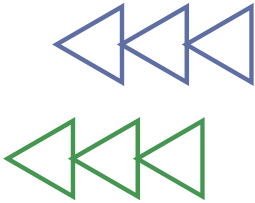


PENINSULA JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Club Members,

Growth!!!!

And breathe...Another incredibly successful year is done and dusted, and we are thrilled that we have seen the club grow once again. Growth can be demonstrated in many ways, and this year, we tried many new things as we look to grow the club in different ways.

Our sponsorship community grew with new local businesses joining us. Our ideas regarding cricket engagement grew, we entered the Manly Mini Bash, The Warringah Bash, and we brought floodlit u10 cricket to the beaches on a Friday night. We grew the number of rep cricketers we have, and our number of rep trialists grew to over 50 at the end of season trials. So, after a long hard season and with winter sports ramping up, over 50 Peninsula kids wanted more cricket and attended the end of season trials, each player acquitting themselves well. We eagerly wish them the best of luck as second round trials commence in August.

One thing we do need to grow is the number of volunteers we need to keep things moving at pace and delivering the quality of experience that players and parents desire. Please don't be shy; the more volunteers we have, the smaller and simpler the roles become.

On that note, I'd like to acknowledge Richard Smith. Rich has lost count of how many years he has been coaching, but we know it goes back to at least under 9s, and this year his under 17s graduated and completed their junior careers in style. We wish them all well and a huge thanks to Rich for his great service.

Transitioning from junior cricket to seniors can be daunting, and it was brought to my attention recently that not all parents know what happens next when kids finish their junior careers. The good news is that cricket doesn't stop, and Manly has many options for kids to continue their passion. When junior players graduate, they can join one of Manly's 5 divisions of Park Cricket or pursue competitive opportunities with Warringah CC and Manly's Senior District Cricket. As a club, we received more than one approach from senior clubs asking us to form a pathway/alliance with them. For our girls, it's a little more tricky. A big challenge for Cricket NSW is to ensure there are more options for our talented girls when they finish their time with the juniors. I can assure our girls and parents that this is a priority for CNSW to fix, and we will be working with them on solutions.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Premiers and our award winners. Whilst tonight is a celebration of everything and everyone involved with our club, it is important that we acknowledge and celebrate those individuals and teams that excelled this season.

Thank you all for your unwavering support and dedication. We would love to hear your stories and feedback from this season. Have a great evening, thanks for everything you do, and please, please, please come back next season.

Darren

BLASTERS 2025 REPORT

Yet another successful season of Blast Comp and Skills has been done and run. Each Saturday morning for around 16 weeks we've made the east end of Warriewood Sportsfield our own.

Holly has been teaching our cricketing tots the basics of the game whilst I've been coordinating three games of Blast comp.

Much like last season, the development has been immense. So many participants that couldn't bowl straight arm at the season's start, now are and I see less and less throws in place of bowling as the weeks pass.

Overall skill level has improved noticeably with many players ready to take on the challenge of stage 1 next season. Fielding and catching has been next level, we had one catch that rivalled that of Glenn McGrath's horizontal boundary catch and a number of memorable parent crowd catches.

'Cheers' erupt when this happens across all the games as if bringing them all to a standstill, it's so much fun.

The number of 50's we've had in the games has been impressive, some really clean T20 style hitting.

I'll be back next season as will still have two blasters participating and I'm hoping so to will be Holly, as we purely couldn't do it without her!

A massive thanks also to all the parent helpers during the season, it wouldn't come together so seamlessly without your help and involvement.

Finally, best of luck to those Blasters graduating to stage 1 next season, I will watch your continued progression keenly – we're blessed with a lot of talented cricketers once again!



GIRLS CRICKET REPORT

Peninsula leads the way

The 2024/25 season saw Peninsula Junior Cricket field teams in every grade of girls' cricket, along with a strong representation of females across our Blasters programs. Our girls continued to represent the club in a positive and enthusiastic manner, showcasing great sportsmanship, skill, and teamwork throughout the season.

The girls' teams this year all moved up an age group to face older, more experienced opponents. Our new U11s team, the Sea Eagles, made up mostly of players well under the age group, competed admirably and finished mid-table, a fantastic start to their cricket journey. The U13 Super Smashers had a great season, finishing in fifth position, just outside the finals, and should be proud of their efforts. The U15s Piranhas had a massive season, stepping up and playing teams laden with representative players, often facing a significant age difference. The girls finished the season above expectations in third place. What an amazing season from all the girls!

While our main focus is for all girls to have fun playing the great game, there was a record number of Peninsula' girls playing representative cricket for Manly Warringah. The Mollie Dive U13 team included debutant Romy Bradfield and second-season players Emily Cunningham and Amellia Hanstrum. The girls selected to represent the U15 Peden teams included Ebony Davies, Matilda Robinson, Nina Drury, Jamie Eckford, and Rachael Pollard, also fulfilling a representative debut. A special mention must be made of Ebony Davies, who also played U18 representative cricket at the ripe age of thirteen and had a highest score of 52*—well done Ebbs and all the girls who represented the club at the highest level!

I would also like to mention a club stalwart and a massive influence on girls' cricket, not only at the Peninsula level but across the association. Holly Searles is a young lady who is deeply committed to junior cricket. Holly has consistently run programs across junior cricket for a number of years, with her main focus on driving girls' cricket. As a junior cricketer herself only last year, Holly has gone on to play women's grade cricket but continues to “give back” to Peninsula Junior Cricket Club. From running Blaster skills sessions on Saturday mornings before having to play her own game in the afternoon, to running all-girls programs, she has helped girls realise the fun that cricket and team sport can bring. Thanks Holly for your ongoing contribution to not only girls' cricket but the sport in general.

The most pleasing outcome of this season is the number of girls involved in the Blasters program and seeing the smiles on their faces when participating in the best sport! I can't wait to see these future champions play next year in U11s.

A massive thank you to all involved in girls' cricket this season—the parents, managers, brothers, but especially the coaches, Guy and Chris. You are amazing, and it's clear how much the girls love and appreciate everything you have done! Your contributions help keep girls' cricket at the forefront of our ongoing commitment to fostering growth and development in the sport.

Peter Robinson
Girls Coordinator



HEAT

U10



A season of big swings, (some dings) & some smashing cricket! What a season it's been for the Under 10 Heat!

From opening partnerships to unplayable yorkers, direct hits to diving catches, these legends have given us thrills, spills, and plenty of highlights. Let's look at the stars of the show and their unforgettable moments this season.

Flynn McQuade – The Opening Dynamo: Flynn took on the challenge of opening the batting this season and boy, did he love it! Smashing the ball around the park like a seasoned pro, he racked up 83 runs, with a high score of 15. The cleanest hitter in the team? You bet! He also made his mark with the ball, grabbing 4 wickets (best figures: 2/8). For his first-ever season of cricket, Flynn showed that he's got the makings of a top-class batsman.

Ollie Nash – The Wicket-Taking Machine: We may have just unearthed a superstar bowler in Ollie! Charging in with pace and precision, he finished the season with a jaw-dropping 23 wickets (best figures: 3/7), averaging a wicket every 6.83 runs. Ollie was also a dead-eye in the field, taking 3 catches and pulling off 11 direct-hit run-outs - if there was a target on the stumps, he found it! With the bat, he added 72 runs (highest: 15), often batting with Ozzie at the tail-end to keep the scoreboard ticking. What a season!

Oscar Rogers – The Keeper Extraordinaire: Oscar stepped up behind the stumps this season and absolutely owned it. Diving, catching, stumping—he did it all with flair. His safe hands saved plenty of runs, and his quick thinking led to some key dismissals. With the bat, he was Mr. Reliable at last drop, holding his ground and playing some clutch innings to help the team over the line, with 72 runs for the season. Looks like we've found our long-term keeper!

