



NEWCASTLE JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

SEASON 2025-2026

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT



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Office Bearers 2025/2026

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Cricket NSW Cricket Manager:	Leya Wilson
Association Administrator:	Nas Obray

Newcastle Junior Cricket Association

President's Report — 2025/26 Season

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2025/26 season on behalf of the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association.

As a volunteer-run association, NJCA exists for one purpose: to give every child across the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens regions the chance to play cricket, develop their skills and enjoy the game. This season we did that for 1,933 registered participants across 157. Pleasingly, we recorded growth in every area this season — total participation, our boys' and girls' numbers, and the number of teams in the field — which is a real credit to our clubs and volunteers. To everyone who made that possible — players, parents, coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, club officials and ground volunteers — thank you.

The season on the field

The headline of the 2025/26 season is growth. We finished the season with **1,933 participants — 1,657 boys and 276 girls** — playing in **157 teams**, an increase across every measure on last season. In an environment where junior sport is competing harder than ever for kids' time, growing our numbers is no small achievement, and it reflects the work clubs are doing to make cricket welcoming and fun.

Our Summer Smash competitions provide cricketers with their first taste of organised matches. From here they transition into Under 9's, girls competitions and beyond.

The season finale was the U15-18 Grand Final under lights on the Number One Sportsground. For many players this was the climax of an eight- or nine-year journey through junior cricket. It was a special night, capping a special season.

A landmark year for Newcastle cricket

The most significant development this season was the continued work to bring senior and junior cricket in our region under a single strategic body — the **Newcastle Cricket Board** — in partnership with the Newcastle District Cricket Association. I am pleased to report that the inaugural board has now been appointed. The final step is constitutional sign-off by Cricket NSW, which we are now awaiting, after which the new structure can formally take effect.

The board brings together representatives of both associations alongside independent appointed directors. Representing NJCA are Julie Wharton and Andrew Cornwell; representing the Newcastle District Cricket Association are Aaron Gray and Josh Moxey; and the appointed directors are Andrew Adam (Chair), Ian Riddick, Shane Burley and Kate Thompson. I thank each of them for taking on the responsibility of guiding cricket in our region into this new era.

This reform is about ending more than a century of operating in separate silos. Together, the two associations oversee more than 4,500 players across around 30 clubs, and a unified board allows us to take a genuinely strategic approach — strengthening the pathway from junior to senior cricket, lifting cricket's profile in a competitive sporting market, and most importantly improving the playing experience for every cricketer in our region, whether they are eight or eighty. With the board appointed and sign-off pending, the focus in the year

ahead will be bedding down the new governance and administration so that those benefits start flowing to clubs and players.

Getting to this point has taken considerable effort from people across both associations over a long period. It has not been simple, but it is the right thing for the long-term health of the game here.

Girls' and women's cricket

The growth in female participation has been one of the great success stories of cricket in our region, and this season was no exception. We had **276 girls** registered this season — another increase — playing in both the mixed and all girls competitions. Continuing to build accessible, welcoming pathways for girls remains a priority, and the momentum we are seeing now will shape the senior women's game for years to come.

The representative pathway

The representative program gives our most committed and talented young cricketers the chance to test themselves against the best, and our carnivals are the centrepiece of that pathway. This season both the Under 14 Graeme Malcolm Carnival and the Under 11 Ron Arendts Carnival ran successfully, showcasing the depth of young talent coming through our clubs. These events are only possible thanks to the selectors, coaches, managers, scorers and volunteers who give up their time, and I thank everyone involved in making them such a success.

Our volunteers — the heart of the association

None of this happens without volunteers. Every match played this season relied on a parent scoring, a volunteer umpire, a coach giving up weeknights, and club committees doing the unseen work that keeps cricket running.

I particularly want to thank:

- Our **club presidents, secretaries and committees**, who carry the load at grassroots level.
- Our **coaches and team managers**, especially those who stepped up for the first time.
- Our **umpires and scorers**, including everyone who supported the move to PlayHQ e-scoring.
- Our **NJCA committee**, for their dedication and the many hours given across a long season.
- Our administrator, **Nas Obray**, whose work behind the scenes keeps the association running week to week.
- Council staff across our LGAs for the grounds and facilities our kids play on.

Challenges and the year ahead

None of this success happens by accident. It is based on countless hours of hard work by many volunteers. I would like to thank the NJCA committee for all their efforts and commitment this year. More volunteers are always welcome and while it involves some work the rewards are there to see as we improve the lives of thousands of young cricketers.

