

# PENINSULA JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



# 2022-23 YEAR BOOK

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Howzat – and that is Stumps for Season 2022/2023.

What an amazing year. It was so good to get back on the park for a full season and not be impacted by Covid or Rain or anything else that stops us playing our great game of Cricket.

16 teams set out in search of Grand Final and Premiership Glory ( across all ages groups U10s/U17s ) and the 1 thing I noticed throughout all teams this summer was your sense of friendship and ability to form great relationships.

Congratulations to the U11 Div 2 Stars who had a phenomenal year with a 16-1 Record to take out the competition. This team was only formed with 1 week left to the start of the competition which is a great testament to the boys coming together so quickly and playing some amazing Cricket weekly.

Special out to the other Peninsula Teams in the U11 Div 2 comp as well. Peninsula finished 1,2 and 3 in this comp and they battled away every week to see who would finish on top and the best matches of that comp all summer was the derby matches. Thank you to all the players in the U11 Comp as well for chipping in and helping each other out when there was sickness etc.

Our U12s Pacers nearly pulled off a miracle in the GF falling just 4 runs in what was a fantastic GF. All the 12s should be proud of their achievements this season, push on for next year and go 1 better.

Our U13s Pacers finished Minor Premiers and unfortunately came up a red hot Collaroy side in their Semi Final and was pipped at the penultimate post – well done boys ( work hard in the Offseason and we will get them next year ).

Once again Congrats to all the kids who represented Peninsula throughout the Manly Warringah Rep season. There was many impressive performances throughout the year.

Junior Blasters was back again this year growing to 40 kids this year playing at Cricket drill games at Warriewood Oval every Friday and having a Blast.

Next year we are looking to expand this further by opening a 2nd Blast Centre down at Careel Bay as we look to attract more and more kids.

Master Blasters eventually got up and running and massive thanks to Peter Robinson for taking those bunch of kids through various games / drills etc.

Next season we are looking to move this back to Sat mornings so we need lots of helpers ( older kids – this is a great way to give back to your club so reach out ).

We also tried our very first All Girls Blast program on Thursday afternoons. 12 Girls took up the opportunity to come and try their hand at Cricket drills and what a success it was.

Thank you to all the parents, coaches, scorers, umpires for your help week in, week out. Without you and your passions, these seasons simply would not be successful and the kids simply wont come back year in year out so thank you again.

Finally, as most of you might be aware this will be my last season as President of this awesome Junior Club due to my new FT job requirements as Cricket Manager for Cricket NSW on the beaches and unfortunately I cannot stay on as President. I have totally enjoyed every minute of leading this club over the last 3 years and I hope whoever takes over knows they have my full support. I will continue to stay involved on the board however so you don't lose me totally.

Thanks again for a great season. See you all around hopefully again for season 2023/2024.

# GIRLS CRICKET CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Another season done and dusted for our amazing girls. A big shout out to the Coaches and Managers for all their time and effort to help the girls reach their potential. Thank you as well to the Parents for all the sideline encouragement.

For those that don't know, Our girls play in a hub across three fields Millers, David Thomas And Passmore which creates a real carnival like atmosphere each week which the girls really enjoy and because of this create friendships between players of different clubs. It also provides the opportunity to run community events which included Reconciliation round and pink stumps day which raised almost \$3000 for the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Disappointingly PCC just fell short on fielding an Under 11 girls team this year, with that the club has focused a lot of energy on attracting more young girls to the club. So apart from our normal Blaster program we have run an All-Girls Blaster program which was a great success and introduced new girls to the club and our great game. A big thanks to Emma Thatcher and Chelsea Mclerie from Manly, Holly Searles and Matilda Robinson PCC for making the experience fun and memorable for our future cricket stars!

In Representative news we had two girls make MWJCA Rep teams.

Matilda Robinson played for U13 Mollie Dive

Sophia Paz played for U14/15 Presidents Cup team (who went on to win the championship).

We also had a couple of representatives in the NSW school championships,

Emily Cunningham representing Polding

Millie Hanstrum representing CIS

Although Our girls teams didn't make the finals this year, a great season was had by all and friendships made even stronger.

Thank you girls for representing the club in great spirit and attitude, We are very proud of you!

Peter Robinson

PCC Girls Co-ordinator





It has been an amazing season for the mighty Heat, 8 boys coming together for the first time and learning about the game we love. For all the boys it was the first time they had played in a team, and for some the first time they had ever batted or bowled. The first few games were all about the learning experience, then came the peninsula derby and a win against the table leading sixes. This then led to an amazing second half of the season where everything clicked for the boys.

Baxter took an outstanding hatrick all cleaned bowled, and contributed all year with the bat and ball. Taj started to get his bowling rhythm and got amongst the wickets, whilst contributing up the order with the bat. Jude and Freddie become a great late order pair, Jude pushing the game with the intensity of his running and hitting. Freddie hitting some big boundaries regularly, as well as plenty of wickets, and run outs. Andy was a rock at the top of the order, chipped in with plenty

of wickets and was amazing keeping and in the field. Archie H also started to land some nice spin bowling, and showed us his hand eye with some exquisite reverse sweeps. Archie B, the quiet achiever, youngest of the pack, but a secret weapon, calm in his bowling and took crucial wickets and did well with batting. Ollie is the consummate all rounder, great economy and line and length and a superb batting technique and temperament.

It is how they showed up as a team, the spirit in which they played and trained and the fun they had that made this a Heat season to remember. Special mention to all the parents for their commitment and fun, and huge call out to Stew for his management of the team and outstanding scoring every week!

Well done Heat and see you all next season! Heat, Heat, Heat!!



The new season held lots of promise and uncertainty given the team was drawn from various Master Blaster groups. As it turned out, we were blessed with individual talent and amazing teamwork / spirit which carried us through to finish runners up to a very good Collaroy Plateau Wifi's team.

Each member of the team has improved in all aspects of the game, training well each week, then taking this into Saturday. It was great to see the enjoyment they took out of each other's performances, and at the same time to see how they respected their opponents. For their first season of competition cricket, the boys should be very satisfied and hopefully the bulk of the team returns for U 10's again and we go one better.

