

NEWCASTLE JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Office Bearers 2021/2022

- President: Andrew Cornwell
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- Chris Wharton
- Rob Joliffe
- Mel Crimmins
- Matt Voight
- Steve Pratt
- Leya Wilson
- Mick Karnaghan
- Andrew Hiskens

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- Newcastle/Port Stephens Cricket NSW Cricket Manager: Francis Walsh
- Lake Macquarie Cricket NSW Cricket Manager: Tim Cox
- Competitions Administrator – Dave Wild

President's Annual Report

The 2021/22 junior cricket season has been an extraordinary one.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID and La Nina, the season has been an incredible success. Our player numbers were up on the previous year with some 1,700 young cricketers participating in our competitions. The start of the season was delayed by several weeks, however by utilising the reserve week and pushing the season into mid-March, we were able to schedule a full complement of rounds. The start of the season also coincided with the state government's relaxation of COVID restrictions meaning that both players and spectators were able to enjoy their cricket in a relatively uninhibited manner. Round 8 was abandoned as the Omicron variant impacted the community just prior to Christmas.

La Nina also presented another challenge. Round 5 and round 14 were declared washouts on the Friday afternoon prior much to the disappointment of players and relief of parents.

In July, Dave Wild joined the NJCA team as our new administrator. Dave brings a wealth of experience to the position and has been a wonderful addition to the association. Despite all the challenges Dave has been critical in delivering a highly successful season.

In January, the Ron Arendts and Graeme Malcolm carnivals attracted teams from around the state. Despite some residual post COVID challenges, both carnivals were a great success. The association received very positive feedback from visiting teams and the standard of cricket was high.

In February, we were delighted to officially name the nets at Smith Park after one of our treasured life members, Jim Brennan. This is a fitting recognition for one of the greatest servants of our game.

As an association we have a range of key responsibilities. One is to provide the opportunity to as many young people as possible to play cricket. The second is to hand them over to senior cricket with a love and respect for the game. These are aims that our association has a proud record of achieving. Nonetheless, it is important that we always look to improve. We must ensure that we have strong competitions that enable all young cricketers to pit their skills against players of a similar skill level. With this in mind, the NJCA committee approved a number of reforms.

Early in the season we changed the three-year eligibility rule. This enables cricketers to play over two years up with the permission of parents, clubs and the NJCA. This reflects Cricket

Australia's view that stage three cricket is about ability rather than age. We propose to take this a step further in the 2022/23 season.

In 2022/23 we propose to maintain U14s as a discrete age group playing stage 3 cricket. All age groups above that will be merged into an "opens" age group. The top two divisions of six teams will play on Friday nights rather than Saturday mornings. This will eliminate the rush for many players to get from a junior game at 12.20 pm to make a senior afternoon game at 1.00 pm. It will also allow more games to take place on better grounds and potentially free up umpiring opportunities. Furthermore, the rules will be changed for these top two divisions to provide for a more seamless transition between junior and senior cricket.

Additionally, in 2022/23 we plan to introduce a \$20 per player infrastructure levy. Every cent of these funds will be directed to replacing centre wickets. Our wickets are aging, too narrow, and do not meet Cricket Australia standards. This levy will enable us to provide a reasonable capital contribution when applying for grants. This, in turn, improves our chances of success. We anticipate being able to replace three or four centre wickets each year starting this year. This in turn will improve the player experience, particularly for younger cricketers as it will result in more balls being "in play".

We surveyed our member clubs to assess their infrastructure priorities. This highlighted the fact that much of our infrastructure, particularly training nets, are old and dilapidated. As a result of this process, we have developed a document that will enable us to support and assist clubs in their applications for government and non-governments grants.

In May, the NJCA resolved to move the management of representative cricket to Newcastle Zone Cricket. This is the "natural home" of junior representative cricket. It means the rep pathway from juniors, colts and seniors sits in the one organisation. This ensures there is a natural pathway for our most talented players. The zone will now work with our coaches and players to ensure our young cricketers have the best possible opportunities to shine. Another inefficiency we are looking to remove is the current system of invoicing the clubs via a team levy. One option we are exploring is to replace this with a per player levy. These funds would be distributed at the point of player registration rather than being collected by the clubs and then paid to the NJCA. This reform would remove a significant amount of administration for both the clubs and the association. One factor that clubs should consider is the effect of their cash flows. There would be less money going into club accounts at the start of the season and less money flowing out as team fees are paid to the NJCA. The net financial impact is neutral and it will reduce the administrative burden on clubs and the

NJCA alike.

Another reform made in May was for the association to support the clubs with their Blasters programs. The NJCA will provide clubs with a \$500 grant for their Blasters programs provided certain KPIs are met. We will communicate these to the clubs shortly however a key requirement will be to identify their Blasters Coordinator as early as possible.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of those involved in providing the opportunity to our young cricketers to play this wonderful game. Parents, coaches, and umpires ensure games are played in the right spirit every week. The volunteers who run the clubs provide countless hours of work to facilitate this. The competitions would not occur without our administrator and NJCA committee. I extend my deepest gratitude to our outgoing committee, in particular, to Scott Edden who is retiring as treasurer. Scott has been an integral member our executive team and along with Angela Razborek and Scott Marjoribanks has ensured we have had such a successful year.

Many thanks to you all.

Yours sincerely

Dr Andrew Cornwell

Administrator's Report

Season 2021/22 was from a personal level my first introduction to cricket administration. With the spectre of COVID delaying the competition start date, and then creating havoc in the general running of clubs and competitions, specifically relative to compliance issues, it was a problematic commencement to the season.

In addition to that the much publicised La Nina rain event created further difficulty, this time at the end of the season, mainly in regards to getting Finals matches completed. Notwithstanding those central issues of difficulty, the Finals series were completed and the majority of competition matches were played, albeit with the use of Sunday backup days for both weeks 1 and 2 of the Finals.

I would personally like to thank the NJCA Committee, as well as the plethora of volunteers that operate at club level for the work you do each season. I understand it is a thankless task however your efforts do not go unnoticed. My general comments of the season are as follows:

Registration Numbers

This season saw another rise in registration numbers for the region, which is a pleasing result considering the COVID issues faced by clubs and the community. In continued consultation with Cricket NSW staff it is expected that figure will rise again for the 22/23 season.

Infrastructure Projects

A noted issue of concern is the lack of quality playing venues across the Port Stephens, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas, which is an area the NJCA are looking at with regards infrastructure projects currently and in coming years.

Expressions of interest have been sent out to all participating clubs within the area, who have responded with infrastructure requirements, both small and large and relating to both on field and off field projects. Those projects have then been separated into groups, which will be monitored and prioritised with an ongoing assessment of facilities being conducted at least once a year to maintain improvements. At the time of writing there are grant applications in for the following projects:

1. Smith Park: (drainage, irrigation, wicket realignment and returfing). Cost:\$2,800,000
2. Adamstown Oval Nets: Replace aging facility with 6 nets, two to be utilised by each of Merewether JCC and Newcastle City JCC, with 2 open to the general public (three grant applications in total). Cost: \$220,000
3. Lewis Oval pitch redevelopment. Cost: \$24,000 (2 separate grants applied for)
4. Pickering Oval pitch redevelopment. Cost: \$24,000
5. Heaton Park synthetic replacement (\$4,000 confirmed from Local Sports grant).

It is expected that over the coming seasons there will be a significant improvement in the facility base in the region, allowing clubs, players and spectators to have a far more enjoyable and comfortable experience than in previous seasons.

NJCA Summer Smash

Term 1 (February to March) saw the reintroduction of the NJCA Summer Smash. This competition was held on a Friday night at Smith Park and on a Monday night at Ulinga Ovals in Cardiff. The purpose of this competition was to provide players who had played in Term 4 Master Blaster who were now too old, to be able to have cricket to play in Term 1.

The competition was played under Junior Format Stage 1. There were 8 teams across the 2 Hubs that played in the competition. Unfortunately, due to excessive rain, the competition was limited in available weeks, however we hope the experience provided enough enjoyment to encourage these players to register for Saturday morning cricket.



Kingsgrove Player of the Week

In 2020, the NJCA began the Kingsgrove Player of the Week program that looked to promote performances that were both high in skill and in the spirit of cricket! The performances were nominated by clubs sending through the performance, which could be based on ability as well as community based issues or events they were responsible for. Great thanks again goes to Kingsgrove for providing the winner each week a voucher to be used at the Broadmeadow store.



Jim Brennan Nets

It was with great pride that the NJCA formally renamed the Smith Park Nets the “Jim Brennan Nets”. As everyone would be aware Jim has been a long term contributor to cricket in a variety of roles in the area for many decades. The signage is a fitting honour to someone who has offered his services for such a long length of time without asking for anything in return.



Thank you

I would like to say a massive thanks to all the volunteers I have the privilege of working with. Without the efforts you put in week to week and day to day there would be no cricket for our kids to play. Your passion for the game is unprecedented and I am genuinely looking forward to seeing all our volunteers back next season to give the kids the cricketing experience we think they deserve.

I would also like to thank the NJCA Management Committee for their support over my first season as Administrator in Newcastle. I am really looking forward to the 2022-2023 season and the exciting times ahead for cricket generally in Newcastle.

Dave Wild

Competition Administrator

Greater Hunter Area

2021-22 A Season to Remember

Season 2021-22 drew several parallels to the previous Summer with COVID-19 lockdowns and return-to-play challenges playing havoc with recruitment promotion and season draws before flood rains in February and March almost washed the season away.

This report highlights the strategy and support our Cricket NSW Greater Hunter team provides to assist volunteers in clubs and associations to grow the game of Cricket. Before I get to some of these, I would like to open the batting by acknowledging all the volunteers in clubs and associations across Greater Hunter who provided their support as administrators, coaches, Blast coordinators, umpires and scorers in very trying times to make Cricket happen in a safe environment – on behalf of Cricket NSW and our Community Cricket team *thank you!*

Locally, I'd like to thank the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association Committee led by newly elected President Andrew Cornwell. Andrew and his committee again worked closely with our team providing strong governance and applying a contemporary lens on junior cricket played in the community. I also wish to commend the work of Dave Wild in his first year in the competition administration role.