Transitioning across to the new Greater Newcastle Cricket structure will have its challenges, however it will ultimately improve service delivery for our players. It will also allow us to focus strategically on participation, infrastructure and the player experience.

In closing

Junior cricket is about far more than results. It is about kids learning to win and lose well, making friends, getting outside on a Saturday morning, and finding a game they may love for life. That we can offer that to thousands of children across our region is something every volunteer in this room should be proud of.

Thank you to the committee for your support throughout my term, and thank you to everyone who gives their time to NJCA. I look forward to a season of change in 2026/27.

Andrew Cornwell

President, Newcastle Junior Cricket Association

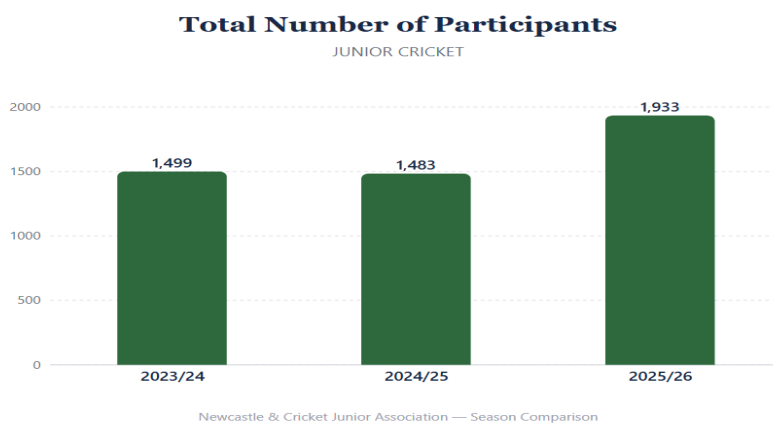
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Administrator's Report

What a fantastic season of junior cricket it has been in Newcastle. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer base, whose tireless efforts continue to shape and strengthen the NCJA. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your contributions, as well as for the support and encouragement you have shown me throughout my first season as Administrator.

Registrations & Grades

In season 2025/2026 there were 157 teams from 15 clubs playing junior cricket across 23 grades over the Friday night, Saturday morning and Monday night competitions which is a slight increase from last season. The number of unique participants for season 2025/26 was 1933 with 157 teams from 15 clubs across 23 grades which was an increase across all areas and 276 of those participants were girls -a total of 84 new female players which is a 43.75% increase.



Summer Smash



LMJCC Summer Smash Participants

The Summer Smash program held steady with 123 participants across 17 teams - 11 in Newcastle and 6 in Lake Macquarie compared to last season having 125 participants across 18 teams.

This program runs in Term 1 for approximately 7- 8 weeks with hubs in Lake Macquarie and Newcastle. Grounds that were used for Lake Macquarie Hub included Feighan 3, Lakelands, Barton 1 and 2 and Finnan oval. Newcastle grounds were all 3 Smith Park ovals, Myers Park and Federal 1 and 2 with the games played on a Friday afternoon in Newcastle and a Monday in Lake Macquarie.

Much gratitude and thanks goes to all who contributed to this program running so efficiently and making it a fun time for the children playing from the club representatives and parents who assisted with ground inspections, opening and closing toilets, assisting the teams to be ready and the wonderful game managers.



Valentine Eleebana Cricket Club



Newcastle City Junior Cricket Club

Season awards and medals

This season saw a change in our supplier for our awards and medals to Purnell Trophies and Apparel, we can't thank them enough for going above and beyond for our January carnivals medals. All Grand Final medals for our Junior competition were presented to the winning team on Grand Final day which the children enjoyed having their celebratory photos with on Grand Final Day.



I would also like to acknowledge and thank **Matt Coles (Kookaburra)** for their generous sponsorship of NJCA Major Awards which we hope to have as an ongoing partnership.



Male Player of The Year



Female Player of The Year



Fielder of The Year

Community Officiating Course (Junior Umpire Course)

The NJCA was delighted to build on the success of last season's Community Officiating Course, delivering another highly successful program with strong participant engagement. The Association was once again pleased to partner with Claire Polosak and Cricket NSW to provide this important entry-level junior umpiring course, which equips participants with the skills and knowledge required to officiate NJCA junior fixtures conducted on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.

A total of 24 participants completed the course, with varying motivations for becoming involved in cricket officiating. Of these, approximately 22 participants went on to regularly officiate junior matches throughout the season, while others contributed on an occasional basis as availability permitted.

