



AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

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President's Statement

I hope everyone has had a great season. We have had some very successful on-field results in recent years and this season was no different. But the measure of success of any Club is what transpires off the field – the culture, the family support and satisfaction and the much quoted 'enjoyment factor' at Club, team and player level are critical indicators we as a Club continue to strive to achieve. I hope that we have gone most, if not all the way, in delivering these elements to our members.

To all our teams as a general comment across the Club, I say thank you for your outstanding efforts during the year. Thank you for the way you played the game, and thank you for playing in a spirit in which you did your club proud as well as your parents and yourselves. To all our coaches and managers, thank you for your ongoing efforts during the year. The success of our Club and the enjoyment our players and parents receive each weekend is due firmly to you.

At season end, many of our players received awards for batting, bowling, fielding and 'most improved' – I acknowledge all of these achievements. However, while some players will receive recognition of their specific performances, cricket at the end of the day is a team game and all results are contributed to by everyone in the team. Every player is to be congratulated on their effort and performances across the season – you all deserve equal commendation and attention from your coaches and managers and from us as a Club.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our many volunteers who offer their services and expertise to the club in one capacity or another. Our 'volunteers' are our lifeblood and thanks must go to everyone who helped with scoring, packing kits, providing transport, weekly trainings, afternoon teas for our many traditional fixtures, cleaning whites and generally providing a fun and supportive environment.

This Club rises and falls on the backs of those who volunteer their time. If you have the time and the ability to contribute then I ask you to consider putting your hand up for the Committee or to coach to ensure the longevity of the Club in the year and years ahead. Much of the hard work has been done in progressing down that path – all we need are the resources and people to keep things moving along.

Congratulations to the following volunteers who were formally recognised for their services to the Club last Season:

- **Skelton Cup** - volunteer services to the Senior Club: **Robyn Dixon**
- **Simon Hollies Memorial Trophy** - Outstanding Contribution both on and off the field by a Senior Player (Men & Women): **James Partridge**
- **Patrons Shield** - volunteer services to the Junior Club: **Ian Miller**

I would also like to pay a special mention Dave Lewy who will be leaving the Club to pursue his cricket career in Rotorua (it would be remiss not to mention that he is also getting married to Jenny in January!). Dave is a past recipient of the Simon Hollies Memorial Trophy and he has been an outstanding volunteer for the Club over many seasons. On behalf of the Club please accept our best wishes Dave and all the very best for your future.

Our Junior Club continues to produce strong results and they also have had a big season with significant playing numbers and very good success in our junior traditional fixtures programme. Congratulations also to all those junior players who were selected to represent EDCA at age group level.

I would also like to acknowledge our junior coaching program which enjoyed another successful year. Not all clubs offer a junior nursery like we have and we remain committed to offering the very best in coaching to our local youngsters.

The progress made this season with our Premier Men's and Women's teams has again been very solid, and their performances provide a real inspiration to our juniors and aspiring senior players as they develop their games and progress through the grades.

Our Men's Premier Reserve team won their grade championship and promotion to the top 8 Premier Reserve Major Championship for next season, and the Women's Premier team who won the ACA Kennedy Cup for most team catches. These results were extremely pleasing.

A number of very talented players were selected for provincial and New Zealand teams during the season. They were:

Auckland U15 Hearts – Hetali Patel
Auckland U17 - Harry Miller
Auckland U18 - Ahalya Babu
Auckland U21 - Abigail Morgan
Northern Districts U21 - Jayda Tainui
Auckland U18 and U21 - Yasmeen Kareem and Jesse Prasad
Auckland A - Vishi Jeet
Canterbury Magicians - Courtney Buckman
ND U21 and Northern Spirit - Katie Gurrey
Auckland U19 and Auckland A and NZ U19 - Finn Allen
Auckland Hearts and NZ White Ferns - Anna Peterson
Auckland Hearts - Victoria Lind
Auckland Hearts and NZ White Ferns - Sara McGlashan - and 200 games for White Ferns

Sara McGlashan achieved a very special milestone by playing her 200th game for the NZ White Ferns last season. What a personal milestone!

Our sponsors have again made a massive contribution to our Club this season, with their help being a major factor in us being able to fund essential programmes and still improve our financial position. The hard work put into obtaining grant funding from Wendy Verry again was critical to our ability to fund our many programmes and initiatives.

I wish to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their support during the season:

- Players Sports
- Gough Materials Handling
- Kookaburra
- New World Stonefields
- Business World Travel
- VSL Cricket and Peter McDermott
- PanelZone and John Fisher

Off the field your Committee has made some major strides in improving what we do and how we do it – to note but a few, we have refined our strategy and our culture continues to define who we are and offers our Club a very clear point of differentiation; we have strengthened our firm policy of providing additional coaching to our junior teams; the financial position of the Club is strong and we have taken steps to entrench a consistency of strategy and activity from year to year. I firmly believe that we will continue to see the fruits of this over the coming seasons with a continued focus on culture, opportunity and enjoyment.

