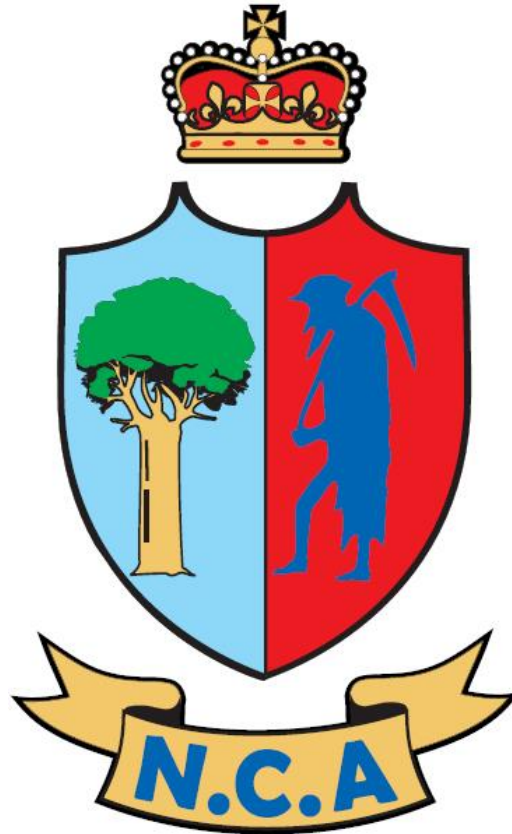




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OFFICE BEARERS

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Selectors	Barry Cooper, Neal Parlane.
Senior Coach	Neal Parlane.
Umpires Coordinator	Geoff Ogle.
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Rodney	Liam Jones, Ray Barnes.
Mid-Western	Wayne Child, Stephen Cunis.
Northern Wairoa	Arron Foster, Neil Condon.

OBITUARIES

Peter Robert Crawford (1936 - 2024)

It is with great sadness that we pay tribute to the late Peter Crawford, a foundation member of the Northland Cricket Trust and 41-year stalwart of twilight cricket.

From 1978 with 16 teams at Kensington Park, to ten years later, 86 teams spread across seven venues in Whangarei. The revenue accrued enabled the group to build the Indoor Centre, with not only cricket but netball and soccer using the facility.

The Northland Cricket Trust was founded in 1988 with Greg Guy as one of the driving forces and Phil Smith overseeing the Trust deed. The main purpose of the Trust was to assist in promoting cricket across all formats and age groups. The Trust, with Peter at the helm, has made hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to many cricketing activities, including coaching equipment, clubs and schools, professional coaches and ensuring Northland representative sides were fully funded in Hawke Cup and many other rep challenges. Young players were sponsored in their overseas endeavours to England and Australia.

Peter was also heavily involved in the Whangarei Rugby Referees' Association, as a senior referee, and held many official positions. He was a member of the Cobham Club and toured to many Golden Oldies world tournaments.

Northland Cricket held a special place in Peter's life, and he served mainly as treasurer. In recognition of his dedication, he was awarded life membership. In 2018, Peter was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. In 2022, he was the recipient of the Brian Maunsell Service to Sport award.

Peter enjoyed test cricket and along with his wife Margaret and friends, attended many test matches throughout New Zealand and Australia. He was no Phil Skoglund but he enjoyed playing social outdoor bowls.

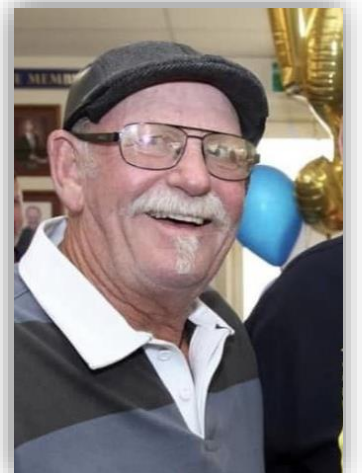
A life incredibly well lived. His foresight which contributed to the formation of the Trust and his continued input over almost half a lifetime, will never be forgotten.



Grant Wilson (1952 – 2024)

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Grant Wilson, a revered figure in Northland Cricket and former chairman of the Northland Cricket Association (2000-2007). Known as a "heartbeat" of the club, Grant's vision and leadership were instrumental in transforming Northland cricket, helping establish first-class facilities that will benefit future generations.