Newcastle is seen as a leader across the state in the adoption of playing formats, mid-week playing options, the growth of female participation, youth umpire programs and the development of playing and training facilities to name a few and at the heart of this is the relationship between the association, clubs and our Cricket NSW team working together to achieve strong outcomes.

The Greater Hunter Area stretches from Woy Woy to Murrurundi, west to Merriwa and east to Bulahdelah encompassing 13 junior and senior cricket associations and ten Local Government Areas. Our Community Cricket strategy is guided by Australian Cricket priorities which last season included:-

- Achieving growth in Woolworths Cricket Blast programs
- Increasing retention through Junior Formats
- Ensuring Coaches provide quality experiences for kids
- Connecting schools to clubs and supporting teachers to self-deliver cricket
- Delivering on infrastructure priorities
- Ensuring clubs are Child Safe

Armed with these priorities, Cricket Managers Frankie Walsh (Newcastle-Port Stephens) and Tim Cox (Lake Macquarie) reached out to clubs to check their health, Woolworths Cricket Blast and Female recruitment opportunities, school-to-club initiatives, coach support, practice facilities and the NJCA with respect to competition formats and upgrade of playing venues.

As the season approached, much of our strategy to promote and support recruitment initiatives fell victim to COVID preventing programs being delivered in schools and affecting coach education and Cricket Blast Coordinator training sessions while many infrastructure projects were delayed due to border closures and supply chain issues.

Despite this, the Greater Hunter Area was steady in Woolworths Cricket Blast participation compared to previous seasons thanks in part to a Term 1 blitz while Junior Cricket competition registrations increased slightly through growth in the number of female players. Most clubs ran Cricket Blast programs, Australian Cricket's introductory program developing skills and game sense, there were a number of mid-week offerings and female participation increased on the back of Leya Wilson and her enthusiastic girls committee supporting clubs. Dave Stanbridge's junior umpire program is another great initiative deserving recognition by easing the match-day burden on team coaches.

Immediate customer feedback on programs and competitions directly aligns with quality and retention and several customer surveys were commissioned with pleasing results being received from players and volunteers regarding their positivity about playing and administering cricket. Greater Hunter had an NPS score of 72 (Junior players) with key takeaways being developing friendships, well organised competitions and coach development support. The surveys were conducted across entry level programs and junior competitions and will be a regular feature next season.

A snapshot of participation across Greater Hunter is provided below:-



A series of association roadshows across the state recently highlighted participation, low retention rates, facilities and declining volunteers as issues needing to be addressed. I have no doubt that the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens areas covered by the NJCA has the capacity to significantly increase the number of boys and girls, particularly 5-12yo, playing junior cricket over the next few years.

Establishing Cricket's footprint in new growth corridors, building on existing club capacity, employing a complimentary delivery model, ensuring the upgrade and use of quality facilities, and providing support for mum and dad coaches to ensure the kids have a great experience are all vital to achieving this objective and we look forward to listening and supporting the association and clubs in these endeavours next season.

Thank you once again to everyone for their contribution to cricket in 2021-22.

Neil McDonald

Cricket New South Wales Area Manager

January Carnivals Report

Background

The 2022 Celebration of Cricket consisted of the NJCA hosting of two well established carnivals – the sixteenth annual Ron Arendts Memorial Shield for U11 cricketers and the forty first Graeme Malcolm Shield for U14 cricketers. Both carnivals are open to teams representing associations throughout NSW. The Ron Arendts Memorial Shield was conducted amongst sixteen teams over four days from 3rd to 6th January inclusive. The Graeme Malcolm Shield was conducted amongst twenty teams over four days from 17th to 20rd January inclusive.

Both carnivals climaxed with respective finals at Smith Park Number 1 (Under 11s) and Townson Oval (Under 14s)

This report is primarily focussed on personal observations and feedback associated with the following activities:

- Review of initial expressions of interest from teams and subsequent invitations to attend
- The placement of orders for photography, trophies and balls
- Framing of draws and competition management
- Stakeholder management – Ground tenants, curators, suppliers, umpires, NJCA and competing teams
- Budget management
- Final presentation ceremonies

Coaches and Managers Meeting

Unlike previous carnivals, the managers meetings were held on the morning of the respective carnivals prior to the first day's play. The spectre of COVID meant any meetings indoors were problematic from a compliance perspective. A general run down was given on the Rules and expectations of players, coaches and spectators, as well as hand out of balls and other materials to be utilised during the 4 days of play.

The program was compiled electronically and made available to the participating teams prior to the commencement of each carnival

Ground Management

During both carnivals there was a requirement to unlock facilities and check on the general running of the matches. I got to each game at every venue each day at some point

during play, but thanks to Alf Ellevson, Julie Wharton, Chris Wharton and Mel Crimmins who assisted in either unlocking or locking venue facilities at the beginning or end of the day.

No specific issue of concern was raised during the events, except for the semi Final of the Under 11s, where a runout was given not out by the square leg umpire (opposition coach). Umbrage was taken by the fielding team and some unfortunate comments made, though not directed at the presiding official umpire. Consideration will be given in future to appointing official umpires to semi final matches, in addition to the current Final fixtures as a result.

U11 Carnival Format

Seventeen expressions of interest were received for the U11 carnival, with sixteen invited to participate. The competition consisted of four divisions of four teams. Each team was seeded to distribute the skill level across each division. After three round-robin games, the highest placed team from each division proceeded through to the 1-4 semi-final round, with the remainder of the teams playing non-competition matches.

The round-robin games consisted of 2 x 20 over games and 1 x 40 over game. The semi-final and final rounds were both scheduled to be 40 over matches.

This was deemed to be the fairest way to implement a 16-team competition over four playing days.

U14 Carnival Format

Nineteen expressions of interest were received for the U14 carnival, with eighteen invited to participate, consisting of two divisions of four teams, and two divisions of five teams. Each team was seeded to distribute the skill level across each division. After four round-robin games, the highest placed team from each division proceeded through to the 1-4 semi-final round.

The round-robin games consisted of 2 x 20 over matches and one 40 over match. The semi-final and final rounds were both scheduled to be 40 over matches.

This was deemed to be the fairest way to implement an 18 competition over four playing days, however with two pools having an additional team, meant not all teams played each other in a standard round-robin. Consideration to be given to 16 team competition in both age groups with the same format in future years.

U11 Grounds (6 grounds per day)

Where possible, multiple matches were scheduled at the same precinct, to promote the carnival atmosphere and to lessen the catering workload. In total, eight synthetic pitches were utilised throughout the carnival, namely:

- Adamstown Park 4 and 5
- Alder Park
- Myers Park
- Smith Park 1, 2 and 3

- Harry Edwards Oval

The semi finals were played at Harry Edwards and Smith Park, with the Final and 3 v 4 match held at Smith Park 1 and 2 respectively.

U14 Grounds (9 grounds per day)

One of the distinguishing features of the U14 carnival is the intent to play all matches on turf wickets. This is clearly a selling-point for visiting teams. That said on days 2, 3 and 4 there were significant rain disruptions which required re-allocation of fixtures to alternate venues. Some matches on Day 3 were washed out in entirety.

The turf wickets that were utilised were:

- Pat Jordan Oval
- Connolly Park
- Lugar Park
- Empire Park
- Wallsend 1 and 2
- Islington Oval
- Ford Oval
- Jesmond Park
- Townson Oval

Synthetic wet weather replacements were:

- Harry Edwards Oval
- Smith Park 1, 2 and 3
- Adamstown Park 4 and 5
- Myers Park
- Thomas Armstrong
- Myamblah Crescent

At the Coaches and Managers meeting everyone was advised that any transfers would be posted on the NJCA Facebook page prior to 7.30am on game day as well as contact being made directly by me to the manager of said teams, otherwise teams were to proceed to the scheduled ground.

Photography

In line with previous carnivals, there were no hard copy photograph prints issued at the end of each carnival. Instead, each team was provided with a passcode to access their team's images from within the photographer's website, and unlimited downloads were permitted.

Playing Conditions

The playing conditions for both carnivals have developed over the years to their current format, and they provide the opportunity for fair and safe competition, however they have diverged slightly from the playing conditions that are adopted in formal representative matches. This discrepancy made for some confusion and will be realigned for future competitions.

Facebook Page

The NJCA Facebook page was utilised for social media and match communication, with the portal heavily utilised during the 8 days of play. The page also carried important communications, such as weather information or semi-final draws.

Umpires

Great thanks for the allocation of umpires goes to Alf Ellevson and Jim Brennan, both of whom not only arranged the individual appointments, but attended each days play at specific grounds to check on the welfare of the official.

From my perspective the umpires themselves performed at an extremely high level, with great credit and thanks going all who attended matches. No game went without an official in either carnival, with some of the U14s matches also being assisted by a "junior assistant umpire".

Of specific note was the performance of a series of young qualified officials, who had only recently completed the course. To conduct themselves in the manner they did at their age created a strong impression of the Association generally, with almost every team making particular comment about their efforts.

Presentation Ceremonies

Both Presentation Ceremonies were held at the conclusion of each final. Again, due to the COVID issue the presentation was held outdoors. Consideration will be given in coming years to upscaling the presentation to involve all teams with inducements being offered to ensure attendance.

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All matches were live scored with no issues except for some minor glitches on Day 1 of the Under 11s.

Generally speaking I felt the carnivals ran well with some areas to be introduced in 2023 to improve the overall quality of the experience for the player and spectator.

Thanks

Dave Wild (Competitions Administrator)

Girls Cricket Report

Season 2021- 2022 saw continued female participation in junior cricket across Newcastle Junior Cricket Association with 225 female players playing across the mixed junior and all-girls cricket competitions, and 88 female participants in Junior and Master Blaster programs across our association.

Unfortunately, a number of pre-season Girls Come and Try and Skills Development sessions and Term 3 school-based programs targeting players new to cricket were cancelled prior to the start of the season due to Covid-19 related restrictions. However, our all-girls competitions continued to see growth with the Stage 1 Sixers Girls League fielding 10 teams, an increase of 2 teams from Season 2020/21 and the Stage 2 Sixers Girls League fielding 5 teams, an increase from 4 teams in Season 2020/21.