Finally, many thanks to our Chairman Mark Robson, his management board and the club management team, led by Richard Walker, on another busy, challenging but very productive season.

There was a real ‘buzz’ around the place at the end of last season!! Tell your friends!!

Have an enjoyable “off season” and I hope to see you all again during the 2016-17 Season.

Vince Hurley
President
July 2016

Senior Cricket

In my second report as Senior Club Captain, I would like to begin by congratulating our Men's Premier Reserve Team on gaining promotion to the Major Championship by finishing top of the combined 2-Day and 1-Day points table. After 3 seasons of agonisingly just missing out on promotion, our team, very ably led by James Partridge and coached by Nigel Fletcher, won their 2-Day competition and finished 4th in the 1-Dayers which got them through. Well done Reserves.

I would also like to congratulate our Club players who gained International selection and represented our country at the highest levels:

- **Anna Peterson and Sara McGlashan** – NZ White Ferns, including the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in India in March;
- **Finn Allen** – NZ U19, which earned him a trip to Bangladesh to compete in the ICC U19 World Cup in February.

Congratulations also go to our three Senior teams who brought home grade-winners pennants from their Auckland competitions:

Team	Competition
Men's Premier Reserve	2-Day Minor Championship
T20 Super Sixers	1A Pre-Xmas
T20 Young Sports Team	1B Post-Xmas

Men's Premier and Reserves

Our Men's Premier team performed well in all three of their competitions.

- After securing a home semi-final in the Twenty20 competition, North Shore were too good on the day, defeating us by 25 runs. North Shore went on to win the Grand Final.
- Our team also made the semi-final in the Jeff Crowe Cup 1-Day Limited Overs competition, this time visiting Suburbs New Lynn who again were too good on the day. SNL went on to beat Cornwall in the Grand Final and take home the cup.
- Results were mixed in the Hedley Howarth 2-Day competition which saw our team finish 5th after the round robin, and 7th overall

Overall, a very satisfying season for our Men's Premier team which will look to build on these successes in 2016-17.

The Club welcomed Tom Wells in October as our Overseas Professional player. Tom became a huge contributor to the Club over the season, both on and off the field.

We also welcomed Nigel Fletcher as Head Coach for our Premier and Reserve teams for his first season. Thank you Nigel for all that you contributed this season, not only to our 2 top Men's teams but to the Club overall.

The Club congratulates two players who received ACA Awards:

- **Vishi Jeet** – Most Wickets (61) in the Auckland Premier competition (ACA Platypus Trophy)
- **Matt Ansell** - Highest score (228*) recorded in Auckland Cricket competitions this season outside Eden Park - (ACA WR Fee Trophy)

Whilst the players deserve much credit for the success, a review of the year would not be complete without a special message of thanks to all those involved behind the scenes in particular the scorers, coaches and supporters. Special mention again goes to our Premier Scorer, Robyn Dixon, who spent her second season with us - thank you, Robyn, for your dedication and tremendous contribution to the team. Also to John Fisher – John, your support of our Premier team both on match days, including standing in for Robyn when she was on 1st-class or international duty, and during the week at trainings was hugely appreciated by all involved with our Men's Premier team.

Our Premier Men's results were:

Hedley Howarth Trophy Premier 2-Day Major Championship:	7 th
Jeff Crowe Cup Premier One-Day Championship	Semi-final (loss)
Premier Twenty20 Championship:	Semi-final (loss)

Our Reserve Men's results were:

Premier Reserve 2-Day Minor Championship	1 st
Premier Reserve 1-Day Minor Championship	4 th
Premier Reserve Overall Minor Championship	1 st

Premier Women

Our Premier Women's team continued to build on the development over previous seasons, finishing mid-table in all three of their competitions. A very special welcome went to Samantha Haggio from Scotland who joined the team as an Overseas Player for the second-half of the season and made a great contribution to the Club both on and off the field.

Congratulations to Sara McGlashan and Anna Peterson who both played for the NZ White Ferns regularly during the season, at home and overseas. Congratulations also to Katie Gurrey for her selection in the Northern Districts Spirit for the first time – also to Natalie Edwards and Courtney Buckman for their continued representation for the Northern Spirit and Canterbury Magicians respectively.

Two of our players received special recognition from Auckland Cricket:

- **Ahalya Babu** - Most Improved Women's Premier Grade Player (*McKenzie Cup*), and Most Promising Women's Player (*Tish Rewiti Cup*)
- **Katie Gurrey** – Most Runs in Women's Premier Grade (*Nessie Hammond Cup*)

The team was awarded the ACA Kennedy Cup – most team catches in the Women's grades in all ACA competitions.

