



NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well the year is just about over and although some of our teams missed out on the semi's I believe that it has been an enjoyable and productive season. Congratulations to the kids for their efforts and to the parents and coaches for their commitment.

Thankyou to everyone involved in the Trivia Night which was a great success. We were able to raise over \$1000 for the club and have lots of fun at the same time.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the Club Presentation for our last function of the season.

Chris Shelley

TEAM REPORTS

KANGA'S

Milo Kanga cricket has just wrapped up for another season and as with previous years, the improvement in the kids' skills has been fantastic. It has been a pleasure to watch the kids both participate and improve every week and more importantly, watch them enjoy themselves. Even the kids who had never picked up a bat or ball before this season were keen to learn and listen and as a result, significantly improved their batting, bowling and fielding. At the other end of the scale, some of the older kids who have played before honed their skills even further once we broke into groups later in the season and are now ready to take the next step as a Redback into either the Under 9's or 10's next season.

A big thank you goes to the mums, dads and grandparents for bringing your kids down every week – especially in the midst of some fairly dodgy weather – and a big thank you to the kids for helping me to collect the gear and pack the kit at the end of every session. At the risk of repeating myself in the upcoming annual report, I would also like to pass on a special thank you to all the dads (and my nephew Michael) for helping me take the groups every week, which gives the kids much more time to do the exercises and play a game at the end.

Thanks again everyone and I look forward to seeing as many of the Kanga kids and parents as possible at the presentation next month.

Cheers,
Tim Shelley

UNDER 9's BLUE

The kids have been enjoying there cricket again, which can be seen by our nail biting win against Mountains/Kariong. Mountains were first to bat and Matthew was our first wicket taker with a beautiful ball on the stumps. Then Max, with his nice run-out, got the team excited, as these were our first two wickets. Later in the innings Kye grabbed a wicket with one of his fast balls, Luke almost got a hat-trick with 2 nice wickets in his next over, then to finish the bowling Hamish wanted a wicket and what a great ball it was - right on the stumps. Whilst we got out 5 times when it was our turn to bat, some big hits from Kye and Emily and some nice hitting from the rest of the team, gave us a close win, with our average of 15 runs narrowly pipping Mountains with 14.4.

Next game was against Umina Green, who batted first. Kye struck early with a caught and bowled with his second ball. His second wicket was a caught behind, beautifully taken by Jase at wicky. Emily, Luke and Matthew all showed their skills with the ball as they picked up a wicket each, before Hamish finished off Umina with a nice runout in the second last over. The batting in this game was excellent, with the kids learning that by not getting out our average gets bigger. Kye again batted well, whilst a great effort from Conner with the bat helped us to another win. Red Backs 53 Umina 10.9.

Helen Talty asked the kids what they thought of their season of cricket. These are their comments:

Jase: "I had a great year and the coach is the best".
Kye: "My coach is the best and I like cricket".
Hamish: "I like cricket and my coach".
Max: "I have had a good year so far".
Matthew: "I am having a good year for my first time and I like my coach".
Emily: "My coach is fantastic and so is my team".
Luke: "My Team is good and my coach is the best".
Connor: "I have a good time at cricket".

And Joe did not bribe the children with chocolate!

Dianna Agius

UNDER 9's RED

Despite the rain which seems to arrive every Thursday afternoon we have only missed 2 matches this season. The boys remain enthusiastic about their cricket and are constantly ticking boxes of achievements in their cricketing. Special mentions of late include Jonas Ogston taking two wickets in one over and hitting his first boundary of the year. Lachlan Shelley's straight drive for six followed by a smart pull shot that also went for six was very spectacular against Narara. Alec Doolan bowled an over of all 6 on the stumps a very rare achievement at this age and backed up with a wicket in his next over as well. Hopefully the remainder of the season will be as enjoyable as it has been to date.

Col Ryan

UNDER 10 BLUES

Following five wins, three losses and 3 washouts, the 10 Blues went to the Christmas break in third position. Since the break, the boys have continued to improve their cricket enormously week after week and losing only one game in the process (to the eventual minor premiers Mountains) and at the same time, racking up three more first innings wins, including a great last over victory over the second placed Kincumber team, plus one outright win – the only team in the comp to achieve this feat. Highlights during this period was the consistently good batting of Tom ("I need to relax") Lavelle, Jack Shelley and Bradley Ryan, each of whom continued to pick up retirement scores of 15. In the bowling department, Tom Hunt was a standout with plenty of wickets, whilst Matt Scarr, Ben Shelley and James Bartlett showed their improvement by taking 3 wicket hauls of 3/0, 3/3 and 3/2 respectively. Nick Kirby and Matt Stokes also picked up some handy wickets, while Conner Miller has kept well. Special mention also goes to Joel "Chief" Ryan from the Under 9's (aged 7), who has filled in most weeks and bowled and fielded brilliantly. Thanks Chief!