NJCA Girls Sixers League 2021-2022 Stage 1 Teams

1 x Toronto
2 x Merewether Tigers
3 x Charlestown
1 x Valentine Eleebana
1 x Hamilton Wickham
1 x Swansea-Belmont
1 x Newcastle City

NJCA Girls Sixers League 2021-2022 Stage 2 Teams

Hamilton-Wickham
Charlestown / Toronto
Newcastle City
Lake Macquarie
Valentine Eleebana

Both NJCA Girls Sixers League Competitions ran for the full junior cricket season from October 2021 through to March 2022, with the Stage 1 competition being taken out by the Newcastle City team, and the Stage 2 grand final featuring two teams new to the competition, Valentine Eleebana and Lake Macquarie, with Valentine Eleebana being the grand final winners.

This season also saw the expansion of the NDCA Women's Cricket Competition with nine women's teams participating in a Midweek Twilight T20 competition from October through to December, providing our junior female players with a pathway to female senior cricket in Newcastle. We look forward to continuing to work with NDCA to further grow and develop female cricket opportunities for girls and women in Newcastle.

The 2021 - 2022 NJCA Girls Cricket Sub-Committee comprised of Leya Wilson and Julie Wharton as NJCA Committee members, who liaised with the following volunteers representing a number of clubs, Sharon Dare, Rachel Wort, Dominic Kelly, Cath Thomas, Katie Wiehahn, Melanie Crimmins, Sarah Clune, Brenda Hillier, Michael Gaggin, Kathryn McInnes, Gary Johnstone, Sharon Edmonds and Scott Rumford.

The Newcastle region is very fortunate to have an extremely dedicated Cricket NSW team working tirelessly to support the growth of female cricket participation in our area. Our Association is very thankful for the support of our Cricket NSW Managers, Tim Cox (Lake Macquarie) and Frankie Walsh (Newcastle and Port Stephens), our Cricket NSW Schools Participation Officers Matt Williams and Paige Matthewson, and our Cricket NSW Club Officer, Sharyn Beck. This season the team provided a range of opportunities designed to attract new players and further develop the skills of existing players.

December 2021 saw the roll out of a series of NJCA Female Cricket Coaching - Skill Development and Connection Programs targeting clubs with teams in the NJCA Sixers Girls League competitions. These programs were designed to support player development but more holistically to highlight and support opportunities for our young female development coaches (who are also involved locally in the NDCA Women's Competition, Newcastle and

CNSW Pathway programs) and to support and provoke aspirations for the next generation of female players and female coaches.

In January 2022, to coincide with the Girls Day Out in Sport Festival, our Cricket NSW Managers organised an NJCA Girls Come & Try Workshop for new and existing players, led by our local female development coaches and featuring Sydney Thunder player, Sam Bates. The following day, over 120 girls participated in cricket activities at the Girls Day Out in Sport Festival, again supported by Sam Bates. The passion, support and hard work from this Cricket NSW team to our association, our clubs and our sub-committee is greatly appreciated.

Final thanks must go to the Clubs, Coaches, Managers, Players and Supporters for their involvement and support of girls' cricket in Season 2021-2022. We look forward to continuing to build and expand opportunities for all girls and women in cricket in Newcastle in Season 2022-2023.



Leya Wilson

Girls Cricket Officer

Girls Representative Cricket Season 2021-22

U13s Girls Greater Hunter Area Female Comp

Lake Macquarie GHA U13 Female Squad: Isabella Bliss, Lucie Burr, Maddison Chicken, Molly Dare (c), Charli Elston, Evie Ford, Isla Howdle, Keighley O’Grady Pont, Layla Sharpe, Cosette Thomas, Evie West, Molly Wiehahn.

Newcastle GHA U13 Female Squad: Caoimhe Bray, Christine Fernance, Evie Gaggin, Emma McRae, Bronte Morgan, Jasmine Nolan, Evie O’Brien, Sophie Penn, Tilda Pola, Asha Singh, Avery Starr, Grace Vincent, Felicity Wharton (c)



The Greater Hunter Area Female comp enjoyed a slightly expanded program this year in its second year, with teams again from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Central Coast participating across nine matches played over five weekends in November and December. The comp included a mix of T20 and 30 over matches.

This comp has been a great local rep opportunity for a number of our junior girls, particularly those that have now played a couple of seasons in our Stage 1 girls league. The number of players now available for selection in this age group is a great reflection of growth of girls cricket programs locally. The Greater Hunter Area comp has provided a nice introductory “taster” to rep cricket for some of the younger girls, while being supported by some of our now more experienced cricketers who are part of other rep pathway opportunities.

We were treated with our first round of three T20 matches being played on turf at Feighan Oval No 2. This amazing facility is testament to a lot of hard work being put in by various people, and to make the ground available (and prepared) for a series of U13s girls rep games was greatly appreciated.

Other matches were played at Lisarow, Woy Woy and Nesbitt Park, with one round being an unfortunate washout. The Round 5 match was quite possibly the only cricket match played on the eastern seaboard that weekend, thanks to an amazingly well draining field at Woy Woy, and a small pocket of the world where the clouds parted for enough of the match to get a game played.

This year there was no grand final match, with the winner decided on points. Both the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie teams were undefeated in their games against the Central

Coast, however when going head-to-head, the Lake Macquarie girls came out ahead, and took home the trophy for the second year running.

Results and notable performances:

Round			
1 (T20)	Lake Mac 2/92 <i>Molly Wiehahn - 34*</i>	Def By	Newcastle 0/94 <i>Christine Fernance - 32*</i> <i>Emma McRae - 28*</i>
2 (T20)	Lake Mac 5/91 <i>Molly Dare 32</i>	Def	Central Coast 7/70 <i>Molly Dare 2/3 (3)</i> <i>Evie Ford 2/2 (1)</i>
3 (T20)	Newcastle 2/78 <i>Felicity Wharton 21*</i> <i>Tilda Pola 16*</i>	Def	Central Coast 77 <i>Felicity Wharton 4/3 (2)</i> <i>Tilda Pola 2/0 (1)</i> <i>Evie Gaggin 2/2 (1)</i>
4	Lake Macquarie * Washed Out*	v	Central Coast * Washed Out *
5	Central Coast 82 <i>Felicity Wharton 3/1 (4.4)</i> <i>Emma McCrae 2/2 (4)</i> <i>Avery Starr 2/5 (2)</i>	Def By	Newcastle 4/131 <i>Felicity Wharton 41*</i> <i>Avery Starr 18</i>
6	Newcastle 93 <i>Felicity Wharton 12</i> <i>Isabella Bliss 2/11 (3.2)</i> <i>Evie West 2/13 (4)</i>	Def By	Lake Macquarie 9/123 <i>Layla Sharpe 41</i> <i>Felicity Wharton 2/9 (6)</i> <i>Christine Fernance 2/9 (3)</i> <i>Emma McRae 2/18 (6)</i>
7 (T20)	Central Coast 6/71 <i>Molly Dare 2/5 (3)</i>	Def By	Lake Macquarie 7/73 <i>Cosette Thomas 19*</i> <i>Molly Dare 13</i> <i>Molly Wiehahn 12</i>
8 (T20)	Newcastle 6/68 <i>Felicity Wharton 20</i> <i>Bronte Morgan 10</i> <i>Molly Dare 2/3 (3)</i>	Def By	Lake Macquarie 5/90 <i>Layla Sharpe 47</i> <i>Felicity Wharton 3/11 (4)</i>
9 (T20)	Central Coast 9/47 <i>Christine Fernance 3/1 (3)</i>	Def By	Newcastle 5/86 <i>Felicity Wharton 40*</i> <i>Evie O'Brien 17*</i>

Felicity Wharton (Newcastle) finished the comp with 134 runs and an average of 67.0, noting that her cumulative run score across Newcastle's three matches against the Central Coast tallied 102 (not out). Felicity took 13 wickets at a very economical 2.92 from her 6 matches, and took out the champion player points for the competition.



Layla Sharpe was the top run scorer for Lake Macquarie (92) and Molly Dare the top wicket taker (6 wickets, Avg 3.3)

Newcastle Coach: Chris Wharton
Newcastle Manager: Julie Wharton

Lake Macquarie Coach: Benn West / Jeff Sharpe
Lake Macquarie Manager: Sharon Dare

U15s Girls Greater Hunter Area Female Comp

Newcastle GHA U15 Female Squad: Caoimhe Bray, Sophie Clune, Alexandra Cook, Aaliyah Hlskens, Heidi Hunton, Imogen Jones, Madison Kedwell, Charlotte Kelly, Laura Knipe, Siena Latham, Sophie Parsons, Lucy Pearce (c), Saffron Thibault, Brianna Wort



This year was the inaugural year for the U15 Female Greater Hunter Area comp, with numbers not quite working in our favour last year to form a team. The fact that we could this year is again a great reflection of the work done over the last few years to grow girls cricket locally. The plan for this comp had been to have one team each from Newcastle, Central Coast and Hunter Valley. With HV not being able to form a team, this unfortunately reduced it to a two-team comp. A lot of work happened behind the scenes to try and get replacement teams from places like Taree and beyond to no avail due to the late notice. However, success was finally realised for the last round, when the Manly U15s team made the trip up the freeway for a

couple of T20 matches. We are hopeful that the next year or two will bring opportunities for possibly having a second local team (ie Lake Macquarie), and maybe some interest from mid-coast or elsewhere to offer the teams a more sustainable competition format.

The Newcastle girls did a great job, and were competitive all the way, however were not able to take the points in any of their games this time around. These matches were generally a 40 over format, with the exception of the last weekend which saw T20 games played with Manly.

