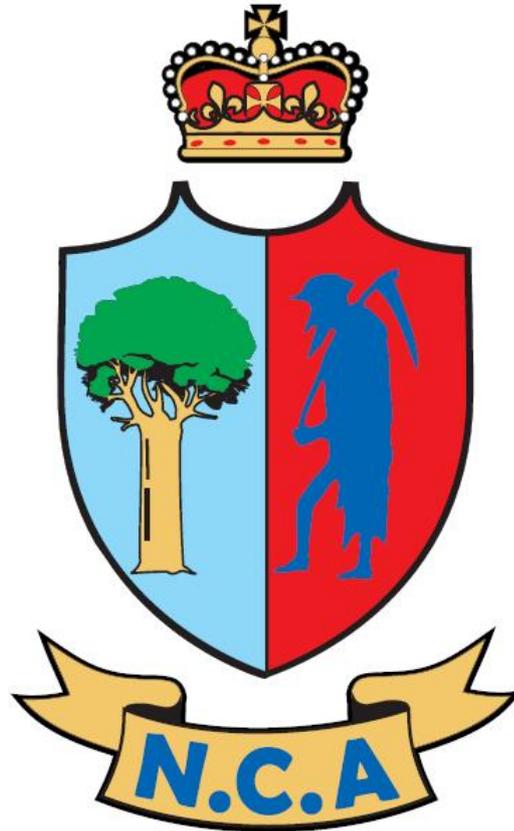




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## Annual Report

### 2021-2022



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<b>Patron</b>	Brian Johnston.
<b>President</b>	Murray Child.
<b>Life Members</b>	Keith Kimber, Norm Wilson, Peter Crawford, Brian Johnston, Max Joass, Greg Guy, Murray Child, Bruce Scott, Grant Wilson, Karl Treiber, Russell Smith, Barry Cooper.
<b>Chairman</b>	Derek Slatter.
<b>Board Members</b>	Chris Galbraith, Brent Martin, Trina Henare, Murray Byles, Trina Ross.
<b>Honourable Medical Officer</b>	Dr. Christian Weiser.
<b>Auditor</b>	BDO Northland Ltd.
<b>Accountants</b>	Plus Chartered Accountants Ltd.
<b>Bankers</b>	ASB.
<b>Honourary Legal Advisor</b>	Graeme Mathias.
<b>Delegates – ND, NZC</b>	Neal Parlane, Derek Slatter.
<b>General Manager</b>	Jake Soanes & Neal Parlane
<b>Selectors</b>	Barry Cooper, Neal Parlane.
<b>Senior Coach</b>	Neal Parlane.
<b>Umpires Coordinator</b>	Geoff Ogle.
<b>Northland Junior Cricket Board</b>	Derek Slatter / Rob Geaney (Chairman), Sam Walker (Secretary), Tony Edwards, Mike Clent, Jodi Stoddart, Kara Cunis.
<b>Cobham Club</b>	Vaughan Syers (President), Brett Robinson (Chairman).
<b>Affiliated Associations</b>	
<b>Rodney</b>	Liam Jones, Ray Barnes.
<b>Mid-Western</b>	Wayne Child, Stephen Cunis.
<b>Northern Wairoa</b>	Arron Foster, Neil Condon.

## CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2021 - 22

The world has endured huge disruption since 2020. Aside from the obvious health and financial aspects of this situation, damage has been done by big changes to the way people interact and socialise. Sports is one of the ways people do this. Cricket is very important to us, this being one reason.

It has been challenging to maintain competitions and initiatives whilst dealing with the downstream effects of a pandemic. It has been especially difficult for staff, as restrictions changed at short notice. Huge amounts of planning were required to allow for various permutations and ensuring that cricket stakeholders played their part and were able to participate as far as was practical. Much of this work is behind the scenes and goes unremarked. So, at this point I want to pay tribute to Neal Parlane, Mandy Edge, Liam Jones, Rob Geaney and Geoff Ogle. Jason Onslow, our NDCA Pathways and Talent manager has also been a key part of the team.

Cricket is not alone amongst sports in facing some headwinds, most sports are seeing declining player and volunteer bases, along with the resourcing issues that can create.

The challenges created include:

1. Holding on to worthy traditions, without being King Canute.
2. Building a strong and flexible financial foundation, whilst being able to fund priorities properly.
3. Maintaining and growing the number and diversity of players, supporters and sponsors whilst maintaining the quality of competition.
4. Balancing what stakeholders see as important now, with strategic objectives and innovations that benefit everyone in a five-year horizon. Sometimes this is zero-sum.
5. Communicating well enough that politics don't get in the way of everyone working together for the future.

