# EMU PLAINS CRICKET CLUB INC.



# SEASON REPORT 2022 / 2023

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# **SPONSORS**

## **METWEST ENGINEERING**



# Metwest Engineering

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# **OFFICE BEARERS**

#### **PATRONS**

Betty Coleman (1996)

Phil & Phyllis Huthnance (2006)

## LIFE MEMBERS

Leslie Mitchell (appointed 1990)	Lionel Gyler (1996)	Jamie Large (2010)
Paul Ryan (1990)	George Stanowski (2000)	Andrew Williams (2012)
Tim Pedlar (1992)	Darran Harvey (2004)	Martin Bowerman (2013)
Garry Ross (1992)	Martin Romer (2004)	Jim Micsko (2018)
Peter Watts (1992)	Greg Bottrill (2005)	Ange Barbaro (2019)
Peter Mitchell (1992)	Miles Anderson (2007)	Chris Longhurst (2021)
Tony Hoy (1992)	Trevor Wilson (2008)	Sam Barbaro (2022)

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President: Sam Barbaro Secretary: Ange Barbaro Vice-President: Patrick Anderson Juniors Secretary: Luke Murphy Treasurer: Jim Micsko

# SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS

1st Grade: Evans Memorial Shield

1923/24, 1925/26, 1931/32, 1932/33, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1946/47, 1947/48, 1948/49, 1949/50, 1950/51, 1951/52, 1952/53, 1955/56, 1957/58, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1997/98, 1990/00\*, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2020/21, 2022/23

#### 2nd Grade: Donald Reay Memorial Trophy

1990/91, 1996/97, 1999/00, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22

3rd Grade: W & E Cammack Trophy

1993/94, 1995/96, 2015/16

4th Grade: Trevor Wholohan Trophy 1990/91, 2019/20

5th Grade: Darcy Smith Shield 1979/80, 1992/93, 1999/00, 2007/08

> 6th Grade: Howell Cup 1996/97

7th Grade: T.J. Rance Trophy 1980/81

8th Grade: Nepean Cup 2012/13, 2020/21

9th Grade: J.L. Mason Trophy 1996/97

<u>"A" Grade Twenty20 Cup</u> 2011/12

<u>"B" Grade Twenty20 Cup</u> 2008/09, 2009/10

\* 1999/00 1st Grade Premiership declared vacant by NDCA after Club was deemed to have breached a player eligibility rule.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome to another end of season.

Year 2022/23 was enjoyed without any impacts from COVID, a welcome change from the last few years. It was great to see so many players and spectators playing and enjoying the game. 2022/23 was a great year for your club, where we were once again well represented in both seniors and juniors. We once again won the NDCA club championship in seniors, and finished second in the PJCA in juniors. We had six teams make grand finals, congratulations to the 1st grade team in Seniors and the under 15's in Juniors in winning their competitions.

Our ongoing development of our junior teams and the integration of junior players into the senior sides is working very well, with several players enjoying the opportunity to play in the senior competition.

We also participated in a new T20 competition this year, which went well and may be expanded in the future.

The Woolworths Junior Blaster program was also held this year. Thank you to Pat Anderson, Alex Mullen, Andrew Bugg and Chris Hinkley for helping the 20 or so youngest players get involved with cricket. It was a great year in which no weeks were lost to wet weather, the first in a long time. I am sure we will see a lot of these young players come into the ranks as Emu Plains cricketers in the future.

I would like to personally thank the committee members. Without your tireless efforts we would not enjoy the success that we have. I would also like to especially acknowledge Jim Micsko who has decided to step down from our committee. I am sure everyone here will join me in saying a huge thank you to Jim for his work and commitment to Emu Plains over two decades on the executive committee. Your hard work will be missed.

I ask if you or any organisation you know of would like to be a part of the club to please contact myself or any of our committee.

#### Sam Barbaro, President

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### EMU PLAINS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 30 April 2023

Income		Expenditure	
Junior Registrations	10,730.24	Clothing Purchases	13,626.50
Senior Registrations	14,634.92	Equipment/Ball Purchases	4,013.00
Junior Blaster Registrations	294.60	Junior Team Registrations	2,000.00
Sale of Clothing/Merchandise	6,152.31	Senior Team Registrations	1,500.00
Sponsorship	4,937.30	Refunds	1,486.94
Grants: Office of Sport - Grassroots Sports Fund	2,500.00	Presentation Night/Day Expenses	3,720.00
Cash Receipts 2021/22 Presentation	1,323.00	Trophies	3,843.55
Fundraising/Raffles	632.50	Umpire Fees	1,710.00
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		MISCELLANEOUS	
		Senior Training & Junior Blaster BBQ Expenses	124.16
		Website Renewal	70.00
		Trailer Registration	70.31
		NSW Fair Trading Annual Statement	50.22
		PO Box Renewal (Australia Post)	148.00
		Floral Arrangement Funeral	65.95
		Senior Grand Final Night Bar Tab	440.70
Total Income	41,204.87	Total Expenditure	32,869.33
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Opening Balance	01/05/2022	\$23,846.12	
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\* Interim report as at 23/04/2023. To be finalised after financial year ends on 30 April 2023.

#### Jim Micsko, Treasurer

# SENIOR SECRETARY REPORT

The club has responded wonderfully following too many seasons interrupted by fires, floods and Covid. It is great to have those years behind us. We have won the senior club championship and were narrow runners in the junior club championship, won the 1<sup>st</sup> grade senior trophy, and finished runner up in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. With 3<sup>rd</sup> grade also making the finals, we are presenting great strength throughout the entire senior grade competition. Even more pleasing than our on field results is the positive feedback we have received from other clubs, umpires, and other officials commending our on-field attitudes and behaviours. Well done to those choosing to be positive with each other and the opposition whenever possible.

With our senior first-grade success this year, finals places for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Junior finals appearances in under 12s and 16s, coupled with a u15s premiership, Emu Plains remains, thanks to you all, the powerhouse of the Nepean district junior and senior competitions.

#### On the field

In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Daniel Obrien started the year with about 17 players, needed plenty of fill ins, and worked hard throughout the season to ensure that as many people as possible had opportunities to play first grade. This resulted in the ultimate success of winning the first-grade premiership with a team that really didn't settle until after Christmas. Well done to Daniel and the squad on your outstanding result.

Alex Mullen's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team, having won the previous 4 years made it to the grand final again and performed strongly against a very good 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team, the Hawks. Congratulations to Alex for leading the team to its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive grand final appearance, and for the well-timed birth of your first daughter, out of the cricket season.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade again performed well and was competitive throughout the season, finishing second and were unfortunately beaten in the semi final in a spiteful match against Faulconbridge. This squad was bolstered with 3 new players, all under 50, who all contributed well in each match they played.

Following their finals appearance last year, Josh Lawson's 5<sup>th</sup> grade squad seemed out of sorts all season and finished out of the finals for the first time in many years. While being competitive things didn't fall into place and it was a season that will soon be forgotten by the squad as it inevitably moves back into its winning ways.

Pat Anderson completed an amazing job, leaving the comforts of cheese and biscuits in third grade to respond for a call from help to run a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade squad. To shape the team that had not won a game in many seasons, to premiership contenders in just one year, was a greate effort. Pat was outstanding in bringing juniors and new players into the squad and making sure they all felt welcome. Well done Pat.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Sam Wheeler negotiated another season, and continues to integrate many new players into his squad. While the team didn't do so well on the field, they are a very fun group who enjoy their cricket, making all welcome. With the great attitude they have, success will not be far away.

#### Off the field

Our shirt and sleeve sponsor Metwest Engineering and Sommers again provided grateful funding or gifts again this year. Without the sponsorships we would not be able to run the programs that we do and we thank our sponsors for their support. We strongly encourage all of you to support our sponsors at every opportunity.

We will continue our commitment to juniors with free registrations into the senior competitions and provide opportunities for juniors to play in the senior teams as their experience, abilities allow.

Finally, thank you to my other fellow Committee members for the tireless hard work they all completed throughout the year. It is a big job to get all the players on the field, in uniforms, registered, and having fun every week. Special acknowledgment again to Jim Micsko whose dedication to cricket in this district cannot be overestimated, thank you Jim for your amazing work over the last 16 years with this club and for your continued work with the NDCA.

Also thanks to Pat Anderson who is proving to be a very good administrator and taking on plenty of additional tasks. For those who would like to join the committee, please do make yourself known. Many committee members have served for well over a decade and will be looking for others to help with an orderly transition to new committee members.

Congratulations once again to everyone involved in the Club for a successful and enjoyable season.

#### Ange Barbaro, Secretary

## JUNIOR REPORT

Our junior players, coaches and managers are to be congratulated on another amazing season. All 8 junior teams performed strongly throughout the season with 4 teams qualifying for the semi-finals. EPCC would like to acknowledge the efforts of all the players, coaches and the support they receive from their families.

Congratulations to our U15 team on back to back premierships. Winning this premiership out on the filed, as last year the finals were washed away, meant a lot to this team.

Unfortunately, the U16 teams were defeated in their quest for yet another premiership. Our youngest teams also performed strongly with U10 finishing 4th and U11 Red 2<sup>nd</sup> and U 11 Blue 3rd in their competitions.

This season also contained many outstanding individual achievements with 7 centuries and 8 five wicket hauls by individual players throughout the PJCA season for club.

Once again, thank to every coach who volunteers their time so that our young players can participate and enjoy the game of cricket. To Kirk Wilkinson, Raj Punia, Mark Spiteri, Mark Williams, Garry Sheen, Marty Romer, Daniel McLean, David Williams and Ray Hudswell a massive thank you from the EPCC for all your efforts. Without you, there is no cricket for these young players.

A quick thankyou to David Williams and Ray Hudswell, who together have taken their side from U8s through to U16s. EPCC appreciates all your efforts with this side over the past 8 seasons. The players enjoyed their cricket and had some amazing success along the way.

Finally thank you to the committee and our sponsors who enable our club to support all our junior cricketers both on and off the field.

#### Luke Murphy, Juniors Secretary



FIRST GRADE PREMIERS 2022-23



UNDER 15 PREMIERS 2022-23



We are proud to see a couple of former Emu Juniors in Captain Samantha Arnold & Elsa Hunter still enjoying their cricket representing our district.



Well done our EPCC under 16's players in Saarim Ghias, Xander Carstens & Zach Williams on your Premiership win!



Emu Plains Cricket Club



# **PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS**

#### KEITH COLEMAN MEMORIAL SHIELD (SENIOR ALL ROUNDER)

Awarded to the Senior Player who has accumulated the most points during the season. Points are allocated for the 1<sup>st</sup> innings of each game, semi-finals and finals excluded. Allocation of points is outlined in the constitution.

Matthew Large

487 Points

## TONY HOY SHIELD (SENIOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR)

Awarded to the senior player who has accumulated the most points, obtained from each round. Players doubling up with a second team in the same round shall also be included. Players from each senior team shall vote at the end of each round on best performed player. Points shall be awarded as 3 for the player who contributed the most to the match followed by 2 and 1 for the next best performed players. At the completion of round 14 player's points are to be tallied.