Round			
1	Newcastle 148 <i>Sophie Clune 30</i> <i>Sophie Parsons 26</i>	Def By	Central Coast 7-212 <i>Lucy Pearce 3/36 (8)</i> <i>Siena Latham 2/28 (8)</i>
2 & 3	Newcastle * washed out *	V	Central Coast * washed out *
4	Central Coast 3/115 <i>Siena Latham 1/8 (2)</i>	Def	Newcastle 5/114 <i>Sophie Clune 32</i> <i>Caoimhe Bray 18</i>
5 (T20)	Newcastle 7/59 <i>Heidi Hunton 23</i>	Def By	Central Coast 76 <i>Madison Kedwell 2/6 (2)</i> <i>Imogen Jones 2/17 (2)</i>
7 (T20)	Newcastle 6/72 <i>Siena Latham 23*</i> <i>Lucy Pearce 15</i>	Def By	Manly Warringah 2/73 <i>Siena Latham 1/4 (3)</i>

Of the Newcastle girls, Sophie Clune was the top run scorer on 64 for an average of 21.33. Siena Latham was the pick of the bowlers, taking 5 wickets for an average of 10.40. Lucy Pearce finished ahead on combined champion player points for contributions with both bat and ball as well as three catches.

Newcastle Coach: Craig Pearce

Newcastle Manager: Sarah Clune

U13s Girls NSW Youth Championship (Mollie Dive Shield)

Newcastle NSWYC / Mollie Dive Shield U13 Female Squad: Isabella Bliss, Caoimhe Bray, Molly Dare, Christine Fernance, Emma McRae, Evie O'Brien, Tilda Pola, Layla Sharpe, Cosette Thomas, Evie West, Molly Wiehahn, Felicity Wharton (c), Evie Gaggin (res), Bronte Morgan (res), Sienna Edwards (res)



It's hard to put into words how amazing this group of young women are that represented Newcastle in the U13 female NSW Youth Championships this year. There were challenges - injuries, covid and a ridiculous amount of wet weather - but the positivity with which they approached each game, the spirit with which they played, and the way they supported one another is a credit to their families and the clubs that they represent.

The Mollie Dive Shield is the peak competition in NSW for girls in this age group (U13s). It is played against strong Sydney teams, as well as several other regional teams (generally in proximity to Sydney, plus ACT). This year there were 14 teams and six rounds. There is no room for error. You all but need to win every match to have half a chance of making finals, and even then, you really need a bonus point from at least some of those wins. Getting a bonus point means bowling your opponents out for less than 60% of your score, or getting the target using only 60% of your overs. It's not easy.

This year we had a very talented group of girls in our team, with fantastic depth of support from reserves / shadow players. This season we saw some of the girls really step up and embrace their role in the team. It's no mean feat to take on the responsibility of being an opener in the toughest games you'll play, knowing you'll be facing your opponent's best bowlers. Not to mention the responsibility of coming in at No 8, knowing that you have a target to chase. Or hyper-focusing your bowling to restrict the extras. Or chasing that ball knowing that if you stop it before it gets to the boundary, it could make a difference to the end result. Every single one of the girls in the team this year embraced their role, and combined with their teammates to pull off some amazing wins, culminating in **a home grand final and the Newcastle U13 girls winning the Mollie Dive Shield championship, undefeated.**

This was only the second time in the fairly lengthy history of the shield that a Newcastle team has won, with the previous time being in 1999. A combined Central Coast and Newcastle team was victorious in 2016.

The matches were all played as 30 over format, with results and notable achievements as follows:

1	Camden 71 <i>Evie West 3/9 (4)</i> <i>Molly Dare 2/7 (3)</i> <i>Felicity Wharton 2/12 (4)</i>	Def By	Newcastle 3/132 - (Bonus Point win) <i>Emma McRae 67*</i>
2	Manly Warringah 33 <i>Caoimhe Bray 3/5 (5)</i>	Def By	Newcastle 2/34 - (Bonus Point win) <i>Caoimhe Bray 16*</i>
3	Newcastle 8/179 - (Bonus Point win) <i>Emma McRae 50</i> <i>Caoimhe Bray 46</i> <i>Layla Sharpe 28</i>	Def	Central Coast 16 <i>Felicity Wharton 3/0 (3)</i> <i>Evie West 2/2 (3)</i>
4	Newcastle 7/72 <i>Caoimhe Bray 35</i>	Def	Parramatta 6/71 <i>Felicity Wharton 1/6 (6)</i> <i>Molly Wiehahn 1/7 (2)</i>
5	Washed out		
6	Washed out		
SF	Newcastle 4/100 <i>Evie O'Brien 45</i> <i>Caoimhe Bray 23</i>	Def	Inner West Harbour South Eastern 8/99 <i>Christine Fernance 2/8 (3)</i>
GF	Newcastle 6/167 <i>Caoimhe Bray 73</i> <i>Felicity Wharton 31*</i> <i>Evie O'Brien 20</i>	Def	Manly Warringah 82 <i>Caoimhe Bray 5/2 (6)</i> <i>Evie West 2/11 (6)</i>

Caoimhe Bray was a standout with the bat, not only within the team, but across the whole competition. Emma McRae and Evie O'Brien both were strong contributors with the bat, and became dependable openers. A five-fer in the grand final gave Caoimhe a last minute push up the charts to finish strongly with the ball, with Evie West and Felicity Wharton regularly rattling the stumps with fierce, accurate and economical bowling.

Caoimhe Bray was a very deserving recipient of the player of the grand final medal, and also the player of the series medal, based on the umpire 3-2-1 voting.

Congratulations to the following players who finished in the top 20 players for the Mollie Dive competition, out of around 190 players, as follows:

- Batting - Caoimhe Bray (1st, 208 runs), Emma McRae (4th, 135 runs), Evie O'Brien (16th, 73 runs),

- Bowling - Caoimhe Bray (2nd, 10 wickets), Evie West (5th, 9 wickets), Felicity Wharton (12th, 7 wickets), Christine Fernance (14th, 5 wickets);
- Champion Player - Caoimhe Bray (1st), Emma McRae (6th), Felicity Wharton (12th)

Round GF

COMPLETED Newcastle won by 85 runs

Newcastle	Manly Warringah
5-167	82
Harry Edwards Oval () • One Day	



A measure of your success in cricket must also be how your opposition rates and respects you. It was humbling to read the following on the Manly Warringah Junior Girls cricket page after the grand final:

Congratulations to Newcastle who today put on an absolutely incredible performance and thoroughly deserved to take home the Mollie Dive Shield. It was an absolute masterclass in cricket from Newcastle who set us a target of 167 runs and bowled our girls out with magnificent bowling for just 82....Newcastle were simply unstoppable.

The result of the competition is one thing, but to have the respect of your opponents is a strong measure that you're doing something right.

Coach: Chris Wharton

Manager: Julie Wharton



Mollie Dive Shield – NSW U13 Female Youth Championships

U15s Girls Youth Championship (Margaret Peden Shield)

Newcastle NSWYC / Margaret Peden Shield U15 Female Squad: Sophie Clune, Alexandra Cook, Scarlett Gillott, Aaliyah Hiskens, Heidi Hunton, Imogen Jones, Madison Kedwell, Charlotte Kelly, Laura Knipe, Siena Latham, Ruby Morrison, Ellen Murray, Lucy Pearce (c)



Last year we unfortunately did not have enough players in this age group to field a team in the Margaret Peden shield. This year, however, was a different story, and not only did we field a team, we were competitive and made the semi finals. We also regained some pride with a crucial first round win over Central Coast, after an unsuccessful campaign in the Greater Hunter Area competition before Christmas.

The girls' achievements in this competition were remarkable. We had a number of first time representative players and thought this team would benefit from the experience and lead them into greater things in the future. But our experienced players really embraced their roles and worked hard for the team, which was the most rewarding thing about the season.

One of the highlights was a very mature batting partnership between Sophie Clune and Siena Latham against a highly credentialed Parramatta combining for an unbeaten 90 to win the game with a couple overs to spare.

The improvements across the team were very rewarding and continued to stand out game by game, particularly the fundamentals in the game, backing up both as a batters and fielders. The girls also worked hard on communicating in the field, encouraging and motivating. The captaincy of Lucy Pearce showed cricket leadership beyond her years, it was the continued recognition and praise from opposition coaches and umpires which was very pleasing as a coach.

Newcastle girls are in a great position moving forward and I'm sure will be strong in this competition for years to come. I've been involved in girls cricket for a number of years and it is such a pleasure to watch it grow from strength to strength mainly because of the management behind the scenes. The Whartons deserve so much credit for this for their passion and work to make it possible for the girls to achieve their results.

Thank you for the opportunity to coach a wonderful group of cricketers.

The matches were all played as 40 over format, with results and notable achievements as follows:

1	Central Coast 101 <i>Lucy Pearce 3/8</i> <i>Laura Knipe 2/8</i>	Def By	Newcastle 5/103 <i>Lucy Pearce 31</i>
2	Newcastle 3/140 <i>Sophie Clune 44*</i>	Def	Parramatta <i>Siena Latham 2/15</i> <i>Lucy Pearce 2/20</i>
3	North Shore 122 <i>Imogen Jones 5/14</i> <i>Siena Latham 3/19</i>	Def	Newcastle 57 <i>Sophie Clune 18</i>
4	Newcastle 3/103 <i>Lucy Pearce 24</i>	Def	Bankstown-Camden 102 <i>Siena Latham 3/15</i> <i>Alex Cook 3/22</i> <i>Imogen Jones 2/17</i>
5	Washed out		
6	Washed out		
SF	Central Coast 3/95	Def	Newcastle 94 <i>Siena Latham 26</i> <i>Lauran Knipe 19</i>

Congratulations to the following players who finished in the top 20 players for the Margaret Peden competition, out of about 140 players, as follows:

- Batting: Sophie Clune (9th, 79 runs), Lucy Pearce (17th, 66 runs);
- Bowling: Siena Latham (equal 1st, 9 wickets), Imogen Jones (5th, 8 wickets);
- Champion Player Points: Siena Latham (8th), Imogen Jones (9th) and Lucy Pearce (18th)

Congratulations also to Imogen Jones for her blistering 5/14 against North Shore in Round 3.