A big thankyou to the parents / grandparents and siblings who were there every week to cheer on the team and fill roles as scorer, umpire and coach ( and take loads of videos which the kids loved watching back – thanks Brad ).

Ben L – His bowling improved rapidly as the season progressed. A solid opening batsmen.

Ben M – Has an uncanny ability to bowl perfect length deliveries and score boundaries down leg side.

Jacob – Developed into a fine opening bowler, taking several hat tricks.

Jed – A great all rounder, who backed himself to impact every game.

Koda – Only with us for half a season, bowled with pace and accuracy and got us on the front foot most games. Scored quickly as well.

Mitch – Very enthusiastic and always looking to grow his game, starred with bat and ball.

Mulani – Joined us late, having moved to the area. Slotted straight in and was an asset in all aspects of the game.

Ollie – Mr Enthusiasm – always looking to hit off stump and score boundaries.

Tim – Our highest run scorer, could finish a game off with rapid fire boundaries.



The under 11s heat completed another winning season finishing strong by winning 4 of the last 6 matches.

Some season highlights were the catching of Zak Esson, the keeping of Jakob Wilshire and Archie Sams and the pace bowling of James Peak and newcomer Kobi Kramer. Reuben Read led the way achieving the season double of 200 runs and 20 wickets whilst only being dismissed 3 times in 17 innings.

Many of the matches were settled in the final few overs as the Heat decided on a bat second strategy for most of the season.

There were huge improvements this year in the bowling department with the team conceding fewer wides and no balls in every game played, a great testament to the attitude shown at training. Esson and James Price showed excellent resilience in their batting putting a high price on the value of their wickets.

The penultimate game of the season saw a season high score with the bat with Reuben, Kobi and Beau Mackay all scoring at a strike rate of over 100.

Many thanks to the supportive parents, grandparents and volunteers that made the season run smoothly.



With the core of last year's team back to defend the Premiership, the expectations were high for the 2022 / 2023 season. The team got into stride immediately and played some exciting cricket, always looking to play their shots and bowl as tight as possible, backed up with enthusiastic fielding. You can sense the humility and maturity of the team is growing, always quick to clap off the oppositions batsmen and playing with a great spirit. Most importantly, this team knows how to have fun and enjoy each other's company on and off the field – so well-done team for another great season.

Thank you to all the parents / grandparents / siblings who attended each week and to everyone who put their hand up to score, umpire and coach. Look forward to doing it all again next season.

Charlie – Our ever reliable “ big score “ batter who grabbed wickets every week as well. Most runs scored.

Conner – First year of cricket, improved out of sight and we look forward to where he takes his game next season.

Ebony – A great bowler over many seasons, has developed consistency as an opener with the bat, scoring freely and setting up games for us.

Eddy – Opens both the bowling and batting and always puts us on the front foot. Consistency and passion are his trademarks. Most wickets taken INCLUDING 2 x 5 wicket hauls.

Jack R – Through dedication, has become a very good medium pacer and perfected the art of stealing runs.

Jacko – Elevated his game beyond measure this season, very reliable bowler coupled with solid batting and great running between the wicket.

Lucas – The “ heart “ of the team, always setting the tone and lifting his teammates spirits. Developed every aspect of his game and took some outrageous catches in the field and behind the stumps.

Nash – With us for only half the season, has developed into a great exponent of leg spin, and was always good for scoring quickly.



Well done to all the players of the Peninsula Under 11 Stars for a fantastic season. At the start of the year there was doubts on whether or not we would get a team together. In the end these 7 boys came together and formed the top team in the competition. It's been a pleasure to coach them and watch their improvement as the season has gone on. You should be proud of your efforts boys and each one of you contributed to the results each game and played as a team which was very pleasing! Well done and look forward to seeing you all back next year for some more fun!

**Paxton.** Pax has been a really important player for us this year. He has worked hard on his batting and has come a long way and is playing some lovely shots. He made his highest score in one of the games at the end of the season which shows he is developing nicely. His running between the wickets improved out of sight and he is now one of the best in the team. He is also getting more consistency with this bowling which is great and will only get better with some more practice. Thanks Pax for being a great teammate at good luck for next year! Special thanks too to Pax's dad Chris for all his umpiring this season and coolness during the high-pressure situations!

**Elijah.** Elijah has broken a few games wide open this year with his huge shots and crafty leg spin. He has done a fantastic job as the weekly wicket keeper for half the innings and has quite a few stumpings to his name (and possibly a few more he thinks should have been!). He's always first to arrive at the game and has lots of encouragement for his teammates. Apart from the highlights of the big 6s, it's been great seeing how keen he is to do training and play lots of cricket! Good luck at the new level up next year Elijah.

**Alex H.** Alex came to our team this year without having ever played cricket apart from the odd game in the backyard (which is often the best kind!). He has worked very hard and improved his batting and bowling has also improved immensely. He now plays amazing cover drives and is bowling with great consistency. Like his namesake the other Alex, he is one of the best catchers in our team and rarely misses out on taking all the catches hit to him. Well done Alex on a great year and hope to see you next year!

**Alex G.** Alex has worked really hard this year on his batting and bowling. With this trademark run up there is never any doubt for the scorers who is bowling when Alex is on! His first game saw him take 5 wickets and every game after that he had been a consistent member of the attack, rarely bowling any no balls and one occasion deciding to mankad an opposition player who was backing up way too far. Like Alex H he has probably taken the most catches for the year which is great. He is developing his batting really well and times the ball nicely with some nice drives the highlight lately. Thanks for all your efforts Alex and well done!

**Sam.** Sam is quite a character and has kept us entertained all year, especially with his celebrations after a wicket! He has alternated between leg spin and very fast bowling throughout games and sometimes in the same over! His weapon is his fast bowling and when it's on target he picks up plenty of wickets. Like his teammates Sam has worked hard on his batting. His defence is very solid and he rarely gets out. This will put him in an excellent position to go into next year where when once you are out you are out! Best of luck Sam, well done and thanks for the season.