Matthew Large	21 Points
Justin McColl	21 Points

## DAVE RISTAU MEMORIAL TROPHY (SENIOR WICKET KEEPER)

Awarded to the senior cricketer with the most dismissals as a Wicket Keeper during the Season.

Luke Stanowski

23 dismissals

# CRAIG HUTHNANCE MEMORIAL TROPHY (1<sup>st</sup> GRADE CRICKETER OF THE YEAR)

Awarded to the most outstanding player in the first grade team for the season, final games included. Allocation of points is outlined in the constitution.

**Brenton McFadgean** 

## A & E RISTAU AWARD (U/21 BATTING AGGREGATE)

Awarded to the player (Junior Competition only or Senior Competition only) who is under the age of 21 years at 30 September of that season, who has scored the most runs for the Club. Competition matches only – semi & final games not included.

Xander Carstens

# THE HALLY AWARD (U/21 BOWLING AGGREGATE)

Awarded to the player (Junior Competition only or Senior Competition only) who is under the age of 21 years at 30 September of that season, who has taken the most wickets for the Club. Competition matches only – semi & final games not included.

William Capes

### **SENIOR CATCHING AWARD**

Awarded to the senior player that has taken the most catches as a fielder (non-wicketkeeper) in competition rounds only. Finals games are not included.

Justin McColl James McPherson Tim Boyce 8 catches 8 catches 8 catches

21 wickets

508 Runs

690 points

# **CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR**

Awarded to the person deemed to have contributed the most to upholding the spirit of the Club during the past season. The winner, chosen by the Executive Committee, may be a player (junior or senior), a committee member, a coach/manager, a parent, a supporter or any combination of these. It is not compulsory that the award be given if an appropriate candidate is not nominated that season.

Jeff Wales

## SHIELD OF SHAME (MOST SENIOR DUCKS)

Awarded to the senior cricketer who has achieved the most ducks during the season.

James Hill, second year in a row!

7 ducks

#### SENIOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the senior cricketer playing his first full season in seniors after having played the previous season for Emu Plains juniors. The award recognises performance as well as what the recipient has contributed to upholding the spirit of the Club.

Not awarded

# LONG SERVICE AWARDS

#### **OFFICIALS (EIGHT YEARS SERVICE)**

At the completion of eight years' service as a coach, manager or executive committee member (or a combination of these) the Executive Committee may approve by majority vote the award of a Long Service Award to such person. Service need not be continuous.

Luke Murphy

#### SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD – UNDER 16 YEARS

Players who play continuously with the Club from Under 9 to Under 16 shall receive an award at the annual presentation in recognition of their contribution to the Club. Team Coaches and Managers who meet the criteria shall also be eligible to receive the award.

Nil

#### **SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD – SENIORS**

Senior players who have played with the Club for a period of ten years shall receive an award. Years of service need not be consecutive. Records commence with season 1989/90. Service prior to those years has not been accurately recorded by the Club.

Nil

#### **100 GAME CAPS**

Awarded to players who play 100 games for the club, without breaking that service to play for another club within the Nepean/Penrith District.

Josh Lawson Clayton Chantler Brad Dodd Brock Alewood

# **SENIORS**

# **DISTRICT AWARDS – NEPEAN DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

#### NDCA Club Championship

RANK	CLUB	POINTS
1	Emu Plains	63.99
2	Glenbrook/Blaxland	63.59
3	Glenmore Park	44.50
4	Werrington Roos	27.86

#### **NDCA District Awards**

- NDCA Club Champions Ray Jordan Shield
- 1st Grade Premiers
- Dickie Williams Medallist (Player of the 1st Grade grand final) Brenton McFadgean for the second year
- 3rd Grade Player of the Year Justin McColl
- 3rd Grade batting average Chris Tonks
- 6th Grade Wicketkeeping Award Darren Taylor

#### Win / Loss Record (Juniors & Seniors)

GRADE	Мат	WIN	DRAW/NR	Loss	%WIN
1st	17	15	1	1	88%
2nd	17	9	1	7	53%
3rd	16	9	1	6	56%
5th	15	4	1	9	27%
6th	17	12	1	4	71%
7th	14	3	2	9	23%
U16	18	15	2	1	83%
U15	16	10	2	4	63%
U14	16	7	1	8	44%
U13	18	8	3	7	44%
U12	17	12	2	3	71%
U11 Red	16	14	1	1	88%
U11 Blue	16	12	1	3	75%
U10	17	10	1	6	59%
TOTAL	230	140	20	69	61%

### **Bowling Statistics (Juniors & Seniors)**

GRADE	WKTS	RUNS	RUNS/WKT	OVERS	RUNRATE	5W
1st	123	1526	12.41	539.1	2.84	2
2nd	118	1493	12.65	530.3	2.81	1
3rd	137	1821	13.29	616.5	2.95	3
5th	109	1984	18.20	568.2	3.49	1
6th	115	1733	15.07	605	2.86	1
7th	105	1811	17.25	488.3	3.71	1
U16	111	1171	10.55	417	2.81	2
U15	99	1178	11.90	472.4	2.49	3
U14	120	1537	12.81	571.5	2.69	0
U13	84	1288	15.33	383.2	3.36	0
U12	92	929	10.10	390	2.38	0
U11 Red	-	1327	-	260	5.10	3
U11 Blue	-	1422	-	260	5.47	0
U10	-	1497	-	280	5.35	1
TOTAL	1213	20717	17.08	6383.1	3.25	18

\* Includes finals matches

\* Round matches only (finals excluded)

#### **Batting Statistics (Juniors & Seniors)**

GRADE	RUNS	WKTS	RUNS/WKTS	OVERS	RUNRATE	100s	50s	DUCKS
1st	2009	68	29.54	470.4	4.27	2	5	3
2nd	1629	118	13.81	546	2.98	0	7	26
3rd	1990	113	17.61	586.3	3.39	0	8	29
5th	1579	113	13.97	533.1	2.96	0	0	11
6th	2080	109	19.08	588	3.53	3	5	18
7th	1358	115	11.81	413.1	3.29	0	1	6
U16	1793	74	24.23	410.4	4.37	3	4	12
U15	1445	59	24.49	424.2	3.41	3	3	12
U14	1681	132	12.73	570.1	2.95	1	1	35
U13	1492	75	19.89	388	3.85	0	0	12
U12	1651	73	22.62	354	4.66	0	5	12
U11 Red	2373	-	-	260	9.13	0	0	0
U11 Blue	2247	-	-	258.5	8.68	0	0	0
U10	1535	-	-	280	5.48	0	0	0
TOTAL	24862	1049	23.70	6083.3	4.09	12	39	176

\* Round matches only (finals excluded)

## BATTING & BOWLING – AGGREGATE AND AVERAGE AWARDS – ALL GRADES

Batting & bowling aggregate and average awards are calculated on non-finals games only.

#### **Batting**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Agg & Avg – Bryan Morris Agg & Avg – Andrew Bugg Agg – James McPherson Avg – Chris Tonks Agg – Jake Couchman Avg – Clayton Chantler Agg & Avg – Matthew Large Agg & Avg – Gursewak Singh	348 @ 58.00 368 @ 28.31 323 runs 272 @ 45.33 193 runs 163 @ 20.38 347 @ 38.55 267 @ 33.38
Bowling		
1st Grade	Agg – Daniel O'Brien Avg – Brenton McFadgean	26 wickets 26 @ 12.08
2nd Grade	Agg – Alex Mullen Avg – Ben Musgrave	21 wickets 15 @ 11.47
3rd Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade	Agg & Avg – Justin McColl Agg & Avg – Keith Parker Agg & Avg – Andrew Luzzi Agg & Avg – Gursewak Singh Agg – Lincoln Heidtmann	33 @ 11.15 20 @ 14.85 19 @ 12.32 18 @ 5.39 18 wickets

#### **CENTURIES – ALL GRADES**

Matt Cromie – 109, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Round 5 vs. Phoenix Sports Club @ Jamison Park 5 Adrian Isherwood – 102 NO, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Round 11 vs. Panthers @ Sales Park Greg Bottrill – 106 NO, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, SF vs. Glenmore Park @ Kingsway 1 Matthew Large – 120 NO, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 14 vs. Jordan Springs @ Mulgoa Rise Ashton Russell – 100 NO, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Round 14 vs. Jordan Springs @ Mulgoa Rise

#### BOWLING – 6W IN INNINGS – ALL GRADES

Brenton McFadgean – 7/55, 1st Grade, Round 3 vs. Glenmore Park @ Dukes Oval Brenton McFadgean – 6/32, 1st Grade, GF vs. Panthers @ Dukes Oval Ben Musgrave – 6/26, 2nd Grade, Round 10 vs. West Falcons @ Jamison Park 5 Justin McColl – 7/37, 3rd Grade, Round 1 vs. St Marys Leagues @ Jamison Park 4 Mark Roser – 6/67, 3rd Grade, Round 3 vs. Jordan Springs @ Village Oval Andrew Luzzi – 6/34, 6th Grade, Round 15 vs. Glenmore Park @ Glenmore Park 1 Gursewak Singh – 7/23, 7th Grade, Round 1 vs. Glenbrook Blaxland @ Jamison Park 2

#### BOWLING – HAT-TRICKS – ALL GRADES

Lincoln Heidtmann – 5/21, 7th Grade, Round 3 vs. Penrith RSL @ Jamison Park 4

## BATTING PARTNERSHIPS - ALL GRADES UNABLE TO COMPLETE WITH PLAYHQ

₩кт	PARTNERSHIP	BATTERS	GRADE	RND	OPPONENT
1st					
2nd					
3rd					
4th					
5th					
6th					
7th					
8th					
9th					
10th					

#### MILESTONES NDCA SENIOR COMPETITION ONLY

#### **MATCHES**

500 Games Greg Bottrill

400 Games Martin Romer

#### 200 Games Alex Mullen

#### 100 Games

Bradley Dodd Josh Lawson Chris Hinkley Harrison Mullen Harrison Field

#### BATTING

5000 Runs Patrick Anderson

3000 Runs Andrew Bugg

2000 Runs Tim Boyce

<u>1000 Runs</u> Justin McColl Luke Gale James McPherson

1000 1st Grade Runs Paul Callahan

1000 2nd Grade Runs Harrison Mullen

1000 3rd Grade Runs James McPherson Justin McColl

#### BOWLING

400 Wickets Jim Micsko

100 Wickets Bryan Morris Matthew Large Jarrod Proctor

<u>100 1st Grade Wickets</u> Bryan Morris

200 3rd Grade Wickets Mark Roser

# **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT**

After a 21/22 season most of us would prefer to forget, the squad recommitted to returning to the top in 22/23 and very pleasingly we were able to deliver the 26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Grade title to Emu Plains CC

It was a great year that saw all of our squad contribute to our success, it really was a team effort by 12 players plus some fill ins from lower grades, thank you to those players as well you all contributed to our premiership.