- Coach: Craig Pearce
- Manager: Sarah Clune

Carnivals

In addition to the above competitions, representative girls teams also participated in the Ron Arendts here in Newcastle and the Western NSW U15 girls carnival in Orange in January. The following carnival highlights are worthy of mention:

Ron Arendts Carnival (U13 Newcastle girls):

- Evie O'Brien being the top run scorer (85) from all three participating Newcastle teams (ie Presidents, Chairmans and U13 Girls); and
- Christine Fernance taking 5/1 against Tamworth;



Ron Arendts Carnival – U13 Newcastle Girls

Western U15 Girls NSW Carnival:

- Caoimhe Bray's blistering 105 (from 91 balls) against Penrith in Game 1, followed up with 59* (from 71 balls) in Game 4;
- Great batting also from Laura Knipe, with both Caoimhe and Laura finishing in the top 15 run scorers for the carnival;
- Tidy bowling from Siena Lathan (5 wickets), Felicity Wharton (4 wickets) and Alex Cook (4 wickets), which saw all three finish in the top 15 wicket takers for the carnival;
- Tight fielding from all, but three catches each to Lucy Pearce and Caoimhe Bray.
- Caoimhe Bray narrowly missing out on taking out the champion player points for the carnival;
- Caoimhe Bray and Lucy Pearce representing "country" in the fantastic City V Country T20 match under lights during the carnival;

- Watching the whole team do a cartwheel while fielding, as an agreed form of collective self-punishment for a dropped catch or mis-field.



Western NSW Girls U15 Carnival

Boys Representative Report

The 2021/22 boys representative season was highly successful. We had teams participating in all age groups from U11's through to U16's. This season saw the continuation of both Newcastle and Lake Macquarie teams participating in the youth championships and for the U16's - the Phillip Hughes Cup.

Our pre-season was significantly impacted by COVID-19 with an unfortunate consequence of not being able to offer a winter training squad. However, the entire representative season was unaffected by any restrictions caused by COVID-19. The weather did affect some early matches with the affected Youth Championships matches rescheduled to later in the season.

The Cricket NSW Youth Championships saw our U13's, U14's and U15's compete against teams from Hunter Valley, Central Coast, Mid North Coast, North Coast, Far North Coast and Northern Inland. U12's were invited to participate in Division 2 of the Metro Youth Championships. This involvement of the U12's in this competition was highly successful with Lake Macquarie making the grand final against Parramatta.

The U13's-U15's Youth Championships involved a 3-day carnival held in Grafton and Maitland with a combination of 20 over and 50 over matches. All matches were played on turf wickets.

There was some mixed success across all age groups but the highlight of the season was the u15's Newcastle Blasters taking out the Sixers Pool of the Youth Championships.

U16's participated in the inaugural Phillip Hughes Cup with competing sides from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Mid North Coast and North Coast. A highly successful addition to our representative offerings.

Some outstanding performances of note were:

Harry Price U14's Newcastle

- 257 runs, average of 51.40, HS 152*

Lucas Vincent U14's Newcastle

- 207 runs, average of 69.00, HS 115

Hunter Palmer U14's Newcastle

- 180 runs, average 45.00, HS 62*

Lachlan Rail U15's Newcastle

- 219 runs, average 36.50, HS 74

Austen Hiskens U15's Newcastle

- 191 runs, average 47.75, HS 102*

Isaac Moran, U12's Newcastle

- 13 wickets, average of 7.92, BB 4/14

Riley Sharples, U13's Newcastle

- 12 wickets, average of 10.75, BB 4/19

Charlie Drew, U13's Lake Macquarie

- 11 wickets, average of 9.55, BB 5/26

Darcy White, U14's Lake Macquarie

- 10 wickets, average of 10.80, BB 3/13

Austin Berry U14's Lake Macquarie

- 10 wickets, average of 12.10, BB 4/29

Harry Campbell, U15's Newcastle

- 11 wickets, average of 9.64, BB 5/8

Zain Hassan, U15's Newcastle

- 10 wickets, average of 9.40, BB 2/6

Ricky Pokhrel, u15's Lake Macquarie

- 14 wickets, average of 8.64, BB 5/22

Rob Jolliffe

Representative Cricket Manager 21/22

Boys representative results

IDCA U11

Coach/s: Rob Berry and Jason Dean

Manager: Scott Mcilveen

	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlights
Round 1	Newcastle	drew	Canterbury	Wallerah Oval	Match washed out
Round 2	Hawkesbury	drew	Newcastle	Peel Park	Billy Mcilveen 2/8
Round 3	Newcastle	def by	Hornsby Red	Wallerah Oval	Nebin Liby 1/5
Round 4	Sutherland	def by	Newcastle	Allen Davis Field	Sulamain Muhammad 2/11
Round 5	Newcastle	def by	Penrith	Myers Park	Elliott Bullen 2/15 and Lucas Holt 43
Round 6	Parramatta	def	Newcastle	Binnalong Park	Louis Berry 3/7 and Sulamain Muhammad 25 NO
Round 7	Newcastle	def	Manly	Montview Oval	Benji Ruse 73 NO
Round 8	Hornsby Red	def by	Newcastle	Montview Oval	James Dare 22 Ray Nowlan Goodsir 2/7

U11 RON ARENDTS MEMORIAL SHIELD

Results

	Date	Home Team			Away Team	Venue	Highlights
Rnd 1 – T20	3 Jan 22	Illawarra		def	Newcastle Girls	Smith Park (Oval 2)	Mollie Wiehahn 1/11 Evie O'Brien 11 NO
Rnd 1 – T20	3 Jan 22	Newcastle Presidents		def	Penrith	Myers Park	Evan Moller 2/6 Ray Nowlan Goodsir 22 NO
Rnd 1 – T20	3 Jan 22	Newcastle Chairmans		def	North West Junior Rep	Harry Edwards Oval	Isaac Dean 22 NO Sulamain Muhammad 2/16
Rnd 2 – T20	3 Jan 22	Parramatta		def	Newcastle Girls	Smith Park 1	Christine Fernance 1/12
Rnd 2 – T20	3 Jan 22	Newcastle President's		def	Tamworth	Myers Park	Jack Cameron 26 NO Nebin Liby 2/6
Rnd 2– T20	3 Jan 22	Newcastle Chairman's		def	Maitland	Harry Edwards Oval	Sulamain Muhammad 26NO Isaac Dean 2/19
Rnd 3-40 Overs	4 Jan 22	Newcastle Girls		def by	Mid North Coast	Wallarah Oval	Evie O'Brien 27 NO
Rnd 3-40 Overs	4 Jan 22	Newcastle Presidents		def by	Blacktown	Smith Park (Oval 1)	Nebin Liby 3/11
Rnd 3-40 Overs	4 Jan 22	Hornsby		def	Newcastle Chairmans	Smith Park (Oval 3)	Isaac Dean 1/4
Rnd 4-40 Overs	5 Jan 22	North West Junior Rep		def	Newcastle Chairmans	Smith Park (Oval 3)	Sulamain Muhammad 31 NO and 4/12
Rnd 4-40 Overs	5 Jan 22	Newcastle Presidents		def	Mid North Coast	Adamstown Oval	Louis Berry 53 NO Billy Mcilveen 3/6
Rnd 4-40 Overs	5 Jan 22	Newcastle Girls		def	Tamworth	Alder Park	Christine Fernance 5/1 Evie O'Brien 40 NO
Rnd 5-40 Overs	6 Jan 22	Newcastle Presidents		def by	North West Junior Rep	Smith Park (Oval 3)	Nebin Liby 18
Rnd 5-40 Overs	6 Jan 22	Newcastle Chairmans		def	Mid North Coast	Adamstown Oval	Elliott Bullen 2/10 Siva Shanka Nutulapati 42
Rnd 5-40 Overs	6 Jan 22	Newcastle Girls		def by	North Coast	Myers Park	Avery Starr 2/3 Felicity Wharton 20 NO

U12s

Newcastle Coach: Rob Thornton

Manager: Paul Langworthy

Lake Macquarie Coach: Troy Goodwin

Manager: Clint Daniels

WG Foster Shield Results

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlights
Round 1	21 Nov 21	Central Coast	drw	Lake Macquarie	Lisarow Sporting Field	Washed Out
Round 1	21 Nov 21	Parramatta	drw	Newcastle Blasters	Binalong Park	Washed Out
Round 2	28 Nov 21	Northern District	def	Lake Macquarie		Washed Out
Round 2	28 Nov 21	Newcastle Blasters	drw	Manly	Nesbitt Park	Washed Out
Round 3	5 Dec 21	Lake Macquarie	def	Newcastle	Chapman Oval	D Saxby (LM) 54 Runs
Round 4	12 Dec 21	Newcastle Blasters	def	Hornsby	Parbury Park	I Moran 4/14 S Hunt 70 NO
Round 4	12 Dec 21	Lake Macquarie	def	Manly	Chapman Oval	L Casmore 23 NO P Jolliffe 3/9
Round 5	19 Dec 21	St George	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Gannons Park	B Wiehahn 21 NO J Vandenberg 4/2
Round 5	19 Dec 21	Lake Macquarie	drw	Bankstown	Chapman Oval	Washed Out
Round 6	16 Jan 22	Newcastle	def	Central Coast	Parbury Park	I Mohammad 51 NO Vandenberg 1/7
Round 6	16 Jan 22	Lake Macquarie	def	Hornsby	Chapman Oval	B Mclachlan 2/12 O Daniels 32 NO
Round 7	23 Jan 22	St George	def by	Lake Macquarie	Gannons Park	O Daniels 51 Runs D Saxby 3/5
Round 7	23 Jan 22	North Shore	Tie d	Newcastle Blasters	Pottery Green	M Van Huisstede 2/12 I Mohammad 42
Qual Finals	6 Feb 22	North Shore	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Lofberg Oval	I Moran 4/18 Mohammad 54 Runs
Qual Finals	6 Feb 22	Sutherland	def by	Lake Macquarie	Gwawley Oval	H Allan 4/5
Semi Finals	13 Feb 22	Lake Macquarie	def	Newcastle Blasters	Townson Oval	D Saxby 30 Runs P Jolliffe 3/5
Final	20 Feb 22	Parramatta	def	Lake Macquarie	Gannons Park	P Jolliffe 2/18