The Club welcomed Ketan Patel as coach of the team for his 1st season – thank you Ketan for your valuable contribution to the team.

Our Premier Women's results were:

Women's Premier LO Competition - Prichard Cup:	2 nd
Women's Premier LO Competition - Pearl Dawson Trophy:	4 th
Women's Premier T20 Competition	3 rd

Individual highlights:

Prichard Cup	Awarded to the most outstanding fielder during the season in the club's Premier women's team or the club's most senior women's, youth or girls' team.	6 catches, 1 stumping, 7 run outs - Victoria Lind
Eileen Badham Cup	Awarded to player scoring the most runs during the season in the club's Premier Women's team or the club's most senior women's, youth or girls' team.	995 runs - Katie Gurrey
Drumm Trophy	Awarded to the player taking most wickets during the season in the club's Premier Women's team or the club's most senior women's, youth or girls' team.	24 wickets - Ahalya Babu

Senior Men's 2-Day teams

Our Senior A1s had a mixed season having lost some key personnel from the previous season.

The Senior B3 team had a difficult season due to a lack of regular players, which resulted in that team being withdrawn in the middle of February. As a result, the team finished bottom of both their competitions.

Our thanks to Dave Lewy for taking on the guidance of these teams this year.

Going forward, we will be looking to strengthen these teams as a promising bunch of youngsters come through the club ranks.

Our 2-Day team's results were:

Senior A1 1-Day Championship: 3rd
Senior A1 2-Day Championship: 7th

Senior B3 1-Day Championship: 8th
Senior B3 2-Day Championship: 8th

Individual 2-Day awards:

Name	Details	Winner
Morrison Cup	Most Runs	874 runs - Hareen SILVA
Minogue Cup	Highest Score in the season	228 no - Matt ANSELL
Presidents Cup	Most Wickets in the season	61 wickets - Vishi JEET
Spurdle Trophy	Best Bowling Figures	6 for 20 - Vishi JEET
Dykes Cup	Best Fielder - non WK	15 - 14 catches, 1 run out - Tom WELLS
Thompson Cup	Best all rounder	867 runs / 28 wickets / 15 fielding dismissals - Tom WELLS
Keepers Trophy	Most dismissals by a WK in ALL senior grades (Men & Women)	27 Dismissals - with 20 Catches and 7 Stumpings - Beau DENCH
Centennial Bails	Best batting partnership in ALL senior grades (Men & Women)	269 runs (3rd wicket partnership for Prem Reserves) - Matt ANSELL & Sam FLETT
King Cup	Most Enterprising Batsman	Katie Gurrey
J.R. Lintott Trophy	Most Enterprising Bowler	Vishi Jeet

McKenzie Cup	Outstanding Senior Club Spirit (Men & Women)	Pierce Fletcher
Skelton Cup -	Volunteer services to the Senior Club by a non-player	Robyn Dixon
Simon Hollies Memorial Trophy -	Outstanding contribution both on and off the field by a senior player (Men & Women)	James Partridge
Emily Drumm Salver -	Most outstanding girl in the Club under the age of 18	Yasmeen Kareem
J T Sparling Trophy -	Most outstanding boy in the Club under the age of 18	Finn Allen
Laurie Schnauer Memorial Cup	"Mr Cricket" award - Senior Player of the Year	Tom Wells

1-day and T20 competitions

Once again, AUCC fielded a team in the President's Grade competition. A big thank-you goes to Grant Macfarlane for bringing the squad together and in getting a team out there on every playing day. The team had an enjoyable season, finishing 9th (of 11).

We also welcomed back four teams in the Senior Men's 1-Day competition. (Last season's 5th team, the 5A Blues, moved to Sunday T20 this season.)

Our Sunday T20 team numbers were slightly up this season with 4 teams competing in the 1st-half and 5 in the post-Xmas competition. Two of our teams, the Super Sixers and the Young Sports Team, brought home ACA Grade winners pennants.

Senior 1-Day and T20 results:

President's
3A Kashmir XI
3B Flaming Balls of Fury
4A Rangers
4B Iron Maiden

9th
6th
5th
6th
3rd

	<u>Pre-Xmas</u>	<u>Post-Xmas</u>
T20 1A Super Sixers	1 st	7 th
T20 1B Young Sports	2 nd	1 st
T20 1B Moth Riders	3 rd	4 th
T20 1B Stormtroopers	5 th	6 th
T20 2B Varsity Vikings	-	2 nd

Individual 1-Day and T20 Awards:

Gibbons-Eustace Cup	Most Runs	411 runs for the 4A Rangers – Jignesh PATHAK
Burton Cup	Highest Score	127 runs for the Iron Maiden - Simon WILLIAMS
Anderson Cup	Most Wickets	29 wickets for the 4A Rangers - Bryar HAMA
Warneford Cup	Best Bowling Figures	8 for 39 for the 4A Rangers - Bryar HAMA
Bell Cup	Best Fielder	9 catches, 3 run outs for the 4A Rangers - Jignesh PATHAK
Bennett Cup	Best all-rounder (1-Day and T20 grades)	411 runs, 26 wickets, 12 fielding dismissals for the 4A Rangers - Jignesh PATHAK

Darren Allen
Senior Club Captain

Twilight Cricket

Following on from the success of the previous season a similar format Twilight competition was planned for the 2015/16 season.