We finished the season as Minor Premiers only dropping the one game which was just after Christmas so we weren't in peak shape and it was on syntho, they don't really count in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

We played Phoenix in the Semi Final which was a convincing win after rolling them for 85, we got to 8/170 before the handshake that they had conceded the game was beyond them.

Grand Final Day saw us up against our arch rivals Panthers who themselves only lost 3 games durin the season, after Day 1 was washed out we returned for a 1 dayer on the Sunday, we chose to bowl first and they got off to a little bit of a flyer until Brenton McFadgean came on and turned the game but not the ball, finishing with 6/32 in an effort that saw us dismiss Panthers for 113.

Small totals can always be tricky and there were definitely some demons when we were 3/10 in the 4<sup>th</sup> over but enter Aaron Gater 48 and Paul Callaghan 50 n.o in a 92 run partnership that sealed the title, the winnings runs brought up by a 6 that was arguably the biggest 6 of all time, ask Porka, he will tell you.

Thank you to all the EPCC board for their support throughout the year and for all the work that goes on behinds the season, special mention as always to Ange for having to put up with my tantrums throughout the year, you should push for raise.

Go The Bird!

#### Daniel O'Brien Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 2022/23

## **2ND GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT**

2022/23 season fast approached, and after having some success in the previous 4 seasons, we were keen to get stuck in and continue this success, losing a couple of opening bowlers and our most experienced batsman, it was always going to be tough but as expected we gave it a red hot go and just fell short on the final day of the season.

We picked up a couple of new teammates this year. Club favourite Ben Musgrave for the season who adds so much to our side with experience bat and ball. I look forward to him continue with us already a great mate and family member of the side. We also gained a top order batsman in Ayush Mishra, a great clubman and teammate, top order batsman that made 2<sup>nd</sup> grade grade cricket as a bowler! Can't wait to see what he can do once his shoulder continues to recover, already locked in for next year he adds so much to our side. Last but not least a son of a gun, Jason's young bloke, Jesse joined the side and not only forced his way into our best side, he forced his way to be our opening bowler and when we were chasing a wicket, he became our go to man, cut from the same cloth his old man is, he will be a great teammate for any future teams he's in and they will be lucky to have him. I wish him luck in his cricketing career and always know you'll have a place under me when you retire from higher honours and come back to park cricket – haha

We finished the season 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder with a 8-6 record. We don't always play our best cricket but we always fight till the very end, and as a captain that's all you can ever ask. A lot of our games are either heart breaking losses or memorable wins and we wouldn't have it any other way. We never rely on one player on our success in a season, we rely on a full 14 man squad effort, a lot of the time we are able to pick an 11 out of our squad and it makes a huge difference, also our 3-2-1 points show this with 7 players tallying 8-14 points.

Once again, Buggy and Jack are the glue to our top order, they never let us down and always have successful seasons. Dean this year I personally believe had his best season since joining us, he batted with patience and maturity in every innings, always fought for us and made them work for his wicket. 235 runs at 21 on some bowler friendly grounds it was a fantastic season, a MOTM performance in our SF with a season high 67 he should be really proud of his season and what he means to this team. Harrison M also stood up this year with 226 runs at 18 and as always safe as houses with the gloves.

With the ball, backed by our fielding is always our strength. We are never out of the game and back ourselves to defend anything. Ben Musgrave led the way with 22 wickets at only 9.59, Jarrod, an allrounder had his best and consistent season for us with 14 wickets and the 2 Shandlers were always in the game and always fight to the very end. Harrison Gregory at times unlucky took 11 wickets for the year but I also believe had his best season since joining us!

Personally season highlight was our semi-final win, where we probably played a perfect game with not one mistake by anyone. Certainly, a game we will talk about for a long time, Proud of the boys that we fought all season long and gave ourselves every chance to defend out titles by making the big dance!

Already keen to get stuck into the 23-24 season, as always GTB.

Alex Mullen Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 2022/23

## **3RD GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT**

Firstly I'd like to congratulate Daniel Obrien and his first grade squad on winning their premiership, it was an outstanding effort. Also, congratulations to Alex for making his 5<sup>th</sup> straight grand final and to Pat Anderson for stepping out and taking the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade squad to the grand final in their first season.

Our squad had a few changes this year, through retirement and some injury and for another person deciding to leave for somewhere hotter. Gabriel will be missed by Luke but not as much as Tony. We welcomed new players into our squad, including Lehal, Guru and Taj who we thank for their contributions, especially on the catering front, the chicken tikka was outstanding and has Luke looking over his catering shoulder.

The season saw some very good efforts from our squad and a break out bowling effort from Justin McColl. Justin took out the district bowling and player of the grade with 36 wickets and 165 runs including a 7/37 haul. Well done Justin. While Justin had a very good year, all of our bowlers did very well and we remain the best bowling team in the grade. Mark Roser was only just out done by Justin, picking up 31 wickets including a 6/67 effort. Mark's catch in the semi final was something to behold and the bruising was worth it. New player to our squad, Taj Singh bowled very well and is an asset to any team. Taj had all opponents guessing with very high-quality off spin bowling, almost unplayable on Lomatia with the ball turning prodigiously. Taj finished with 17 wickets from only 5 games at an average of 8.18, remarkable for an off-spinner.

Jim Micsko started the season as always by taking wickets but had his season cut short through injury. Jim ended with a very good 16 wickets. Jim's on-field effort throughout the seasons, and off-field work with us at Emu Plains and as part of the district committee is immeasurable and is truly appreciated. Thanks for all you do Jim, it is appreciated. Gabriel in his few games with us this year managed to finally look like the batter we knew he could be, scoring 127 runs in only 5 innings We'll miss you Gabriel, and thanks for the memories, including the wonder at why the ball would not hit the pitch during a game, but was devastating in a net.

Chris Tonks continued his great form displaying great ability with both bat and ball. Teams know that Chris is the best player in his family even if Luke disagrees. While Chris continues to battle with some chronic injuries he continues to bat and bowl very well ending up with 280 runs at an average of 40, and 12 wickets. Another new comer to the squad, Lehal contributed very well opening throughout the year and frustrating many bowlers with carefree hitting, some savoury remarks, and season total of 147. The chicken tikka was much better than the comments to opposition team members. Lehal's new playing partner Gursewak Singh was equally as impressive in his first year with us, showing us how good young legs are, contributing with bat and ball at every opportunity. Guru ended the season with 219 runs at 27.38 and bowled well for 8 wickets including a 5/12 effort. Well done Guru, and welcome to you all to our squad.

Tony's biggest fan, Luke Downie, devasted by the big man's move last year, then had to cope with his second favourite Gabriel returning to his hometown, but continued to provide a special smorgasbord of small goods. Thanks Luke, your generosity in catering every week is appreciated by all of the team all of the fill in players, the umpires and even opposition members. Luke's batting with a total of 125 and a HS of 41 and fielding was good again this year, with notable improvement in the throwing department, showing that even 50 year olds can still improve through practice.

Sam Barbaro and Lee McColl continue to selflessly give up their batting and finals spots for the benefit of others. We don't get to see them bat as often as we should as both still have great ability, a little less agility, but great team spirits. It was especially pleasing to see Sam picked in the NSW state over 50s team and get to play with him in Adelaide at the National over 50s championships. Equally as fun is playing with Lee in our district and in the over 50s competitions with others. Don't undersell yourself Lee, you still have a lot to offer any team and I look forward to playing with you for a long time yet.

Jimmy McPherson finally achieved what many others couldn't this year, by beating Chris Tonks out of the aggregate trophy with a very impressive 323 runs at 24.85. Jimmy really concentrated on turning his starts into bigger scores and made runs against the best opposition bowlers. Dave Hanrahan continues to make difficult bowling look effortless with rhythm and pace combined with old man guile. Our second-highest run scorer this year with 283 was Tim Boyce who batted very well again and was unlucky not to win our aggregate, especially after scoring an impressive 63 in round 1 followed by 96 in round 3. Tim's fielding efforts remain outstanding covering half of the field by himself. Well done Tim.

Special mention to our fill in's this year. Patty you are always welcome to play especially when contributing 85 in one dig. Thanks also to Ashon Russel, we really look forward to seeing how far you can go in your cricket journey, the 4/22 as a 14 year old playing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade seniors cricket, coupled with the 100 in seniors 6<sup>th</sup> grade mark you as a special player. To all of our other club mates who filled in, we thank you. To Ayush, Darren, Bryan and Harrison and Alex we wouldn't have finished second without you helping out. And a special invitation to Worm, surely the over 50 welcoming committee and catering can lure over more permanently next year. And to Tony, the trip down from QLD for one game wasn't enough, we expect more visits next year.

We didn't win our final this year, but we did play in a very good spirit all season which is just as important. It felt like this season was one that slipped away, having beaten every other team, finishing second in the regular season against an improving 3<sup>rd</sup> grade competion, is something we were all proud to achieve. It continues to be my pleasure to lead this team and I look forward to running around with you all again next season.

Go the bird.

Ange Barbaro Captain 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 2022/23

# **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT**

The 2022-23 season was another successful year for the Emu Plains Cricket Club with 4 sides making their respective grand finals.

Congratulations to Danny and his first grade side for getting their shield back. In all likelihood, had they not had to play on synthetic last season, they would never have lost it to begin with but nevertheless, they showed great character to get it back the first opportunity that they had. Well done.

Commiserations to the 2nd, 3rd and 6th grade sides. Despite the bitterness of defeat, you should all be very proud of the great seasons that you had. In particular, the work that Pat Anderson put in to get the newly created 6th grade side to not only the top 2 but into a grand final was remarkable. Congratulations to Pat and your side.

The 2022-23 season was unfortunately, a bitterly disappointing one for the 5th Grade side. It was a season riddled with bad luck, injuries and simply us just beating ourselves. We scored 180 on multiple occasions only to get chased down, we had a tied game after scoring 175 and would struggle to chase down 100 on multiple occasions. This season was certainly a humbling experience for all of us and not one we will be keen on reliving.

Irrespective of the results, it was still a pleasure to be able to spend one day per week with a team who are all close mates with one another and who genuinely enjoy each others company. It was great to be able to welcome Clayton Chantler and Nathan DeCelis to the team this year, both had good seasons in the midst of the chaos with Clayton playing his 100th game for Emu Plains and Nathan showcasing some outstanding skill in the field, much like his brother.

Moving forward, we will certainly look to put this season behind us but at the same time, learn from it and come back better in September. Although there may be some changes, the camaraderie in the side is never going to change. It is a fantastic side to be apart of and I have been very privileged to have been at the helm for so long.

#### Joshua Lawson Captain 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2022/23

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

This season our club nominated 5 grades for seniors, with late registrations coming through & talks of more players wanting to play cricket last minute with our club, we decided the best thing to do was put forward a sixth side to make sure everyone had a game each week.

Within the week before the season kicked off, our Club Senior Secretary Ange Barbaro worked hard to make this happen by nominating this new side into our NDCA competition. Thank you Ange.

