout the 50 overs. Sean Beamish bowled nicely and got the initial breakthrough at 60 when he had the opener caught at slip, by James Thompson. Northland lifted their game and took 4 more BOP wickets for 19 runs to leave BOP 79/5 at the half way stage. Chris MacDonald then took charge for BOP with an excellent, unbeaten, innings of 60, leading to the final total of 211 for 8. Matt Taylor 3/33 of 10 overs and Sam Walker 2/25 of 10 overs were the pick of the bowlers. Unfortunately, the Northland batting line up failed to deliver in the run chase. Unable to rotate the strike and with pressure mounting, numerous players gave their wickets away, with poor decisions. Only Jordan Kose 30 and James Thompson 28 showed any form of resistance as Northland were bowled out in the 31<sup>st</sup> over 74 short.

### **Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Counties 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Cobham Oval 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Counties 76/10 lost to Northland 80/3**

With a disappointing result in the first fixture of the Basil McBurney Trophy, Northland wanted to get the season back on track and the team put on an outstanding performance, to beat Counties-Manukau by 7 wickets. Winning the toss and electing to bowl first, Walker was justified in his decision by some excellent seam bowling by the four bowlers used – Kyran Dill, Kieran Nelson, Caleb Boswell-Smith and Matthew Lobb. Kyran Dill bowled well with the new ball, making the initial breakthrough and setting Northland on their way. He finished with 3-29 of 8 overs. Kieran Nelson was the pick of the bowlers though; bowling with excellent pace, he had the Counties-Manukau batsmen struggling to cope with the sharp bounce he received from the wicket. He ended up with superb figures of 4/11 of 8 overs. These two were supported well by Lobb (2 wickets) and Boswell-Smith. Northland lost 3 wickets in the run chase; Jaz Williams 7, Jordan Kose 16 and James Thompson 19, but the score was successfully chased down with Dill 10 not out and Harry Darkins 4 not out.

### **Waikato Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – St Pauls Collegiate 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Waikato Valley 159/10 lost to Northland 163/1**

Torrential rain during the night meant the game was moved to artificial, which even looked doubtful in the morning. Full credit to Waikato Valley in the way they went about getting the game played. Northland again were very strong in the field, which was showcased by a superb run out by David Armitt. Kyran Dill 1/28 off 10, bowled his overs with excellent control. Rory Anders, the Irish import, replaced Dill and took centre stage, bowling with aggression and variety, and he ended up with 3/26 off 8. A mention should go to debutant Sean West, who took 2/13 of 5 overs. He bowled very well for his first game, with excellent pace and great line and length. David Armitt also had an excellent day with the ball, on what could have been a tough day with a wet outfield; he bowled with an excellent change of pace to pick up 3/24 off 10 overs.

An injury to opener Todd Beehre whilst fielding, led to a reshuffle in the batting line up for Northland. Harry Darkins was promoted to open alongside Fletcher Coutts. With these two opening the batting, fireworks were expected and they didn't disappoint. Coutts hitting two sixes in his 14 ball stay of 26. Coutts was out in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over, with 36 on the board. Ian Page joined Darkins at the wicket and the two of them knocked off the remaining runs with ease, apart from the odd run out scare. Both players played with great maturity and made sure they finished the job off for Northland, with an unbeaten 127 run partnership – Darkins 61 and Page 69.

**Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Hamilton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Kensington Park 2 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Northland 195/4 beat Hamilton 190/10**

Hamilton won the toss and elected to bat. After 10 overs, they may have started to regret their decision with the score 28/4. The Northland seamers started excellently and the pressure they applied led to early wickets. Rory Anders 3/34 off 10 and Caleb Boswell-Smith 3/45 off 10, were the main wicket takers. Nelson and Beamish supported them well. Walker bowled economically with 1/27 off 10. Some late ill-discipline with the ball let Hamilton add a few extra runs – climbing to a competitive 190. Northland chased the total down with relative ease though, winning by 6 wickets. Special mention to Ian Page's 90 not out. Page didn't give a chance and played some excellent shots, all around the wicket. He was well supported by Harry Darkins (26) in a 52 run stand and then by Rory Anders (33 not out), with a 65 run unbroken partnership. Another excellent win to finish the Basil McBurney Trophy season.

**Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Auckland Development – Kaipara Flats 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Auckland Development 127/5 Beat Northland 125/10**

Batting first, Northland struggled to rotate the strike against a disciplined Auckland bowling line up. All the bowlers used by Auckland showed great control and didn't release any of the pressure, that was built early on. Lewis Miller top scored for Northland with 18. He was one of seven batsmen to make it past 10 with no one being able to take their innings on. Northland limping their way to 125 all out, in the 40<sup>th</sup> over. Defending a low total put pressure on the Northland bowling unit. After two early wickets for Kieran Nelson, Northland struggled to mount any serious pressure on the young Auckland team as they got home in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over, 5 down. Cullen Lowe, on his debut for the Northland side, bowled well without any luck to finish with 0/30 of 9 overs.

Special thanks must go to John Fitzpatrick who acted as manager and was an excellent member of the coaching staff. He was very well organised and made life easy for the players. Thanks also to Don Nelson and Mike O'Sullivan who helped out during the season.

**Sam Walker**

## **Northland 1st XI 2016-17**

### **Northland v Auckland**

The Northland 1<sup>st</sup> XI kicked the season off with a match against an Auckland XI, at Cobham Oval. Batting first, the Auckland side amassed a competitive 276 in their 50 overs. However a Northland record second wicket partnership of 201 between Ben Hyde (156) and Henry Cooper (84 no) ensured the total was chased with relative ease. 278 for 3 with 3 overs to spare.

### **Northland v Hamilton**

The first round of the Fergus Hickey was against Hamilton, again at Cobham Oval. Hamilton was asked to bat first and scored 229. The pick of the Northland bowlers was Shaun Beamish (3 for 24) and he was well supported by Caleb Boswell-Smith and Brett Randell.

In reply, Northland was under pressure early and were reeling at 41 for 4. Neal Parlane and Kyran Dill (21) went about resurrecting the innings and added 50 for the 5<sup>th</sup> wicket, before Dill was dismissed. Parlane then put on 57 with Todd Beehre (33) and 53 with Kurtley Watson (24) before a late attack by Hamilton saw Northland get home 9 down. Parlane was unbeaten on 106, a masterful batting display that showed his skill and application.

### **Bay of Plenty**

Northland travelled to BOP for the second round of the Fergus Hickey and lost the toss on what was a very nice batting track, and were asked to bowl first. The Northland attack struggled to find their lengths early on and that partnered with some very good BOP batting, saw the home side dominate for the first session. Kurtley Watson made a very good impact with the ball immediately after lunch; his accuracy and sensible plans, saw the Northland team gain some momentum and dismiss BOP for 348, early on day two.

Northland started extremely well in the chase and put on 117 for the first wicket, before Ben Hyde was dismissed for a fluent 71. Brad Kneebone (107) and Henry Cooper (116 not out) then added 199 for the second wicket and the Northland side were cruising to victory. Still needing 30 off 11 overs, however, saw the rain come and the Northland side was deprived of a well-deserved first innings victory. Both Kneebone and Cooper were brilliant in their application and game plans and it was a shame that they couldn't see the side home and secure more points.

### **Poverty Bay**

The first game of the Brian Dunning tournament was against Poverty Bay and the format was T20. Northland won the toss and decided to bat. On a good surface, the side scored 173. The pick of the batsmen was Henry Cooper (53 not out) and Tyler Lortan (42). Both players played freely and hit to all areas of the ground. The innings was finished off well by Neal Parlane and Craig Little.

In reply, Poverty Bay started well but some very tight bowling by Simar Virk and Henry Cooper saw the Poverty Bay batsmen struggle to dominate. The innings was finished off well by Brett Randell and the Northland side won with a bonus point, restricting Poverty Bay to 121 off their 20 overs.



## **Bay of Plenty**

Northland had BOP in the second match at the tournament, again a T20. Northland batted first and scored 135. Although 15 short on what they'd hoped for, the Northland team knew that with some tight bowling and smart fielding, the total was defendable. Henry Cooper was again excellent with the bat, scoring 62 off 55 balls and he was ably supported by Craig Little and Ben Hyde.

In reply, BOP started solidly but never got away on the Northland side. As the innings unfolded, BOP lost regular wickets and although they seemed to have the chase under control, with all their top four all scoring in the 20's, Northland eventually gained momentum and put a lot of pressure on the BOP middle order, especially in the final five overs. Brett Randell, Kurtley Watson, Stacey Hyndman and Henry Cooper all contributed to what was a very good bowling performance.

