



CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Christchurch Junior Cricket Association (CJCA)

2017/2018 President's and Manager's Report

Another season has passed, and we take great pleasure in presenting the 2017/2018 annual report. In review this year has been a busy year and we have made many steps forward in the work and support we provide to members, their families, coaches, volunteers and Clubs.

We would not be able to deliver the programs we have without the special mention of the large number of volunteers who give up their time so that the kids can enjoy the game we all love. To our Executive who work tirelessly to deliver, discuss and help manage the CJCA we thank you immensely for the time and efforts.

With 2018 underway we again look to our Strategic Plan with a review our 'corner pillars', measurements and outcomes especially as the past year has been a year of change in game conditions, legislation and the adoption of the 'One Cricket' trial. We continue to work through the changing landscape in cricket with a focus on how it will affect our members, parents, volunteers, coaches and their clubs.

A great deal of the changes have been planned and executed by our General Manager Rob Wilkinson. He continues to provide support to the Executive, and clubs as we adapt the game in line with changes to conditions, new and existing programs, legislation and club communication. We thank him for his efforts this year and acknowledge that without his work we would not have been able to deliver a number of the programs this season.

Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the families of John Hammond, Peter Guerin, Bevan Congdon, Derek Mayo, Fergie McCormick, Michael Hogue, Graeme Ash and Dr Michael Hartshorn.

Summary

Teams playing in the CJCA Saturday Competitions

Whilst we have seen a decline in playing teams in the 2017/2018 season from 254 teams to 235 teams we believe this is the result in the change in approach outlined by NZC and adopted by Clubs where junior cricket is about participation. A number of larger clubs have moved their Year 1-4 juniors into internal Club programs on Friday nights or Saturday mornings. It is always a great site to see lots of kids playing at these clubs and the number we have seen will flow into the CJCA formats over the coming years.

We also see a number of girls coming into the sport with 12 girls' teams competing this year in the Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 competitions. With a girls pathway we can now offer our girls the same opportunities as the boys to participate, learn and develop as cricketers.

Ongoing support coaching of Junior Cricket

One of our key goals for the 2017/2018 was to review the development program for our coaches and volunteers. Whilst we have had 12 coaches complete the NZC Level 1 program and 7 completing the foundation coaching course we are mindful that we need to continue to support our strong volunteer base of coaches.

Our 2018 Winter Training program will be a first step in adding value to our coaches with a continuing education opportunity through the program.

Performance Capabilities

Umpire Development

Working with Eugene Saunders at CCA we continue to further opportunities to participate in cricket. The resource of qualified umpires at a junior level means we have ample participants at our various programs.

Governance, Leadership and Administration

Health and Safety and the Vulnerable Children's Policy are two important areas of legislation impacting several sporting organisations, and the CJCA is one of those. We are doing everything we can to understand the implications and issues associated with these two areas, and they are regularly included as items of discussion at our Executive meetings. The CJCA would like to thank the CCA and NZC for their support and guidance in this area.

As part of the review of our Strategic Plan we have outlined a number of points to consider for our future. This includes the subject of diversity at an Executive level improved governance and operational structures along with our core pillars.

As part of the 'One Cricket' review we have made changes to our operational management structure. Whilst we still maintain our independence we have taken to opportunity to work closer with Metro and CCA. The results at this stage has been positive and we will continue to work on developing the relationship. In the interim this has meant a cost movement in our return that is partly offset in additional funding we have received from CCA.

Other Key Areas

CJCA Representative and School Competitions

It's great to see our all competitions, spring and summer tournaments and district matches continue to run smoothly and are well supported. Our boys and girls love the opportunity to play these extra games, and our focus here is the continual development of our junior cricketers. Through this season we have continued to review the playing formats in line with NZC guidelines and the move from performance play to participation, and age and skill appropriate game conditions.

