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REDBACKS Cricket Club

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## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- **Kanga Cricket Participation Awards**
- **Under 9's Non-Comp Participation Awards**
- **Under 10's – Under 16's Competition Team Awards (Batting, Bowling, Fielding, Coaches & Special Performances)**
- **Achievement Awards**
- **Player of the Year Award**
- **BBQ**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another cricket season rolls past and it's time again for our presentation, where we not only recognise our award winners, we also congratulate all the children, coaches, committee and parents who have been involved to make it the success it was. Whilst we only had one team in the Semi's (the Under 11's Blue), I believe we achieved great results throughout all our teams nonetheless.

During the season I have had many pleasing comments from opposition teams relating to our behaviour (both on and off the field), sportsmanship, parent involvement and our willingness to have fun.

I would like to thank firstly the coaches starting from the Kanga's. Mike Lipscombe did a great job with our youngest cricketers teaching them the basic skills that will see them playing to best of their ability for many years to come. Mike was assisted by Dylan Lipscombe and Michael Shelley who played all their Junior cricket with Gosford. The children really enjoyed having the two big boys around, making their training so much fun.

To all our other coaches, managers, scorers and helpers who were involved in any way, thank you for all your hard work. A special thank you to Mark Austin who coached our Under 10's this year for the first time.

To the committee, we have achieved a great deal this season, from having Terry Oval wicket upgraded to securing blower vac's and sun shelters for all our teams for next season. I really value your support and commitment to the "Redbacks" and I look forward to an even better season in 2009-10. A special mention to Donna Ryan, who ran our very successful chocolate drive this year, which raised much needed funds to put towards the improvement of our training nets at Fagan Park. Also, thanks is extended to Helen Talty, who runs around getting things organised for the Christmas Party and is always prepared to do anything we need.

Our club is very successful due to the efforts of our committee, but there is always room for anyone else who would like to come and help because as the saying goes, 'many hands make light work'.

See you all next season.

**Chris Shelley**  
Chairman

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## TEAM REPORTS

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### KANGA'S ("In2Cricket")

Following on from the inspirational base laid down by Tim Shelley over the past few years a new team of Kanga coaches embarked this year to try to explain and teach the basics of the great game of cricket to a group of new initiates. The team led by myself comprises Michael Shelley & Dylan Lipscombe with the (sometime) assistance of Aaron Hayde & Margot Lipscombe.

What this group lacks in experience its makes up for with enthusiasm and our sessions with the kids are great fun. The talent displayed by some of our group has to be seen to be believed. All of the kids improved their individual talents over the "season" and all were keen as mustard, as evidenced by the turnout we usually had on rainy Tuesdays.

I had a great time coaching the kids this year and look forward to seeing their names in higher grades of cricket in the future.

**Mike Lipscombe**  
In2Cricket Co-ordinator



### UNDER 9's Red

The 08/09 season has been a very successful one with the boys finishing undefeated. The core of the 07/08 team continued the good form following last year's also undefeated season. Our two new team members Angus Kenny and Lachlan Donohoe filled a void following the loss of two very talented players from the team. They both show exceptional skill and enthusiasm and have both shown great potential to be good cricketers.

All players have shown they are on the improve as cricketers and this was very apparent in last game of the season with a solid demolition of Terrigal (Terrigal 11 for 53 – Gosford Red 4 for 127) which included the following performances:

**Matty Lavelle** showed again he is no slouch with a bat clubbing a few boundaries and a freakish fielder.

**Alec Doolan** bowled a very solid game as well as effecting two run outs.

**Jeremy Belcher** bowled several unplayable swinging balls taking wickets and looked exceptional with the bat scoring his highest score of the season.

**Jonas Ogston** showed blistering pace with the ball also snaring wickets and batting with a very strong defence.

**Joel Ryan** put in another exceptional all rounders performance with runs and wickets including a very impressive caught and bowled.

**Angus Kenny** bowled brilliantly with one run from his first over and a wicket maiden for his second.

**Lachlan Donohoe** was very solid with the bat and took 3 wickets in his last over just missing his hat-trick.

I would also like to make mention of our "ring in" Mitchell Ryan who, following a dubious first over, stepped up taking 2 wickets in his final over and did a very solid job opening the batting in his first real official dig in U/9s - a big step up from Kanga's.

The boys finished the season well and should be extremely satisfied with their achievements this season. They have made me very proud to be their coach and I have nothing but admiration for them all. I would also like to thank them for the respect they showed me and the exceptional behaviour they displayed at all times at training and during the games.