Grant's dedication extended beyond leadership; he was a remarkable player, achieving numerous City club records and honours, including the prestigious Cooney Cup as Clubman of the Year. His commitment to City Cricket Club and Northland Cricket leaves a legacy that will inspire our community for years to come.



Keith F Kimber (1930 - 2024)

Keith Kimber (KK), a founding member of Cobham Cricket Club and a cornerstone of Northland cricket, passed away in May, aged 93. Alongside friends, Keith established the club in 1977, leaving a legacy that supports youth cricket to this day. He served Northland Cricket Association as secretary and treasurer (1963-66, 1980-81) and was honoured as a Life Member for his immense contributions.

Keith played a pivotal role in bringing top talent, like Glenn Turner, to Northland, and served as a cricket umpire for 30 years. His leadership and dedication helped shape cricket in the region, and his impact will be remembered by many.

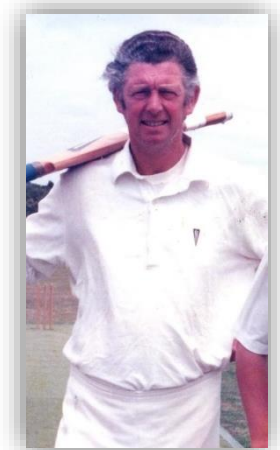
Keith is survived by Martin, Marianne (Min), their partners, and families.



John Stephen (1945 – 2024)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Stephen from Kaipara Flats Cricket Club. John moved to Warkworth in 1968 and transitioned through the roles of the Kaipara Flats Sports Club. Player, Captain, Selector, Club Captain, President and Northland Delegate. In 2013 John was recognised as the 19th life member to the KFSC.

The hours John served to Rodney & Kaipara Flats cricket have left the club in such a healthy position. Whether it was on the mower, drawing the Thursday evening raffles or chasing his mates for more sponsors. He didn't mind doing anything to benefit the club. A huge gap on the deck will be left at the Kaipara club this coming season.



CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2023 – 24

The past year brought a welcome change in weather conditions, allowing for an uninterrupted cricket season. Encouragingly, the 2024-25 season has also commenced under favourable conditions.

Club Season and Community Engagement

The Club season stood out for its quality of play and sportsmanship. The active involvement of Clubs with the NCA has driven improvements in formats and competitions. I extend my gratitude to the club delegates, Neal Parlane, and his team for their dedication and the progress achieved.

Our Representative teams excelled, particularly the Senior Men's team, which remained unbeaten throughout the season. Neal's report will provide further insights, but I wish to acknowledge the players, coaches, managers, and supporters for their contributions. Special thanks to Jason Onslow, whose remarkable work in the Pathways role has been evident in Northern Districts selections and impressive performances across all grades.

Our Community Engagement initiative focuses on the sustainable growth of the sport. Neal Parlane, Rob Geaney, Liam Jones, and the seasonal staff have delivered outstanding results. The growth in our regional hubs reflects their hard work with clubs, promising a bright future for cricket in Northland. Currently, participation levels in NCA are only marginally behind the NDCA leader, Bay of Plenty, despite other associations having significantly larger populations. The ongoing challenge is to convert this participation into formal competition, and promising signs are emerging, especially in the Far North and south of Whangarei.

Commercial and Sponsorship Activities

In a challenging market, our commercial operations have remained strong, marked by effective margin control and volume growth. My thanks to Mandy and her team for their efforts. Sponsorship remains a cornerstone of our sustainability, and we strive to deliver measurable value to our partners. Our appreciation goes to Signature Homes, Laser Electrical, Plus Accounting, and Sport Northland for their continued support. Additionally, funding from Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, TAB, and Pub Charity enables a wide range of community and representative activities. Oxford and Grassroots in particular are huge supporters and have been for a long time.

The Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council have also played crucial roles in enhancing cricket infrastructure. Notably, the Whangarei District Council's allocation of over \$1 million for broadcast towers at Cobham Oval in their long-term plan will enable us to host more high-level cricket. Let's hope a hotel materialises, which would leave lights as our key priority for Cobham Oval.

Strategic Progress and Challenges

The NCA Board has remained committed to implementing the strategic plan introduced two years ago, with encouraging progress thus far. Our primary challenge is making cricket more appealing to the broader community while retaining players as they transition through secondary education and beyond, often outside Northland.