I put my hand up to drop out of the 3rd grade side I had played with the last couple of seasons to Captain this new side, that wasn't an easy thing to do as I had a great deal of fun in that side alongside some quality blokes who are always competing in Finals campaigns.

Our side was made up of players who have played in our club for a very long time across the grades. Knowing these boys well & even going overseas a decade ago on our clubs Hawaii Tours, it was tops to link back up with these fellas again.

These boys have been toiling away in the middle grades without much luck in recent times, only winning only 1 match in 2 seasons, so the boys were happy to be nominated in 6th Grade where they felt they could be competitive again.

We were lucky enough to recruit some new players to our club which were great additions to our squad on & off the field.

That was our thing this season, team first mentality, staying positive & supporting each other on & off the field.

This resulted in some incredible results for us, if someone done something great, it was really celebrated throughout the squad.

A few Highlights, Matty Large taking on the Vice Captain role leading from the front, scoring his maiden ton with 120 no. Taking a lot of wickets with 18, unselfishly as fill in Captain during our last round let Andrew Luzzi bowl out to take 6/34 off 20 overs to pip Largey of the Bowling Award by 1 wicket.

Andrew Luzzi 'Lou' always brings the very best out in people with his presence, Lou decided to gift a cricket book for each 100 hit, He handed out 3 of these throughout the season, which were truly appreciated by all.

Two of the recipients of this book were Greg Bottrill & Ashton Russell, who both hit incredible Tons. Botts our oldest player knocked out an amazing 106 no. when it most mattered, in our Semi Final.

Ashton on the other hand our youngest player, filling in from the Under 15's, Ashton's 100 no. was against the eventual Premiers a little earlier in the season, none of us saw it coming, but it was special & we were all grateful to be a part of that day. A big future ahead Ashton.

New recruit Jeff Wales brought positivity to our squad with his team bonding exercises before taking the field, asking us to open up our minds & thoughts about each other, when we started playing & why we continue to play the game, this was an awesome experience seeing how the boys responded to it.

Jeff with a fracture in his hand managed to knock out 51 runs coming in at 8/116 in our Grand Final, well supported by Darren Taylor getting us to a decent total of 194.

Darren Taylor's wicket keeping was the real surprise packet for us, Darren was out in the field round 1, we wanted to get him into the game more in that regard as we had plenty of bowling options. Darren finished the season with 17 catches & 6 stumpings across 14 matches.

Then there's Chris 'Aussie' Longhurst, taking teams apart with some big hitting in short spurts, there's nothing more better on a cricket field than to see Aus in full flight with the bat. Coming in at 3/8 early in the season knocking out 94 of his best including eight 4's & seven 6's. & who could forget his little cameo in our Semi Final, knocking out 63 off 33 balls to get us over 250 runs, raising his bat with a massive 6 before the team could even cheer it. (someone was counting).

We finished the regular season in 1st place by 12 points clear of 2nd place & made the Grand Final, only to fall just short, beaten by the better side on the day.

We had three 100's, five 50's, 1 6fa & a 59 year old getting his first ever wicket in cricket, including beach & backyard, well done Joe Kolodynski!

Thank you to all who filled in throughout the season & thank you to the EPCC committee for your ongoing support of our great club.

There is so much to report on & so much fun had, I hope to see you all back next year, bring your mates along & we'll continue to keep enjoying our cricket together!

As Always 'Go The Bird!'

Pat Anderson 6th Grade Captain

Pat Anderson Captain 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2022/23

# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Emu 7th Grade had a trailing year. Loaded clearly with talent from the first game of the season scoring 200 on our first inning set precedent for the season. Unfortunately it would take some time for the batting to replicate this kind of form again eventuating in it only returning for the final game of the season. Whilst the record wasn't what we may have hoped for there were many great things to reflect on from the season.

The first is the introduction of 3 great new season veterans to the club. Gurusewak Singh, Gurpreet Dhaka and Karamjit Lehal brought a lively heart, competitive spirit and plenty of runs and wickets to the team. Guru played a pivotal role in particular in the team this season taking a huge bag and scoring plenty that would prove decisive for multiple games.

Another positive reflection was the continuation of the Catch King's reign. Whilst some poor teamwork from all of us keeping scorebooks up to date, James Hill made his presence known taking 7 catches once again this season backing up his heroic efforts from last year. Alongside his Excellency rose two new heirs apparent - Daniel Heath-Ogden and Lincoln Heidtmann both snagging 6 catches apiece.

Emu Plains Cricket Club has also found itself in a better position than ever in regards to keeping as 7th used 7 different keepers across the season who all very quickly learnt to take the 5 extra steps back when Nick Delbridge would bowl - not only for the express heat that he could bowl but the occasional head high beamer released from his spells.

Backing up his Rookie of the Year season, Ben Jeff bowled in sublime fashion, despite being the favourite of a particular Penrith RSL batsman, Ben bowled tidy and with little sundries to his name. A very promising prospect for even bigger and better things to come. This bowling was supported by the return of Corey Stewart in the later half of the year who once again proved his relentless line and length is an amazing asset to the teams arsenal and displaying in the last few rounds how he can thrash a blade.

The most promising reflection is in the youngsters that are coming through the club through this team. Fynn Carstens once again showed why he is dominant with the ball, keeping some of the best figures in the entire competition and will look to play higher grades in the next season which he has definitely deserved. Josh Koutzas and Ryan Donohoe were a perfect testament to the junior programme at the club as their fielding was flawless, their batting as patient and confident and their bowling was spectacular - honestly incredible. If these three are an accurate reflection of our future, Emu Plains should be in very safe hands.

Thanks needs to be given to Harry Wallace, Tai Lovatt and Jacob Tyson who each took turns sharing the opening batting duties and through certain opposing team's tantrums we learnt to stay in their crease. Also praise needs to go to newcomer Ajit Sindhu who although may have struggled with a few bad calls with the bat was always lively and chatty in the field and someone we could count on to be there when he was free which was more than appreciated.

Massive shoutout to anyone who filled in for us throughout the year with a significant mention to Greg Botrill who played a massive role in that first game getting the squad season high score. Thanks to all those that gave their support and help and patience.

Sam Wheeler Captain 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 2022/23

# JUNIOR AWARDS

# BATTING & BOWLING - AGGREGATE AND AVERAGE AWARDS - ALL AGE GROUPS

Batting & bowling Aggregate ar	d average awards are calculated	d on non-finals games only.

Award	Presented to	
Under 10 Batting Award	Fesaitu Flexman	97 runs
Under 10 Bowling Aggregate & Average	Jayden Denner	13 wickets @ 3.69
Under 10 Coaches Award	Jack Douglass	
Under 11 Blue Batting Award	Caleb Oliffe	267 runs
Under 11 Blue Bowling Aggregate & Average	Arthur Balkin	18 wickets @ 2.94
Under 11 Blue Bowling Aggregate	Caleb Oliffe	18 wickets @ 4.22
Under 11 Blue Coaches Award	Braxton Cusens	
Under 11 Red Batting Award	Oliver Casey	206 runs
Under 11 Red Bowling Aggregate & Average	Nathaniel Grima	29 wickets @ 2.55
Under 11 Red Coaches Award		
Under 12 Batting Aggregate	Tallis Cusens	171 runs @ 28.5
Under 12 Batting Avergae	Leo Balkin	170 runs @ 42.5
Under 12 Bowling Aggregate	Jack O'Brien	13 wickets @ 5.23
Under 12 Coaches Award	Nate Anderson	
Under 13 Batting Aggregate & Average	Fletcher Russell	228 runs @ 38.00
Under 13 Bowling Aggregate	Kieren Parker	9 wickets @ 8.55
Under 13 Bowling Aggregate	William Milroy	9 Wickets @ 12.66
Under 13 Red Coaches Award	Harlum Hooke	
Under 14 Batting Aggregate	Jet Goodwin	272 runs @ 24.73
Under 14 Batting Average	Jed Young	192 runs @ 48.00
Under 14 Bowling Aggregate & Average	Dayton Stubbings	19 wickets @ 9.74
Under 14 Coaches Award	Blake Anderson	
Under 15 Batting Aggregate	Frederick Bell	399 runs @ 49.88
Under 15 Batting Average	Ashton Russell	359 runs @ 59.83
Under 15 Bowling Aggregate & Average	Xander Murphy	17 wickets @ 5.82
Under 15 Coaches Award	Oliver Clark	
Under 16 Batting Aggregate & Average	Xander Carstens	508 runs @ 169.33
Under 16 Bowling Aggregate & Average	William Capes	21 wickets @ 8.00
Under 16 Coaches Award	Isaiah Ghobrial	

## **JUNIOR CENTURIES**

Jed Young - 100 no, Under 14, RD 17 V GPCC Red Ashton Russell - 101 no. Under 15, RD 7 V JSCC Ashton Russell - 100 no, Under 15, RD 16 V Penrith RSL Frederick Bell - 100 no, Under 15, RD 16 V Penrith RSL Xander Carstens - 100 no, Under 16, RD 9 V GPCC RED Xander Carstens - 100 no, Under 16, RD 11 V GPCC BLACK Xander Carstens - 100 no, Under 16, RD 16 V GPCC BLACK

#### JUNIOR BOWLING - SPECIAL AWARDS

Jayden Denner – 6 /4, Under 10, RD 10 V GPCC Black Saarim Ghias – 5/15, Under 16, RD 4 V GPCC Red Jacob Thompson – 5/23, Under 16, RD 11 V GPCC Black Cooper Hegarty – 6/12, Under 15, RD 12 V JSCC Cooper Hegarty – 5/31, Under 15, RD 17 V JSCC Blake Nelson – 5/5, Under 15, RD 1 V Penrith RSL Nathaniel Grima – 5/7, Under 11 Red, RD 17 V EPCC Blue Nathaniel Grima – 5/8, Under 11 Red, RD 9 V CCC

#### JUNIOR BOWLING – HAT-TRICKS

Nil

# JUNIOR BLASTER REPORT

Our EPCC Junior Blasters program was once again a 9 week program down at Dukes Oval, our home of cricket which started in mid-October through to mid-December.

We were so lucky this season to have been able to hold all 9 weeks with perfect sunny mornings.

We were grateful to have EPCC Life Member Jamie Large come down to Dukes Oval to open up our first morning session with a few kind words about the club & our program before we started. Jamie, had his son as a coach of the program & grandson as a new Junior Blasters player, which was awesome!

Our goal by week 9 was to be able to build up the kids skills to be able to have a game of cricket together as one big group.

The coaches & I were really impressed with all of the kids efforts throughout the season, we started off with the basics of batting, bowling, catching & throwing across many different activities, working toward building up their skills with a lot of fun games along the way.

We were able to finish with that game of cricket by week 9, the kids did so well with it, hitting the ball to the boundary fence & over it at times, some great bowling & fielding as well. They were all winners with a BBQ & cold drinks to finish put on by the EPCC committee.

A Huge Thanks to our Club President Sam Barbaro, for cooking the BBQ & saying a couple of kind words in closing, your ongoing support of this program is much appreciated.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents & siblings for coming down each week, getting involved & supporting the program, we look forward to seeing you all back next season with us at Emu.