**Asher.** Asher was the welcome last addition to the team and has played a great part in its success. He is always consistent with the bat and ball and his effort is never questioned. Because of this consistency we can always rely on him for getting runs and wickets almost every game. It's always great watching the confusion on other players when they see Asher racing in to bowl and he bowls left handed or when he faces up left handed to bat. Well done Asher on a great season and good luck next year, you are definitely ready for the next level.

**Cameron.** The player with the longest run up in the history of under 11s was one of our best bowlers this year. Despite not having played much cricket before the season began Cam has a lovely bowling action which will hold up for years to come. He was a pleasure to coach as he always listened to any advice and tried his best to implement it. Cam's batting has also improved this year and when he gets a ball in his baseball swing wheelhouse the bowler needs to lookout because every time that ball is going for 4! Well done on a great season Cam and hope to see you next year!

# THUNDER



What a fantastic season Thunder have had. Our attitude was positive, and it reflected in our cricket. Each player improved throughout the season in attitude, teamwork and statistics. This attitude saw the team come home strong with a 14-2 winning season: finishing in the top 3 with the two other Peninsula sides. The players having increased their cricketing skills across all disciplines. Most importantly, was their camaraderie and support for each other. They worked as a team each week and their sportsmanship is from the heart and each player & their parents should be commended. They are always looking out for one another but also the other teams; clapping off not only their own players but their opponents too.

Benji's batting this season took off, regularly scoring 4's and his confidence grew each week. His bowling also improved each week taking 9 wickets by R15 and fielding well! He proved a great middle order batsmen.

Blake C started the first half of the season testing out his spin bowling skills and went back to pace in the second part of the season blistering the opposition and regularly taking 3 wickets each game. Impressive off the bat, he developed a great batting partnership with Charlie, both battling it out for top scores each week. He also helps to keep the chatter up on the field!

Blake Q has made huge improvements this season in both batting and bowling. Given it's only his second season of playing cricket, his bowling has increased in accuracy with 8 wickets by R15 and his batting average has also increased.

Charlie had an impressive season, topping our batting stats most weeks and scoring the first 5er as well our first 6 of the season. With 28 4's and 3 6's as of round 15, he helped to guide the team often to ensure a win. His passion for the game shines through when he trains and plays each week.

Henri continued to show his passion for cricket with his batting & bowling skills on show. Providing a great & much needed open partnership with Will G for some of our games. His bowling skills sharpened again this season, regularly taking a wicket or 2 each game. He was one of our top bowlers & batters this season!

Hudson's developed his spin bowling this season with some great leggies that caught out his opponents. Taking 8 wickets by R14 with his best bowling figures of 2/2. His fielding and wicket keeping improved massively, helping the team on more than one occasion & often putting his body on the line!

Jay continued to hone his batting skills with a great season, regularly hitting 4's and in round 5, he top scored with 26 runs. He is a great middle order batter! He also improved his fielding skills this season and his best bowling figures were 2/9.

Jordan also had a great season, in particular the latter part, in R11 taking 3 wickets and in R15 taking 2 wickets off his final two balls off his over and just missing out on a hat trick on his next over. His batting was also fantastic to watch regularly hitting 4's, he had a top score of 22 in R12 and a lovely straight drive.

Levi started off the season with a blistering double hatrick ball bowling 5/0. He top scored in that first game too! He helped to steer the team on more than one occasion with his fantastic wicket keeping skills. Putting his body on the line often. He also had a great season off the bat, with a top score of 23 in round 14.

Will G was new to the Thunder this year and he certainly made his mark with the bat and ball. He showed us how adept he was with the bat and in the latter season developed his bowling into a fast spin which took many opponents by surprise. On more than one occasion, taking the first wicket of the first ball of the first over!

Looking to next season, the key area for improvement is communication and running between wickets. I have particularly been impressed with our bowling attack which often takes over 12 wickets in a game; with some accurate pace bowling and some looping leggies.

A huge thank you to the supportive parent-base led by our heart & soul, manager Lizzie; who have all helped to develop the players and guide them throughout the year.



An exciting season was enjoyed by The Under 12 Peninsula Pacers with some excellent cricket matches played and made it all the way to the Grand Final.

Pulling together players from 3 different sides the previous year, the team bonded quickly putting in some strong performances with only one defeat in the first half of the season. The second half of the season showed the competition tighten as players across all teams improved and adjusted to the leather ball and stage two cricket! The players have been exposed to the highs and lows of the game of cricket with results being decided in the final overs of several exciting matches.

The Pacers have played very consistent cricket and showed great improvement in their skills. On a whole the bowling was excellent with the number of extras greatly reduced. Fielding intensity has been great with some spectacular catches taken. Running between wickets was fantastic this year and good shot selection resulted in some solid scores. The team as a whole has worked hard at occupying the crease and we have managed to bat out 30 overs in most innings.

Thanks to the parents for your support. Special mentions to Deon for juggling our 13 player roster. Jan for his hard work on the scorebook. Scott and Mitch for helping me train and umpiring on game days.

The players have demonstrated great advances in their skills and game craft. I hope they continue their cricket involvement next season. Congratulations U12 Pacers on a successful season. I am looking forward to seeing you back on the field next summer.

**Ben McNamara** - Strong contributions with both bat and ball. Good arm and made some sharp run outs. Loves the game and lives for Saturdays.

**Jonah Raper** - Valued member of the team. Many wickets taken this season and some important partnerships with the bat. Always striving to improve.

**Jacob Jansen** - Great consistent bowling display with a good number of wickets taken. Strong performances with the bat contributing many runs to the seasons tally. Just loves his cricket and integral to the team.

**Hayden Woolf** - Played some good innings with his trademark flair. Really improved bowling this season taking plenty of wickets. Always involved in the field and keeps the energy and chatter flowing in the middle.

**Finn Taylor** - Consistently bowled well with pace and hit the stumps many times. Really improved on his batting skills and temperament at the crease playing some valuable innings. Plenty of energy and a true competitor.

