



# Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Season Report 2023-24

## ***President's Season Report 2023-24***

WOW! What a wonderful season of cricket.

My deepest thanks to all our Players, Parents, Family Members and Other Supporters for your efforts, support of the club and in general for being exemplar representatives of the Mighty Burra.

### **SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

In a season of many, many highlights, here are a few of my favourites:

- **Weekly reminder of the opportunities we provide our kids** - Watching every Friday evening and Saturday morning a ground full of kids with Cricket Blast being played around junior games (x 3 on Saturday mornings!).
- **Development of our next generation of future leaders** – beyond the evident growth in cricketing abilities, I take particular joy in watching our older juniors and younger seniors growing their leadership via coaching at blast or school holiday camps or assisting our community programs.
- **Giving back to our community** – whether it's our award-winning programs for disadvantaged kids at Atherton Gardens, our awesome cricket program with Special Olympics or supporting causes such as hosting the Steve Kerr Memorial Cup (>\$16K for Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre), supporting Swan Richards when in need (\$10K) and Pink Stumps.
- **The bounce back of our senior women** – through the season our numbers grew, both with more adults and juniors coming through, the team got stronger and most importantly they played the right way having an incredible time as they did it.
- **Burra culture of winning the right way** – it was an incredibly special day on the 17<sup>th</sup> March with our U14 Bs, Men's 3rds and Men's firsts winning the flags. After a lot of effort on developing our own over many years, it was very special to have both the Men's teams full of current and former Burra juniors and even more so to be able to celebrate it with the U14s post the respective games.

I also take away many personal highlights from the year, mostly around coaching two groups of kids including my own, and hope that each of you also take some wonderful memories from the season.

### **APPRECIATION**

All of the above – and much, much more – is only possible thanks to the incredible people who take on roles big and small to make us the club we are. I cannot possibly thank everyone in the space here, but do want to make mention of:

- All our wonderful team managers, the scorers and the junior coaches.
- A particular mention to our wonderful English coaches: Ella Worthington, Sam Oldham, Arran Brown and Phoebe Astin.
- Congratulations and thanks to all our younger seniors and older juniors who took on coaching roles for Cricket Blast.

Our junior program is the envy of other clubs based on the passion, approach and expertise of those mentioned above, and especially due to the exceptional talents and contributions of:

- Cam MacDonald (Junior Coordinator),
- Louise Dichiera (Club Administrator),
- Jo Bradley (Junior Girls Coordinator), and
- Andrew Walton (U9 & U10), Will Gordon (U12) and Tim Dichiera (U14 & U16) (Age Level Coordinators).

I am also very lucky to lead a wonderful committee. Big thanks to all of them and particularly to the long-serving Richard Hinds, who after an enormous innings is going to step down from the Committee without being lost to supporting the club.

## **SUMMARY**

Hopefully it is coming through in the above, but what I am most proud of is that we are balancing providing opportunities for all with driving growth and success as cricketers but as importantly people. I love the leadership opportunities we provide our juniors and am happy to talk to anyone at any stage about how they can be a part of this.

We are making progress with the updated design for the new rooms. It may not look like anything is moving and we are up to design version 3, but we remain in active conversations, and I am confident we will be moving soon towards what will be another big step forward for the club.

The men's first XI premiership means that on the male side we now have a range of playing opportunities including the top division locally – no mean feat 8 years into our journey on turf while still balancing opportunities for all.

Looking forward to working together to make next season better again for each of you and the community.

Go Well,

**Stuart Whiley**

President

Edinburgh Cricket Club

## ***Junior Coordinator's Season Report 2023-24***

I had the benefit this year of sharing coaching duties for the U14C team with Ella Worthington which gave me an appreciation of the role, and the effort and challenges that coaches face week in week out, albeit my focus was on running match day (which was great for the team as Ella is a great technical coach for training as many of you have experienced firsthand). My track record wasn't great, our only win for the season coming in my absence (so perhaps there is a message there?). What I found fascinating was how losing week in and week out didn't have the impact on the morale of the players that I expected. Half the side were U12's who were keen to play as much cricket as possible and test themselves against stronger opposition, with the balance of the team in the main being relative newcomers to the sport. It reinforced to me how winning is a distant second to participation - as long as everyone gets a bat and bowl and improves each week, with the parents and coach focusing on the positives, then we will keep our kids in the sport longer.

In the Girls competition we fielded a team in both Stage One and Two, plus a combined side in Stage 3 with North Alphington. In the weekend competition we fielded 22 teams; one U9, seven U10, five U12, five U14, two U16 and two U18 teams – one U18 side being a combined team with North Alphington. The combined teams were a great success and in North Alphington we have found a club with aligned values for whom I would certainly work with again if we don't have enough players to field a side.

This season the Girls Stage 2 & 3 teams made it to semi-finals and six out of a possible 14 teams made the semi-finals in the weekend competition with U14B Maroon capping off an undefeated season with a close win against North Alphington in the grand final. Well done to Lauchlan Eddy and the team for a well-deserved victory and a fitting end to a great story.

We were all nervous heading into the season as Cricket Australia introduced a new software platform, PlayHQ, to manage the game. As she does, Louise Dichiera quickly mastered the new system and we were up and running without any significant issues and Louise continued to provide fantastic support throughout the season. My sincere thanks Louise for the support you provide me, and your knack of stepping in at the right time when I am struggling to manage my emails!

Our teams always play the game in the spirit it is intended due to the dedicated coaches and team managers – more than 60 parents who volunteer to coordinate training and match day each and every week. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for doing a sensational job this season.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players. To Jo Bradley (Girls), Tim Dichiera (U14&16), Will Gordon (U12), and Andrew Walton (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on this important role.

Finally, thanks to the Club Executive for the support you provide the junior program and the way you have actively promoted juniors into the senior teams which I believe has paid dividends with the success the senior teams are enjoying. Angus Lester, the new Director of Coaching, was always there as a sounding board when needed and is keen to explore ways to bring on our junior players. I am grateful to Richard Hinds for again ensuring grounds, equipment and keys are available, his last season in that role which he has acquitted efficiently and effectively. Finally, to the Club President Stuart Whiley, your commitment to the club as both administrator and junior coach is awesome – thank you.

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club for the 2024-25 season.

Cameron MacDonald – Junior Coordinator

## Girls Stage 1

At the beginning of the season, with only two returning players (mainly due to members moving up to Stage 2) and two new players, we set in motion a big recruiting drive. This was a huge success, and by Round 2 we had nine eager young cricketers to take on the season and represent the 'Burra. The whole team improved week on week: individual players smashed their first runs and took their first wickets, and the team worked well together putting into action the skills practiced at training in each game. By the end of the season each player had improved out of sight and this was reflected in three wins from our last three games of the season. Individual and team improvement was not surprising given the girls commitment to always attending training and being available for the games.

As coach, my personal highlight was the introduction of our team philosophy of "Crazy Running™" early in the season.

Crazy Running™ – backing up and then sprinting – regularly made us a run even when the ball was just gone to the keeper!

Overall, we had a terrific season with an awesome bunch of girls. Every player always gave their all and we had a blast, although I think the highlight for some was having the shared snack at innings break!

Great work by the whole team and looking forward to next season.

### The Team

**Rian Delahunt** – One of our returning players, Rian had a great summer of cricket, improving both her bowling and batting. She belted a boundary (or two) in most of her games and was always encouraging her teammates and providing great leadership. Rian worked hard at training. My highlight was watching Rian step up in Stage 2 for their semi-final against the undefeated side, another game with a brilliant boundary and she didn't take a step backwards, even playing girls four to five years older than her. Awesome job!

**Elsa Stanaway** – The second of the returning players, Elsa became our Queen of Crazy Running™. Leading by example, Elsa was amazing at running between the wickets, and

### GIRLS STAGE 1 SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Rian Delahunt

Molly Hawkins

Audrey Leibn

Elsie Macvean

Rosie Rooke

Penelope Savage

Sophie Shaw

Elsa Stanaway

Meredith Stanaway

#### COACH

Todd Delahunt

#### TEAM MANAGER

Sandra McLaren

every innings her calling and running were a sight to be seen. Elsa led the way with the bat this year, smashing a total of 103 runs and winning the batting trophy. Elsa also improved her bowling (when she was not wicket keeping) to become one of the more consistent bowlers. Elsa always trained hard and stepped up as one of the leaders of the team. Absolute pleasure to coach. My highlight was without a doubt watching Elsa's crazy running each week.

**Meredith Stanaway** – Meredith came to our first game to fill in and luckily for us remained a permanent member of our team. She has improved out of sight, in particular her bowling which has come on with leaps and bounds, finding a nice length and increasing consistency. Meredith is one of the youngest in the team and I look forward to watching her bowling develop. Meredith has shown an interest in wicket keeping and did a great job, always getting behind the ball. The highlight for me was Meredith taking her first wicket! Great first year of cricket!

**Audrey Leib** – Audrey is another of the younger members of the team, and although she's quiet and softly spoken, she has a determined and competitive streak. She has continued to improve throughout the season in both her batting and bowling and took out the bowling trophy taking the most wickets for the team over the season! My highlight came in the last game of the season when Audrey shared the most amazing batting partnership with Elsa. Together they didn't let a single ball go without a run, taking our Crazy Running™ philosophy to the extreme, and the partnership was an absolute pleasure to witness.

**Penelope Savage** – Penny is another of our younger players and joined the team for her first year of cricket. Penny is always training and playing with a smile on her face, and both her batting and bowling improved dramatically over the season. Penny is the most awesome team player, always encouraging her teammates, especially her bestie Rosie. My highlight was when Penny smashed her first boundary in our home game against Burwood.

**Rosie Rooke** – Rosie is another of our first season cricketers, although by the end of the summer it was hard to believe she wasn't a Stage 1 veteran. Rosie's bowling went from struggling to get the ball down the pitch to consistently bowling good balls and her batting improved just as dramatically. My highlight came in the second last game of the season when Rosie hit her first boundary, then followed it up by hitting not only a second boundary but a third too! In the same game she proceeded to take her first wicket (then taking her second and third.) Both her father and Coach thought she earned a Macdonald's dinner!!

**Elsie Macvean** – Elsie was a pleasure to coach and a great asset to the team. Elsie's joint win of the team bowling trophy was well deserved, and included a highlight-worthy dominant display at Hays Paddock in one of her early games taking four wickets from her three overs. Elsie's competitive streak is at least partly motivated by trying to beat her brothers and she

has continued to listen and improve. A highlight for me was the many chats I got to have with Elsie between deliveries, including her introducing and educating me on the “Whatever, whatever ball”. Looking forward to you developing and becoming a brilliant cricketer in years to come.

**Sophie Shaw** – Sophie is always keen and eager to bat, bowl or field, improving throughout her first year of cricket. Her batting developed really well and by season’s end Sophie had learnt to play the ball on both sides of the wicket. Her bowling become more consistent, and she always showed her brilliance in the field (winning the catching competitions at training each week). Sophie has been a pleasure to coach. A highlight for me was her innings just before the Christmas break when she made her top score of 18, smashing them all around the park.

**Molly Hawkins** – Molly is another of our younger players in her first year of cricket . Molly’s bowling improved across the season and she was able to start to get some consistency in getting the ball in the right area of the pitch. My highlight was Molly hitting her first boundary at Hays Paddock towards the end of the season.

Special thanks to all our Stage 1 cricketing families for your support and assistance, especially Sandra McLaren for managing the team and scoring each week, along with Jenelle Delahunt who took charge of organizing the girls on the sidelines.



## Girls Stage 2

Coaching the girls, many now for a few years, has been one of my great privileges in life. The way the girls bond together and embrace the challenges and opportunities on the field is a great reminder of what sport is about.

The girls, up a level for those returning and with 4 new starters, had an amazing year. From getting an early look at the best team in it in our first game, we improved so far to really be the only team to push them close with our narrow semi-final loss.

Most of all I loved how the girls took on the challenge to play against better bowlers and bowl to better batters. At times the girls would have liked more runs or wickets, but what they all take out of it, is quantum improvement. It says a lot for a team when I want to give my Coach's award to literally everyone – the attention, application and improvement is something everyone should be really proud of. And to Eve for winning it – congrats – it was thoroughly deserved in a Cox Plate quality field.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a few highlights:

- 1. Della Fayers** – Della continued her improvement with far more confident bowling, including a 3-13 against Holy Trinity. Della may argue with me but her batting also grew a lot, with a few good scores, but more importantly more shots that will hold her in good stead.
- 2. Katie Lumsden** had a terrific season, particularly with the bat. Katie made 137 runs at nearly 20, including a couple of really good scores against good opposition. Katie was terrific with the gloves, keeping almost every week and consistent with the ball and we missed her a lot come the finals.
- 3. Mae Bridges** – had a great year, learning a lot. Mae's batting possibly had the most adaptation required for stage 2 rules and she continued to develop through the year with her best effort on semi-final day. Against the best bowlers in it, Mae worked very hard, retiring on 6 and helping set up an almost successful chase. Mae's bowling improved tremendously and was unlucky not to have more wickets than she did.

### GIRLS STAGE 2 SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Mae Bridges

Eve Callahan

Charlotte Dickason

Edith Dodd

Della Fayers

Madeleine Leibn

Katie Lumsden

Lola Whiley

#### COACH

Stuart Whiley

#### TEAM MANAGER

Chris Fayers

4. **Maddie Leibu**'s first season was seriously impressive. 117 runs and 10 wickets both at 19.5 is genuine all-rounder territory. Maddie made a couple of excellent scores (34 v. Heathmont and 21 v. Vermont South) and bowling continued to develop as she learned how to move the ball both ways.
5. **Charlotte Dickason** also had a great first season. Charlotte's application when batting was one of my favourite things for the season. Most notably, Charlotte was only out once in her last 4 hits and retired 3 times. Charlotte's batting will continue to evolve with more shots as she showed towards the end of the year.
6. **Edith Dodd** joined us late in the season and made a big splash. Retiring in two of her first 3 hits, Edith displayed some great batting fundamentals and character. Looking forward to Edith getting a full season in next year.
7. **Eve Callahan** plays with an infectious positive attitude. Always a smile on her face and always striving to get better (which she then does). Eve may have only got 1 wicket, but her bowling improved out of sight to the extent that we wanted her bowling extra overs in the semi. Eve's batting continued to develop and I cannot wait to see Eve's trajectory over the next few years.
8. **Lola Whiley** – what a wonderful season. Nearly anchoring us home in the semi (43 not), on the way to 283 runs at 71 including 161 runs at nearly 2 a ball for one out in the last 4 weeks. Beyond this you were consistent with the ball (11 wickets) and reliable with the gloves every week. Most of all I'm proud of how you continue to mature your leadership of the group, most evidently with how you handled yourself at the end of the semi.

Special shout out to Clio and Rian who both filled in to help us get on the park during the year. Big thanks to Chris and Jo for team managing and covering me when work got in the way.

I hope the girls enjoyed the season and they will all be much better placed when they hopefully all come back next year!

Stuart Whiley, Coach

## **Girls Stage 3 (NACC/ECC)**

Firstly, I want to thank those who've helped in any way, behind the scenes, setting up, taking down, scoring etc. Andrew for managing and parents for corresponding and getting the girls to and from games.

Then to the girls; I've loved this season with you, not only because of how much effort each of you have always put in but the energy and passion you have done it with. You make my 'job' a highlight of every week. I'm so proud of you all and I can't wait to come back to coach you again, next season is yours!

### **Holly**

A big summer for Holly, she seemed to never not be playing cricket in a wide variety of teams. In our team she had a successful season making 259 runs (best 39) averaging 64.75. Holly had 8 not outs and a couple of wickets when she was out from behind the stumps. She took on the role as wicket keeper for the majority of the season despite being great with the ball and in the field as well. She always brings the energy of the team up with her chat & banter from behind the stumps and we've all enjoyed adopting some of her favourite lines: "where was the diveee?" Usually for a ball that was a mile away!

### **Evie**

Despite being out for several weeks injured, Evie came in as our 3rd top wicket taker (8), 4 of which were in her 1.5 over spell!! Evie was all over it in the field taking 5 catches and always putting maximum effort in. She also had a great innings making 23 not out to add to her 46 run total. Evie, I really appreciated seeing you come to support the team from the sidelines during your time out and look forward to coaching & playing seniors with you again next season.

### **Sana**

This was Sana's first season in stage 3 and it has been so good to see the improvement in her skills but also her confidence. As she settled into the season, the wickets also rolled in. Sana took 5 wickets with a best of 2-19. She played a crucial role opening the bowling, taking control with her accuracy. Often batters would try and take Sana on and often they would soon realise that was the wrong idea. Sana, your attitude is always fantastic and it is a pleasure to coach you.

## **GIRLS STAGE 3 SEASON 2023-24**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Maya de Silva

Charlotte Dickason

Bilan Faarax

Darcy Geary

Evie Legge

Amy Long

Audrey McKinley

Amelie Nguyen

Holly Scammell

Sana Srivastava

Jada Stapleton

### **COACH**

Ella Worthington

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Andrew McKinley

### **Jada**

Jada is a player you can count on to always put 100% in. I mentioned one time you can tell she plays footy as she will always hit the deck fielding to make sure she stops the ball. Jada had a top season taking 2 catches, getting 5 wickets with a best of 2-14 and making 150 runs!! (Average 30, top score 26). I'll also take a moment now to thank her twin sister Amy for playing a game with us at the beginning of the season, saving us from forfeit.

### **Bilan**

Bilan returned to cricket part way through the season post exams. She was such a good addition into the team and I could always count on her to support everyone throughout the match. Particularly with a "nice hit" from the boundary which I have now found myself adopting! Bilan's positivity was matched in the field, always giving everything. My highlight was when Bilan opened the batting, got retired, and went back out for a second hit. She finished with a seasons best of 16 not out.

### **Amy**

Amy is one of those players we all wish we could be. It has been a privilege to coach her and I've loved watching her play this season. She finished the season with 271 runs, averaging a massive 135.5 after 8 not outs in 10 innings! She also took 4 wickets with best figures of 2-8 and got 5 catches in the field. I enjoyed getting the opportunity to discuss cricket on a more tactical level and look forward to seeing you develop further as a player.

### **Amelie**

Amelie, like Bilan, came along a little later in the season. She was invaluable in the field, sometimes feeling as though she was everywhere. Always walking in, backing up and putting her body before the ball. Her running between the wickets was fantastic with loud clear calls ensuring all the quick singles were taken. These standards are what every coach loves to see in a player and they were matched with Amelie's positive attitude and great character.

### **Maya**

Maya started the season strong, always showing up wanting to listen and improve. We worked on her run up and it was great seeing the improvements she made. She got best bowling figures of 2-17 and a total of 4 wickets before sadly having to leave to team due to juggling many extra circular activities. It was a pleasure having her in the team as long as we did and we hope to see her again in the future!

### **Audrey**

I have been lucky enough to coach Audrey not only in stage 3 but also in the senior ladies team. Her maturity as a player is far beyond her years, understanding the cricket is often about being patient and smart. She has been recognised for her all round performance with figures reflecting this, in stage 3 she made: 190 runs (best of 38), 0 ducks, 6 not outs and complimented this with 12 wickets, a best of 3-17 and 5 catches. I look forward to more cricket with you next season both as your coach and teammate!

