



# Northland Cricket Association

## Annual Report

### 2018-2019

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## OFFICE BEARERS

**Patron** ..... Brian Johnston.  
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**Chairman** ..... Brent Martin.  
**Board Members** ..... Sally Leftley, Emma Johns, Derek Slatter, Dean Robinson, Paul Tomich, Stephanie Gordon, Chris Galbraith.  
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**Honourable Medical Officer** ..... Dr. Rob Barton.  
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**Senior Coach** ..... Stephen Cunis.  
**Umpires Chairman** ..... Geoff Ogle.

**Northland Junior Cricket Board** ..... Derek Slatter (Chairman), Tony Edwards (Secretary), Dean Potter, Neil Condon, Roger Turner, Stephen Cunis, Karl Treiber, Murray Byles, Paul Hope, Stephanie Gordon, Mike Clent, Maree Stenburg.

**Cobham Club** ..... Vaughn Syers (President), Brett Robinson (Chairman).

### Affiliated Associations

**Rodney** ..... Ewen Thompson, Ray Barnes.  
**Far North** ..... Leslie Wallace.  
**Mid-Western** ..... Wayne Child, Mike O'Sullivan.  
**Northern Wairoa** ..... Arron Foster, Neil Condon.

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2018-19

I first got involved with NCA as a sponsor when Greg Guy was the chairman of our Cricket Association. I was amazed then and continue to be impressed by the professionalism of the organisation and its staff. The other thing that stands out is the amazing contributions of many parties to NCA and the wider cricket community. A diverse range of individuals and organisations that all have one uniting interest, the amazing game we all love.

Volunteers covering the full range of cricket roles; parent coaches, parent managers, umpires, scorers, bus drivers, Board members of NCA, committee and Board members from the clubs through to Northern Districts, all giving their time and making huge efforts to grow and support our game. Without them we'd be unable to deliver cricket, so a huge thank you to you all for your efforts and your time.

To the clubs, their various organisers, supporters and of course their players; thank you for your efforts last season. Summer is coming, I'm sure you are all looking forward to the coming season as much as I am.

NCA continues to be supported by a collective of funders and sponsors. Gaming Trusts Oxford, Grassroots, Pub Charity thank you for your ongoing support. Sponsors Educare, Laser Electrical, Signature Homes provide money to fund our junior cricket and our Northland Men's XI.

Thank you also to Sport Northland for your ongoing support of us and all things sport in Northland.

Northern Districts deserves special mention for their support, including their funding for our Pathway and Community Managers. New Zealand Cricket continues to see Cobham Oval as a venue of choice, as you all know England (the current Men's World Cup champions) play two warm up games in mid-November - we are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to more games in the future.

We are always well supported by our associated cricket entities, Cobham Oval Trust, The Cobham Club, The Northland Cricket Trust (specifically Brian Johnston and Peter Crawford) and our Junior Cricket Board. We are in an enviable position compared to other DA's with the efforts of these organisations, and NCA continues to appreciate their contributions to growing and funding our game in Northland - thank you. Also, a big thank you goes to Graeme Mathias, in his capacity as Northland Cricket's solicitor. His advice and expertise have been invaluable during the season.

I need to make special mention of a couple of key men who have made massive contributions in the past few seasons.

Firstly Paul Tomich, our past Chairman of the Board. Tommo has worked very hard and networked even harder for NCA. His calm and considered leadership, knowledge of our game and business and countless hours of contribution at the highest governance level will be sorely missed. I know that Tommo will continue to support Northland Cricket with his other roles in our cricket community. Thank you, Tommo, for your wise counsel and contribution. Northland Cricket is in a solid state and you've made an amazing contribution.

Secondly, our very own General Manager Stephen Cunis has stepped down as Northland Men's first XI coach after eight seasons at the helm. 80 games...an uncountable number of hours coaching, weeknights and weekends away from his family. I was very fortunate to manage the team for the past three seasons

with Stephen as our team battled with the other DA's. I've seen the very best and very worst that cricket can throw at its players. His calmness under pressure, the right words at the right time with the team and its individual players inspired me, and I wasn't even playing! A true Northland man, NCA's biggest supporter, and a highly skilled coach Thank you Cuni.

Also, at this point, thank you to Kara Cunis. The extra parenting on her own while Stephen was away, running the little Cunis cricket teams when we are away on tour, it could not have been done without your support.

Neal Parlane steps into the Coach shoes, big boots to fill, however I'm confident he is up to it and look forward to some silverware soon.

The Northland cricket staff team, well lead by Stephen and Helen continue to work hard to make our game work in Northland. Thank you, team, for your continued efforts in this regard, you do us proud. Our work ons looking forward - we want to continue to grow our game at all levels and across our entire region. Strategically, the Board sees the clubs outside Whangarei as an important growth focus area as we continue to support our local clubs as best we can.

You're no doubt all aware of the withdrawal of WBHS from our premier competition and NCA remain committed to the concept of a 6th composite team playing to fill the gap this leaves. The support of the clubs in this endeavour is much appreciated, the greater good being served with a 6th team outweighs the lost opportunity for those clubs to have some of these composite players playing in their own club sides. Northern Cricket Club has recently applied and been recognised as out new NCA side for the coming season.

It's also exciting to note that Tikipunga Cricket is now fielding teams in our Junior grades, congratulations to the club for working hard to grow cricket in their area.

Code of conduct issues are one focus for the coming season. We need to strike the balance between the traditions of cricket, sledging done well has always been a part of our game, but abuse of players and threats of bodily harm have no place in any modern sport. Part of our focus in the coming season will be how our older players treat our younger ones in this regard.

Thank you all, we look forward to another great season ahead.

**Brent Martin**

**Chairman  
Northland Cricket Association**

# GENERAL MANAGER REPORT 2018-19

The 2018-19 season saw solid strategic plans in place by way of a thorough strategic planning process that was undertaken during the winter months. Clubs, groups, organisations and individuals all had the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction that the NCA was to take, for 2018-19 and beyond. New Zealand Cricket and Northern Districts Cricket were also instrumental in our strategic planning process and it was vital that our plans aligned with theirs, to ensure we have continuity.

Based on the collective feedback and information we identified, the NCA's vision is now; 'A game for all New Zealanders, a game for life'. Our values are; inclusivity, respect, tenacity, optimism, sportsmanship, integrity and fun. Our five key areas that we were to focus on for 2018-19 and beyond, are; 1. The best coaches, players, officials and support in cricket. 2. An aligned and effective cricket family. 3. New Zealand's summer game. 4. Fans for life. 5. Financial success. Each area has priorities and outcomes, and these are constantly discussed and measured – and they continually evolve.

New Zealand Cricket set five Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for all Major Associations and District Associations to focus on. These KPI's had direct alignment with our Strategic Planning focus areas.

They were;

1. Age and Stage (modification of junior competitions/rules).
2. Coach Registration and Education.
3. Inclusion and Diversity.
4. Player Registration on CricHQ.
5. Capability.

The NCA was set specific KPI targets, as were all other Major Associations and District Associations, and these were based on percentages of baseline data that had been identified by New Zealand Cricket. Our targets were directly aligned with Northern Districts Cricket and we worked very closely to ensure we achieved the targets that had been set. New Zealand Cricket's communication was excellent – they understood that major changes needed to be administered well, to achieve specific targets, and their support was very good, as was Northern Districts Cricket's. Our relationship with New Zealand Cricket and Northern Districts has grown even more, because of this.