**Lachlan Fanning** - Bowling went to a new level this season with many wickets taken. Confidence grew overall and showed plenty of grit with the bat defending his wicket.

**Josh Croucamp** - Continues to improve with bat and ball. Great energetic player, a pleasure to coach and valued team man. Always puts in effort and plays with great spirit.

**Jai Timosevski** - Debut season in Junior Cricket, a great talent and had some strong performances with both bat and ball. Test match opener in the making.

**Jagger Haymes** - Fearless opener, handy bowler and always giving one hundred percent. Plenty of banter in the slips too. Great bloke to have in your team.

**Will Blackband** - Powerful hitter and bowls with express pace. Truly loves his cricket and gets heavily involved in the game. Some strong performances for Peninsula this season.

**Ashton Crosby** - Has improved greatly since the start of the season. Has showed patience with the bat and formed some valuable partnerships. Tidy bowler and has claimed numerous wickets.

**Ewan McShane** - Excellent young cricketer. Scored a sparkling half century at Newport Oval which was a highlight of the season. Took a few screamers while fielding too!

**Byron Gilbert** - Always plays his hardest and is dedicated to his cricket. Powerful right handed batsman and found the rope many times throughout the season. Well regarded by the other players and a great team man.



Season 2022/2023 started with the formation of a new U13s Squad which initially was going to be a Div 1 team however ended up playing in the Div 2 comp.

Season started strong for the boys with demolition jobs against our opposition sides.

Sitting top of the table for most of the season teams tried as they liked couldn't get past these boys who consistently found ways to win matches despite not always playing their best.

Only tight matches all season was a hard fought tie vs Harbord and a loss to St Pius who finished a close 2nd to the team at the end of the round robin season.

Unfortunately we came up against a very spirited and super competitive Collaroy side in the Semi Final and just got pipped at the last post before the GF.

The boys rallied around every wicket with their CatchPhrase "Bouncy Bouncy" which I still don't know what it means but they found it a fun way to celebrate success and they cheered on every 4 and 6.

As a coach I asked the boys to improve their games throughout the year and running between wickets was the highlight for the year for me. Consistently they found an extra 20 runs in matches through their hard running between wickets led by ChatterMaster Joe Hall who was a great addition to our team from Wakehurst.

Skipper Daniel Searles despite playing up an age group led the way with the bat and worked hard on his game weekly as did all the boys.

Special shout outs to Byron who was new to the club this

season and had never played traditional cricket before was a pleasure to coach. Eamon superb all round season with bat, ball and keeping.

Mitch our massive improver, suckered many a batsman to playing around balls with guided deliveries and really worked on his footwork with his batting and defence.

Leo in the field was our panther consistently stopping well timed balls and improved his batting game after understanding that balls can be hit just as well along the ground. Great left arm bowling as well.

Bailey – another one who had a stellar year with the ball picking up wickets regularly and was another stand out with the gloves when asked to keep. Took an amazing catch at slip before Christmas as well.

Hamish – Regularly got the team off to a quick start with his attacking play and bowled well without luck at times.

James – awesome season with the bat and again got the team off to quick starts with his attacking play. Bowled well throughout the season as well.

Oscar – consistently unlucky with the bat but bowled some awesome outswingers and picked up wickets regularly as well, Great in the field.

And finally - Massive shout out to Felix Hunt who took a club record for this competition with his fierce opening bowling spells and worked hard on his batting again this season. Totally deserved for putting the balls in the right areas.

Whilst we didn't quite get there this year, I look forward to coaching the boys again next season as we look to push ourselves in the Div 1 comp and really challenge ourselves.

# GIRLS PIRANHAS U13



Let me introduce to you the Peninsula Piranhas for the 2022/2023 Season. Finally the rain let us get on the field and Covid fell into the background, it was all about just playing cricket. We had our ups and downs and always gave 110%, the girls overall supported and played for each other and most importantly showed great sportsmanship win lose or draw. The parents turned up each week sitting under the shade and supported the girls anyway they could, and yes one day they will thank you for it. I have enjoyed the support by all, but a special shout to our team manager Peter Robinson, the person who makes it all come together week in week out, thanks Pete from all of us.

Below is a quick snapshot of our team, roll on 23/24 season.....

Georgia Friedel — Tough competitor who likes a challenge whether its batting or bowling but has taken to wicketkeeping

Emily Cunningham — A talented bowling allrounder who likes to also run people out

Isabella Wait — A bowling allrounder who likes to be to be in the battle with bat or ball

Taylah Smith — A bowler who likes taking wickets. Has taken up the fight with the bat several times

Erin Sedgman — A greatly improved left hand bowler with batting ability to stand her ground for the team

Matilda Robinson — A talented allrounder who can be destructive with the bat or ball on any given day

Ebony Davies — Allrounder with the ability to hit a ball long and far and bowl with good pace

Sophia Paz — Powerhouse hitter and on her day as fast with the ball as anyone in the competition

Paige Kelsall — Played only a few games but has shown she can bat or bowl in any position

Millie Hanstrom — A developing leggie that is hard to hit. Dependable bat, fast between the wickets

Maia Cole — Hit our first 6 of the season and bowls with absolute determination

Coach :David Wait  
This really has been a team effort. Thanks to all the other parents for the support

Peter Robinson  
Team Manager : The glue of the Piranhas, making things happen either behind the scenes or on WhatsApp

# THUNDER



What another great season for the Thunder. While not finishing towards the top of the ladder so many highlights from a memorable season in cricket. Marco lit up the field with some inspirational efforts protecting boundaries all over the field and also his bowling was on point all season. Niko and Nico had great seasons with Nico's bowling coming such a long way this season and Niko's batting improving game by game. Ethan was the spirit of the team and not afraid to put a few dance moves on the field to distract the batsman. Ryan was solid at the top of the order with his batting and took some great catches. Hayden was swinging the ball all season and took some great wickets. Zach impressed with the bat, holding out some impressive bowlers and

improved his bowling each week. Chase was a left hand revelation at the top of the order, providing stability to the team and proving to be a great up and coming batsman. Ollie cool calm and collected in the field under his shades and lightning in attack with his bowling. Xavier was always a presence during the first half of the season and his bowling took the limelight with consistent line and length delivering wickets every game. Baxter walked into the season having focused on improving his batting and this translated into a bumper season of runs and managed to break the club record for runs scored. Great team effort from the boys and played in the true spirit of the game. Well done Thunder on a great 2022-23 season.

