



YOUR COMMITTEE 2007 - 2008

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly, congratulations to our Under 13's for being undefeated Premiers - A great job by Craig and all the boys.

Next, a big thankyou to all our coaches and committee for their hard work and dedication, making this a very successful season both on and off the field.

A special thanks to Dave James for taking on our Under 11's coaches position at the last minute, a job well done. This year we had some of our past juniors coaching sides. Josh Yeo, Jack Hunt, Ashley Hutchinson coached our Under 12's and Nathan Stothard and Aaron Gordon did the Under 14's. Thank you to these young men for their commitment as it is a big effort especially when you are playing in the afternoon as well.

I must also thank all our parents for supporting the kids, helping our coaches and also making our Christmas Party and Trivia Night such a success.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jim Ryan, Phil Conacher and Michael and Lyn Flanagan (Formule One) for their support with sponsorship. Without your support, our club would struggle to survive.

Chris Shelley

P.S. We would love to see some new people on our committee, as many hands make light work.

TEAM REPORTS

KANGA'S

Our Milo cricket programme, affectionately known as Kanga's, has been a great success again this year as it introduced another 31 boys and girls to the game of cricket and got them started learning all the basics they need to become successful Redbacks in the future. As I said in the March newsletter, the improvement in the kids' skills was fantastic over the season, and it has been really rewarding for me personally to have watched that improvement first hand. By the look of the talent of some of the older kids in particular, our under 9's team next season will no doubt continue to be as successful as they were this year, with the younger kids sure follow on in their footsteps in following years.

A big thank you goes to the mums, dads and grandparents for bringing your kids down every week – your role in getting the kids into cricket is crucial. A big thank is extended to the kids for your great behaviour and good listening, and for helping me to collect the gear and pack the kit at the end of every session. As also mentioned in the previous report, I would also like to pass on a special thank you to all the dads that have helped me throughout the year, as I literally cannot do this by myself. In particular, I would like to thank Dwaine (who went to the extreme measure of getting his knee operated on to ensure he is right for next season), Gavin, Matt and numerous other dads for helping take the different groups each week. I would also like to thank my nephew Michael, who also did a great helping me out and showing the kids how it really should be done until he started his new job.

I look forward to a number of kids migrating to the under 9's next season, who will no doubt be replaced with a new batch of keen young Kanga's keen to have some fun and learn the skills of the game. Thanks again kids and make sure you keep driving your parents mad all winter with the bat and ball!

Tim Shelley

UNDER 9's RED

A sensational season of Super Cricket again was enjoyed by all players and parents alike. The boys had some very close calls but came through the season undefeated and lifted every time they looked down and out. I would like to thank every one of the boys who at all times were respectful and polite making my job not only easy but a joy to do. During the season everyone in the team achieved certain milestones in their cricket be it boundaries, wickets, catches, run outs or just sliding their bat when they ran. I would like to point out what stood out for me as not only milestones for the boys, but a pleasure for me to watch as coach by each individual in the team.

1. Jordan Hannah – His first ever boundaries may have been 6s for the other side but from that day forward his confidence grew. I would also never upset him if you on strike and he is bowling, as anger make this boy bowl faster !

2. Lachlan Shelley – The straight drive for 6 down the ground was something to watch and the swing he could put on a ball was awesome. Safe hands and an arm that could make some seniors blush coupled with that a great bloke and a team player.

3. Jonas Ogston – The quiet achiever in the team, Jonas was always listening and trying everything you taught him. His first wicket came early in the season and his first boundary came not long after. A real nice guy and a worthy recipient of the coaches award.

4. Sean Barnett – 33 off the bat in one innings and a 32 later in the season were testament to the raw talent Barney has. Fast with the ball and fast in the field there is not much he can't do when he puts it all together.

5. Alec Doolan – 6 balls in a row on the stumps was a feat I have never encountered by any Junior cricketer. There was cash on offer this day and I do believe if the price is right Alec has got the goods.

6. Matt Lavelle - One day after a specific bowling drill his action clicked ! 3 wickets later and a catch he won us the game by playing the game of his life so far. From that day forward Matt knew he could do it and so did I !

7. Ben Peters – The consistency shown by Ben week in week out was nothing short of phenomenal. Nobody in the team worked harder at their game than Ben and this showed with Boundaries, wickets, run outs and catches. Every milestone ticked in his first season what a great achievement !