The season was broken into two halves with pre- and post- Xmas competitions rather than a continuous league over both halves. This was to permit new teams to enter the competition in the second half of the season.

A total of 12 teams registered for the pre-Xmas competition, 4 on Mondays and 8 on Tuesdays.

A new team, Knightriders, joined the Monday competition with the departure of Fleetpartners and they set about making a name for themselves with some dominating performances to start off the season winning their first 3 games with scores in excess of 150. Neverweres, whilst off to a slow start stopped the Knightriders run with a close fought 4th game of the season.

Labrats also playing well led us to an interesting final game week with either of the top 3 teams in with a chance to win the league with just 2 points covering the top 3.

In the end Neverweres and Knightriders ended up on equal points so ran out joint winners with Never weres collecting the Alan Weston Shield.

Monday Night							
Team	W	L	T	Batting	Bowling	Total	AW Shield
Never Weres	4	2		58	29	107	*
KnightRiders	4	2		58	29	107	
Labrats	4	2		51	25	96	
Whoppers		6		53	12	65	

The Tuesday night league was not quite as close, although the top 3 teams ended up on equal win loss records, the batting and bowling points spelled the difference with Chin music far superior in their batting displays which saw them run out as clear winners with a 7 point margin to 2nd place.

Moreton Bay Thugs forgot to play on a number of occasions, but did win the Alan Weston shield as holders at the end of the season.

Tuesday Night

Team	W	L	T	Batting	Bowling	Total	AW Shield
Chin Music	5	2		65	35	125	
Saints	5	2		53	39	117	
B29s	5	2		59	29	113	
The Village People	3	4		64	25	104	
Hoods	4	3		51	30	101	
Perfect Match	2	5		56	24	90	
Moreton Bay Thugs	3	3		51	17	83	*
Sons of Pitches		6		51	16	67	

Post Xmas the playing schedule was screwed up on Monday nights with many Monday holidays limiting the playable days. 6 days were eventually played and Neverweres ran out the easy winners

Monday Night						
Team	W	L	T	Batting	Bowling	Total
Never Weres	4	2		58	25	103
Labrats	2	3		46	21	77
Whoppers	3	2		44	22	81
DDT	1	3		38	17	60

Tuesday night saw a closely contested competition between the first 5 teams. The B29's having played many seasons close to the top but never quite getting top spot ran out the league winners with a 5-2 win ratio and a good batting display and equal top bowling performance to edge the Saints by 5 points. A total of 11 points covered the first 5 teams showing how close the competition was throughout the season.

Chin Music won the Alan Weston Shield.

Tuesday Night

Team	W	L	T	Batting	Bowling	Total	AW Shield
B29s	5	2		64	39	128	
Saints	4	2	1	62	39	123	
Chin Music	5	2		59	37	121	*
Moreton Bay Thugs	5	1	1	65	28	120	
Sporting NH	4	3		60	37	117	
Hoods	2	5		58	29	97	
DFCCC		7		60	20	80	
Perfect Match	2	5		47	22	79	

The format for the end of season tournament was changed to 4 teams to play 20/20 cricket. The teams were mixed from all of the twilight teams to try and get an even set of matches. The weather overnight made for a sticky and slow #1 with the final being a low scoring match. However was enjoyed by all, particularly the after match function.

Another good season for the club with many of the teams returning to play each year which should see a good competition for the 2016/17 season

Chris Malcolm
Twilight Cricket Convenor

Junior Club Report

The 2015/16 season was notable from the outset for a significant increase in junior player numbers. Right from the start of registrations in late August, there was a buzz of enthusiasm around the junior club as a result of an incredibly positive summer of cricket in 2014/2015, when NZ played host to the world's best as part of the Cricket World Cup, and the Blackcaps inspired young cricketers throughout the country not just by making the CWC final, but also by playing with a spirit and enthusiasm that all kiwis can be proud of.

Overall, we saw a nearly 20% increase in junior membership, with a total of 688 registered players, up from 574 in 2014/15. All of the midget softball grades experienced very strong growth, and we fielded a total of 37 teams across the 3 midget grades Years 2-4. In total, the junior club fielded 68 teams, up from 52 last season.

There is an enormous amount of work that goes into running a club this size and maintaining a high level of enjoyment and satisfaction amongst the members. That workload falls heavily on a small number of key personnel, and I would like to single out a couple of people who make a tireless and ongoing contribution.