# SCORCHERS

# U14



The 14/2 Scorchers had an enjoyable and fun season in 2022/23. Whilst we finished outside of the final 4, the spirit and sportsmanship showed by the boys all season long was a pleasure to witness. We had a strong, steady and loyal group of parents who offered great support to the boys and helped out in various capacities throughout the season. Thanks to all for their contributions, especially to Nick as regular scorer.

Our 2 x co-captains Lucky and Billy, now in their second season as skippers, led the team well and have started to develop great cricketing brains - thinking hard about how to set fields, organise bowling attacks and come up with plans to dismiss opposition batsmen. Both contributed well on and off the field with their encouragement of team mates, and were often heard also offering congratulations or commiserations to the opposition - signs of true leaders and great sportsmen.

Lucky bowled consistently every game well and finished top of the bowling, with 13 wickets at a great average of 8.08. His wrist spinners hit the spot each and every time he bowled, and his variations, pure spin and bounce were great to witness from the best seat in the house as umpire. Billy offered great knowledge and enthusiasm all season, and wacked his first boundary and the winning runs against St Augustine's in Round 12, bringing his team mates and the crowd to their feet.

Our regular opening bowlers Zack and Sam bowled fast, accurate pace all season long, and gave away nothing whilst bowling to some accomplished batsmen. They backed up week after week, and worked hard at training to get better and better as the season progressed. Zack won the Coaches Award for his great effort - never giving up, always delivering when needed, and doing it all with a big smile! Joseph, Eddie, Jasper and Callum also bowled some great spells as first change bowlers, taking many wickets between them.

Our slower bowlers Brad, Jonah, Billy and Paddy also had good a season with the ball, with everyone taking multiple wickets and each making important contributions at crucial stages.

Our batting attack was hot and cold at times, scoring as few as 22 one week, followed by a season high of 157 runs a couple of games later. We consistently averaged around 100 runs per innings, which meant that contributions came from all our players. Paddy and Callum as openers did a great job as a left/right hand combination, and regularly saw out their allotted balls before retiring. Callum's season with the bat was stellar - finishing with 243 runs at a great average of 60.75. Both also shared the wicketkeeping and Paddy topped the catches and stumpings with some tidy glovework.

Our middle order changed week to week, but regularly saw Jasper batting with style, and Sam, Eddie, Zack and Joe offering some big hitting using their long limbs to smash boundaries. Brad and Lucky offered ultra consistency all season as reliable run accumulators, both showing some great progress in their defence and ability to bat long. Billy and Jonah batted bravely throughout the season, sometimes taking some hits to the body, but backing up when needed by their team mates.

Brad's consistency and belief won him the 'Most Improved' award for the season, and he blossomed as both batsman and bowler as the season went on. He became our solid number 3, and stepped up to take responsibility for this crucial position which he made his own.

The Scorchers are a great team of fine young men, and I consider it a privilege to have been their coach. They play each game with great spirit and have a great sense of fairness. What is most notable about this team is how tight they are as a unit, and how they give unconditional support and encouragement to each other regardless of what's happening on the pitch. We had many a nail-biting finish this season, and not once would our supporters have heard the players giving anything other than positive messages to each other. This is pretty unique in my experience for junior sport, so in that sense, we finished the 2022/23 season on top. Bring on next year!!

# SHARKS



Well it was a tale of 2 seasons for the Sharkies this year...Season 2022...and season 2023

We started the the season in full swing with a great win over St Augustines and from there on we were a little hit and miss. Each game we were on song and in the hunt for the win, but there would always be a period where the boys would switch off during the game.. This was i believe the main thing as a team we needed to keep working on and was our achilles heel. We had to keep coming back to basics with alot of our skillsets and gameplans, however once we did that as a team we fired and could absolutely beat any team on the day!

This was evident when we played the top team St Pius. We were a player short that day but it didnt matter because the boys mindset was at its peak for the entire game and we knocked St Pius off with relative ease...This proved to the boys that with a positive mindset and sticking to the basics and our game plan we can get the job done... After the xmas break unfortunately we couldn't field a

full team which made it very difficult to compete in games. The boys gave it their best but alot of the time it was purely too difficult to defend with muptlie players missing in the field..

I would like to thank Mike Kolodzinski for yet again doing the bulk of the scoring duties during the season as well as all the other parents who chipped in when called upon. Thankyou to Dan, Mick and Tim for filling in at training throughout the season. Its a huge help when last minute work issues get in the way! And to Jason and Rebecca for housing the Team kit throughout the season! All the help is very much appreciated.

It has been a testing season in many aspects but i thoroughly enjoy coaching these young men and I would like to wish them all the success in the year ahead.

PS - Cant forget all the siblings who filled in the field and ran fine leg to fine leg for us!



This was a consolidation year for the Heat with pretty much everyone returning for another crack. Sam Borrow returned to the fold after discovering his other team, in a different club, was rubbish and we were the best after all. With Sam came the coolest cat Hayden who's cricketing experience could best be described as "backyard". Our old hands rallied around and bought him up to scratch in the gentleman's version. Which was now 30 overs giving our 12 men extra time to show their skills...

There were 6 teams in our comp and we've beaten 3 of those. So we've been right in the mix throughout. Results haven't always gone our way, but I see a bunch of blokes that play fair and enjoy themselves, setting their own targets and always playing for the team...

Xavier is incredibly tough on himself, he's taken regular wickets and this season in batting, particularly the back end, Xav has worked hard for the team, he's not hitting flashy boundaries but he is staying in, turning over the strike and making smart runs.