The new strategic direction, along with the targets set by New Zealand Cricket, meant the NCA and Northern Districts Cricket needed to investigate the possibility of structural changes, or adjustments to what we currently had, to ensure we could achieve the targets that had been set. We, again, worked closely together to find ways to reach and exceed our targets. Paul Hope was, in turn, employed within a new role of Cricket Development Manager (CDM) and Karl Treiber's role was adjusted and he became the Pathway Manager (PM). Both Paul and Karl are now jointly managed by the NCA and Northern Districts Cricket and although much of their individual roles are specific to the Northland region, they also have some standardised components of their job descriptions that enable them to work with other CDM's and PM's in ND. Although in the early stages, this model seems to be working effectively.

Overall, the NCA exceeded all targets that were set. Northern Districts Cricket and New Zealand Cricket have both acknowledged this and were very happy with our collective efforts. With the strategic planning process, KPI targets and structural changes that we have encountered over the last 12 months, I feel that the NCA has embraced the challenges that we have faced, and the staff have worked very hard to

contribute to our efforts and success. We also have a large group of volunteers and supporters in the Northland Cricket community that work tirelessly, and they have been instrumental in our reaching the targets that were set. It has been pleasing to see strong relationships grow between NCA staff members and volunteers in all clubs – it is vital that this continues.

We have a great volunteer base. Whether it's Wok and Chuck assisting at major games at Cobham Oval, Tank managing the C Grade competition, Graham Mathias within his judicial capacity and/or the dozens of people that work behind the scenes. We are extremely fortunate to have such an obliging and cooperative group of people who support cricket in Northland.

It is vital to acknowledge our coaches, managers and supporters in junior club cricket. It's a hard task, at times, for parents to coach and manage teams and the NCA appreciates and respects this. It's difficult to show our true appreciation to all of those involved in junior cricket but we most certainly do.

Our adult competitions are well structured and organised – it was great to see Division 1 become a viable grade and it is now a stepping-stone between junior cricket and adult cricket. There were challenges that clubs faced, mainly based on player retention – or, maybe a better expression would be, 'player commitment'. There is no easy fix to this issue and all sporting codes have the same issues with player numbers. What is pleasing, however, is that, in no uncertain terms, we have some very hard working and positive people in clubs who do their utmost to support cricket. The NCA unquestionably understands and appreciates the work they do.

It is important to acknowledge the Rodney Cricket Association. Brendon Bracewell, who is now the Coaching Development Officer in Rodney, has again done a good job in reinvigorating junior cricket within the RCA. Brendon has, also, coordinated indoor cricket leagues in the Johnston Crawford Indoor Centre. I'd like to mention the City Cricket Club; there are some good people involved in CCC and I look forward to working alongside them, as we continue to move forward.

The Northland Cricket Trust, specifically Brian Johnston and Peter Crawford and the Cobham Oval Trust have been great supporters of cricket in Northland, as has the Cobham Club. Our major sponsors – Laser Electrical, Signature Homes, Educare, Plus Chartered Accountants – thank you very much for your assistance. We also have other vitally important sponsors that have aligned with teams, groups or projects – your backing is greatly appreciated. The Oxford Sports Trust and Grass Roots Trust have been fantastic contributors to the NCA and their support has been outstanding. Sport Northland, WDC and Recreational Services have also been great for the growth and development of cricket in Northland.

We have a good representative programme – both senior and junior. Karl Treiber does a fine job in his role as Pathway Manager – and I would like to make mention of those men and women that contribute to each of our representative teams, on a voluntary basis. I feel it pertinent to mention Northland Treeworks, Educare, Kensington Pharmacy and The Palm Lifestyle Village for their support of our junior representative teams.

Northern Districts Cricket; Ben McCormack (CEO) was extremely supportive of our association; as were John Bracewell/Graeme Aldridge/Gareth Hopkins/Matt Horne (Knights Coaches), Pete Zanzottera and Daniel Archer (High Performance), Eimear Richardson (Community Cricket) Cliff Dickeson (Development Officer) and Alayne Duthie (Administrator). New Zealand Cricket's Martin Snedden, Andrew Tara and Kent Stead were fantastic supporters of the growth and development of cricket in Northland. They, along with the NZC High Performance team, led by Bob Carter and Bryan Stronach, provided great guidance and support to the NCA. Each of the aforementioned people were all committed to, and enthusiastic in, developing cricket in Northland. Their efforts were thoroughly appreciated by the NCA.

Helen Smith, the NCA Commercial Manager, is a pleasure to work alongside – proficient, dependable and dedicated. She does an outstanding job and is a major component of why the NCA is regarded as one of the highest functioning District Associations in New Zealand. Neal Parlane, Paul Hope, Karl Treiber, Jose Maratea, Geoff Ogle and Kea Perene have also done a fine job – as did Callum Thompson, who was outstanding within his junior coaching roles.

On a very sad note, it is significant to acknowledge Nancy Cooper's passing. Nancy was, quite simply, the matriarch of the Cooper family and she will be missed. Mine and the NCA's condolences go out to the Cooper family.

Finally, I must thank the NCA Board and NCA Junior Board for their contributions – I, and the NCA staff, appreciate their hard work and support. I would like to make special mention of Paul Tomich. Paul has stood down as Chairman of the NCA Board in recent times, after five years at the helm. The way in which he demonstrated professionalism and pride towards cricket in Northland, is to be admired and his mentorship was very much appreciated. Brent Martin has now stepped into the role as Chairman and he has most certainly shown strong leadership since taking on the role. Brent has become, in a short time, a major component of the NCA team and his experience in governance, along with his passion for cricket in Northland, has been well received.

Overall, the 2018/19 season was a very successful one and there is a strong foundation to continue to build on for the 2019/20 season. More emphasis is, again, going to be put into the planning/administering of junior and adult club cricket, growing junior numbers and promoting and facilitating new and exciting competitions for clubs and schools. The NCA will endeavour to professionally facilitate international and/or 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, and during the season, 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.

**Stephen Cunis**

**General Manager  
Northland Cricket Association**

# COMMUNITY CRICKET REPORT 2018-19

The below 'In School Sessions' were delivered into Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools from the Bay of Islands, down to our Rodney region and in between. We challenged ourselves to offer our programmes into schools that haven't previously been involved with Cricket before as well as our regular supporters. Awareness sessions delivered into three of our Whangarei Secondary Schools targeting Yr 9-10 students was positive with some great feedback from both teachers and students, that we will look to build on for next season.