Addressing this challenge requires collective effort, including support from Northern Districts, New Zealand Cricket, and stakeholders such as Sport Northland. Although we have not always aligned with NDCA, a Special General Meeting and subsequent hui took place this year involving all six NDCA District Associations, leading to constructive dialogue on funding and strategy for Community Cricket. Progress has been made

thanks to input from the NDCA Board and NZC staff, but we remain aware that our volunteers are the true catalysts for change. To them, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Acknowledgements

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the NCA Board. The commitment and hard work required for these roles can be substantial and sometimes thankless. I acknowledge the contributions of Murray Byles, Trixie Ross (who resigned during the year), Rachel Wansbone, Brent Martin (Deputy Chair), Maree Stenberg, and Chris Galbraith. Your efforts have made a significant impact—thank you.

Derek Slatter

NCA Chairperson

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 2023 - 24

Club Cricket returned in early October with 4 new teams joining the 8 existing clubs in the Reserve Grade 40 Over Competition. Rodney CA clubs Tomarata CC, Pakiri CC and Wellsford CC moved north for some pre-Christmas competition and Kerikeri CC entered a stand-alone colts team. This meant we had 12 Reserve Grade and 7 Premier teams entering our competitions at the start of the season. In our Junior and Youth Competitions we had 23 teams this season. Collegiate Grade was moved to midweek to allow clubs to give some of their younger players regular exposure to senior cricket without weakening the Collegiate Grade. 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 Matakana, Kaeo, Ahipara Hubs joining established hubs at Cobham Oval, Kaipara Flats CC, Dargaville Primary, Kaitaia, Tikipunga CC, Kamo CC, Onerahi Central CC, Maungakarama CC, Mangawhai Domain and Kerikeri in delivering basic cricket skills to new to cricket children. All these hubs combined saw over 300 year 1-4 children learning cricket skills. A number of these young cricketers "graduated" from their hub and then moved into their first matches of hard ball cricket.

The "Volunteer Army" was a continued initiative by the NCA this year. We again focussed on hubs and the coaches who were to run those hubs. 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. Coaching courses were run for those who put their hands up to coach teams as well as those coaches who wanted to further upskill.

Acknowledging the invaluable contributions of our volunteer coaches, managers, scorers, administrators, and supporters across junior, youth and senior club is essential. Serving in these roles can be challenging and often goes unnoticed, making it a tough yet crucial task for those who generously give their time and effort to coach, manage and administer teams and clubs. Expressing our genuine gratitude towards all the volunteers involved in cricket is a daunting task, as their efforts truly form the backbone of our cricketing community. The Northland Cricket Association deeply appreciate the unwavering dedication and hard work of these volunteers, without whom the sport could not function as well as it does.

The Northland Rep Programmes was again busy. For the first time in a very long time, perhaps ever, Northland were represented by a women's team. Unfortunately, their match against Bay of Plenty was rained off after 1.4 overs. The Northland Men played a full round of T20, two day matches and one day matches. By the end of the season, they were unbeaten, winning the T20 Tournament and coming second in the other 2 competitions. Northland hosted the ND Rangatahi Emerging U19 women's tournament at Kensington Park in December. Our Rangatahi U16 girls, Rangatahi U16 boys and Rangatahi U19 men all competed well and had some success at their respective tournaments.

Cobham Oval has a new head groundsman, Nigel Park. His first season in charge has seen Northern Districts play two Ford trophy matches and two HallyBurton Johnstone Shield matches, the usual Northland, Cobham Club, club cricket finals and City CC club matches played at Cobham Oval. Cobham Oval also hosted the Seddon CC v Mowbray XI "test match".

I would like to acknowledge Green By Nature, formerly Rec Services, for their support again this season. Club cricket grounds and especially the wickets were in very good condition this season.

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 finally have one of our umpires back on the ND District Association panel.

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. I must also thank the Whangarei District Council for their continued support for all things cricket.

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, signage supporters and brilliant funders that support competitions, projects and/or initiatives – your support of cricket in Northland is superb. Without this support our organisation could not function the way it does.

I would like to acknowledge the support of Derek Slatter and the NCA Board. The expertise you bring coupled with the time you put in makes it far easier for the team and I do our jobs.

Lastly, I want to thank the NCA team. 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 2023 - 24

The Northland club cricket season for 2023/24 kicked off with an exciting start as teams battled it out in various competitions across different formats.