U12 LISMORE CARNIVAL

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlight
Round 1 Pool A	4 Jan 2022	Far North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	Queen Elizabeth Park	B Wiehahn 2/5 C Byrne 30 NO
Round 1 Pool D	4 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	drew	Mid North Coast	Blair Oval	Washed Out
Round 2 Pool A	4 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def	Armidale	Queen Elizabeth Park	M Van Huisstede 2/0 B Wiehahn 20 NO
Round 2 Pool D	4 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def by	Hornsby	Mortimer Oval	P Jolliffe 2/ 3 S Saxby 31 NO O Daniels 31 NO
Round 3 Pool A	5 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Parramatta	Queen Elizabeth Park	L Thornton 1/10
Round 3 Pool D	5 Jan 2022	Hawkesbury	def	Lake Mac Attack	Queen Elizabeth Park	P Jolliffe 26 and 3/10
Round 4 Pool A	6 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def	Tamworth	Queen Elizabeth Park	G Waskett 18 Runs I Langworthy 3/10
Round 4 Pool D	6 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	drew	Manly	Barry Davidson Oval	Washed Out
SEMI FINALS	7 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Hornsby	Queen Elizabeth Park	J Vandenberg 3/11 S Hunt 17 Runs
SEMI FINALS	7 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	Central Coast	Queen Elizabeth Park	D Saxby 51 Runs P Jolliffe 3/8
PRELIM FINALS	8 Jan 2022	Lake Macquarie	def by	Parramatta	Mortimer Oval- Rec 8	D Saxby 30 Runs M Badior 1/6

U13s

Newcastle Coach: Steve Pratt

Manager: Mark Vella

Lake Macquarie Coach: Dan Beckett

Manager: Kate Drew

New South Wales Youth Championships Results

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlight
Round 1	30 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Lake Mac Attack	Miller Field	C Drew 30 NO and 5/26
Round 2	12 Dec 2021	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Hunter Valley	Feighan Oval	W Parkinson 3/10 and 37 NO
Round 2	12 Dec 2021	Central Coast	def	Lake Mac Attack	Tuggerah Sports Complex	S Worland 2/33 C Moore 34 Runs
Round 3	20 Dec 2021	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Central Coast	Maitland Park	I Flanagan 23 NO R Sharples 4/11
Round 3	20 Dec 2021	Hunter Valley	def by	Lake Mac Attack	Maitland Park	M Langworthy 40 Runs H Croft 3/9
Round 4	21 Dec 2021	Far North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	Maitland Park	W Parkinson 2/14 and 33 NO
Round 4	21 Dec 2021	Northern Inland	def	Lake Mac Attack	Louth Park	T Davidson 32 Runs E Blyth 3/25
Round 5	21 Dec 2021	Mid North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	Robins Oval	A Wicks 28 and 1/1
Round 5	21 Dec 2021	North Coast	def	Lake Mac Attack	Louth Park	M Langworthy 19 Runs C Drew 4/12
Round 6	22 Dec 2021	Mid North Coast	def	Lake Mac Attack	Black Hill	A Saunders 23 Runs H Croft 2/13
Round 6	22 Dec 2021	North Coast	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Maitland Park	R Sharples 2/19 F Vella 40 NO
Round 7	22 Dec 2021	Far North Coast	def by	Lake Mac Attack	Black Hill	H Croft 32 Runs T Davidson 2/8
Round 7	22 Dec 2021	Northern Inland	def	Newcastle Blasters	Maitland Park	H Najor 32 Runs R Sharples 1/6

U 13 Ballina Carnival Results

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlights	
Round 1	3 Jan 2022	Lake Macquarie	def	Maitland	Geoff Watt Oval	T White 1/9 A Saunders 22 Runs	
Round 1	3 Jan 2022	Newcastle	def	Parramatta	Williams Reserve	X Dean 49 Runs F Pratt 2/10	
Round 2	4 Jan 2022	Far North Coast	def	Lake Macquarie	Kingsford Smith	C Drew 3/11 M Langworthy 17 Runs	
Round 2	4 Jan 2022	North Coast	drw	Newcastle	Fripp Oval	Washed Out	
Round 3	5 Jan 2020	Tamworth	def by	Lake Macquarie	Williams Reserve	H Croft 1/17 C Drew 24 Runs	
Round 3	5 Jan 2022	Manly.	drw	Newcastle	Kingsford Smith	Washed Out	
Round 4	6 Jan 2022	North Shore	def	Newcastle	Williams Reserve	X Dean 3/22 Wicks 23 Runs	A
Round 4	6 Jan 2022	Manly	def	Lake Macquarie	Epic Sportsfield	T Davidson 19 Runs S Worland 3/18	
Round 5	7 Jan 2022	Lake Macquarie	def by	Newcastle	Kingsford Smith North	C Drew (Lake Mac) 26 Runs F Pratt (Ncle) 4/11	

U14 New South Wales Youth Championships

Newcastle Coach: Ian Harborne

Manager: Chris Rheinberger

Lake Macquarie Coach: Luke Harradine

Manager: Matt Voight

U14 New South Wales Youth Championships

Results

Round	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlight	
Round 1	30 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def	Lake Mac Attack	Cahill Oval	H Palmer (Ncle) 62 Runs G Bose (Ncle) 2/15	
Round 2	6 Feb 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	Central Coast	Chapman Oval	W Goeldner 3/21 S Voight 47 Runs	
Round 2	27 Feb 2022	Hunter Valley	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Nesbitt Park	J Rheinberger 3/11 L Vincent 44 Runs	
Round 3	12 Dec 2021	Central Coast	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Tuggerah Sports Complex	H Price 152 Runs L Vincent 115 Runs T Mcinnes 4/27	
Round 3	12 Dec 2021	Hunter Valley	def by	Lake Mac Attack	Thornton Oval	J McKay 76 Runs D White 3/13	
Round 4	21 Dec 2021	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Far North Coast	Harwood Oval	L Vincent 35 Runs T Micinnes 1/12	
Round 4	21 Dec 2021	Lake Mac Attack	def	Northern Inland	Barry Watts Oval	D White 2/23 Jolliffe 37 Runs	H
Round 5	21 Dec 2021	Newcastle Blasters	def	Mid North Coast	Harwood Oval	H Palmer 36 Runs T Harborne 3/15	
Round 5	21 Dec 2021	Lake Mac Attack	def by	North Coast	Barry Watts Oval	W Goeldner 1/15 O Harradine 35 Runs	
Round 6	22 Dec 2021	Mid North Coast	def by	Lake Mac Attack	Lower Fisher	A Mills-Punshon 28 Runs N Westcott 3/14	
Round 6	22 Dec 2021	North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	JJ Lawrence Fields	T Harborne 1/8 H Price 17 Runs	
Round 7	22 Dec 2021	Far North Coast	def	Lake Mac Attack	Ellem Oval	A Berry 4/29 Jin McKay 21 Runs	
Round 7	22 Dec 2021	Northern Inland	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Iluka Oval	H Palmer 41NO G Bose 3/22	

U14 Graeme Malcolm Shield Results

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlight
Round 1 Pool C	17 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	North Coast	Pat Jordan Oval	AB Pola 1/9 J Mckay 26 Runs
Round 1 Pool D	17 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Penrith	Wallsend Number 2	G Bose 1/3
Round 2 Pool C	17 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	Maitland	Pat Jordan Oval	C Taylor 26 NO Z Nugus 2/12
Round 2 Pool D	17 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Tamworth	Wallsend Number 1	G Bose 2/8 O O'Brien 27 Runs
Round 3 Pool C	18 Jan 2022	Manly	def	Lake Mac Attack	Jesmond Park	Z Nugus 14 Runs AB Pola 2/5
Round 3 Pool D	18 Jan 2022	Blacktown	def	Newcastle Blasters	Connolly Park	T Collins 2/21 H Helmers 30 Runs
Round 4 Pool C	19 Jan 2022	Penrith	drw	Lake Mac Attack		Washed Out
Round 4 Pool D	19 Jan 2022	Maitland	drw	Newcastle Blasters		Washed Out
Round 5	20 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	Penrith	Wallsend Number 1	J Mckay 29 Runs W Goeldner 2/6
Round 5	20 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Parramatta	Pat Jordan Oval	T Harborne 2/42 X Dean 14 Runs

U15s Report:

Newcastle Coach: Rob Parkinson

Manager: Samantha Bowen

Lake Macquarie Coach: Chris Dickson

Manager: Angela Razborzek

Rep Report 2021/22 – U15's Newcastle CNSW Youth Champs & HVJCC Macquarie Generation Squad: Harry Campbell (C), Lachlan Williams (VC), Austen Hiskens, Darcy Mitchell, Felix Page, Harry Cornwell, Jacob Curry, Jonah Roser, Lachlan Rail, Mostyn Bowen, Noah Parkinson, Zain Hassan.

The 2021/22 Rep Season for this U15's Newcastle Team was another solid Rep campaign for this team. After last year's undefeated Rep season, we had high expectations to do it all again. We were looking forward to matching it up against our northern opposition after missing those games last season due to Covid.

The Rep season was delayed somewhat due to weather and the first 2 games in Newcastle were washed out due to heavy rain. We finally played our first game v C/Coast at Tuggerah in mid-December. A very good first up game for our boys batting 1st scoring an impressive

5-285 off 50 overs, top scorers were Austen (102no off 105 balls) and Lachy Rail (74 off 69 balls). Bowling, we restricted C/Coast to 2-208, best bowlers Harry 1-28 (10 ov) and Noah 1-32 (6 ov), a convincing first up win.

We then headed up to the 2-day CNSWYC carnival at Grafton for 4 x T20 games. 2 wins and 2 losses which was a disappointing result for the carnival, basically the boys need to learn to play on challenging pitches and not to expect good batting wickets wherever they play!!

Our earlier washed-out games against Lake Mac and Hunter Valley were rescheduled for late Jan and late Feb. We needed 2 wins with at least 1 bonus point to finish 1st on the table in the Sixers Conference and the chance to head to Sydney to play the winner of the 'Thunder' conference.