## **Superstarter Skills Assisted Programme (4 or more sessions delivered at one school)**

Number of Schools involved	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total
8	510	407	917

## **Awareness Lessons (3 or less sessions delivered at one school)**

37	2977	2616	5593
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## **Primary Festival Day (Cricket/Rugby Collaboration)**

1	67	64	131
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### **Moving Forward:**

In consultation with our schools, students, teachers and wider school communities we need to ensure we are delivering a product that is sustainable and we are able to offer all schools an opportunity to play Cricket on a regular basis for those schools/students that have been involved in our programmes and new schools wanting to sign up. Some of the ideas for next season have been the following:

- Developing student leaders within the schools to assist with coaching, umpiring and organising Cricket opportunities.
- Leaving every school/teacher/student leaders with easy to follow step by step resources of rules, fun games and activities to continue learning and playing.
- Offering more schools in the Far North and the Bay of Islands (West Side) an opportunity to be experience Cricket.
- Having a plan for all schools and students Northland wide to access further Cricket opportunities in the form of joining an existing club, playing at the newly formed sports hubs, inter-school and school cluster festival days and school tournaments.
- Working closely with our School Communities and listening to the VOP (Voice of the participant) to help us service the needs of our young people.
- Collaborating and planning with our RST (Sport Northland) and other RSO's/Codes, working smarter with our resources to offer more opportunities.

### **KiwiSport Multi-Sport Programmes**

It has been fantastic to have the support of Sport Northland and allowing us the opportunity to access KiwiSport funding to make the above projects happen. We also need to thank the following organisations as part of our collaboration group, Touch NZ, AFL NZ and Hockey Northland.

Through the KiwiSport criteria we have targeted school's that are outside of the Whangarei region in our more rural areas that don't always get the same sporting opportunities in schools. Therefore, we partnered up with several different sports and identified key sports deliverers in those communities who were able to introduce fun games and activities (Cricket, AFL KiwiKick, Turbo Touch and Hockey) to the teachers and students.

Both Brendon Bracewell and Kea Perene have been key people within their respective Rodney and Kaitia Communities to help drive and facilitate these programmes.

Once the programmes have been completed in the school's, we will leave new sports gear, resources and giveaways so the schools can continue playing the games and activities. At the completion of the programme all five school's will come together for a cluster Festival Day to celebrate all the fun learnings that their students have experienced through fun and challenging games/activities.

#### **Superstar Cricket Multi-Sports Programme – Including AFL KiwiKick (6 x Primary Schools)**

Number of Schools Completed	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total
3	129	109	238

Maungaturoto, Tomarata and Pampurua School's completed to date with three more schools to be delivered to in Term 3 and Term 4

#### **Superstar Cricket Multi-Sports Programme – Including AFL (4 x Secondary Schools Yr 9-13)**

Number of Schools Completed	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total
1	19	6	25

Otamatea High School completed to date with three more schools to be delivered to in Term 3 and Term 4

#### **Far North Superstar Cricket Multi-Sports Programme – Including AFL KiwiKick, Turbo Touch and Hockey (5 x Primary Schools)**

Number of Schools (Half Way Through)	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total
5	107	93	200

Our participating School's are Te Hapua, Te Kao, Ngataki, Whaiharara and Pukenui.

#### **Moving Forward:**

As part of our KiwiSport reporting we will be getting feedback from the teachers and VOP (Voice of the participant) to ensure we are delivering the right product within our communities and ways we can look to improve, adapt, modify and continue offering quality sporting experiences and opportunities throughout Northland. Other plans for sustainability include:

- Leaving resources, free sports gear to continue playing the learnt games as well as extra ideas to scaffold on the learnings already provided
- Plans to leave templates of the Festival Day's so schools can run these events annually
- Working and planning with the Kaikohe and Kaitia Sports Hub's to include Cricket and Multi-Sports activities into their programme, as another option for students to participate in, outside of school
- Continue collaborating and planning with our RST (Sport Northland) and other RSO's/Codes, working smarter with our resources to offer further opportunities

# NORTHLAND SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENTS 2018-19

## **Yr 7-8 Girls (NZ Shield)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

3                              3

Winners: Kamo Intermediate School

## **Yr 7-8 Boys (Doug Thorpe Trophy)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

Competitive      6

Developing      4

Total              10      8

Winners: Kamo Intermediate School

## **Yr 9-10 Junior Secondary School Girls (John Bruce Trophy)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

5                              5

Winners: Kamo Intermediate School

## **Yr 9-10 Junior Secondary School Boys (Armstrong Shield)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

4                              5

Winners: Whangarei Boys High School

## **Yr 11-13 Senior Secondary School Girls (Leaf Cup)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

4                              4

Winners: Whangarei Girls High School

## **Yr 11-13 Senior Secondary School Boys (Bruce Scott Trophy)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

Competitive      3

Developing      5

Total              8      7

Winners: Whangarei Boys High School

## **Wyatt Cup (Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI)**

Number of Teams      Number of Schools

4                              4

Winners: Dargaville High School

## **Robertson Shield (Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI)**

Next Challenged TBC

Current Holders: Whangarei Boys High School

## **Bream Bay College vs Dargaville High School (Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI)**

Winners: Bream Bay College

With an introduction of a Developing Grade to some of our tournaments, as well as a Competitive Grade, we saw an increase of entries to these tournaments. There was also an opportunity for schools to enter more than one team, as well as new schools entering or re-entering into our tournaments and being able to play against other schools and teams of similar abilities.

It was also great to have the Wyatt Cup back this year, through some great collaboration between the participating schools, NCA and Brendon Bracewell to make it happen.

Another positive came from our Leaf Cup Senior Secondary Schools Tournament with both Dargaville High School and Bream Bay College Girls Teams enjoying their experience of the day and as a spin off another match was organised between the two schools at Maungakarama Cricket Club. The game was a very close encounter.

### **Moving Forward:**

Feedback from the schools/participants:

- Continue with the two grades (Competing/Developing)
- Looking at opportunities to run tournaments, modified festival days, inter-school, school cluster challenges outside of the Whangarei region to engage more schools and assist with barriers such as transport

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

#### **ND NZ Shield (Yr 7-8 Girls) – ND CHAMPIONS**

Kamo Intermediate School – Our new Northern Districts Primary Schools unbeaten **CHAMPIONS** – We wish the Girls the best of luck for when they represent the Northern Districts Region at the NZC Nationals!

#### **ND NZ Cup (Yr 7-8 Boys) – Finalists**

Kamo Intermediate School

#### **ND NZCT Junior Secondary Boys Competition (Yr 9-10 Boys) – ND Runners Up**

Whangarei Boys High School – Beat St Peters College away to make the ND Finals against Hamilton Boys High School at home. However, Boys High were runners up on the day

#### **ND Gillette Venus Cup Senior Secondary Girls (Yr 11-13 Girls) – Finalists finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Whangarei Girls High School

#### **ND Super Smash 1<sup>st</sup> XI Gillette Cup T20 – Best Co-Ed Senior Secondary Boys Competition (Yr 11-13 Boys) - Champions**

Kamo High School – Won their first home game against Pukekohe high School, then won both their games in Counties Manukau to claim the T20 Championship trophy. This also meant they qualified to represent Northland at the Gillette Cup Competition alongside Whangarei Boys High School

#### **ND Gillette Cup Senior Secondary Boys (Yr 11-13 Boys) – Finalists**

Whangarei Boys High School  
Kamo High School

## **Northern Junior Club Cricket**

### **Friday Night Junior Cricket:**

Kerikeri (Yr 1-6 Students) – 51 players

Rodney (Yr 1-8 Students) – 90 players

## **Northland Junior Cricket Competitions**

Team Numbers:

**C Grade:** Pre Christmas – 10  
Post-Christmas – 8

**B Grade:** Pre Christmas – 14  
Post-Christmas – 11

**A Grade:** Pre Christmas – 8  
Post-Christmas – 11

**Division 1:** Pre Christmas – 7  
Post-Christmas – 6

It was fantastic to see all the Friday night Junior Cricket in action in the Kerikeri, Whangarei and Rodney regions and all the great support and organisation from the many volunteers to make these competitions happen.