Finn's bowling has become a potent weapon with a great stride and fearsome release. It's really great to watch and this season his wicket keeping has been exceptional. He is our spokesman on the field, ready to get in the ear of the batsman to let him know where we stand as a team.

Tim's drive is strong in every aspect of the game. Certainly the safest hands in the team and woe the batter who races against his arm returning the ball to the stumps. Once he's set batting, he's a force and hard to dislodge.

This season Aiden has injected a bit of grit into his game. Whereas in the past everything needed to be dispatched to the boundary, nowadays he's making better choices and has much better balance in his game.

This season hasn't yielded the runs Sam would have liked, moving around the order doesn't help consistency but he's taken a swag of wickets to compensate. He is a positive force in the team and lifts everyone around him.

Liam makes flight an art form! His bowling is a real asset for this team, and he's worked hard on batting too. But really Liam's finest attribute is his unwavering determination to be in the mix.

The huge improvements Oscar made last really consolidated this season for a much more consistent performance each week. Consistency doesn't come through wishing it, it comes from hard work and focus.

Kai has so much to offer and can't give as much as he'd like in the limited game. Being such a dependable opening batsman meant we didn't get to see the strength of his bowling. Figures of 2/3 and an average of under 20 shows how valuable he is.

We didn't win a game since Seb left the team in a move up north, sometimes players contribute to a team in ways that aren't obvious. In the half season you were around there were a couple of catches and a wicket taken. Seb has great energy and made our team better.

Gus is always looking to get his hands on a bat, or a ball, or even the keepers gloves, that's great to see. His best this season has been in bowling offies that always trouble batsmen in any position on the order.

Nothing seemed to phase our newest recruit Haydo (maybe that blow in training last week brought him down to earth). He might have surprised himself how well he adapted to the game but remember whatever happens you should always make your ground!!

Jack Munro is our hardest worker and quiet achiever. Another season just going about the job. Jack didn't get out until the fifth round, after facing 138 deliveries! He didn't always get the opportunities with the ball but a few times the colour would drain from a batsman's face when Jack walked out to bowl.

As Coach I can only say thank you all for making this team what it is, I see new friendships and camaraderie, healthy competition between each of the players and they're supportive of each other in everyone's efforts in games. Wins are taken and savoured but when we haven't gotten there there's no negative talk and we all turn up the next week looking to do our best again.

Coach Bev, deep thinker, still sending me thoughts on how the team can tackle the opposition. Neil, Tremayne and Damo, pitching in to make the team learn more. David, willing to step in when there's absolutely no other option for me. Steve maybe you're my coach, helping me to think straight on what it takes to build a team.

Bianca, everyone knew where to go and when, turning up on time more than I did... You made it easy and there was no fuss, even on one leg.

Once again, I have gotten so much enjoyment from these guys, thank you everyone for making this group so enjoyable. We're about giving it a go and having fun wherever we are and whoever we come up against. GO THE HOT DOGS!



Firstly, Thanks to all the parents and boys for making it an enjoyable job coaching the boys. After finding out we were being merged with the Under 17 Competition there were a few boys who were nervous about playing up 3 years. At one stage we had lost 4 games in a row when Jason and I reminded the boys it's all about having fun and the wins will come, after that the boys really found their feet and we won the next 4 in a row. There were also a few new faces this year and they all mixed in well to become a real competitive team. There were some outstanding performances throughout the season and all the boys should be proud of the way they conducted themselves on the field. Thanks to Jason Cook for putting his hand up to fill the shoes of co-coach with me. Jason and I would like to thank the boys for being polite, respectful and overall a great bunch of kids. Special mention to Matt for scoring whenever he could be there. I'm looking forward to seeing all the boys again next year.

**Max Henderson:** Max is a natural opening batter and had a great season at the top of the order, even when we had to shuffle the order to share the batting. He opened the bowling with his unorthodox leg spin and took a couple of wickets. Well done Max, you were solid as a rock at the top.

**Harry Campbell:** Harry has always been a pleasure to coach. Harry plays rep cricket as a fast bowler but due to the Pacers having so many bowlers Harry was happy to put his hand up and open the batting. Harry scored plenty of runs and the opposition always struggled to get him out. As always, when thrown the ball Harry was taking wickets as well. A great all-round season Harry, Well done.

**Lachie Coy:** Lachie was given the captain duties and he led from the front. Lachie was in full control out in the middle and has a bright future as a cricketer and leader. Once again, Lachie was top run scorer and was the back bone of a lot of our innings. Well done Lachie, look forward to seeing bigger and better things of you in the future.

**Max Taylor:** Max is always a pleasure to coach, it was great to see him get into the representative system as it is well deserved. Max was regularly our opening bowler and he was always putting fear into the opposition with his pace bowling. Max jumped in also

with the bat when given the chance and with his power, whacked plenty of balls to the boundary. Well Done Max.

**Cooper Dickson:** Cooper was a new addition to the Pacers this season and fitted in perfectly. Cooper is a fast bowler with a future and when he got it right, he was unplayable. Another player that I look forward to following over the next few years. When Cooper had the chance to bat he was also great to watch, getting some crucial runs at the right time, well done Coops.

**Charlie Bradstreet:** Charlie lives and breathes cricket and it shows out on the field with the enthusiasm he has for his mates. Charlie played a versatile role, from opening the batting, batting middle order, wicket keeping and opening the bowling. It was great to see Charlie finish the season with a memorable hat trick in the last game. Well done, Charlie.

**Jayden Cook:** Jayden is your typical all-rounder; he can win the game with the bat or ball. When Jayden had the bat, no bowler was safe and he was hitting the balls out of the park. Same goes with his bowling, when focused and bowling his best, he is unplayable. Keep with it Jayden, great season.

**Kobi Williams:** Kobi was new to the team this year and he was a dream to coach. You knew when you were working with him on his batting that he was listening and would take it all in. It was all coming together and he always got us over the line with a big last wicket. Kobi's bowling was always consistent and that was due to all the hard work he put in at training. Well done, Kobi.