As a result of these efforts, the boys maintained their position at third (just missing out on second), and found themselves in the quarter finals last weekend against Wyong at Toukley. After keeping Wyong to 79 in their 25 overs, Gosford Blue plunged to 6 for 42 at drinks before the panic free batting of "Nicko" Kirby, with great support from Matt Stokes and Conner Miller, steadied the ship to take us past Wyong's score 8 wickets down. Whilst Ben's 10 runs earlier on certainly helped, Nicko's clever nudging and placement (including a deliberate shot back between the keeper and 1st slip!) in his score of 11 not out ended up being the difference between the teams and has put us into the semi final this week against The Entrance, where hopefully we can play just as well.

What has continued to impress Chris, myself and I'm sure the parents as well this season is the fact that this is a genuine "team" with no one superstar doing everything. Rather, all the boys contribute every week, be it via batting, bowling, fielding, or wicket keeping, and listen to the advice offered (hopefully most of it good). As a result, their improvement has been substantial and is the most pleasing aspect of coaching them. There is no greater example of this improvement than their bowling, where a few games ago we bowled only 4 no balls in twenty five overs, which would be fantastic even for a test team!

All the best for this weekend boys and thanks for the tremendous effort so far!

Tim Shelley

UNDER 10's RED

What a great season our boys and girls had. With many close and exciting games, plus a couple of disappointing ones, we still managed to finish in fourth place (in the southern group). By winning our final game against Woy Woy with a massive 186 off the bat (congratulations to Josh Doolan with his highest score for the season, 18), and with Gosford Blue doing us a huge favour by beating Narara Wyoming, we booked a place in the Qualifying Finals. Unfortunately it wasn't to be and the team went down by 35 runs.

Congratulations to the boys and girls for giving it their best and for making it that far. We are all so very proud of you. What a great result for Gosford Junior Cricket having both of the Under 10's reaching the Qualifying Finals.

Good luck Gosford Blue with your continuing journey.

Melissa Redhead

UNDER 11A's

Since the Christmas break, the boys have continued to improve and most importantly, are still very much enjoying their cricket. In between the rain playing havoc and a couple of long afternoons at Mannering Park as a result of a change in venue, the boys have had a number of hard fought matches and finished a close second in each of them. Of particular note is the reduction in runs scored by Mr Extras, whilst Aaron Kendrigan has shone with the ball by producing maiden after maiden. On the batting front, Nathan James has been a consistent run scorer, ably assisted by the rest of his team mates who have greatly improved their running between wickets.

Thank again to all the parents who help out by getting the kids to training and to the games and more importantly, bringing the barbeque along when possible. Special thanks also goes to Dave James for stepping up as the defacto coach in our time of need.

Adam Crampton

UNDER 12B's

We'll go back to Round 6 when we played Terrigal - Matcham at Adcock. Whilst we lost, Sophie Hunt took 2-12, with Courtney Yeo the other wicket taker, who took 1-13. The highest run scorer was Jack Elliot with 6 runs, closely followed by Nick Ware with 5 runs. In Round 8 we played Kincumber at Ettalong Oval and we won the toss and decided to have a bat first. Highest run score for this game was again Jack Elliot with 16, then Nick Ware with 12 and Courtney Yeo with 7. In our bowling, we saw both Harley Charge and Sophie Hunt take 2 wickets each and in the field Katrina Charge took a catch and a run out. Catches were also taken by Jayden Gray, Nick Ware and Courtney Yeo. Unfortunately again we came away with a loss.

Round 9 saw the "Redbacks" play Woy Woy at their home web of Adcock Park. Again we batted first and once again Jack Elliot was the highest run scorer with 26. With 16 runs, Courtney Yeo was the second highest run scorer. We made a total of 99 runs for our 50 overs. In week two we came out looking for a win. Jayden Gray took 3-11, Jack Elliot 2-9 and Josh Tabor, Courtney Yeo, Ben Rapley and Sophie Hunt all took a wicket each. In the field ,catches were taken by Sophie Hunt, Jake Drew, Jack Elliot, Josh Tabor with one each while Courtney Yeo took 2. With our tight bowling and great fielding we restricted Woy Woy to 97 runs, meaning we came out with a WIN! With one more round to go lets just see if we can get another win to our names!