In the 50 over competition, Maungakaramea CC emerged as the dominant force, going undefeated in the round robin stage. The Semi Finals saw Kaipara Flats CC and Onerahi Central CC secure victories over their opponents, Maungakaramea CC and City CC respectively, to set up a thrilling final, which Kaipara Flats CC won, clinching the prestigious Lion Red Cup.

City CC and Kaipara Flats CC faced off in a tense T20 final, with the young City CC team emerging victorious in a thrilling last-over finish. Meanwhile, in the Oxford Trust Two Day Competition, Kaipara Flats CC dominated by winning all their matches outright, claiming the championship with ease.

Maungakaramea CC successfully defended the Karl Treiber Shield throughout the season, while Kaipara Flats CC was awarded the Dargaville Shield for their exceptional performance as the best team in Northland Premier Cricket. Individual accolades went to Kaipara Flats CC's Luke Beaven for club bowler of the year, Kaipara Flats CC's Sam Wilson for club batter of the year, Maungakaramea CC's Neal Parlane for wicketkeeper of the year, and Kaipara Flats CC's Luke Beaven was named Player of the Year.

In Reserve Grade, we welcomed 3 visiting clubs and a new team to the 40 over competition. Tomarata CC, Wellsford CC and Pakiri CC joined the competition as well as Kerikeri CC entering a Colts team to play separately from their usual Reserve Grade side. The 12 teams were separated into 2 pools of 6, the North Pool and the South Pool. The 3 Rodney clubs joined Bream Bay CC, Maungakaramea CC and City CC in the South pool leaving Far North CC, Kerikeri Colts, Kerikeri Masters, Tikipunga CC and Onerahi Central to battle it out in the North Pool. At the end of pool play Bream Bay CC (winners of the South Pool) defeated the Kerikeri Colts (runner up in North Pool) and Tikipunga CC (North pool winners) defeated Tomarata CC in the other Semifinal. Bream Bay CC easily won the final to lift the trophy for the 2nd season in a row.

In the Declaration Comp, Bream Bay CC went through the entire competition unbeaten. This saw them on top of the points table at the end of the competition.

Bream Bay CC ended the season as the Greg Guy Shield holders.

Tikipunga CC defeated Kerikeri CC in a nail biting T20 final.

Individual honours in Reserve grade go to Anish Varghese (Tikipunga CC) as batsman of the season. Bowler of the season went to Vaisakh Bijukumar from Bream Bay Cricket Club who also took out the Player of the Season award.

The Northland Cricket Association expresses our gratitude to the dedicated umpires and volunteers who made the season possible.

Our junior and youth club teams numbered 23. The NCA again kept our softball grade limited to school festival days to allow these players to join their clubs' hubs. This continued from last season's success with 300+ participants in the year 1-4 age group. 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. In fact, there were a number of players who "graduated" from their hubs either last season or pre-Xmas this season who went on to be successful in their first season of hard ball cricket.

Collegiate Grade was moved to midweek to accommodate a number of U18 players moving into senior cricket. This allowed all players of that age to be available and in turn made the competition strong. 3 teams entered this comp, 7 entered Div 1, 7 entered Supersmash Play and 6 entered Supersmash.

Looking ahead, the NCA looks forward to another successful season with the continued support of the cricket community.

NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**OXFORD TRUST
2 DAY WINNERS**



KAIPARA FLATS CC

NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**LION RED CUP
ONE DAY WINNER**



KAIPARA FLATS CC

NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**T20 TROPHY
T20 WINNERS**



DURACRETE CITY CC

NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**RESERVES
50/40 DECLARATION
WINNER**



**SIGNATURE HOMES BREAM BAY CC
GREG GUY SHIELD HOLDER**

NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION


**RESERVES
ONE DAY COMPETITION
WINNER**



**SIGNATURE HOMES BREAM BAY CC
GREG GUY SHIELD HOLDER**

NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**RESERVES T20
PLUS TROPHY
WINNER**



TIKIPUNGA CC

NORTHLAND REPORT 2023 -24

FERGUS HICKEY ROSEBOWL – 2ND PLACE

Game 1 saw Bay of Plenty travel to Cobham Oval. BOP won the toss and didn't hesitate to insert Northland on a very green wicket. At 7/2 Northland were in some bother but Nathan Condon (63) and James Banicevich (33) put together a 91 run 3rd wicket partnership to get Northland's nose ahead. BOP then took 6-60 to see Northland looking shaky at 159/8. Sean West and Liam Jones (40) then fought hard to put on 50 for the 9th wicket. Northland were eventually bowled out for 219.