Lake Mac is always a hard game, mates v mates. Batting first we lost 4 key wickets and were 4-75 off 20 overs, Jonah Roser 26 (24), Lachy Rail 45 (63) and Harry Cornwell 23 (46) took control and put on some important partnerships to see us to 9-214 (48). Bowling, we put Lake Mac to the sword early to see Newcastle boys in a commanding position and Lake Mac couldn't recover and lost 6-34 in a 13 over period. Some very good bowling, shared around Jacob Curry 3/16, Zain 2/12, Austen 2/7 and Mostyn 2/16. However, possibly an opportunity lost as we had Lake Mac 9-95 and if we restricted them to 117 all out, we had a bonus point. Eventually bowling Lake Mac out for 134.

Our final game v Hunter Valley was crucial as we still needed a win with a bonus point to go ahead of Far North Coast who were top of the table. Heavy overnight rain, our game was moved from Learmonth Oval to Synthetic at Alder Park and ankle high grass. We needed to play and Hunter Valley were obliging. A few early showers passed and the game continued. Bowling first we restricted Hunter Valley to 8/77 off 50 overs, wickets shared between all the bowlers. Batting wise we need to get the runs within 32 overs to get the bonus point. Austen and Lachy R opened the batting to get quick runs and clear the boundaries. A Win – 1/78 in 18 overs and the bonus point.

Winners of the Sixers Conference table. Unfortunately, however no game in Sydney as the game was cancelled due to weather and covid.

Some individual performances in the CNSWYC of note:

Harry Campbell – (Captain). Harry had yet another solid Rep campaign. Our leader, Harry led from the front, strong with the ball. Our leading wicket taker with 11 wickets @ 9.64 including 5-8 off 3.3 overs against Mid North Coast. Harry was awarded the Best Bowler for the team.

Lachlan Rail – Lachy stepped it up a few gears this season. We saw on many occasions throughout the season that Lachy can hit a big ball and pick up the run rate quickly, to everyone's joy!! After last season I said I wanted to see more consistency from Lachy and he certainly did that. Batting he scored 219 runs @ 36.5 scoring 2 half centuries including 74 (69) v C/Coast and 67 (37) v Northern Inland. Our wicket keeper, 6 catches and 2 stumpings behind the stumps. Lachy received the best Batter Award and was also awarded the "Champion Player" for the U15's.

Jacob Curry – Another solid Rep campaign for our fiery opening bowler. Jacob was consistent with the ball and always got us off to solid starts with the ball. Fast and fiery sending the opposition top order batters back to the pavilion. Fast, scary at times, Jacob got 9 wickets @ 9.78 best bowling of 3-16 off 9 overs against Lake Mac. Jacob received my Coaches Award due to his work ethic at training and always striving to do better for the team and himself.

Austen Hiskens – Another solid rep season, excelling with both bat and ball. Austen scored 191 runs @ 47.75 including a brilliant 102no (105). Bowling - 5 wickets @ 4.60 including best of 2-7 off 3 overs. A consistent and strong team member and a leader in his own right. Austen was awarded the 'Best Cricketer' for the CNSW 'Sixers' conference in U15's.

Zain Hassan – Zain returned to Rep cricket this season after an absence of 3 years and did he make an immediate impact. He was consistent with line and length, not quick but got his wickets with bowling on the spot consistently. Zain picked up 10 wickets @ 9.40 and was very close to getting the bowling award. A very good return to Rep Cricket.

HVJCC Macquarie Generation Carnival

We participated in the HVJCC Macquarie Generation Carnival in mid-January with high expectations to do well. Wet weather again played big part in this carnival. Undefeated after 2 games and day 3 a total wash out, unfortunately we missed the final due to quotient. However, a silver lining as we were matched up against arch rivals Lake Mac in our final match. A game of ebb and flows and the win could have gone either way late in the game. A late bowling masterclass from Zain saw him pick up 4 wickets and helped get the boys across the line. Some great bowling also from Austen bowling his offies picking up key wickets. We ended up winning by 9 runs. Ironically undefeated with 3 wins and coming 2nd in the carnival!!

Performances of note:

Batting

Felix Page 23 (59) v FNC

Austen Hiskens 22 (54) v FNC

Lachy Rail 14 (6) v FNC

Felix Page 38 (56) v Lake Mac

Austen Hiskens 26 (40) v Lake Mac

Harry Cornwell 22 (61) v Lake Mac

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Bowling

Lachy Rail 3/7 (2.1) v C/Coast

Harry Campbell 2/16 (10) v C/Coast

Zain Hassan 2/8 (7.3) v FNC

Jacob Curry 2/7 (5) v FNC

Harry Campbell 2/10 (3) v FNC

Zain Hassan 4/28 (7) v Lake Mac

Austen Hiskens 3/18 (8) v Lake Mac

A big congratulations to Harry Campbell, Austen Hiskens, Lachlan Rail, Jacob Curry and Lachlan Williams who were all selected and played in the U16's Bradman Cup. Also, 1st Grade NDCA debuts to – Harry Campbell, Austen Hiskens, Jonah Roser, Lachlan Williams and Jacob Curry well done boys.

Well done on yet another fantastic Rep season by all 12 players, it will look a little different next Rep season. An absolute pleasure to coach these cricketers. There were some challenges throughout the season which the boys overcame and played some great cricket as a team.

Our Team Manager, Samantha Bowen, your efforts throughout the season were greatly appreciated. Thanks also to our many scorers and to the parents for the commitment and getting your boys to training and to the games. Rob Parkinson – Coach

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Results

Sixers Pool	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlights
Round 1	30 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def	Lake Mac Attack	Charlestown Oval	L Rail (Ncle) 45 Runs J Curry (Ncle) 3/16
Round 2	6 Feb 2022	Lake Mac Attack	drew	Central Coast	New Treddinnick	Washed Out
Round 2	27 Feb 2022	Newcastle	def	Hunter Valley	Learmonth	J Roser 2/11 A Hiskens 28 Runs
Round 3	12 Dec 2021	Central Coast	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Tuggerah Sports Complex	A Hiskens 102 Runs H Campbell 1/28
Round 3	12 Dec 2019	Hunter Valley	def by	Lake Macquarie Attack	Lorn Park	T Cover 44 Runs K Sutton 4/25
Round 4	21 Dec 2021	Far North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	Ellem Oval	D Mitchell 19 Runs Z Hassan 2/6
Round 4	21 Dec 2021	Northern Inland	def by	Lake Macquarie Attack	Iluka Sports Ground	W Monk 1/ 2 K Sutton 17 NO
Round 5	21 Dec 2021	Mid North Coast	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Lower Fisher Oval	Z Hassan 2/6 A Hiskens 21 NO
Round 5	21 Dec 2021	North Coast	def by	Lake Mac Attack	Mcckittrick Park	R Pohkrel 4/6 T Cover 40 NO
Round 6	22 Dec 2021	Mid North Coast	def	Lake Mac Attack	Yamba Oval	J Saxby 76 Runs R Pohkrel 5/22
Round 6	22 Dec 2021	North Coast	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Ulmurra Showground	H Cornwell 16 Runs J Curry 1/7
Round 7	22 Dec 2021	Far North Coast	def	Lake Macquarie Attack	Harwood Oval	J Saxby 35 Runs J Dickson 2/17
Round 7	22 Dec 2021	Northern Inland	def by	Newcastle Blasters	Barry Watts	Z Hassan 2/10 L Rail 67 Runs

HVJCC U/15: Macquarie Generation Carnival Results

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlights
Round 1	17 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def	Central Coast	King Park	Z Hassan 22 and 2/1
Round 1	17 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	Hawkesbury	Thornton Oval	J Bowlzer 3/18 K Sutton 57 Runs
Round 2	18 Jan 2022	Tamworth	def by	Lake Mac Attack	King Park 5	K Sutton 37 and 4/17
Round 2	18 Jan 2022	Far North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	AD Lawrence Reserve	J Curry 2/7 Page 23 NO F
Round 3	19 Jan 2022	Lake Mac Attack	drew	North Coast		Washed Out
Round 3	19 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	drew	Hornsby		Washed out
Round 4	20 Jan 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def	Lake Mac Attack	King Park	F Page (Ncle) 38 Z Hassan 4/28

U16 Phillip Hughes Cup

Newcastle Coach: Steve Baker and Greg Sharples

Manager: Kristina Baker

Lake Macquarie Coach: Tim Mcgrath

Manager: Andrew Frith and Warren Stewart

Results

	Date	Home Team		Away Team	Venue	Highlights
Round 1	6 Feb 2022	North Coast	drw	Newcastle Blasters		Washed Out
Round 1	6 Feb 2022	Mid North Coast	drw	Lake Mac Attack		Washed Out
Round 2	13 Feb 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	North Coast	Eden Oval 1	
Round 2	13 Feb 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def by	Mid North Coast	Eden Oval 2	H Jensen (18 Runs) J Bowlzer 1/5
Round 3	13 Feb 2022	North Coast	def	Lake Mac Attack	Eden Oval 1	C Mcgrath 3/22 and 21 NO
Round 3	13 Feb 2022	Mid North Coast	def	Newcastle Blasters	Eden Oval 2	M Goeldner 2/23
Round 4	20 Feb 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def by	North Coast	Oxley Oval	A Frith (66 Runs) R Gibson 4/45
Round 4	20 Feb 2022	Newcastle Blasters	def by	Mid North Coast	Tuncurry Sports Complex	J Roser (44 Runs) M Goeldner 2/4
Round 5	25 Feb 2022	Lake Mac Attack	def	Newcastle Blasters	Passmore Oval	J Pitt (Lake Mac) (51 Runs) H Jensen (Lake Mac) 4/15