### **Phoebe**

And finally, my fellow pom, Phoebe. Her anticipated arrival couldn't have come sooner as she hit the ground running getting retired on 19 in her first game and 52\* off 24 in her second. She finished the season with 315 runs for the team and 14 wickets with best figures of 3-23. Phoebe's bond with Holly rubbed off on the whole team, always bringing the banter and making every game full of laughs.

Thank you girls for being such a great team to coach, you are all incredible players and people and it's been so enjoyable to share this season with you.

## U9 Maroon

This was the first season of competitive cricket for all the players in the under 9s (and the first season of coaching for the coaches, so we learned on the job together).

We had a fantastic year. Team highlights were:

1. extreme enthusiasm and excitability on and off the pitch (hugs and cheers following catches and run outs, and the celebrations when the scorers confirmed a win, were our favourites);
2. each player's batting, bowling and fielding skills dramatically improving;
3. every player getting a chance to captain the team;
4. winning 8 of 13 games - a great result, given the players were not just new to cricket but also to competitive team sport;
5. "kings and toilets" catching practice; and
6. siblings and friends joining in trainings.

**Charlie Slater** was our most conscientious and consistent player, playing a team high 10 games and attending almost all trainings. A composed batsman, with a strong work ethic and the ability to consistently take wickets, one highlight was facing 31 balls in one innings!

**Art** played 9 games and improved his skills dramatically over the season. At the start of the year, he was a bit scared of the ball but by the end he would face up and get behind any bowling and catch the high balls in "kings and toilets". One highlight was taking wicket in his first match!

**Hugo** is a swashbuckling left hander who played 7 games. He had an array of strokes and hit plenty of fours, and took a few wickets, but his season highlight was undoubtedly taking 3 wickets in the last over of the second match to seal come from behind victory for the Burras!

**Jem** is a natural cricketer who played 8 games and trained strongly. He was excellent at running between the wickets, scored three 4's in the second last match, and was probably our fastest bowler by the end of the year. However, Jem's highlight was his brilliant catch in the ring, which was the team's first (and only) outfield catch of the season!

### U9 MAROON SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Art Cavenough

Edwin Corcoran

Harper Gonsalves

Rafael Humphries

Arlo Lumicisi

Alexander McNab

Hugo Mullen

Charlie Slater

Jeremy Stoller

Freddy Tinsley

Oscar Walsh

#### COACH

Toby Mullen & James Stoller

#### TEAM MANAGER

Rebecca Slater

**Harper** is a wonderful teammate and a coach's favourite, who played 7 games, trained strongly and quietly and consistently improved over the course of the year... especially running between wickets. Harper's focus and resolve were excellent. A highlight was taking a wicket in her very first match!

**Freddie** was played 8 games showcasing great enthusiasm and a variety of skills, from Muralitharan style off spin, to batting to swing bowling. Freddie's highlight was undoubtedly the last game, where he took a whopping 5 wickets (with run outs) including 3 wickets in the final over!

**Oscar** is a fantastic all rounder, who played 8 games, regularly making double digit runs despite focussing exclusively on bowling at training. A great teammate, best illustrated by the fact that he bowled all training every training even as those around him tired. Known for his offside stroke play as a batsman; a novelty in under 9s!

**Alexander:** A committed, competitive and skilful allrounder who played 8 games. Talk around the traps was he was the best 8-year-old leg spinner since S Warne. However, he switched it up and his best bowling performance was his 5 wicket haul bowling pace against Northcote, including three wickets in an over, and oh-so-close to a hatrick. Often amongst the runs.

**Rafael:** Another strong all rounder who played 10 games. An excellent wicket keeper who took the team's first (and only) catch with the gloves – and it was an absolute screamer! A consistent performer with bat and ball, he took 3 wickets in his very first game and was often among the runs.

**Edwin:** Played 9 games and improved in every aspect as the season progressed. Another budding wicket keeper who improved his concentration and footwork over the year until he never let a ball past in his last few innings behind the stumps. On a huge outfield in the last match, he scored the only four hit by either team in a sign of his improvement over the year. Best celebrations in the team.

**Arlo:** played 7 games, finishing as one of our big fast bowling brigade. He scored the team's first 4 in round 1 and continued to improve his batting throughout the year. In a team that prides itself on its strong fielding, Arlo stood out; seemingly hitting the stumps at will, catching many an opposition short of their ground!

**Charlie Shiel:** Eyebrows were raised when a prep wearing an Aussie cap wanted to join u9s training. But those eyebrows were back in place from the first ball he bowled. Quick and accurate swing bowling was often too much for the older kids. Charlie No 2's highlight was when, after training for months he finally got to play his first game the season and cleaned

up with several early wickets! A stylish cricketer well ahead of his years with both bat and ball... one to watch!!



## ***U10 Blue (Sunday)***

Congratulations to all the ECC Under 10 Blue Sunday players. They have all improved so much in a relatively short space of time. They are fantastic group to work with and we have been really pleased with their progress. The way they have applied themselves to getting better through completing mini-challenges in season, working on skills and tactics as a team at practice and in games was extremely pleasing. To secure their first win late in the season was fantastic reinforcement and reward for all the effort they put in. They should all be really proud of their efforts.

Outside of development of skills and game awareness, as a coaching group we are proud of the way that all of the boys showed respect to their opposition, supported each other as a team and created great friendships along the way. Each player achieved and improved in their own way throughout the year.

Thank you to all the parents for their support in improving their child's game, the time spent on this during the week, on holidays and any other time was evident through the progress they all made. Thanks also for the support you gave us in scoring, bringing snacks, being square leg umpires and anything else to help make our lives easier.

Finally, thanks to the support of Katherine, Anthony and Tim you all played a really important role in creating a welcoming, supportive and inclusive environment where players and parents can learn about the great game of cricket!

### **Player Summary**

#### **Aidan Martin**

Aidan is a terrific competitor that showed great encouragement and leadership to his younger and more inexperienced teammates. He is always there for his team mates to help them improve, particularly guiding them in a match.

Aidan showed excellent control with the ball, really giving his leg-spinners a rip. I can't wait to see his progress over the next few seasons. With the bat he led the way making 153 runs for the year, whilst setting a great example for others with running between wickets and calling.

### **U10 BLUE SEASON 2023-24**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Alfred Chalke
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Yug Chaturvedi
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Leo Darvall
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Mio Ekström
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Remi Ellison
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Charlie Janson
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Harvey Lee
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Aidan Martin
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Harrison Obst
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#### **COACH**

Rohan Obst, Anthony Lee & Tim Chalke

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Katherine Chalke

### **Mio Ekstrom**

Mio joined us for his first year of cricket, his improvement was fantastic. He is a great coach, taking feedback on board and putting it into practice in games and at home. Mio did everything this year, bowler, batter and wicketkeeper and always did what he could for the team. Mio always provided some spark for the team when we needed it, whether that was taking a catch, bowling someone out or hitting a boundary, he did exceptionally well in his first season. He finished the season as our second highest wicket taker. Not bad for his first year!

### **Charlie Janson**

Charlie has been a pleasure to coach. He is a great team player, that always offers encouragement to others. Charlie is always respectful of the opposition and displayed excellent sportsmanship and provided some great post-match speeches!

His batting really improved, and we loved the way he watched the ball closely and set a great example for his younger teammates in always looking to score. With the ball Charlie competed well and was difficult to score off. He also did a great job wicketkeeping at times throughout the season.

### **Yug Charturvedi**

Playing his first year of cricket, Yug came with enthusiasm to learn and be a great teammate.

He worked very hard on all elements of his game. It was pleasing to see the reward for his effort when cleanly hitting a number of boundaries when batting. Yug always watched the ball closely giving himself a good chance to score.

A real highlight of the year for Yug was being a co-captain of the team's first win, he led the side well and grabbed a crucial run out in the process.

We loved seeing the development of Yug's understanding of the game, this was evident through an activity we undertook at training where he had to draw where the best areas our team need bowl in to minimise the opposition's scoring.

### **Harvey Lee**

Harvey showed huge improvement in his first year of cricket, particularly after the Christmas where it was obvious he had put a lot of work into his game. Both his batting and bowling progressed significantly. By season's end he was one of, if not the team's fastest bowler and when he batting he showed great intent to score, highlighted by smashing one of his first boundaries through mid-wicket!

Harvey gave his teammates a great example of what can be achieved through practicing away from training. We look forward to seeing further improvement next season.

### **Remi Ellison**

Remi demonstrated great dedication to improving his game. Every element got better as the year progressed. He is always receptive to feedback and then putting it into practice. It was pleasing to see him get his first wicket early in the year, you could not wipe the smile off his face. In the latter part of the season, Remi's game awareness really progressed, giving himself more opportunities to score when batting and generally be involved in the game. He is a pleasure to coach as he always listens and wants to improve. Even when away, he continued to work on his game, practicing with family in New Zealand!

### **Leo Darvall**

Leo is a fantastic part of our team. You can tell he loves playing and is taught well, possibly through some tough lessons from his older brothers! He always had a smile on his face and shows great enthusiasm to improve his own cricket and that of his teammates. We loved the way he always looked to score (just like Glenn Maxwell) when batting and, how he applied himself when bowling. He created plenty of chances in the field, getting a few run outs and taking a ripping caught and bowled late in the year.

Leo was also one of the co-captains the led the team to our first victory, a really special moment for him and the team. We can't wait to see how he continues to progress with his cricket.

### **Harrison Obst**

Another of our first-year players, Harrison showed fantastic improvement and passion for the game throughout the year. His confidence grew the more the season went on, becoming one of the teams most accurate and economical bowlers. It was great to see him contribute in all parts of the game, batting, bowling and fielding. He took several good wickets highlighted by a caught and bowled that was smashed back at him by a strong opponent.

Harrison's game awareness in the field set a good example and kept opposition batters on their toes. He has a dangerous arm that netted two excellent run outs throughout the season. We can't wait to see how his cricket develops next season.

### **Alfred Chalke**

Alfie's enthusiasm and competitive nature is a real asset for the team. He set a great example for his teammates in relation to game awareness. He is great to coach in the game, and responds extremely well, applying feedback straight away. Alfie led the way with the ball, particularly in the second half of the season. The demonstration of full pitched bowling

gave him many chances to take wickets. This was highlighted by two five wicket hauls, a big achievement for a first-year player.

It wasn't just Alfie's bowling that was great, he contributed well with the bat and created many chances in the field, taking catches and getting a number of direct hit run outs.

Alfie is a pleasure to coach, a great teammate and has celebrations befitting of 100,000 strong crowd at the MCG!

## U10 Green

With huge smiles, happy minds and care in our hearts, the U10 Green team formed a wonderful connection as a unit over fourteen matches and about the same number of practice sessions together.

A tremendous privilege in being able to coach this group with some of the players completing their third season and now are ready to progress into competition.

The pleasure in observing from close range the leadership, strategies, banter, debates, competitive spirits, and ebullient energy towards each other gave endless moments of pleasure with our cricket.

As has been the method applied over many seasons, with some adapting for continuity from practice to match day, the philosophy in place that works rather well from observing and listening to feedback and find that balanced level of improving together has been focused upon:

- Movement patterns = feet & body position to handle ball, running between wickets, bowling run ups, batting set up for quality contact, quality of throwing
- Decision making = confidence, inclusion, leadership, having a go, selecting batting & bowling orders, game sense awareness
- Happiness = sharing roles, practice drills of match sense in working together, sharing competitive experiences

A summary of how each player has been observed in the development of their cricket skills and personal character in a team environment with Edinburgh U10 Green:

Player	Performance and Skill	Character, Attributes
Angus	55 runs, HS = 7,7, 6 7 wkts, BB = 2/7, 2/8	Willing to handle any role, cheerful and enthusiastic who brings plenty of positivity to a team. Confident in the field, left arm spin improved so much, batting became reliable.
Archie	202 runs, HS = 29, 27, 23,	Nice clean striker in front of the wicket, straight and legside. Better ability to swing the ball and seam

### U10 GREEN SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

William Kerr

Angus Lovett

Archie Loxley

Ned Loxley

Thomas Lumsden

Oliver Rhodes

Monty Slattery

Ethan Walton

#### COACH

Andrew Walton

#### TEAM MANAGER

Kane & Alicia Loxley

	22 wkts, BB = 3/3, 3/4	position to find a good length. Very competitive and always aware of game situation.
<b>Ethan</b>	320 runs, HS = 36, 31, 31 16 wkts, BB = 3/2, 3/9	Continues to expand bowling options from seamer to off spin with good control. Hits with confidence and purpose, aware of scoring gaps. Runs well between wickets.
<b>Ned</b>	93 runs, HS = 15, 14, 11 8 wkts, BB = 2/8, 2/13	Huge improvement from confidence in approach to the ball and contest in all skills. Clear thinker in the moment and always tries so hard. Scores well behind wicket on both sides.
<b>Monty</b>	58 runs, HS = 8, 6, 6, 6 5 wkts, BB = 2/10	Really came together in regularity of finding middle of the bat in front of the wicket and offside. Good hands and movement in the field backing up, bowling more reliable in creating chances.
<b>Oliver</b>	158 runs, HS = 26, 20, 18 17 wkts, BB = 2/2, 2/3, 2/6	Brings plenty of energy to the team with a very high level of care towards others. Asks very good questions with confidence. First ball six over square leg, remarkable.
<b>Tom</b>	122 runs, HS = 18, 15, 15 13 wkts, BB = 2/3, 2/5, 2/7	Calm demeanour and approach to game, enjoys success of others. Reliable to handle all situations. Hits well into gaps straight down the ground. Keeping skills at a very good level.
<b>Will</b>	285 runs, HS = 31, 30, 26 18 wkts, BB = 3/3, 3/6, 2/2	Tremendous attitude for the team. Gives his best in the contest, runs really hard between wickets for other batter. Trains with intent and purpose, looks for ways to improve.

Collectively, thanks for being such a wonderful group of parents with many family extensions through our sibling groups supported by the club design structure to make match day a good experience for all those who come along to support.

Thanks to all the families for helping with the scoring, operations, and nourishment on match day. Every moment where we can handle the logistics together, gives the players more time to enjoy the game and each other in building quality connections and friendships. 🍌

Thanks to Max and Sam for being the extras at practice. They were so helpful to have around being incredibly important for the players in continually developing their learning skills of acceptance, competition, conflict, and fairness. 😊

Special thanks to the Loxley family – Alicia and Kane. 🤝 A joint and unified effort with faultless organisation across the group as everybody gave themselves selflessly when called upon. The willingness for the parents to share the small things adds to the quality of experience we all enjoy. Thanks enormously for this.

From a historic perspective, thanks for allowing your children in starting their cricket journey with Edinburgh Cricket Club, at what is truly an iconic and historic venue for Australian cricket being the home club of the immortal Neil Harvey. It may not seem much right now, yet being able to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Brunswick Street shall resonate with deep meaning in the future for their sport.

Personally, thanks deeply to Carolyn, who gives so much love and support for me to indulge a life passion with the game, a vital and important ingredient for life balance. ❤️

Please keep finding a way to love the game. It does in its own distinctive way, provide such a unique connection to people that is carried for life.

To the players – always be good to your parents, be kind to your brothers and sisters, and enjoy eating your broccoli. 🥦

Take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Walton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Walton  
U10 Green

## U10 White

We had a great year – going through undefeated with 13 wins before a very close loss in the last round. It was a pleasure to coach this group of lads, and only partly because they are individually and collectively good cricketers. They have a great attitude as a team. They are keen and enthusiastic while still being respectful towards umpires and their opposition. Importantly they constantly encouraged each other – which isn't easy when things go awry after a long stint in the field. They are keen to learn skills and played the roles they were asked to fill to make the team better. Thoroughly deserved the success they had, and most importantly of all, I got the feeling they had fun!

### Ashton Ridge

Ashton is a natural bowler. Bowls with very good pace and an action that results in the ball moving into the right hander through the air and then moving away off the pitch – often too good to get the edge in under 10s. Needs to work on consistent length which is just practice. No surprise he took the most wickets across the Edinburgh sides in our competition. Ashton is a naturally wristy batsmen with potential and has shown great improvement in the field. Ashton had a very strong year.

### Emmanuel Lombardo

Manny improved so much during the year. Batted elegantly in latter games – finding the middle of the bat and hitting boundaries with controlled cricket shots. Naturally presents the full face of the bat to the ball which is a great basis for making runs. I'd encourage him to continue working on his batting and even better results will come. He also bowled with greater consistency and penetration as the year went on – ending up bowling good outswingers with consistent line and length. Very popular with his teammates and great to have in the side.

### Finn Littlejohn-Sims

Finn takes on a leadership role in the team and sets a great example in the field. A brilliant and quick ground fielder and very competitive. His batting developed so much during the year – starting to develop a very good technique which features a straight bat and off side play which is advanced for his age group. Bowls with natural outswing and good accuracy. A real asset for the coach when the side needs a lift in the field. A key reason why we were

## U10 WHITE SEASON 2023-24

### TEAM MEMBERS

Harvey Byrne
Owen Byrne
Rory Fraser
Finn Littlejohn-Sims
Emanuel Lombardo
William Mann
Ashton Ridge

### COACH

Geoff Fraser

### TEAM MANAGER

Angela Byrne



the dominant side in our comp. Topped the batting list across the Edinburgh teams in our comp.

### **Harvey Byrne**

Finished near the top of the bowling list for wickets taken across the Edinburgh teams in our comp which is a particularly good effort as he kept wickets for a lot of the games as well. Bowled straight and pitched it up – underrated but very important characteristics of a good bowler. Harvey has developed into a good all-round cricketer across fielding, keeping, bowling and batting – holding down the opening spot with his brother. This was important in the last part of the season when the opening bowling we faced was strong. Also a great runner between wickets. Pleasure to have in the side and I'm looking forward to his cricketing progress in coming years.

### **Owen Byrne**

Owen did crucial jobs for the team – opening the batting with his brother very successfully. The opening partnership rarely lost wickets in the first 5 or 6 overs – as opposed to the opposition which was usually 3 or 4 wickets down. This immediately put us 10 to 15 runs in front. Owen also allowed us to save runs with his keeping. All other sides used a backstop behind the keeper but we gave that away about half way through the season because of our good wicket keepers – this was especially important because we were playing with only five or sometimes four fielders. Owen loves to learn about the game and is well placed to be successful and enjoy cricket for years to come if he so wishes.

### **Rory Fraser**

Capable of hitting with genuine power and Rory is developing more shots through the off side. Has a good eye with the bat and in the field, helping make and save important runs throughout the season. With work on his batting technique could be very handy under 12s batter. Behind Finn, scored the second most runs across the three Edinburgh teams in our competition. Took two genuine outfield catches. Needs to work on accuracy with bowling but can bowl quick. Looking forward to seeing him in under 12s.