At 39/7 Northlands total looked very good indeed. Liam Jones was the pick of the bowlers with 6-21. Rory Christopherson passed a milestone, taking his 100th catch for Northland when catching Tim Pringle off Liam Jones. BOP declared at 96/8 looking for Northland to set them at total to chase on a still very green wicket.

With some very attacking fields set Northland managed to declare on 176/9 off 19.4 overs leaving BOP 283 to win. At 5 wickets down for 4 runs the match looked like it would be over in time for tea. However, Northern Districts players Ben Pomare (72no) and Pete Drysdale (32no) saw BOP through to stumps for the draw.

First innings win.

Game 2 was rained off without a ball being bowled v Hamilton at Galloway Park.

Draw

In game 3, Northland travelled to Morrinsville to play Waikato Valley. With very heavy showers and gale winds interrupting play, 70 overs were eventually lost by the end of day 2. Northland batted first on a very good cricket wicket. At 100/2 Northland were in a strong position to push on for a large total but lost 3 quick wickets, including opener Rory Christopherson (53) to be 130/5. Sam Sweeney (67) and Sanchit Chopra (60) put together a 100 run partnership taking the score to 230/6. Northland managed to get their full batting points and declared on 303/8.

Waikato Valley lost an early wicket but then put their foot down. At 149/2 with 25 overs left, they looked well placed to chase down the target. Lucas James (3-52) took 3 quick wickets and suddenly it looked like Northland were in the box seat. Eventually, Waikato Valley shut up shop once they got their second batting point and finished 256/7

Draw.

In game 4 at Cobham Oval Counties Manukau won the toss and elected to bat. Kieran Nelson ripped through their innings taking 5-33 of 14 overs.

In reply Northland's run chase was led by veteran Rory Christopherson who batted with determination and grit to score his maiden Northland 100 in his 93rd game. His 112 was the main contribution in getting Northland to 251/8 dec.

Counties batted for 13 overs to be 29/1 when the rain came. This caused the match to finish early.

First Innings win

BRIAN DUNNING 50 OVER COMPETITION – 2ND PLACE.

Game 1 vs Waikato Valley at Kaipara Flats

Rained off without a ball being bowled

Game 2 vs Hamilton at Cobham Oval

Hamilton won the toss and batted. At 61 without loss after 10 Northland were under the pump. The Northland bowlers rallied and led by an outstanding spell by Nathan Condon (4-26) bowled Hamilton out for 145.

In reply, Northland made hard work of what should have been an easy run chase. It took a 7th wicket partnership of 63 between Rory Christopherson and Matthew Henderson (40no) to see Northland home 7 down with 12 overs to spare.

Win by 3 wickets

Game 3 vs BOP at Mountfort Park, Counties.

Rained off without a ball being bowled.

Game 4 vs Counties Manukau at Mountfort Park

Northland won the toss and batted on a very nice looking cricket pitch. Led by Nathan Condon with 84 and finished off by Caleb Boswell-Smith's (44no off 23) power hitting Northland finished with a par 262/7 off 50 overs.

Counties started slowly thanks to Kieran Nelson and Liam Jones being very tight with the new ball. Eventually they fought back and needed 9 off the last over with 3 wickets in hand. Liam Jones (3-28) stepped up to bowl the last over and managed to only allow 6 runs which saw Northland home by 2 runs.

Win by 2 runs

NORTHERN BRAVE T20 SMASH, OWEN DELANEY PARK, TAUPO - WINNERS

Game 1 v ND U19

ND U19 batted first and were kept to 127/6. Nathan Parkes led the attack with 2-14 off his 4 overs.

In reply, Northland cruised to victory 2 down to finish 128/2 off 15.2 overs. Chris Page top scored with 56 and James Banicevich saw the team home with 54no.

Win by 8 wickets

Game 2 v Hamilton

Rained off without a ball being bowled.

Game 3 v BOP

Northland won the toss against an ND Brave laden BOP team. Henry Cooper led the way with a fine 52 which saw Northland score a very competitive 116/5 off their 14 overs.