It has also been evident that female participation is starting to grow and gain more interest which is extremely exciting. Also the development and quality of our female players is starting to shine through as we reflect on the superb performances of the Kamo Intermediate School Girls, unbeaten for the season and crowned the ND NZ Shield Champions and our Whangarei Girls High School team also showing their quality by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the ND Gillette Venus Cup (Senior Girls).

### **Moving Forward:**

Planning and coordination with both schools and clubs to create opportunities and transition any interested students that have participated in our In-School Programmes, Tournaments, Inter School and Cluster Festival Days to become a part of our Cricket Clubs, Sports Hubs and other programmes outside of curriculum time.

Creating opportunities for mid-week Cricket formats to engage new players into our game, collaborating with our schools, students, RST, RSO's, Council's and other partners to develop meaningful activities that will engage our student participants in a fun learning environment with their friends.

Continuing to offer further upskilling opportunities to all our coaches, managers, parents and whanau around Coach Development, Good Sports workshops, resource sharing etc to empower our communities to help keep kids in the game and become lifelong participants in Cricket and Sport.

## **Sport Northland Collaboration**

### **NSC (Northland Sports Collaboration)**

Regular meetings and planning with Sport Northland, RSO's (Regional Sports Organisations) and other Sports around the following:

- Alignment of seasons between codes
- Moving the Maori Nation

### **Primary Purpose**

To work with willing providers (RSO) from the Northland Sports Coalition to help build capability and capacity in understanding Te Ao Māori, as well as influencing change to increase membership within, leading to changes within their sport to increase Māori participation and leadership.

- Coach Development – Helping to grow, support and empower our coaches
- Good Sports – Ensuring we are supporting our children to have positive sporting experiences through our messages, actions and creating a climate of development for all our participants to grow and enjoy sport
- Collaborative Have a Go Festival Days – Targeting Secondary School students not engaged in sport
- KiwiSport Funding – Collaborating with Sport Northland, School's, Communities and RSO's around working smarter through sharing resources and offering our children/youth more quality sporting opportunities and experiences

### **Moving Forward:**

I have been invited into the Sport Northland Sports House to work alongside our partners on a regular basis to ensure we are continuing and building on our collaborative projects. It is also an opportunity to keep our finger on the pulse in terms of what is happening within Sport NZ and creating and developing further opportunities alongside Sport Northland, TA's, RSO's and other providers to continue to grow our game of Cricket and Sport in general.

**Paul Hope**

**Community Development Manager  
Northland Cricket**

## **UMPIRE REPORT 2018-19**

Another season with our numbers rising and full coverage of premier and a lot of reserve games, including the Rodney 20/20 final and no player umpires at all in premier games again. We had our two scholarship umpires, Harrison Syers and Ethan Hare, who both had exceptional seasons, travelling down to ND age-group tournaments in Rotorua and Hamilton as well as umpiring several games here as well. They will be joined by Brendan Marais who we have just signed on scholarship for next season.

We had more experience this season with Ross Kneebone back doing club games again and particularly Raoul Allen coming up from Auckland to do Kaipara home games. Our guys really benefitted from standing with Raoul at Kaipara and I believe this arrangement will continue next season.

Well done to the newer members of our team who have fitted it easily over the last few seasons and are doing a very good job, especially Roger Kidd who had an exceptional first season and won our contribution to umpiring award.

Standing this year were: Mike Elliot, Roger Kidd, Ross Kneebone, Dave Lobb, Dale Moorhouse, Tony Edwards, Geoff Ogle, Chris Pattenden, Kevin Salmon, Raoul Allen, Harrison Syers and Ethan Hare. At this stage everybody is returning next year and Graham Dennie is re-joining us after his back injury.

Well done to Dale, Tank, Harrison and Ethan for passing their level three qualification and to Mike Elliot, our trainer for assisting them with this.

**Geoff Ogle**

**Umpire Co-ordinator**

# **NORTHLAND JUNIOR CRICKET REPORT 2018-19**

Junior cricket in Northland has seen a few changes over the past year, and a few challenges, that are a bit longer in the tooth. Most sports face declining participation numbers and have done for over five years. Often the drop-off happens around the time secondary school starts, this often coinciding with many other changes in people's lives. Looking at our Junior numbers over the past few years tells us that numbers have been sound, and growth has been reasonable in cases, especially in World Cup years. But maintaining numbers through to the old third grade - now Division One - and above has been a challenge.

It is pleasing to report that the changes seem to be having a positive effect. Enabling players to stay together as teams from Year 8 to Year 9, instead of splitting pre and post-Christmas was aimed at achieving continuity, and this seems to be working out. Changing rules, including much reduced involvement by adults in Division One, is also paying dividends. We are proposing to move to having no adults in Division One in the coming season, as well as a few other minor changes to build on the success seen so far.

As a Board we know the appetite for recreation and sport is changing, and we need to keep up with this and if possible, anticipate how best to keep our kids and young people active and playing cricket. Sports experiencing increasing participation in 13-year-old and above grades include basketball, and futsal, and the common factors include shorter games, less formality, lots of involvement, and high standards of conduct. These are the kind of things that cricket must continue to embrace. We aim to continue the trend of increasing Junior numbers and will also continue to work with all other stakeholders to see this transition sustainably into the Senior game.

The people who should get the credit for this are the people who are out there every weekend, and at trainings, making it fun and challenging for the players. They are the key to cricket's success. Our funders and sponsors also play huge roles, without them, the sport would not function. Cricket Clubs also need to be recognised for the work they do in finding and developing players, coaches and supporters. This is a part of the cricket community that is the foundation for the game and should not be overlooked in favour of high-performance functions, in my opinion.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the members of the JCB who contribute so much to the game, Tank Edwards, Dean Potter, Murray Byles, Stephanie Gordon, Neil Condon, Mike Clent, Maree Stenburg, Rocket Turner, Karl Treiber. I'd also like to thank Paul Hope and our other NCA people who are doing great work developing the game in Northland.

**Derek Slatter**

**Chairman  
Northland Junior Cricket Board**

# CLUB CRICKET REPORT 2018-19

A change in season structure saw only white ball cricket before Christmas. Premier cricket started with the Lion Red Cup which was won by Kamo CC who beat top qualifier Kaipara Flats in the Final. The T20 comp was won by City CC who also beat Kaipara Flats in the final. Kaipara Flats finally got over the line for the season by winning the Oxford Trust 2-day competition. The Dargaville Shield was changed to the best and most consistent team over the 3 premier formats. Kaipara Flats were easily the winners of this with their 2 second places and their 2-day win. The Karl Treiber Challenge shield was won by Kaipara Flats.

The Premier Player of the season was Stacey Hyndman (City CC) with bowler of the season going to Luke Beaven (KFCC), and batsman of the season going to Callum Gegg (City CC).