Many thanks to Mark Lavelle and Susie Kenny for scoring. I would also like to thank my Manager in life and cricket Donna Ryan for coordinating all off field proceedings and last but not least, my Assistant Coach Bradley Ryan who did an exceptional job helping me with all aspects of training.

### **Col Ryan**

**Coach – Under 9's Red**



*The Still Undefeated Under 9's Red*

### UNDER 9's Blue

After a number of extremely rewarding years running our Kanga Cricket, I had the pleasure of coaching our other Under 9's team this season which gave me the opportunity of seeing our budding young cricketers take the next step in their cricketing careers. To this end, I was lucky enough to have had 7 of our brightest Kanga's from the previous year make the step up with me to the eight-a-side competition at Mt Penang, along with the one season veteran Lachlan Shelley, whom I stole from Col's undefeated team from the previous year (with the deliberate motive of weakening his side to our advantage).

From the first game, all these boys showed tremendous skills and enormous improvement week to week. Even more pleasing, they showed wonderful manners, great concentration and respect for the other teams, which made my job as coach a real pleasure. Whilst the actual statistics don't really matter in a non-comp, we nonetheless won all but three of our games – two to our nemesis (the other Gosford Team!) and one to Lisarow. In amongst the victories in all our remaining games, some spectacular cricket was played by the mighty Blues, including some fantastic bowling, great hitting, clever running and exceptional fielding, skills which all the boys learnt over the previous years and which they continued to hone at the training session prior to each game.

I thoroughly enjoyed the season coaching the boys and always looked forward to an early leave pass from work every Thursday to Mt Penang for an afternoon that always promised great fun with the team and a great social occasion with the parents, with a BBQ becoming the norm every innings break.

Our mighty team comprised the following members:

**Tim "D K Lillee" Scarr** – with his long run, long hair, head band and freakish pace, Tim scared every kid he played against. He didn't just hit the stumps, he knocked them a few metres away and when in bat hit the ball hard and often. Tim is a born fast bowler and also looks to be a good lower order hitter in the making.

**Hamish Stephen** – a left hander with a beautiful technique, Hamish makes 101 movements and adjustments to his bat, gloves, box, shirt and stance as the bowler runs in! Hamish always enjoys himself and makes the game fun for his team mates and coach alike and should develop into a great little all-rounder, as he has a classic "slinger" action with the ball.

**Patrick Rosee** – Patrick was one of our best bowlers, who always put the ball on the wicket and rattled the stumps on many occasions. He is also a fine looking batsmen in the making and an excellent fielder. I look forward to him progressing to the Under 10's.

**Aaron Bamforth** - Aaron has been with me for many years at Kangas and has grow in skill and confidence enormously over that time. Aaron excelled with the bat and ball each week and always gave 100%. He is a particularly good runner between wickets, has a great arm, and will be a real star for us next season.

**Lachlan Hodson** – despite never playing before, Lachlan improved tremendously each week and gradually came out of his shell at the end of the season as his confidence grew. He is extremely determined and worked hard on his batting and bowling, whilst also effecting some great run outs as well. Great work Lachlan!

**Khy Veivers** – no kid works harder on his game and tries harder to improve every week. A great listener and a pleasure to coach – he drives mum and dad crazy banging the ball up against the house hour after hour over the winter. Khy's bowling got better with every game, whilst he started to hit the boundary regularly late in the season with the bat. Well done Khy!

**Lachlan Shelley** – the most nonchalant big hitter the Under 9's has seen. Lachie makes it his mission to hit at least one mighty six each week and then pretends he was wasn't even trying. Lachie is also a lovely bowler who loves the sound of the ball hitting the stumps (and occasionally the batsman when he throws in a short one!). Lachie should really star next season in the Under 10's and I look forward to see how far he hits them off a level pitch!

**Hamish Booth** - I wish you'd enjoy your cricket a bit more Hamish! If you ever come to the game in a bad mood, Hamish is the tonic to cheer you up, as he smiles from the first ball bowled to the last. Behind the smile though is an extremely determined little cricketer who is turning out to be out be great wicket keeper and a very competitive bowler and batsmen. A dream to coach – you'd love a whole team of Hamishes!

In closing, I'd like also to pass on a huge thank you to all the mums and dads (my lovely wife included) for all the things they did to help me and the team each week. They always put up their hand to do any task required which ultimately made my day very easy. This included mowing the pitch, scoring, helping with the training and warm ups and most importantly, supplying the food and cooking the BBQ.