The NJCA acknowledges and sincerely appreciates the ongoing contribution of Life Members Dave Stanbridge and Alf Ellevsen, both highly respected figures within the officiating community. Dave and Alf continue to facilitate the locally focused component of the course, ensuring participants gain a thorough understanding of NJCA-specific playing conditions and procedures. In addition, Alf undertakes the significant responsibility of coordinating umpire appointments for both junior and senior fixtures throughout the season, managing hundreds of appointments and numerous weekly adjustments to ensure matches are appropriately officiated.

The NJCA extends its sincere thanks to Alf and Dave for their outstanding commitment and invaluable service to the Association. The end of this season saw Alf step away from this role after many many years. NJCA thanks Alf for his tireless efforts and contributions to supporting Junior umpires and the association over the years.

Nas Obray

NJCA Administrator

JANUARY CARNIVALS

The Newcastle Junior Cricket Association (NJCA) was once again privileged to host the Under 11 Ron Arendts Memorial Shield and the Under 14 Graeme Malcolm Shield carnivals in January.

As has been the case for several years, these events were strongly supported by the City of Newcastle through its sponsorship of the 2025/26 Celebration of Cricket, a collaborative initiative with the Newcastle District Cricket Association. The City of Newcastle also provided access to its excellent cricket grounds and facilities, which played a significant role in the successful delivery of both carnivals.

The NJCA sincerely acknowledges and thanks the City of Newcastle for its ongoing partnership and valued support of junior cricket in our region.

U11 RON ARENDTS MEMORIAL SHIELD

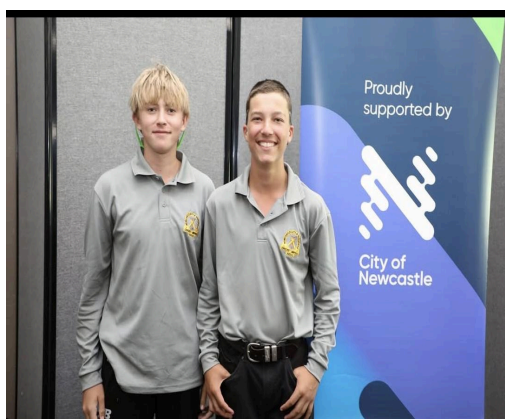
What a week it was!! It's been quite a few years since the Ron Arendts carnival made it through without rain interruptions, and this year the sun shone brightly and delivered a cracking week of cricket.

This year's carnival again saw over 200 players, with 18 teams from Far Northern NSW to Sydney and as far south as Illawarra participate.

Congratulations to Manly Warringah Junior Cricket association for taking out the Ron Arendts Shield this year, with Blacktown City & District Cricket association were Runners Up. Thankyou to the Coaches, Team Managers and families who supported the carnival again this year with many wonderful memories created for all the young cricketers who participated.

Once again our Umpires need to be thanked for their tremendous efforts as does Alf Ellevson managing the Umpire allocations.

A heartfelt thank you to Committee members and Molly Dare and Harry Cornwell for their support in keeping the carnival running smoothly.



Our wonderful Umpires





U14 GRAEME MALCOLM SHIELD

Following the glorious sunshine that greeted participants during the previous week's Representative Carnival, the weather was unfortunately less favourable for this carnival. However, it would hardly be a January carnival without some rain.

The carnival brought together more than 250 players across 20 teams, representing associations from the Far North Coast through to Sydney. Despite significant rainfall throughout the week, the carnival was able to proceed successfully thanks to the dedication and flexibility of all involved.

Persistent wet weather impacted playing conditions, with many turf wicket fixtures relocated to synthetic backup venues. While the rain caused disruption and resulted in some matches being shortened, only two matches were abandoned after play had commenced—a remarkable achievement under the circumstances.

The efforts of our local curators, clubs, and volunteers in supporting the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association (NJCA) to maximise the number of matches played on turf wickets in such challenging conditions deserve special recognition. Their commitment, hard work, and tireless support throughout the carnival were instrumental in ensuring the event's success. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who contributed their time and effort.

A special thank you must also be extended to Julie and Chris Wharton for their invaluable support throughout the carnival period.

Congratulations to Manly Warringah Blue on winning the Under 14 Graeme Malcolm Shield, completing an impressive double after also claiming the Ron Ardent Shield the previous week. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills finished as worthy runners-up.