8. Jeremy Belcher – In our last game we were all but gone and our undefeated status was looking like falling at the final hurdle when up stepped "Jeremy". 5 wickets with the ball and 11 with the bat what a blinder to finish off the season.

9. Joel (The Chief) Ryan – Every time I needed a wicket or a maiden and it was Joel's turn to bowl I knew he would give me his all and more often than not he delivered. His bowling all year was on the spot and reaped lots of wickets and very few runs. I would suggest it was probably the CR technique he uses each time with good effect.

Thanks boys and parents for a great year. The pleasure was sincerely all mine !

Col Ryan



The Undefeated Under 9's Red

UNDER 10's RED

Well, what an awesome year for the Gosford U10 Red cricket team. Having started with a limited number of players and some that had not even played before, this season eventuated into an awesome challenge and learning curve for all involved, with great success.

We lost Matthew Hughes, who was emerging as a very fine player during the season and were lucky to have two players step up to the plate and join the team as replacement for Matt and to make up the numbers. Gabbi Fitzgibbon and Alec Doolan...we thank you very very much.

In summary of all the players, I will be brief and poignant.

Bella Fitzgibbon - an absolute pleasure to coach and has solid skills in all areas of the game, from batting to wicket-keeping to bowling and fielding. Her enthusiasm and dedication are / were an inspiration to all. Has a good head for the game, and easily matched it with the boys.

Damien Hurd - for his first year in the game, to see so much improvement and enthusiasm and such raw talent was a pleasure to behold. Later in the season, started connecting with his self purchased bat and belted the ball with power and timing. Good throwing arm from the outfield resulted in some fine run outs.

Luke Redhead - having coached Luke for a while, it has been beautifully inspiring to see that his dedication and focus has been so wonderfully rewarding. His true talent started coming to the fore in leaps and bounds, as we can see by his results / figures.

Cameron Day - Cameron's true natural talent became quite obvious this year and with time and focus, he will evolve into a fine batsman with signs of good leadership skills.

Rian Futter - showed an amazing improvement as a bowler and his batting remained solid and on several occasions saw out good bowling attacks with solid defence. He took out middle stump with the last ball of the season when we were being pushed in a tight finish.

Joshua Doolan - well ..the epitome of the quiet achiever with seemingly effortless ease, Joshua was able to on many occasions do what was required whether bowling, batting or fielding. With time and effort, he has the opportunity for great cricket experiences.

Gabi Fitzgibbon - to have Gabi step up and fill the space left by Matt's departure was inspiring. Having never played before, Gabi showed us the courage and commitment we could all learn from. A beautifully feminine girl in a rough and tough blokes game. Like her sister, she was a pleasure to coach.

Alec Doolan - to see Alec at just 7 yrs of age able to compete with great success was a very satisfying experience. He stepped up when we really needed players and showed courage and skill well above his age. Thank you Alec.

Tyler Lowe - well ..what can I say.. four wickets in an innings.. uncanny ability to connect the bat to ball with timing and effortless ease. Showed us and himself that with maturing and effort he will play good cricket with ease.

Joel Murphy - yeah well... if ever there was natural talent waiting to explode onto the scene, Joel has it .His first year of cricket and he excelled in all facets of the game. Amazing natural skills. Keep at it Joel.

Joshua Harrington - Joshua showed us what he can actually achieve on several occasions and even amazed himself with fine skills. Very likeable young man, who will be of great credit to any team he plays with in the future.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped especially Chris Murphy, Melissa Redhead and Rachael Harrington [Rachael scored most of the time, and anybody that has scored before, knows what is required ..thank you Rachael. Thank you all for your patience with me and special thanks to the committee members. In closing, if ever there was someone to learn from and be inspired by as a coach, Craig Wilson from the U 13's has done that for me. Awesome Craig. Thank you..

Barry Futter

UNDER 10's BLUE

The Under 10's Blue had a fantastic year, not only because they made the semi finals, but moreso because of the tremendous improvement they showed week after week and just as importantly, for the way they played the game and conducted themselves throughout the entire season. I'm sure the parents would agree that the boys made us extremely proud each week with their wholehearted performances, which provided us with plenty of entertainment and some great memories. I think all the parents, including myself and Chris, looked forward to watching them every Saturday and catching up with each other at the same time.