Richard Walker gets through a simply staggering amount each year, covering virtually every aspect of club operations (both the Junior and Senior) in some way. Richard's level of commitment is enormous, and I am deeply thankful for his patience and willingness to deal with the many and varied demands on his time, seemingly regardless of when or where!

I'd also like to thank Sharon Walker, who volunteers her time to operate the bar and canteen. Sharon makes a huge contribution every year in doing this, and we are enormously thankful to her for the time and effort she puts in.

Thank you to Wendy Verry, for managing our funding and sponsors and for being such a pivotal part of organising events such as photos, and ensuring those complex operations run smoothly and efficiently.

Finally, to our Grade Convenors, who have once again done a fantastic job throughout the season, from organising teams at the beginning of the season, encouraging parents to step out of their comfort zone and give coaching or umpiring a try and for communicating so diligently with their grades. Thank you to Julie Landry, Jim Dawson, Matt Taylor, Jonathan Hulme, Franz Molamure, Garry Ivill, Mark Robson & Wendy Verry for carrying out these critical roles.

Some notable highlights from the junior club this year;

We organised the local primary schools 6-a-side tournament. This is for players from Year 3 to Year 8 boys and girls. The local schools and players look forward to this tournament every year and it is a key date in their calendar. Once again we had excellent feedback from the schools. Thank you to Dan Marsic and his coaching team for their help in the organisation and execution of this successful event.

Two of our Junior Saturday teams picked up pennants for winning their competitions;

- Junior Hearts U12 Girls 'Hit & Runners' – ACA Junior Hearts U12B Post Christmas
- Boys Year 6A 'Chargers' – Year 6A Bowl Championship

Receiving an ACA pennant in the junior grades is an incredible achievement for the Junior Club and a reflection of the dedication and time put in by the many parents involved in coaching and managing these teams, in addition to the performance of the players themselves.

Finn Allen, at the tender age of 16, was selected for the NZ U19 team and travelled to Bangladesh to represent NZ at the U19 Cricket World Cup, where he scored 208 runs, averaging 52, including a high score of 97.

When Australia toured New Zealand in February, some of our Year 3 players had the opportunity to play exhibition cricket on the hallowed turf of Eden Park during the ODI innings break. These opportunities are very special for the children and their parents, creating memories that will last forever. Thank you to Auckland Cricket for making this possible.

Our Club Representative teams – the Junior Blues, had mixed results this season: we retained the Tamaki Cup beating Grafton 3 – 2; and the Kohi Cup beating Ellerslie 5 – 0; however we lost against Parnell playing for the Steven Fleming and Aces Willow. Our Quad tournament was rain-shortened, with only half the games being played, and we finished as runners-up to Cornwall.

Our continued investment in professional coaching enables progress and development for all our junior players and our club coaches. This will yield ongoing benefits for our club in the future. We have an incredible coaching reputation, built on over the last few years and we will be further strengthening our coaching offering in the coming season. We have seen an increase in the development of more junior cricketers playing and competing at a higher level, throughout our club.

Our Club Coaches are involved in representative team practices, the Year 0/1 Friday sessions, visiting team practices, school visits, coaching courses for parents and team coaches, specialist bowling, batting and wicket keeping clinics, pre-season academies, introduction to hard ball sessions, school holiday programmes. This is only part of our 'standard' offering.

A huge thank you to all the coaches and especially to Dan Marsic for all the time and effort he has put in as Junior Coaching Coordinator. Dan created a fun yet calm and professional atmosphere for the development of our junior cricketers and our club coaches.

We are one of the largest Junior Clubs in Auckland, and it can be challenging to ensure that we consistently deliver a great cricket experience to our junior members. To help ensure we understand the needs of our members and can focus our efforts in the right areas, we conduct an annual survey of our junior members. The feedback from that survey helps to shape our plans for the following season. It is therefore very pleasing to note that in the 2015/16 end of season survey, our members approval rating improved across almost every area of the junior club, which suggests that we are generally getting it right.

The one area of the junior survey where our members felt we had not improved on the previous season was Playing Equipment, and in particular there was some concern at the age of some gear particularly helmets, and the longevity of soft incrediballs. As a result, we've reviewed our stocks of playing equipment and disposed of the oldest and most worn gear. We'll be adding new equipment to our stocks this season to fill any gaps, and junior softball teams will be issued with 50% more incrediballs this season. We've also replaced our entire stock of helmets so members can have confidence that this key safety gear is up to date and fit for purpose.

I'd like to finish by reiterating; I cannot emphasise enough that many people give up a lot of their valuable time voluntarily to ensure that the Junior Club operates as smoothly as it does - to all those people, parents, coaches, managers, scorers, umpires and supporters, I thank you and look forward to your continued support of our club.