Individual carnival award recipients were:

- **Player of the Carnival:** Harrison (North Coast)
- **Batter of the Carnival:** Harrison (North Coast)
- **Bowler of the Carnival:** Naksh (Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills)
- **Fielder of the Carnival:** Finn (Maitland)

Congratulations to all award winners on their outstanding performances.

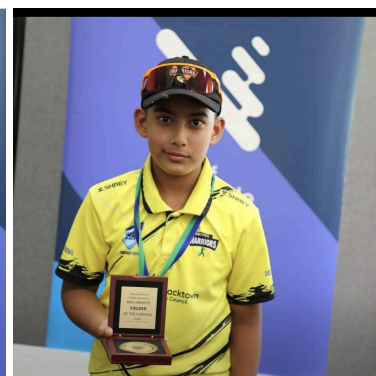
Finally, thank you to **EMG Photography, Purnell Trophies and Apparel**, and the **City of Newcastle** for their valued support of our carnivals. Their contribution is greatly appreciated and helps make these events possible.



Manly Warringah Blue U14 Graeme Malcolm winners.



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills Runners Up.



There is a great deal involved in delivering these carnivals, and, as with all community sports, their success relies on the collective efforts of many dedicated individuals. I am immensely grateful to everyone who contributed their time, expertise, and support to bring these events to life. As I navigated my first January carnivals, your assistance, encouragement, and commitment were invaluable, and I sincerely thank each of you for helping make them such a success.

Nas O Bray

Carnival Coordinator

GIRLS CRICKET REPORT

Girls cricket in the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association once again continued to grow and develop within the ever-evolving female cricket landscape.

Stage 1 U11 Girls fielded 5 teams in 2025/26, which was a drop from 8 teams in 2024/25, and Stage 2 U13 Girls 25/26 fielded 8 teams in 2025/26. On the whole, there were 182 girls registered to NJCA competitions in season 2025/26

Overall junior female participation dropped 11% from 24/25 to 25/26. To combat this decline, Cricket NSW's Female Participation Initiative Pilot conducted:

- 5 Play Our Way School Programs
- 3 Organisational Support Program School Programs
- 1 Woolworths Community Fund School Program

These programs yielded 310 female registrations. To add to this, the Female Participation Initiative Pilot also conducted two all-girls Schools Smash Programs:

- 3 schools in the Newcastle program with 145 participants
- 3 schools in the Lake Macquarie program with 135 participants

NJCA had 2 all girls teams participating in January carnivals in the 2025/26 season. The U13 Mollie Dive team participates each year in the Newcastle U11 Ron Arendts carnival, a predominantly male carnival which is always a challenging but rewarding experience for the girls. Additionally, the U15 girls once again participated in the Western NSW Junior Cricket Carnival in Orange, finishing 3rd at the end of the week.

After difficulties re-establishing a Stage 3 Girls competition again this season, and other challenges recognised in the girls cricket space, the NJCA established a Girls Engagement Subcommittee.

The purpose of this subcommittee is to review current female cricket opportunities and develop recommendations to strengthen participation, retention and pathways for girls within NJCA. The initial focus has been to understand the complex reasons why Stage 3 Girls has faced problems getting off the ground and to offer different ways that the Stage 3 Girls competition may be delivered.

By continuing the approach of “no decisions about us, without us”, a survey was developed and distributed to current and former junior female players, their parents, coaches, and clubs with female participants. This aimed to gather data in the hope of better understanding player experiences, preferred formats, barriers to participation, reasons for continuing or discontinuing involvement, and interest in new competition formats.

The survey responses were largely positive, with players indicating they enjoyed cricket this season, felt welcomed and included in their team, their team and club had a positive and supportive environment, and that they wanted to play cricket again next season. Parents indicated similar responses. The things players indicated they enjoyed most about cricket were playing with friends, playing competitive matches, being part of a team, and playing matches regardless of whether they win or lose. If players could change one thing about girls

cricket in our area, it would be more girls playing/more girls teams, more opportunities for competitive matches, and more female coaches and umpires. Parents indicated that not having enough girls teams/competitions would be the biggest factor to stopping their child from playing cricket, and having more friends playing and opportunities to develop skills would make cricket the sport their daughter would pick above all others. Coaches indicated that crossover with other sports and skill differences between players most limited player participation, and that their favourite part of coaching junior girls this season was seeing the girls enthusiasm and their improvement throughout the season.