Lastly a massive thank you to our EPCC senior players Alex Mullen Chris Hinkley Matt Large who have once again stepped up as Junior Blasters coaches & have done a terrific job keeping the program as fun as possible for all of the kids, we've definitely had a blast!

Until next season, Thank you all!

As Always,

'Go The Bird!'

#### Pat Anderson, EPCC Junior Blasters Coordinator

# UNDER 10S REPORT

What a joy it was to coach such an enthusiastic and energetic team. We started out as a young group, who hadn't played much cricket, to working together as a team, encouraging and spurring one another on to great cricket. The consistency of each boy to be at training and games was awesome. With 9 or 10 players at every game throughout the entire season.

The role of coach fell to me as one who regularly teaches kids, but who hadn't played cricket since a boy. However, the wealth of experience from the parents who shared their knowledge, and made themselves available to help instruct, was invaluable. Thank you so much to these parents for their insights and training ideas that made the team flourish. Everyone pitched in with scoring, and a bit of umpiring too when I was away, which I was very grateful for. Thanks too to Luke Murphy, who put the scores into the system each time we were the home team.

Throughout the season each and every boy in the team grew in leaps and bounds as they put into practise on game day all that at they had been repeating at training. This was shown in later games which the boys won convincingly against teams which had beaten them earlier in the season. With each week that went by they improved their work in the field leading to run-outs, awareness of when to take a run or sneak in a second, and consistently hitting good lines while bowling resulting in wickets. As these lines drew more shots, catches started becoming available, and the boys increased in confidence as they began getting underneath and taking some of these catches.

Although a young team, they each held their own against older teams. Even after the Christmas break, they showed all that they had learnt by finishing undefeated in 2023. Regardless of the match results, they were competitive, making teams higher on the ladder work for their wins. They came away with 10 wins to 6 losses and missed out on 3rd by the smallest of margins.

The boys enjoyed handing out a man-of-the-match trophy each week. This started becoming hard to choose as so many were having such good games and continually playing better with each game they had. But an eruption of congratulations always occurred with encouragement emanating from teammates and parents alike as they received the trophy with pride.

Highlights included:

**Austin -** The joy and celebration upon getting his first of many wickets. Improved in all aspects, especially his bowling.

**Finnley -** Began bowling around the wicket and immediately started seeing results. Continued improving throughout the season as a batter, bowler and fielder, making some important contributions throughout the season.

**Max** - Using his height to his advantage by getting under so many balls to hook them away for runs, including a few 4s. He always brought energy and enthusiasm to every game and practise session.

**Jayden -** Smashing 25 runs from 13 balls, and in another game coming agonisingly close to 2 hattricks in a single over, finishing with 6/2 off 2 overs. An accurate bowler, with loads of talent with the bat, and in the field as well.

**Jack** - Scoring 17 runs off the bat at the end of a game to get the team over the line for a win in a nail biter at the end of the season. He continued to gain courage and confidence with every game. A real all-rounder.

**Fesaitu -** Hitting the team's first 4 early in the season - with many to follow afterwards. A great all-rounder, with a great arm from the outfield. Deserved a few more wickets than he had.

**Carter -** Took his time to have a wonderful maiden and help us win a tight match. He showed great enthusiasm with both bat and ball in every game.

**Ben -** Taking a beautiful catch with the gloves behind the stumps. Ben's game awareness and energy to run between the wicket has enabled others to do the same. Always listening and learning.

**Xavier -** A crisp 4 on the first ball he faced in a game midway through the season. He improved with every week. A talented batter, quick between the wicket.

**Charlie** - A diving throw from side on at the stumps to get a run-out. An all-rounder who has improved in all areas, effortlessly guiding fastballs to the boundary, and bowling with confidence.

Congratulations to the whole team for an awesome season.

#### Kirk Watkinson, Coach

### **UNDER 11 BLUE REPORT**

Another great effort from the boys returning for their second season while also welcoming 2 new players to the team. A good season with close defeats in 3 matches and taking the win in the other games.

The team trained well together and also put in the work individually to reduce their extras and make a difference in the field.

Congratulations to all the players for continuing to listen and learn how to lay the game displaying awesome sportsmanship, often offering the opposition team 100% support in the field when they were down on players.

A big thank you to all the families for making the effort to get the boys to training, matches and helping out with everything required to get the games completed on time.

#### Raj Punia (Coach) and Mark Spiteri (Manager)

### **UNDER 11 RED REPORT**

It was great to see all the players from last year turn up again as well as to add another player to our fun, energetic group. With open wicket training sessions as our main focus this season, it proved beneficial in reducing the wides and no-balls on game days. It also helped the team learn to run between wickets and made our opposition work for their runs against our very strong bowling attack. Being still undefeated from the previous season we started off with some good wins and had a cracking game in the fourth round against our other Emu Plains team and were lucky to come away with a 2 run win, with our new player Jonathan showing the maturity to block out the last 3 balls to get us across the line.

With last year's game not going ahead against the JSCC Stars who were also undefeated and both teams facing off against each other this season in round 7, it was shaping up to be the game that could potentially decide the overall winner. With one of our energetic all-rounders Aiden having a nasty injury to his arm at the start of the season and our Mr Consistent bowler, Jonathan out for this game it meant our boys needed to be at their absolute best. With the game in the balance towards the later stages the Stars managed to take a number of wickets to close out the game. It was a good effort from our boys, having been undefeated for over 20 games, but the loss was a great learning experience for the team. We went on to win all remaining games and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, I lost count of how many hat-trick opportunities we had and was certain we would get one - not to be unfortunately.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this great bunch of boys and being around their awesome parents. The feedback I received from other coaches about the energy they bring and their positive attitudes to each other, makes them a pleasure to coach. It takes more than a team and a coach to complete a game of cricket and without the support of the parents who contributed this season it wouldn't have been possible. Massive thanks to you all who assisted us.

**Aiden:** Unfortunately Aiden injured his arm early in the season and missed more than half the games. He returned with his great attitude and was happy to be out there playing with his friends again. He decided to bowl spin for most of his games and did so with ease and accuracy. Aiden continues to improve in all aspects of the game and brings good energy to the team. As the youngest in the team, this kid plays well above his age group and still holds his own.

**Beau**: Continued to work hard on his bowling and came away with some good figures. He's always committed to doing his best and has a great attitude to learn. I enjoyed working with him again this season and see him improve from last year. Beau rose to the occasion and was our best bowler against the team who won the comp.

**Jacob**: Jacob was solid again this season. He continued to work hard on his batting and bowling and finished the season with a new top score with the bat (the second highest in the team). He also had some good figures with the ball. Jake's best asset though is his accuracy in the field which lead to him getting some amazing wickets and taking some screaming catches.

**Jonathan:** Was a new player to the team, he slotted in perfectly and looked like he really enjoyed bonding with this group and playing cricket. He worked hard on all aspects of his game and towards the end of the season his bowling really started to take shape. He was really unlucky not to take more wickets and came very close to a hat-trick on multiple occasions.

**Josiah:** Is very handy with the bat and ball, unlucky not to collect more wickets with plenty of balls missing the stumps by mere millimetres. He's an asset with the bat. He scored plenty of runs for us this season and has a great natural ability to hit the bad balls hard with good shot selection. His speed in the field is also a big plus – this kid is fast!

**Lachlan**: Has only played cricket for two seasons now and is still learning all aspects of the game. His positive attitude to learn and listen made him a pleasure to coach. He's improved in every area of the game and finished the season with more wickets and runs from last year.

**McKinley**: Is a good all rounder and provides good balance to the team. He finished the season with impressive batting and bowling figures and was solid in the field. He takes his cricket seriously, is always reliable and consistent and brings a great determination to continually improve in every aspect of his game.

**Nathaniel:** Finished the season as the top bowler for our team again for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. When he takes his time to focus on the line he wants to bowl, using his pace, he's very dangerous. Picking up two 5 wicket bags this season was an impressive effort. He brings plenty of energy to the team and runs really hard between the wickets, which is helpful for other players that bat with him.

**Nate**: Nate improved in all aspects of the game this season. He scored good amounts of runs consistently in most games. He can hit the ball hard and showed good self-discipline to only hit the bad balls. He also finished the season with a good amount of wickets and finished as one of our best all-rounders. Nate also brings a natural maturity which helps to calm his teammates.

**Oliver:** Is a very handy all round player, he has a great leg-side flick shot that regularly picked up boundaries. He was our top run scorer this season, as well as our highest individual scorer and he shows great vision when running between the wickets. He's a funny kid and brings plenty of vibe in the field, creating positive energy within the team. He was unlucky not to come away with more wickets than he ended up with.

#### Mark Williams, Coach

# UNDER 12 REPORT

Congratulations again goes to all the boys for another great year of fun and development. Over the course of the season, everyone put up their hand to contribute when the team needed it, which enabled us to make it to through to the grand final.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the boys, and their families for their support over the last few seasons. It's been enjoyable to see how much the boys cricketing talents have improved, along with their abilities to support one another and work together as a team.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Ann once again for her scoring and knowledge of the game, as well as those who chipped in from time to time – even Thom!

Heath – another year of consistent performances for Heath. Heath retired 3 times throughout the season, with a top score of 30 against Glenmore Park being the highlight. He bowled well without luck this year with his best figures of 1 for 2 off 2 being the highlight.

Jack L – another consistent season with both the bat and ball by Jack. Jack scored a hard hitting 27 and 29 against Cranbrook and a valuable 13 not out to get us over the line against Glenbrook. He showed a great set of hands behind the stumps.

Jack O – worked hard throughout the year on his batting, eventually reaping the rewards with an unbeaten 26 against Springwood. He bowled consistent lines and lengths throughout the season to be the equal top wicket taker for the season, taking 2 impressive 3 fors. 3 for 2 against Jordan Springs Heros and 3 for 3 against Cranbrook.

Jake – a great first year with the club for Jake. A hard-hitting batter with the potential to take the opposition apart and speed to burn with the ball. Jake hit an impressive 26 not out, 28 and 33 in 3 consecutive games during the season. His best bowling of 3 for 4 against Cranbrook demonstrated his ability.

Jett – A wonderful year of improvement from Jett. His bowling significantly improved taking 7 wickets. His best figures of 2 for 5 against Glenbrook highlighted this. He also demonstrated an excellent set of hands, both behind the stumps and in the outfield.

Leo – a wonderful all round performance from Leo and an excellent first year for the club. Leo bowled with pace and played some patient, mature innings during the year. Leo hit an unbeaten 51 against Glenmore Park, as well as a classy 39 against Jordan Springs Heros. He rarely went for runs with the ball and his best figures of 3 for 1 demonstrate this.

Maverick – another excellent display of batting this year from Mav. He was the only player in our team to raise his bat twice this season for 50. Once against Cranbrook and the other against Jordan Springs Heros. Mav also showed an excellent glove work behind the stumps – which could be a sign of things to come.