Damien Poppelwell
Junior Club Captain

Selected Junior Grade Reports

Year 3 Grade Report

In 2015-16, Year 3 fielded eleven teams and 88 players – an increase of 49% in playing numbers from last season's Year 2 grade. Teams were well supported and all of them had at least one coach (many had two) and a manager, which ensured smooth running throughout the season. We had a mixture of experienced and novice coaches and it was pleasing to see so many parents involved in their children's cricket.

Teams enjoyed mixed fortunes over the season, and it was great to see the improvement in skills over the course of 2015-16. We enjoyed the opportunity to play teams from both Grafton and Parnell, though there was nothing better than playing at our home ground, Colin Maiden Park.

This was the first year that our top players had the opportunity to participate in rep fixtures and the club enjoyed great success in these matches.

We also got to take a group of keen Year 3 players to Eden Park to see the Black Caps smash Australia in February. The players even got to play on the hallowed turf during half-time, something I am sure they will always remember.

It was very pleasing to see a smattering of girls playing in the grade this season – I look forward to seeing them continue at the club next season.

I hope to see all players, coaches and parent volunteers back for the 2016-17 season.

Jim Dawson
Year 3 Grade Convenor

Year 4 Grade Report

The flow on effect of the Cricket World Cup in early 2015 meant there was a lot of enthusiasm for cricket and as result we saw a significant increase in playing numbers in the Year 4 group. AUCC fielded 13 Y4 midget teams, with a total of 112 registered players, including 42 players who were new to the club.

The step up in player capability from Y3 to Y4 is significant, and in general we found that the kids were playing a much better standard of cricket, displaying more skill and maturity, and for the most part the games looked very much like 'real cricket' to watch.

We have a very positive and engaged group of parents in Y4, teams were well supported with volunteer coaches, managers and scorers, and games were well attended.

Congratulations to Angus Johnson on being awarded the **Club Captains Cup** as **Most Outstanding Year 4 player**.

Damien Poppelwell
Grade 4 Convenor

Year 5 Grade Report

In 2015/2016 Year 5 fielded 9 teams totaling 79 players. Of those players, 52 were returning and 27 were new to the Club. There was good support from parents and volunteers with each of the 9 teams having a coach, assistant coach and manager. The teams also benefited greatly from the regular visits by the club coaches to mid-week training sessions.

The general feedback received was that the season was greatly enjoyed by the players. This was the first year of 'hard ball' cricket for the players, and the coaches reported a sense of excitement about playing 'proper' cricket for the first time with a leather ball, gloves, pads, helmet etc. Generally, the players were ready for the step up and relished the opportunity to play hard ball cricket, with good improvement shown throughout the season.

This is a competitive grade for representative cricket and the A and B rep sides put up good performances in their rep fixtures. The boys are developing an understanding of what it means to play rep cricket and they enjoy representing the Club at rep level. There were many good performances across the grade this year. Congratulations to the Player of the Grade, Seb Heyworth, for his performances during the season.

Matt Taylor
Grade 5 Convenor

Year 7 Grade Report

The year 7 player numbers declined from the previous year. We had one team (Hurricanes) playing in the Premier division, two teams (Storm, Tornadoes) playing in the A division and one team (Thunder) in the B division. The standard of competition in both Premier and A division was very high. We failed to win any of the divisions. However, all the teams improved over the season and the A grade teams performed much better than the previous year. The Hurricanes finished 3rd in the Premier grade to qualify for the championship round.

	Played	Won	Lost	No Play	Winning %
Year 7 Prem Hurricanes	15	9	4	2	60%
Year 7A Storm	15	9	4	2	60%
Year 7A Tornados	15	8	5	2	53%
Year 7A Thunder	12	5	5	2	42%

The year 7 Rep team had a good season winning four out of five games. They beat Grafton by a significant margin to win the Tamaki Cup fixture. The club was unable to pick a B team due to the lack of players turning up for Rep practice. The club coaches did a great job during the year.

A special mention should go to the player of the Year 7 grade, Harry Lowe, for an outstanding season of cricket with a batting average over 70. During the year, Achindra Molamure and Aaron Mansfield Putt completed 100 games for the club.

We would also like to thank Nimalka Perera, a level 1 coach, who volunteered to coach Thunder in the B division.

The year 7 parents and players would like to thank Daniel Marsic, Richard Walker and Damien Poppelwell for all their hard work during the season. They were responsible for:

- Conducting trials & selecting teams;
- Arranging visits by club coaches and organising coaching clinics;
- Organising prize-givings (AUCC Quad & year-end); and
- Addressing parent / player issues during the season.

Franz Molamure
Year 7 Grade Convenor

Year 8 Grade Report

Y8 has the difficult "two seasons in one" due to the boys' move to college after the Christmas break. We began the season with 2 premier teams and 3 A teams. The two Prem teams finished next to each other on the ladder and the A teams finished second, third and fifth, all of which suggests consistent and even selections.