Representative Player Award Recipients 2021/2022

	Batting Award	Bowling Award	Coaches Award
U/11 IDCA Presidents Cup	Benji Ruse 82 runs @ 27.33	Isaac Dean 6 wickets @7.67	Isaac Dean
U12 Newcastle	Izaan Nadeem Mohammad 179 runs @ 35.8	Isaac Moran 13 wickets @ 7.92	Cooper Digney
U12 Lake Macquarie	Ollie Daniels 176 runs @ 29.33	Hamish Allan 8 wickets @ 6.63	Preston Jolliffe
U13 Newcastle	Will Parkinson 113 runs @ 22.6	Riley Sharples 12 wickets @ 10.75	Jack Hughes
U13 Lake Macquarie	Max Langworthy 99 runs @ 33	Charlie Drew 11 wickets @ 9.55	Angus Saunders
U/13 Mollie Dive Shield	Caoimhe Bray 208 runs @ 41.6	Caoimhe Bray 10 wickets @ 3.5	Evie O'Brien
U/13 Girls Newcastle Greater Hunter	Felicity Wharton 135 runs @67	Felicity Wharton 13 wickets @2.92	Evie Gaggin
U/13 Girls Lake Macquarie Greater Hunter	Layla Sharpe 92 runs @30.67	Molly Dare 6 wickets @3.33	Mollie Wiehahn
U14 Newcastle	Harry Price 257 runs @ 51.4	Tyler Mcinnes 8 wickets @ 13.88	Harrison Fleming
U14 Lake Macquarie	Hudson Jolliffe 132 runs @ 18.86	Darcy White 11 wickets @ 10.8	Noah Westcott
U15 Newcastle	Lachlan Rail 219 runs @ 36.5	Harry Campbell 11 wickets @ 9.64	Jacob Curry
U15 Lake Macquarie	Jett Saxby 169 runs @ 28.17	Ricky Pohkrel 14 wickets @ 8.64	Ricky Pohkrel
U15 Margaret Peden Shield	Sophie Clune 79 runs @ 19.75	Sienna Latham 9 wickets @ 8.44	Imogen Jones
U15 Girls Greater Hunter	Sophie Clune 64 @ 21.33	Sienna Latham 5 wickets @10.4	Laura Knipe
U16 Newcastle	Jonah Roser 77 runs @25.67	Max Goeldner 7 wickets @ 7.29	Harrison Sharples
U16 Lake Macquarie	Alex Frith 72 runs @ 24	Hunter Jensen 6 wickets @ 4.83	Charlie Mcgrath

NJCA Competition Awards 21/22

MAJOR AND MINOR PREMIERS

Competition	Minor Premier	Major Premier
U10 Clark	Merewether Blue	Merewether Blue
U10 Thunder	Western Suburbs	Charlestown Thunder
U10 Blues	Charlestown Magpies	Charlestown Magpies
Stage 1 Girls	Newcastle City	Newcastle City
U11 Division 1	Merewether Gold	Hamilton Wickham
U11 Division 2	Lake Macquarie Thunder	Merewether Orange
U11 Division 3	Stockton Maroon	Merewether Blue
U12 Division 1	Merewether Green	Merewether Blue
U12 Division 2	Belmont	Merewether Gold
U12 Division 3	Charlestown	Newcastle City Blue
U13 Div 1	West's Red	Merewether
U13 Div 2	Lake Macquarie	Lake Macquarie
U13 Div 3	Charlestown Red	Charlestown Red
U14 Div 1	Merewether	Merewether
U15 Div 1	Merewether	Merewether
U15 Div 2	Newcastle City	Newcastle City
U16 Div 1	Charlestown	Lake Macquarie JC
U14 Midweek	Valentine	Valentine
U16 Midweek	Newcastle City	Newcastle City
U18 Midweek	Lake Macquarie	Lake Macquarie
Stage 2 Girls	Charlestown	Valentine



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INDIVIDUAL BATTING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Age/Div	Batting	Club	Runs	Av.
U10 Clark	Christopher Gardiner	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	210	
U10 Poulton	Reid Hampton	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	135	
U10 Holland	Mahrex Petros	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	110	
U11 Div 1	Hamish Allan	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club Inc.	226	
U11 Div 2	Lucas Chaff	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	231	
U11 Div 3	Liam Brien	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club Inc.	179	
U12 Div 1	Corban Byrne	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	340	113.30
U12 Div 2	Archie Bell	Belmont Cricket Club	199	99.50
U12 Div 3	Elliott Bullen	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	216	216.00
U13 Div 1	Hunter Croft	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	249	83.00
U13 Div 2	Izaan Mohammad	Wallsend RSL Junior Cricket Club	269	53.80
U13 Div 3	Rajbir Singh Gujral	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	417	104.25
U14s Midweek	Lucas Vincent	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	291	145.50
U14 Div 1	Harry Price	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	296	59.20
U15 Div 1	Jack Keenan	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	287	57.40
U15 Div 2	Jett Saxby	Newcastle City Cricket Club	393	78.60
U16 Div 1	Toby Clune	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	364	72.80
U16s Midweek	Thomas Karnaghan	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	438	62.57
U18s Midweek	Tomas Konaghan	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	221	55.25
Stage 1 Girls	Madeline Coyte	Newcastle City Cricket Club	228	
Stage 2 Girls	Scarlett Gillott	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	115	



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INDIVIDUAL BOWLING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Age/Div	Bowling	Club	Wickets	Av.
U10 Clark	Rory Najor	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	24	2.33
U10 Poulton	Dexter Bartrom	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	23	3.35
U10 Holland	Billy Moule	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	11	4.55
	Lucie Burr	Valentine Eleebana Cricket Club	11	5.09
U11 Div 1	William Stephenson	Hamilton Wickham Colts Junior Cricket Club	17	4.94
U11 Div 2	Adithya Raghavendra	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	17	5.88
U11 Div 3	Kaydn Macauley	Stockton Junior Cricket Club	19	4.26
U12 Div 1	Jack Cameron	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	11	8.82
U12 Div 2	Jasper Grainger	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	17	3.82
U12 Div 3	Solomon Tamplin	Cricket Southern Lakes (Toronto)	23	4.35
U13 Div 1	Samuel Worland	Hamilton Wickham Colts Junior Cricket Club	15	6.67
U13 Div 2	Preston Jolliffe	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	17	5.24
U13 Div 3	Coop Howard	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	15	3.53
U14s Midweek	Nebin Liby	Wallsend RSL Junior Cricket Club	16	6.19
U14 Div 1	Max Mitchell	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	14	5.79
U15 Div 1	Tyler Mcinnes	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club Inc.	16	8.50
U15 Div 2	Archie Vandenberg	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket	16	9.38
U16 Div 1	Mik Osgood	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	20	4.00
U16 Midweek	Meyyappan Meyyappan	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	12	12.83
U18s Midweek	Duncan Brown	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	10	9.10
Stage 1 Girls	Elaina Dalgleish	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	17	4.47
Stage 2 Girls	Alexandra Cook	Valentine Eleebana Cricket Club	9	3.56
	Felicity Wharton	Newcastle City Cricket Club	9	6.11
	Evie O'Brien	Newcastle City Cricket Club	9	6.33



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CHAMPION PLAYER

Champion Player	First Name	Last Name	Club	Points
U10 Clark	Rory	Najor	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	592
U10 Poulton	Dexter	Bartrom	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	488
U10 Holland	Lucie	Burr	Valentine Eleebana Cricket Club	291
U11 Div 1	Amos	Hunt	Charlestown Junior Cricket Club	455
U11 Div 2	Lucas	Chaff	Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket	461
U11 Div 3	Kaydn	Macauley	Stockton Junior Cricket Club	488
U12 Div 1	Corban	Byrne	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	504
U12 Div 2	Jasper	Grainger	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	454
U12 Div 3	Solomon	Tamplin	Cricket Southern Lakes (Toronto)	467
U13 Div 1	Patrick	Dunn	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	486
U13 Div 2	Preston	Jolliffe	Lake Macquarie Cricket Club	479
U13 Div 3	Rajbir	Singh Gujral	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	677
U14 Div 1	Harry	Price	Merewether District Junior Cricket Club	457
U14s Midweek	Sulaiman	Muhammad	Wallsend RSL Junior Cricket Club	411
U15 Div 1	Zayan	Mohammed	Waratah Mayfield Junior Cricket Club	438
U15 Div 2	Jett	Saxby	Newcastle City Cricket Club	518
U16 Div 1	Hayden	Cook	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	549
U16s Midweek	Thomas	Karnaghan	Newcastle Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Club	582
U18s Midweek	Connor	Gibson	Valentine Eleebana Cricket Club	307
Stage 1 Girls	Bronte	Morgan	Newcastle City Cricket Club	497
Stage 2 Girls	Evie	O'Brien	Newcastle City Cricket Club	272



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MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Major Award Winners	
	Sarah Andrews Trophy
NJCA Player of the Year	NJCA Female Player of the Year
Hayden Cook	Caoimhe Bray
311 runs at 51.83	220 runs at 31.43
16 wickets at 9.19	15 wickets at 5.13
4 catches	1 catch
NJCA T20 Player of the Year	NJCA Wicket Keeper of the Year
Thomas Karnaghan	Harrison Helmers
451 runs at 56.38	9 catches
6 wickets at 16	3 stumpings
7 catches and 1 stumping	
Restricted Club Champion	Unrestricted Club Champion
Belmont	Merewether



NJCA Treasurer's Report – Season 2021/22

A strong financial year for the association, following net losses in the prior two seasons.

It was great to see the local carnivals in January back up and running and teams from all over NSW. The financial result from the carnival was also very strong.

The competition income was also quite strong, following a return to normal team registration fees following the temporary COVID reductions put in place for the previous season.

A summary of the financial results as by division as follows for the year ended 31 May 2022:

	Income	Expenses	Surplus	Note
Carnivals	\$35,775	\$23,388	\$12,387	
Competition	\$106,166	\$87,043	\$19,123	1
Representative	\$59,401	\$57,559	\$1,842	2
Infrastructure	\$9,623	\$9,309	\$314	
TOTAL	\$210,965	\$177,299	\$33,666	
Less: capital costs			\$6,407	1 + 2
Net surplus			\$27,259	

Notes

- 1) Laptop purchased in addition to these expenses \$906.
- 2) Additional branded shelters purchased in addition to these expenses \$5,501.

This leaves the Association in a strong financial position heading into the 2022-23 season, with a focus on improving our infrastructure facilities for the large growth in stage 1 cricket. Available cash at the end of the season is \$157,000 (up \$30,000 on last season).

Please note: At time of printing the Audited financial statements were not available. They will be distributed to members upon completion.



Thank you

Thank you to all our supporters and sponsors including Leenane Templeton Wealth Management, Kingsgrove Sport, Kookaburra and Newcastle City Council. We appreciate your ongoing support and assistance and look forward to working with you during the next season.