### **William Mann**

Will is our most improved player. His batting was dynamic in the last part of the season. Has a large array of shots – almost too many to fit into a 17 ball innings! Once he settles into playing the right shot at the right ball, he'll be a very good player. His bowling also improved. Was bowling two or three very threatening potential wicket taking balls every over by the end of the year. Imparts impressive spin on the ball and I'd encourage him to stick with his leg spin – very few people can execute this skill. Will is also very talented in the field.

Geoff Fraser (coach)

## **U10 Black**

The team consisted of 8 terrific young players. For 5 of the players, it was their first year of club cricket. The team bonded well and were committed to improving their skills throughout the season. Plenty of focus on bowling line and length, fielding, and running between the wickets. The latter certainly paid dividends as the team certainly ran plenty of sneaky byes each week. One team even put in their best throwing arm at slip. Not to take a catch, but to try and run out the batter on strike as they run to the bowler's end.

The team were able to go through the whole season **undefeated** which is a testament to how well they bonded and took instruction whilst maintaining the most essential element of having lots of fun!!!

### **The Team:**

#### **Cade Dolman**

Cade played his first game of club cricket like it was his 50<sup>th</sup>. Taking his best bowling figures of the year 4/8 in game #1. A passionate cricketer who was a consistent performer each week with both bat and ball and later behind the stumps. Developed the ability to score fluently without always scoring fours with 190 runs including a high score of 32 to go along with his 15 wickets for the season.

#### **Khean Donald**

Khean regularly bowled some fast and accurate overs which resulted in 13 wickets. He was difficult to score against when he was in his groove with a best bowling performance of 3/5. Clean in the field including winning the classic catches comp at training. Khean's batting improved through the season with 92 runs and a high score of 13.

#### **Anderson (Ando) Eddy**

Ando balances a solid defence whilst scoring runs. 169 runs for the season which included a high score of 27. His bowling improved with consistent line and length resulting in 9 wickets for the season. Ando is a typical wicket keeper always preferring to take the gloves over the ball. Demonstrated clean glove work which included 11 run outs. A cricketer's cricketer, and an all-round entertainer.

### **U10 BLACK SEASON 2023-24**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Cade Dolman

Khean Donald

Anderson Eddy

Henry Klein

Samuel McKean

Oscar Perry

Theodore Robertson

Frederick York

#### **COACH**

Lauchlan Eddy & Matt Dolman

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Charlie Perry

### **Henry Klein**

Henry had a particularly good first year of club cricket. A confident and consistent bat making 150 runs for the season with a high score of 30. A nice correct looking batter with many a run scored from his textbook perfect cover drive. Bowling consistently on the stumps resulted in 15 wickets with a best performance of 4/6.

### **Samuel (Sammy) McKean**

Sammy demonstrated enthusiasm each week and developed his cricketing skills consistently across all disciplines throughout the season in his first season of club cricket. His batting confidence grew each game developing some classy offside shots resulting in 82 runs and a high score of 21. Did well with the ball by taking 8 wickets including best figures of 3/11.

### **Theodore (Teddy) Robertson**

A good first year of club cricket from Teddy. Always taking on feedback and applying it to his game. A great listener and sportsman, for as captain gave one of his overs to a teammate to even up the overs. Teddy scored 50 runs which included a high score of 11. His bowling was very consistent, taking 4 wickets with a best performance of 2/4.

### **Frederick (Freddy) York**

Freddy was another one of our first-year players. His batting improved throughout the season with 81 runs and a high score of 17. Freddy's bowling was accurate taking 13 wickets which included a fantastic, best bowling performance of 4/1. Always good in the field and an enthusiastic team player.

### **Oscar Perry**

In short, the fastest bowler and the biggest hitter in the team. Oscar's 15 wickets for the season included a deadly spell of 5/9. Oscar also showed great sportsmanship by slowing up his bowling just a bit when bowling to some of the younger less experienced batters. Oscar's batting went to another level this season with 275 runs and a high score of 49. Delivered some powerful hitting displays with 48 fours for the season.

A big thank you to my fellow Coach Matt Dolman, Team Manager Charlie and all the parents for stepping up each week to help with all the duties required for the team to play cricket each week. It was a lot of fun to coach these fantastic kids. I look forward to seeing them develop and enjoy their cricket further at the Burra!

Regards

Coach - Lauchlan Eddy

Coach – Matt Dolman

Team Manager – Charlie Perry

## **U10 Maroon**

It seems like so long ago that we started the season here against Edinburgh White. It was a really close match and considering it was the first time that Dylan, Jeremy, Leo and Frankie had ever played a game of cricket it was such an encouraging start. This was a great group of kids from the very start – no doubt helped by how well most of the team knew each other coming into this. Even those who were new to each other started gelling very quickly and it didn't take long for everyone to be playing stacks-on-the-mill post training and games.

Since that time we have not only worked on the 'hard' skills of the game – batting, bowling and fielding – but also the other really important parts of cricket. We focus a lot on the skills of backing up, staying involved in the game, supporting your teammates and most importantly, playing the game in the right spirit. It makes me so proud when our players identify that other teams or supporters aren't playing in the right spirit and they become determined to play the 'right' way and not be drawn into any negative behaviour. A big shout out here to the families of our players who constantly reinforce this as well. This doesn't necessarily come verbally but more importantly in our actions from the sidelines. This modelling will carry forward into their more senior teams.

Speaking of family support, we couldn't have done what we did this year without everyone pitching in each week. Even though we allocate duties, everyone is always ready to jump in and help get things done. This extended to training nights when the coaches couldn't get there and the parents set up and ran the sessions. It also makes a big difference to have a consistent support base for the players. We could see how the good humour and encouragement given to the team through the season helped the players enjoy the game and feel confident to have a go. A special shout out to Sarah for providing that amazing tea cake each week! I'm having withdrawals already.

A massive thank you to Giles for managing the team this year. It was the first time he had ever done something like this and he not only ran the team beautifully but also jumped in to help with coaching and running match days whenever needed. The Team Manager role is

### **U10 MAROON SEASON 2023-24**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Frankie Barton

Harry Dodd

Felix Holdsworth

Dylan Lovell

Benjamin Muller

Archer Nicholson

Stirling Smith

Leo Soffer

Jeremy Tsen

#### **COACH**

Chris Muller & Leon Spratt

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Giles Legge

really the heart and soul of each team and we wouldn't function without one. I think it's fair to say he has made the job his own and hopefully he'll be back at it again next year!

From a coaching perspective it was great to have Leon put his hand up for the role this year. Trying to combine work and coaching junior sport is never easy so having two people doing the role is pretty much essential these days. Having both coaches on the same page when it comes to skill development and playing the right way is vital and makes running training and match days pretty much seamless. Leon did most of the heavy lifting throughout the year so the credit for how well the players have developed really should go to him.

Finally, to the players. we couldn't wish for a better bunch of kids. They really progressed through the season - their skill-development and understanding of the game never stopped improving. Although selective listening, hat frisbee and stacks-on slowed our progress at times 'having fun at cricket' was always the end goal. I am confident all the players will have positive memories of the patient one on one time Chris spent with each of them each season. Looking back through the scorecard for each game shows each player had a standout game throughout the year. It wasn't the same person making runs or taking wickets every game. Everyone contributed and everyone developed and as coaches that is all we can ask.

### **Harry**

Harry's energy and enthusiasm is infectious, and his determination to improve is obvious whenever you talk to him. He really listens to advice and tries to incorporate this into his play immediately afterwards.

We worked a lot on his bowling technique this year and to get him to look through the window and watch the spot he wants to land the ball all the way from his run up through to delivering it. This paid off and by the second half of the season he was regularly taking wickets.

One of the areas for you to work on is stepping towards the ball and keeping the bat straight up and down as you hit it. A ball on a string would probably help with developing this part of your technique.

### **Stirling**

It was fantastic to have Stirling back this year. He had grown so much coming into the season and when he realised during the year that he was much stronger than most of the other kids in the competition he started to incorporate this into his batting and use it to his advantage.

Stirling bowls beautiful outswing at a nice pace that is only going to get faster as he gets bigger and stronger again. Working on consistency during your bowling will be the key for you as you go up to U/12.

### **Archer**

Archer has a beautiful, natural bowling action that allows him to release the ball with a really nice wrist position which provides for swing and pace. It was a real joy to be able to be out in the middle umpiring when Archer was bowling too quickly for many of the batters who were facing up to him. Having that natural pace is rare and it is exciting as a coach to see players who have that.

Keep working on your bowling technique, especially keeping your wrist behind the ball to ensure the ball is delivered more consistently. You will get faster as you get stronger but the key to taking wickets is control.

### **Benny**

It feels like Benny is the seasoned pro of the Maroon U/10 team having been in and around the team for the best part of three years. His understanding of the game has improved again this year and his concentration throughout the 20 overs in the field is testament to this.

My highlights are when Benny gets a good delivery from the opposition and plays it with good technique. That being said I did also quite enjoy it when he tried to play a reverse sweep – not so much the ramp shot though. Benny, I'd like you to keep working on standing up tall when you bowl and landing the ball on a good length so you challenge the batter to play a good shot.

### **Dylan**

That cover drive. As a coach trying to teach batting technique to a bunch of U/10 boys who do their best to disrupt pretty much everything, it is so rewarding to see that some of that instruction does sink in. In fairness to Dylan, as much as he mucks around, he also listens intently and then works very hard to put into practice the skills we talk about.

I'm so impressed in how far you've developed your skills in your first year. Keep listening, keep practicing what your coaches teach you and you'll go a long way.

### **Felix**

Barely a game goes by that we don't have some sort of a highlight from Felix. Clearly the best celebrator of a wicket that we have, his passion for playing is wonderful. He was so determined to take a wicket in each game and worked so hard on his bowling to improve his technique. All I can say is to keep working on it and it will happen.

One of my absolute highlights of the year comes from Felix as he commentated his way through a dodgy run and then fell to his knees thanking the opposition wicket keeper for knocking the stumps over!

### **Frankie**

Frankie had a great first season of cricket. His energy, speed in the field and overall enthusiasm for playing brought a great energy to the team. He also brought his brothers along each week which provided extra players for the post match games!

One of the best highlights of the year was Frankie hitting a 6 in the last game. It is the first 6 I have seen from one of our players in the three years as coach! Just remember to keep working on your batting and bowling techniques. Speed and power aren't the only important skills in cricket – you need a really sound technique for both of these to keep improving. Spend time working on playing straight when you are batting and also keep in mind that not all batting partners are as fast as you between the wickets...

### **Jeremy**

Sadly for Giles, Jeremy played his best game of the year when he was away and Olivia was filling in as Team Manager! Three wickets and a boundary was definitely a reward for working hard on improving your bowling and batting throughout the season. Jeremy listens to the coaches' suggestions and works hard to implement them at training and on game day.

A great first season from Jeremy. Keep working on getting your arm up nice and high so it brushes your ear on the way through. This will help to be more consistent with the line of your deliveries as well as start to swing the ball more next season.

### **Leo**

We are lucky to have a few kids in this team who just love cricket – and I mean next level love it. Watching it at every opportunity, playing it, thinking about it and I'm pretty confident dreaming about it too. I suspect Leo leads the pack in this aspect (although I have a feeling that Archer may not agree) and the great thing is that he translates this love of the game into enthusiasm and energy throughout the game.

It was great to see him charging in even on the hottest days trying to bowl fast. You have one of the things that is really hard to teach – you naturally bowl quickly. I think your focus should be on developing your technique to make the most of that speed and to increase your consistency and control of where you are bowling.

A special mention to Ted (Frankie's younger brother) and Asher (Dylan's younger brother) for continuing the tradition of getting a taste of a match the year before you start playing for the team. It's a really good way of introducing players and keeping some continuity in the team from year to year. Maybe Hamish can start planning his first game at the end of next season?

Good luck to all the players going up to U/12. You're as well prepared as you can be and I'm sure you'll rise to the challenge of the next level of cricket.



## U10 Gold

What a fantastic cricket season!

With almost the same team returning from last year, the boys had another season of significant improvement, development and most importantly a lot of fun. The phenomenal improvement in the boys across two seasons is so pleasing. The benefits of the hard work were demonstrated most weeks with consistent, strong performances displaying the quality of batting, bowling and fielding across the whole team. It was particularly noteworthy post-Christmas where the boys regularly made 150+, kept most teams to sub 90 and were taking 10+ wickets and numerous catches each match.

It was an action packed season with highlights including:

- **Sam Falkinder** started the year like a house on fire with a hat trick on the way to 6-1 against Clifton Hill. Sam's leggies continued to grow throughout the season and were a joy to watch as he took 11 wickets for the year. Sam also made 117 good runs playing some very nice shots on the way.
- **Lucas Muir** got to bowling. It was beyond exciting that Lucas did the hard work to get himself to a position where not only could he bowl with a straight arm, but he did so to take 5 wickets in the last 3 games. Luc did a great job regularly with the gloves and was solid with the bat making 51 runs across the season.
- **Teddy Richards's** improvement in his first full year of junior cricket was out of sight. Making 86 runs for the year, Teddy got almost half of them in the last 3 games including a wonderful 16 in the last game. A quiet achiever - Teddy improved game to game, gaining 6 wickets with his bowling, and 3 run outs in the last 3 games of the year
- **Orson Riley** competed with Teddy for man of the match in the last game with his 4-3. Orson's cricket went from strength to strength as his concentration improved, making 98 runs and taking the most wickets (17) for the team (at an average of 4 if you don't mind).
- **Anay Paturkar** continued to shine making a beautiful 30 in the second last game on his way to 157 runs for the season. Anay's bowling was exceptional, and often too

### U10 GOLD SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Harry Bridges

Sam Falkinder

Lucas Muir

Anay Paturkar

Teddy Richards

Orson Riley

Hugo Valkenburg

Wesley Whiley

Henry Winkett

#### COACH

Stuart Whiley

#### TEAM MANAGER

Michael Falkinder

good, ending with 8 wickets for the year. In the field Anay hit the stumps regularly for 9 run outs.

- **Harry Bridges** is a delight to coach. His application shone out, creating pace with the ball and taking 7 wickets for the year. Beyond that Harry was consistent with the bat, developing more shots as the year progressed and making 97 runs and great with the gloves (3 catches and a stumping).
- **Henry Winkett** set us up beautifully in the second last game taking 3-3 from 3 overs. Henry's cricket developed out of sight with his bowling creating more and more momentum alongside his continued batting development.
- **Wes Whiley** provided a massive highlight of a stage one 50! Building on 29 from 15 the week before, Wes made 51 off 16 balls against Burwood United Canterbury as part of 132 runs after Christmas (and 180 in total). Wes also took 11 wickets, 4 catches, 8 run outs and a stumping!

Beyond the growth of the boy's cricket skills, it was fantastic to see the kids ongoing development as people. The joy they have in each other's performances and playing together is something to behold. In particular, I loved how they got around Hugo in his last game before moving to Toronto. Hugo had a day out with 8 not out and a wicket but I suspect it was the boys showing the love that was the biggest highlight of all.

Finally, a couple of thank yous!

- Firstly, to Coach Stu for the fantastic coaching and mentoring to the kids over the last 2+ years as the boys have come through cricket blast to play for the junior teams.
- To Michael for co-ordinating activities as the team manager.
- To Lola for stepping up to assume regular scoring duties this year.
- Finally, to the parents for taxi-ing the boys to training and games, for refreshments, scoring, and ground logistics - without your support these games just wouldn't happen.

Really looking forward to seeing how the boys continue to develop their cricket with most of them eyeing off u12s for 24/25!

## **U10 Red**

The mighty U10 Red team reformed this year, aiming to build on their inaugural season in 2022/23, which had a lot of highlights. The main aims for the team this season were to continue to improve their cricket skills, and most of all, have a lot of fun. These goals were achieved in spades.

Whilst U10 cricket is not about winning, it was still great for the team to get a victory early in the season (season 2022/23 was pretty bare in the win column). With this monkey off the back, the team knuckled down, applying themselves at training, always turning up with a smile and willingness to learn and give their best. Game days were similar. The efforts paid off with some great wins (and narrow losses) across the season, with all players making significant contributions.

All team members greatly improved across the season, always played in the right spirit, and overall had another very enjoyable season. The boys' positive attitudes to training and playing was fantastic (and made the coaching roles a pleasure).

We'd like to add a particular thanks to James Goulding for his excellent team management, to Louise Dichiera for all her work at the club and, not least, to our parent group for their support and assistance throughout the year. We had a fantastic spirit around the team and everyone had a lot of fun.

### **Gabriel Watson**

Gabe, through hard work and dedication, continued to improve across the season. Loves charging in off the long run, aiming to knock over the opposition's best batsmen. A highlight was taking 3 wickets in a quality 4 over spell of bowling on Brunswick St Oval against the strong Edinburgh White batting line up. Keep up the good work Gabriel, all the best for next season!

### **Marco Testa**

Marco had a great season, improving in all areas of the game. Highly competitive (and not shy in giving an opposition batter a Mankad warning!) and enthusiastic, he contributed greatly to the team's success. A top score of 16 and best bowling of 2 for 4 highlight his all-round contributions. Good luck for next season Marco!

## **U10 RED** SEASON 2023-24

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Rupert Barker

William Berry

Gus Crowe

Thomas Goulding

Henry Hubbard

Manny Knowles

Gus Ransom

Marco Testa

Gabriel Watson

### **COACH**

Ash Barker & Tim Berry

### **TEAM MANAGER**

James Goulding

### **Gus Ransom**

Gus was a consistently strong performer with the bat, ball (12 wickets for the season!) and also as one of our regular 'keepers. His enthusiasm for all aspects of the game is infectious, with his personal motto appearing to be 'too much cricket is never enough'. Season highlights include top scoring with 18 not out in a nail biting 5 run win over Kew. Great job Gus!

### **Henry Hubbard**

Henry dedication to training resulted in a great season, with improvement to his batting and bowling, whilst also maintaining his very high standard with the 'keeping gloves and in the field (3 runouts for the season!). Henry made numerous contributions with the bat and ball, including taking two crucial wickets while defending a small total against Mont Albert. Well done Henry!

### **Manny Knowles**

Our lightning fast left arm bowler and hard hitting batsman, Manny had another super season, always contributing with the bat and ball. Season highlights include taking 3 three wickets in a quality spell of bowling against Hawthorn and smashing 14 vital runs coming in lower down the order in our last game. All the best for next season Manny!

### **Thomas Goulding**

Thomas' cricket greatly improved across the season, and he always had a great attitude. Whether batting, bowling or keeping, he was always supporting his team mates (his quality dance moves whilst keeping also kept our supporters entertained!). Season highlights include a sizzling bowling spell of 2 for 3 against the strong Burwood team and taking down the Kew bowling attack while opening the batting. Well done Thomas!

### **Gus Crowe**

One of our dedicated 'keepers (always keen to don the gloves), Gus worked diligently on other parts of his game across the season, showing great improvement with batting and bowling. Season highlights include making a mighty lower order knock (10 not out) with the bat in a hard fought run chase, resulting in a close win against Burwood. Super work Gus!