Thanks, Josh Yeo, Ashley Hutchinson and Jack Hunt — Coaches

UNDER 13B's

In amongst a flood of rain and a water logged Adcock Park, the juggernaut that is the 13B's have only graced the paddock for 3 weeks since Christmas. After going into the break in first position, the team now finds itself in second due to a lack of cricket and as a result, must now win their final game to regain 1st spot or at the very least, retain second to ensure two shots at glory come semi-final time. At the mid way point in our last game against Terrigal, Gosford finds itself defending 86 runs which, based on our form so far, is more than defendable.

Good luck to the team as they head into the field on Saturday. Regardless of the result, we look forward to heading into the semi-finals the following week and continuing to play the high quality cricket we have been up until now.

UNDER 14A's

In a season which will be best remembered for how little cricket was played, our boys have been plagued more than most other teams with the effects of bad weather and sodden fields. They've had little chance to show what they can do, and even then the individual performances have obviously been marred by the effects of a lack of both training and match practice.

There have however been many strong performances and signs of good things to come next year. In Round 9 against the very strong Kincumber side, our batting was lead by Ryan Wilson with 35, Dylan Ryan 26 not out and Brad Brown 22. The bowling showed some excellent figures with Sean Wise taking 3-33 and Ryan Wilson 2-30. In the previous game against Lisarow (another abandoned because of the weather), Alec Herridge took 3-8, Brad Brown 2-8 and Dylan Ryan 2-16. Other wicket takers included Sam Johnson, Matt Lynch and Sean Wise. The depth of our bowling was further emphasised the week before against Narara by our wicketkeeper, Daniel Agius, taking 2 for 14.

As we come towards the end of the season, feeling disappointed about the limited amount of cricket we have been able to play, we look forward to our last game coming up and then next summer when hopefully we will be able enjoy more cricket than this season.

Alan Pont

SPONSORSHIP

In addition to our main sponsors - Formule One West Gosford and Conacher Environmental - whose generous contributions to our club have been greatly appreciated, please don't forget our other potential sources of sponsorship as follows:

- Central Coast Holden, West Gosford – who will donate \$100 to the Club for every vehicle they sell to someone involved with Gosford Cricket Club, whether that be a parent, grandparent, relative or friend. So anyone buying a vehicle from Central Coast Holden over the next few months is asked to contact one of the committee members who will give you a form to complete to secure the sponsorship.
- Gosford RSL Club – for each new membership taken out by members of Gosford Cricket Club, the RSL will donate \$50 worth of sponsorship to the Club. All you need to do is join for \$5 and give your membership number to any of the committee members so we can redeem the sponsorship.

Anyone else that may be interested in sponsoring our club in any form for next season (be it via a monetary donation or the donation of goods, services or prizes for raffles, fund raising or presentations) is asked to contact Tim Shelley on 4365 5385 or 0409 306 186.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our recent trivia night at Gosford RSL on 9th February was a great success and as Chris said, raised over \$1,000, all of which will be put back into the club. A great night was had by all of the 80 odd people who attended, including parents, friends and members of the senior club (whose support was appreciated). Special thanks goes to our MC for the evening Mr Noel Lawton, who plays for our senior club and dabbles (pretty seriously) in trivia as a hobby. Noel kept the evening rolling along with a heap of great questions of varying difficulty, with other games and physical challenges in between and we pass on our thanks to him. The winning team was the parents of the Under 10's Blue, although the rest of the teams pushed them all the way.

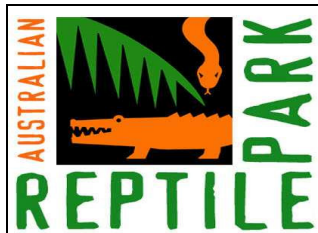
We would also like to formally thank the many sponsors who contributed prizes and raffle items for the evening, without which the night would not have been the success it was. These sponsors are listed below. We would encourage everyone from the club to support them with your patronage and with a personal "thank you" next time happen to be in their premises.



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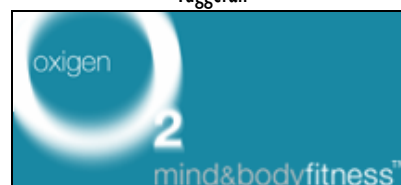
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTATION



As yet, the final date and time for our annual presentation has not been finalised. However, it is likely to be at Fagan Park on a Saturday afternoon/evening in April, combined with a barbeque.

Once the exact date and time is finalised, you will be notified by phone from your coach and via e-mail to ensure everyone knows the details.

This will be our last function for the year, so we would love as many players, parents, relatives and friends there as possible. If you're in any doubt as to any details of the night in future weeks, contact your coach.

See you there and go the Redbacks!