I look forward to all the kids and their parents returning next season as we take on the Under 10 competition. See you then!

**Tim Shelley**  
Coach – Under 9's Blue



*Under 9's Blue*

### **UNDER 10's**

The under 10's had great year, not just because we smashed Terrigal in the last game of the season with an outstanding fielding performance, but rather the tremendous improvements they showed throughout the season.

The team was made up of 12 enthusiastic boys of varying abilities. Some played in the U 9's last year, while a couple of boys have never played before.

**Luke Aguis** - What a great fielder! Six catches, a run out and not a bad wicket keeper. Luke has improved in all areas of the game taking five wickets and scoring 38 runs. Luke is a great sportsman who should be congratulated for the way he plays game.

**Hamish Austin** - Hamish's bowling was the big improver in his first year of real cricket, which resulted in 3 wickets for the season. Hamish's batting performance resulted in a total of 39 runs for the season, with his innings against The Entrances a definite highlight. Hamish is extremely keen and always gives his all.

**Sean Barnett** - Sean is a very talented cricketer who has excelled in his second season. Sean has a great eye for batting, scoring an impressive 120 runs. Sean also has great control with the ball and a very strong arm. A true all-rounder, with a bright future in cricket.

**Dane Crocker** - DK is such a natural cricketer who is always trying to put himself in the middle of the game. Dane generates good pace and accuracy with his bowling and possesses a great pair of hands, taking 7 outfield catches. Dane was also very consistent with the bat, scoring 97 runs for the season.

**Nicholas Hughes** - Nick is our Mr Cricket. I often arrived to training to find Nick and his Dad in the nets. Although Nick did not score many runs on the offside he still scored an impressive 97 runs for the season. Nick also took 5 wickets with some good pace bowling. Well done.

**Nicholas Kirby** - Nick has been our main wicket keeper all season and from this position he has developed the ability to read the game and would make an excellent captain. Nick has proven himself to be a selfless cricketer who has had an excellent season taking 7 wickets and scoring 98 runs. He is a pleasure to coach.

**Harrison Kouwenhoven** - Harrison is a keen young cricketer who thoroughly enjoys the game. A confident fielder with a good arm. As a result of his pace, Harrison managed 3 wickets, scored 36 runs and a catch.

**Cooper McKenzie** - Cooper started his first cricket season unsure of the ball. To Cooper's credit he never stopped trying. By the end of the season Cooper had taken his first ever wicket and became difficult to get out when batting.

**Solly Shepherd** - Solly is a fun loving kid who never takes himself or the game too seriously. Solly displayed some tight bowling at times, and was an efficient fielder with a good arm which resulted in 3 run-outs. He was always involved in some type of game, even when he should have been padding up.

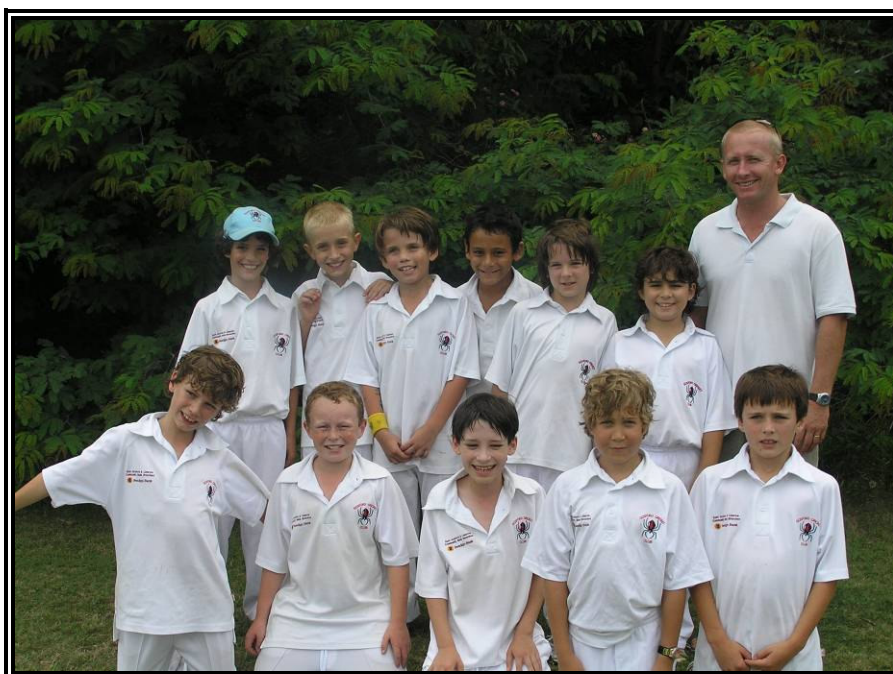
**Peter Sutherland** - Peter is another one of our first timers. He has impressed me all season with his determination to improve. Peter took 5 wickets and became increasingly hard to remove whilst batting. The highlight of Peter's season for me was his caught and bowled in the last game, where he dived across the pitch to take a great catch.