We lost a Prem team and an A team after Christmas, but again, all teams performed well in their grade with the A teams finishing second and third again.

A big thanks to everyone involved, and the coaches in particular.

Garry Ivill
Year 8 Grade Convenor

Year 9/10 Grade Report

This is a combined year group grade. Pre Xmas we had two teams play in the Limited Overs competitions – one team in the Premier and one in the A grade. Once College cricket finished in term 4 we had three teams in the T20 competitions that ran once College cricket finished. After Xmas we lost a few more boys to Colts cricket at College and we had fielded one premier side in the Two day competition.

Of note Luke Eskrigge, Campbell Ayres and Corey Duguid had outstanding and consistent performances over all forms of the grade's competition. Well done boys!

A big thank you to all the parents who continue to generously support the Club, teams and the players by helping out transporting, supporting, scoring, umpiring and coaching the players. We have been very fortunate with so many volunteering. A special mention goes to Ross Verry who has been involved in coaching one of our Year 9/10 teams since the players were in the year 2 grade and he has also coached the year group representative team each season during those years as well. Ross also made a similar contribution with this eldest son's AUCC cricket teams over the years. Many thanks from us all for the tremendous contribution you have made over the years, Ross!

In 2017 there will be some changes introduced to College and Club cricket that may mean in some cases Club and College teams may be playing in the same competitions. That may impact the number of teams we field over the coming season. A broad outline has been

announced by Auckland Cricket and we will advise members further once we receive more detail and understand the likely impact on Year 9/10 and Under 18 grades.

Again, thanks to all the parents and players in the grade for their input and support!

Mark Robson
Year 9/10 Grade Convenor

Junior Blues Traditional Fixtures

Our Year-level representative teams, the “Junior Blues” Representative teams, are selected to play in Sunday fixtures against a variety of clubs across Auckland.

The Junior Blues successfully retained the Kohi Cup (vs Ellerslie) and the Tamaki Cup (vs Grafton). Unfortunately, they lost the Haughey Cup (girls v. Cornwall,) the Fleming and Aces Willow’s (v. Parnell), and the Year 3 Bert Sutcliffe Memorial Cup (v. Parnell).

AUCC JUNIOR TRADITIONAL FIXTURES RESULTS 2015-16		
Kohi Cup	Competed for annually against Ellerslie Club (Years 3-U18)	University 5 - Ellerslie 0
Haughey Cup	Competed for annually against Cornwall (Girls)	University 0 - Cornwall 1
Tamaki Cup	Competed for annually against Grafton Club (all Junior Grades)	University 3 - Grafton 2
Bert Sutcliffe Memorial Cup	Competed for annually against Parnell Club (Year 3 only)	University 0 - Parnell 2
The Stephen Fleming Willow	Competed for annually against Parnell Club (Years 3-7, A Teams)	University 1 - Parnell 4
The Aces Willow	Competed for annually against Parnell Club (Years 3-7, B Teams)	University 1 - Parnell 3
Blair Pocock Trophy	Awarded to the winning Club at the annual Howick-Pakuranga Quadrangular Tournament (Years 4-7)	<i>Not Played</i>
University Shield	Awarded to the winning Club at the annual AUCC Quadrangular Tournament (Years 4-7)	Cornwall
Scholars Cup	Awarded to the runner-up Club at the annual AUCC Quadrangular Tournament (Years 4-7)	University
Campus Bowl	Awarded to the Club finishing third at the annual AUCC Quadrangular Tournament (Years 4-7)	Howick-Pakuranga
Students Mug	Awarded to the Club finishing fourth at the annual AUCC Quadrangular Tournament (Years 4-7).	Takapuna
Harold Bennett Trophy	Under 18 v Fingletoads	<i>Not Played</i>

Financial Report

2015-16 was a strong year for the Club's finances, continuing the trend of sound financial performances. The Club achieved an operating surplus for the year of \$60,240 compared to \$464 last year.

The increase in surplus was due to higher revenue of \$59,135. The significant increase in revenue was largely from much higher junior members flowing from the success of the Cricket World Cup in 2015 and higher Community Grant funding.

Operating grants of \$84,952 were achieved, which was an increase of almost 50% on last year. Sponsorship income also increased.

The Club remains committed to providing a strong coaching programme for members and were again able to spend a significant amount of money on both junior and senior coaching over the year. Just under \$80,000 was spent on team coaching and training clinics for the year.

Administration expenses were \$1,500 lower than last year, and achieved the Club's aim of ensuring administration expenses do not increase at a rate greater than general expenditure.

Some expenses were directly related to the number of members in the Club. With the increase in players and teams achieved by the Club, expenses such as Banking Costs, Junior Photos, Player Registration Fees, and Prize Giving were all higher.

Overall the Club reported a surplus of \$58,634 (after depreciation) to be transferred to accumulated funds.