In reply BOP were always up with the run rate and needed 10 off the last over. Nathan Parkes (2-22) bowled a fine last over to see Northland home by 6 runs.

Win by 6 runs

Game 4 v Counties

Northland batted first and managed 135/7 off their 20 overs thanks to a captains knock from Ben Hyde off 44 from 30 balls and 40 from James Banicevich.

In reply Counties Manukau were blown away by a fine bowling performance backed up by a very good fielding performance. Luke Beaven (3/16 off 4 overs), Caleb Boswell-Smith (3-13 of 4 overs) and Lucas James (3-13 off 2.4 overs) bowled Counties out for 50

Win by 85 runs

Game 5 v Waikato Valley (unofficial final)

The last match of the round robin was between the 2 unbeaten sides. This made it an unofficial final. Waikato Valley won the toss on a tired wicket and unsurprisingly elected to bat. At 78/5 Northland looked to be turning the screws but an unbroken 6th wicket partnership of 58 meant Waikato Valley finished on 135/5 off their 20 overs.

At 26/5 Northlands chance of winning seemed almost gone. However, Sam Sweeney and Sanchit Chopra put together a 40-run partnership to breathe some life back into the Northland innings. Another mini collapse saw Northland 86/8 with 7 overs left. Nathan Parkes and Rory Christopherson mixed power hitting, extremely positive running and some innovative stroke play to get the score through to 129/8 with one over left. Nathan Parkes (28no off 19) got a single the first ball and then Rory Christopherson (27no off 20) hit a 2 and then reverse sept a boundary off the 3rd ball to see Northland home.

Win by 3 wickets

It was a fantastic season for the Northland Men's team. To go unbeaten in 13 games was a great effort and shows how much this group love playing for Northland.

Season Awards

Brian Dunning Medal for Player of the Year – **Rory Christopherson**

Batsman of the Year – **Rory Christopherson**

Bowler of the Year – **Liam Jones**



NORTHLAND UMPIRE REPORT

The 2023-24 season represented a significant achievement for the Northland Cricket Association (NCA) umpiring team, with 153 games covered across the region. Through the commitment of both regular and supporting umpires, NCA succeeded in providing consistent and quality officiating for all premier games.

Thanks to careful scheduling and strong coordination, every premier game was covered this season.

Covering 153 games underscores the NCA's dedication to ensuring high-quality officiating for players.

The backbone of our umpiring efforts consisted of a core group of dedicated regulars:

- **Mike Elliot, Paul Bauer, Tony Edwards, Gary Saunders & Dave Lobb**

To ensure full coverage, several supporting umpires filled in whenever required:

- **John Caldwell, Zubair Ahmed, Christo van Vuuren & Raoul Allan** (Kaipara area coverage)

The flexibility and readiness of these umpires to step in were critical to maintaining complete coverage across all matches. Raoul Allan's dedicated service to Kaipara games allowed NCA to meet regional needs effectively.

A standout achievement this season was Paul Bauer's promotion to the Northern Districts (ND) panel. Paul's success serves as a model for aspiring umpires and demonstrates NCA's commitment to fostering pathways for career advancement.

Gary Saunders was honoured with the NCA Umpire Award in recognition of his exemplary performance and dedication throughout the season. Gary's professionalism and commitment to fair play have set a benchmark in Northland umpiring, making him a highly deserving recipient of this award.

The NCA plans to maintain its focus on training programs that cover crucial areas like rule updates, on-field management, and situational awareness. Ensuring our umpires have access to high-quality training will keep Northland Cricket officiating standards strong and provide clear pathways for umpires aspiring to higher levels. And while coverage goals were met this season, moving forward, the NCA is committed to further strengthening its umpiring base, ensuring the sustainability and quality of umpiring in Northland Cricket for years to come.

Geoff Ogle

Umpire Coordinator

NORTHLAND PATHWAY REPORT

The 2023/24 season for Northland Pathways Cricket was an exciting one, with our athletes demonstrating significant growth, determination, and achievement. This year, we proudly fielded five squads:

- Youth Rangatahi Boys, Youth Rangatahi Girls, Youth Rangatahi Development Boys, Emerging Rangatahi Boys, Emerging Rangatahi Girls

Our focus remained on, preparing players for future cricketing pathways by providing playing and training opportunities against competitive opposition

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS

We are immensely proud of the athletes who represented Northland Pathways Cricket at the Northern Districts level this season. These players are:

Northern Districts U17 Men's Team:

- Josh Laing, Monte Rolston, Rafe Fleming-Bone, Campbell Soanes & Tommy Litchfield.