In Reserve Grade the Greg Guy Shield was shared between the Rodney Rams and City Reserves. City CC won the 40 Over and Declaration Cricket competitions and Maungakaramea took out the T20 competition.

Joseph Yovich from City was the Reserve Grade batsman of the season. The bowler of the season in Reserve grade were Axel Rose-Sheppard (Kerikeri CC). The Reserve Grade player of the season was Joseph Yovich from City CC.

In the new Division One Collegiate competition (Russell Smith Trophy) the City Blaze won both the T20 competition and the 35 over competition.

Junior Club Cricket again thrived this season. We had over 30 Saturday junior teams from Kerikeri, Northern Wairoa, Rodney, Bream Bay, Maungakaramea, Kamo, Onerahi Central and City CC. Included in this was three girls' teams playing in boys' competitions and a couple of mixed teams. We also had 9 C Grade teams playing on Friday evenings with the venue being shared between Maungakaramea Domain, Cobham Oval and Kensington Park.

## **Junior Competition Winners this season were:**

**C Grade:**        **Pre Christmas** – OCCC Racoons and MGK Veterans  
                      **Post-Christmas** – Bream Bay Swords

**B Grade:**        **Pre Christmas** – BBCC Blues and Kamo/KIS girls  
                      **Post-Christmas** – BBCC Blues

**A Grade:**        **Pre Christmas** – City Arrows  
                      **Post-Christmas** – City Arrows and OCCC Greencaps

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. A 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 GIRLS CRICKET 2018-19**

Thanks to a great bunch of parents, particularly ex cricketing dads, we have a fantastic bunch of girls playing cricket regularly in Northland. These parents have consolidated girls around them and for the first time in ever, we are taking girls team to tournaments with almost all the girls playing regular Saturday cricket.

Hence, we took a strong team to the ND Junior Girls tournament which Northland Cricket run at Kaipara Flats. The team was: Ruby Scott, Neve Andersen, Jess Skelton, Jess Canty, Paige Harley, Bethany Maltby, Chelsea Trail, Brianna Kessel, Evie Potter, Katisha Douglas. The girls performed well and only lost one game by the smallest of margins. There were good contributions from all at times and it bodes well for the future.

The Secondary Girls team to ND tournament in Tauranga: Makayla Templeton, Jess Skelton, Lily Borrie, Bailey Mounter, Amy Brown, Chelsea Trail, Ella Beehre, Katisha Douglas, Jess Canty, Paige Harley, Ruby Scott. Rain caused havoc at this tournament as well with games abandoned and the rest were reduced to 10 overs. Consequently, it was a frustrating exercise with not much of an opportunity for the girls.

All of this tournament experience was very valuable to Whangarei Girls High who played in the Venus Cup which is the Girls version of the Gillette Cup. The team played very well on the back of Makayla's awesome batting. She had scores of 51, 142 not out, 92 not out, and 75 not out. She played a couple of games in the NPL Women's League and has tremendous potential to go all the way in cricket.

Another highlight was Kamo Intermediate Girls winning their way through to the National Finals in the NZC Primary Girls Shield competition. A new star is emerging with Mia Chatterton being the leading run scorer and wicket taker at the tournament. Thanks to Jess Turner for her efforts with these girls. So, overall the future is very bright in girls' cricket and our challenge is to find the resource to back up the people, schools and clubs that have generated these players.

Key contributors here are Richard Johnston, Tim Andersen, Brett Pickford, Warren Parr, Dean Potter, Bruce Kessel and apologies to any I have missed. Shelley Harley and Debbie Templeton have been huge contributors as parents along with Vaughn Canty and Dan Skelton who at the last minute sponsored the girls through The Palms Lifestyle Village.

**Karl Treiber**

**Northland Cricket Pathway Manager**

# TREWORKS NORTHLAND PRIMARY BOYS 2018-19

**Tournament Team:** Ryan Krige, Mikey Robinson, Ryan Parkes, Adam Moggarch, Sanjit Chopra, Hunter Scott, Jake Couling, Ty Rolston, Shayden Peele, Connell O'Sullivan.

**Selectors/Managers:** Dean Robinson, Adam Scott, Dave Parkes, Aaron Ganley.

The Primary Boys were looking to build on their very successful 2017 season and retained many key players. Added to this were some exciting new prospects in Sanjit Chopra, Hunter Scott, Ty Rolston, and Jake Couling from the Development team. We had a solid pace attack with good variety and excellent spinners in Adam Moggarch (offspin), Ryan Krige and Hunter Scott (RA Leg spin).

With the new rules bedding in and restrictions around bowling, basically everyone becomes an all-rounder which does mean using a lot of bowlers. The batting order was experimented with as well to build experience and confidence.

We battled well without a lot of success early in the season but went into the tournament with confidence. Unfortunately, rain interfered with the tournament most days. We struggled on a sodden pitch against Counties chasing 168. We were in a good position with Ryan Parkes 26 and Adam Moggarch 30, but after a rain delay, we were faced with balls shooting on the wet pitch and were out for 126.

Against Hamilton Black we amassed 173/3 thanks to Krige 37, Robinson 30 and Moggarch 26. Hunter Scott with 3/10 helped mow Hamilton down for 52 all out.

Hamilton Gold then struggled to 124 with Krige picking up 4/18. Northland knocked that off in 26 overs with Robinson 22 and Moggarch 21.

Overall the team performed well, and we have some good prospects for the future. The key is to find the balance between building confidence through success and extending them in more challenging levels in club cricket.

Player of the Year was Ryan Krige with great batting and bowling. Batsman of the Year went to Adam Moggarch who was consistent throughout. Connell O'Sullivan was the Bowler of the Year and Mikey Robinson Fielder of the Year.

Huge thanks to our sponsor Treeworks and our coaching/managing team who put in a lot of effort with these boys. Finally, all the awesome parents that made working with the whole squad so enjoyable.

**Karl Treiber**

**Northland Cricket Pathway Manager**

# EDUCARE NORTHLAND JUNIOR SECONDARY BOYS 2018-19

**Tournament team:** Nathan Condon, Nick Byles, Cole Jakicevich-Roberts, Lucas James, Caleb Beazley, Rueben Crum, Cullen Hilton-Jones, Sam Lints, Cameron Randall, Liam Froggatt, George Poad, Ben Litchfield.

**Selectors/Coaches/Managers:** Murray Byles, Neil Condon.

Our warmup game against North Harbour saw the boys chase a hefty total of 280. In a wobbly effort the highlight was a magnificent 110 by Nathan Condon which saw him really come of age at this level. Unfortunately, it was not quite enough, and we were bowled out for 228.

The tournament was heavily affected by rain and was a stop start affair. We started well with a solid win against Waikato Valley. Excellent bowling and fielding held them to 93/5, which was chased down easily thanks to Nick and Nathan with 31 each.

Bay of Plenty Coastlands proved more difficult and chasing their 123/7 we were swept away to be 66 all out.

The boys then redeemed themselves against Bay of Plenty Lakelands with a resounding win posting 198/2 thanks to 95 from Nathans and 67 from Sam. The wickets were shared around as Northland restricted them to 105/8.

