



## **CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

### **Presidents & General Manager Report 2020 - 2021**

Welcome to the Christchurch Junior Cricket Associations Annual General Meeting for the 2020/2021 season.

#### **Acknowledgement**

We wanted to make special mention for the loss of one of our greatest supporters. In April 2021 Mike Dormer passed away and has left a hole in our Cricket Community.

Mike has for many years been one of our most passionate supporters and we will miss his candour, honesty and compassion along with a deep passion for junior and youth cricket.

He will be missed and we pass on our condolences to his family.

We also acknowledge the passing of a grandparent of one of our players during a game in our competitions this year. This is a rare occurrence and we thank all those present for their attempts to assist in this situation which was extremely distressing for all those involved – we pass our condolences onto the players family and the Halswell Club.

#### **Cricket**

It has again been a busy season with additional opportunities for junior cricketers to participate and play cricket, skills based programs and pre-season training and most importantly, have fun.

We continue to evolve the programs we currently offer and add additional opportunities where possible and practical.

Our financial performance has again been measured as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. As an Executive we felt it was appropriate to use some of our reserves to support Clubs through the COVID recovery. This meant the providing a Balls Package, the provision for a Family Support Package for subscriptions along with waiving of Levies for the 2020/2021 season.

In dollar terms this represents over \$40,000 in funds to support clubs. This shows in our Financial return for the 2020/2021 season.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Executive for their support and efforts again this year. With a level of uncertainty with COVID-19 it was 'all hands on deck' to make sure our clubs were supported and that the juniors got as much opportunity in cricket.

A special thanks to Rob Wilkinson, who, as the face of CJCA, continues to grow and develop how we support our stakeholders, deliver more and more opportunities for our children to experience and play cricket. His efforts this year have meant that even with uncertainty of play in a pandemic he managed to make sure we were still able to deliver the core opportunities for junior cricket along with more opportunities to play.

This year we have been joined by Cat Quinn as the Operations Assistant in a part time role to assist in the management, communication and development of the Schools Cricket Program as well as our artificial grounds management. These programs have shown growth in participants in both the Girls and Boys Sections and we continue to see non-cricketers enjoying the opportunity to experience cricket.

We have again supported the CC Activators Program to assist in the delivery of in-school awareness programs that were not able to be covered by our member clubs. These activators have continued to be involved throughout the year in delivering activations in schools and the wider community including now in the off-season to keep some degree of presence in Schools year round, leading to more general Cricket awareness on top of the focus period of pre-season.

To all of our coaches, team managers, parent volunteers and supporters we extend a huge thanks. Without the dedication of this large group we would certainly not be able to deliver junior cricket at our local clubs and festivals. We thank you for your time, experience and passion for our game. The level of support we have means the kids get an opportunity.

For our Club Representatives who facilitate the delivery of our game, a very big thank you. I am sure many do not know how much you give to the game. We certainly do and appreciate all that you give to our game and the kids.

### **Constitutional Changes**

This year we will make changes to our constitution. These are primarily language changes to bring the document up to date along with legislative changes for the review of our financial records versus audit requirements.

We appreciate your feedback we have had around the changes and will conclude the changes formally at this meeting.

### **Operational Summary**

Some of the key activities in the 2020/2021 season;

- Quality Winter Training and pre-season opportunities provided for over 200 Boys and Girls Year 5 and over.
- Business as usual Saturday cricket delivered to 220 teams at the start of the 2020/21 season without any major issues.
- CJCA Spring and Summer Tournaments continue to provide extension opportunities for approximately 300 boys and girls over 6 Sundays during the season.
- CJCA had 21 teams compete in January multiday Festivals in January 2021 in 2018 this number was 12
- The CJCA facilitated delivery of significant pre-season awareness campaigns delivered either by Clubs or by CCA Activators.
- CJCA School Cricket maintained its role in providing opportunities not necessarily for existing cricketers to play for their schools. Team entries were maintained and grew in the Girls space in both Year 5 and 6 competitions and in the NZ Shield competitions (year 7 & 8).
- CJCA adapted to the one-week period of Covid Level 2 restrictions to continue to deliver its core competitions and events.

## **Executive Changes**

This season we will lose a number of our Executive team. To John Quirk and Grant MacLennan we extend our thanks for their service to the CJCA. All have been active members of our Executive helping us as a group to better deliver to our stakeholders at all levels operationally and by way of Governance.

## **Partnerships**

For the last 5 years we have worked in partnership with Metro Cricket. This continues to develop in a positive way for both parties as we work together to support stakeholders, players and volunteers. To Mike Harvey, Mike Fisher and Keryn Ambler we extend our thanks for their support and advice.

The Canterbury Cricket Services Team has gone through some changes in the last year however I wished to thank Simon Hill for his help and assistance this past year. We have not been shy in asking for assistance when needed and we appreciate the support and advice from Simon and his remaining team members.

## **Further Support Services**

In the aftermath of COVID-19 we are mindful of our clubs need for ongoing support. With this in mind the Executive have agreed that a 'facilities fund' be set up for clubs to update, maintain or develop new facilities for junior cricket.

This will be circulated in the next few weeks and we look forward to being able to assist.

## **Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Centre**

In early 2022 we will see the opening of the 5 lane community indoor training facility within the Cricketing Precinct of Hagley Oval. This is a positive step in community cricket for both Junior, Youth and Senior participants. We strongly suggest our clubs take advantage of the availability of the centre when it opens. The CJCA will be a key user of the Centre for both its existing programmes and also new initiatives which seek to increase the number of Player Development opportunities available to our members.

With only just over 3 months until the season begins again we wish you all the best. We are here to support and help. If you need assistance, help or advice we are only a phone call or email away.

Mike Dunlop  
**CJCA President**