**Ben Walton** - Ben has had a good year, improving in all areas of the game. Ben was an enthusiastic fielder always keen in his role on the field. He managed 3 wickets and scored a total of 35 runs for the season. Ben is a valued member of the team who has been a pleasure to coach.

**Thomas Waterhouse** - Tom has had an excellent season with the bat scoring an impressive 84 runs. Tom has worked hard on his bowling and was rewarded with 5 wickets. I'm a little surprised that Tom was able to take 2 catches this season considering how much time his hands spend in his pockets.

I would like to thank all the parents of the boys for their support throughout the season. I would also like to give a special thankyou to Dianna Aguis and Megan Waterhouse for all the extra things that were asked to do throughout the season, making my job so much easier.

**Mark Austin**  
Coach – Under 10's



### UNDER 11A's Blue

Another good season by this team that unfortunately ended at the semi finals where we were beaten by Terrigal-Matcham, who we managed to beat twice throughout the year.

The boys (& Miss Emily Talty) had some great performances during the season including a fine 72\* by Tom Lavelle in the first game. Jack Shelley had a game to remember against Terrigal returning the bowling figures of 6/5 including a hat trick, taking a catch and scoring 36 with the bat. Matt Scarr also bowled well getting 4/3 against Wyong while Brad Ryan, Ben Shelley, Connor Miller, Tom Lavelle and Jack Shelley all reached retirement scores on different occasions. Connor Miller was also more than tidy behind the stumps as our wicket keeper while Tom Hunt and Tom Lavelle were panther like in the field (Even if Tom Lavelle was sometimes like a sleepy panther).

We had a few new players this year with Aidan McBride, Joel Lahiff and Emily Talty, all of whom improved during the season to the point where they were all very competent by season's end. Matt Stokes was at times very hard to play with his bowling coming along very nicely and he was always lively in the field.

Thank you to all the players for their exemplary behaviour and commitment and to all the parents for their support during the year - it really was a fun and thoroughly enjoyable season.

Lastly thanks for Andy and Sue Hunt, Ann (my lovely wife) for scoring and of course my brother Timothy for helping the boys and Emily to get the most out of themselves and perform so well week in week out.

See you all next season

**Chris Shelley**  
**Coach - Under 11A's Blue**



*Under 11A's Blue – Semi-Finalists 2008-2009*

### UNDER 11A's Red

We had a great season considering the challenges encountered and the amazing learning for all involve - both parents, players and more so myself - has been great. We needed to have Alec Doolan from the U9's step up most games as a result of injuries to Luke Carnevale, illness with Tyler Lowe and the normal occasional absentee. Wyatt, Saphvik and Chad all showed great first year ability including awesome end of season recruit Nicholas. Special thanks to Jordan Vanesis for his efforts as well.

**Wyatt Lammi** – For his first year playing the game, Wyatt amazed us all with beautiful natural leg spin qualities with occasional accurate pace and dogged batting style that developed as the season progressed. Gentle giant and quiet achiever. Thank you Wyatt.

**Joshua Doolan** – As the oldest brother of an amazing duo, Josh regularly showed the amazing ability he possesses. Natural left arm spin bowling that left some batsman wondering, ‘..mmm..@#\$! &^%\$\*\*^what happened. Had a very memorable batting partnership [under huge pressure] with his brother we will never forget. Thank you Josh.

**Cameron Day** - Cameron has continued to improve and show us his natural talent and regular brilliance with both bat and ball. His occasional rebel spirit [or concentration lapses] will mature into focus and great skill. Interesting grey matter...lol. Thank you Cam.

**Lachlan White** – Well what can I say .. an absolute pleasure to see such natural abilities. ‘In the blood’ is a cliché that well befits. Orthodox and a great all rounder and a pleasure to coach. Thank you Lachie.