### **Rupert Barker**

Rupe had another quality, very consistent season with both bat and ball. Loved to mix up his deliveries mid over, going from bowling a thunderbolt one ball to leg spin the next, always keeping the opposition batsmen on their toes. Just failed in our last game to reach his season goal of hitting a six (by about 1 metre), but there is always next season. Season highlights included a blistering knock of 18 not out against Mont Albert, and a spell of 3 for 8 against Burwood. Well done Rupe!

### **Will Berry**

A very consistent season for Will, showing improvement in all aspects of the game, with some big hits with the bat and accuracy with the ball. His efforts in the field saved a heap of runs across the season. Season highlight was making his top score in the final game whilst opening the batting, with some cracking shots to the boundary rope. Great season Will!

Ash Barker & Tim Berry (Coaches)

## U12A

A successful season for the 12A's, with 6 wins, a tie, and two losses, finishing 4th on the ladder. We had the second highest quotient - 2.21 - reflecting that we often had resounding victories.

A special thanks goes out to the parents. They came in numbers to cheer on the boys. We relished the spectacle, shared the joys and the disappointments, laughed and enjoyed each other's company. Many parents went above and beyond throughout the year to make the season possible – scoring, ground set up, umpiring, bringing food, cooking sausages, organising and cheering the boys on. In a group where so many contributed a great deal, it is possibly remiss to single anyone out, but impossible not to mention Team Manager Stephen Rooke - a great person, fun to work with, always a step ahead, quick with a quip and completely flawless in the execution of his role.

It was an honour to coach such a great group of boys, who were eager to learn and improve, worked hard, supported each other, put the team first and knew how to have fun. All players contributed significantly to the team's success and all improved their skills across the season. We lost the semi-final to the top team, but importantly, our effort and commitment on the day was first class.

### Harvey Darvall

Two-time Olympic Gold Medal Hockeyroo coach Ric Charlesworth famously said: 'I never met an athlete that knew how good they could be.' This year, Harvey began to find out how good he could be. He surprised himself by making 52 not out in the second match, but soon lifted his sights and ambitions. Across the season he made an outstanding 284 runs at 56.8, including four scores of 50-plus not out. Perhaps his best innings was his 55 not out in the semi-final against very good bowling, played amidst high temperatures and fighting fatigue after a long spell and captaining the boys in the field. He regularly formed part of an opening or early bowling attack with Sammy Gordon, who both bowled with genuine pace, swung the ball away, and let the opposition know that batting against Edinburgh was going to be a tough ask. Harvey has an excellent fast bowling action - his tally of 6 wickets could grow significantly in the future with a little more attention to line and length. A natural leader with a hunger to improve, if he continues to strive for excellence, the sky's the limit.

## U12A

SEASON 2023-24

### TEAM MEMBERS

Harvey Darvall

Matthew Donnelly

Leroy Fratto

Oscar Gaymer

Samuel Gordon

Neel Gudivada

Samuel Rooke

Harrison Rosevear

Elliot Savage

Louis Stammers

Banjo Watson

### COACH

Sam Rosevear

### TEAM MANAGER

Stephen Rooke

### **Leroy Fratto**

Leroy's combination with Harvey at the top of the order was a crucial foundation for the success of the team. He made a lot of runs - across the season he made an excellent 167 runs at 27.8 (and also made a mountain of runs in the under 14s). Alongside his own runs, his partnerships with Harvey also made it easier for our middle order to come in and make runs. While he defended well and played all the shots, his square cut stood out as his greatest weapon. Good luck to any bowler bowling short and wide! Leroy also bowled accurate medium-pace outswingers which consistently tested the batsman. Late in the season at training, some very promising leg spinners suddenly appeared - could this be the start of something special? Leroy was also our best fielder, taking 9 catches across the season. The keys to Leroy's success are that he works hard, practices his craft, shows grit and determination, and gives it everything he's got. A surefire recipe for ongoing success.

### **Banjo Watson**

Banjo had a great season as an allrounder. He took the equal top number of wickets - 8 at 10.25 - bowling fast, seam-up outswingers. His bowling continued to improve across the season as he worked on his rhythm, found good line and length, and lifted his left arm higher, allowing him to generate extra pace. He also played well batting high in the order, using an excellent technique and a positive approach to make regular contributions with the bat. Across the season, he made 126 runs, with top scores of 37 not out and 28 not out. Banjo was a great team player, who always understood when it was time to give his team mates a go, and he enjoyed their success. Banjo has the keys to success in sport and his broader endeavours - he listens to advice and knows success comes from hard work, commitment and striving for excellence.

### **Neel Gudivada**

Neel had an excellent season as an allrounder. He took the equal highest number of wickets - 8 at 11.6 - with his leg spinners. He was at his best when flighted the ball and gave it a good rip, tempting the batsmen into attacking - at their peril. In this way, Neel's spinners often changed the momentum of the match. Neel also made good contributions with the bat, making 107 runs at a good average - 26.8. I was highly impressed that his batting repertoire combined both a very strong pull shot - his key source of boundaries - with a very handy cover drive. The highlights of the year were his 27 off just 31 balls against STC South Camberwell, including 6 fours, and his 22 off just 15 balls against Surrey Hills. Well done Neel on a great season.

### **Oscar Gaymer**

Oscar is the 'Glenn McGrath' of the Edinburgh Under 12As, regularly bowling with metronomic accuracy, nibbling the ball off the seam or swinging the ball either way to claim regular wickets. Across the season he took 6 wickets at 13. The key to Oscar's success is that he works hard at his craft and invests his heart and soul on game day, doing everything

he can to help the team win. In the field, Oscar was chirpy, using his voice to keep the team focused and confident, and applying pressure on the batsmen. Oscar also made some handy runs across the season, including his 21 against STC South Camberwell, when he displayed his key strengths - solid defence, a good off-drive and a strong pull shot. Thank you, Oscar for being a great member of the team and congratulations on another great season for the Burras.

### **Sam Rooke**

An excellent allround sportsman, Sam had a strong season as an allrounder in cricket. He took the equal most number of wickets - 8 at 8.75, including high-impact spells of 2 for 5 and 3 for 4. He bowled very accurately, with a good action and swung the ball both ways. A genuinely good batsman with a good defence and all the shots - Sam had some bad luck in the first half of the season, including run outs and questionable umpiring decisions. Cricket can be a harsh game, so I was greatly impressed by how Sam dealt with misfortune, staying positive and continuing to work hard. Pleasingly, the runs flowed in the second half of the season and Sam was able to show us all what he could do, with the highlight his dominant innings of 34 not out off 36 balls against Richmond Union. Richly talented with a positive 'can do' attitude and a delight to coach, I hope his excellence in basketball will not preclude participation in cricket in 2024-25.

### **Elliot Savage**

Elliot made a big contribution in 2023-24. Previously viewed as a bowler, Elliot showed this year he is an allrounder. Building on extra work in the 'winter warriors' program, Elliot achieved a step-change improvement in his batting, scoring 116 at 29, including scores of 34 not out and 22 not out. (He also had a number of excellent innings in the under 14s). He is a magnificent striker of the ball, able to drive and pull the ball with tremendous power. Congratulations Elliot - it is great to see hard work pay off. Going forward the task is to couple the hitting power with a watertight defence, and choose judiciously which ones to defend and which to dispatch. Elliott also continued to excel with the ball, his fast-medium inswingers producing 6 wickets at 13. I was impressed to see Elliot work hard on his rhythm and line and length, focusing in particular on bowling full and aiming outside off, ensuring the inswingers regularly landed in a dangerous zone for the batsman. Elliot was also a lot of fun across the season, contributing to a good team spirit. I'm told another season of 'winter warriors' is in the works, so another step-change improvement is on the cards for 2024-25.

### **Matthew Donnelly**

Matthew had another excellent season in 2023-24. He took his wicket keeping to the next level, always taking the first stint with our fastest bowlers during the season. He made noticeable improvements with his footwork - becoming more agile sideways - and gloved the ball with increasing levels of comfort and panache. The highlight was his outstanding work in the semi-final where he really shone and kept wicket for the entire innings despite oppressive heat. When he took the gloves off, Matthew also had a great season with the



ball, taking 6 wickets at 10.3 with his outswingers and off cutters. Matthew also worked hard and made good contributions with the bat, without scoring the mountain of runs that made him the topscorer in the under 12B team in the previous season. Matthew continued to show he can bat well - he concentrates well, has a good temperament, defends well and has a boundary hitting pull shot. With further work on driving and defending, the runs will continue to flow in 2024-25.

### **Louis Stammers**

What a great season from Louis! At 10 years old, Louis is the youngest member of the team, yet is already making a very strong contribution in the Under 12As. He made regular contributions with the bat, often striking the ball with great power, and finishing third in the batting with 142 runs at 20.2. His best innings was his dominant display against Boroondara when he hit 41 not out off just 26 deliveries, with seven fours. His pull shot is his best weapon, but it was great to see he continued to improve his driving across the season. Louis also bowled well across the season, generating handy pace and swinging the ball both ways. Importantly, Louis also fields well and catches with excellent technique. A very talented cricketer with a great positive mindset. With two years to go in the Under 12As, Louis can look forward to an even stronger season as an allrounder in 2024-25.

### **Harry Rosevear**

Another of the younger brigade to have a strong season, Harry took 7 wickets at 8.57, the best bowling average in the team, with his outswingers and off-cutters, including decisive spells of 3/9 and 2/9. Harry also made a good contribution as a wicketkeeper, taking the second half of each innings. Harry was an excitement machine with the bat, running hard between the wickets, and scored 109 runs across the season, including excellent innings of 37 not out and 26 not out. His greatest challenge proved to be an inability to resist temptation, repeatedly dismissed in the middle part of the season seeking to hit loopy spinners into the next suburb. Late in the season a calmer temperament and a sound defence made a welcome appearance. Together with a tremendous pull shot, steady improvement with his drives, and great capacity to time the ball, this suggests the batting package is coming together. With hard work, he can look forward to a strong season in the Under 12As in 2024-25.

### **Sammy Gordon**

Another of the younger brigade, Sammy had an excellent season. He has a particular talent - speed! Sammy runs and bowls fast. Sammy took 5 important wickets across the season, which was a good result but even still underplays the impact he had with his excellent bowling. Along with Harvey, he often opened the bowling and put the opposition under tremendous pressure with his fast outswingers (and occasional inswingers). This often appeared to dampen the disposition and lower the confidence of the opposition, positioning our next bowlers to capitalise on the pressure built by our openers. Sammy also made some good contributions with the bat and importantly, substantially improved his technique across the season. He has become a much more complete batsman, with a good technique

for defending, cover driving and square cutting. He is also now hitting the ball with genuine power. The package of skills for batting are coming together, with the runs to flow in 2024-25.

Sam Rosevear  
Coach

## **U12B Gold**

**Axel** is a good keeper and batsman. He also bowls a very good line and length. He is always looking to make runs and take wickets. He likes to chat with other fielders on the field.

**Tom** is a good batsman and bowler. He is a team player and is always looking to contribute with bat and ball. He always encourages players on the field.

**Otis** is one of the coolest players we have. He always puts the team first and is ready to do whatever we ask him to do. He is a good bowler and has a very solid defense when batting. He loves to do wicketkeeping.

**Connor** is a good bowler and batsman. Always looking to get wickets when bowling. He is a good fielder and a great team player. He bowls with line and length.

**Seb** is a good left-arm bowler. Always looking to get wickets when bowling. He is a hard-hitting batsman and a good fielder too. He likes to chat with teammates when on the field.

**Callum** is a good left-hand batsman. He has some great shots and he is a good fast bowler who can naturally swing the ball. He is a good teammate who looks after all the players.

**Manny** is a very good spin bowler who can bowl quality spin bowling. He is a good batsman and fielder. He always likes to encourage teammates on the field. He is a good runner between the wickets too.

**Harry** is a good left-arm bowler and a good batsman. He is a good team player who loves to chat on the field and encourage other fielders too. He is the quickest runner between the wickets.

**Leo** is a good batsman with very good defence. He can bowl with line and length. He is a good learner too.

### **U12B GOLD** SEASON 2023-24

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Arlo Darvall

Jett Edwards

Shardya Fernando

Axel Harrison

Harry Hibdige

Otis Kuring

Sebastian Mathews

Tom Newman

Jyotveer Singh

Connor Walsh

Manny Willis

Callum Winkett

#### **COACH**

Sunny Singh

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Sam Kuring

**Arlo** is a very good all-rounder. He is one of the fastest bowlers in the team. He is very quick between the wickets and a sharp fielder. He is always keen to make quick runs and is also a good team player.

**Jett** is a good fast bowler and left-hand batsman. He bowls a good line and length. A very good fielder with the ability to run between the wickets. He hits the ball very hard and loves to open the batting and bowling.

**Shardy** is a very cool-headed batsman, always playing proper cricket shots. He is a great bowler who bowls with lots of variations. A quick runner between the wickets, always looking to score runs.

**Veer** is a very good batsman and fielder. He hardly drops any catches. He is a very hard-hitting batsman who wants to hit the runs quickly. He is a good bowler and always ready to take on the challenge with bat and ball. He likes to keep the chatter up on the field.

## **U12B Maroon**

Well done to all the players for a really great season.

Under 12's is a significant step up from U10's; the games are longer, the grounds bigger, the ball comes on a bit harder, and opponents can be a couple of years older. Our team was comprised entirely of first year U12 players and considering that the majority of our opponents were top age (or even some filling in from U14), the players should be proud of our way they equipped ourselves across the matches.

The year started with a tough couple of games against more experienced teams, but in the last few weeks before the Christmas break the team really started to gel and it showed in the performances on field. Travelling out to Knox for two weeks in the wet and managing to craft a competitive match against a very good side, in the incessant rain and without (much) in the way of complaint, showed great character from our young side.

By the time we met Koonung Heights, at that stage undefeated and ladder leaders, we were playing some really great cricket. To go to their home ground and push them all the way, up to the very last over, was a fabulous effort and it showed how much the team had progressed individually and as a group since the first few training sessions.

This form was carried over the break and into our first game back, which was also the team's first win! Watching from the sidelines, the assembled adults commented on what a good game of skilful and disciplined cricket it was. Every player contributed and looked like they were having fun doing it, and the result was an excellent and thoroughly deserved victory.

While the final two games may not have delivered scoreboard victory, in both matches our team put themselves in positions to win, which represented a real improvement from earlier in the season. Each of these games saw our team win sessions and really force the opposition to play some excellent cricket to avoid defeat; this alone was a great achievement for our team and they should be proud of it.

### **U12B MAROON SEASON 2023-24**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Tiger Ah-Lit
Campbell Eddy
Lincoln Gaymer
Jack Hawken
Grange MacDonald
Murphy Martin
Nico Muller
Louie Nicholson
Balthazar Quin
Harrison Walker
Felix Webb

#### **COACH**

Simon Gaymer, Lauchlan Eddy & Chris Muller

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Ned Martin

Every single player should be encouraged by the way they applied themselves to improving their cricket, but also for the commendable sportsmanship they displayed throughout the season. Each game was played in a great spirit, with a real emphasis on having fun, playing fair and supporting one another. Congratulations U12B Maroon 2023-24!

A few words on our players....

**Tiger Ah-Lit** – playing his first year of club cricket, Tiger developed into a handy batter, contribution some fine scores the second half of the season to finish off the year very strongly. Tiger’s bowling also improved, appearing to add a few yards of pace between first and last games!

**Campbell Eddy** – showed great character all throughout this season, and had a balanced year with bat and ball, contributing both useful runs and wickets. Campbell often bowled with sharp pace which really troubled the opposition, and in the field he held catches and effected runouts.

**Lincoln Gaymer** – equally handy with bat and ball, Lincoln had a very solid all-round season. With the ball he was especially effective at pinning the opposition down during the middle overs, and the team benefited on more than one occasion from his aggressive counterattacking batting and quick running between the wickets.

**Nico Muller** – took on the big responsibility of wicket keeping across several matches and did an excellent job, often in difficult circumstances. When he did bowl, Nico had a knack of taking big wickets at key moments. Nico was typically vocal in the field, always looking to encourage his teammates and was a real asset to helping the team gel together.

**Jack Hawken** – had an excellent season, taking wickets, scoring runs and holding catches. Jack’s compact action and accuracy made it difficult for the opposition, backed up by the fact that many of his wickets were bowled. Jack also batted sensibility and with skill, which was key to the team getting away to a number of good starts by seeing off the opposition’s opening bowlers.

**Felix Webb** – never backed away with the bat or ball, putting value on his wicket while still looking to hit the bad balls and score. Felix picked up a couple key wickets at times when the team needed it, took catches and always worked hard in the field.

**Harrison Walker** – has a season of key moments, including an excellent innings against Clifton Hill where he posted the seasons top score and finished not out. With the bat he

always looked to punish the bad balls and his bowling was accurate and consistent. Harrison also stepped up to keep wicket in the final match, which he did very successfully.

**Murphy Martin** – worked hard on his new bowling action this season and was rewarded by taking several wickets. With the bat he increased his range of scoring options, was always very sharp when running between the wickets, and he had a good season in the field, taking catches and contributing to runouts with strong and accurate throwing.

**Balthazar Quin** – showed a lot of character, no more so than in the victory against Wyclife, where took a couple of keys wickets to help set up the win. Zar was always willing to have a real go with the bat and take on the opposition bowlers when the team needed it, and his wicket keeping improved a great deal across the season.

**Grange MacDonald** – had an excellent season with both bat and ball. Grange has a wide range of shots, no more so than when playing off his legs, which he does with confidence and control. In the field Grange the most consistently energetic and active member of the team, which combined with a very strong throwing arm, always keeps opposition batters on their toes.

**Louie Nicholson** – grew in confidence as the season progressed, learning to trust his very solid batting technique, to the point where he achieved his top score in the final match and batted for close to an hour! Louis also focused on developing his leg spin, which improved greatly across the season, and he was always keen and active in the field, especially off his own bowling.

And finally, a very big thankyou on behalf of the parents, carers and players to Simon, Locki and Chris. The coaches help foster a fun and caring environment for the players, while also looking to keep developing their skills and competitive instinct! They represent the club and its values well and help pass these values on to our players.

As always, many thanks also to the various parents, grandparents, carers, friends and siblings who are so important to keeping junior sport running smoothly; thank you all for showing up, putting in and generally getting things done.

See you all next year and go the 'Burra!

## **U12B Green**

Under 12B Green took on a challenge this year, with most of our team coming up from Under 10s or stepping up a grade from Under 12C last year. While we only won 1 match for the season, all our players improved greatly throughout the year and we were competing strongly with the better teams by the end of the season. All our players show significant promise and enthusiasm for the game and played with great sportsmanship in every match.

### **Thomas Tehan**

Tom is a fierce competitor and a true all-rounder, reliably one of our best bowlers, batters and fielders every week, donning the keeping gloves whenever he could as well. He leads by example on the field, putting in maximum effort at all times and urging his teammates along too.

His highlights reel includes a brilliant 49 not out in our first match of the year, and some classic catches both in close and in the outfield. His enthusiasm and passion for the game will see him go far in cricket.