Sunny – continued to show his passion and love for the game. He consistently bowled well but failed to hit the stumps as often as he deserved. His best figures of 2 for 7 off 3 against Glenmore Park demonstrated his ability. He showed his batting class against Jordan Spring Heros hitting an impressive unbeaten 36.

Tallis – a break out season with the bat for Tallis. He's been working hard on playing straight over the last few years and boy did it pay off. His 99 (deserved 100) against Springwood was the innings of the season. He also scored an unbeaten 41 and 38 throughout the season. He also had the knack of taking a wicket as well bowling full and straight. A great season, Tallis.

Tim – the hard work at training is continuing to pay off – especially with the bat. Some great knocks towards the back end of the season including an unbeaten 50, 36 and 29 demonstrated his class. He bowled consistently well throughout the season, regularly taking wickets with his best figures of 2 for 2 off 4 demonstrating his all round ability.

Thomas – a consistent season with the bat highlighted by a fine run of 21, 16, 23 and 20 demonstrated his ability. He also showed his ability behind the stumps, gloving them well and saving valuable byes. Not a bad scorer as it turns out as well!

Max – demonstrated natural ability with both the bat and ball. His left armers proved difficult to hit with his best figures being 1 for 2 off 3. Max ran like a whippet in the field and between the wickets. His high scores of 11 and 10 demonstrated his natural ability.

#### Garry Sheen, Coach

#### UNDER 13 REPORT

We participated in a very competitive 6 team competition this season with all sides capable of beating each other. We tried hard all season winning 8 of our 14 games and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the regular season end. 8 of the boys also backed up played representative cricket on Sundays. We faced a very strong Jordan Springs in the semi-final. We had played each other twice during the season with each side winning one each. We lost the toss and had to bat on a wet thick outfield scoring 94 runs.

The outfield seemed to dry out when Jordan Springs commenced their innings and runs seemed to flow a lot easier. The boys stuck at it and had Jordan Springs in real trouble at drinks.

Unfortunately, two of their batsmen dug in and got away with a few chances to pass us in the 27<sup>th</sup> over. Jordan Springs than went on to win the Grand Final.

I was very proud of the boys effort we always seem to keep ourselves in the game.

The boys all contributed throughout the season with the bat and ball with everyone taking wickets and scoring runs.

I really enjoy being involved with this side as they fight hard every game and always find themselves competing in the finals every season.

We had a squad of 12 players which made it hard when only 9 could bat and 11 could bowl each game. I appreciate the parents help with sitting boys out at different stages of the season. Looking forward to next season when we progress into normal cricket with normal cricket rules. I really think this will suit our style of cricket and again be there competing in the big games at the seasons end.

Thank you to the Parents for your help at training and scoring on game day. I hope to see you all back again next season.

Thank you also to Luke Murphy and the Emu Plains Committee for your support all season

Regards

Marty Romer, Coach

### UNDER 14 REPORT

Once again our season started with the loss of a number of players from last season. We gained 6 new player's to the team which gave us 13 in total. 3 player's came across from Penrith RSL who had been our rivals over previous seasons. We also gained Jack from Glenbrook, Joel from Glenmore and welcomed Kahlan back to cricket. It was really pleasing to see everyone get along right from season start.

Our season didn't start well with a pretty heavy defeat to the team that would turn out to be premier's, Cranebrook. Our second game ended in a thrilling tie but unfortunately from that point on til the Christmas break we put together a lot of inconsistent performances, particularly with the bat.

The highlights through that period were a match winning knock from Jack Ambrosoli and consistent batting performances from Jet Goodwin and Noah Mclean. In our round 12 match v Glenbrook/Blaxland Jet Goodwin scored the teams first half century and a couple of consecutive wins had us believing we could turn it around after Christmas.

We started the new year with a great win chasing down 163 against the team that would finish being the other grand finalist, Hazelbrook. Unfortunately 2 consecutive losses meant coming into the final round we were out of the running for the finals.

Our final match v Glenmore Park provided one of the highlights of the year with Jed Young scoring the teams first century as we went on to win by over 100 runs, showing what could have been maybe if we could have put some more consistent totals on the board.

I would like to thank all the team for an enjoyable year. The results didn't go our way this year but the attitude and sportsmanship our team showed didn't change. It was a pleasure to see all the new and old faces get along and form a team, celebrating each others highs and lows.

Thank you once again to the parents for your support throughout the season with scoring and umpiring when needed.

BLAKE ANDERSON - Was really solid behind the stumps and took some great catches.

DECLAN CASEY - Always looked dangerous with bat, ball and in the field.

JED YOUNG - Unfortunately missed a lot of the season with a broken leg but showed what we missed with the bat when he came back.

NOAH MCLEAN - Led the team well and contributed highly with bat, ball and energy in the field.

ZACH LEVY - Great team player who gave his all every game. Took some great catches and bowled well this year.

TRAVIS BERWICK - Improved in all aspects again this season.

DAYTON STUBBINGS - Bowled well and looked dangerous with the bat without really getting going this year.

ANDREW COYLE - Enthusiastic cricketer who put his hand up for any task through the season.

NOAH BUCKPITT - Always keen to be involved and put his hand up when others didn't.

JET GOODWIN - Had a great year with the bat. Took some great slips catches also.

JACK AMBROSOLI - Improved in all aspects as the season went on. Played a great match winning knock early in the season.

KAHLAN MOUWEN - Struggled with a foot injury prior to Christmas. Showed what a talent she is with the ball once fit.

JOEL LAWRENCE - Bowled well throughout the season and found form with the bat after Christmas.

#### Daniel Mclean, Coach

# UNDER 15 REPORT

Back to back Premiers.

Firstly, well done to the team on being the U15 PJCA Premiers 2022/2023. After winning the competition last season through finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and the finals series washed away, the team was motivated to win the competition out on the playing field. Our season would best be described as up and down, we played some good cricket then some not so good cricket. Or when we batted very well our bowling and fielding would let us down. I think we all knew if we played our best cricket we would be hard to beat, we just had to be a little more consistent. To the players credit, they delivered when it mattered most throughout the final series.

After the regular season we finished the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with 8 wins are 4 losses.

Our semi-final match was against Glenmore Park Red who had finished 2nd with both of us sharing a win each throughout the season. We arrived at Chapman Gardens with heavy dew covering the outfield. We had an official umpire appointed, who was very keen and enthusiastic. We lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. As a unit, the bowlers were outstanding, with the ball like a piece of soap they all bowled a great line and length. Our appointed umpire officiated wides like David Taylor umpiring a Big Bash game, with any ball down legside or a foot outside off stump called a wide. For our boys to only bowl 4 wides demonstrates how well they bowled. We restricted GP to 112 off 35 overs. Wil White with 2/21 off 6 overs, Jack Newman 1/24 off 8 overs and Dane Micsko 1/19 off 4 overs were our wicket takers. Our top order then took control of the game and chased the runs down in 30.2 overs batting in a controlled and aggressive manner. Fred Bell 52 (65 balls) and Ashton Russell 38 no (99 balls) controlled the innings with us reaching the target for the loss of only 2 wickets in the 30.2 overs. Our team would also like to congratulate Nick and the U15 Glenmore Park Red team on another great season, as our games are always competitive and close, but played in the right spirit.

Our Grand Final opponent was to be Jordan Springs, who had proven to be our bogey side throughout the season, with Jordan Springs being the only side to defeat us twice. We arrived at Mulgoa Rise with the threat of rain in the air. We lost the toss and were asked to bat. We lost Ashton early, with Wil and Fred setting about getting us a good total. Jordan Springs bowled tightly and when the constant drizzle turned to rain at drinks we were off the field sitting precariously at 1/70 off 20 overs. After a nervous 30 minutes the rain eventually eased with the game reduced to 34 overs. The extra overs allowed us to accumulate a competitive 7/118. Fred batted magnificently for his 68 of 68 balls, including 3 massive sixes. He was well supported by Wil (20 off 68 balls) and a quickfire burst at the end from Oliver (8 off 13 balls) and Dane (4 off 4 balls ) that just topped up the total.

We knew we had to bowl and field well, with Jack and Cooper bowling tight and accurately for their 5 over spells at the top of the innings to really put the pressure on the opposition, with Jordan Sprigs being 1/14 off 10 overs. Xander then bowled a great spell, at one point having 4 wickets for 3 runs, to reduce Jordan Springs to 5/27 at the 15 over mark, with the game firmly in our control.

We continued to bowl, field and catch very well, dismissing Jordan Springs in the 30<sup>th</sup> over for 67 runs. The trophy was ours. The main wicket takers were Xander with 4/17 off 6 overs, Wil with 2/17 off 6 overs, Jack 2/20 off 8 overs and Cooper 1/13 off his 8 overs.

One again it was a pleasure to help guide this team throughout the season. A big thankyou to all the parents for their support throughout the season. Also to Jim Micsko, Paul Hegarty, Warren Nelson Brett Newman and Graham Bell, thank you for your help with the team throughout the year, whether it beat training, scoring or officiating in the middle.

A quick summary of each player's season:

**Fred Bell** :A great season with the bat this season from Fred, his 519 runs @ 51.9 including his first every century, 100 no against Penrith RSL. Fred's batting can be dynamic, with a strike rate of 96.47, highlighting how quickly Fred can get the scoreboard moving. Several of Fred's inning were match winning, with his efforts in both the semi-final and Final being just that. Fred also has a great set of hands and rocket arm in the field, his 8 catches and 4 runouts being the result of him often being placed in the hot zone. Fred was under used with regard to his bowling in our side this season, but his biggest contribution is definitely with the bat for our team. Fred also showed patience and application when at the crease, a development in his game that was great to see. Fred also won the PJCA district award for the highest aggregate in the U15 competition, which he thoroughly deserves.

**Oliver Clark:** New to the team this year, Oli fitted into the side very well. Small is stature, Oli showed that he is big in heart and ability throughout the season. He showed plenty of technique, resilience and character with the bat throughout the season, and played some great cameo innings, with his high tempo innings during the grand final being vital to our success. Oli also bowls some quality leg spin bowling, who was under utilised at times due the wet ball or game situation. He can really give the ball a rip and should continue developing this part of his game. Oli also took some great catches this year at vital times in the match.

**Ryan Donoghue:** Ryan continued to contribute with both the bat, ball and in the field throughout the season. Ryan always looks good at the crease with a positive approach towards his batting. A really big score is just around the corner for Ryan. He had limited opportunities with the ball, similar to Oli, due to a wet ball and the game situation. In the field Ryan is a real athlete with a great set of hands. His 9 catches, an equal team high for a non wicket keeper, demonstrates this fact. A vital member of our team who contributions towards our back to back premierships cannot be understated.

**Cooper Hegarty:** Cooper's fast bowling continued to develop throughout the season. At times he bowled too well, with his pace belying his physical statue. Cooper's 17 wickets at 11.41 including two 5 wicket hauls. His 6/12 were the best figures of the season. If Cooper ends up 6 foot 3, im not sure I would jump in a net to face him. Cooper is also an athlete in the field with a strong throw and a good set of hands. Cooper's confidence and technique with the bat really improved this season which was great to see. A big score is not far away.