**Rian Futter** – Finished the season along side Joel and Chad with the most wickets and made some good bowling attacks humble with good brave batting. With an improved bowling action, somehow seemed to baffle batsman with varied medium pace and swing bowling. Good fine leg fielder. Thank you Rian.

**Joel Murphy** – Another ‘In the blood’ cricketer, but with natural ball sense. Punished the fast ‘coming on ball’, but often unlucky hitting down the throat of good fielders. Great catlike fielding and very good ‘eye’. Thank you Joel.

**Chad Dennett** - Raw enthusiasm and desire to be involved in everything, and natural all round ability with wicket keeping to boot. Has the potential of great things and was a pleasure to see develop as a integral part of the team. Thank you Chad.

**Damien Hurd** – Very good performances with ball, bat and fielding made his year a real memorable one. When he connected, the ball sailed away with a sweet sound off his bat. Amazing catches and awesome throwing arm. Thank you Damien.

**Saphvik Gopala** – Saphvik improvement as the year progressed was a pleasure to witness. He developed into a fine pace bowler and his love for the game is what makes the game of cricket great. Great temperament and a pleasure to coach. Thank you Saphvik.

**Tyler Lowe** – Tyler yet once again show great effort with all aspects of his game. A pleasure to coach and always willing to step up with whatever was asked of him. Unfortunately illness played a part in his game time. Thank you Tyler.

**Nicholas Chapman** – As another new player it was fantastic to have Nick join when we really needed him and his immediate talent showed. Has great natural skill with ball and bat and is quite obviously the product of park/backyard cricket. He has a wonderful nature and fitted in so quickly and easily. Thank you Nick.

**Luke Carnevale** - Unfortunately Luke had major setbacks with injuries and it must have been so frustrating to him to have to sit and watch. He is an awesome talent in every aspect of the game and will become a major force to be reckoned with in time and staying injury free. Thank you Luke.

**Alec Doolan** – Last but not least young Alec....wow... dynamite does come in small parcels and to play above his age so well is so awesome to see. Had a memorable innings with brother Josh that showed great guts and determination. Thank you so much Alec.

Thank you especially to all the parents for all the help, and lets hope next year will bring great new cricket experiences and lessons for all.

**Barry Futter**  
**Coach - Under 11A's Red**



*The Under 11A's Red*

### UNDER 14C's

This season we started the year with a total of 13 players on the books! The Team was as follows: Josh Barty, Jacob Casswell, Jack Elliot, Corey Harvey, Sophie Hunt, Brad Johnstone, Aaron Kendrigan, Storm McGirr, Ben Rapley, Liam Taylor, Joshua Towler, Courtney Yeo and Jarrod Young.

Below are the statistics for all of our players for the 2008/2009 season:

BOWLING					
Player	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	Bwl Avg
Josh Barty	41	121	13	4/9	9.31
Aaron Kendrigan	53.3	109	11	3/12	9.91
Liam Taylor	51	114	10	7/17	11.40
Corey Harvey	18	35	8	3/10	4.38
Jack Elliot	35	103	7	2/2	14.71
Joshua Towler	20.4	72	7	2/3	10.29
Sophie Hunt	40.1	125	5	1/3	25.00
Storm McGirr	30	102	4	2/9	25.50
Brad Johnstone	33	83	4	2/10	20.75
Jarrod Young	30	106	4	2/14	26.50
Ben Rapley	23	106	3	0	1/11
Courtney Yeo	15	65	3	0	2/10
Jacob Casswell	21	127	1	0	1/26

FIELDING		
Player	Catches	Run-outs
Josh Barty	8	1
Courtney Yeo	5	0
Sophie Hunt	3	0
Jarrold Young	3	1
Jack Elliot	2	1
Corey Harvey	2	0
Aaron Kendrigan	2	2
Joshua Towler	2	1
Brad Johnstone	2	0
Liam Taylor	2	2
Storm McGirr	1	0
Ben Rapley	0	0
Jacob Casswell	0	0

BATTING					
Player	Innings	Not Outs	HS	Runs	Average
Josh Barty	13	1	57	182	14.00
Corey Harvey	10	1	62*	159	17.67
Liam Taylor	12	0	38*	145	16.11
Aaron Kendrigan	14	0	26	116	9.67
Jack Elliot	14	0	23	108	8.31
Storm McGirr	8	0	10	35	5.00
Jarrold Young	9	0	13*	31	4.43
Joshua Towler	11	0	9	24	2.63
Courtney Yeo	10	0	9	19	1.90
Brad Johnstone	9	0	5	14	1.56
Sophie Hunt	8	0	3*	8	4.00
Jacob Casswell	6	0	6*	8	2.00
Ben Rapley	10	0	3	3	0.38

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. A special mention also to Andrew Barty for his help on a Saturday and running the game if we were unable to attend, another mention to Rodger Young for his assistance on a Wednesday Afternoon at Training. We also look forward to all the players coming back next year for another great season.