In the 50 over game we played Counties and struggled early on. However, Nick Byles stood firm at one end and played the innings of his life to post 114 thanks to solid support from Lucas James at the end. A fantastic innings which is a sign of good things to come from Nick. We managed 193 which we desperately tried to defend with quality bowling from Cole, Nathan and particularly Lucas who bowled his 10 overs for just 21 runs. Counties got home with 3 wickets to spare but there were some great efforts from the boys.

Overall, we lacked a bit of depth and our support bowlers didn't quite deliver. The batting had some highlights, but we needed better contributions from others in the top order.

Player of the Year was Nathan with solid performances with bat, ball and captaincy. Batsman of the Year went to Nick Byles and Fielder was Sam Lints with his impressive wicketkeeping.

Big thanks to Alan and Jackie Lints for their support and sponsorship through Educare. Richard and Julie Crum were magnificent as usual with transport with the Chilltech van and providing quality produce. This team has a fantastic group of parents behind it and I appreciate all the support and efforts over the season.

**Karl Treiber**

**Northland Cricket Pathway Manager**

# NORTHLAND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL'S 2018-19

**Team:** Luke Trigg, Alex Poore, Cam Gordon, Sam Webb, Max Turner, Kian Bird, Alex Gordon, Will Potter, Nathan Parkes, Kurt Oldridge, Brandon Pack Michael Kridge.

**Invitation Team:** Daniel Blunden, Luke Halligan, Baxter Skudder, Hunter Reid.

**Selectors/Coaches/Managers:** Karl Treiber, Dean Potter, Roger Turner.

Starting this season brought mixed ideas and expectations from our selectors as last year the boys were unlucky not to win their tournament and with a big exodus of players leaving school, we had a very young team with only two year 13 boys.

Our annual contest against Counties started off with two T20 games which was a great learning experience for the boys.

The first game we totaled 166 for 7, Sam Webb retired 37, Kian Bird 20, Dan Blunden 19 & Luke Trigg 19. We bowled them out for 120, Sam Webb with 3 wickets.

Second game we reversed the batting order to give the other boys exposure, Alex Gordon 34, Cale Pooley 23, Mike Kridge 23 but Counties passed our small total of 119 with only 2 down.

The next day was a 50 over game and Counties totaled 243/6, Kurt Oldridge & Nathan Parkes bowling very well. Our top 5 batters all scored runs with Cam Gordon scoring a magnificent 103 to seal the victory.

We had another 50 over game vs North Harbour and having them 68/6 with Kurt Oldridge & Max Turner taking early wickets they were the standout bowlers of the day. But unfortunately, loose bowling let North Harbour gain a total of 217. Cam Gordon was our top scorer 31 and we were all out for 141.

Our tournament week in Gisborne saw a new a new format being 2 days of T20 followed by a 50 over contest.

The first game against BOP Lakelands started well with a convincing win taking them out for 98. Nathan Parkes & Kian Bird taking 2 wickets each and we passed their total in the 14<sup>th</sup> over. Max Turner 27no and Cam Gordon 24.

Second game was against Waikato Valley, we totaled 129/5 with all players contributing. Luke Trigg top scoring with 35 and Nathan Parkes, Kurt Oldridge & Sam Webb taking 2 wickets each.

Tuesday mornings game was an easy win against old rivals Counties bundling them out for 77 with Will Potter taking 4 wickets. Luke Trigg 43 & Cam Gordon 34, scoring freely to pass their total with only 1 wicket lost.

The final against Hamilton was going to be a tough task and totaling 106 was probably not going to be enough. But in a seesaw chase they only won with 4 balls to spare. A couple of dropped catches proving costly for the Northland boys.

Our first 50 over game was against Poverty Bay and we bowled them out for 150 with Nathan Parkes, Alex Gordon & Kian Bird taking 2 wickets each. Sam Webb scored 52 runs setting up an easy win.

Our semifinal against Hamilton was a bad day at the office for Northland and they scored 208, once again

Nathan Parkes taking 3 wickets and Alex Gordon and Brandon Peck 2 wickets a piece. Unfortunately, we could only muster 88 runs.

Playing off for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> against Counties we scored 227 with notable scores from Luke Trigg 76, Max Turner 44 & Kurt Oldridge 25 off 21 balls. Rain intervened but with economical bowling from Nathan Parkes & Brandon Peck this restricted Counties and we won on DWL.

The spirit was fantastic within the team and this also showed when supporting our invitational players. The invitational players went away and had a great week playing cricket and learning lots and came back better for the experience.

**Batter of the Year:** Cam Gordon

**Bowler of the Year:** Nathan Parkes

**Fielder of the Year:** Luke Trigg

**Player of the Year:** Sam Webb

Special thanks to Todd Skudder (Skudds) for the great meals and jokes for the week, Triebs, Potts & Rocket.

## **NORTHLAND 2nd XI 2018-19**

### **Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Counties 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Northland won the toss and elected to bat first, Matt Taylor top scored with a brilliant hard hitting 92 and was supported by Fletcher Coutts with 38 and Todd Beehre 32. Northland finished with a score of 261, unfortunately that was the end of the game as it got abandoned due to rain.

### **Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Bay of Plenty 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Northland won the toss and bowled first. Hamish Kidd was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 10 overs 3 wickets for 34 runs, Caleb Boswell Smith chipped in with 3 wickets for 55 of his 8 overs, Fletcher Coutts also bowled an impressive spell in the middle to late overs with figures of 7overs 2 wickets for 26 runs. Bay of Plenty ended the innings all out for 242.

In reply we finished 13 runs short being bowled out for 229 of 45.5 overs. Top scorer was Chris Page with 35, amongst several other batters getting starts.

### **Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI V Auckland Development**

Northland won the toss and chose to bat first, we finished with 245 for 8. Top scorer for us was Cam Gordon with an excellent 51 on debut, again supported by Fletcher Coutts with 41 of 22 balls and Sam Sweeney with 37.

Auckland Development chased Northlands total down in the last over winning by two wickets, Cully Lowe was the top wicket taker on the day with 3 for 43 of his 10 overs.

### **Northland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Hamilton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Northland lost the toss and bowled on a tired late season wicket at Cobham Oval. Hamilton limped to 184 all out. Liam Jones bowled well with 1-29 off his 10 straight overs but the bowler of the day was Dave Armit with figures of 2-19 off 10 overs.

In reply, Northland were cruising along at 60/1 off 17 overs with Craig Elliott (28) and Chris Page (49). After drinks the Hamilton spinners put the brakes on. Page and Elliott attempted to hit their way out of it but when they fell, the players coming in found the pressure too much. Northland were bowled out for 151 in the 42<sup>nd</sup> over.

Batsman of the season was Matty Taylor (KFCC). Bowler of the season was Sam Webb (WBHS). The Player of the season was Fletcher Coutts (OCCC).

Not quite the winning season we had planned for but some good signs with some young players putting in good performances. The team was well led by Harry Darkins and Sam Sweeney.

# **NORTHLAND 1<sup>st</sup> XI 2018-19**

## **Northland v Auckland**

The Northland Men's team took on Auckland A at Cobham Oval on Sunday. Northland won the toss and decided to bat on a used surface. Todd Beehre and Luke Trigg opened up, and Beehre was quickly dismissed for 8, with the score at 15. Trigg, playing his second game for the Northland side, was then joined by Ollie White and the pair patiently worked their way into the innings. White was unluckily caught for 15, after playing a powerful pull shot, and this brought the Northland captain, Ben Hyde to the crease.