In terms of the competition, the boys got on a real roll after the Christmas break and ended up finishing the regular season in third place with seven victories, four losses and four washouts, which gave them a birth in the final series. We then had a gritty win over Wyong in the quarter final where we chased down 79 after being 6 for 42, before being narrowly beaten by The Entrance in the semi final, thereby ending our season.

The players who made up the team and some of their notable performances were as follows:

Tom "I need to relax" Lavelle – any more relaxed and he'd be asleep. This bloke can do anything on the cricket field – he made 8 retirement scores and finished third in the district, took a heap of wickets (including a haul of 4 for 3 in the semi-final) and was exceptional in the field, taking a number of classic catches and making run outs look easy. His cover driving was beautiful to watch, bringing applause from the opposition on many occasions. A fantastic season - wake up Tom!

Jack Shelley – Jack's batting was one of the highlights of the season, with plenty of retirement scores and some great shots from a boy with a lovely technique. Jack also employed the greatest variety of bowling styles throughout the year, as on any given day in any given over, he would often come off his long run like Brett Lee, then bowl off spin, then medium pace, then around the wicket and then finish off with some leg spin just for fun. Jack saved his best innings for last, where he almost single handedly got us over the line against The Entrance with some great shots and exceptional running between the wickets. Greta work Jack.

Nicholas "Nicko" Kirby – the thinking man's cricketer. Despite never having played before, Nicko had an amazing ability to size up a situation and adjust his game accordingly, particularly his batting and running between wickets, as he did in the quarter final against Wyong where he nudged and pushed the ball into every conceivable gap on the field to get us past their score. Nicko is an astute cricketer who listens to all advice intently and then applies this on the field. Was hit in the face by Chris in his first training session and never looked back!

Matthew Scarr – the real joker of the team! Despite his serious demeanour, his dad assures us that he is "laughing on the inside"! Matt made the highest score of the year for us (31*) and improved his bowling out of sight, including best figures of 3 for 0. Matt also took a couple of great catches and was involved in a number of run-outs. A great season after coming straight up from Kangas the previous year. Well done Matt.

James Bartlett – the boy who never wanted to bowl, but who ended getting a swag of wickets, including best figures of 3 for 2 against Narara. James also hadn't played before, but ended up improving out of sight, particularly in his bowling and fielding, topped off with a great catches in the semi-final and a direct hit run-out a few weeks before. James had a great time and we'd love him to come back next season and keep improving.

Ben Shelley – a coaches dream, as you never have to ask him to give 100%, as he's always giving you 110. In fact, sometimes you need him to ease off a bit, as he only has two speeds – flat out and stop! Ben's bowling was a feature of his play this season and improved enormously from the previous year. He twice took hauls of 3 wickets in an innings, and was no-balled by his dad on his hat trick ball against Narara. He also hit the first six of the season and was lighting between the wickets. Well played Ben!

Tom Hunt – a great season by a fantastic all round cricketer! Unlike Sampson, he kept his strength after cutting off his long hair late in the season and continued to play well as result. Tom was probably our best fielder, taking some great catches and hitting the stumps regularly. He was also one of our best bowlers, taking 11 wickets with best figures of 3 for 5, obviously the result of not copying his father Andy's action. Great work Tom.

Bradley Ryan – the Glenn McGrath of the team, with outstanding accuracy and swing that more often than not was too good for the batsmen. Bradley started off the year with 10 wickets in only 4 games, including 3 for 0, 3 for 0 and then 3 for 2. Other teams then wised up and stood in front of the stumps to limit his damage ion their batting line up. As a result, Bradley had to chime in with the bat, knocking up 5 retirement scores and playing some beautiful shots in the process. A great season from a great all-rounder.

Matt Stokes – another debutant, Matt improved a huge amount throughout the year and ended up taking quite few wickets with his unorthodox bowling action (perhaps he was the one who copied Andy Hunt's action). Matt also kept wickets in one game showing some great style, and contributed to a number of crucial partnerships with the bat, as well as making a great 15* against Woy Woy. Well done Matt.

Connor Miller – did some great work behind the stumps this season, which included a number of catches, good run outs and some tidy footwork to minimise byes. Connor also chipped in with four wickets and played some great innings with the bat, with four retirement scores. In addition, his partnership with Nicko was instrumental in helping us to win the quarter final against Wyong. Without a doubt Connor was the most valuable member of our team, as when he turned up, so did his mum and dad with their barbeque and snags. Thanks Emma and Greg – hope to see you both and Connor next year.