Zac Rose – The Lefty Magician: Every team needs a classy left-hander, and Zac fits the bill perfectly. His bowling was top-notch, with balls zipping past batsmen and hitting the mark with unplayable accuracy. He finished with 6 wickets, but let's be honest, he deserved way more! With the bat, he contributed 71 runs (high score: 12) at a strike rate of 33, forming a rock-solid opening duo with Flynn. A gun all-rounder in the making!

Jack Turner – Always in the Action: Jack is the kind of player you want in your team—always involved, always delivering.

He worked hard on his bowling, finishing with 10 wickets, and when the pressure was on with the bat, he stepped up, scoring 74 runs for the season. When the team needed him most, Jack answered the call!

Henry Adams – The Energetic Enthusiast: Henry started the season keen, and he's only gotten better and better! Watching him bowl now compared to the start of the season is like watching a completely different player. I love umpiring when Henry's bowling—it's always a great chat, and he's always eager for that big breakthrough wicket (and trust me, it's coming!). He's also faced some seriously good opposition bowling but has stood tall and has done himself proud.

Lincoln Cashman – The Silent Assassin: Lincoln worked hard all summer, and after the Christmas break, he was firing on all cylinders. His bowling was spot on, and here's a fun fact: he's the only player to have hit the stumps more than four times without breaking the bails! (Now that's just unlucky...) Oh, and let's talk about THE catch—a screamer at mid-on late in the season that had everyone on their feet. This kid is an all-round prospect to watch for next year!

Phoenix Hickey – Mr. Team Player: Phoenix has grown in confidence with every game, and it's been awesome to see. His bowling has improved massively, and he was unlucky not to pick up a few wickets. He chipped in with 20 runs and pulled off a fantastic run-out to top it all off. Always at training, always giving 100%, and always ready to do what's best for the team—an absolute legend!

It's been a cracker of a summer for the U10 Heat - the boys from Avalon have gone from strength to strength, sharpening their skills, backing each other up, and playing some truly brilliant cricket. We've had big wins, tough losses, rainy days, and absolute scorchers, but most of all, we've had a blast. Watching this team develop, learn, and celebrate together has been an absolute joy.

With a fantastic bunch of players, supportive parents, and plenty of enthusiasm, the 2024-25 season has been one to remember. So here's to another huge season next year—same energy, bigger sixes, and even more wickets!

HURRICANES



U10



We came together as a team of 10 players – one with prior stage 1 experience, 6 x blast graduates, 3 brand new to competition cricket, an experienced team manager and a coach graduating from blast also. Getting our new uniforms and equipment created so much excitement, as a group we were at fever pitch and the boys were well on the way to developing lifelong cricket addictions.

Thursday nights at Kitchener became our devoted 2 hours weekly preparation for the weekend's battle and we started the season with mixed results, ending in group 2 of Div 2. It wasn't exactly like this but we seemed to go Win, Loss, Draw (then repeat) all the way to the holiday break with many of the losses very close. Post Christmas and with a mountain of backyard, swimming pool and cul-de-sac cricket under the belt the hurricanes attacked 2025 like a category 4 weather event. We had one close loss and then went on a 6-game winning streak to see us 4 points clear and on top of our table with one game to go.

At time of writing, we have 4 x top 10 batsmen, 2 of the top three bowlers and more team development than you can poke a stick at. Whilst we have two or three standout players, the nucleus of our team has developed beyond expectations and to the point where we could have shortlisted 7 for most improved.

Through all of the development, the most rewarding part is all the fun we've had, friendships we've made and our ability to work as a team. We've had hat tricks and hornet bites, 'rock n wrestling' matches with e-scoring, moon boots and assorted ailments and a shed ton of laughs. We couldn't have done it without a killer parent group who helped at every turn, we are the village that is raising the next generation of cricket addicts.

Thanks so much to everyone that has helped out and made this season such a great success and special thanks to our manager Jayne, who through experience and excellence has shown all us 'newbies' the way!

RENEGADES

U10



The Renegades had a fantastic season under Newbie Coach Simon, showing great teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship. With all but 2 players first timers, the team focus was backing each other up and doing your best!

This led to an impressive turn over of the strike when batting, sharp fielding with very few over throws, and bowlers that were creating opportunities everywhere!

Each player had their moments to shine enabling the squad's success coming 3rd in the comp. Running between wickets was fearless, allowing 4 of our players in the top 5 leading run scorers In the comp. Lucas came first with some enthusiastic block and run tactics and Isaac third with some big hitting. Thomas was 4th in the batting and 2nd in the bowling for the comp making him best allrounder. Campbell was the most consistent performer across the field with great numbers bowling and batting but especially as our wicketkeeper taking 4 stumpings for the Season!

Ethan was most improved in batting and Griffin had outstanding improvement in bowling. Alex was voted players player with his great encouragement and support of his team mates and consistent performances with bat and ball making him a popular vote!

Beyond the game, the players formed great new friendships and showed remarkable maturity both on and off the field. From thrilling last-over finishes to dominant performances, the Renegades played with determination and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to Coach Simon for his guidance and to all the players and supporters for making it a season to remember! As always the parents need special mention forming a great unit getting kids to games scoring and managing the batting change overs. Special mention to Karina who managed the team with parent rosters, fruit and lollies for the kids and coffee for the coach! Great season everyone, let's do it all again.

SIXERS

U10



Our U10 PCC Sixers team came together this year for the first time as a team with all the boys knowing each other through school and some through our Peninsula Blaster cricket program previously.

Our players took on the task of learning the various cricket playing skills throughout the season. We saw outstanding improvement in every player as the season progressed. As the team's skills developed our win/loss ratio improved at a rapid pace.

There were many individual standout performances throughout the season and way too many to list. Just ask any of the boys and they will gladly talk you through them.

Thank you to all the parents for the huge amount of help and support for the team and

our players. Through transport and juggling of various other cricket games on at the same time and other sports, all the way to the scoring of each game each week. You're all extremely appreciated.

A huge thank you to Paige from the U15 Peninsula Piranhas who took on the responsibility each week to teach our parents to score and assist both teams scorers each week. Awesome effort Paige, you have created a team of capable cricket scorers in all our parents.

We started the season as a team of players learning about competitive cricket and we have finished the year as a team playing great cricket each week and having a great time doing so. Thank you everyone that has helped the team out through the year it is greatly appreciated.

THUNDER



U10



In their inaugural season, the U10 Thunder were made up of eight boys from five different schools. Due to the hugely successful Junior Blasters program from 2023/24 and the warm friendly nature of all the boys, it only took a couple of wickets to see them celebrating and diving all over each other. The boys have continued to develop their camaraderie throughout the season and have been an absolute pleasure to coach.

Hunter M helped hugely in the first few games, consistently being one of the first to charge in and celebrate the achievements of his team and make everyone feel welcome. As the season progressed, he matured brilliantly as a batter, combining being a great partner in the middle for his teammates with some beautiful shot making. Riley came into the team as somewhat of an unknown but it only took one over to see that we had a phenomenal cricketer on our hands. As well as taking the most wickets in our team, he also played some incredible innings including a brilliant knock up at Hitchcock Park as the team successfully chased 129.

Ben came into the team without a deal of cricketing experience but made a real habit of getting some key wickets and really developed his bowling as the season progressed. He also took some outstanding catches, displaying great technique to watch the ball down from the sky against Wakehurst in particular.

Hunter L had a fantastic season, developing some pace as a bowler, poise as a batter and being a really impressive fielder. He was responsible for one of the run outs of the season against Beacon Hill, throwing the ball in from the boundary and clipping the top of the stumps to spark yet another all in celebration from the boys!