## **Waikato Valley**

In the third game of the Brian Dunning competition, a One Dayer, the Northland side was asked to bowl first. WV started well and added 80 off 14 overs, for the first wicket. The momentum shift came when Simar Virk was introduced and his left arm spin proved too much for the WV batsmen. Although he only picked up two wickets, his economy rate of 2.5 an over was the catalyst in restricting the WV side to 219. Brett Randell was very good in the final overs and his three wickets was also important in keeping WV below 250, as was Henry Cooper's spell through the middle of the innings.

In reply, Northland set about the chase in a measured approach. Brad Kneebone (44) and Ben Hyde (21) added 55 for the first wicket before Kneebone and Henry Cooper added a further 53, for the second. Cooper was then joined by Tyler Lortan and the pair put the foot down to try and secure a bonus point. The duo added 112 in 13 overs to totally dominate the WV attack. Lortan finished on 67 not out off 47 balls and Cooper 74 not out, off 83. They, in turn, saw the Northland side home in the 38<sup>th</sup> over and secured the bonus point.

## **Hamilton**

It was unfortunate that the structure of the Brian Dunning competition saw two rounds of the previous season's games, included in the final wash up of points. This meant Northland only qualified 3<sup>rd</sup>, because of two losses prior. Therefore, the Northland team played Hamilton in a final T20, on the last day of the 2016 tournament, for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Northland batted first and scored 119 on a tired wicket. The runs were shared around with Craig Little being the main stay, with 27. Hamilton, in reply started poorly and never regained any ascendancy, as the innings unfolded. Simar Virk was fantastic with the ball and picked up 1 for 12 off his four overs. Brett Randell was again brilliant in the final overs, picking up four wickets for just 19 runs and the Hamilton side fell 13 short.

## **Waikato Valley**

The first game back after Christmas was against WV, at Cobham Oval. Northland lost the toss and was asked to bowl. The home side was poor with the ball, other than Ben Hyde (4 for 27) and Kyran Dill (2 for 47). WV was still, however, restricted to 244. In reply, the Northland top order were undone by solid bowling up front and through the middle stages by the WV bowling unit and the side was dismissed for 184. The only batsman to show any resolve was Rory Christopherson, who scored 37 not out, off 129 balls. It was a very disappointing way to start the second half of the season and at the completion of the match, the Northland side were under no illusions as to the standards required to play for Northland.

## **Counties Manukau and Poverty Bay**

Unfortunately, the CM match was cancelled due to rain, so the Poverty Bay match was the last of the season. With the game being played at Hamilton Boys High School, there were a few unknowns on the wicket and outfield. Fortunately, the wicket was very good and it was exactly what the Northland side had hoped for.

Having lost the toss, and being asked to bat, the Northland top order piled on the runs. The early loss of Brad Kneebone meant that Ben Hyde (79) was joined by Henry Cooper (134\*) and the pair added 135 for the second wicket. Cooper and Lortan (17) then added 34 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket before Neal Parlane (122\*) put on 198 for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket. The side eventually declaring at 372 for 3 off 74 overs.

Poverty Bay then set about trying to chase down, what was a formidable total, and fell well short. They were dismissed for 82 in both their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> innings. Wickets in the 1<sup>st</sup> innings were shared around and Kyran Dill, Brett Randell and Stacey Hyndman (bowling leg spin for the first time) all picked up three wickets. Kieran Nelson, on debut, also picked up his first wicket for Northland. In the second innings however, Kyran Dill was the main destroyer. His 6 for 20 off 10 overs was a career best for Northland. He was supported by Brett Randell, who picked up 2 wickets.

It was a fitting end to the season for the Northland side. Having gained maximum points from the game, it has given the side an opportunity to push for the challenge in 2018. There is still some work to be done but the side is in striking distance. Only losing one game during the season, on the first innings, showed what a successful season it was.

It is important to acknowledge Sally Leftley and Brent Martin, for the outstanding job they did as managers. Sally has now stepped down from her position and the NCA is very grateful for her support during her time as manager. Brent did a brilliant job and we look forward to his managing of the side for years to come. A special mention to Jono Leftley and Don Nelson is also appropriate, due to their scoring for the team during the season.

Murray Child, Barry Cooper (selectors) and Joseph Yovich (scout) were all instrumental to the selection of both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI sides. Their support was appreciated, as was that of the NCA Chairman, Paul Tomich, who was at most, if not all, of the games offering support.