### **Jeremy Pasricha**

Our resident speed demon with the new ball, Jeremy's express pace regularly troubled the opposition batters. Over the season he was able to gain greater control over his line and length as well, culminating in Jeremy becoming our most consistent bowler, taking at least one wicket in all but one of our 9 matches this season.

### **Jeevan Pasricha**

A stalwart with the bat with a solid forward defence that was often able to hold out the opposition's best bowlers.

Jeevan's bowling technique and particularly his delivery stride improved out of sight over the early part of the season, with his height, line and length proving difficult for our opposition to score against.

### **Kai O'Connor**

Kai's cricket skills improved greatly over the course of the year. He worked hard at training every week and by the end of the season was a reliable catch in the field and taking wickets

## **U12B GREEN SEASON 2023-24**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Finn Darvall
Miles Davey
Nik de Silva
Nicholas Harris
Samuel Ling
Kai O'Connor
Jeevan Pasricha
Jeremy Pasricha
Max Slattery
Reuben Warne

### **COACH**

Craig Harris & Taj Darvall

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Elizabeth Warne



of his own with the ball, including very handy figures of 2/6 (the best for the team) against North Alphington in Round 7.

### **Samuel Ling**

Sam improved with both the bat and ball over the course of his first year in Under 12s, also becoming a reliable catch with a very strong arm in from the boundary.

Regularly in the furthest distance catching group at training, Sam's focus and confidence on the cricket field will see him continue to develop in Under 12s next year.

### **Finn Darvall**

Finn focused strongly on his batting technique against yorkers after being dismissed early in his first two innings. By the end of the season, he was keeping out the oppositions' best bowlers and playing the loose balls away for runs with flair.

This was on display in our last match against TWCC (a great bowling side), where Finn remained not-out across both of our innings, the only one of our batters to do so.

### **Max Slattery**

Another great competitor and leader on the field, Max was always a positive force on the field, encouraging his team mates and leading by example. Max's season highlights reel includes a swashbuckling 24 against eventual finalists Balwyn Blasters, with one massive 6 a particular feature of this innings.

He also had 3 wickets in a single over in Round 2, and two stunning reflex catches behind the stumps in our final match. Another very capable all-rounder with an amazing arm in the field as well.

### **Miles Davey**

Come in spinner! Miles has a passion for cricket (both playing and watching) that shows in his enthusiasm and focus at trainings and games. A capable batsman with a powerful straight drive, Miles was also our resident Sheikh of Tweak, channelling Warnie and bamboozling the opposition.

Miles was also one of our regular keepers, as well as filling in on occasion for the Under 14s on Friday nights, putting in a great effort for the club.

### **Nick Harris**

You could be forgiven for thinking it was Jeff Thomson with the blonde hair and the white headband, but it was our very own Nick Harris streaming in off the long run terrifying the opening batters with his express pace.

Nick is also a dab hand with the willow, achieving our highest score for the season of 67 not out in a great partnership with Tom Tehan in Round 1. Nick was also a regular fill-in for the Under 14s on Friday nights.

**Reuben Warne**

Reuben regularly volunteered to open the batting for us, often blunting the pace attack with a solid forward defence. He was also one of our more capable wicket keepers, and when he wasn't donning the gloves we was taking classic catches in the field.

Reuben always displayed huge enthusiasm for cricket and great sportsmanship on the field.

**Nik de Silva**

Nik is a valuable member of the team who put in great effort throughout the year both at trainings and matches. He displayed great sportsmanship and was a constant source of encouragement and positive energy for his teammates.

## U12C Black

Thank you, U12C Black, for a fantastic season. A massive thank you to Jess, who is having a well-earned break in Bali, for doing a sterling job as Team Manager. To all the parents, thank you for supporting your boy with his cricket endeavours as well as contributing to a great cricket season. A big thank you to co-coaches Ravin and Denis for doing a great job with the boys; the progress that each and every one of them made throughout the season really has been remarkable. Now to the boys...

**Ramin:** The happiest cricketer in the team, Ramin always has a big smile on his face. He was one of the most improved players in the team. A very crafty bowler, he took two prized wickets during the season. He showed a lot of courage to work on his batting defence and go out and face some faster bowling after being hit several times. Well done, Ramin.

**Austin:** Austin had a great season and was another to really improve as the season went on. His top score was a slashing 15, and his best bowling figures were 1-3. I was impressed with the control he had with his bowling in the second half of the season, which saw him hit a really good line and length. Fantastic job, Austin!

**Rem:** What a debut season. He really took to cricket like a duck to water. His fielding was exceptional, achieving several run-outs, with one occasion a little too good when he ran out his teammate while sub-fielding. He picked up all the skills and was a very effective bowler, getting 4 wickets and making good contributions with the bat too.

**Sonny:** Sonny has a steely determination and was very focused when it mattered. His batting improved a lot, and he did well running between the wickets, which can be quite daunting after being run out early in the season. Sonny's bowling also improved significantly, and he started hitting a good line and length, which will hold him in good stead for years to come.

**Finn:** Finn had a fantastic season and is a real all-rounder. His batting progressed from relying on his favourite pull-shot to adding a new favourite shot, the late cut, which he used to great effect. His bowling was always consistent, and he was always a threat in the field, whether keeping or in the outfield.

**Magnus:** Once Magnus got over his injury and started bowling with his usual run-up, the wickets started tumbling, particularly when he listened to his mother's advice to focus.

### U12C BLACK SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Ramin Ataie
Magnus Bailey
Austin Balendran
Finn Clear
Hugo Gibson
Ollie Jones
Sonny Lim
Jack Poy
Rem Rhodes-Palmer
Hugh Sharp
Hewad Wali
George Wright-Smith

#### COACH

Jeremy Gibson & Ravin  
Balendran

#### TEAM MANAGER

Jess Poy

Magnus's outswingers netted him a return of 12 wickets for the season, a great effort. He also made strong contributions with bat and keeping gloves.

**Hewad:** Hewad has a fantastic bowling action, left-arm in-swingers to the right-hand batsman that are very difficult to face. Of his 6 wickets, the majority took the form of late swing through the gate into middle stump. Hewad also hit some lusty blows while batting and was a great contributor to the team.

**Jack:** Jack's favourite batting position is opener, and bowlers beware, don't bowl down the leg side; otherwise, Jack will be there to capitalise, which he did many times over the course of the season. Jack showed real signs of developing into a really promising Chinaman or left-arm leg-spinner towards the back half of the season, particularly when he had the confidence to flight the ball up there. I look forward to seeing his progression with that in the future.

**Hugo:** Hugo bowled left-arm heat, and when he controlled the line and length, batsmen were paralysed and would go into self-preservation mode. This led to not as many wickets as he would like but will hold him in great shape as he moves into higher grades in later years. Hugo's batting made great strides; he developed a very productive flick off the pads resulting in many a boundary. Hugo had the best batting average of 29.5 for the season, a fantastic effort.

**George:** Now to our coaches award winner. This player excelled at all forms of the game – batting, bowling, and fielding. He was a delight to coach as he was content where he was put in the batting order, was a good listener, and an enthusiastic team member. With 13 wickets, 86 runs, and 4 catches, this season's coaches award, by unanimous decision, goes to George. George switched from leg spin, much to one of his coaches' dismay, and converted to pace stump to stump, which saw him take the 13 wickets at an average of just 6 runs. Well done, George!

**Hugh:** Our batsman of the year with an aggregate of 138 runs is Hughie. Hughie had a fantastic season with some big hitting, particularly square of the wicket and included several sixes. His top score was a whopping 26. Hughie also came a long way with his bowling, where he became much more consistent with line and length to the point that he expected to get a wicket every ball and indeed did take 6 wickets. Fantastic season, well done, Hughie.

**Oliver:** Last but certainly not least was another first season cricketer, and our bowling champion with 13 wickets at an average of just 4.3 is Ollie. Ollie was very enthusiastic and provided us with one of the highlights of the season with a hat-trick spread over two weeks. Not only did he close out the match with 2 wickets, but then he took a wicket with the first ball of the match the following week. His action was very Jimmy Anderson-esque, which means he has a strong and long future ahead of him.

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### Tom Barker

Tom started off the season impressively with a well-constructed 41 against Kew in the opening round. It was clear to me that he was going to be one of our most important batsmen and someone we could rely on for consistent runs throughout the season. Tom was unfortunately struck with a serious knee injury which resulted in him being sidelined for the majority of the season. However, what was clear in the few games he did play was his fantastic attitude, natural ball-striking ability, and his pace and control with the ball in hand. Tom has all the attributes to develop into a dominant cricketer in the future with bat and ball.

### Charles Baker

Charles has been a super consistent performer for the team throughout the season, resulting in him picking up the coaches award. He has the ability to turn the game around with both bat and ball. He proved this on numerous occasions, whether it was picking up key wickets of superstar players from opposition teams, or providing firepower with his immense ball striking. Throughout the season Charles has grown in confidence and has become one of the leaders of our bowling attack. He is a smart operator with the ball, possessing the ability to swing the ball both ways, which is highly impressive. His spell of 8 overs, 3 wickets, for 15 runs against Ashburton was a highlight, completely turning the game on its head and propelling us to victory. A great season for Charles.

### Nick Berry

Nick has an infectious, positive attitude which has been shown throughout the season. He always turns up with a smile on his face, willing to do anything for the team. Nick is a great all-rounder and his leg spin has improved massively throughout the season. His 4 wickets have proved vital in key matches and his control has improved with each game. His spell against Glen Iris in round 9 showed this improvement where he picked up 1-24 in 5 overs, showing great control in a pressurised situation against key opposition batsmen. He held his composure and enabled the team to restrict the Glen Iris, who fell 8 runs short. With his batting we have seen glimpses of natural ability and class. He possesses great power through the offside and a

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### TEAM MEMBERS

Charles Baker

Tom Barker

Nicholas Berry

Harry Cole

Harry Dichiera

Dougal Fraser

Xavier McIntosh

Max Munro

Theo Nikolich

Luke Scammell

Harry Talbot

Will Tehan

### COACH

Sam Oldham

### TEAM MANAGER

Melissa McIntosh

superb cover drive. With hard work and practice I believe Nick can become a talented all-rounder. Good work Nick.

### **Harry Cole**

A late addition to the squad, Harry has been amazing for the team this year. He has such a great attitude and plays every game with a smile on his face. His contributions this season have played a massive part in why the lads were able to stay undefeated before finals, with him picking up key wickets in every game he played. 5 wickets at an average of 17.8 shows just how good he is. He has great control and flight with his leg spin and very rarely bowls a bad ball, which is extremely difficult for leg spinners. Harry is also a great fielder and contributed a brilliant run out in round 9 against Glen Iris! I believe Harry will continue to improve due to his attitude and commitment to the game, he has a bright future.

### **Harry Dichiera**

Harry is a classy left-handed batsman who possesses every shot in the book. He is a natural leader and demonstrated this throughout the season, often contributing to ideas and plans on how we can win games. Harry's best return came in round 9 when he scored a patient 54 in a match winning knock against Glen Iris. I know Harry will be frustrated that he couldn't convert more scores into half centuries but I believe this season will be a great learning curve for him to kick on and score huge runs next year. Harry's bowling has also been a huge positive, contributing 4 wickets. He has good pace for his age and superb control. He has the ability to become a great all-rounder. I cannot wait to see Harry dominate next season!

### **Dougal Fraser**

Dougal has been excellent in all areas this year. With his batting, he possesses a solid technique and can bat for long periods of time which is a seriously important skill in cricket. He is patient and rarely gives his wicket away, often causing frustration for opposition teams. He has provided a solid base for batters lower down the order on numerous occasions, which has set the team up for success. His 33 against Glen Iris in round 9 was an example of this, showing great patience on a tricky wicket, allowing the lower order to excel the scoring rate in the latter overs. Also, 5 wickets at 23.4 is mightily impressive. His off spin is improving each time he bowls, demonstrating flight and control on many occasions, often deceiving opposition batsmen into a false shot.

### **Max Munro**

A highly skilled opening bowler, with pace, control, and the ability to take wickets with ease. Max has been a pivotal part of why this team has been so successful this season. Max was our leading wicket taker with 8 wickets at a solid average of 11.5. He has a majestic action which I believe will allow him to add lots more pace and swing in the years to come. I am seriously excited to see where Max will be in a few years. With his batting, he has been a solid contributor with 136 runs at 22.67, with the highlight being a brilliant 54 against

Camberwell. He has a solid technique and can lay powerful shots when required. A great season for Max.

### **Xavier McIntosh**

A wicketkeeper batsman who is a seriously talented cricketer. With his batting, he has great technique and timing. He will be disappointed not to have scored more runs this year but he demonstrated his class on numerous occasions. I know he will come back next season and dominate with the bat. His knock of 30 off 25 balls against Burwood shows his class. With the gloves, Xavier is one of the best I have seen for his age. He rarely misses anything and his ability while stood up to the spinners is outstanding. He has contributed with some amazing stumpings this year, where the ball has often turned and bounced, but he has been able to gather it and quickly remove the bails. His leadership has been immense all year and he has been the man I have called upon to be captain in the biggest games. He has a great understanding of the game and a mature and calm head when in pressure situations. He is a great captain and his leadership has been one of the main reasons for the success of this team. Great Job Xavier.

### **Theo Nikolich**

Theo has been nothing short of amazing this year. A consistent performer with the bat, he has notched up 429 runs at 85.8 with four 50+ scores. Theo has been a consistent match winner for this team throughout the season and on occasions has single handedly carried the team over the line. He is immensely talented in all facets of the game. He picked up 7 wickets with his leg spin, where he demonstrates serious spin on the ball and control. His bowling and batting skills are both equally impressive and I believe he can become a highly talented all-rounder in the future. He is also electric in the field and has a huge arm and great catching ability. Keep up the good work Theo, you have a bright future if you continue to work hard and put in the practice.

### **Luke Scammell**

Luke has had a solid season and has made great strides with bat and ball. He has solid pace with the ball and has the ability to move the ball in to the right-handed batsmen quite significantly, often causing huge problems for opposition batsmen. He is always training hard and with this attitude I think his bowling skills will develop rapidly in the future. He has all the ingredients to develop into a great bowler. Where I was really impressed towards the latter end of the season was with his batting. I could always see a great deal of talent and this was shown in his knock of 29 against Ashburton, where he played some classy shots. His confidence is growing with the bat and I believe next season will be a breakout year with the bat in hand. Well done Luke.

**Harry Talbot**

Harry is an all-rounder who has contributed in all areas of the game this season. He is a powerful batsman who can score runs quickly and efficiently. This was demonstrated in his powerful 24 off 18 balls against South Camberwell, which included 5 boundaries. With the ball, he is consistent and puts the ball in troubling areas. He is economical and has picked up 5 key wickets during the year with best figures of 2-14. Harry's fielding has also been excellent. He has a very powerful and accurate throw and a great pair of hands. He has contributed with some really important catches throughout the year. Well done Harry on a solid season.

**Will Tehan**

A skilful opening bowler and powerful lower order batsmen, Will has contributed significantly to the success of the team this year. With the ball, he has formed a formidable opening partnership with Max Munro. Extremely economical and accurate, Will gives the batsmen very few opportunities to score and, on many occasions, has provided the team with a great start with the ball in hand. Will has taken some key wickets throughout the year. His batting has been powerful, aggressive and highly entertaining for everyone to watch. His 45 against Richmond was the highlight, which included 8 boundaries. He lit up the back end of the innings and propelled us to a huge score of 233. A fantastic season for Will, showing improvement in all areas. Keep entertaining us all Will!



## U14B Maroon

What a terrific season where the team went throughout the entire season **undefeated** and winning the **premiership!!!**

The team consisted of 11 talented players, for which the majority was their first season in U14s. Many had not played together previously. In the first game the team only just snuck over the line chasing down a small total with 9 wickets down at the end. This required us getting our 12th man out of his sick bed to help us reach the winning runs. The next week the team made 200 runs and our batting depth developed to be a key part of our success all season. The team's bowling and fielding were extraordinarily strong. The team bowled the opposition out 10 times (including both finals) from 11 games. Both pace and spin bowlers bowling to their fields with consistent line and length. Our fielders were incredibly good at holding their catches, effecting many run outs, and was backed up with some clean glove work behind the stumps.

The true secret sauce was the team's ability to unify, knowing that even though we practice individual skills it is the collective that brings success. With a 'team first' mindset that built confidence in each other whilst having fun!

### The Team:

**Toby Cook – 9 wickets @ Avg 7.0, 61 runs @ Avg 20.33, 1 catch, 1 run out**

Toby took the new ball each week to open the bowling. Bowled consistent outswingers on a good length that opening batters found extremely hard to score against. Unlucky to not have more wickets early in the season when many a ball was just too good. Best bowling performance of 4/3 in round 8 against Edinburgh Black when his perseverance finally paid dividends. When batting he showed some solid defense combined with some attacking stroke play. Energetic and very vocal in the field, always looking to give his best for the team.

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### TEAM MEMBERS

Toby Cook

Mitchell Eddy

Leroy Fratto

James Horvath

George Kerr

Charlie Kitt

Tom Munro

Oscar Sharp

Louis Spencer

Jarvis Tyrrell

Tobias Watson

Campbell Eddy (12<sup>th</sup> man)

### COACH

Lauchlan Eddy

### TEAM MANAGER

Anthony Fratto & Justin Tyrrell

**Mitchell Eddy - 226 runs @ Avg 42.5, 5 wickets @ Avg 9.2, 6 catches, 6 runouts, 2 stumpings**

**(Batting Award Winner)**

Mitch volunteered for 2 of the hardest jobs in cricket in opening the batting against the best bowlers with a new swinging ball and secondly keeping each week. He proved to have a good balance of defense and attack factoring in game situations to set up a solid foundation for the next batters at the crease with a highest score of 45 in Rd 9 versus North Alphington. Whilst keeping Mitch regularly saved legside byes with big dives and capitalised on the great fielding from his team mates to effect runouts. As field captain for the finals, he showed good leadership in his bowling and field changes and was the anchor in the Grand Final run chase.

**Leroy Fratto – 154 runs @ Avg 30.8, 10 wickets @ Avg 5.2, 2 runouts, 2 catches**

**(Coach's Award Winner)**

Leroy also volunteered to open the batting and formed a formidable opening combination with Mitch that got the team off many good starts. A great runner between the wickets, turning over the strike which put pressure back on the bowlers from ball one. Leroy had a knack for taking wickets with his exact swing bowling on the stumps. Super energetic and always focused when fielding with some great slide pickups and throws. Always following instruction and super encouraging of his team mates especially when they went out. Leroy is the winner of the coach's award due to his overall contribution and infectious nature to team morale.

**James Horvath – 6 wickets @ Avg 7.83, 13 Runs @ Avg 1.86**

James developed his skills significantly during the season. He troubled many a batter with his left arm swing bowling. He managed to get some of the opposition's best batters out. James bowled extremely well in the Grand Final, getting his best figures of 2/4 for the season. Batting down the order he regularly came into bat during the "hitting overs" at the end of the innings. James always had a team first mind set and swung hard. Great season James and I look forward to seeing your development next year!