Most of these are factors for NZC, NDCA, NCA and clubs, although at each step up towards the apex of that triangle, the perspectives will sometimes be different. Players and Clubs sometimes look mainly towards the next game or season, whereas NZC are looking five years out. At NCA level, we generally sit somewhere in the middle of that. Operationally the team are focussed on the season, strategically we try to look at least two years out and ideally three or more. As a generalisation around two thirds of our effort is future focused and one third dealing with the current season.

Work has been underway during 2022 to refresh our NCA strategic plan. As I write this in mid September, Nick Webb and Neal are still working through the review process, and to that end Nick has undertaken over 60 interviews. The aim is to be able to present the revised plan to you at the AGM.

To comment on some of the key environmental factors:

1. Finances - for the 2021-22 year we have achieved growth in working capital as planned. This gives us options. We have worked hard with NDCA to optimise our funding flexibility, and in the end we were able to implement an agreement that will give cricket in Northland the resourcing we

need. Our budget for 2022-23 aims to make further gains, whilst also investing more into key structures. We are working on the commercial and media structures necessary to provide sufficient benefit to corporate sponsors that they will provide value well above historic levels.

2. Infrastructure - working with WDC and clubs, improvement has been possible with nets, and grounds generally. There were some issues with grass wickets last season, and a lot of work has been done to improve this - as was pointed out in player surveys, this and umpiring were important issues. Both are being addressed.
3. People - Jake Soanes made a big impact in his time as Acting GM and provided a solid base for Neal and his team to build on. Our productivity and effectiveness are high and building. We are fortunate to have such nice and highly competent people working for cricket.
4. Player numbers and competitions. Covid has affected Kaipara Flats in particular as they endured lockdowns exceeding any other club. Virtually all sports have battled to regain players lost over the past two years. A lot of work is going into this, and we are planning for the 22-23 season to have at least as many players as last season, and also expect that the work done in junior age groups will continue to flow through. A recent Code of Conduct review will be available by the AGM. We welcomed Kensington Cricket Club into the fold last season, this season sees Tikipunga and Northern merge, and there will be further opportunities to grow and strengthen Clubs around Northland.
5. Relationships and communications. Sometimes this aspect can be treated as important but not urgent - it can drift. The NCA Board is working to improve the way we communicate and build key relationships. Inviting a Club representative to attend part of each Board meeting is part of that, and we intend to work harder to achieve this.

There are some key people and entities that we need to thank. Firstly, Oxford Sports Trust and Grassroots Trust, together with PubCharity. We don't take your funding for granted and very much appreciate what you do for cricket in Northland. Cobham Oval Trust, Whangarei District Council and Northland Cricket Trust - massive contributions over a sustained period, thank you. NDCA and NZC, we don't always agree on everything but so far, we have always arrived at a fair position. The winds of change are certainly blowing through the international game now, and it is possible that in five to ten years, cricket will look more like football does now, with much fewer international fixtures, primarily based around world cups. This changes the funding streams substantially but might also make the game more attractive to young people.

I also wish to recognise the NCA Board members. Chris Galbraith, Trina Henare, Trixie Ross, Murray Byles and Deputy Chair Brent Martin. For both the time you put in, to the expertise and perspective you bring, thank you. In an age when unpaid volunteers (especially highly qualified ones) are increasingly hard to find, it is people like you that keep communities going.

Derek Slatter  
NCA Chairperson

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 2021-22

The 2021-22 season started as the previous season finished with two weeks abandoned due to COVID lockdowns. For Kaipara Flats CC and Rodney Cricket Association it turned out being almost until Christmas. Club cricket throughout the rest of Northland was largely unaffected and after the Christmas break, cricket was mostly back to normal. Our junior, youth and senior competitions were well facilitated, and it was pleasing to see cricket being played at numerous grounds, and at varying levels of ability, throughout Northland. Also pleasing to see was the Mangawhai Hub joining established hubs in Whangarei, Kaipara Flats and Kerikeri in delivering basic cricket skills to new to cricket children.

The Volunteer Army was another initiative started by the NCA this year. This encouraged clubs to push for more volunteers, whether they were coaches, scorers, managers etc. The NCA supported this by taking their upskilling sessions to clubs rather than asking volunteers to come to them. This saw a very noticeable jump in registered volunteers.

It is vital to acknowledge our volunteer coaches, managers, administrators and supporters in junior, youth and senior club cricket. It's a tough, and at times thankless, task for volunteers to coach, manage and administer teams and clubs. It's difficult to show the NCA's true appreciation of all those volunteers involved in cricket, but we most certainly do.

The Northland Rep Programmes were almost entirely wiped out. Pre-Christmas youth and junior tournaments were all cancelled. These teams did manage some friendly matches in March thanks to the Pathways teams at ND as well as other District Associations. Our senior men's team had their chance to defend the Brian Dunning Trophy cancelled but did manage to get in all four of their scheduled two-day matches.

Cobham Oval was again very busy. New head groundsman Ravi Dissanayake had four Plunkett Shield matches, two Ford trophy matches, a T20 Super Smash double header as well as the usual Northland, Cobham Club and club cricket matches. Ravi and his Recreational Services team should be proud of the wickets they produced especially at the back end of the season when they had four first class matches over five weeks pushing into mid-April.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the NCA umpires who do a fantastic job. Geoff Ogle, as umpire's manager, has a group of dedicated umpires who are there week in week out giving their time to help make cricket better for our players.

Recognition of the Cobham Oval Trust, Northland Cricket Trust and Cobham Club is very important – their dedication and expertise, in numerous areas of cricket and its administration, is thoroughly appreciated by all at the NCA. Thank you.

Northland Cricket have some very supportive and loyal sponsors. A special mention must go to our principal sponsors; Plus Chartered Accountants, Laser Electrical, Signature Homes and but also to our various other sponsors and brilliant funders that support competitions, projects and/or initiatives – your support of cricket is superb. Without this support our organisation could not function the way it does. We have a hard working, enthusiastic and very dedicated staff who will continue to strive to make cricket in Northland the best it can be.

Neal Parlane

General Manager

## CLUB CRICKET REPORT 2021-22

When club cricket finally began after a two week delay due to COVID lockdowns, only 5 Premier teams were available. Kaipara Flats CC, due to being in the greater Auckland lockdown were left without cricket until Christmas. The Lion Red Cup again kicked off the season and from the first week Kamo CC were the team to beat. In the final they were met by Onerahi Central CC who had fought hard to win the opportunity. Kamo were too strong on the day and lifted the trophy much to the delight of their supporters.

The T20 competition saw Kaipara Flats CC make their return after the COVID enforced delay to the season. However, Kamo CC and Onerahi Central CC again showed they were the teams to beat in limited overs cricket by both easily qualifying for the final. As top qualifier, Kamo CC hosted Onerahi at the Rec and again proved too strong coming out easy winners.

In the Oxford Trust Two Day Competition, it was Maungakaramea CC who were most likely to stop Kamo winning all 3 competitions. The fourth-round match between the teams was the unofficial final with Maungakaramea CC coming out on top with an outright victory after Kamo had taken a first innings lead.

Winning 2 out of 3 competitions and coming second in the third competition saw Kamo also win the Dargaville Shield as the best and most consistent team in Northland Premier Cricket.

David Armitt from Kamo CC was the bowler and the Club Player of the year with 41 wickets. Ben Hyde, also from Kamo was the Batter of the year with 638 runs.

In Reserve Grade, we welcomed a new club to the competition. KCC-Kensington formed during the winter and came into the Reserve Grade and performed well.

The 40 over comp came down to a final between Maungakaramea Cricket Club Reserves and Kamo CC Reserves. Maungakaramea CC, hosting the final, came out on top in a one sided affair.

In a replay of last years final Maungakaramea CC Reserves played a strong Kerikeri CC. In another one sided final Maungakaramea Reserves defeated Kerikeri CC to lift the trophy.

In the Declaration Comp, Bream Bay CC went through the entire competition unbeaten with only City CC Reserves getting near them in the points table.

Maungakaramea CC Reserves ended the season as the Greg Guy Shield holders.

Individual honours in Reserve grade go to Anish Varghese as batsman of the season and player of the season with 759 runs. Bowler of the season went to Raj Kaler from KCC-Kensington Cricket Club.

The NCA would like to thank the umpires who give up their valuable time for the game they love. Without you, club cricket would be a very different game.