Jackson was undoubtedly one of our very best behind the stumps, pulling off some outrageous catches with a reaction time that Spiderman would be proud of. He also contributed with bat and ball, taking 14 wickets and being a really steady opening batsmen whenever he was called upon.

Harry also had a great season showcasing considerable talent as an all rounder. He finished the season with 16 wickets and was just shy of

100 runs with the bat after the opposition forfeited our last game. Harry loved to have a good swing when at the crease and was responsible for scoring the team's first six of the season much to his delight.

Isaac was an absolutely superb team mate to all of the boys and regularly took a leadership role in the field. He deserves credit for always listening to and applying feedback and improving his skill as both a bowler and a batter throughout the season. He performed particularly impressively against Wakehurst taking two wickets and bowling two maiden overs.

Sam started the season being a standout bowler but as the season progressed he also honed his skills as a batter and became the team's leading run scorer. He did this through some really intelligent shot making and clever running between the wickets including making our highest individual score of the season against Harbord which included a monstrous six.

The boys made fantastic progress throughout the season as they furthered their skills and developed a solid game understanding. It was excellent to watch them throughout the season and I loved seeing them get around each other after a wicket, cheer each other on and develop friendships that will no doubt last longer than just this season.

A huge amount of thanks to Ben for his incredible organization of the team as manager. His attention to detail was the envy of many other teams and allowed the boys to focus on cricket and having fun. Thanks also to Dee and Nic who helped umpire and to Mat, Tim, Brigitte, Emma, Steve, Jon and everyone else who helped to score or coach. It was truly a team effort so a huge thanks to all the parents for chipping in.

It is very rare that an Englishman gets to enjoy a summer's worth of cricket in Australia but I can certainly say that this group of kids and parents have made it one to remember for all the right reasons. Due to their passion and talent, the boys were able to finish top of the league in their first season winning 14 games and losing only 1. An awesome and richly deserved achievement. I am excited to see where the boys go next year and look forward to 2025/26. Go Thunder!

HEAT

U11



Some fantastic cricket was played throughout the Summer as the Under 11 Heat built on their skills in their second season of stage 1 Cricket.

The team got off to a strong start and then were regraded into the Division One competition. The difference in standard was noticed immediately and the boys had to fight hard in every match for a good result. Many matches resulted in a close finish and there were more losses than victories but the lads gave a good account of themselves, particularly in the field.

The 9 players in the squad have applied themselves well at training through a long hot summer and have definitely improved on their cricket fundamentals. The bowling has improved remarkably, energy in the field was outstanding and the boys have learned to value their wicket while batting and are ready to take on the challenge of stage 2 cricket next summer.

Thanks always to the parents for providing such a great support base for the team with many early starts this season. Thanks also for humouring the coach's exasperated groans at times when things aren't going our way.

Cricket is certainly an exercise in patience and determination for both players and parents alike! Special thanks to our manager Al Morris for organising us with post-game treats and keeping the socials updated. Thanks again to Al and Amanda for the scoring duties too. Also big appreciation to Scott Ferrari for sharing the umpiring duties this season and being there for training during some hot afternoons.

All the players have improved so much this season with bat and ball but more importantly with their levels of concentration and sportsmanship. It is a great playing group and it is clear to see they genuinely enjoy getting together to play some ricket no matter what the result! See you next summer!

Charlie Antill - Great improvement with the bat and running between wickets. Some tidy overs bowled too.

Callum Kindlen - Excellent batting this season with some great pull shots finding the boundary. Excellent wicketkeeping and fun team player.

Brandon Woolf - Improved technique with the bat saw some valuable runs scored this season. Always striving for wickets with ball in hand and great talk in the field.

Stevie Ferrari - Standout season with the bat this year keeping our team totals competitive. Has all the shots in the book! Strong performance in the field and bowling also.

Thomas Collett - A good season for Tom and shows an ever improving technique with the bat. Great accuracy with his throws saw many a sharp runout. Excellent all round cricketer.

Caleb Morris - Great season with improved bowling, threatening the opposition batsmen with good flight on the ball. Huge improvement with the bat and running between wickets. Always involved in the game.

Sam Henry - Great work at the crease this year and excellent running between wickets. Another standout improvement with the ball and lots of energy in the field.

Ky Duggan - Great comeback to the team mid-season for Ky. Great energy while fielding and always a chance of making a runout. Lovely batting and bowling showing a great improvement in his all-round skills.

Ben Macgregor - New to the group this season Ben became a valued member of the team. Many wickets taken this season and some important partnerships with the bat. Always striving to improve Ben is particularly supportive of his mates and a great team player.

SIXERS

U11



What a season it has been for the Sixers finishing 3rd in the table with a whopping 59pts and 10 wins from 12 matches.

Most importantly they had fun, cemented friendships and showed great team spirit. They gave us thrilling matches and unforgettable moments.

Below we recognise each of these amazing individuals making up our awesome team:

Henry: The dance floor isn't the only place Henry shines. His moves on the pitch would make the Windies proud! Whether celebrating a wicket or dodging a bouncer, Henry brought energy and flair to every match.

Banjo: Watch out for Banjo's throws! His lethal accuracy in the field led to countless run-outs, turning the tide in our favor time and again. Opponents learned quickly not to test his arm.

Jack: "The Stumper!" His quick reflexes and stumping threats kept both batsmen on their toes. Jack has fast become a solid all rounder!

Oski: With a bat in hand, Oski was a sight to behold. His flair and finesse, especially those elegant flicks, left the crowd in awe and the bowlers scratching their heads.

Lachlan "Stump Whisperer": Lachlan's bowling was a game-changer. His ability to deliver precise and effective balls kept the opposition on their toes and often led to crucial breakthroughs.

Louis "The Wicket Wizard": Louis's magical deliveries had many a side on the back foot. His ability to take wickets at crucial moments was instrumental in our victories.

Arlan: Once again this season, Arlan put the "6" in "Sixers" His batting prowess was unmatched, consistently sending the ball across the boundary and racking up runs with ease. Arlan topped the batting charts with a whopping 368 runs!

James Consistency is key, and "Jimmy" was another Run Machine. His reliable batting performances anchored the team and kept the scoreboard ticking. James took the most wickets (19) and catches (5), making him the true all-rounder on the field!

Liam: Liam's efforts were a sight to see, Bowling, batting, fielding with glee.

To all the players, and supporters, thank you for an amazing season. The Sixers have shown that with teamwork, dedication, and a bit of fun, anything is possible.

Here's to more runs, wickets, and unforgettable moments next season! 🏏️ Go Sixers!

THUNDER

U11



The Under 11 Thunder has a fantastic start to the year finishing on top of the table at the Christmas break.

Unfortunately things didn't go their way after that and the season fizzed out. Whilst the boys tried hard, a bit more attention to detail and concentration will find them on the right track and back to their winning ways in season 2025-26.

Archie worked hard all year and improved his batting out of sight. He was a consistent bowler for us and if he keeps practicing he'll be one of the best. Keep it up Archie!

Eddie had a heap of enthusiasm and was very switched on with all parts of his game, especially his running between wickets and fielding. His hat-trick on the eve of Christmas was certainly a highlight. Awesome job Eddie!

Olly had a pretty good season overall and with a bit more consistency will be a star with the bat and ball. Keep up the good work!

Harvey continued his improvement from last year. His bowling became much more consistent and when he gets his feet moving his batting has improved immensely. Well done Harvey!

Marcus was one of the stars of the team this year. He improved all aspects of his game and was always smiling and involved at training and in the game. Look forward to seeing what you can do next year Marcus!

Jack was another consistent trainer with us and as such his game improved throughout the year. When he was on target his bowling was deadly and his batting is coming along nicely. Great work Jack!

Callum was always enthusiastic no matter what situation the team found itself in. He was another one always training hard and as a result improved as the year went on. Keep it up Callum!