Hyde and Trigg added 48 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket before Hyde was caught, and in quick succession, the home side then lost Rory Christopherson (0), Bruce Martin (5) and Trigg (46) in a five-over spell. Stacy Hyndman (46), batting at 8, then formed a great partnership with Cullen Lowe (35no) and the pair added 47 for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket. The partnership was vital to Northland reaching 200, which they did, finishing with 205 in their 50 overs.

In reply, Northland opened the bowling with left arm spinner, Simar Virk, and debutant fast bowler, Nathan Parkes. Parkes, a 16-year-old from Kamo High School, bowled superbly and dismissed the Auckland aces First Class team captain, Martin Guptill-Bunce, with his first delivery and he then put continuous pressure on the Auckland top order. Virk, in conjunction with Parkes, was also brilliant in his opening spell and the Northland side had the upper hand, after the first 10 overs.

Auckland fought back and formed a strong partnership of 51 for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket and another of 48, for the 7<sup>th</sup> wicket, before the ever-reliable Cullen Lowe (2-31) and Bruce Martin (1-29) strangled the Auckland middle and lower order. With the run rate climbing, Northland fielded well and although Auckland threatened the Northland total, the home side seemed to have control of the game for the duration of the Auckland innings and they were dismissed for 187 in the 48<sup>th</sup> over. Parkes finished with 3-35 and fittingly, Virk claimed the last wicket and ended up with the outstanding figures of 2-20 off 10 overs.

## **Northland v Hamilton**

The Northland Men's side took on Hamilton on Saturday and Sunday, Nov 10 and 11, at Cobham Oval. Hamilton won the toss and asked Northland to bat. At 20 for 2, Ollie White combined with Ian Page to form a strong 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket partnership. The pair added 83 before White was dismissed for 32. Page and Ben Hyde (28) then added a further 38 before Page was out for 50, and a mini collapse in the Northland middle order, unfolded. After being 141 for 3, the home team slumped to 196 for 8 and with Stacy Hyndman being absent, through illness, Northland was lucky to get through to 217 for 9, before Ben Hyde was forced to declare.

In reply, Hamilton lost their first wicket in the first over; Nathan Parkes, like he did against Auckland, being the early wicket taker. Hamilton added 34 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket before the Northland side dominated and within a four-over period, Hamilton went from 37 for 2, to 50 for 6. Bruce Martin was the dominant factor and his left arm spin left the Hamilton top order in disarray. Hamilton fought back though, through some aggressive batting from Fred Walker but Martin and Parkes mopped up the tail and the Hamilton side was dismissed for 143. Martin finished with his best figures for Northland (6 for 64), as did Nathan Parkes (4 for 26).

With a 74 run lead, Northland then set about trying to build on that lead and set a target for Hamilton to chase, giving the home side the chance to bowl Hamilton out and get outright points. At 35 for 1,

Northland were in complete control but through poor shot selection and consistent bowling, the home team again had a collapse and were in trouble at 68 for 6. With Neal Parlane being retired hurt, with a ruptured Achilles tendon, the Northland side was effectively 68 for 7. Enter Bruce Martin, who showed his all-round ability and experience. He, and Cullen Lowe (20), added a valuable 35 for the 7<sup>th</sup> wicket and a further 64, in conjunction with Caleb Boswell-Smith, for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket. This saw the Northland captain Ben Hyde declare, setting Hamilton 242 in approximately 35 overs.

Martin struck early in the second innings but a 51 run partnership for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket had the game evenly poised. Northland set attacking fields to try and entice the Hamilton side into playing aggressively and although runs were flowing, Northland were chipping wickets out. At 147 for 3, and with 15 overs remaining, Martin and Hyde combined to take 5 wickets for 18 runs in 6 overs. This meant the Hamilton side needed to hold on for the remaining 5 overs, with 2 wickets remaining. For 30 balls, the Hamilton batsmen battled hard and the game ended in a draw, with Northland getting first innings points. Martin, claiming another 5 wickets, ended with match figures of 11 for 161, which was an outstanding achievement.

### **Northland v Bay of Plenty**

Rain – game abandoned without a ball being bowled.

### **Taupo Tournament – T20**

The Northland side travelled to Taupo hopeful of repeating their efforts from the previous season. Unfortunately, the side had numerous players unavailable due to various other commitments but the 13 that were selected, most certainly had the skills to win games of cricket. The tournament started poorly for Northland, however, and a very strong Hamilton and BOP easily accounted for the Northland side. Both the Hamilton and BOP sides boasted numerous first class, and even international players, and the Northland team struggled to cope with the skills shown by professional players.

The third game of the tournament against WV didn't get any better for the Northland side and they were beaten by 20 runs. The Northland side then eventually won the fourth against CM before losing to PB in the final game of the tournament. Overall, it was a poor tournament for the Northland side and a frustrating 3 days of cricket.

### **Northland v WV**

The Northland captain, Ben Hyde, won the toss and asked WV to bat, on a greenish Cobham Oval wicket. The home side started well and had the WV side 25 for 3 before WV worked hard and fought their way back into the match. Northland's bowling was brilliant, but unfortunately the catching wasn't. The Northland side dropped six catches during the innings and this meant that the WV side was able to score 300. Tom Herman was the pick of the bowlers and he was ably supported by Caleb Boswell-Smith, Kyran Dill, Bruce Martin and Hamish Kidd.

In reply, Northland started solidly, and both Luke Trigg and Henry Cooper looked comfortable against a strong opening pair for WV. The pair added 33 for the first wicket before Trigg was out hooking. Shortly after, Rory Christopherson (1) was out cheaply, and then Cooper (39) was caught at long on with the score at 78. Ben Hyde was then joined by Ian Page and the duo put on 71 for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket. Page (43) was dismissed, and before the Northland side knew it, both Chris Page and Bruce Martin followed suit in the space of 10 balls. Furthermore, and adding to Northland's woes, Hyde (58) and Kyran Dill (8) were dismissed and from 149 for 3, the home side was 174 for 8. This broke the back of the Northland batting

innings and although Caleb Boswell-Smith and Hamish Kidd added 54 for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket, the WV score was never really threatened – Northland being bowled out for 241.

In the final game of the Fergus Hickey, Northland played Counties Manukau at Mountfort Park, in Manurewa. Ben Hyde won the toss and chose to bat on what looked like a fast, flat wicket. The Northland side was in immediate trouble and were 8 for 3, 27 for 4, 28 for 5, 47 for 6 and 51 for 7 before any resistance was shown. Kyran Dill, batting at 8 and Hamish Kidd at 9, put on 47 for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket before Dill was adjudged caught behind for 26. Kidd then paired with Brett Randell and they added 70 for the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket, before Kidd was caught behind for a gritty and spirited 54. This 70 run partnership meant that they had set a new Northland record for the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket, which was very timely for the Northland side. Randell was then joined by Nathan Parkes and more rear-guard action evolved, as the duo added 34 for the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket – Northland eventually dismissed for 198 in 73 overs.