Following the survey, an NJCA Girls Forum was held, with all current and future female NJCA players encouraged to attend and help shape the future of NJCA competitions. This was facilitated by members of the Girls Engagement Subcommittee and players from Greater Hunter Coast Premier Cricket Club. Discussions highlighted a strong need to focus on growing participation and strengthening the long-term sustainability of girls cricket within NJCA. The girls identified the importance of building a supportive cricket culture through fair and enjoyable competitions, positive club environments, and developing more opportunities for female umpires and coaches.

The forum enabled collaboration on the development of a Stage 3 Girls competition and identified clear, practical next steps for the Girls Engagement Subcommittee.



The NJCA expresses sincere gratitude for the contributions of numerous volunteers dedicated to female cricket throughout the Newcastle region. Their commitment ensures that the Newcastle region remains at the forefront of female development. The Association is committed to supporting clubs in strengthening and enhancing these efforts and looks forward to an exciting season ahead.

Alyssa Wharton

CRICKET NSW COMMUNITY CRICKET – NEWCASTLE

Cricket Manager Report

Season 2025–2026

Acknowledgement

Once again, I extend a sincere thank you to the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association (NJCA) Committee, along with every volunteer administrator, committee member, coach, manager, umpire, scorer, and parent. Your commitment to our sport continues to provide young players across our region with the opportunity to learn, enjoy, and play cricket.

Reflecting on the achievements of Season 2025-2026, the efforts of the NJCA, its 17 affiliated clubs, and our local Cricket NSW team have been outstanding. These results are a testament to the dedication, resilience, and passion of our volunteers, clubs, and the broader Newcastle cricket community.

Leya Wilson

Community Engagement & Experiences

Country Blitz – Sydney Sixers (Jack Edwards & Joel Davies)

In August 2025, our region proudly hosted Sydney Sixers Jack Edwards and Joel Davies as part of the Cricket NSW Country Blitz 2025, showcasing the power of cricket to inspire, connect, and celebrate community.

Nords Wharf Public School – 40 Year 5–6 students

Warners Bay Public School – 80 Year 2–4 students

St Benedict's Primary School – 48 Year 5–6 students

After-school Cricket Skills & “Meet the Players” session – 70 participants (Newcastle Indoor Sports Centre)

Volunteer CPR Education Session (Hunter Heart Safe) at No.1 Sportsground

Hamilton South Public School – 60 Year 4–6 students

Community engagement activity at Rippit Golf

Afternoon sessions cancelled due to weather

Woolworths Cricket Blast – Club Cricket Blast

Season 2025–2026 built strongly on previous momentum, supported by Cricket Australia’s simplified Cricket Blast program for 5–10-year-olds. The streamlined delivery enhanced accessibility for families while equipping volunteers with improved tools to create fun, engaging, and inclusive environments.

Program Delivery

- **Term 4, 2025:** 15 club-run programs
- **Term 1, 2026:** 2 club-run programs
- **Total Registrations:** 459 participants

A standout achievement came from **Merewether District Junior CC** and **Newcastle City CC**, delivering highly successful programs at Townson Oval and Empire Park, engaging close to 100 participants in Term 4.



Connecting Families to the Game

Cricket NSW continued to provide memorable experiences that brought young players closer to elite cricket.

November 2025 – WBBL Experiences

- Valentine Eleebana CC & Hamilton Wickham Junior Colts CC
- Participants welcomed Sydney Sixers players on-field during WBBL matches

January 2026 – Sydney Test (Ashes Final Test)

Day 2

- Two players from Waratah-Mayfield DJCC served as official flag bearers
- Unique behind-the-scenes experience at the SCG in front of 46,000+ spectators

Day 3

- 13 Cricket Blast participants played on the SCG during the lunch break
- Coordinated by Newcastle City District CC

These opportunities continue to build confidence, connection, and lifelong engagement in cricket.

Volunteer Recognition – Once-in-a-Lifetime Experiences

Local award recipients participated in the Opening Ceremony of the 2025–26 Ashes Test at the SCG, carrying ceremonial flags before a crowd of 49,574.

Recognised volunteers included:

- Dr Simon Thibault
- Kathleen Pink
- Toby Kable
- Jack Dundas
- Peter Sleaf
- Fleet-Calder-Hoinville

Additionally, **Michael McIntyre OAM** attended the Chairman's Lounge on Day 4 for formal award recognition.



School Holiday Programs & Clinics

Over **200 children** participated in Sydney Sixers-supported holiday programs:

- **Holiday Bash:** Entry-level introduction for ages 5–10
- **Girls Colour Bash:** 40+ participants
- **Junior Coaching Clinics:** Structured development (ages 7–14)

All programs focused on fun, skill development, and inclusivity.