Jimmy unfortunately had to leave the team towards the end of the season as he moved away from the Peninsula. Thanks for your hard work Jimmy, you leaving was definitely a loss to the team!

Rowan was a star again with the bat and bowl and certainly ready for the next level up of cricket later this year. Keep up the hard practicing Rowan and you'll keep having great results. Fantastic work Row!

Oliver was our overseas import and didn't disappoint! On arrival to Australia he had played a little bit of cricket but that didn't stop him and with hard training he improved all parts of his game. His big hits and fast bowling were a highlight! Looking forward to seeing you again next year Oliver, well done!

Thanks to all this that helped throughout the year, Duncan for doing so much scoring and Christian for filling in too.

Best of luck for your years ahead boys. It's been a pleasure coaching you this year. All the best.

Nick and Ross.

PACERS

U12



We got the season started with an exciting win against the eventual premiers the Seaforth Suns.

A brilliant 38 unbeaten from **Andy** saw us home, giving us much excitement for the season. The lead to so much hope and enthusiasm. We won 5 of our first 7 games and we were the team to beat, sitting second in the ladder.

Pacers only lost those two games in the last over, we should have been 7 from 7!

The mighty pacers were holding our own in division 1, the only side without rep players in the squad. We sat pretty after 7 games, then from that point despite coming so close on multiple occasions, we did not win another game.

The boys kept their spirits high, and all contributed well in their own way through the season. Throughout the season we bowled and fielded so well, containing teams, doing so with lots of positive encouragement.

The spirit of cricket and how we play the game is important to the Pacers, and we held that spirit and professionalism high all season. The challenge we had was batting, too frequently especially in the second half of the season we threw our wickets away, or could not handle the pressure moments. It is difficult to win games of cricket when you struggle to make 100, and that was our challenge in the second half of the season.

Freddie lead the way with the batting, scoring 228 runs, learning to build his innings and defend his wicket well.

Andy, Ollie and **Harley** all made over 100 runs for the season, with crucial contributions. **Freddie** and **Andy** each took 11 wickets as leading wicket takers, **Andy** best of 4-10 and **Freddie** 3-4.

With our bowling everyone contributed, Lucas bowled some good pace and lines throughout the season with a best of 3-8, his enthusiasm was infectious and always keen for additional net practice.

Mitch bowled some good pace, a great character always contributing, bowling consistent lines, and improved through the tail end of season with his batting.

Will had some great all round performances, a high of 31 with the bat, and some decent bowling through the season.

Harley was making his cricket debut this season, having played ice hockey he clearly had a decent hand eye, and developed his technique nicely, who will forget that big 6 he hit and his 30 v Sixers.

Gill was great through the season, never missed training and always keen to develop, chipping in with valuable performances with bat and ball.

Baxter played the first half of the season, and was bowling really well, we missed him around the pacers for the second half.

Ollie was great all year, technically so correct with his batting, lovely to watch, and bowled well if not unlucky not to have taken more wickets, he was also outstanding in the field with 6 catches and a run out.

We trained well, played hard and in the spirit of the game, the season of two halves meant we finished in the wrong half of the table. Everyone developed as cricketers, working on their own game, and as a team, we hope they all come back to cricket next season.

None of this was possible without the dedication and support of the parents, the volunteer scorers, pitch markers and our own manager Stew Dodwell, the best man on the book going!!

Thanks to everyone for a fun season, and growth experience for all the boys.

PACERS

U13



Congratulations to all the players of U13 Div 1 Pacers on a great 2024/25 season, finishing 3rd at the end of the regular season but unfortunately losing in the semifinal.

A big thank you to all the boys for the effort they put in during games and at training. There were some unbelievable performances in batting, bowling and in the field. Each week we seemed to have someone different perform to make sure we got over the line or in a position to have the best chance. A real team effort over the entire season.

As the boys came to realise, it can be all the little things you do, like walking in, backing up, bowling line and length, batting in partnerships, encouraging teammates, that you sometimes do not get the stats for, but goes a long way in winning the game for your team.

Parents, coaches and supporters are very proud of the boys, not only of their skill level but the way they conducted themselves week to week, showing a great cricketing spirit.

At the start of the year we welcomed Ishaan Singh (from Beacon Hill) and Kobi Kramer (up from Div 2) adding big hitting and express pace bowling to our already well rounded team. Ishaan's first game for Peninsula resulted in 47 runs from 27 balls and a very tidy 2 wickets for 7 runs off 3 overs. He also went on to hit some of the biggest sixers you will see in U13's. Kobi contributed in winning the game against the top placed Seaforth, coming in needing 91 runs from 102 balls with only 4 wickets remaining. He steadied the ship scoring 18 runs before retiring to make sure we were in the position to win.

We won 7 of our first 10 games, with 2 rained out and only the 1 loss. Sam McKim scored 193 runs in our first 5 games, including a 57 from 40 balls and went on to average over 29 runs with 14 wickets.

Backed by Jay Duggan, taking a stream of wickets with his leg spin, to finish with 15 for the season to be leading wicket taker for the team. Jay's batting improved towards the end of the season with a lift in confidence and some clean striking of the ball.

Reuben Read had another very solid season averaging over 29 runs and taking 5/6 against Forest with his leggies. This is the first year Reuben has bowled spin instead of pace, and it was a great asset to the teams bowling lineup. Unfortunately Reuben missed a number of games with a broken thumb, so this saw Cam Keech step up to take on the 2nd wicket keeping role. He did an exceptional job in his first game as keeper, taking a catch, bowling figures 1/11 off 3 overs and scoring 24no from 53 balls.

Cam averaged just under 15 runs with a highest score of 35 and taking 11 wickets. Lucas Mervin our other Keeper again had a solid season behind the stumps taking 6 catches. When his confidence is up, he is one of the cleanest strikers in the team and had 2 innings coming in at number 3 at the loss of an early wicket with scores of 28no and 24no.

James Peak had another good season with the ball taking 10 wickets and bowling a consistent line and length. James also had his top score with 29 runs from 35 balls, always vocal in the field with encouragement and 100% effort.

Unfortunately we lost Charlie Corcoran half way through the year due to school commitments. He averaged over 20 with the bat and took 9 wickets without too many runs. He was a great loss to the team and club.

We also recruited 2 players during the season Vali Balbi (from Hornsby) and Eddie Wagner (returning from St Augs). Vali has a knack of wanting to hit the winning runs in style, 3 times he won the game with a 4 or 6 and loved being there at the end. None more so than with hitting a 4 of the second to last ball to win the game in his first game with Peninsula, ending the game unbeaten on 37 from 59 balls, another great addition to the team. Eddie was welcomed back to Peninsula with open arms, bowling exceptional line and length and striking the ball very cleanly, this shown by the massive 6 he blasted over mid-wicket off a spinner from Collaroy when opening, before retiring not out.

The season finished with some challenging games but to the boys credit they always played in the true spirit of the game.

We look forward to seeing all of you back next season.

THUNDER

U13



A new season and a new team with two sides from the previous year merging into one, with the addition of 2 U12 players, to take part in a very competitive division. From the outset the team proved to be competitive, showing excellent bowling and fielding, but patchy performances with the bat cost the team. 3 victories across the season - and another 2 unfortunate rain abandonments whilst in winning positions - don't really do the team's talent justice. However despite the adversity in terms of results, the team never failed to put in maximum effort, and finished the season strongly with a nail biting upset win over semi-finalist Collaroy, and a thumping victory over St. Augustine's in the last 5 weeks. The team also competed in the Manly Mini Bash T20 comp recording 2 wins from 5s. The season saw growth in every player's skillset and there's no doubt they all developed as cricketers in 2024/25.