In reply, Northland fought hard and were right in the match for the entire innings. Kyran Dill was outstanding and finished with the superb figures of 7 for 41 off 19 demanding overs. He was ably supported by Bruce Martin, Caleb Boswell-Smith and Ben Hyde with the ball and the team's fielding was excellent, particularly ground fielding and commitment on a touch outfield. Counties Manukau, however, battled away and eventually passed the Northland score, 6 down – finally being dismissed for 242 in the 85<sup>th</sup> over.

The season was, result-wise, a poor season for Northland but it was not through a lack of effort or a lack of pride in the Northland shirt. The players that represented our proud province did so in a committed and passionate manner; we just lacked the focus and/or possibly skill when key moments in matches were apparent and this is what cost the team valuable points.

Finally, Brent Martin did a great job as manager, as did Lesley Griffiths as scorer – the entire Northland team is very grateful for their efforts and commitment throughout the season. Barry Cooper was, again, dedicated to his role as selector and his expertise and knowledge was very much appreciated and respected. My time as Northland coach has come to an end for the immediate future, and Neal Parlane will now take the reigns – he will do a fine job, I'm sure. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Northland coach and have been proud of our achievements and pride we have shown in representing Northland.

Stephen Cunis

# **NORTHLAND CRICKET AWARDS 2018-19**

## **Junior Club Cricket:**

### **C Grade:**

**Pre-Christmas** – OCCC Racoons & Maungakamea Veterans

**Post-Christmas** – Bream Bay Swords

### **B Grade:**

**Pre-Christmas** – Bream Bay Blues & Kamo/KIS

**Post-Christmas** – Bream Bay Blues

### **A Grade:**

**Pre-Christmas** – City Arrows

**Post-Christmas** – OCCC Green Caps & CCC Arrows

## **Junior Representative Cricket:**

### **Primary Boys:**

**Batsman** – Adam Moggarch

**Bowler** – Connell O’Sullivan

**Fielder** – Mikey Robinson

**Player of the Year** – Ryan Krige

### **Junior Secondary Boys:**

**Batsman** – Nick Byles

**Bowler** – Lucas James

**Fielder** – Sam Lints

**Player of the Year** – Nathan Condon

### **Senior Secondary Boys:**

**Batsman** – Cam Gordon

**Bowler** – Nathan Parkes

**Fielder** – Luke Trigg

**Player of the Year** – Sam Webb

### **Junior Secondary Girls:**

**Player of the Year** – Chelsea Trail

### **Senior Secondary Girls:**

**Player of the Year** – Makayla Templeton

## **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)**

Kamo Intermediate

### **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

## **Division One and Reserve Grade Club Cricket**

### **Russell Smith Trophy – Division One**

**Pre-Christmas** – City Blaze

**Post-Christmas** – City Blaze

### **Team Tait Real Estate Trophy – Reserve Grade One Day**

City

### **PLUS Trophy – Reserve Grade T20**

Maungakaramea

### **Reserve Grade 50/40 Competition**

City

### **Greg Guy Shield – Reserve Grade Sub Association Competition**

Rodney Rams and City

## **Most Valuable Reserve Grade Players**

**Batsman:** Joseph Yovich

**Bowler:** Axel Shepherd

**Player:** Joseph Yovich

## **Premier Club Cricket**

**Karl Treiber Shield (Northland Premier Cricket Challenge Shield)**  
Kaipara Flats

**Dargaville Shield (Best Overall Premier Team – T20/OD/TD)**  
Kaipara Flats

**Mark Cromie Holden Trophy – Premier T20**  
City

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

**Oxford Sports Trust Shield – Premier Two Day**  
Kaipara Flats

## **Most Valuable Premier Grade Players**

**Batsman:**  
Callum Gegg

**Bowler:**  
Luke Beaven

**Keeper (Lance Mountain Trophy):**  
Rory Christopherson

**Player (Bob Cunis Trophy):**  
Stacy Hyndman

**Most Outstanding Maori Player**  
Ollie White

## **Umpires Award**

**Graham Cowen Trophy for Greatest Contribution to Umpiring**  
Roger Kidd

# PREMIER CLUB TEAM OF THE SEASON

The team is made up of 12 players selected from the 6 senior 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:
- Two openers
- A top and middle order
- A wicket keeper
- All-rounders
- At least one spinner
- Fast bowlers
- Only one overseas player was eligible for the team
- There was no advantage of playing for Northland, it was purely based on club cricket

## The team is as follows:

1. **Rory Christopherson (wk)**
2. **Todd Beehre**
3. **Callum Gegg**
4. **Henry Cooper**
5. **Ian Page**
6. **Stacy Hyndman**
7. **Chris Page**
8. **Fletcher Coutts**
9. **Matt Taylor**
10. **Sam Webb**
11. **Byron Jollivet**
12. **Jack Cranage**

## **Women's Player of the Year**

**Olivia Lobb**

## **Northland Men 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

**Batsman:** Matt Taylor

**Bowler:** Sam Webb

**Player:** Fletcher Coutts

## **Northland Men 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

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

Paul Tomich

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

Ben Hyde

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

Kyran Dill - 7 for 41 v CM

**Bowler of the Year**

Bruce Martin

**Batsman of the Year**

Ben Hyde

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

Bruce Martin

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

This award goes to the Northland cricketer that has reached what are regarded as the highest honours 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.

# **TWILIGHT CRICKET AND THE NORTHLAND CRICKET TRUST**

Whangarei Twilight Cricket was established in late 1978 with 18 teams first competing at Kensington Park on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1978. Peter Crawford and Brian Johnston were the original organisers with Greg Guy coming on board soon after. With the popularity of one day cricket, the number of twilight sides grew alarmingly and by the mid 1980's, 86 teams were playing at seven venues stretching from Tikipunga and Kamo in the north, head quarters at Kensington Park, to Whangarei Boys High School and Cobham Oval in the south.

In 1986 Greg Guy was instrumental with Crawford and Johnston in forming the Northland Cricket Trust and in May 1988 Mayoress Joyce Ryan opened the Indoor Cricket Centre. The cost of the building and fitout was in the vicinity of \$258,000, mainly financed by Twilight Cricket funds. The centre catered for a range of activities, cricket coaching and practices, but also generating a commercial return with competitive indoor cricket, netball and soccer being played.

At this time Whangarei Twilight Cricket was the biggest in New Zealand for a 20 over competition, just ahead of Palmerston North. Hamilton had the most teams, but played two nights a week.

With combined revenues from Twilight and Indoor, the Trust was able to make sound investments, dispensing grants to cricketing bodies throughout Northland. Cricket wickets, practice facilities, coaching, sponsoring representative sides, assisting in electronic score boards, seating at the Oval, financing young players to England and Australia, assisting with resurfacing the current Indoor Cricket Centre and over the years instrumental in payments for junior Saturday morning cricket wickets at Kensington park.

Over the lifetime of the Trust, an approximate figure of around \$500,000 has been granted to various cricketing bodies.

Twilight cricket in its present format is very much on the decline with only 10-12 sides participating in the 2018-19 season. Some of these teams have been involved for over 35 years. The Northland Cricket Trust is currently in a very sound position with the Trustees looking forward to assisting cricket in Northland for the present and future.

**Brian Johnston**

**Founder – Northland Cricket Trust**

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