In addition to the players themselves, I would like to thank Chris on behalf of me and the other parents for coaching the team this year. Chris spent a lot with the boys working hard on their skills, as well as giving them an understanding of the game, particularly the manner and spirit in which it should be played, which the boys certainly put into practice. We were actually complemented a number of times by opposition coaches and parents on the boys' behaviour and their fairness and good nature on the field, which is extremely pleasing and which is a credit to the boys, their parents and our club in general.

Thanks also to Andy and Sue Hunt, Mark Lavelle and Ann Shelley for scoring and the fantastic effort from under 9's legend Joel "The Chief" Ryan, who filled in for us with great style for much of the season. Well done Chief!

Tim Shelley



Under 10's Blue – Semi-Finalists

UNDER 11A's

Quite an interesting and turbulent start for the under 11 boys, being confronted without a coach or manager, with only one week till season kick off. Parents to the rescue! Fortunately a great bunch of dedicated parents banded together to learn the ropes and finer points of the game of cricket. Scoring, umpiring, the rules of cricket and cricket etiquette are skills we can now all boast.

The enthusiasm and drive of a happy team of kids was an additional bonus and highlighted a positive season. On several occasions I was complimented by opposition team management on the way the boys played in the spirit of the game and always to the best of their abilities. As a group we could not have asked for more.

At times it was a bit confusing for the opposition, with our team comprising of two sets of identical twins, which only the parents could tell apart. On several occasions one would be dismissed to be replaced by his twin, causing the opposition to protest that he was not allowed to bat twice. Needless to say that as spectator parents we were quite amused by this prank.

Sadly the final score board results did not go our way, however this did not detract from an enjoyable and rewarding season by all concerned.

Dave James

UNDER 12B's

This season we started with nearly a fresh looking team. As well as new players, the team received three new coaches as well. The new players included Harley Charge, Josh Tabor and Jake Drew. The returning players were Courtney Yeo, Sophie Hunt, Jack Elliot, Ben Rapley, Nicholas Ware, Jayden Gray and Katrina Charge.

Unfortunately we only had 10 players each week but with one player less the team still put in a great effort each and every game. We won 2 games for the season but a consistent effort was made by all players every week.

Below are some statistics for all of our players for the 2007/2008 season:

BOWLING					
Player	Overs	Runs	Wickets	B/B	Bwl Avg
Sophie Hunt	52	135	10	2/11	13.5
Ben Rapley	44.2	176	9	4/15	19.56
Jayden Gray	41	86	7	3/11	12.29
Josh Tabor	28	89	6	2/12	14.83
Courtney Yeo	29	96	6	2/27	16
Harley Charge	14.3	31	4	2/16	7.75
Jack Elliot	34	91	4	2/9	22.75
Jake Drew	28	83	3	1/9	27.67
Katrina Charge	21	57	3	1/8	19
Nicholas Ware	43	137	2	1/8	68.5

FIELDING		
Player	Catches	Run-outs
Courtney Yeo	9	1
Nicholas Ware	5	1
Jake Drew	4	0
Katrina Charge	4	0
Sophie Hunt	3	0
Jayden Gray	2	0
Jack Elliot	2	2
Josh Tabor	2	0
Harley Charge	1	0
Ben Rapley	1	0

BATTING					
Player	Innings	Not Outs	HS	Runs	Average
Nicholas Ware	11	1	23	63	6.3
Jack Elliot	8	1	26	61	8.71
Jayden Gray	10	2	17*	53	6.63
Jake Drew	8	1	9	45	6.43
Katrina Charge	5	0	35	44	8.8
Courtney Yeo	10	2	16*	31	3.88
Josh Tabor	7	1	9	18	3
Ben Rapley	10	2	2	4	0.5
Sophie Hunt	10	4	2*	4	0.67

As you can see above, we had some great individual performances and the kids played well as a team. We would like to thank Bill Yeo, Sue Hunt, Andrew Hunt and Debbie Elliot for being our team's scorers. We also look forward to all the players coming back next year for another great season.

Thanks,

Josh Yeo, Ashley Hutchinson and Jack Hunt – Coaches

UNDER 13B's

We had a great year after what looked like tough times ahead, with seven players to start the season with. With the splitting of grades, a few defections and a couple of early retirements, the 13 players that I had last year was an obvious luxury that I looked like not been afforded in 2007/08. So with round one under way I speculated with a team list, and from there a group of 12 materialised over the coming weeks under the banner of "have a good time and work hard for each other as a team". Training was an important part of our season and the three hours invested each week paid dividends in the end, and to suggest a reduction would not be heard of by the team.

We lost momentum with the wet weather, having all of our middle season knocked out, but by the time the semi-finals were upon us, we were primed again. Last round saw us defend 82 to gain the minor premiership off the leaders Doyalson, getting them all out in the last over with three consecutive run outs for 81. The first semi-final saw us play a team we had not played before, and they were put to the sword in their wake by a professional display that set them up for the grand final by rolling Terrigal for 96 and passing that in the 33rd over, and emphasising it until the 45th when time saw stumps.

The grand final saw us play Doyalson again, and this time they had a bat, and were rolled for 83 with 5 balls to spare. We then went about chasing the damage with a lot of hick ups along the way, but with Jordon Fitzgibbon carrying his bat for the 50 overs, with some cameos from some friends, saw us pass it in the 50th over by 2 runs, in an attempt to kill the coach, but a win it finally was.

Apart from their obvious success as undefeated premiers, these boys wore the Gosford Cricket Club emblem with pride and earned respect within the districts, with their fair and disciplined play, and are very worthy wearing the title of champions. Zac Fitzgibbon came to us from Narara and played above his age group. Time and time again he was the rock of our innings with patience beyond his years, and this paid dividends with an aggregate of 241 for the year. His slow bowling frustrated opponents, and in the field he was always reliable. Always a thinker.

Jordon Fitzgibbon made up the other side of club Fitzgibbon, with an aggressive approach, his partnerships with his brother and others shaped games that always put us on the front foot. A handy medium pace bowler, his mix produced results as his talents were not expected so low down in our bowling order. With dedication Jordan has the potential as a great all-rounder, with fielding the area of the triangle that needs his most attention to round it all out. A pleasure to coach and what a finals series he had, wow!

Jacob Speziale was coaxed out of retirement and given the gloves as our first line keeper. This did not faze Spez, and with work he put in during the season, we became firm solid behind the wicket with not many cheap runs from his gloves. When nerves of steel were required with run outs, Spez always held his nerve and was a large part of what won us the minor premiership, with correct choices and great throws in our most exciting game of the rounds. He had a mixed year with the bat and this may have come down to the role I asked of him but we will work on that. His outswing bowling is getting better and better, and he is one of the few that it comes naturally to, and this caused batsmen grief. Great year Spez.

Daniel Morrissey was made skipper and filled the role with distinction. It was a learning curve make no mistake, but his growth in this capacity is what was the best part of Dan's year. The apprenticeship he served listening to me rave on about everything I could think of was taken on board and displayed in the grand final when he was a leader of men, and all

responded accordingly like a little army. His skills with the bat were not realised in the book, and this was MY great disappointment that I could not help him reach the heights he should have. His 80 against Kincumber was masterful in his contribution to the grade's highest team score of 255. One from one on the grand final resume - undefeated in winning the premiership - reflects well on the captain says a lot about the leadership.

Bryce Ulacco came from A grade where he played above his age group and now it was time to take on boys his own age group. Fun to watch batting with his very carefree approach, he could score runs at will. He often let good starts get away and not produce the big one, but always a booster shot. Brilliant in the field, he could do things off reflex that had us double glancing, with a great set of hands and very athletic. I bowled him up and down the middle order and he had great success chiming in for all occasions. Filling the all-rounder mould, he is a very balanced all round cricketer. I knew he would have a good time and I am glad he chose to play this year - 2 from 2 Grand Finals hey Bryce!

Dale Wilson likes having fun at cricket and loved the atmosphere of the team, which brought out his best. His bowling shone this year with some tidy spells that reaped results. Very enthusiastic in the field, his intent was infectious and cricket sense invaluable. Featured in some great determined 50 partnerships with small contributions, as big scores was not his year. However his cameo in the granny was a real shot in the arm and he left his best till last, which we all appreciated. Very much a team player!

Jarrod McNee came to us from Narara and was just raw enthusiasm. Playing at a hundred miles an hour, he slowed up his tempo to become a patient batsman with a ruthless leg side game and began to bowl with great control looking for line and length. This produced pearler outswingers on an ugly length causing havoc and in the field he was superb. A fieldsman with a dead eye, he ripped one memorable throw to win us the game with a direct hit off the last ball from backward square. A little gentleman, he is one of my smiling assassins - smart game and top year.

Ryan Cox was going to be a beach child this season only to have bad weather thwart his plans. I had given him an open invitation if the cricket bug bit, and was only too pleased to see him by round three. What a solid game Ryan brings to the team, with a no-nonsense approach to batting, making things seem simple. His leg spin bowling is just first class and too good for many a batsman and his fielding game is solid, as well as holding down the role of change over keeper when Spez was up for bowling. Two lots of three wickets hauls was a highlight, as was the granny knock that introduced the short single, and helped show us the way to victory. Cookie Meister is low maintenance, ego free and a pleasure to coach.

Bohdi Adams bowls a real mean line and length that teases and tempts batsmen with great results. He is a super keen cricketer that can be relied upon to always give 100%. He has pride in his batting, but with the success that the side had hitting runs this year, his opportunities were limited, but when needed he did very well rounding out our innings. Determined in the field he has a good set of hands, and is very accurate with his throwing. His three wickets in the final were very timely and kept us right in it at that stage when things were maybe getting away from us. A fine year and a keen student learning his art.

Jonathan Lan doesn't give much away and keeps to himself. He plays his cricket having fun and loves a reverse sweep at training, laughing away when it comes off. His bowling is teasing and he is always keen to throw it up and give you a look, but he is hard to get away and creates chances. Ended up bowling with the new ball at the start to spook out openers, and always worried. Improved with every game in the field and held some very important catches to play his part well, and is well received by his team mates. Had very little opportunity with the bat, but did hit the winning runs in the granny, well deserved Jonno!

Morgan Futter was my other opening bowler and is my work in progress. He seems to grow a little taller every time I see him at training and we are both keen to see him be the fast bowler of the team. This has been my focus with him all year and he is on the brink of it clicking. No chance to have any real innings being mostly the last listed, but in the field has improved out of sight, and is very keen to keep moving forward with his game. Killed off Doyalson in the granny, bowling the big threat middle stump when he was beginning to launch, showing what he is capable of. The best is yet to come from Morgan!

Daniel Stafford-Smith just loves the team environment and having a go in the field. He doesn't rate himself a bat and almost became my professional 12th man just happy to be bowling. When he did bowl he was very productive getting wickets on a regular basis. He missed a couple of the few games we played, which was sad, but took some great catches during the final series and did everything asked of him. His fielding game from last year to now is chalk and cheese and he always gives it a go.

A big thank you to Club Fitzgibbon (Darren and Joanne) for doing my scoring and results vault, and to the fathers that chimed in at training to help, a BIG thank you. Logistically you need parents getting the kids there, and thanks to all those for the effort to get the boys to training and games and giving them a great year. I had a great experience this year and am enthused to see even more improvement, as the challenge of A grade looms perhaps next season.

Thanks,

Craig Wilson



The Under 13b's Undefeated Premiers

UNDER 14A's

The U/14A Gosford cricket side experienced a season of cricket like none other which was full of wet Saturdays and a few games in between. Through the season we developed our cricketing skills which saw us beat Narara (even though we may have lost on forfeit week one due to a lack of players) and also get a win in our final game down in the peninsula.

It seemed the rain hampered our semi-final hopes this year which was a bit upsetting for the boys as we would have won all the games we missed out on without a doubt but as I've said all year, you can't do much about the rain boys. The side trained well throughout the season with the main focus at training on the boy's technical development in both the batting and bowling parts of the game. Fielding was a problem at the beginning of the season but after a few fielding sessions the boys become a strong fielding unit which resulted in more pressure on the opposing batsman and a run out or two.

I believe the greatest attribute I can associate to this team is that no one player ever carried the side due to all the boys playing hard cricket and chipping in with both bat and ball at some stage during the season.

Finally I would like to thank the team's manager Di Agius for her continuous work throughout the season. From scoring, doing team sheets, scoring, recording, scoring, setting up the ground, scoring, organising players and being able to help when either Aaron or myself needed a hand I truly thank you. This season wouldn't have been possible without you.

The team:

Brad Brown - Brad captained the side well through the season and led by example on many occasions with both bat & ball. I look forward to seeing Brad develop his cricketing skills throughout the years to come.

Daniel Agius - Our wicketkeeper/batsman showed great discipline with both the bat and gloves this season, providing some strong knocks when needed and performed great with the gloves.

Alec Herridge - Alec was our fast left arm bowler who troubled batsmen all over the coast. He picked up plenty of wickets and developed his bowling technique well throughout the season. Handy with a bat in his hand also as he chipped in with some good scores.

Daniel Thomas - Daniel was the hardest bowler to face at training this year with his unique bowling technique. His fielding abilities improved immensely through the year and I hope to see him continue his cricket for years to come.

Damian Kelly - Damian was an outstanding listener who took all the advice he was given and used it to improve his abilities with both bat and ball through the season. A pleasure to coach.

Ryan Wilson - What can't Ryan do?? His ability to swing the bowl made him somewhat unplayable on many occasions during the season and is something he will continue to torment batsman with for years to come. Ryan is also a very powerful but patient batsman which helped him make some good scores this season. Well done Ryan

Sam Johnson - Sam top scored in what was to be his highest personal score on day one of the first game against Toukley and from there continued to improve his cricket throughout the season.

Dylan Ryan - Dylan bowled his right arm leg-spinners well throughout the season, taking plenty of wickets along the way. A real character amongst the side that has the ability to change the outcome of a game in one spinning over. Also a handy No.7 batsman who has no problem sending the ball to the fence.

Matt Lynch - Matt is a strong opening batsman who played some good innings at the top of the order. Never one to back down from any bowler, Matt handled himself well throughout the season and played some very nice shots against the new ball.

Sean Wise - Sean became our opening bowler half way through the season and didn't he do a good job of it. Sean took a few wickets with the new ball and batted very well as he showed his ability as a strong all round cricketer. Congratulations Sean.

Ben Long - Ben stepped into the opening batter role half way through the season and made a remarkable impact with the bat. Ben scored some good scores and played some amazing shots in doing so on many occasions. Also a medium pace bowler who took some good wickets through the season.

David Pont - David is a great fielder, bowls some good spinners and knows how to score runs with the bat. A great all round player who has no problems showing his abilities.

Matt Ella - Matt developed his cricket well this season by taking the work he done at training into every game he played. He worked hard on his bowling and batting techniques and will continue to develop into a good cricketer in years to come.

Nathan Stothard

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is vital to the running of any club and Gosford Junior Cricket Club is certainly no exception. As such, we would like to very sincerely thank our three major sponsors - Hotel Formule One Gosford, Conacher Environmental and James Ryan - for their generous contributions to our club over the past season.

Firstly, a big "thank you" is extended to Michael and Lyn Flanagan of Hotel Formule One behind McDonalds at West Gosford for supplying all the players and coaches with club polo shirts. The shirts look fantastic and have been worn with great pride by all of us to games, training, club functions and plenty of other places and in doing so, have hopefully provided wide exposure of Michael and Lyn's business. In addition, Michael and Lyn also sponsored a race on our behalf at the annual greyhound night earlier in the season, which provided additional funds to assist us with the running of the club.

Likewise, our sincere thanks is also extended to Phil Conacher and his staff from Conacher Environmental, which is an ecological and bushfire consultancy firm in Gosford providing high quality assessment services to the development industry. Like Formula One, Phil responded to a request for sponsorship of our club prior to the season starting by providing us with funds to assist in the purchase of the equipment and other expenses. Phil's generosity continued with sponsorship of a race at the greyhound night, thereby providing the club with further funds that ordinarily we wouldn't have had. Thank you Phil and staff.

Last, but certainly not least, our thanks goes out to James Ryan, who is the principal of James Ryan and Associates accountancy practice at Wyoming. James is also a former president of the senior club and a long time supporter of the juniors, which he generously continued this year. James also attends out trivia nights and other functions which, along with his direct sponsorship and ongoing support of the juniors, is greatly appreciated. Thank you James.

Anyone else that may be interested in sponsoring the club for the 2008-2009 season (be it via a monetary donation or the donation of goods, services or prizes for raffles, fund raising or presentations) would be welcomed with open arms and is asked to contact Tim Shelley on 4365 5385 or 0409 306 186.

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