### Josh Yeo and Ashley Hutchinson Coaches – Under 14C's

### UNDER 14A's

This year was always going to be an eye opener after the cruise ship season we had in the B Grade, where the team brushed aside all challenges to reign supreme. The team had some losses and some gains, with "The Fitzgibbon Brothers" being our losses, and Elliott Rozario, Ben Talbot, with Alexander White our gains. Every game was establishing what the standard was in A grade and where our game was at in comparison, so it was entertaining and frustrating at the same time, with confidence a large part of who would have success at this level.

Clearly there were four sides to be reckoned with if we were to make the semis, and we ended up finishing 6th, which was a fair reflection of our season, given the good and bad luck dealt. I will write about the season in flash format to help you better understand. Round One away saw us play last years runners up, and we hit 9-149 with 45 from Dan Morrissey, and in reply Terrigal were 8-190 with Elliott Rozario taking 3-16, the best on day..... None from One.

Round Two at home saw us playing against the brothers Fitzgibbon for Toukley, and on a mission. Using our winning formula they spooked us out for 145, with Elliott Rozario not out 33, holding up the fort, and in reply scored 4-145 to tie the match. Elliott also took 3-22 in an outstanding match and announced his arrival! Zac Fitzgibbon took 2 wickets, scored 70 retired, and crushed his old coach..... None from Two with a tie.

Round Three away put us in the field first against Lisarow, and we rolled them for 192 all out, with Jacob Speziale taking 4-7 stopping a 200+ score. In response, the chase ended at 4-194 in the last over, with Dale Wilson 70 retired, joining three team mates for three 50 run partnerships that sealed the first WIN in A grade! ..... One from Three with a tie.

Round Four at home to the real deal, Doyalson. We bowled short and strayed in trying conditions, to offer them many a tasty treat, to be chasing their score of 8-250. In reply we were rolled for 79 and were 4-42 in the second innings holding tight under threat. Only 33 from Dan Morrissey in the first threatened. They were awesome, but we made it a little easy..... One from Four with a tie.

Round Five offered hope away to Woy Woy, getting them all out for 145 with a good performance in the field. But this was short lived as wet weather saw us rained out at Rogers Lake, and a possible win sunk! ..... One from Five with extras.

Round Six at home to The Entrance was where the optimism sagged, when we allowed them to score 9-236. We were in the field with nine, from a squad of 13, and this just won't cut it in the top grade, even if everyone did try their very best. In a sporting gesture our opponents let us use two unlisted players to bat, to give us a sporting chance with eleven, and those eleven scored 158 all out in response, with Daniel Morrissey scoring 71 the highlight.....One from Six and the candle is out!

Round Seven away was supposed to be some fun from here on, but a wet ground saw to that. Lost the toss and fielded with the soap to see Umina score 8-254 with the help of two 70 retirements. Of course the next week saw it dry and we were brittle getting rolled for 45 in the first, and 1-83 in the second including a 51 from Daniel Morrissey..... Help!

Round Eight at home was against Kincumber who I thought early on were a team similar to us, but not the case. They scored 8-205 batting first, and the following week we scored only 132 all out. We were 3-90 in the 29<sup>th</sup> over, only to be all out in the 46<sup>th</sup>, losing 7-42 with Bryce Ulacco top scoring with 29..... Ughhhh!

Round Nine against Wyong, who were last year's premiers less two very important players, was our final challenge at home. They batted first and scored 150 all out, with Bohdi Adams taking 3-10, and this was gettable.....I hoped. Dan Morrissey, after an early setback, went on to score a wonderful century to see us home 9-173, with good support from Jacob Speziale playing with a broken thumb, in a game-winning 38 run last wicket partnership.

So that was the season, now a little about the team...

**Bohdi Adams** was our leading wicket taker this year with his left arm spin attack. Bohdi is beginning to learn the disciplines of focusing all of his energies into his bowling, and is starting to mature into a very useful spinner.