Koby Grant: One of our wicket keepers for the season, Koby grew as a bowler throughout the year, finishing with 11 wickets at 17, and just shy of 100 runs with the bat. Koby is a great fielder with a canon for an arm.

Paxton Jones: Our main keeper, donning the gloves in every game, Pax is the ultimate team player. Vocal and encouraging in the field, diligent and patient with the bat, and a handy bowler. Pax scored 221 runs this season at 14, with a top score of 31. He was the king of stumpings, and his partnership with Jack Randall's leg spin brought numerous opponents undone.

Jacob Webb: Jacob stepped up in U13s and quickly became one of the most accomplished fast bowlers in the whole competition. Displaying a beautifully fluent action, Webby took 23 wickets at 9 to lead the team, and added 164 runs at 13, often coming in during difficult moments for the team. Webby is an absolute standout bowler and one to watch for the future.

Jakob Protze: In only his second season of cricket, Jakob grew into a genuine wicket threat, grabbing 12 poles at 17, as well as 4 catches as the team's most dynamic fielder. Jakob continues to work hard on his batting, and recorded a new top score of 8, batting for 40 balls.

Jack Randall: Another of the team's on field leaders, and wicket keepers, Jack's leg spin claimed 10 victims at 19, but it didn't really tell the tale as numerous balls beat the outside edge or just missed the top of off, as his big turning leg breaks baffled the opposition. Jack added a new career top score of 22 and 5 catches to another very solid year of cricket.

Henri Kallio: A dynamic player able to change the game at will, Henri once again showcased his batting power and lethal pace bowling throughout the year. 10 wickets at 14 was scant reward for some unplayable spells of fast bowling. With the bat Henri scored 148 runs at 11 and a top score of 24, but his ability to score quickly allowed the team to post competitive scores.

Jordan Peterson: Jordy flourished at the back end of the season with the ball, as his deadly outswingers claimed 12 wickets at 17, including 3-3 in the final match against Saints. Jordy also scored 94 runs at 6, and a top score of 23, contributing to some important partnerships.

Tim Pockley: What a season for Tim. Despite missing 5 matches with a late season knee injury, Tim scored over 300 runs for the club, at an average a tick under 40 and a top score of 51 not out. In addition, his ever improving pace bowling claimed 9 wickets in division 2, 3 catches and a run out. Tim is a wonderful player, and has a huge future ahead of him.

Jakob Wiltshire: A hard hitting batter and top quality fielder, Jakob's season highlight came in the last game after 3 catches - including a stunning one hander - and as his 16 not out guiding the team to victory. On his day the cleanest ball striker in the team, Jakob scored 102 runs at 10 with a top score of 21.

James Price: A mid-season change to his bowling technique transformed the season for James, with his bowling at times unplayable, and he's another who's stats - 3 wickets - don't do him justice. A great fielder with a safe pair of hands, James played a crucial role in the field and with the bat had a top score of 13.

PACERS

U14



It was a tough season for the Under 14 Div 1 Paces squad. A team that has experienced so much success over the past couple of years found themselves on the other side of it this season. Starting 2024/25 with the same enthusiasm and hunger as previous years – and coming in with a Premiership under their belts – the boys fought hard every week. Many games went right down to the wire, and although results didn't always fall our way, we were never far off. Small moments – like dropped catches, missed run-outs, and a few rash shots – often proved the difference, but the boys continued to show the skill and fight needed to match it with the best teams in the competition.

What stood out the most this season was the boys' unwavering spirit and loyalty to each other. Regardless of the scoreboard or individual performances, they turned up to training and games every week, ready to learn, improve, and play for their mates. Team culture, player development, and a group full of humble, respectful players have been the absolute highlights as coaches. Even though the wins didn't

come as often as we would have liked, riding the highs and lows together showed the character of this special group – and why we have no doubt they will be back stronger and better next season.

There were some fantastic individual achievements along the way too. Jai, Felix, Jacob, and Dan all finished in the top 20 for runs scored in the entire competition – a massive effort and something they should be extremely proud of! Across the squad, new bonds were formed, and it was clear that every player grew both as a cricketer and a person throughout the season. Going forward, the focus will be on sharpening our game-day preparation and developing strong, positive mindsets to keep ourselves in the contest right until the final ball. With a young, talented squad like this, the future looks very bright.

A big thank you to all 14 players for their commitment, resilience, and passion. It's not easy rotating three boys each week, but everyone handled it with maturity and team-first attitude. You all represented the Peninsula shirt proudly – and made us extremely proud to coach you.

We're excited to see what's next

THUNDER



The U15 Thunder came together as a blended team at the start of the season, and by the end finished it as one well oiled, well performing team, who, to the man have enjoyed each others company (I think!!). New friendships are formed and developed in team environments, and we've nicely ticked that box.

Individual players continued to grow their knowledge of the game, from fielding tactics, building an innings or changing up their bowling. I have been thrilled to see each player genuinely contribute to the team success on the field and off it.

Baxter and Ben led the team well as captain and vice captain, always bouncing ideas off each other when working through field placements - their collective contribution with the bat and ball was first class.
Baxter: 337 runs @ 56.2 Best bowling (BB) 3-2
Ben: 288 runs @ 57.6 BB 3-3

Nico and Zach grew their bowling form, taking multiple wickets and together conquered the bat with a nice opening partnership during the year.
Nico: BB 2-6
Zach: BB 2-2

Hayden delivered with the ball - beautiful line and length bowling including a touch of outswing to trouble all teams, always the guy to shut down scoring at one end or break up a batting partnership when needed.
HS 24. BB 4-1

Byron, James, Ryan and Leo showed all round talent, each passing 50 with the bat and always a threat with the ball in hand.

Byron: Bat avg 40.8 BB 2-2
James: Bat avg 22.4 BB 2-21
Ryan: Bat avg 30.9 BB 3-11
Leo: Bat avg 28.5 BB 2-6

Elijah, Eamon and Bailey were the steady hands, particularly behind the stumps with some slick and reliable keeping. As all great keepers do they delivered with the bat aswell! Some lovely leg spin by Elijah delivered a classy 4-12 to get the team home during one of our games.

Elijah: Bat high score (HS) 33 BB 4-12
Eamon: HS 66 BB 3-0
Bailey: HS 29 BB 2-25

The boys finished the year second on the table, which also included a regrade against opposition 1-2yrs older, but they rose to the challenge and held their own in some games and knocked off a few older teams along the way.

Happy players, happy parents, happy manager (+ Finn sometimes 😊) and a happy coach - a positive team culture and a winning attitude! My measure of success will be to see all the boys return for another year.

HEAT

U17



2025 U17 Peninsula Heat We've been part Peninsula Cricket Club for a while. It all started with Xavier playing cricket as a six year old! Finn Ralston joined us in Kanga Cricket: plastic bats, soft balls, average scores. Everyone gets a go... in the U8 Peninsula Hot dogs... Now the many boys that have come and gone, past and present, from an elite society of cricketing journeymen who are spread across the globe as far afield as London, England and Macleay Island in Queensland.

Following the corporatisation that's so common across the cricketing world we were rebranded into The Scorchers. We won't brag but we were Division Champions in the U10s.

Jack Munro had a crack with us in the U11s and Kai in the U12s but their time was only fleeting ... Finn and Xavier recruited hard for the U13s and Tim, Aido, Liam and Oscar joined the Peninsula Sharks!

Inevitably, given our reputation as ruthless cricketing men, Jack and Kai returned in the U14s, and it was then that the HEAT were born...

There was mixed success through those couple of seasons to be honest. But we all worked hard. We honed our skills, Liam bowled a ball that the batsmen lost in the sun... Aido swung viciously at everything!

Heading into U16s we had high hopes but we needed new blood, and following a global search Jason Bloomer was scouted to thunder down on batsmen.

Some close games... Some blowouts... As the season progressed it became clear. We'd hit our roughest patch yet. We gritted our teeth and ground out those losses like men with our heads held high in a competition completely outside our comfort level. For ZERO wins the whole season. But we turned up every week... for the love of cricket.

New year, new season, new blood... Connor Mervin! Charlie Bradstreet. These boys had some class! Batters, bowlers, keepers! And first up a breakthrough! After 682 and a half days, we had a win! Batting second, chasing down the opposition total with big scores to Jack and Kai setting the platform and new dog Connor finishing them off. What a start to the season!

Since then, Griffith Park has been a rich hunting ground for us, other than that one game where someone bowled all the overs... Culminating in the win a couple of weeks back against our arch nemesis Harbord Dukes with our sharp bowling and suffocating fielding... And not a small amount of lip! Well... If you can't handle the HEAT get out of the fire!

We've played big games, in one match 489 runs were scored before lunch. Everyone seemed to be hitting the middle, we set them over 2 hundred and 40 something to win!

Special mention: Xavier achieved the infamous honour of getting out MANKAD... Before that I'd never seen one given... but on that day, as Xav pushed and pushed for runs, the umpire warned him but again he backed up so far he could high five the batsman as the bowler stopped and nicked off the stumps... the finger was raised and off he marched.

Connor Mervin. I thought at the beginning of the season... This dude's a GUN. When I'm umpiring, I tell the batsman, right arm - EXPRESS PACE... Not so bad with the bat either, a couple of hundred runs scored across the season, perhaps though the most devastating input come from behind the stumps, getting under the skin of the opposition batsmen with good natured banter. You are a fine addition to this team.

Charlie Bradstreet also joined the team bringing batting skills, bowling and wicketkeeping ability. But a miserable time with injury cutting the whole thing short after just a few innings.

Xavier, this year you really managed to focus your mind into a positive attacking mindset and some beautiful stroke play. An innings where you carried your bat, in from the first ball to the last, retiring not out with a towering six to win the match.

Haddon, our ring in. Injuries to our big men meant we needed reinforcements and you've done not so bad mate. I love the attitude. Always happy to play more cricket. Your late entry means we haven't caught you in action but you are now a HOT DOG.

Finn, I think you don't give yourself enough credit. You've dependably opened the bowling this season, you come out firing and you generally get a wicket. With the bat scores of 53 and 44no are not to be sniffed at. What did you have for breakfast?

Tim, You're our most versatile player. Happy to open the batting or the bowling. I've admired the determination with which you've rejigged your bowling run up, it's a difficult process, don't lose confidence. And can someone please back up when Tim field's the ball!

Aiden, it's tough at the top mate. And I know you don't like batting at the bottom either. You bring great energy to this team. You've had a couple of big scores and I rely on you to frighten the batsmen early in the innings and keep a tight lid on runs. We talk a lot and you talk a lot too - carry on!

Oscar, break out season. The runs have come this year, a couple of great scores, but more importantly for the team 3 NO innings which are the innings we need. Your bowling has tightened up significantly and of course we can rely on you with the gloves. Last weekend a great example scored some runs, took a wicket and gloved a catch. POTM well deserved.

Liam, once again one of our top wicket takers. Spin and flight, the batsman don't have a chance... But this season my favourite moment came in the game in Harbord where you took a lovely catch to catch out Tim Bradhurst!

Jason, Just when you were getting going tragedy strikes... one of my go to nominated bowlers. Such an intimidating presence. It's been great to have you back for the finals.

Jack, once again you've had a standout season. Across the U17 competition of 150 players, you're a top 10 batsman AND a top 10 bowler, there is no other player in both top 10s.

Captain Kai, calm under pressure. You've stood tall this season Kai. Thank you for leading the boys through the wins and the others. You've led the team in runs this season and you're a sharp bowler too, but you put others before yourself which is true leadership. Other people's success is your own.

Thank you Matt for finally learning the joy of scoring, and Gary too, Dale pitched in, Bryce and David willing to stand out in the middle keeping opposition umpires under control... Tremayne, the photos you took are amazing and I think the boys will treasure the moments you've captured...

And of course everything ably managed by Bianca, thank you for accepting any request and always finding a solution.

Lads, I hope your cricketing journey continues on for many years, and it goes as far and wide as other members of the Hot Dog fraternity have gone. Thank you for all these years, I've had a blast, I hope you have too.

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SEA EAGLES

U11



From humble beginnings, the Under-11 Sea Eagles have exceeded all expectations this season. Arriving in September at the pre-season tryouts as a group of relative unknowns, the nervous group of girls we met have come together to form a wonderful and cohesive team, embracing the intricacies of our great game while delivering some outstanding individual and team performances.

Throughout the season, we've witnessed it all—wickets and runs - both intentional and accidental, stumps-thrown-down-run-outs, catches, dropped catches, almost catches. There have been sweaty shared keepers gloves, ill-fitting helmets, lost balls in the nets, lost balls in the outfield... and sometimes for a short time in the infield. Backs have been patted in celebration, and heads have been lifted in moments of disappointment. And after all of that, we finished mid-table—a result we are incredibly proud of, considering we played with only seven players most of the season (starting with only 6 for the first half dozen games!), often against full teams. Two of our players are only eight years old, bravely taking on opponents three years their senior, with 2 other players only nine years old... Given these challenges, one could argue that our performance far exceeded expectations.

Along the way, we've seen brilliant efforts with both bat and ball, lessons learned, and most importantly, seven young girls who have found a love for cricket. We hope to see them return for many more seasons with the Peninsula Cricket Club, whose support and encouragement have been invaluable from pre-season through to the final game - yet to be played.

A huge thank you to the players, parents, and supporters for making this season so special.
The future of girls' cricket at our club is looking bright!

I was lucky enough to be asked to coach the Sea Eagles, and have enjoyed it immensely. It has given me great joy and brought back memories of so many junior games of cricket, so many years ago. Also lucky enough to have two daughters in the team, I've enjoyed watching all seven girls grow as cricketers and develop skills they didn't know they had. Special mention to Matt Picone who dutifully took on the role as team scorer, and Pip Prentice who took on team manager. Also Ged, Mat, and Sarah who never missed a training session and were great support to me, and the team during the year. Also thanks to Pete Robinson, girls coordinator at PCC for his support and advice all season.

A quick recap of some of our player's form and highlights:

Poppy Poirrier: Poppy is one of those kids who come along who you just know are going to set the sporting world on fire. She has all the makings of a great cricketer, among other sports, and will no doubt enjoy success on the cricket field over the years to come. A natural hand-eye combo saw Poppy top scored this season,, with more than twice the number of runs as the runner up, and hit plenty of boundaries. Six wickets and 4 run outs - often stumps thrown down - showed Poppy is a force to be reckoned with.

Nina Hardy: Nina was one of the other senior members of the team, and having never picked up a cricket ball before September, showed great promise with consistent performances, second highest run scorer, also with 6 wickets and 4 run outs. Nina's bowling action improved dramatically over the course of the season and will hold her in good stead for taking wickets in seasons to come.

Sophie Francis Robinson: Sophie was our third true "under elevener" and senior member. Sophie has a keen eye and a solid swing so when she makes contact they stay hit. Sophie's bowling also improved consistently during the season, and Soph also took on more wicket keeping than anyone in the team, showing great teammanship. Sophie was our third highest run scorer.

Jess Prentice: Jess had a very nervous start to the season and was ever so quiet- but by season's end she had well and truly come out of her shell and was the most improved all round this year. Jess showed particular intensity running between the wickets and was the quickest over 22 yards - sorry 16 metres - in pads without a doubt. Jess was our fourth highest run scorer with a couple of run outs, catches and wickets to boot.

Abbie Picone: Abbie is a pocket rocket, with a fast bowling action and a quick thinker, she will be responsible for lots of wickets, catches and run outs in years to come. Third highest wicket taker, at her age and stature was a huge achievement, and always switched on at training and in the field, Abbie was a pleasure to coach. Never complained about her role in the team, she'll be an asset to any team she plays with.

Dela Mortimer: Dela came to us from the Blast program a handful of games through the first half of the season, with the general attitude of "I'm ready for the big leagues, coach - get me in the game", another of our youngest players, Dela has been the most coachable player in the team , listening intently and carefully applying everything she learns in to training and games. With the best defensive and off side technique in the team, Dela will be a natural run scorer in seasons to come.

Lily Hardy: Last but not least, Lily is our littlest member of the team - and probably the competition (Batting in keepers pads all season) she was no less fierce than any out there! The biggest talker in the field, always with a word of encouragement for her teammates - Lily shows potential to lead one day, and maybe be a pretty good sledger too... Facing up to the bigger girls fearlessly, Lily will be a tough competitor and someone you'd rather have on your side than be up against.

A huge thankyou to my team, our parents, and the club - I hope we all return next year for more cricket!

SUPER SMASHERS

U13



The Super Smashers made an impressive leap into U13s, their first season of hard ball cricket, playing against older and more experienced teams. Carrying momentum from their undefeated U11s season, the girls hit the ground running with three consecutive wins to start the season, showing no fear of their older opponents or the leather ball.

This season saw the girls vastly improve their skills and teamwork, resulting in some strong performances on the field. Their dedication and commitment to training allowed the Super Smashers to be competitive against most teams in the competition.

The Christmas break saw the girls sitting in fourth spot on the ladder, but injuries to key players and washouts of games saw the team finish just outside the finals in fifth place. While the second half of the season did not go their way, they showed spirit and played every game with the same passion as the first, finishing the season with the big smiles and the laughter they started with.

A big shout-out to all the parents for your contributions to the team throughout the season, from scoring, having the batters ready to go, setting up the ground, supporting and counselling, and most of all, driving the taxi! Junior cricket isn't just about the kids; it gives parents the opportunity to form some great friendships, and these were further strengthened this season.

May Blackband: New to the Super Smashers and club cricket this season, May was a valuable addition to the team. She quickly adapted to the game, showing great enthusiasm, determination, and a willingness to learn. Whether with the bat, ball, or in the field, May's contributions grew as the season progressed, and she became a reliable teammate. Her positive attitude and effort set a strong foundation for future seasons.

Eva Sayer: After spending last season training with the team, it was a joy to see Eva step up and take the field this year. As the season progressed, her confidence grew, and she quickly became an integral team member. Whether with the bat, ball, or in the field, Eva's dedication and improvement were evident and will no doubt make her a great contributor next season.

Izzy Sayer: Izzy had another great season, continuing to develop and refine her skills. Her dedication to the game was evident in both training and matches, where she consistently gave her best effort. Whether batting, bowling, or fielding, Izzy's contributions were reliable and valuable to the team. Her passion for cricket and determination to improve make her an exciting player to watch in the seasons ahead.

Annie Boyle: Annie had an amazing season again, with her teammates looking up to her as a leader. She didn't let them down with her encouragement and leading by example with the ball and in the field. Annie's second half of the season saw her find some scary pace with the ball, which left batters fearful and hoping she had finished her allowed overs.

Acacia Rulli: Once again, Acacia proved to be the team's strike bowler and leading wicket-taker. Her accuracy, consistency, and ability to trouble batters made her a key weapon in the Super Smashers' bowling attack. This season saw her focusing on batting, and dedication in the nets saw vast improvement. With her talent and dedication, Acacia has a big future ahead, and it will be exciting to see her continue to develop in the seasons to come.

Romy Bradfield: Romy started the new season the way she finished the last: second in the competition for runs scored, brilliant pace bowling, and the best wicketkeeper in the comp at the halfway mark. A cruel injury during the break while playing representative cricket saw Romy contributing just as much from the sideline, providing great encouragement to her teammates. Well done, Romy, and we're looking forward to a big season next year.

Lucinda Robinson: Lucinda is the team's youngest player, starting the season four years younger than some of her opponents. Lucinda should be commended on her team spirit, often being the loudest in the field and providing great encouragement to her teammates. Lucinda's skills and confidence improved with every game, not allowing her older opponents to intimidate her.

Sofia Miles: Wow! Sofia's confidence as a cricketer soared to the next level this season. Hugely respected and loved by her teammates, she brought both skill and positivity to the team. Whether with the bat, ball, or in the field, Sofia consistently gave her all, making valuable contributions in key moments. Her growth as a player was incredible to watch, and with her determination and love for the game, she will only continue to improve in the seasons ahead.

Summer Shortall: Not only a great cricketer, but also a grounded and selfless teammate, Summer always puts others before herself. Her sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication made her an invaluable part of the Super Smashers this season. Whether contributing with the bat, ball, or in the field, Summer's calm presence and commitment helped lift the team.

Gabby McGinlay: Gabby once again led from the front in all aspects of the game. Her commitment to training and self-improvement saw Gabby take her game to the next level. Always one to put the team first, Gabby was the first to put her hand up and don the wicketkeeper gloves, excelling in the position.

It has been another fantastic season girls, you all should be proud! Looking forward to next season, as I am sure you are too.

PIRANHAS

U15



It was a massive step up this season for the Piranhas going from playing in the under 13's to the under 15s girls' competition. The balls were bowled with more velocity and accuracy, the fielding was more dynamic and the batters had the ability and power to clear the boundary on a regular basis. But this didn't faze our girls as they began the season on fire with two consecutive wins against teams that were littered with rep players. The girls kept up this momentum for the first half of the season and entered the Christmas break in a very respectable 2nd place position on the ladder.

A stand out team performance occurred when we played CPCC in round 6. The girls were without their captain and run machine Ebony and knew they had to step up. Matilda 'Robo' Robinson was given leadership duties, won the toss and decided to bat. Things didn't exactly go to plan at first. The girls were in strife at 6 for 17 and an early finish was looking likely. 'Robo' had other plans and decided to produce a captain's knock that would turn the game. Retiring on 22 no. and aided by Kaia (16 no.) and Millie (9 no.) the girls heroically got their team to a very competitive total of 90 without losing another wicket. Although the opposition in return got close they were unable to chase down our total falling short by a knuckle clenching 3 runs. The Piranhas produced a complete team bowling performance as 7 wickets were shared in a memorable win. Go girls!

The back half of the season became a tougher assignment for the team to maintain their high position on the ladder. The odd washout, a few narrow losses and other teams gaining confidence due to their rep players coming back from a successful Christmas competition campaign meant that our girls had their work cut out to keep pace with the top teams. By the end of round 18 the Piranhas finished 3rd out of 5 teams which was a massive achievement considering the higher level of cricket they faced on a weekly basis.

Our semi-final, again against CPCC who up until this game shared with us an equal amount of Ws and Ls were unfortunately too hot to handle and the Piranhas never got a chance to sink their teeth into their opposition. Never mind girls. There's always next season.

All in all, the girls had an immensely successful season and should be super proud of their efforts. I know I certainly am. As their coach you could not ask for a nicer bunch of young ladies to train. My role was always an easy one due to their willingness to listen, develop their skills and support each other both on and off the field. Bring on season 25/26!!

Amelia (Millie) – our spin weapon. She has been applying her trade in leg spin now for several seasons and has now developed great consistency with her bowling. A player that her captain used regularly to break partnerships or take the wicket of a top order batter. She made good progress with her batting and played with a nice straight blade to fuller length deliveries. A great team player who will happily perform any role that is asked of her. Best bowling – 1/14 HS – 9 no

Ebbs (Ebony) – A great first half of the season for the Piranha skipper amassing some 200 runs and only being dismissed once. Ebbs was reluctant at first to take on the captaincy role, however, by the end of round one it was evident she was natural leader. Whether it was matching bowlers to opposition batters or tweaking the field to attack or slow the run rate, Ebbs lead the Piranha pack beautifully in games and at trainings. She even knew the right moments to put her dad/coach in his place when he needed it! A very solid season that she should be proud of. HS – 51 no, 247 runs, BB – 2/7 (11 wickets)

Emily – our pocket rocket pace bowler who runs in almost as fast as she delivers the pink kookaburra. Due to her super athletics capabilities Em could generate unsettling pace to the opposition players (as well as her teammates at training). She is able to swing the ball both in or away which would make life hard for any batter. A dynamo in the field, Em was regularly used to patrol the boundary, cutting off fours and taking difficult catches. Her batting is easy on the eye and she will start to make big scores when she grows in confidence and realizes her capabilities. An absolute delight to coach. BB – 2/6, HS – 13, 5 catches

Erin – a player that never takes a backward step from any situation. Erin showed guts and determination this season. When batting she faced some swift bowling from opposition teams and always gave her best effort in the field. When sending down her left arm seamers she chipped in with some handy wickets. Erin has developed the ability to swing the ball back into right hand batters. A skill that should see her take more wickets in the future. She is a teammate loved by all and a player that is a pleasure to coach. BB 1/7, HS 4 no

Jamie – joined the Piranha ranks in round six. She is a versatile player who can bowl handy seamers and the occasional over of spin. When she gets her eye in Jamie is a powerful batter who loves to play horizontal shots, especially the pull shot. Jamie is a solid fielder and demonstrated her ability in several games by taking some cracking catches in the ring. She's also confident enough to take the gloves on get behind the stumps if required. Jamie is a player that loves her cricket and naturally took on the role to lead the team chat when they were fielding. 10 wickets, BB 2/3, 78 runs, HS 28 no.

Isabella (Bella) – due to injury Bella returned to the Piranhas for the back half of the season. To say she was ready to get some cricket under her belt was some understatement. Bella has always played nice classical shots with a high elbow and good footwork. She has added a few more shots to her repertoire (I think her old man might have had some influence there) and is now playing cuts and pull shots with confidence. Bella bowls very handy right arm seamers and when warm and on song she can cause many problems for the opposition batters. A wonderful team player with a great cricket brain, it was wonderful to have Bella back with the Piranha pack! 15 runs, HS – 7no, 4 wickets, BB 2-7 (5 games played)

Kaia – the most experienced player in our line-up. This was Kaia's second season in the 15s competition and she was an excellent contributor with both bat and ball. Kaia has a classical left arm seamer bowling action that is a delight to watch. She presents a beautiful seam allowing her to consistently swing the ball back in to right hand batters attacking the stumps and pads with regularity. This skill saw her take the role of our opening bowler for the entire season. She bats with a solid technique and made useful runs in games where her team needed her to dig in. Kaia showed impressive progress in her all-round cricketing skills. She has a cheeky personality and is a wonderful teammate. 60 runs, HS 16, 7 wickets, BB 2-9

Matilda – 'Robo' was destined to have a big season for the Piranhas. With her previous rep experience and improving ability and confidence with both bat and ball, Tilly made significant contributions in several games in the first half of the season. None more important than her 22no and match saving innings as stand in captain in round 6. She is a calm presence in the field, has a great pair of hands, a strong arm and bowls a nagging line and length with her seamers. Unfortunately for 'Robo' her season was cut short just after Christmas due to injury. However, this didn't stop her turning up to all of our games to support her mates. We hope she comes back bigger, better and stronger next season. We definitely missed her presence in the back half of the season. After 7 rounds - Runs 43, HS – 22 no, Wickets – 2

Nina – a jack of all trades, Nina will take on just about any role or challenge presented to her. She is a regular presence with the keeper gloves and provides peace of mind to her bowlers behind the stumps. Nina was often asked to open the batting and consistently did a great job for her team in facing the new ball and getting her team off to a good start. Her best performance came in round 1 when she scored a fiery 18 runs off 21 balls to kick off the season. In the field Nina was used heavily by her captain to patrol the boundary or hunt within the inner circle to stop quick singles. Her bowling and outfield throwing are constantly improving and she is a wonderful player to coach due to her competitive drive, tough as nails attitude and love for the game. Runs 58, HS 18, BB 2-9

Paige – is a right arm seam bowler that utilises her height to create extra bounce when she hits a good length. She has worked very hard on her run up and is now bowling with more fluency and confidence. She picked up the POTM award for her excellent figures of 2-5 off 2 overs which was a significant contribution to winning our round 7 match. Paige has also developed her batting technique and now plays more front foot shots with a high elbow. She has the ability to give the ball a solid smack and send the ball to the boundary square of the wicket. Another player who is an absolute delight to coach and a popular team player. Runs 15, Wickets 5. BB – see above

Rachael – What a breakout season for this girl. Rachael has really found her feet on a cricket pitch. Her batting has come along in leaps and bounds as she has become a clean ball striker in our top order. She smacked an impressive 24 no against Seaforth as a first-time opener. A position she now regularly takes on. Blessed with natural hand/eye coordination, Rachael has the ability to take sharp catches, both in the field and behind the stumps as our other wicketkeeper. Although, she is unlikely to ever burst an eardrum, she has learnt to provide fantastic support to her teammates and find her voice when in the field. Big things predicted for her next season. Runs 93, HS 24no, Wickets 2, catches 3

Suzie – is a much-improved player since started with the Piranhas last season. She has developed a solid technique which she uses to defend and drive balls that target her stumps. Suzie has developed her own unique run up and bowling style which allows her to swing and angle the ball in towards right handed batters. She is a constant support to her teammates in the field and competes hard in all facets of the game. Suzie has been a pleasure to coach and I know she will continue to make good progress in her cricket career through her love of the game and desire to improve her skills. Runs 36, HS 10 no, BB 1-8

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

2024-25 PREMIERS

U10 HURRICANES
U10 THUNDER
U15 THUNDER



CLUB AWARDS

U10	Bailey Perriott
U11	Arlan Foster
U12	Freddie Wildblood
U13	Sam McKim
U14	Felix Hunt
U15	Ben Wagner
U17	Kai Westall
U11 Girls	Poppy Poirrier
U13 Girls	Romy Bradfield
U15 Girls	Ebony Davies
Stage 1	Arlan Forster
Stage 2	Sam McKim
Stage 3	Kai Westall
Girls	Ebony Davies
Rookie of the Year.....	Lucas Causley

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS



MANLY WARRINGAH REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS 2024/2025

Ebony Davies
Matilda Robinson
Romy Bradfield
Jamie Eckford
Amelia Hanstrum
Emily Cunningham
Nina Drury

Reuben Read
Sam McKim
Cameron Keech
Daniel Searles
Jai Timozeski
Ishaan Kumar Singh
Charlie Corcoran

50 + Runs in an innings



Kai Westall - 78* (49)
Arlan Forster - 62 (20)
Tim Pockley - 51 (35)
Jack Munro - 52* (23)
Jai Timosevski - 50 (62)
Sam McKim - 57 (40)
Felix Hunt - 51 (40)
Baxter Bradfield - 55 (35)
Ben Wagner - 71 (35)

Connor Mervin - 75* (35)
Ebony Davies - 51 (30)
Jacob Jansen - 51 (50)
Byron Brand - 50 (48)
Finn Ralston - 53* (29)
Ryan Haines - 55 (35)
Eamon Cooper - 66* (35)
James Owler - 61* (34)
Leo Haendl - 55* (54)

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

5 + Wickets in an innings



Reuben Read 5/6 (3.4 overs)
Bailey Perriott 5/5 (3 overs)

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