**George Kerr – 10 wickets @ Avg 7.4, 90 runs @ Avg 15, 2 catches, 1 run out**

George aka "Wild Thing" was the most consistent wicket taker during the season. When we needed a wicket, we would throw the ball to George and he would always deliver. Another who would always give it his all in the field even when he was carrying an injury which says a lot about George's resilience and character. I really enjoyed seeing George's batting confidence grow throughout the season. Season high score of 30 in Rd 7 versus Canterbury with some powerful clean hitting that was super entertaining to watch. Developing into a bowling and power hitting allrounder I look forward to seeing him in action next year.

**Charlie Kitt – 132 runs @ Avg 44, 4 wickets @ Avg 19, 3 catches, 4 run outs**

Charlie had a wonderful year with bat in hand. Charlie had his highest scores in the middle order where his clean striking of the ball enabled him to consistently find the boundary. He showed he could make runs when it counts. No more so, than in the in the Grand Final with 30 not out. Coming to the crease when the pressure was on after a couple of quick wickets. Charlie bowled leg spin which was a key change up to the deep pace attack of the team. He has good catching hands which included one memorable screamer at gully. Single handily effected some run outs with deadly throws at the stumps.

**Tom Munro – 50 runs @ Avg 25, 3 wickets @ Avg 14.7, 3 catches, 1 stumping**

Tom is one of the players that is happy to do what the team needs. His confidence grew through the season, and he saved his best cricket for when it counted at the end. A high score of 21 in Rd 9 versus North Alphington where he hit cleanly into the gaps and rotated the strike nicely. The very next game was the Semi Final where the team was short on runs and Tom took a fantastic 3/7 and was involved in 2 run outs in addition to stepping up to open the batting. An instrumental performance in the team making the Grand Final. Showed nice clean keeping glove work throughout the season.

**Oscar Sharp – 57 runs @ Avg 19, 1 wicket @ Avg 88, 1 catch, 1 run out**

Oscar's batting developed during the season. Regularly batting in the "hitting overs" at the end of the innings he was able to score at a fast rate and rotate the strike very effectively. An exceptionally good throwing arm in the field, he is not someone to take on for that sneaky close run. His leg spin bowling was unplayable to many batters on the astro turf wickets due to the spin and bounce he achieved. Very unlucky not to have a bag of wickets to his name. It was great to see Oscar take 2 wickets in the Semi Final and another in the Grand Final. Stick with the craft of Leg Spin!

**Louis Spencer – 98 runs @ Avg 19.6, 7 wickets @ Avg 15.3, 3 catches, 5 run outs**

Louis showed good leadership in the back half of the season and was a great vice-captain during the finals. Louis is known for his power hitting and who will ever forget his 50 not out against Edinburgh Black in Rd 8, coming off 35 balls which included 10 fours!!! Lou was a regular wicket taker who improved his line and length through the season. Surprising many a batter with his loop and bounce. Bowled exceptionally well in the Semi Final and the Grand Final taking a wicket in each very economically. Very clever in the field with some cheeky run outs on unexpected batters and a very dependable catch.

**Jarvis Tyrrell – 11 wickets @ Avg 7.27, 100 runs @ Avg 20, 6 catches, 1 run out  
(Bowling Award Winner)**

Jarvis bowled a devastating spell against North Alphington in Rd 3 with fast exact bowling at the stumps. This resulted in 5/9 off 2.4 overs and included a hat trick!!! Jarvis can certainly hit the ball when he gets his eye in. He achieved a high score of 41 not out in Rd 5 against

Mont Albert with clean hitting to find the boundary regularly. Another exceptionally reliable set of hands in the field catches all that come to hand. This included a massive one-handed dive screamer in one game. Another one of our developing bowling and power hitting all-rounders.

**Tobias Watson – 109 runs @ Avg 27.25, 7 wickets @ Avg 14.86, 6 catches**

Tobias opened the bowling each week taking the new ball with Toby each game. Bowling in the channel whilst swinging the ball made it difficult for openers facing him. When batting he showed a good balance in his shot choice. He was able to hit through the field to significant effect to keep a good strike rate which included some textbook cover drives. Tobias really showed off his catching prowess in the finals. Taking 3 key catches in the Semi Final and another 2 catches in the Grand Final which had a significant impact on the team winning.

**12th man - Campbell Eddy**

Campbell was our unofficial 12th man making the step up from U12s to help us out during the season. A highlight was the quick phone call to get him out of his sick bed to come and bat at number 11 when we needed 10 runs to win. George and Campbell got the team over the line! Great run out in the semi-final with a direct hit. Thanks for helping your older brothers' team.

Thank you to Harvey, Banjo, Will and Ando for also helping during the season.

A massive thank you to our Team Mangers - Anthony Fratto & Justin Tyrrell who made everything run so smoothly every week. Also, a shout out to all the and parents for stepping up each week to help with all the duties required for the team to play cricket each week.

It was a lot of fun to coach these fantastic kids. I look forward to seeing them develop and enjoy their cricket further at the Burra!

Regards,

Coach - Lauchlan Eddy

Team Manager – Anthony Fratto

Team Manager – Justin Tyrrell

***\*Stats are taken at end of regular season, commentary includes finals***

## **U14B Gold**

This great combination of boys (U14C Black last season, U14B Gold this season) again enjoyed a successful and fun-filled year. As they learnt the ropes of High School and continued their teenage journeys, they also developed as cricketers. We saw some great skill development, some great team behaviours and individual maturity as good sports.

Unlike last season, we made it into the finals with - at the time of this report - a Semi Final just around the corner against Bulleen. Due to the vagaries of the ECA, it will be the first time we play Bulleen this season ... while we played some other teams three times. Go figure!

The team won 4 games and was very competitive in all of them. Even the losses were good games of cricket for the team.

Through each of the games, we worked hard to balance giving everyone a good opportunity with being competitive and supporting the keen and more capable players. It was only in two games where we didn't get the balance of participation quite right ... once we were chasing a win in a one day fixture (well done Levy and Albert), and the other we didn't quite manage it right.

All the other games saw players all get a chance for a decent hit, and at least two overs to bowl (or keep). We would like to think every player had lots of opportunities, with many chances to work on their game during matches and at training. We also had all but two players captain the team.

Some highlights of this season included:

- The tearaway Daniel McAlpine running through North Alphington taking four wickets. (4/11 off five), as part as an all round super season with the ball.
- Hugh's all round skills shining through with 35 runs against North Alphington including 6 boundaries.
- A huge team total of 248, again against North Alphington, with Joe scoring 51 and Albert a swashbuckling 45 off 27 balls.
- Dan taking another 4 for and Joe again making 51 no versus Richmond Union (in the dark).

### **U14B GOLD SEASON 2023-24**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Finn Crowwel

Patrick Filby

Daniel Houlihan

Albert Hubbard

Levent Kovac

Daniel McAlpine

Henry Macvean

Joseph Macvean

Hugh Mathews

Tom Sebastian

Sam Shortt

#### **COACH**

Tony Macvean & Ben Hubbard

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Raj Sebastian

- That great chase down of Ivanhoe Saints to win just before Christmas – Levi 33 no, Albert 20 no.
- Almost defending 124 vs Richmond Union.
- The Spin twins: Sam and Henry, taking two each against North Alphington followed by actual twins batting well - Joe 41 no and Henry 36 no.

It's been a season where we saw improvement across the team. We saw some specialised skills emerge too, such as Patrick and Tom's keeping (including stumpings), and Sam and Henry's spin bowling.

Our new starter, Finn, proved himself a terrific competitor and was a great complement to Hugh. They are both keen competitors, great to coach, serious all-rounders, first-rate fielders, always involved and happy to help.

Training was a bit of a challenge this season, with unavailabilities due to school cricket and other commitments (players and coaches) - so in the nets and on the track we didn't really get the momentum we would otherwise like.

We were also lucky to have some of the U12 boys filling in. They acquitted themselves well – Seb Mathews, Nicholas Harris, Max Slattery - and fitted into the group.

Finally, we also had the team representing the Club at senior level with Joe, Henry, Patrick and Albert all playing some seniors and getting some experience. Thanks to LOC2 captain Draff.

Now, to the team. Players all made their own unique contribution, both on the field and off. They are a really nice group of boys (young men) who get along well together and clearly spend too much time chatting on their Whatsapp group late on Friday nights.

**Finn Crouwel** was our new recruit, coming from the Northcote High School recruiting zone (thanks Albert) and being an absolute force of nature in his positivity and enthusiasm. Even with a nasty finger injury, he continued turning up to support his teammates. When he did get on the field, he took the opportunity batting, bowling and particularly in the field to make things happen. it's great to have you as part of the team Finn.

**Patrick Filby** again had a great season. His keeping has matured, and his determination to protect his wicket make him first choice opener. His combination up to the stumps with the spinners became a real highlight.

**Daniel Houlihan** had some great spells with the ball, with a line and length - and speed - that opposition struggle to get away. He was also the epitome of a team player by stepping up and volunteering to open the batting in three matches.

**Albert Hubbard** showed some real dash with bat and ball at different times this season. Notwithstanding a diamond duck, he took the batting opportunities that came his way, and his partnership with Levy against Ivanhoe was a memorable performance.

**Levi Kovac** had a strong season, following up from his breakout season in 22-23. Levi was unplayable on his day as a bowler, and also had some innings with the bat where he could dispatch anything over cow corner. He's got the makings of a left arm Ian Botham. Google him boys.

Just as he got a little taller, **Daniel McAlpine** also got a bit faster and a bit more powerful with the bat this season. A mild character, he sent shivers down the spines of opposition opening bats with the white shiny rocks being flung down the pitch. It's not surprising he was our leading wicket taker for the season.

**Joe Macvean** continued his form with the bat last season, making two fifties and a 41. He has continued to work hard at his game, and it has paid dividends. Between school cricket, u14 and many games in the seniors, he has grasped those opportunities to develop as a cricketer.

**Henry Macvean** continued to improve, and added some seriously good leg spin to his repertoire. In combination with Sam, he was able to create some real pressure on the many u14 players (from opposing teams) ill equipped to play leg spin. His competitive work in the field complemented the bowling and excellent top order batting.

**Hugh Mathews** had some great games for us this season, and it was a shame he missed out on the back end after a tricky injury. He continued to (with Finn) be our best fielder with strong catching and great throwing. He was reliable with both ball and bat in his hand and he was always positive and enthusiastic. A great all round performance.

**Tom Sebastian** continued his development as a keeper this season. Keeping is a skill that only develops through hard work - Tom did plenty of that this season. He also evolved his batting this season, with better short selection and being able to turn over the strike. He's a pleasure to have around the team too - always positive and contributing to the group.

**Sam Shortt** has come on leaps and bounds as a leg-spinner this season. He already had great shape and pose, but his length and control has progressed greatly. He had players really struggling with his length and control, and will continue to be a great asset as a cricketer. His positive attitude continued to be important for the team.

Finally, a few other thank yous.

Thanks to Raj Sebastian for being team manager. It wasn't on his bingo card, but Raj stepped up and added his ongoing judgement, good humour and commitment to cricket to the team. And kept us all organised.

Thanks to our co-ordinators, Tim Dichiera and Cam McDonald - and the rest of the Club - for answering our questions, supplying the stuff we need and keeping us on track.

Finally, a thank you to the parents. The scoring, the setup, the refreshments and the odd bit of square leg duty isn't quite a relaxing Friday night. But everyone stepped up.

Thanks for a great season - we really enjoyed it.

Ben Hubbard and Tony Macvean  
Coaches, U14B Gold

### **Postscript**

Whilst we competed gallantly, unfortunately we were well beaten by top side Bulleen in our semi-final. A great season came to an end.



## ***U14B Black***

It has once again been a pleasure coaching this team through the highs and lows of the season. We welcomed back many familiar faces for a 3<sup>rd</sup> season together and added a few new faces who instantly became part of the Burra family. It has been a privilege watching this group of players grow- physically, as cricketers and as young adults.

The playing highlight of the season was making the semi finals. We fell short of making it an all Burra final but the experience of playing knock out cricket is something that the team should be proud of and we all savoured the day ... particularly in the 36 degree heat.

The team improved, both as individuals and as a collective, as the season progressed and we are sure that improvement will continue as they take the step up to U16 next year.

There were plenty of cricketing highlights to talk about and we will go through those as we review the season. What stood out to us was the off field friendships of the players and the fantastic social group amongst the parents. Friday BBQs at Fairfield Park were hard to beat.

A special thank you to our leadership team of Jack, Xavier and Fin. You were voted by your team mates not just for your cricketing ability but also your passion and ability to inspire others to perform. You have made the coaches roles easier this year by taking on the responsibility of batting/bowling and field placement. And we think that extra responsibility also helped make you better cricketers this year too.

### **U14B BLACK SEASON 2023-24**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Daniel Giles
Harry Hall
Liam Head
Seb Janes
Jem Legge
Xavier Millar
Jack Newman
Magnus Oh
Raife Patel
Harrison Rosevear
Fin Wright-Smith

#### **COACH**

Rakesh Patel &  
Randolph Head

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Craig Millar

Season Recap:

Player	Memorable Moments	Season summary
<b>Liam Head</b>	25 runs @5 5 wickets @23.8  Stand out figures of 4 overs, 1 wicket for 6 runs vs North Alphington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Super competitive and always wants the ball- in a good way!</li> <li>• Took responsibility of opening the bowling with accuracy and wicket taking threat</li> <li>• Worked hard on getting a more consistent run up/bowling action- eliminated the false starts and front foot no balls</li> <li>• Areas for Focus: : Staying alert in the field and holding allocated fielding position. And maybe shorten that run up so that you can improve your stamina</li> </ul>
<b>Seb Janes</b>	19 runs @3.8 6 wickets @ 20  Held out for 34 balls in the semi final against North Alphington in the heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to coach- takes suggestions and runs with them</li> <li>• Significant improvement in bowling action- greater consistency and added variety to his game</li> <li>• Did not did not give his wicket away without a fight throughout the season</li> <li>• Areas for focus: Sharpness in the field and looking for singles when batting</li> </ul>
<b>Harrison Rosevear</b>	30 runs @ 7.5 5 wickets  H/s 18 vs North Alphington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not take a backward step playing up a year and fitted in really well as a core member of the team</li> <li>• Tidy and brave behind the stumps- took countless body blows whilst keeping to out big fast bowlers but kept going</li> </ul>
<b>Harry Hall</b>	49 runs @12 8 wickets @ 11.13  Team best figures of 6-23 vs North Alphington with a wet ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always smiling... and so cool under pressure</li> <li>• Bowled with great variety which increased his wicket taking threat this season</li> <li>• Added some more attacking shots to his batting</li> <li>• Areas to focus: More consistency when bowling and adding a pull shot to your game</li> </ul>

<p><b>Raife Patel</b></p>	<p>75 runs @15 4 wickets @33.5</p> <p>Career best high score of 36* vs Glen Iris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A natural eye and innovative in his play</li> <li>• Added variety to his leg spin bowling and was unlucky not to pick up more wickets with good loop and accuracy</li> <li>• Great athlete in the field- catching and sharp run outs</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Raife hears this all the time at home ... he just need to back himself more out in the middle when batting and the runs will come.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Xavier Millar</b></p>	<p>147 runs @21 5 wickets @22.2</p> <p>High score of 44 vs North Alphington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitive and has the desire to improve his game</li> <li>• Bowled with speed and ability to swing both a new and older ball- great economy rate</li> <li>• Solid batting technique and has the ability to find gaps and turn 1's into 2's with aggressive running</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Getting stuck in the crease when playing a full length ball and from a bowling perspective needs to bowl at the stumps more forcing batsman to play shots</li> </ul>
<p><b>Daniel Giles</b></p>	<p>39 runs @ 5.6 9 wickets @ 16.11</p> <p><b>This seasons' bowling award winner</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Hazelwood-like... doesn't always gets the headlines but always delivers when needed</li> <li>• Consistency- took wickets in 6 games</li> <li>• Solid defensive technique and accepted the challenge to open and night watchman in high pressure games</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Accelerating scoring rate once settled- hitting leg side in particular – also getting onto the front foot to full length balls (relies on natural eye)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fin Wright-Smith</b></p>	<p>156 runs @17 7 wickets @20.71</p> <p>High score of 41 vs North Alphington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infectious passion for the game and plays hard but fair</li> <li>• Led from the front- took responsibility to open/shuffle up the batting order to accelerate run rate</li> <li>• Bowls with speed and aggression</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Bowling better lengths and maybe being a little more cautious early on in your innings to ensure you get the feel of the pitch and bowling.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jem Legge</b></p>	<p>213 runs @ 26 2 wickets @31</p> <p><b>This seasons' batting award winner</b> with 2 half centuries (53 vs Glen iris and 54 vs North Alphington)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supremely confident... and laid back- never flustered</li> <li>• Added consistency and variety of shots to his aggressive batting- was in the runs most innings this season</li> <li>• Was able to concentrate for long spells as our main wicket keeper this season</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Looking for some lower risk shots for singles in between the barrage of boundaries!</li> </ul>

<b>Jack Newman</b>	194 runs @32.33 6 wickets @18.67 6 catches  Highest score of 52 vs Mont Albert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A natural leader- calm under pressure and thinks deeply about the game</li> <li>• Consistently in the runs- 4 innings &gt;25 and knows when its time to accelerate the scoring rate</li> <li>• Bowled with increased accuracy as the season progressed</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Picking the right shot especially early in your innings where you early chances -better balance when batting by moving that front foot for front or back of length balls accordingly (to remove that straight arm shot that leads to frequent dismissals)</li> </ul>
<b>Magnus Oh</b>	98 runs @16.37 4 wickets @31.25  15 run, 54 ball marathon innings vs Glen Iris under pressure  <b>This seasons  coaches award  winner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receives the Coaches Award for his attitude and application in training and during games. Took on the responsibility of opening the batting and was always vocal and supportive of team mates</li> <li>• A new face but became part of the team very quickly</li> <li>• Bowled some tricky leg spin.. almost too good for the batters due to your clever use of flight</li> <li>• Solid batting technique- nice shots on the square</li> <li>• Areas to focus: Looking for gaps in the field and more confidence in calling/running to up your scoring rate. Greater consistency in bowling the right length.</li> </ul>

Thanks to the parents for helping with the scoring, umpiring, catering and unwavering support. We all know how much of a commitment and logistical feat it is to get players to training and games... we hope that we've brought some joy to your Friday nights. And lastly a huge thanks to Craig, who made the season run like clockwork with all the hard work in the background as our Team Manager and to co-coach Randolph- who had a better win/loss ratio than me so can take over fully next season!

See you all in 2024/25

Rakesh, Randolph and Craig

## U14C Green

It was an enjoyable season of cricket for the U14C Green team as the combination of beginner cricketers and experienced Under 12 players continued to improve, both as a team and individuals, against sometimes difficult opposition. Towards the end of the season there were more retirements and opposition wickets taken with good contributions from the team as a whole. The players were supportive of each other in the games and at training and it will be great to see them continue with the club next season.

The season highlights for the players include:

**Tase Kyriakou** - Tase has stepped up for a number of roles this season, including opening batter and wicketkeeper, improving each week. His batting has impressed with a good driving technique that he will be able to build on in future seasons. Tase was also a danger to the other team when in the field with his deadly throws resulting in a number of run outs along with some well taken catches. His improved bowling accuracy was rewarded with wickets towards the end of the season.

**Mewand Wali** - One of the early highlights of the season was Mewand finding himself on a hat-trick in his first game of club cricket with two consecutive wickets against Burwood Unt. Canterbury. Mewand's bowling proved the downfall for a few batters who took him on, allowing him to finish the season with 8 wickets, equal highest for the team. Batting has been a challenge for Mewand but he managed to retire not out against Richmond Union Atkinson and had a good stint in the middle against Boroondara in the last game of the season.

**Max Martino** - Max showed great improvement in his first year of organised cricket. He found his place at the top of the batting order, often getting the innings started with good defensive play and big hitting when the opportunity presented. The innings against Richmond Union Clauscen was a highlight with 20 runs including four fours. He finished the season with 82 runs. Max's bowling became more accurate during the season, cutting back on extras and being more difficult for batters to get away.

**Harvey Martino** - Harvey continued to work on his batting and bowling during the season. He had some reward with the ball against Burwood Unt. Canterbury, recovering from some

### U14C GREEN SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Sammy Gordon

Neel Gudivada

Tase Kyriakou

Grange MacDonald

Harvey Martino

Max Martino

Elliot Savage

Henry Thatcher

Mewand Wali

#### COACH

Cam MacDonald & Ella  
Worthington

#### TEAM MANAGER

Dean Savage

early hitting to finish with figures of 2/26. Harvey was also able to work on his batting to get more time in the middle, scoring boundaries with some big left-handed hitting.

**Henry Thatcher** - Henry worked hard on his skills in his first season with Edinburgh. His bowling became more accurate as the season progressed and he was rewarded with 6 wickets for the season, with best bowling of 1 wicket for 3 runs. Henry often batted up the order, taking on the challenge of facing the better bowlers and earning some retirements.

**Grange MacDonald** - Grange was an enthusiastic presence on the field, eager to be in the action batting, bowling and wicketkeeping. His at-the-stumps bowling was rewarded with 8 wickets for an average 16.63. Grange was in the centre of the action against North Alphington when he took 4 wickets for 4 runs, including the team hat-trick in the final over. With the bat, Grange became more accustomed to playing against the bigger Under 14s and had good lengthy innings against Burwood and Boroondara where he opened the batting.

**Elliot Savage** - Elliot brought his hitting power to the team, finishing the season with 197 runs including the personal highlight of 55 runs against Richmond Union Atkinson, made up of 10 fours, two sixes and just 3 singles. Elliot often bowled early in the innings, working to limit the impact of the opening batters. He also took on the wicketkeeping gloves, getting into the action with five catches and a stumping.

**Neel Gudivada** - Neel's leg-spin bowling proved challenging for batters, allowing him to top the wicket-taking for the team with 8 wickets for an average of 15.25. Neel often came in later in the batting order taking a diligent approach to protecting his wicket and scoring off the loose balls, allowing the team to settle and build partnerships.

**Sammy Gordon** - Sammy was an early test of the opposing team's opening batters with his pace bowling. It was often a tough task against the opposition's best strikers and his total of four wickets doesn't tell the full story of his contribution in getting the bowling session started. A few unlucky direct hits cut Sammy's time with the bat short on occasion but towards the end of the season he was able to build an innings, striking the ball with purpose and using his running ability to complete the quick singles and twos.

Other players that made a contribution during the season include Charlie **Pettitt**, who stepped up the Under 16s after five games, having made a good contribution with the bat and as wicketkeeper. We were also grateful for the fill-ins during the season, both from the Under 12s and friends (brothers in the case of **Max Fletcher**), who helped get the team on the field.

A big thanks for Cam MacDonald for taking on the coaching role on the eve of the season, guiding the players through the game and keeping things moving along. The contribution of

Will Gordon and Cameron Thatcher for stepping in during the season when needed was also appreciated. We were also fortunate to have Ella taking training on Thursday afternoons, providing expertise and guidance for players finding their way in the game.

## ***U16B-1 Gold***

### **Joel Dichiera**

Joel took on the captaincy this year and showed good promise as a leader for the team. He did a very good job motivating his teammates in team talks and also aided myself and Peter in organising the batting and bowling lineups, this being a difficult task at the start of the year as the boys had not played together a lot and he didn't know them very well. With the extra burden of being the captain, Joel may not have had his best year with bat and ball. He did show his class in the penultimate league game taking 4/6 whilst also selflessly volunteering to drop down the order to allow his teammates the opportunity to bat on a few occasions. Joel is a very talented all round cricketer and has also impressed in the mens' sides, managing to break into the 2nd XI this year where he has contributed well. He has the potential to be a quality all rounder and challenge for a spot in the 1st XI in the coming years.

### **Elliot Cook**

Elliot was a solid contributor with both bat and ball this year. He took important wickets whilst bowling tidily and put together some well compiled innings, including a crucial 31 vs Richmond when the team were in trouble. He also supported Joel well with the captaincy to take some of the weight off his shoulders. Elliot also managed to elevate his game into the mens sides this year, scoring multiple 50s for the LOC side. Elliot is another all rounder with massive potential and I would not be surprised to see him push himself into higher mens sides next year.

### **Declan Hudson**

Declan joined us just before Christmas and was a superstar with the bat, our top run scorer with 210 runs in just 5 innings. He showed tremendous natural ability to strike the ball and showed great versatility scoring his runs in multiple positions in the batting order. He also provided some magic with the ball, taking 5/4 in just 3 overs vs Balwyn to win us the game. Declan is a very exciting young cricketer and is one to look out for next year in the senior teams as he has the ability to make grown men look like schoolboys.

## **U16B-1 GOLD SEASON 2023-24**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Elliott Cook
Evan Crone
Leo Daffy
Joel Dichiera
Samuel Francis
Jimmy Gordon
Ben Head
Samuel Healy
Declan Hudson
Jett Lyons
Kesava Nair
Hamish Waddell

### **COACH**

Arran Brown

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Peter Healy



### **Hamish Waddell**

Hamish is an excellent young seamer who took wickets consistently throughout the season, finishing as our top wicket taker with 15 wickets. He was always the man we looked for to take a wicket at key periods in our games and he delivered on many occasions. The next step for him is to turn those 3fers into 5/6fers and with an extra yard of pace as he gets older he could become a real handful for batsmen in the future. Unfortunately, he didn't get much opportunity with the bat this year but looked very comfortable in the nets and with some time at the middle could become a very good all round cricketer in the years to come.

### **Jett Lyons**

Jett was very impressive with the gloves this year, taking 6 catches and 1 stumping. Keeping on bouncy synthetic pitches can be a tricky task but Jett was very tidy, especially when standing up to the spinners. With the bat, he didn't score as many runs as he would have liked but played a very effective anchor role at the top of the order, allowing the middle order to play with more freedom towards the end of our innings. With a very solid technique, if he can learn to keep the scoreboard ticking over he can convert those starts into bigger scores and become a thorn in the opposition's side.

### **Sam Healy**

Sam is another handy all rounder and had a very solid season. He bowled fantastically in our first game, taking 5/27 with his off spin despite previously being a leg spinner. He also had a few chances with the bat and impressed with 21 vs Balwyn in a good early partnership which set us a solid foundation to then go on and post a competitive score. With more opportunity to bat and bowl he could become a good spinner who is able to score important runs anywhere in the batting order.

### **Sam Francis**

Sam had a solid year with the bat and possesses good ball striking ability. He scored 122 runs with a top score of 48 vs Balwyn, a superb innings in a crucial partnership with Declan that propelled us to an above average score. With more time at the crease, hopefully Sam can learn to convert those starts into scores of 50+ as his ability to score freely can be devastating in the right circumstances.

### **Leo Daffey**

Leo was another batsman who had a solid year, scoring 104 runs. He's another batsman who possesses the talent to score all around the ground, however he couldn't quite get past the good starts he made and kick on to a bigger score but I'm confident he can learn to be more selfish, cash in and make big runs in the future. Despite primarily being a wicket keeper, he chipped in with a couple of wickets with his off spin as well.

### **Jimmy Gordon**

Jimmy was our second top wicket taker this year with 9 wickets and was very consistent with his line and length all year. He also possesses a natural ability to swing the ball which he exploited well when given the new ball and was a handful for the batsmen to face. Although given limited chances with the bat, he did impress when given the opportunity with 29 not out vs Richmond. With more experience at the middle, he could be a very effective bowler who can score key runs in the middle to lower order.

### **Ben Head**

Ben bowled consistently and with great determination all season, sometimes not quite having the luck to go with his efforts. He would always charge in and give 100% every time he bowled and was always keen to throw his name in the hat and bowl at difficult times. However, it did prove a bit of struggle to keep him as motivated in the field and had Joel pulling his hair out at some points, so for him all he needs to do is put in the same effort he does when bowling into all parts of his game and he will become a very good all round cricketer in the future.

### **Kes Nair**

Kes has a relatively quiet year but stats don't always show how good a player is. He is a very useful seam bowler and bowled tidily when called upon and showed an ability to pick up wickets. He wasn't given much opportunity out in the middle but looked solid in the nets and with some more experience he could definitely develop his game further. Despite having limited chances, he was always enthusiastic and supported his teammates well, which are great traits to have as a cricketer.

### **Evan Crone**

Evan joined the team with only games to go but contributed well in helping us push into a finals place. Hopefully with a full season of cricket next year he can show his ability to score runs and take wickets.

Overall, the boys were a great group of lads to coach this year. All very enthusiastic about the game and always keen to learn and get better. They were competitive in every game they played in but just quite couldn't get over the line earlier in the season, but through hard work and determination they pushed on post-Christmas and made it into the finals.

I'm sure they'll be disappointed not to have made it to the final this year but I'm certain they're bound for success in the future. It was great to see them go from a group of lads who didn't know each other all that well to a team that gelled together and worked together harmoniously. They play the game with great spirit and I wouldn't be surprised to see them doing well in senior cricket in the coming years. Also, a big thank you to Peter and all the parents for helping out this year and showing great support for the lads.

## **U16B-2 Maroon**

With one win the season appeared challenging for U16B Maroon team, but many of the games were closer than the scoreboard shows, playing many well-established teams. Playing B grade with the 40 overs was new to most of the team, the bowlers enjoying the opportunity for longer spells and providing the batters more time at the crease and less pressure to score quickly. When the team did bat all the 40 overs, they scored over 200 runs and won the match against Surrey Hills. The team took on the other new experience of playing on turf at our home ground, Olney. At both matches played there, we were narrowly defeated and the difference in each match was an opposition single top scoring batter, unfortunately luck was not on our side those days.

There was always a great turn out at training, and all our players worked hard with enthusiasm and energy. We had support from the senior first team's opening bowler, Jon Graham Perez at one training, which all our bowlers appreciated. Thanks to all the parents for volunteering throughout the season at matches and the occasional training, but especially to Peter as team manager and Matt as co-coach at training and several match evenings. Audrey McKinley, thank you for 'filling in' during a couple of matches with your great cricket skills when the team was short of players. I hope to see you all next season.

### **Charlie Pettitt**

Charlie joined the team's mid-season games from U14C to be with his school friends. Charlie enjoyed the challenge of U16B cricket and indicated that he would be back next season. Charlie took a few catches in the field, but unfortunately when a no ball bowled, of course which would have changed the team's fortune in a couple of matches!! Charlie improved his bowling accuracy with each match, taking a wicket against Surrey Hills. Charlie scored some valuable runs against Balwyn Blasters and enjoyed a brief but exciting last over partnership with Ash in the one-day game against Bulleen in his last match of the season.

## **U16B-2 MAROON** SEASON 2023-24

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Ivo Archer

Teo Aucar

Harvey Campbell

Ash Denmead

Hamish Gunthorpe

Jack Hill-Smith

Elliott James

Harvey MacDonald

Ari Patel

Charlie Pettitt

Noah Prendergast

Holly Scammell

Liam Walsh

Frankie Wright-Smith

### **COACH**

David Scammell

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Peter Gunthorpe

High score 2 against Balwyn Blasters, although 34 off 28 balls in U14C team.

Best bowling 1 for 13 (off 3 overs) against Surrey Hills. 1 wicket for the team, conceding less than 4 runs per over, and no 'no balls' bowled!!

### **Ivo Archer**

Ivo's cricket skills have improved, and he bowls with confidence and accuracy taking his first ever bowled wicket against the Balwyn Blasters. Ivo frequently attended training without his cricket gear and made clear he wished not to bat, so surprised the team at the last practice when he turned up with his batting gear and was happy to bat. Despite preferring not to bat, Ivo made a few runs for the last wicket in a few matches surviving 11 balls in the game against Boroondara. Ivo enjoyed fielding and took a catch, at point, in the last game against Mont Albert that was the start of their middle order's batting collapse.

High score 2 off 11 balls against Boroondara.

Best bowling 1 for 14 (off 3 overs) against Balwyn Blasters. 1 wicket in the season.

1 catch

### **Harvey MacDonald**

Harvey joined the team for the second half of the season. Harvey always turned up to training and was focussed on improving his batting technique. Harvey put this into practice during the matches, making 17 runs twice this season against the Balwyn Blasters and Mont Albert, his highest score since U10s. In the last game against Mont Albert Harvey demonstrated the pull shot several times with two of these well executed shots finding the boundary, almost pulling off a well-deserved win for the team. Harvey bowled well against the Balwyn Blasters, a team that made a massive 244 off 22 overs, taking a superb caught and bowled against Bulleen (two-day match).

High score 17 off 20 balls against Balwyn Blasters. Scored 37 runs off 33 balls, more than a run for every ball faced in the season, no ducks and hit 5 fours.

Best bowling 1 for 29 (off 5 overs) against Bulleen. 1 wicket and 4 maidens in the season.

1 catch (c&b)

### **Teo Aucar**

Teo had an interrupted season through injuries. Teo is a valuable fielder in the deep able to field and throw the ball far and accurately, putting batters under pressure and obtaining a few runout calls, of which one was successful against Bulleen (one day match). His batting improved throughout the season and in the last match Teo was pleased with playing his best shot, to date, for four. A steady bowler he showed some class in the two-day match against Bulleen bowling three consecutive maiden overs. Teo took an excellent catch in the deep in that same match against Bulleen.

High score 12 off 18 balls against Surrey Hills. Scored 19 runs off 26, close to a run for every ball faced in the season, no ducks, and hit 2 fours.

Best bowling 0 for 0 (off 3 overs) against Bulleen (one day). No wickets, but 4 maidens and conceded less than 4 runs per over in the season.

1 catch and 1 runout

### **Ari Patel**

Ari is a dynamic wicket keeper, ready to take on the opportunity to make a stumping or runout. After many close calls during the season Ari's quick judgement pulled off with a run out against Bulleen. Ari took 5 catches behind the stumps, against Bulleen Ari made a spectacular diving catch off a bouncer bowled by Noah. Ari spent the season straightening out his bowling run up that improved his bowling accuracy, taking a wicket against the Balwyn Blasters clean bowled, his first since his first season in U12. Ari is a confident batter that makes runs quickly and hits the ball far, accelerating the run rate. Twice Ari top scored for the team making with scores of 21 and 26 against Boroondara and Burwood, unfortunately not the 35 plus score Ari wished for, which I am sure that will be achieved next season.

High score was 26 not out off 36 balls against Burwood. Scored 72 runs off 127 balls for the season, more than a run every other ball, and hit 6 fours.

Best bowling 1 for 26 (off 2 overs) against Balwyn Blasters.

5 wicket keeper catches, 1 runout.

### **Elliott James**

Elliott quietly keeps his cricket skills to himself which I feel he could develop into being a handy all-round cricketer, but Elliot made it clear to me that bowling was his preference. Elliot is one of the team's most economical bowlers, going for less than 4 runs an over. Elliott enjoyed the turf matches and took wickets in both, 2 for 8 against Boroondara. In the nets Elliot, a left-handed batter, showed solid technique, which could have led to some good partnerships with our mainly right-handed batters. Elliott waited until the last innings in the last match to make all his runs, 33 runs against Mont Albert, hitting 6 fours. Elliott's fielding is sharp, taking a spectacular catch in the first match against Mont Albert, and hitting the stumps, with a direct throw, for a runout against Surrey Hills.

High score was 33 off 30 balls against Mont Albert. Scored 38 runs off 65 balls in the season, a run every other ball faced, not out in 1 match and hit 6 fours.

Best bowling 2 for 8 (off 5 overs) against Boroondara.

4 wickets and 5 maidens in the season, less than 4 runs per over.

2 catches and 2 runouts

### **Frankie Wright-Smith**

Frankie throughout the season raised the team's energy in the field, clapping and shouting words of support wherever he fielded, providing encouragement to all the bowlers and fielders. Frankie brought this energy to training too. Frankie worked hard to improve his bowling accuracy, consistency and economy throughout the season, taking two wickets against Mont Albert. Frankie was always keen for a bat, being first to volunteer at training to bat in the nets and open the batting for the team at most matches. Although Frankie's batting looked solid at training in the nets, unfortunately the runs did not flow for Frankie, but his opening partnership with Hamish against Boroondara saw him face 23 balls and almost 9 overs before the fall of the first wicket.

High score was 6 off 8 balls against Mont Albert. Hit 2 fours in the season.

Best bowling 2 for 18 (off 4 overs) against Mont Albert. 2 wickets and 2 maidens in the season

### **Liam Walsh**

Liam joined the team a few games into the season, but the team appreciated his patient batting, building partnerships and scoring runs as a top order batter. Liam made double figures in four matches, scoring 44, a personal best, against Surrey Hills. Liam's bowling accuracy towards the end of the season, resulting in best figures and 3 wickets in the last match against Mont Albert which included an exciting opportunity to bowl a hat-trick ball. Liam frequently encouraged the team in the field and stood in for captain, jointly with Holly, when Jack and Hamish were not available.

High score was 44 off 68 balls (a career best) against Surrey Hills. Scored 102 runs off 211 balls and was not out in 3 matches in the season, no ducks and hit 7 fours.

Best bowling 3 for 21 (off 5 overs) against Mont Albert. 4 wickets in the season.

### **Harvey Campbell**

Harvey joined the team after a couple of matches, after checking the team out during training beforehand. Harvey clearly communicates when he would like to bat and bowl in a match and demonstrated his cricket skills throughout the season. Harvey does bowl fast which opposition batters are nervous to face, taking 3 wickets against Holy Trinity. Harvey bats with patience, playing off the front foot well, which is a great characteristic for a top order batsman, facings 60 balls for 26 against Bulleen (two-day game) and when opening with Hamish faced 29 balls before the first wicket fell at end of the eighth over. Harvey took a top edge catch at cover against Holy Trinity when the batter was winding up to hit his next six.

High score was 29 off 60 balls against Bulleen (two day). Scored 52 runs off 132 balls in the season, no ducks, not out in 2 matches.