The Club is working with the Auckland Council to agree the future development of the indoor cricket facility. Fund raising commenced this year and members donated \$10,560, which was set aside in a separate term deposit. The donation income has been transferred into the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income and will be treated as revenue in the same year as costs are incurred in relation to the facility. Other cash funds, which are surplus to the Club's working capital requirements, will also be applied to the development costs. Further funding raising activities will occur in the future in order to fund the cost of the facility.

I would like to thank Wendy Verry and Richard Walker for the hard work they have put in to administer the Club, but especially to secure the significant amount of Community Grant funding this year. This is a very important part of the funding for the junior club and directly benefits the junior members in terms of coaching and gear.

Craig Perry
Treasurer
July 2016

Roll of Honour

There are three Club Premier Awards that our players aspire to. The standard of recipients for these trophies is always very high and this year's winners were no exception. Congratulations to:

- **Tom Wells** for receiving the prestigious "Mr Cricket" award, the **Laurie Schnauer Memorial Cup**.
- **Finn Allen** who received the **J.T. Sparling Trophy**, which is awarded to the player who in the opinion of the Board of Management is the most outstanding player under the age of 18.
- **Yasmeen Kareem** who received the **Emily Drumm Salver**, which is awarded to the player who in the opinion of the Board of Management is most outstanding Junior Girl under the age of 18.

Major Association Representative Honours

Congratulations to these AUCC members who were selected to play for New Zealand and/or their Provincial Representative teams:

New Zealand White Ferns	Sara McGlashan, Anna Peterson
New Zealand Men's U19	Finn Allen
Auckland Hearts	Victoria Lind, Sara McGlashan, Anna Peterson
Auckland A	Vishi Jeet, Finn Allen
Northern Districts Spirit	Katie Gurrey, Natalie Edwards
Canterbury Magicians	Courtney Buckman
Auckland U21 Hearts	Abigail Morgan, Yasmeen Kareem, Jesse Prasad
Auckland Men's U19	Finn Allen
Northern Districts Women's U21	Jayda Tainui, Katie Gurrey
Auckland U18 Hearts	Ahalya Babu, Yasmeen Kareem, Jesse Prasad
Auckland Men's U17	Harry Miller
Auckland U15 Hearts	Hetali Patel

Governance, Management and Volunteer Support

There are many who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes during the season. Their experience, motivation and passion for the game are invaluable and without them the Club would not be as strong and as well organised as it is today.

The Club extends its sincere thanks to all those who took on specific roles within our Club, and to the many other volunteers who contributed to another successful season.





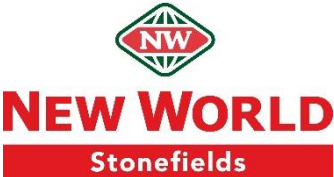




2015-16 Board of Management	
Patron	John Sparling
President	Vince Hurley
Chairman	Mark Robson
Senior Club Captain	Darren Allen
Junior Club Captain	Damien Poppelwell
Secretary	John Fisher
Treasurer	Craig Perry
Board Member	Jonathan Hulme
Board Member	Ingrid Cronin-Knight
Board Member	Damian Barr
Vice Chancellor's Representative	Louis Rattray
2015-16 Grade Convenors	
Senior Grade Convenors	Daniel Marsic
Senior 1-Day Convenor	-
Senior Twenty20 Convenor	-
Convenor (U18)	Mark Robson
Convenor (Year 9&10)	Mark Robson
Convenor (Year 8)	Garry Ivill
Convenor (Year 7)	Julie Landry/Franz Molamure
Convenor (Year 6)	Jonathan Hulme
Convenor (Year 5)	Matt Taylor
Convenor (Year 4)	Damien Poppelwell
Convenor (Year 3)	Jim Dawson
Convenor (Year 2)	Julie Landry
Girls' Grades Convenor	Ronald Otten
2014-15 Club Management Team	
Junior Coaching Co-ordinator	Daniel Marsic
Club Manager	Richard Walker
Communications and Promotions	Wendy Verry
Senior Club Statistician	Vince Hurley

Sponsorship and Funding Contributors

Sponsorship for any club is vital, and our club is no different. We were delighted to welcome back from 2014-15 **Gough Materials Handling, New World Stonefields, Players Sports, Kookaburra, Panelzone Ltd, Business World Travel** and **VSL Cricket**.

We were also delighted to receive the support of **AMF Bowling Panmure** and **Joshua's Ice Cream St Heliers**, both of whom provided Player-of-the-Day vouchers for our junior teams.

Your support for AUCC is very much appreciated by our Members and the Board of Management.

	
	
	
	
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The Club is also extremely grateful for donations received from other organisations which supported us during the 2014-15 season. Without their support, the Club would not be able to operate as it currently does.

AUCC acknowledges and thanks: