



Northland Cricket Association Annual Report 2022 - 2023





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OFFICE BEARERS

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

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2022 – 23

For what seems like the first time in a while - a normal year of cricket. Other than the weather of course where we saw several of the wettest summer months ever, nonetheless through some hard work (and some luck), a large part of the season was salvaged.

Some aspects of the year just gone:

1. The Club season went well, notable for minimal conduct issues and growth in the game at Junior and Senior level. The recent well attended Club meeting was very constructive and feedback from that and the annual survey has fed back into some positive changes for the season ahead. I thank club delegates as well as Neal and his team for the work and outcomes achieved.

2. Our Representative teams performed creditably where play was possible and represented Northland with pride. Neals report will cover this in detail, but our thanks go to the players, coaches, managers, and supporters who make this happen. Thanks also to Jason Onslow who is going from strength to strength in the Pathways role.

3. Our Community Engagement effort is aimed at growing and sustaining the game over the medium term. Outstanding work was done this year by Neal Parlane, Rob Geaney and Liam Jones, as well as their seasonal staff. The growth in the hubs is a tribute to the work you have done with clubs and will pay dividends in the future for us all. Rob's New Years mission from North Cape down was also an outstanding effort that reflects well on all involved.

4. Our commercial activities have been sound in a competitive sector, with solid margin control and volume growth. Thank you, Mandy, and team.

5. Sponsorship is a big part of our sustainability, and we are working hard to deliver value to our partners. We recognise that we need to be able to justify value as opposed to asking for donations. Thanks to our loyal supporters, Signature Homes, Laser Electrical, and Plus Accounting.

6. Similarly the funding we receive from Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, and PubCharity covers a huge amount of our activity in the community both operationally, and for projects such as the Tikipunga nets. Whangarei District Council and their contractor Recreational Services also enable cricket around Northland to a substantial and sustained degree.

Your NCA Board have been focused on embedding the revised strategic plan that we presented to you 12 months ago. This is progressing well. Our major challenge remains to make our game more attractive to our entire community. In this way we will get more and more people involved and see the resultant benefits. The innovation required around formats may be outside of some "comfort zones." This is also a challenge that NCA can't overcome on our own, we need help from our community, as well as Northern Districts and NZC and stakeholders such as Sport Northland. It is our volunteers that can and do make the real impacts - thank you.

Lastly, I wish to thank the NCA Board. This is a substantial commitment in terms of time and energy and can be thankless at times. Murray Byles, Trixie Ross, Brent Martin (Deputy Chair), Maree Stenberg and Chris Galbraith - your mahi makes a real difference - thanks.

Derek Slatter

NCA Chairperson

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 2022 - 23

With NZ finally back to normal, we welcomed back a full season of Club Cricket with a new club (Far North Cricket Club) who joined our Reserve Grade. Kensington Cricket Club added a Premier team to their Reserve Grade team last season. This meant we had 9 Reserve Grade and 7 Premier teams entering our competitions at the start of the season. In our Junior and Youth Competitions we had 24 more teams. 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 were the Dargaville, Kaitaia, Tikipunga, Kamo, Onerahi, Maungakaramea Hubs joining established hubs at Cobham, Kaipara Flats, Mangawhai and Kerikeri in delivering basic cricket skills to new to cricket children. These new and existing hubs doubled our year 1-4 numbers.

The Volunteer Army was a continued initiative by the NCA this year. This year we focussed on hubs and the coaches who were to run that hub. This encouraged clubs to push for more volunteers and coaches. The NCA supported this by taking their upskilling sessions to clubs rather than asking volunteers to come to them.

New Zealand Cricket introduced PlayHQ to community cricket this season replacing the popular CricHQ. PlayHQ is a registration and scoring system that did not appear to be ready to go when released. Due to constant social media reminders and targeted emailing, Northland seemed to be better than most of NZ and got through the season without too many incidents.

It is vital to acknowledge our volunteer coaches, managers, scorers, 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 back in their entirety. The Northland Men played a full round of T20, Two day matches and One day matches. Northland hosted the ND Rangatahi Youth U16 boy's tournament. Unfortunately, the weather leading in did not play ball and all five days were played on artificial. Our Rangatahi U16 and U19 girl's tournaments were both hit by rain with the U19 team being completely washed out without a ball being bowled. Our Rangatahi U19 boy's tournament in Gisborne was the only tournament untouched by rain.

Cobham Oval was again busy. Head groundsman Ravi Dissanayake had two Northern Districts Ford trophy matches; two HallyBurton Johnstone Shield matches as well as hosting an Auckland Ford Trophy match transferred from Eden Park due to flooding. The usual Northland, Cobham Club and club cricket matches were also hosted at Cobham Oval. Ravi and his Recreational Services team produced some very good wickets for all levels of matches at Cobham Oval. This continued into April as Northland hosted the inaugural New Zealand Māori tournament.

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. It was great to have 2 of our new umpires officiate in the NZ Māori tournament in April.

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; Laser Electrical, Signature Homes and Plus Chartered Accountants 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 2022 – 23

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 Maungakaramea 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 Kamo CC and Onerahi Central CC again show they were the teams to beat, both easily qualifying for the final. Unfortunately, rain made play impossible and Kamo were crowned champions as top qualifier from the round robin.

In the Oxford Trust Two Day Competition Onerahi Central came out on top in a dis-jointed competition. Rain washed out one entire 2 week round and other matches were also badly affected.

Kamo won the Dargaville Shield as the best and most consistent team in Northland Premier Cricket.

Sam Walker from Onerahi Central CC was the Bowler of the Year, Curtis Cherrington the Club Batter of the Year and City CC's Ewen Gegg was Player of the Year.

In Reserve Grade, we welcomed a new club to the competition. Far North CC reformed during the winter and came into the Reserve Grade for the 40 over competition. The 40 over comp came down to a final between Bream Bay Cricket Club and Maungakaramea CC. In a one-sided final Bream Bay CC defeated Maungakaramea CC to lift the trophy.

In the Declaration Comp, Maungakaramea CC Reserves went through the entire competition unbeaten. This saw them on top of the points table at the end of the competition and finished the season as the Greg Guy Shield holders.

Kerikeri CC easily defeated Tikipunga CC in the T20 final.

Individual honours in Reserve grade go to Jeremy Roulston (City CC) as Batsman of the season. Bowler of the season went to Rob Geaney from Tikipunga Cricket Club. Reserve Grade Player of the Year was Jamie Matthews from Kerikeri CC.

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 and youth teams numbered 24. The NCA removed our softball grade to allow these players to join their clubs' hubs. This saw a massive jump in participation numbers by young cricketers in the year 1-4 grade. These players will eventually move into a reintroduced soft ball grade with the confidence of knowing how to play the game and having basic skills learnt during their time in the hub. Super Smash and Super Smash Play had 15 teams and the Youth Collegiate and Division 1 grades had 9 teams.

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 2022 - 23

Fergus Hickey Rosebowl

Game 1 (Ben Hyde's 100th game for Northland), Northland won the toss and batted on a good-looking wicket at Bay Oval. Northland started well but with too many starts and no one going on to post a score of note, Northland only managed 256 all out. Chris Page top scored with 68 with 8 other players scoring double figures.

In reply, BOP got off to a slow but steady start with some tight bowling from Sean West and Liam Jones with the new ball. Lucas James and Cullen Hilton-Jones continued the pressure but BOP's discipline and patience took its toll. Eventually BOP went past Northlands total 4 down with Lucas James taking all 4 wickets.

First innings loss.

Northland had their second match of the season in this year's Fergus Hickey over the weekend. Hamilton made the trip North to a soggy Bourne Deane Domain in Kaipara Flats. Thanks to some very hard work by the ground staff and Liam Jones, play was only delayed by an hour. Hamilton won the toss and chose to bowl. On a reasonable batting wicket Northland only managed 138 with only Henry Cooper (42) and Chris Page (30) getting to 30. In reply Hamilton were put under a lot of pressure from Northland's new ball attack, Kieran Nelson and Cullen Hilton-Jones. At stumps Hamilton were 88-7. After some overnight rain again delayed the start by an hour Hilton-Jones and Nelson carried on where they left off dismissing Hamilton for 114. Hilton-Jones took his maiden 5 wicket haul for Northland with 5-28 off 13 overs and Nelson took a career best 3-21 off 12.4 overs.

First innings win

In Game 3, Northern Districts' Hawke Cup Challenger, Waikato Valley travelled to Cobham Oval as their home grounds had all suffered significant damage from Cyclone Gabrielle. Batting first Waikato Valley scored 180 all out with Daniel Grimes taking 3-7. In reply Northland declared on 244/8 expecting Waikato Valley to set them a target. Waikato Valley were never interested in this so the match petered out to a draw and a tea-time finish.

First Innings win.

In game 4, Northland travelled to Pukekohe. Northland won the toss and bowled first on a very good-looking cricket wicket. The pitch turned out to be better than good and the Counties captain declared their innings closed just after tea at 434/6. In reply, Northland were bowled out 10 overs into day 2 for 36 with Neal Parlane not out on 19.

In their second innings, Northland showed a little bit of fight mainly down to an 8 wicket 118 run partnership between Neal Parlane (61) and James Banicevich (88). Northland were eventually bowled out for 210.

Outright loss

4th place overall

BRIAN DUNNING 50 OVER COMPETITION.

Game 1 vs Waikato Valley at Seddon Park. Waikato won the toss and batted on a hot day and with a belter of a cricket wicket at their disposal. Waikato Valley ended with 260 off their 50.

In reply, Northland fell 40 runs short with Chris Page and Ben Hyde both making half centuries.

Game 2 vs Hamilton at Galloway Park. Northland were asked to bat first and scored a defendable total of 188 all out with Neal Parlane unbeaten on 54no.

In reply Hamilton hit the winning runs off the 5th ball of the last over.

Game 3 vs Counties Manukau was a particularly one-sided affair. Counties were inserted on a good wicket and could only muster 145. Northland knocked the total off in 27 overs only 3 down with Ben Hyde finishing 57no.

Game 4 was abandoned with the approaching Cyclone Gabrielle

Batsman of the Year – Chris Page Bowler of the Year – Cullen Hilton-Jones Brian Dunning Medal for Player of the Year – Chris Page

NORTHLAND CRICKET AWARDS 2022-23 JUNIOR AND YOUTH CLUB & REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET:

Division 1: OCC Div 1

Collegiate:40 Over Competition – Kerikeri & Mid-Western BluesT20 Comp – Kerikeri

SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS:

NZ Cup - Doug Thorpe Trophy (Year 7/8 Boys) Not contested

NZ Shield - Intermediate Girls Trophy (Year 7/8 Girls) Not contested

John Bruce Trophy (Year 9/10 Girls) Not contested

Leaf Cup (Senior Secondary School Girls) WGHS

Armstrong Shield (Year 9/10 Boys Tournament) Kerikeri High School

Bruce Scott Trophy (Secondary Schools T20 Tournament) WBHS

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

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET:

Youth Rangatahi Boys:

- Batsman Monte Rolston
- Bowler Tommy Litchfield
- Player of the Year Rafe Fleming Bone

Youth Rangatahi Girls:

- Batter of the Year Olivia Tremain
- Bowler of the year Mollie Parker
- Player of the Year Lola Scott

Emerging Rangatahi Men:

- Batsman Sanchit Chopra
- Bowler Lucas James
- Player of the Year Lucas James

Emerging Rangatahi Women:

- Batter Neve Anderson
- **Bowler** Mia Chatterton
- Player of the Year Jess Canty

Cobham Club Award –

Awarded to a **secondary school** player/coach/official/administrator who has made a significant contribution to youth Cricket in Northland over the season.

Vaughn Canty

Roger Turner Award – for greatest playing contribution to a Northland Junior team

Rafe Fleming Bone

Umpires Award

Graham Cowen Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Umpiring Paul Bauer

Women's Player of the Year Makayla Templeton

SENIOR PRIZES

Reserve Grade

Plus Trophy – Reserve Grade T20 -Presented by Brent Martin Kerikeri CC Team Tait Real Estate Trophy – Reserve Grade One Day Bream Bay CC Reserve Grade 50/40 Competition Maungakaramea CC Greg Guy Shield – Reserve Grade Challenge Shield Maungakaramea CC

Most Valuable Reserve Grade Players

Batsman: Jeremy Rolston

Bowler: Rob Geaney

Player: Jamie Matthews

Premier Club Cricket

Karl Treiber Shield (Northland Premier Cricket Challenge Shield) OCCC Mark Cromie Holden Trophy – Premier T20 Kamo CC Lion Red Cup – Premier One Day Kamo CC Oxford Trust 2 Day Competition OCCC Dargaville Shield (Best Overall Premier Team – T20/OD/DC combined) Kamo CC

Most Valuable Premier Grade Players

Batsman: Curtis Cherrington

Bowler: Sam Walker

Keeper (Lance Mountain Trophy): Ewen Gegg

Player (Bob Cunis Trophy): Ewen Gegg

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:

- **1.** Ewan Gegg (wk) City CC
- 2. Chris Page MGK
- **3.** Henry Cooper OCCC
- 4. Ian Page MGK
- 5. Curtis Cherrington KCC
- 6. Nathan Condon MGK
- 7. Daniel Grimes MGK
- 8. Rob Lee OCCC
- **9.** Tommy Litchfield City CC
- 10. Liam Jones KFCC
- 11. Sam Walker OCCC
- 12. Sean Daniels OCCC

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

NORTHLAND MEN – FIRST XI

Norm Wilson Trophy (Biggest Contribution to Northland 1st and/or 2nd XI) Jason Onslow

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

Bob Henman Trophy (Most Meritorious Performance) Luke Trigg

> **Bowler of the Year** Cullen Hilton - Jones

> Batsman of the Year Chris Page

Northland Men's 1st XI Player of the Year (Brian Dunning Medal) Chris Page

Northland Cricket Association Player of the Year:

Tim Southee