Best bowling 3 for 9 (off 7 overs) against Holy Trinity. 6 wickets, 4 maidens in the season, conceding less than 4 runs per over.

1 catch

### **Ash Denmead**

Ash told me that he prefers to bowl, and does that with pinpoint accuracy, taking wickets throughout the season. Ash was deadly against Bulleen where he took two wickets in two overs, bowling leg stump and then followed with a caught and bowled. Ash demonstrated his ability as an allrounder in the field with the most catches in the field for the team, showing how it is done with a high catch against Bulleen and taking two catches against Holy Trinity. Ash took a run out, with a direct throw, against Surrey Hills. Ash built batting confidence through the season, picking up the ball well and playing some fine shots that found the boundary frequently. Ash has the batting ability to stick around, making crucial partnerships in the lower batting order, scoring 13 against Surrey Hill in a partnership with Teo of more than 25 runs. Ash can bat with patience too, against Holy Trinity facing 41 balls scoring 7, before the next wicket fell 7 overs later.

High score was 13 not out, off 14 balls against Surrey Hills. Scored 56 runs off 111 balls, a run every other ball faced in the season, not out in 4 matches. and hit 7 fours.

Best bowling 2 for 12 (off 2 overs) against Bulleen (one day). 5 wickets, a wicket every 4 overs bowled, 2 maidens in the season.

5 catches (1 c&b), the most catches in the field for the team and a runout.

### **Holly Scammell**

Holly is a competitive, promising all-rounder that bowls quick, and when accurate brought results for the team, 7 wickets in the first two matches of the season, with career best figures of 4 for 12 against Mont Albert. Holly likes to field in a short mid-wicket or mid-on position where the ball comes off the bat at speed, taking a catch off a screamer in the first match against Mont Albert. Holly's shots have speed, often reaching the boundary, one shot in the last match against Mont Albert did knock over a fielder, a surprise to them and all watching. Holly has played in several teams this season, where she has made a lot of runs, the team saw Holly's batting form in the match against Bulleen, 18 runs off 29 balls.

High score was 18 off 29 balls against Bulleen (two day). Scored 42 runs off 131 balls in the season, no ducks and hit 4 fours.

Best bowling 4 for 12 (off 4 overs) against Mont Albert. 8 wickets and 5 maidens in the season, a wicket every 4 overs bowled and conceding less than 4 runs per over.

1 catch

### **Jack Hill-Smith**

From the get-go Jack naturally stepped into the captain role. In the first match when the team was short of players, he persuaded two of his friends, Jack and Chris to come and help. Jack's voice of encouragement could be heard clearly in the field, and maybe in the next suburb, even when Jack was unable to field due to a broken wrist. On the field Jack was on fire against Surrey Hills where he led from the front taking two difficult catches set the team up for their first win of the season. It was hardly surprising that the team voted for Jack to be the captain. Jack leads from the front with confidence happy to give it a go whether opening the batting or batting with one hand in the last two matches!!

High score 13 off 24 balls against Balwyn Blasters. Scored 54 runs off 67 balls, just under a run for every ball faced in the season, 4 not outs, and hit 7 fours (one with one arm!!)  
Best bowling 1 for 23 (off 3 overs) against Mont Albert. 1 wicket and 4 maidens in the season.  
2 catches

The U16B Coaches Award is presented to Jack for his team centred enthusiasm, hard work, support even when not participating and of course his single-minded determination to continue to bat with one arm when advised by everyone else not too!!

### **Hamish Gunthorpe**

Hamish made it clear that he would prefer to bat, and wicket keep, rather than bowl. Hopefully the few times Hamish did bowl this season might change that preference, as Hamish bowled consistently and accurately, in two matches Hamish took a wicket for 4 runs. Hamish works hard behind the stumps as keeper, against Mont Albert he stopped everything and took a great diving catch off Noah's bowling. Hamish is a patient batter and the 40 over/2-day format suits him very well. Hamish showed the team how to open the batting and play each ball on its merits, waiting for the bad ball to punish, averaging just below 30 runs or facing 60 balls before being out!! Hamish made a career best of 52 against Surrey Hills to help the team past 200. Hamish took on the challenge of vice-captain and worked well with Jack to put together pre-match plans and adjust these during the matches.

Best bowling 1 for 4 (off 2 overs) against Boroondara and Surrey Hills. 2 wickets in the season, a wicket every 4 overs bowled and conceded less than 3 runs per over.  
3 wicketkeeper catches

High score was 52 off 103 balls against Surrey Hills (a career best). Scored 205 runs off 422 balls in the season, no ducks. and hit 18 fours. The U16B Batting Award is presented to Hamish.



### **Noah Prendergast**

Noah was keen to challenge his cricketing skills throughout the season, and in the first match volunteered to open the innings when almost all were happy not to have a go, scoring 8 off 10 balls. Noah can occupy the crease, but when required will swing his bat and hit shots to the boundary. Noah made it clear that although he likes to bat, Noah is left-handed quick bowler that regularly opened the bowling with our right-handed fast bowlers and puts all his energy into his bowling, producing early wickets for the team. Noah worked hard to improve bowling, shortening his run up, resulting in wickets regularly throughout the season, notably 3 for 12 against Surrey Hills. Noah's wicket haul is one of the best in U16B Bellis league, as well as the most in our team. I have enjoyed watching Noah's cricket skills grow at the club over several years and wish him all the best in finding a new club that is closer to home.

High score was 20 off 47 balls against Holy Trinity. Scored 64 runs off 129 balls in the season, not out in 3 matches, no ducks and hit 9 fours.

1 catch

Best bowling 3 for 12 (off 6 overs) against Holy Trinity. 12 wickets and 4 maidens in the season, nearly a wicket every 3 overs bowled. The U16B Bowling Award is presented to Noah.

## U18 Gold (NACC/ECC)

The combined North Alphington/Edinburgh U18 team was a hugely successful experiment and thanks to all those involved from both clubs for making it a reality.

I had a very easy job as coach - at this age, the 15 boys who played this season were making most of the decisions themselves. I thought Sam and Archie were great as official leaders but there were many others who showed great leadership throughout the season.

The boys gelled together early and by Xmas it felt like they had played together for years. The standard of cricket improved throughout the season too and if it hadn't been for rain or a few things not going our way, we may have snuck into the finals. Maybe a few more catches would have helped too...

### The players:

**Joey** - unleashed against Burwood and STC hitting some massive 6s. Solid at the top

**Toby** - great enthusiasm, hit the ball hard but straight to fielders in the early days. Proved in the last game that he was the best slips fielder in the team

**Pablo** - reliable opening bowler and took one of the great catches in round 1. Set the standard as a sub fielder allowing a 3 to be run straight to him

**Ollie** - bowled with great consistency throughout the season. Cameo with the bat in the last game smashing 24 not out off 10

**Asher** - opened the batting for the first time ever at Burwood to the rapturous applause of his teammates. Bowling improved through the season

**Ben** - first season of cricket and showed massive improvement with bat and ball. Made 30 odd and took 2 wickets in the last match

**Haydos** - found his spot as a hard hitting opener. Don't give him any width outside off. 2 x 50 and double figures in every innings

**Terry** - bowling improved each game with great pace against Ivanhoe. Don't take a run on Terrys arm...

### U18 GOLD SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Barnard
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Archie Bell
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Ben Dawson
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William Doyle
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Asher Dunning
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Lachlan Edwards
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Pablo Gooi
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Lachlan Haydon
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Leroy Hinds
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Lachlan Johnston
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Oliver Lee
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David Oliver
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Samuel Olsen
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Toby Putland
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Terence Wang
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#### COACH

Andy Olsen (ECC)

#### TEAM MANAGER

Peter Lee (NACC)

**Dave** - unplayable when he lands the leggies and a great batting effort against Ivanhoe nearly got us over the line

**LJ** - always smiling even when fielding in socks. Found some great consistency with the ball on the run home

**Sam** - good season with the bat making 4 x 50s. Captained well and took some great catches in the field

Awards:

**Batting: Leroy** - 312 runs @ 52. A rock at the top of the order - amazing knock against Edinburgh, making his maiden hundred.

**Bowling: Archie** - 20 wickets @ 8.7. Took wickets in every game, saving his best for last with 5/12 against STC

**All rounder: Eddie** - 85 runs & 8 wickets. Did the job with bat and ball. Unlucky with a few run outs...

**Coach's award: Doyley** - Loves the game and gives his all. Made an entertaining 50 in quick time, was excellent with the gloves and turned up to all games, even when rostered off.

Thanks to all the parents for helping out and scoring through the season and a huge shout out to Peter Lee who was superb as Team Manager - handled the rosters brilliantly and made my job incredibly simple with his organisation.

Thanks to all the boys - you're a fantastic group of guys and I wish you all the best for your future, cricket and otherwise.

Andy Olsen

## U18 Maroon

It was a big step up for the boys from U18 Maroon this year as it was their first season playing in the U18s. The team gained Chris Oliver, Nick Mann and Austin Ioannou, while Pablo Gooi, David Oliver and Liam Ukovic were the departing players.

The change from U16B to U18A would be a big one for the boys, with many opposition teams having players 3 to 4 years older than some of our boys. This meant the season was going to be the toughest the team had experienced yet.

The season got underway with a game against Burwood. Burwood batted first, and the innings was very up and down, both teams having periods of dominance. Bowling performances from Austin (3/36), Nick (2/28) and Harry (2/37) meant that Burwood ended up with a score of 221. However, the ground was small, and the boys hoped to give the chase a good go. The top order put out a good showing, with scores from Toby (28) and Henry (44) being the highlights. Scoring slowed through the middle overs and a late cameo from Jack (20) was not enough to chase down the total and we finished up on 162.

Round 2 would see another away game, this time against South Camberwell. This time the boys were batting first. Finbar and Chris opened the batting, and both made 50s, 75 and 50 respectively. Duncan kept the run rate at a steady rate through the middle overs making 35, but wickets fell at intervals towards the end. Another late blitz from Jack left us with a very defendable total of 238. The South Camberwell boys made a good start to the chase, being 1/80 at the fifteen over mark. However, Freddy (3/36) and Duncan (2/21) put a stop to that, and they were reeling at 6/103. Nonetheless South Camberwell had an ace up their sleeve, their number 6 came in and made an unbeaten 83, getting them over the line with 2 overs to spare.

Round 3 was a very strange game, a damp turf pitch meant extremely trying batting conditions, and we were bowled out for 48 against a good Donvale side. However, the conditions were the same in week 2, as Donvale were bowled out for 102. Nick, Austin and Finbar all taking 2 wickets. Unfortunately, this was still a loss, and although we had chances to win games, we were left winless through the first 3 games.

### U18 MAROON SEASON 2023-24

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Zac Bennett
Samuel Evans
Harry Gruenert
Austin Ioannou
Archie Johnston
Finbar Kennedy
Toby Littlejohn-Sims
Nicholas Mann
Freddie Marmo
Duncan McKie
Henry Nelson
Chris Oliver
Oliver Orr
Jack Smith

#### COACH Archie Gruenert

#### TEAM MANAGER Keli Symons

Hoping to turn the form around, the boys headed to Balwyn. Batting first, the top order had an extremely tough start, left 6/11 at the 8 over mark. Fighting batting performances from Freddy (10) Harry (10) and Zac (18) meant we scraped to a score of 78. The Next week brought rain, and the Balwyn batting innings was plagued with stoppages. A slippery pitch, constant downpour, and a cracked ball were not enough to convince the umpire to halt play. Balwyn passed the score, but due to every other game being called off due to weather, our loss was amended to a draw, meaning our first points of the season.

Round 5 was for many the most anticipated game of the season, a face off against the combined Edinburgh/North Alphington team. The opposition batted first, and they managed to maintain a steady rate of scoring throughout the innings. Austin took another 2 wickets, but poor catching let the boys down as North Alphington/Edinburgh made 5/218. Our batting innings was headed by good performances from Finbar (72), Chris (35) and Duncan (28). However, wickets fell quickly towards the end, and the boys fell agonisingly short at 8/205.

Round 6 was set to be a tough one, as we had a T20 with 5 players missing due to the school holidays. The boys were determined to have a good go at the game anyway, and Chris started well with a (31), scores from Duncan (19) and fill in player Joel (24) meant we got to a total of 96. Burwood's batting line-up was far too strong however, and they chased the runs down easily. Toby was the pick of the bowlers, with 0/3 off 2 overs on a small ground. That result sent us into the summer break without a win, hoping to improve that record against some of the teams who were more our level later in the season.

Round 7 was the first of 2024, and meant we had a welcome fresh start. Away to Ivanhoe, we won the toss and batted first in a T20. Chris made a nice 34, but Ivanhoe took regular wickets to leave us at 6/66. That was before a super 7<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 75 between Samuel Evans (34\*) and Jack Smith (34\*) meant we finished up at 6/141. Ivanhoe got off to a great start with the bat and they were 2/96 with plenty of time left. However, Harry (3/14) and Nick (2/31) stepped up taking a succession of quick wickets. Incredible fielding from the boys was a big bonus, with 2 run outs and arguably the catch of the season from Finbar leading us to our first win of the season by a close margin of 7 runs.

Round 8 was a bottom of the table clash against Kensington, which meant a big opportunity to follow up our victory from last week. Kensington won the toss and batted, but we were well on top early. 3 wickets from Austin including another blinder of a catch from Finbar meant they were knocked over within 20 overs for 69. This gave us a good opportunity to bat a lot of overs on the first week. We looked shaky early, losing 3/15, but our fourth wicket partnership came through, and we sat on 3/66 at the end of the first week. With an outright win giving us a possible chance at finals, the boys pushed early to give ourselves a

big enough lead to make an outright win a possibility. Chris played the innings of the season with 100\* and Henry accompanied him well with 22. With 80 needed for Kensington to avoid the outright, we had to get off to a good start with the ball, and that we did. Samuel taking 3 catches as the opening bowling partnership of Harry (2/3) and Ollie (3/6) shattered Kensington's top order. We came through as outright winners bowling them out for 12!

After results went against us, there was no chance to make finals in round 9. The final game of the season was against top of the table Northcote United. Their star-studded batting line-up took advantage of the small BSO boundaries, making a staggering total of 328. Zac (2/16) and Ollie (3/25) were the pick of the bowlers in a tough outing in the field. With a near unattainable score to chase, our batters had license to have a bit of fun. Duncan making 58\* and Zac with a 45 which only included a singular non-boundary run. Archie cashed in for a quickfire 19 as we finished up at 179, bringing our season to its end.

Yet another fantastic season by the boys. Their camaraderie and sportsmanship meant they were a joy to coach. The boys finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 2 wins, 6 losses, and 1 no result. A massive thanks to star team manager Keli who made this year go by smoothly with her incredible organisation skills. Thanks to the parents who turned up in their numbers week in and out to support this great team. I hope to see you all again next year!

Archie Gruenert (coach)

## *Outstanding Individual Achievements*

### 50+ runs in an innings

<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Amy Long	50*	NACC/ECC Girls Stage 3	4	Richmond Union
Phoebe Astin	52*	NACC/ECC Girls Stage 3	6	Doncaster/Heathmont
Wesley Whiley	51*	U10 Gold	12	Burwood Unt. Canterbury
Harvey Darvall	52*	U12A	5	STC South Camberwell
	52*	U12A	2	STC South Camberwell
	50*	U12A	10	Boroondara
	55*	U12A	SF	AWCC Highmark
Leroy Fratto	50*	U12A	5	STC South Camberwell
Jyotveer Singh	53*	U12B Gold	3	Camberwell Magpies
Callum Winkett	50*	U12B Gold	2	Wyclif
Shardya Fernando	51*	U12B Gold	9	Camberwell
Jett Edwards	50*	U12B Gold	9	Camberwell
Nicholas Harris	67*	U12B Green	1	North Alphington
Theo Nikolich	56*	U14A	7	Burwood
	70*	U14A	6	Camberwell Magpies
	58	U14A	3	Richmond Union
	71*	U14A	9	Glen Iris
Max Munro	54*	U14A	5	STC South Camberwell
Harry Dichiera	54	U14A	9	Glen Iris
Joseph Macvean	51*	U14B Gold	4	Richmond Union
	51*	U14B Gold	3	North Alphington
Louis Spencer	50*	U14B Maroon	8	Edinburgh Black
Jem Legge	54*	U14B Black	4	North Alphington
	53	U14B Black	9	Glen Iris
Jack Newman	52*	U14B Black	1	Mont Albert

Elliot Savage	55*	U14C Green	7	Richmond Union
Declan Hudson	56	U16B-1 Gold	5	Dennis
	54	U16B1-Gold	8	Balwyn Tigers
Hamish Gunthorpe	52	U16B-2 Maroon	5	Surrey Hills
Chris Oliver	50	U18 Maroon	2	STC South Camberwell
Finbar Kennedy	72	U18 Maroon	5	North Alphington
	75	U18 Maroon	2	STC South Camberwell
Duncan McKie	59*	U18 Maroon	9	Northcote United
Chris Oliver	100*	U18 Maroon	8	Kensington
Sam Olsen	52	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	7	Burwood
	62	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	4	Kensington
	72	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	1	STC South Camberwell
	72	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	3	Balwyn
Leroy Hinds	78	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	4	Kensington
	105*	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	5	Edinburgh Maroon
	62	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	8	Ivanhoe
Lachlan Haydon	55	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	6	Preston
	72	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	4	Kensington
William Doyle	62	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	1	STC South Camberwell

### 5+ wickets in an innings

Player Name	Team	Round	Opponent
Oscar Perry	U10 Black	10	Balwyn Blasters
Sam Falkinder	U10 Gold	2	Clifton Hill
Alfred Chalke	U10 Blue	11	Boorondara
	U10 Blue	13	Kew
Henry Hall	U14B Black	4	North Alphington
Jarvis Tyrell	U14B Maroon	3	North Alphington
Samuel Healy	U16B-1 Gold	1	Hays Paddock Deeners



Declan Hudson	U16B-1 Gold	8	Balwyn Tigers
Archie Bell	NACC/ECC U18 Gold	9	STC South Camberwell

## Hat-trick

Player Name	Team	Round	Opponent
Sam Falkinder	U10 Gold	2	Clifton Hill
Oliver Jones	U12C Black	9	Boroondara
Jarvis Tyrell	U14B Maroon	3	North Alphington

## Selected in representative teams 2023-24

### VMCU Carnival Representing ECA

#### **U12 Girls**

Lola Whiley

#### **U14 Girls**

Holly Scammell

#### **U17 Girls**

Audrey McKinley

### **U14 Boys**

Tom Barker

Harry Dichiera

Xavier McIntosh

Max Munro

### **U16 Boys**

Joel Dichiera

Declan Hudson

### **U18 Boys**

Chris Oliver

### **VSDCA Craig Shield U15 Boys**

Ben Head (Preston)

Tom Wavish (Ivanhoe)

### **Premier Girls U18 & Seconds**

Amy Long (Carlton)

### **Premier Boys U18**

Sam Olsen (Camberwell Magpies)

Sebastian Donnellan (Camberwell)

James Shadbolt (Northcote)

### **Victorian First XI**

Doug Warren (former ECC junior player)