Our pre-Christmas junior teams again numbered 35. C Grade was rebranded to Super Smash Fun and was played without scoring. This not only encouraged the kids to play without fear but also brought in a number of new volunteers who were always scared off from crickets complex scoring. B Grade was rebranded to Super Smash Play and A Grade was changed to the "as seen on TV" Super Smash.

Division 1 and Collegiate grades were available for our youth cricketers.

The NCA would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the junior season possible. We hope to see you all again next season.

# NORTHLAND REPORT 2021-22

## FERGUS HICKEY ROSEBOWL

In game 1, Northland lost the toss and were put in on a very average looking wicket on Galloway Park 1 in Hamilton. Northland fought hard on a difficult wicket and extremely slow outfield to post a competitive total of 304/7 dec. Rory Christopherson top scored with 69 at the top of the order.

In reply, Hamilton got off to a slow but steady start with some tight bowling from Brett Randell and Liam Jones with the new ball. The match was in the balance with Hamilton needing 34 runs off 8 overs with 3 wickets in hand. With 14 required off 4 overs Brett Randell knocked over The "in" Jack Devane ( 89) . Unfortunately, Hamilton then knocked off the winning runs with 8 balls to spare 8 down.

### **First innings loss.**

In game 2, Bay of Plenty travelled up to Kamo Rec in a game where the winner won the right to represent ND in the Hawke Cup challenge.

BOP won the toss and elected to bat on a dry surface. ND contacted players Bharat Popli (110) and Brett Hampton (90) combined to help BOP total 373 all out. In reply, Northland struggled to stay up with the run rate. Once the wickets started to fall the BOP bowlers strangled the Northland innings until they were finally bowled out for 163. Only Brett Randell (52) and Rory Christopherson (48) showed any real fight against some high-quality spin bowling.

### **First innings loss.**

In game 3, Northland hosted Counties at Kaipara Flats. Northland lost the toss and were asked to bat on a spicy looking wicket. Northland were lucky to get through to 130 thanks to some end of innings hitting by Neal Parlane (44).

In reply, Counties struggled to 135 all out with Dave Armitt (4-28) and debutant Cullen Hilton-Jones (4-14) almost bowling Northland to an unlikely 1<sup>st</sup> innings lead.

Northland came out positively in their 2<sup>nd</sup> innings with a fine 144 run 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket partnership between James Banicevich (78) and Nathan Condon (67). The middle order failed to fire again and Northland were 165/6 before another cameo from Neal Parlane with 56no off 31 balls enabled Northland skipper Ben Hyde to declare on 249/8, setting Counties 245 for victory.

Counties were never in the hunt and were soon 62/5 with Dave Armitt taking all 5 wickets. With 18 overs to go Counties lost their 8<sup>th</sup> wicket on 70. Unfortunately for Northland, the 2 or 3 close LBW shouts over the next 15 overs were not quite close enough for the umpires to give them. With 7 balls to go the Counties number 10 became Dave Armitt's 7<sup>th</sup> wicket leaving Northland needing 1 wicket for an outright win. The Counties number 4 batsman saw out the last over without drama meaning the game ended a draw.

### **First innings loss.**

In game 4, Northland hosted Waikato Valley at Cobham Oval. Northland batted first and were bowled out in the first session for 75. In reply, Waikato Valley scored 170. Needing to score at a reasonable rate to get a total large enough to set Waikato Valley a run chase Northland were in trouble at 106/5, leading by 11. With the lead at 45 Northland lost their 6<sup>th</sup> wicket. This brought Dan Grimes (62no) and Neal Parlane (68no) together in what looked to be a match setting up unbroken partnership of 124. Northland declared on 264/6. Waikato Valley were set 170 off 31 overs. In their 2<sup>nd</sup> over they lost their 1<sup>st</sup> wicket. But that was the last time Northland had a sniff and Waikato Valley hit the winning runs in the 30<sup>th</sup> over for a 7 wicket victory. **Outright Loss.**