Northern Districts U19 Men's Team:

- Lucas James (Captain)

Northern Districts U17 Women's Team:

- Olivia Tremain & Lola Scott

Northern Districts U19 Women's Team:

- Jessie Canty & Mia Chatterton

Training and Development Programs

1. **Specialist Skill Sessions:** Advanced sessions focused on refining batting, bowling, and fielding skills, particularly under match-like pressure scenarios.
2. **Fitness and Conditioning Programs:** Tailored programs enhanced strength, endurance, and injury prevention, ensuring players were physically prepared for the demands of the season.
3. **Mental Skills and Leadership Development:** Workshops focused on leadership, self-awareness, and mental toughness helped players thrive in competitive environments.
4. **Competitive Fixtures and Inter-Squad Matches:** Regular fixtures provided crucial match experience, giving players opportunities to develop tactical awareness and apply their training.

Acknowledgments

A special thank you to all the players, parents, coaches, and volunteers for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the season. Your contributions are invaluable to the success of Northland Pathways Cricket.

Jason Onslow

Northland Pathway and Talent Coach



JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET:

Youth Rangatahi Boys:

- **Batsman** – Monte Rolston
- **Bowler** – Billy Condon
- **Player of the Year** – Monte Rolston

Youth Rangatahi Girls:

- **Batter of the Year** – Olivia Tremain
- **Bowler of the year** – Lola Scott
- **Player of the Year** – Olivia Tremain

Emerging Rangatahi Men:

- **Batsman** – Ryan Krige
- **Bowler** – Ryan Krige
- **Player of the Year** – Ryan Krige

Emerging Rangatahi Women:

- **Batter** – Jessie Canty
- **Bowler** – Lola Scott
- **Player of the Year** – Jessie 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.*

Peter Bone

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

Monte Rolston

Umpires Award

Graham Cowen Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Umpiring

Gary Saunders

Women's Player of the Year

Jessie Canty

SENIOR PRIZES

Reserve Grade

Plus Trophy – Reserve Grade T20

City CC

Reserve Grade One Day

Bream Bay CC

Reserve Grade 50/40 Competition

Bream Bay CC

Greg Guy Shield – Reserve Grade Challenge Shield

Bream Bay CC

Most Valuable Reserve Grade Players

Batsman: Anish Varghese - Tikipunga

Bowler: Vaisakh Bijukumar – Bream Bay CC

Player: Vaisakh Bijukumar – Bream Bay CC

Premier Club Cricket

Karl Treiber Shield (Northland Premier Cricket Challenge Shield)

Maungakaramea CC

Premier T20 Trophy

City CC

Lion Red Cup – Premier One Day

Kaipara Flats CC

Oxford Trust - Premier 2 Day Competition

Kaipara Flats CC

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

Kaipara Flats CC

Most Valuable Premier Grade Players

Batsman: Sam Wilson – Kaipara Flats CC

Bowler: Luke Beaven – Kaipara Flats CC

Keeper (Lance Mountain Trophy): Neal Parlane – Maungakaramea CC

Player (Bob Cunis Trophy): Luke Beaven – Kaipara Flats CC

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. Sam Wilson - KFCC
2. Monte Rolston – City CC
3. Nathan Condon - MGK
4. Curtis Cherrington – KCC
5. Chris Page – MGK
6. Shane Burton – OCCC
7. Neal Parlane (wk) – MGK
8. Kyran Dill – KFCC
9. Caleb Boswell – Kamo CC
10. Luke Beaven – KFCC
11. Sam Walker – OCCC
12. John Lynch – Kamo CC

Congratulations 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)

Kara Cunis

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

Ben Hyde

Chris Page

Todd Beehre

Bob Henman Trophy (Most Meritorious Performance)

Rory Christopherson & Nathan Parkes

Partnership of 50 in the T20 final

Bowler of the Year

Liam Jones

Batsman of the Year

Rory Christopherson

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

Rory Christopherson

Northland Cricket Association Player of the Year:

Tim Southee