**Hayden McElroy:** After a season off Hayden was a welcome returning player to the team. Hayden's positive approach to his cricket has seen his skills continue to develop throughout the season. Hayden's innings against Jordan Spring showed some great resilience, occupying the crease for a lengthy period. Hayden's bowling also developed, with Hayden bowling with some good pace when he found his rhythm. Hayden also took some valuable catches throughout the season. It was great to have you back Hayden.

**Dane Micsko:** Dane contributions to the side, particularly with the ball and in the field, was vital to our overall success. Dane bowled some great spells, with his left arm medium fast swinging delivers being a handful for opposition batsmen. Dane also generated some extra bounce which added to his potency. In the field Dane has just about the safest hands in the team with his 8 catches including some screamers. His energetic cameos with the bat towards the end of some of our innings, including the grand final, provided some great energy for the team.

**Xander Murphy:** Xander consistent efforts with the ball this season resulted in him capturing 21 wickets @ 6.43, a team high. Being able to bowl a consist line and length, with some zip and inswing, has seen Xander be both a wicket taker and economical. His 4/3 burst in the Grand final helped set up victory for the team. Xander also took some great catches in the field, an area he can still improve upon. Xander had limited opportunities with the bat. Congratulations to Xander on winning the PJCA District U15 Bowling average award for the season. When Xander does grow, he may become a handful for opposition batters.

**Blake Nelson:** Blake, a new member to the side this year, fitted seamlessly into the team and quickly contributed to a victory, as we thought he may, but not with the ball. His 5/5 against Penrith RSL in Round 1, particularly as he is a specialist keeper, was exciting, exhilarating and unexpected. Blake was our team's premier keeper and he did his job with competence and confidence throughout the season. His 13 catches included some absolute screamers. With the bat Blake has a sound and solid technique, all the tools necessary to build an innings.

**Jack Newman:** Jack had another great season, contributing in all areas of the game. His bowling continues to be his strength, with Jack's consistent line and length at a good pace leading our attack. His 15 wickets @ 13.00 was a great return for the season. Jack's battings also continued to develop, with both his technique and confidence at the crease taking major steps forward this season. He may not have scored as many runs as he wished, but Jack has the tools necessary to build an innings and achieve a big score. Jack is also a competent fielder, his 7 catches including some classic takes.

**Ashton Russell:** Ashton continued to enhance his reputation as one of the competitions dominant batters. His 397 runs @ 56.71 was the highest batting average for the competition, with Ashton winning the U15 PJCA District Batting average. With 2 centuries for the season, 101no v Jordan Springs in Rd 7 and 100no v Penrith RSL Rd 16, Ashton knows how to build an innings. Ashton also wicket kept for the 2nd half of most games, proving himself adept with the gloves. His 9 catches being both with the gloves and without, often at first slip. Ashton also had limited opportunities with the ball, where he bowled with some good pace.

**Wil White:** Wil has a great season with both the bat, ball and in the field. He often opened the batting, where his competitiveness and mental toughness enabled him to see off the new ball, score runs and set the innings up for the team. 213 runs @21.3 opening the batting is a great season, and gives Wil a great platform to build upon. Wil's bowling was also an asset to the team, with his medium left arm swing capturing 15 wickets @ 11.6 while proving difficult to get away. Wil would often bowl the tough overs where batters were set which he did so skilfully. In the field Wil is another safe pair of hands, snaring 4 catches for the season.

### Luke Murphy, Coach

# UNDER 16 REPORT

There is a degree of sadness in writing this report. Not because the boys lost their grand final but because it is the end of Junior Cricket for a number of our boys. For Dave and I, it is also the end of 9 years and 8 years respectively of mentoring the group and watching them develop into fine young men. It has been both an honour and privilege for both of us to have played a small part in their development. To our wonderful and positive parent group go our genuine thanks for allowing us to work with your sons and for the help and co-operation. Special thanks to John Capes for his magnificent scoring. Saturday mornings will not be the same now!

From a playing point of view this was a very special group of players. Beaten in round one of 2019, the team remained undefeated until the Grand Final in 2022/23. A truly remarkable record! The great shame is that the team will not get the opportunity to correct the mistakes of the Grand Final but as individuals all will learn from it. In retrospect, had we been more enthusiastic and held our catches the result may have been very different. Having said that congratulations must go to Glenmore Park Red. They are a very talented team, and their fielding was a clear point of difference. Far too good on the day.

A number of our boys will now move on, three too old for Junior Cricket in the future and some graduating to the Grade Club. Our wish is for the boys not choosing the grade route to remain in the game. There is so much untapped talent there and the game is such a great builder of life skills. You all have futures in the game and the friendships and contacts you develop will last a lifetime.

To Luke Murphy and his hard-working committee our genuine appreciation for making Emu the great club it is.

**Saarim Ghias -** Saarim had a great all-round season. 151 runs, 17 wickets and 9 catches shows his value to the team. Having had a taste of grade cricket through Green Shield and the Premiership Metropolitan Cup team, we expect to hear much of Saarim in the years to come. Also represented PJCA in the Under 15 Div 1 rep team.

**Louis Dantier -** 198 runs and averaging almost 30 Louis had a fine year. Has a great set of hands and is responsible for some truly superb catches in the slips and at gully. Formed a formidable cordon along with Zac and Isaiah who were responsible for 24 catches between them. Louis played in the Under 15 Div 2 representative team who won their competition.

**William Capes -** Another who has had a taste of grade cricket playing several games with the Sydney Club. Also represented at Watson Shield level. Our top wicket taker with 24, Will is a genuine match winner. Has ability with the bat but needs to clear his head of negative thoughts. He has much more talent with the bat than he believes. Work on it Will, we are sure it will come.

**Mitchell Perry** - Another rep player with the 15 Div 1 team Mitch is all class with the way he goes about his game. An important part of any team in which he plays Mitch took 18 wickets @ just over 11. Another who is capable with the bat as evidenced by his shot full cameo in the Grand Final. Superb fielder with a great arm Mitch is a player that others love playing with. Did an excellent job as vice-captain and his calm leadership was greatly admired. Great hair style!

**Joshua Koutzas -** Playing his second season with this team Joshua validated his winning of the coaches award last season as he continued to improve with every game. 21 wickets @ 11.14 was just reward for his hard work and dedication. Another fine fielder Josh has made himself a valued player.

**Oscar Becker -** Oscar continues to develop as a young cricketer. His growth over the last few years has been phenomenal. He moves the ball both ways at good pace and his 17 wickets @ 8.71 indicates his ability. Has ability with bat and can score quickly. Good luck with grade trials next season mate.

**Taj Savage -** Every team needs a Taj. A truly entertaining young man Taj's sense of humour was a great source of enjoyment the group. Giving away as much as three years to other players Taj showed both ability and courage with the bat. Quick over the ground Taj made a more than useful contribution in the field. The experience he gained this season playing up will be of great assistance in future seasons.

**Jacob Thompson -** Jacob had a great season with the bat. Another playing two years above his actual age, Jacob developed beautifully over the season. 236 runs @ 23.4 is an indicator of his ability. Jacob took a season best 5/23 in a match against Glenmore Park Black to showcase his all-round abilities. Prone to occasional lapses in concentration in the field Jacob needs to be aware that chances can come at any time. A fine season Jacob.

**Zach Williams -** Lead the team well. Zach had a good all round season batting well on a number of occasions and proving himself as ever reliable behind the stumps taking 10 catches and completing one stumping. Another who has had some grade experience representing Penrith in the victorious Metropolitan Cup team and being a member of the extended Green Shield Squad. Also a member of the PJCA Under 15 Div 1 team.

**Isaiah Ghobrial -** A tidy all round season. Showed resilience with the bat and showed his commitment to the team chasing quick runs, often sacrificing his wicket. Caught beautifully throughout the season and took 7 wickets at the fine average of 5.43. Don't give the game away Is. There is so much more for you to do.

**Cameron Slark** - A fine season for Cameron 216 runs @ 30.46, some more than useful bowling spells and a more than competent fielder. Cameron is an outstanding all round cricketer. Tall, athletic and talented he is bound for a long and distinguished playing career. Enjoyed some success at representative level being another member of the Under 15 Division 1 team.

**Oliver Williams -** Had a stop start season due to his broken leg from the winter season of Rugby League. Showed enormous courage to play through the discomfort and given the chance with the gloves showed he is a very capable wicket keeper. Delighted to see he has made the representative squad for next season. Great kid.

**Aaditya Raheja -** Came into the team after Christmas following the demise of Colyton St Clair Under 16 teams. A mature and bright young man Addy brought a lot to the team, highlighted by his 65 in his first innings for Emu. A member of Penrith's Green Shield team and called into grade for a fair proportion of the season we will hear a lot of Addy in years to come.

**Xander Carstens -** There are not enough superlatives to adequately describe the season Xander has just completed. He is simply a rare talent. Scoring 562 runs @110.4 was just a start to his season. Representing PJCA at Under 14 Div 1 he led his team into the final, he got a taste of Green Shield and responded to his call up into the premiership Metropolitan Cup Side with a mountain of runs, highlighted by a unbeaten 200 in the semi final and 135 in the final. Brilliant fielder and developing off spin bowler Xander has had a season to remember.

#### Dave Williams (Coach) and Ray Hudswell (Manager)

# SENIOR CLUB RECORDS - ALL GRADES (1989/90 TO 2022/23) (NDCA SENIOR COMPETITION ONLY - NOT INCLUDING T20 MATCHES)

<u>Most Matches Playe</u> Greg Bottrill Martin Romer Chris Longhurst	<b>ed</b> 513 401 365	<u>Most Runs So</u> Greg Bottrill Andrew Williar Chris Longhur	9705 ns 7210	Greg Bottrill 47	97 76
<u>Highest Score</u> Brett Savage Travis Dingemans Antony Tonks George Bucik Andrew Bugg	189 178 174 162 155	<u>Best Bowling</u> Shane Richard Jim Micsko Peter Bucik Dean Fransha Alan Tran	8/9 8/10		
<u>Most Runs In A Sea</u> Jason Flanagan Patrick Anderson Bradley Dodd	i <u>son</u> 719 (1993-9 653 (2017-1 633 (2015-1	4) Geoff A 8) Greg B	ottrill	<u>Season</u> 48 (1989-90) 47 (1991-92) 45 (2014-15)	
100 Games Greg Bottrill Martin Romer Chris Longhurst Patrick Anderson Andrew Williams Andrew Luzzi Ange Barbaro Luke Stanowski Jim Micsko Sam Barbaro Mark Roser Anthony Tonks Alex Mullen John Bawden Peter Gibson Mal Sheens Chris Tonks Matthew Kobryn Michael Haynes Shane McPherson Francois Sidrak Stuart Ericson Regan Rist Martin Bowerman John Lennon	513 401 365 339 308 284 283 264 263 245 232 225 217 201 201 199 189 187 185 182 168 168 168 168 165 164	Jon Ferguson Matthew Callage Matthew Elliot Andrew Pesle Darran Harvey Andrew S Bugg Keith S Parker Patrick Kamlade Lee McColl Timothy Boyce James Wood Shaun Wood Trevor Wilson Jef Miles Paul Callaghan Luke Downie Jason Shandler Chris Black Tom Romer Craig Sheens Benjamin McGo Shane Richards Justin McColl Jamie Large Mark Stafford	154 153 149 138 133 135 133 133 131 129 127 127 127 127 127 125 124 123 123 122 vern 121	Jake Couchman Mitchell Perry Craig Alderson Matthew Stanowski Luke Fitzpatrick Harrison Mullen Ricky Ciampi Todd Marshall Keith V Parker Neil Gentile Joshua Lawson William Coughlan Andrew Kennedy John Ryan Matt Jones Bradley Dodd Michael Mullen Matthew Davey Nathan Christensen Ben Treharne Harrison Field Chris Hinkley Kyle Siczak	$\begin{array}{c} 116\\ 115\\ 114\\ 113\\ 113\\ 113\\ 109\\ 108\\ 108\\ 108\\ 108\\ 108\\ 108\\ 104\\ 104\\ 104\\ 104\\ 104\\ 104\\ 104\\ 103\\ 102\\ 102\\ 101\\ 102 \end{array}$