Funded Participation Programs

Key Initiatives

- **Woolworths Cricket Fund:** 150 participants
- **Sporting Schools:** 1,700+ students across 12 schools
- **Office of Sport (OSP):** 280 participants in targeted communities
- **Cricket NSW Foundation:** 50 participants (Beresfield)
- **Play Our Way:** 540+ female participants

Girls School Smash Events

- 240+ girls from across the region
- Events held at Kahibah Oval and National Park

Awards & Recognition

Inclusion & Diversity (State and National Winner)

- **All Ability Sports Coaching (Toby Kable)** with Warners Bay CC
- Recognised nationally for inclusive PB Target Cricket program

Community Partnership Award

- **Waratah-Mayfield DCC & University of Newcastle CC**
- Sleepy's Cricket Cup (Highly Commended nationally)

Community Distinguished Service Awards

Dr Simon Thibault – Waratah-Mayfield DCC

- Leadership in sponsorship, governance, and inclusion
- Strong advocate for women's cricket and junior pathways

Kathleen Pink – Charlestown DCC

- 36 years of service
- Major contributions in scoring, administration, and participation growth

Michael McIntyre OAM – Wests CC

- Transformational leadership and junior pathways
- Contributions to governance and player wellbeing

Volunteer Development & Education

Community Coach (Level 1)

- 4 workshops delivered
- 30+ coaches accredited
- Facilitated by Steve Taylor (Level 3 High Performance Coach)

Focus areas included:

- Skill development frameworks
- Player engagement
- Positive coaching environments

Major Events

Cricket Australia U19 Female National Championships

15–22 December 2025 | Newcastle

- Hosted 9 teams
- Venues included Newcastle City, Charlestown, Belmont & Cardiff-Boolaroo
- Supported by local curators, volunteers, scorers, and officials

Key Highlights

- First national underage event in Newcastle since 1991
- Queensland crowned champions
- High-performance workshops delivered alongside competition

Looking Ahead

Looking forward, Cricket NSW remains committed to strengthening support for volunteers, players, and administrators across the Newcastle region. Together, we will continue to build a vibrant, sustainable future for cricket in our community.

Leya Wilson

Cricket Manager, Newcastle

SEASON 2025/2026 AWARDS

NJCA Competition Awards 2025/2026

Major and Minor Premiers

Grade	Minor Premiers	Major Premiers
U10 Clarke	City Sabres Blue	Charlestown Hurricanes
U10 Holland	Toronto Kookaburras	Toronto Kookaburras
U10 Poulton	VECC Voltage	VECC VoltageMDJCC White
U10 Walters	MDJCC White	MDJCC White
U11 Division 1	MDJCC White	MDJCC White
U11 Division 2	Tahs Navy	West's Red
U11 Division 3	West's Yellow	West's Yellow
Stage 1 Girls, U11	MDJCC Blue	MDJCC Blue
Stage 2 Girls, U13	MDJCC White	MDJCC White
U12 Division 1	VECC Volcanoes	VECC Volcanoes
U12 Division 2	MDJCC Blue	VECC Velocity
U12 Division 3	Toronto Yellow	West's Green
U13 Division 1	City Sabres Blue	City Sabres Blue
U13 Division 2	West's Yellow	LMJCC Thunder
U13 Division 3	Stockton	Stockton
U14 Division 1	MDJCC Blue	MDJCC Blue
U14 Division 2	Toronto Yellow	Toronto Black
U15-U18 Friday Premier League - Division 1	HamWicks Colts	City Sabres Red
U15-U18 Friday Premier League - Division 2	VECC Friday night	VECC Friday night
U15-U18 SYL Division 3	LMJCC 6ers	LMJCC 6ers
U15-U18 SYL Division 4	LMJCC Scorchers	LMJCC Scorchers
U14 Monday Social T20 Bash	MDJCC Tigers Blue	MDJCC Tigers Blue

Major Award Recipients

AWARD	NAME	CLUB
Female Player of the Year	Olivia Curteis	Western Suburbs JCC
Male Player of the Year	Edward Belfield	HamWicks JCC
Fielder of the Year	Cohan Penman	Toronto