**Ryan Cox** provided the clever head on young shoulders again, proving an asset in the field with good leg spin, reliable keeping, and wise advice to his skipper. His batting is solid but he lacks power at this stage, and will benefit when the pecks, guns, etc arrive, as much of the timing is already there.

**Morgan Futter** is my work in progress as a fast bowler, and I feel his time is about to arrive. Clearly by next season he will be taller than his coach, and he will be quick. Control is the issue at present, and when he has it, he can be unplayable, but when he doesn't, he can be expensive. Amazing what eyeglasses can do for a fielder, when they can actually see the ball!

**Jonathan Lan** is by far and away the most improved cricketer of this side. From his first season when he seemed to appear not completely at ease on the field, to opening the bowling and taking wickets against good sides, rarely making errors in the field, holding catches almost always, and I can't remember him dropping one this year. His batting is unorthodox, but most effective, and the reverse sweep always brings a big smile to all.

**Jared McNee** has ability galore, but is yet to realise his potential. Many a good innings was thrown away by poor shot selection when a big score beckoned. Athletic, enthusiastic, and very vocal in the field, Jared always wants to be in the game, and is an aura of energy. A handy bowler as well, which sets up a future as a really good all round cricketer, an asset!

**Daniel Morrissey** is getting close to consistency with his batting, and thinking more about each innings, and not treating it as disposable. A better bat than his coach easily, sees him not apply the patience rule to each knock, and so therefore not the results he should get. His captaincy throughout the season was tested, and he has a pass mark from me dealing with most situations correctly, with confidence, and time spent on his bowling has seen a 100% improvement. The effort he applies in the field, coupled with his ability sees him as a threat for the opposition from anywhere on the field. With focus big things await Daniel!

**Elliott Rozario** was new to the team and fitted in almost straight away. His bowling this year I thought went unrewarded, but not under rated, as he commanded respect from good spells. Not sure how to approach batting with Elliott, as he has a lot to offer, but we didn't see the best of it I think, except for a couple of innings. Like Jared, he is always up for it when fielding, being positive and enthusiastic, and always wants to play. We will need to find some extra cricket for him next season, as this will definitely benefit him greatly.

**Jacob Speziale** has been, and is my idea of a utility player, that can and will take up all the challenges I present to him. On his day he makes a mess of opponents bowling, but his shot selections let him down with tempo being the problem in question, except the last knock which was the best for the year. The same with the bowling.....when it flows 4 for 7 can be the result, but rhythm is everything for an outswing bowler, so we need to work on consistency. In the field he literally throws himself wholeheartedly into the job.

**Daniel Stafford-Smith** plays cricket by just letting it happen, whether it be with the ball or bat. A safe set of hands in field, we didn't see enough of DSS this year, and this is what is holding him back at present. His batting can be silky smooth, and he can deceive with the ball, but we need to see him get more real game time under his belt for improvement. The six in the last game was magnificent, and I need to discover where that comes from!

**Ben Talbot** joined us this year and the transition was tough. Not only was he joining a new side, but moving into A grade as well. Clearly with the bat and the ball he has ability, but he suffered from a total lack of confidence, something that all old cricketers know only too well can strike you down anytime. He ended his year on the upside, and that will be the starting point next season. I hope to see you back next season as I want to see the successes.

**Bryce Ulacco** could probably play most sports and do well. Talent can be the enemy sometimes, with a tendency to lean on it to get you through. He missed a ton of runs when he was on fire with the bat, but those fatal shots that you can't do again, ruin it. In the field he took some wonderful catches, he is a freak, full stop! With the ball he can bowl leg spin or mediums, but the leg spin revelation is scarily good. Looked pretty comfortable in A grade.

**Alexander White** was a new starter with us and playing above his age to play A grade. First I thought he was more of a batsman, then more of bowler, but he is just an all-rounder. Like Bryce, he too can bowl mediums, but his off spin is superb, and he is a thinker to boot. Upper body strength will assist his batting no end, as he is pretty sound against most bowling, so power and timing will both eclipse soon.

**Dale Wilson** took over one of the vacant opening spots this year and enjoyed early success with the bat, but suffered as did others with a lack of continuity in the stop start season. He kept and fielded always with enthusiasm, snaring a bag full of catches for the reward. Doesn't quite know what he wants to bowl yet, but out of the bag the occasional spell would be a ripper, but his results reflect the indifference. Always a team player with great spirit!!

Each of these boys once again played fairly, and in the right spirit, and I am very proud of them in what has been a difficult year. They train for three hours a week with smiles on their faces, and are never devastated by a loss, and enjoy each others company. A lot was learnt this year by players and coach alike, and these errors will be corrected next season, especially the way we train and approach games.