# **NORTHLAND CRICKET AWARDS 2021-22**

## **JUNIOR AND YOUTH CLUB & REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS**

### **JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET:**

#### **Super Smash Play:**

Tiki Cubs

#### **Super Smash:**

City Comets

#### **Division 1:**

Bream Bay Blues

#### **Collegiate:**

35 Over comp – City Blaze

T20 Comp – City Blaze

### **SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS:**

#### **NZ Cup - Doug Thorpe Trophy (Year 7/8 Boys)**

Kamo Intermediate

#### **NZ Shield - Intermediate Girls Trophy (Year 7/8 Girls)**

Kamo Intermediate

#### **John Bruce Trophy (Year 9/10 Girls)**

Whangarei Girls High School

#### **Leaf Cup (Senior Secondary School Girls)**

Whangarei Girls High School

#### **Armstrong Shield (Year 9/10 Boys Tournament)**

Whangarei Boys High School

#### **Bruce Scott Trophy (Secondary Schools T20 Tournament)**

Whangarei Boys High School

#### **Robertson Shield (Premier Award for Secondary School Cricket)**

Whangarei Boys High School

## **JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET:**

### **Youth Rangatahi Boys:**

#### **Batsman**

Connor Jollivet

#### **Bowler**

Josh Laing

#### **Player of the Year**

Connor Jollivet

### **Youth Rangatahi Girls:**

**NOT AWARDED DUE TO LACK OF FIXTURES**

### **Emerging Rangatahi Men:**

**NOT AWARDED DUE TO LACK OF FIXTURES**

### **Emerging Rangatahi Women:**

**NOT AWARDED DUE TO LACK OF FIXTURES**

### **Roger Turner Award**

**For greatest playing contribution to a Northland junior team**

#### **Connor Jollivet**

102no vs Hamilton Youth Rangatahi

## **SENIOR CLUB & REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS**

### **RESERVE GRADE**

**PLUS Trophy – Reserve Grade T20 -Presented by Brent Martin**  
Maungakaramea CC

**Team Tait Real Estate Trophy – Reserve Grade One Day**  
Maungakakaramea CC

**Reserve Grade 50/40 Competition**  
Bream Bay

**Greg Guy Shield – Reserve Grade Challenge Shield**  
Maungakaramea CC

#### **Most Valuable Reserve Grade Players**

##### **Batsman**

Anish Varghese

##### **Bowler**

Raj Kaler

##### **Player**

Raj Kaler

### **PREMIER GRADE**

**Karl Treiber Shield (Northland Premier Cricket Challenge Shield)**  
Maungakaramea CC

**Mark Cromie Holden Trophy – Premier T20**  
Kamo CC

**Lion Red Cup – Premier One Day**  
Kamo CC

**Oxford Trust 2 Day Competition**  
Maungakaramea CC

**Dargaville Shield (Best Overall Premier Team – T20/OD/DC combined)**  
Kamo CC

## **MOST VALUABLE PREMIER GRADE PLAYERS**

### **Batsman**

Ben Hyde (636 runs @48.92)

### **Bowler**

David Armitt (41 wickets @7.51)

### **Keeper (Lance Mountain Trophy)**

Nick Byles

26 Dismissals (23 catches and 3 stumpings)

### **Player (Bob Cunis Trophy)**

David Armitt

### **Most Outstanding Maori Player**

Curtis Cherrington

## **PREMIER CLUB TEAM OF THE SEASON**

The team is made up of 12 players selected from the 6 premier sides that play in the T20, One and Two-Day Competitions in Northland.

Selection Criteria:

- The team is selected as a normal team is selected, therefore there are:
  - A top and middle order
  - A wicket keeper or Wicket keeper/batsman
    - All-rounders
    - At least one spinner
    - Fast bowlers
  - Purely based on club cricket

### **The team is as follows:**

**Todd Beehre - OCCC**

**Lakhvir Singh - KCC**

**Nick Byles (wk) - MGK**

**Ben Hyde - KCC**

**Curtis Cherrington - KCC**

**Luke Istead - NCC**

**Kyran Dill - KFCC**

**Dave Armitt - KCC**

**Sean West - MGK**

**Eden Crawford - KCC**

**John Lynch - KCC**

**Sean Daniels – OCCC**

*Well done to each player named in this side – you have all had excellent seasons.*

**WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Makayla Templeton

**UMPIRES AWARD**

Graham Cowen Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Umpiring  
Tank (Tony Edwards)

**NORTHLAND MEN – SECOND XI**

NOT AWARDED DUE TO LACK OF FIXTURES

**NORTHLAND MEN – FIRST XI**

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

Neal Parlane

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

Ben Hyde

**Bob Henman Trophy (Most Meritorious Performance)**

Dave Armitt – Match figures of 11-53 including 7-25

**Bowler of the Year**

Dave Armitt 17 wickets @16.71

**Neal Parlane Batsman of the Year**

183 Runs at 61

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

Dave Armitt

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

Tim Southee