## **Stephen Cunis (coach)**

## Northland Awards Evening 2016-17

### Junior Club Cricket:

C Grade: Pre-Christmas – OC Hawks  
Post-Christmas – OC Hawks/OC Wolves

B Grade: Pre-Christmas – Kamo Gold  
Post-Christmas – OCCC Green Caps

A Grade: Pre-Christmas – Northern Wairoa  
Post-Christmas – Maungakaramea

### Junior Representative Cricket:

#### Primary Boys:

- **Batsman** – Nathan Condon
- **Bowler** – Cole Jakicevich-Roberts
- **Fielder** – Sam Lints
- **Player of the Year** – Nathan Condon

#### Junior Secondary Boys:

- **Batsman** – Sam Webb
- **Bowler** – Billy Alexander Crawford
- **Fielder** – Luke Trigg
- **Player of the Year** – Max Turner

#### Senior Secondary Boys:

- **Batsman** – Quinn Pooley
- **Bowler** – Hamish Kidd
- **Fielder** – Liam Wewege
- **Player of the Year** – Caleb Boswell-Smith

#### Junior Secondary Girls:

- **Player of the Year** – Makayla Templeton

#### Senior Secondary Girls:

- **Batsman** – Jade Litchfield
- **Bowler** – Tia Saunders
- **Fielder** – Olivia Crum
- **Player of the Year** – Tia Saunders

**School Tournaments:**

Doug Thorpe Trophy (Year 7/8 Boys)

**Kamo Intermediate**

Intermediate Girls Trophy (Year 7/8 Girls)

**Kamo Intermediate**

John Bruce Trophy (Year 9/10 Girls)

**WGHS**

Leaf Cup (Senior Secondary School Girls)

**WGHS**

Armstrong Shield (Year 9/10 Boys Tournament)

**WBHS**

Bruce Scott Trophy (Secondary Schools T20 Tournament)

**WBHS**

Robertson Shield (Premier Award for Secondary School Cricket)

**WBHS 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

**Third Grade Club Cricket**

Russell Smith Trophy – Third Grade

**Pre-Christmas – Northern Wairoa**

**Post-Christmas – Northern Wairoa**

Team Tait Real Estate Trophy – Reserve Grade One Day

**Kamo**

Plus Trophy – Reserve Grade T20

**Bream Bay**

Reserve Grade 50/40 Competition

**City**

Greg Guy Shield – Reserve Grade Sub Association Competition

**Kamo**

**Most Valuable Reserve Grade Players**

Batsman: **Jacob Cherrington**

Bowler: **Tim King**

Player: **Tim King**

**Premier Club Cricket**

Karl Treiber Shield (Northland Premier Cricket Challenge Shield)  
**Onerahi Central**

Dargaville Shield (Premier Sub Association Competition)  
**Rodney Cricket Association**

Mark Cromie Holden Trophy – Premier T20  
**Onerahi Central**

Lion Red Trophy – Premier One Day  
**City**

Oxford Sports Trust Shield – Premier Two Day  
**City**

**Most Valuable Premier Grade Players**

Batsman: **Ben Hyde**

Bowler: **Tom Herman**

Keeper (Lance Mountain Trophy): **Brad Kneebone**

Player (Bob Cunis Trophy): **Ben Hyde**

**Umpires Award**

Graham Cowen Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Umpiring  
**Geoff Ogle**

**Club Team of the Season**

Bert Horner  
Chamodh Peiris  
James Thompson  
Ben Hyde  
Harry Darkins  
Joseph Yovich  
Brad Kneebone  
Kyran Dill  
Cullen Lowe  
Tom Herman  
James Merry  
Kieran Nelson

**Women's Player of the Year**

**Olivia Lobb**

**Northland Men – Second XI**

Batsman: **Harry Darkins**

Bowler: **Kieran Nelson**

Player: **Rory Anders**

**Northland Men – First XI**

Captains Trophy: (presented to the Northland Men's Captain)

**Ben Hyde and Neal Parlane**

Norm Wilson Trophy (Biggest Contribution to Northland 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI)

**Brent Martin**

Bob Henman Trophy (Most Meritorious Performance)

**Neal Parlane (106 not out v Hamilton)**

Bowler of the Year

**Brett Randell**

Batsman of the Year

**Henry Cooper**

Northland Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Year (Brian Dunning Medal)  
**Henry Cooper**

**Northland Cricket Association Player of the Year:**

*This award goes to the Northland cricketer that has reached what are regarded as the highest honors of the season. An award like this often involves accolades such as Northern Districts and/or New Zealand selection and in turn performances of a very high standard. This player, as always, is a true role model for younger and older players alike and the Northland Cricket Association is extremely proud of his achievements and the way in which he flies the Northland flag. It is no surprise that **TIM SOUTHEE** is the Northland Cricket Association's Player of the Year.*

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