Individual Award Recipients – Batting

Grade	Name	Stats (runs @ average)	Club
U10 Clarke	Tobias Thornton	360	Newcastle City
U10 Holland	Oliver O'Shea	190	Cricket Southern Lakes
U10 Poulton	Ryder Smith	200	VECC
U10 Walters	Dylan Cook	266	Merewether DJCC
U11 Division 1	Ezra Kelly	355	Lake Macquarie JCC
U11 Division 2	Rueben Edge	301	Waratah Mayfield JCC
U11 Division 3	Samuel Brunckhorst	244	Wallsend
Stage 1 Girls U11	Maya Smith	253	VECC
Stage 2 Girls U13	Olivia Curteis	293	Western Suburbs JCC
U12 Division 1	Angus Tolley	391	VECC
U12 Division 2	Riley Pascoe	230	Lake Macquarie JCC
U12 Division 3	Oliver Willcocks	260	Merewether DJCC
U13 Division 1	Max Drabble	551	Newcastle City
U13 Division 2	Edward Belfield	653	HamWicks JCC
U13 Division 3	Lennox Debieen	350	VECC
U14 Division 1	Jasper Grainger	400	Merewether DJCC
U14 Division 2	Cohan Penman	539	Cricket Southern Lakes
U15-U18 Friday Premier League Div 1	Isaac Catterson	136	Charlestown
U15-U18 Friday Premier League Div 2	Liam Hutton	239	Charlestown
U15-U18 SYL Div 3	Dadullah Hedayatullah	381	Western Suburbs JCC
U15-U18 SYL Div 4	Hunter Chappell	370	Nelson Bay CC
Monday T20 Bash	Axl Williams		Lake Macquarie JCC

Individual Award Recipients – Bowling

Grade	Name	Stats (wickets @ average)	Club
U10 Clarke	Alexander Crossman	24 @ 8.5	Newcastle City CC
U10 Holland	Harry Johns	21 @ 4.52	Swansea Caves
U10 Poulton	Nash Cook	22 @ 5.09	Waratah Mayfield JCC
U10 Walters	Dylan Cook	18 @ 2.33	Merewether DJCC
U11 Division 1	Jack Alexander	21 @ 9.43	Valentine Eleebana CC
U11 Division 2	Finn Askew	25 @ 6.12	Merewether DJCC
U11 Division 3	Samarpreet Gaidhu	28 @ 6.18	Charlestown JCC
Stage 1 Girls U11	Lucy Henschell	16 @ 5.75	Merewether DJCC
Stage 2 Girls U13	Olivia Curteis	21 @ 5.24	Western Suburbs JCC
U12 Division 1	Nash Darwen	17 @ 11.18	Merewether DJCC
U12 Division 2	Makario Bale	17 @ 8.06	Merewether DJCC
U12 Division 3	Lawrence Roberts	15 @ 12.67	Merewether DJCC
U13 Division 1	Rishi Arani	14 @ 8.21	Western Suburbs JCC
U13 Division 2	Hashmat Masoom khil	29 @ 3.66	Western Suburbs JCC
U13 Division 3	Aimeric Tourenq	13 @ 6.08	Stockton CC
U14 Division 1	Fletcher Davies	15 @ 9.53	Western Suburbs JCC
U14 Division 2	Cohan Penman	20 @ 4.15	Cricket Southern Lakes
U15-U18 Friday Premier League Div 1	Hayde Moller	14 @ 8.79	HamWicks
U15-U18 Friday Premier League Div 2	Kael Keast	13 @ 8.92	Valentine Eleebana CC
U15-U18 SYL Div 3	Dadullah Hedayatullah	20 @ 12.65	Western Suburbs JCC
U15-U18 SYL Div 4	Blake K Mehan	25 @ 7.32	Waratah Mayfield JCC
Monday T20 Bash	Vincent Gaffney	12 @ 6.75	Newcastle City CC