South Island Primary Schools Tournaments (SIPST)

Boys

The 55th boys SIPST was held in Nelson with the CJCA teams finishing 2nd and 12th. The Tournament was adversely effected by weather and was also only a 4 round event as the 2nd day clashed with the ODI between the Black Caps and Pakistan which the boys and supporters attended.

Girls

January 2018 saw the 7th SIPST tournament played in Christchurch. Teams from Christchurch, Nelson, Auckland and Otago enjoyed an exciting tournament of cricket with the theme clearly on sportsmanship, player development and enjoyment. The final was played between the two CJCA sides with CJCA Red coming out as winners on the day. The CJCA acknowledges the assistance in the host club Burnside West University for providing an excellent venue for the event

Girls U14 Auckland Tournament

The CJCA continue to support an U14 girls' selection to the annual Auckland tournament. This year's team won the tournament with 2 thrilling close wins over the host club and two wins over the other team in the event Bay of Plenty. It is hoped that Bay of Plenty may enter the South Island event in February 2019. This has become an integral part of the girls playing season, as it further exposes the players to different competition and helps to develop their games.

School Competitions

The Girls National Shield Competition was won by the CJCA's representative team in the event, Heaton Intermediate. This was the 5th time in 6 years they won the event and were also a finalist in the Junior Team of the Year category at the Sport Canterbury Awards.

Medbury School were runners up in the Boys division

St Andrews College won the 2018 CJCA Schools Final against Breens Intermediate, which made them direct qualifiers for the Canterbury finals of the NZ Cricket National Cup Competition. The Girls 2017 Competition was won by Heaton who defeated Christchurch South Intermediate in a close final.

St Albans School's White team won the Girls Superstar Year 5 & 6 competition with a strong win over their "B" Blue team. This competition featured 17 Girls teams from throughout the city held in Term 1 each year and is an important competition for Girls as they transition towards Hardball Cricket.

The Mixed Superstar Competition now also administered by the CJCA had 44 teams playing in Term 4 across 3 divisions based on ability. The top Red division was won by Cotswold School, that school also won the Black division.

Jubilee Awards

Our Jubilee Award winners for this year were;

- Girls Batting Winner – Maggie Martin
- Girls Bowling Winner – Molly Stagg
- Boys Batting Winner – Ben Trillo
- Boys Bowling Winner – Zack Hedgcock

The challenges ahead

In the upcoming season 2018/2019 there are a number of challenges that will see CJCA working with CCA and NZC in a changing landscape of grade conditions in Junior and Inter-District Cricket.

We are fortunate to have Rob Wilkinson involved in the working group of major associations as we work through mandated changes to formats from NZC relating to junior cricketers.

The CJCA Executive will work through these mandated changes from NZC and manage how they affect our current formats, how they are communicated to members, volunteers, coaches along with Club and School cricket. We expect that this will create some challenges for us and we will communicate any changes to our stakeholders.

Funding and Sponsors

The CJCA would once again like to thank our major sponsors for their support of junior cricket over the past 12 months. Cricket Express, The Lone Star, Joe's Garage, Deloitte and Kookaburra. During the season 3 year contracts were established with Kookaburra and Cricket Express insuring the continued support of these key supporters of junior cricket.

The following grants were received in the past 12 months, and we very much appreciate the support from the following organisations:

• Rata Foundation	\$20,000.00
• Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Trust (CERT)	\$13,027.20
• NZ Community Trust	\$17,0551.88
• The Southern Trust	\$3,600.00
• Canterbury Cricket	\$14,462.00

The CJCA remains in a very strong financial position but we are facing increasing costs. These costs are mainly administration based but are essential for the CJCA as an organisation to ready ourselves for any changes that lie ahead with the delivery of cricket in our region. We also face the same challenges that other sporting organisations our facing, and that's related to funding and grants being harder to obtain.

This season we see one of our longstanding Executive members standing down from his role as Grade Manager. Craig Gibb has been an integral part of the CJCA Executive over the past 4 years and we will miss his input around the table. We wish him all the best and extend our thanks for his service to CJCA over the years.

Mike Dunlop
21 May 2018