**Dom Loney:** Dom was another newbie to the Pacers, Dom is a great kid to coach as he always has a smile on his face. Dom was our 1st choice keeper who was always reliable behind the stumps. Dom worked hard on his batting and when thrown the ball, he was very handy. Well done Dom.

**Cooper Webb:** Cooper is another one who was a jack of all trades, every time Lachie threw him the ball he seemed to take a crucial wicket, Cooper was always handy with the bat and not afraid to whack a boundary or 2. Great season Cooper.

**Sam Huxley:** Sam was another new member of the team and slotted in perfectly, Sam is a fast bowler who gave every ball everything he had. Sam always gave 110% and with the bat and he could whack a few over the fence. Great season Sam.

# GIRLS PANTHERS U15



The Peninsula Panthers were faced with a very challenging '22/23 season, being the youngest players in the competition and consistently playing against more experienced teams (with many older Rep players). However, this did not deter the girls from trying their best every week and some fantastic highlights were celebrated along the way – usually involving the wicket-taker being chased around the pitch in an attempt to avoid having their hair vigorously ruffled by the others.

There was a wonderful team spirit at each and every game and they exhibited great sportsmanship and always respected the umpire's decision. Never boastful about their successes, they always ensured that the opposition batters were congratulated as they exited the field.

Early in the season, two players left and it was a mad scramble to recover. Once 2 new recruits were found, the girls bounced back and made sure the new members were warmly welcomed into the team. Although the girls were faced with mounting losses, they returned every week determined to play their best and to apply themselves enthusiastically. In the field and on the sidelines, they cheered and ensured that the whole team felt motivated.

With every catch, wicket and run out, the girls became more confident in their own abilities and the team as a whole. By the end of the season there was a vast improvement in skill level, with fewer extras given away, some spirited batting and classic catches. A modified starting bowling attack for the last game paid dividends, with the positive momentum resulting in the girls playing with increased confidence and focus.

Throughout the season each girl brought their respective skillsets and made solid contributions to the team, with some notable achievements;

- Chloe's all-round contribution, with robust batting and pace bowling was valued when the going got tough & pulled off [arguably] the best catch anyone has seen at the club.
- Brooke's bowling was precise, fast and accurate, taking many of the Panther's wickets this season. She batted confidently and always encouraged her teammates in the field.
- Abbie is dying to get back to Newport Oval next season, the scene of her run-scoring feast, where the boundary rope was peppered with her bevy of well-placed cut shots.
- Stella was very energetic all year, bringing her enthusiasm to every game. She has become a more confident cricketer and ended the season with a fantastic catch.
- Kaia's bowling action became fluid and appeared effortless as the season extended, with her fielding saving many runs and she always went for catches - no matter the risk.
- Holly's unbridled enthusiasm and fantastic attitude was always inspirational to the team. As the season progressed, her bowling run-ups became longer and delivery speed increased markedly. She posted some great innings and was a valued contributor in the field.
- Annabelle posted several solid innings during the season, with her strong leg-side play dispatching balls to the boundary on many occasions. Her strength and accuracy in the field resulted in some pivotal run-outs.
- Amelie's point-to-point bowling delivered crucial wickets during the season and her resolute batting helped extend partnerships as wickets tumbled around her.
- Having NEVER played before, Sydney accepted the challenge with gusto

and soon proved herself in the middle, able to maintain her wicket against aggressive bowling attacks and smashing a few 4's along the way. Her last bowling spells were the best of the season and we look forward to her continued development at the club.

Undoubtedly, it is a true test of character and commitment from each player to front up every week with little chance of a win on the scoreboard – but (and I can say this with experience) it is that very character and attitude that will enable the girls to remember this particular season in 20years time – more so than every other girl that played in the whole competition.

Girls, always remember....

"If you are having fun, then you are winning"

From my standpoint, sitting on the sidelines, the most enjoyable (and proudest) moments of the season were straight after one of our girls snared a wicket – bowled, caught or run-out. The surprise, elation and excitement in your faces in that instant, the ensuing spontaneous team celebration.... and NOT having to watch or listen to a rehearsed / contrived 'team chant' was priceless.

A massive THANK YOU goes out to Gary Searles [PCC President / Holly's Dad / Mr Cricket] for putting his finger up most weeks to umpire during the year...[see what I did there]....and providing valuable advice and insights to the girls during breaks in play.

Special mention and appreciation also to Jen and Karen for continually assisting with scoring, gathering new recruits when needed and generally managing the 'who, what, where and when' for the girls.

To the parents that actively supported, encouraged, transported the girls and attended the games – [HERE IS WHERE YOU GET THAT APPRECIATIVE HUG FROM YOUR GIRL] ---

Weekend cricket requires a substantial investment of time, a commodity that it becoming increasingly more valuable as the demands of family schedules collide. Rest assured mums and dads, judging from the comradery of this team during a really tough season, that investment in your girls is already showing positive

Finally, to the girls. Thank you all for having each others backs, supporting, comforting and celebrating the good times together. The competition was hot this year, but many of those older girls and Rep players won't be in the U/15's next time, so if you continue to build on your core skills in the off season, there's a good chance for success on the pitch before the year's out.

Also, you still have your kits, the nets aren't being torn down in the winter – so if you're bored next holidays don't nag mum and dad – just send a msg around to see if anyone's keen for a bowl/hit for an hour. Alternatively, teach your new puppies (or old dogs) to play fetch as you practise throwing a tennis ball from one side of the field to the other.

Girls, until we meet again, keep reminding yourself of a special cricket moment you had during the season .....a cut shot for 4, a successful combined 5-person runout kerfuffle, bowling 2 for 4, or if you're Chloe.....

.....THAT CATCH !!!

That's Stumps,

# KINGFISHERS U19



While this season didn't come with the success we've enjoyed over the past few seasons, it has still been one of positives. The attitude of the team was inspirational, and the way they banded around each other is a huge testament to the friendships forged over many many seasons.

At no stage this season did we field a full side, but never gave up, and ended up taking a few scalps along the way, and going very close in games against the sides at the top of the table.