Newcastle Cricket Zone Junior Representative Player Award Recipients 2025/26

Team Awards

	Batting Award	Bowling Award	Coaches Award	Champion Player
U12 Male Foster Shield - Newcastle	Qasim Khan 250 runs @ 83.3	Ammaar Mirza 5 wickets @ 15.4	Curtis Wilkinson	Angus Tolley 225 runs @ 56.3 2 wickets @ 5.5 4 catches, 1 run out
U12 Male Foster Shield - Lake Macquarie	Angus Tolley 225 runs @ 56.3	Owen Keegan 8 wickets @ 10.9	Isaac Crane	
U13 Female Youth Champs - Mollie Dive Shield	Lucy McNicol 152 runs @ 50.7	Lucy Goeldner 8 wickets @ 16.3	Bonnie Wilmot	Josie Davy 113 runs @ 18.8 5 wickets @ 25 1 catch, 1 run out
U13 Male Country Youth Champs - Newcastle	Conor Hazell 151 runs @ 25.2	Lachlan Bulloch 9 wickets @ 8.8	Conor Hazell	Lachlan Bulloch 46 runs @ 7.7 9 wickets @ 8.8 2 catches, 2 run outs
U13 Male Country Youth Champs - Lake Macquarie	Max Drabble 149 runs @ 29.8	Maverick Young 7 wickets @ 10.9	Ted Belfield	
U14 Male Country Youth Champs - Newcastle	Cohan Penman 128 runs @ 21.3	Tyson Green 6 wickets @ 21.8	Rory Najor	Jasper Grainger 618 runs @ 68.7 14 wickets @ 12.86 7 catches, 4 run outs
U14 Male Country Youth Champs - Lake Macquarie	Jasper Grainger 618 runs @ 68.7	Frederick Hare 15 wickets @ 16.13	Zavier Smart	
U15 Female Country Youth Champs - Newcastle	Christine Fernance 83 runs @ 16.6	Christine Fernance 10 wickets @ 6.6	Annabelle Grange	Christine Fernance 83 runs @ 16.6 10 wickets @ 6.6 2 catches, 3 run outs
U15 Female Country Youth Champs - Lake Macquarie	Jane Cruckshank 105 runs @ 52.5	Makenzie Keast 7 wickets @ 10	Charlette Coombe	
U15 Male Country Youth Champs - Newcastle	Sulaiman Moin Muhammad 238 runs @ 34	Isaac Dean 9 wickets @ 16.78	Nathan Wilcher	Braidaen Ball 355 runs @ 59.2 7 wickets @ 20.6 7 catches, 4 run outs, 1 stumping
U15 Male Country Youth Champs - Lake Macquarie	Braiden Ball 355 runs @ 59.2	Ray Nowlan Goodsir 10 wickets @ 16.8	Jack Cameron	

U16 Female Country Championships	Christine Fernance 170 runs @ 56.7	Tilda Pola 11 wickets @ 6.8	Jasmine Old	Cosette Thomas 96 Runs @ 96 7 Wickets @ 8.3 4 catches
U16 Bradman Cup	Sam Gallagher 203 runs @ 33.8	Leo Thornton 12 wickets @ 18.7	Joseph Vandenberg	Sam Gallagher 203 Runs @ 33.8 9 Wickets @ 17.4 5 catches

Major Awards

Female Player of the Year	Christine Fernance
Male Player of the Year	Jasper Grainger
Fielder of the Year	Braiden Ball
Best in Ron Arendts (Patrick Sharpe memorial medal)	Hannah Vandenberg

Other Awards

U13 CYC	5 wickets	Maverick Young	5/19 (4) v Mid North Coast
U15 CYC	5 wickets	Max Gallagher	5/12 (4) v Mid North Coast
U15 CYC	5 wickets	Mahrex Petros	5/20 (8.1) v Far North Coast
U14 CYC	Century	Jasper Grainger	162 (153) v Northern Inland Bolters
U14 CYC	Century	Jasper Grainger	121 (126) v Central Coast
U12 MYC	Century	Qasim Khan	101 (85) not out v Lake Macquarie
U12 MYC	Century	Isaac Crane	105 (100) not out v Northern District
U16 Bradman	Century	Drew Saxby	111 (109) v Greater Illawarra

CYC = Country Youth Champs

NJCA Inc. Financial Report

Profit and Loss for year ending 31 May 2026:

Carnival

Income	44,505	
Expenses	-27,609	16,895

Competition

Rego income	62,630	
Training levy	10,010	
Fundraising + Grants	3,508	
Competition expenses	-55,569	
Marketing	-500	
Summer Smash	-3,280	
Coach Development	-4,545	12,254

Administrator

Levy	74,508	
Expenses	-69,031	5,477

Other

Interest Income	11,762	
Smith Park nets	218	
Storage costs	-3,333	
Other overheads	-6,210	2,438

37,063

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2026:

Assets

Cash	289,884	
Trade Debtors	13,915	
Smith park nets infrastructure	50,963	
Other Equipment	2,386	
GST Receivable	3,934	
	361,082	

Liabilities

Wages tax payable	1,574	
Superannuation payable	0	
 Newcastle Cricket Board Contribution	 30,000	

Infrastructure Contributions not spent

- Contributions received	26,278	
- Less payments to projects	-27,366	-1,088

Grants received not spent

- Adamstown Nets	17,909	
- Heaton Park	3,636	21,545
	52,031	

Net assets

309,051

Thank you

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