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<u>1000 Runs</u> Greg Bottrill	9705	Craig Huthnance	1962	Neil Gentile	1402
Andrew Williams	7210	Jim Micsko	1965	Anthony Wright	1369
Chris Longhurst	6771	Jef Miles	1940	Regan Rist	1344
Martin Romer	6397	Andrew Luzzi	1916	Matthew Elliot	1316
Patrick Anderson	5465	Lee McColl	1867	Robert Carter	1306
Anthony Tonks	4946	Shanaka DeSilva	1836	Matthew Cromie	1288
Chris Tonks	4696	Benjamin McGovern	1830	Brett Savage	1264
Peter Gibson	3530	Matthew Kobryn	1829	Geoff Sullivan	1257
Andrew Pesle	3074	Martin Bowerman	1787	Shane Richards	1254
Andrew S Bugg	3284	Matthew Stanowski	1787	James McPherson	1242
Ange Barbaro	2975	Tim Jackson	1778	George Bucik	1236
Shane McPherson	2768	Matthew Davey	1715	John Lennon	1235
Michael Haynes	2741	Joel Camilleri	1695	Michael Lambert	1208
Sam Barbaro	2679	Jack Savage	1692	Timothy Pedlar	1201
Luke Stanowski	2592	Simon Masters	1643	Craig Alderson	1174
Paul Callaghan	2588	Nathan Christensen	1632	lain Lumsden	1169
Darran Harvey	2581	Kyle Siczak	1629	Brett M Chandler	1156
Matthew Callaghan	2570	Jamie Large	1619	Geoffrey Abbott	1137
Stephen Burns	2503	Mark Roser	1624	Andrew Lucas	1137
Matt T Parker	2493	Keith S Parker	1595	Chris Hinkley	1113
Matt Jones	2493 2447	David Cooke	1559	Bryan Cavanagh	1111
			1559	John Bawden	1110
Bradley Dodd Trevor Wilson	2456 2402	Mitchell Perry			
		Gerrad Hennessy	1540	Greg Sheens	1067
Francois Sidrak	2344	Shaun Wood	1506	Gregory Watts	1059
Chris Black	2283	John Ryan	1503	Trevor Williams	1057
Ricky Ciampi	2227	Curtis Shuttleworth	1503	Luke Gale	1056
Tom Romer	2211	Joshua Wood	1495	Travis Dingemans	1043
Timothy Boyce	2209	Jason Green	1469	John Anderson	1031
Stuart Ericson	2206	David Sharpe	1469	Craig Sheens	1022
James Wood	2182	Dean Yarnton	1451	Peter Hennessy	1017
Mal Sheens	2156	Harrison Mullen	1466	Justin McColl	1162
Glenn Coughlan	2064	Stephen Steptoe	1444	Scott McNally	1008
Todd Marshall	2007	Luke Downie	1431		
Jake Couchman	1978	Michael Kapitanow	1416		
<u>100 Wickets</u> Martin Romer	597	Luke Fitzpatrick	171	David Bransdon	124
Greg Bottrill	476	Craig Sheens	161	Matthew Marshall	124
Andrew Luzzi	445	Jamie Large	159	Daniel O'Brien	122
Jim Micsko	443	Justin McColl	159	Robert Sands	120
					120
Chris Longhurst	388	Andrew Kennedy	157	Ryan Morley Ben Sheens	118
Mark Roser Alex Mullen	366	Mal Sheens	157		
	351	Craig Alderson	154	Scott Waterhouse	118
Chris Tonks	310	Ben Treharne	153	Harrison Field	114
John Bawden	259	Stuart Ericson	145	Benjamin McGovern	111
Matthew Elliot	235	Shane Richards	136	Bryan Morris	109
Neil Gentile	219	Matthew Stanowski	136	Adrian Lighezzolo	109
James Wood	205	Jason Shandler	130	Keith V Parker	109
Geoffrey Abbott	192	Jason Green	130	Alan Tran	107
Martin Bowerman	181	Michael Lambert	127	Luke Murphy	106
John Lennon	176	Anthony Tonks	127	Greg Sheens	105
Peter Bucik	175	Joshua Lawson	127	Peter Hooper	104
Tom Romer	175	Keith S Parker	126	Todd Marshall	104
Patrick Anderson	175	William Coughlan	125	Matthew Large	101

5000 Runs / 500 Wie	<u>ckets Double</u>
Martin Romer	6397 / 597
4000 Runs / 400 Wie	<u>ckets Double</u>
Greg Bottrill	9705 / 476
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3000 Runs / 300 Wickets Double				
Chris Longhurst	6771 / 388			
Chris Tonks	4696 / 310			
2000 Runs / 200 Wid	<u>ckets Double</u>			
James Wood	2182 / 205			
Stuart Ericson	2206 / 145			
Jamie Large	1619 / 159			
Matthew Stanowski	1787 / 136			
Geoffrey Abbott	1137 / 192			
John Lennon	1235 / 176			
Jason Green	1469 / 130			
Craig Alderson	1174 / 154			
Craig Sheens	1022 / 161			
Benjamin McGovern	1830 / 111			
Keith S Parker	1595 / 125			
Greg Sheens	1067 / 105			

# **RECORD OF OFFICE BEARERS**

<u>YEAR</u>	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY	JUNIOR SECRETARY	PUBLIC OFFICER	IN2CRICKET COORDINATOR
2022/23	Sam Barbaro	Patrick Anderson	Jim Micsko	Ange Barbaro	Luke Murphy	Jim Micsko	Patrick Anderson
2021/22	Sam Barbaro	Patrick Anderson	Jim Micsko	Ange Barbaro	Luke Murphy	Jim Micsko	Patrick Anderson
2020/21	Sam Barbaro	Patrick Anderson	Jim Micsko	Ange Barbaro	Luke Murphy	Jim Micsko	Patrick Anderson
2019/20	Sam Barbaro	Andrew Reeves	Jim Micsko	Ange Barbaro	Luke Murphy	Jim Micsko	Patrick Anderson
2018/19	Sam Barbaro	Andrew Reeves	Jim Micsko	Ange Barbaro	Luke Murphy	Jim Micsko	N/A
2017/18	Sam Barbaro	Martin Bowerman	Jim Micsko	Ange Barbaro	Richard Field	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2016/17	Sam Barbaro	Martin Bowerman	Ange Barbaro	Ange Barbaro	Richard Field	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2015/16	Sam Barbaro	Martin Bowerman	Ange Barbaro	Jim Micsko	Andrew Kennedy	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2014/15	Martin Bowerman	Sam Barbaro	Ange Barbaro	Jim Micsko	Andrew Kennedy	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2013/14	Martin Bowerman	Sam Barbaro	Ange Barbaro	Jim Micsko	Andrew Kennedy	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2012/13	Martin Bowerman	Sam Barbaro	Ange Barbaro	Jim Micsko	Liz Dowd	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2011/12	Martin Bowerman	Sam Barbaro	Ange Barbaro	Jim Micsko	Liz Dowd	Jim Micsko	Chris Longhurst
2010/11	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Jim Micsko	Liz Dowd	Jamie Large	Chris Longhurst
2009/10	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Jim Micsko	Liz Dowd	Jamie Large	Chris Longhurst
2008/09	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Jim Micsko	Liz Dowd	Jamie Large	Ange Barbaro
2007/08	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Jim Micsko	Liz Dowd	Jamie Large	Ange Barbaro
2006/07	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Ange Barbaro	Paul Fitzpatrick	Jamie Large	Geoff Sullivan
2005/06	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Ange Barbaro	Paul Fitzpatrick	Jamie Large	Matthew Elliott
2004/05	Martin Bowerman	Trevor Wilson	Jamie Large	Ange Barbaro	Paul Fitzpatrick	Jamie Large	Matthew Elliott
2003/04	Darran Harvey	Brendan Gorman	Jamie Large	Paul Ryan	Paul Fitzpatrick	Paul Ryan	Matthew Stanowski
2002/03	Darran Harvey	Brendan Gorman	Jamie Large	John Bawden	Paul Fitzpatrick	John Bawden	Matthew Stanowski
2001/02	George Stanowski	Miles Anderson	Peter Russell	John Bawden	Paul Fitzpatrick	John Bawden	Matthew Stanowski
2000/01	George Stanowski	Miles Anderson	Peter Russell	Darran Harvey	Martin Burke	Darran Harvey	Matthew Stanowski
1999/00			Deter Duccell	Daman Hamian	Brian Calby		Craig Huthnance
1999/00	George Stanowski	Miles Anderson	Peter Russell	Darran Harvey	Brian Golby	Darran Harvey	Martin Romer
1008/00	Neil Gentile	Mileo Anderson	David Foster		Coorgo Stonowski	Darran Harvey	Craig Huthnance
1998/99	Nell Genule	Miles Anderson	David Foster	Darran Harvey	George Stanowski		Martin Romer
1997/98	Neil Gentile	Miles Anderson	David Foster	Darran Harvey	George Stanowski	Darran Harvey	Darran Harvey
1996/97	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Andrew Williams	David Cooke	George Stanowski	David Cooke	Craig Huthnance
1995/96	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Andrew Williams	David Cooke	George Stanowski	David Cooke	Tim Pedlar
1994/95	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Paul Ryan	Peter Mitchell	George Stanowski	Peter Mitchell	N/A
1993/94	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Paul Ryan	Peter Mitchell	George Stanowski	Peter Mitchell	N/A
1992/93	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Paul Ryan	Peter Mitchell	George Stanowski	Peter Mitchell	N/A
1991/92	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Paul Ryan		George Stanowski	N/A	N/A
1990/91	Lionel Gyler	Tim Pedlar	Paul Ryan		Peter Savage	N/A	N/A