A big thank you to those who picked up the slack for me in scoring and keeping all in order off the field, whilst I was on it, and to the fathers who helped me out at training.....you all know who you are. And from the boys to you, thank you for all the support each Saturday as you bunker down to watch us play.....Mums, Dads, and Grandparents, etc..

**Craig Wilson**  
Coach – Under 14A's

### UNDER 16A's

Comprised entirely of Under 15 players, season 2008-09 proved both a challenging and rewarding one for the boys when placed in a very strong Under 16A competition. Although winning only one game, the boys enthusiasm never waned. They played some excellent cricket and with a bit more luck and little more confidence, would have recorded another 3 or 4.

This is very talented group of players and next season should see them pushing for the semis. I would therefore love to see each and every one of them back next season to pick up where they left off and continue their improvement.

Whilst the team recorded only one win, the season was not without its highlights, with all the boys producing some great individual performances with the bat, ball and in the field at various times. In amongst these were a great century to Brad Brown, who scored 100 not out against Mountains in the second-last round, while Kieran Easton scored 51 against Doyalson and an even 50 against both Mountains and Wyong. In the bowling department, Ryan Wilson, Kieran Easton and Daniel White all bagged 3 wickets in an innings.

Thanks to everyone who assisted me throughout, it is greatly appreciated.

**Tony Wilson**  
Coach – Under 16A's



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## SPONSORSHIP

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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 – Bendigo Bank, Hotel Formule One Gosford and James Ryan Accountancy - for their generous contributions to our club over the past season.

Firstly, a huge “thank you” is extended to Bendigo Bank at East Gosford, Kincumber and Lisarow - and in particular Michael Bell, Senior Manager of these branches - for generously covering the cost of all our playing shirts. The shirts look fantastic and have been worn with great pride by all players and have hopefully provided wide exposure for Bendigo Bank, who do so much in our local community and sponsor many other sporting teams.

Secondly, our sincere thanks is also extended to Cherrie Riley, the new owner of Hotel Formule One behind McDonalds at West Gosford, who followed up last year's generous sponsorship of our club with another sizeable donation that we will use to put towards the repair of the nets at Fagan Park in the off season. Thank you very much Cherrie.

Likewise, we would also like to thank 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. Phil sponsored us last year and generously offered to continue this commitment this season.

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 our trivia nights and other functions which, along with his direct sponsorship and ongoing support of the juniors, is greatly appreciated. Thank you James.

For more details for Bendigo Bank, Formule One and Conacher Environmental Group, click on the links on our club website ([www.gosfordcricketclub.com](http://www.gosfordcricketclub.com)).

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 or via e-mail on [tandjshelley@dodo.com.au](mailto:tandjshelley@dodo.com.au).

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## OTHER ITEMS

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- Website – the club website has now been up and running for number of months and hopefully everyone has had a chance to check it out. It provides draws, results, information on upcoming events, information about the club and links to other cricket related sites. If you would like to see something else on it or have any comments as to how it can be improved, please contact Tim Shelley (details above). The website is [www.gosfordcricketclub.com](http://www.gosfordcricketclub.com).
- Registration for 2009-2010 – rego for next season is likely to be around the end of August and again at West Gosford Shopping Centre. Details will be on the website beforehand. We will also mail out rego forms to everyone registered with us this year and also set up a system to allow electronic payments to make registering even easier. Details will be provided at the time. If the address provided on last season's forms is out of date, please contact our recorder Bill Yeo via e-mail on [thecentralcoastyeos@bigpond.com](mailto:thecentralcoastyeos@bigpond.com) with your new details. Please also pass on our rego details to other kids that want to play cricket so we can get as many new players as possible to our club.
- Fencing at Terry Oval – we are in the process of working with Gosford Council to try and put up some protective fencing and bollards along the edge of Terry Oval to stop balls going on to Wells Street. Any parents or firms associated with the club that are, or have contact with, fencing contractors that would be interested in doing this work is asked to contact Tim Shelley.
- Shirts – following a number of enquiries, we are organising an initial batch of club polo shirts from Waratah Sports, Wyoming (probably sky blue with the club logo or similar) for any adults interested in purchasing them. Hopefully these will be available at or prior to the start of next season. More details will be provided on the website during the off season and at rego in August.

**GO THE REDBACKS!**  
**SEE YOU ALL IN 2009-2010**