Ailbhe Rosenwax – Unfortunately a first season shortened by injury, but that didn't stop Ailbhe from being a big part of the first half of the season. A great attitude to learn and showed great promise.

Daniel Gibbes – Joined the Kingfishers as a super sub, and slotted straight in contributing with both bat and ball.

Finn Lange – A fantastic start to the season, scoring the sides first 50, and always chipping in with vital wickets.

Haddon Bateman – Great to see you back! Scored vital runs and added to our bowling stocks, helping the back half of the season be successful.

Hunter Sheehan – Always gives 100% with bat and ball. Plenty of wickets, and more than handy runs shows his value to the team. Also his hardest critic, relax and enjoy the game Hunter!

Jack Torta – The beating heart of the Kingfishers over many years. The first to add to the chat in the field, and provide some laughs during tough patches. Bombed a few cover drives along the way.

Jacob Gereaux – Whatever we needed done, Jacob could do it. Runs – tick, Wickets – tick, Classic Catches – tick. Great season Jacob.

Josh Hinton – Joined us when jet setting around the world playing tennis allowed, and brought his all-round abilities to help the side to a few wins.

Kian Higgs – The season where training Kian, made it out on match day. A massive year of wickets and the highest score of the season with 84, including some huge 6s.

Lucas Gereaux – Junior played his part in our first win, and it was pleasure to have him around. Hope the cricket bug returns.

Lucas Youell – Big strides in both bowling consistency and massive improvements with the bat were a direct reflection of work put in at training. Well done mate.

Robbie Tipton – Stepped in for a couple of innings when he could and showed why he was a big part of the Manly Green shield side.

Sam Roche – A stress fracture at the start of the season is never a good thing. When cleared to play, Sam helped us chalk up a few wins.

Scott Tipton – Wickets, runs, catches.... Another season and business as usual for Scott. Great season Scott, hope to see you again next year, Warringah and Manly can wait.

Thanks to Eloise and Maggi for doing the bulk of the scoring, it really is a thankless task.

Well played Kingfishers, another season of making us all proud of the way you play the game

# 2022/23 SEASON



# PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2022-23 PREMIERS

### Under 11/2 Stars

#### CLUB AWARDS

Stage 1 Player of Year . . . . .	<b>Eddie Wagner</b>
Stage 2 Player of Year . . . . .	<b>Baxter Bradfield</b>
Stage 3 Player of Year . . . . .	<b>Scott Tipton</b>
Girls Player of the Year . . . . .	<b>Sophia Paz</b>
Rookie of the Year . . . . .	<b>Cameron Keech</b>
Spirit of Cricket. . . . .	<b>Girls U15s Panthers</b>

#### 50 RUNS IN AN INNINGS

Baxter Bradfield . . . . . U13 Thunder . . . . .	58 vs Harbord Hitters 90* vs Wakehurst Black 68 vs Collaroy Energy
Hamish Robertson . . . . . U13 Pacer . . . . .	51* vs Peninsula Pacers
Joseph Hall . . . . . U13 Pacer . . . . .	56 vs St Augustines
Ryan Haines . . . . . U13 Thunder . . . . .	65 vs Forest Flyers
Ewan McShane . . . . . U12 Pacers . . . . .	59* vs Seaforth Stingrays
Jack Munro . . . . . U15 Heat . . . . .	59* vs Harbord Grasshoppers
Kai Westall . . . . . U15 Heat . . . . .	61* vs St Pius Orange
Scott Tipton . . . . . U17 Kingfishers . . . . .	57 vs St Augustines 61* vs Collaroy Power 60 vs Harbord Howzats 75* vs Harbord Boomerangs
Lachlan Coy . . . . . U15 Pacers . . . . .	55* vs Collaroy Power
Jacob Gereaux . . . . . U17 Kingfishers . . . . .	51 vs St Pius Purple
Jayden Cook . . . . . U15 Pacers . . . . .	66* vs St Augustines
Kian Higgs . . . . . U17 Kingfishers . . . . .	84* vs Harbord Boomerangs
Harry Campbell . . . . . U15 Pacers . . . . .	62 vs St Augustines
Max Henderson . . . . . U15 Pacers . . . . .	54* vs St Augustines
Finn Lange . . . . . U17 Kingfishers . . . . .	53 vs Seaforth Sixers 59* vs St Augustines
Robbie Tipton . . . . . U17 Kingfishers . . . . .	63 vs Harbord Howzats

# PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

## 5 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

Eddie Wagner	U11 Peninsula Sixers	5 /9 ( 2 overs ) vs Smashers
		5/8 ( 4 overs ) vs Beacon Hill Blues
Luwas Mervin	U11 Peninsula Sixers	6/7 ( 3 overs ) vs Wakehurst Blue
Ebony Kolodzinski	U11 Peninsula Sixers	5/13 ( 4 overs ) vs Collaroy Lightning
Levi Watkinson	U11 Peninsula Thunder	5/0 ( 1 over ) vs Hawks
Charlie Corcoran	U11 Peninsula Thunder	5/5 ( 3 overs ) v Peninsula Heat
Jacob Webb	U10 Peninsula Sixers	5/1 ( 2 overs ) v Beacon Hill Boomer
Cooper Vickery	U14 Peninsula Sharks	5/10 ( 3 overs ) vs Collaroy Force
Cooper Webb	U15 Peninsula Pacers	5/21 ( 5 overs ) vs Seaforth Sixers
Scott Tipton	U17 Peninsula Kingfishers	5/12 ( 4.4 overs ) vs St Pius Purple
Reuben Read	U11 Peninsula Heat	5/4 ( 3 overs ) vs Hawks

## HAT TRICKS

Levi Watkinson	U11 Peninsula Thunder	5/0 ( 1 over ) vs Hawks
Eddie Wagner	U11 Peninsula Sixers	5 /9 ( 2 overs ) vs Smashers
Jacob Webb	U10 Peninsula Sixers	5/1 ( 2 overs ) v Beacon Hill Boomer
Charlie Bradstreet	U15 Peninsula Pacers	4/15(5 overs ) v Seaforth Sixers





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