



Message from the President



The 2011/12 cricket season is now well underway. I would like to extend a big welcome to all our new players and great to see so many players returning to register with Cromer Cricket Club.

Special thanks to all those volunteers that put their hands up to coach, manage, score or help out in any way for their team each Saturday. With your assistance not only is it possible to field each of our teams, but it also assists players enjoy the great game of cricket.

The role of our senior captains is especially recognised as more often than not it is so vital to help the real big kids to be able to organise themselves in order to field a team each week.

Our Senior teams have played a handful of games and our juniors are re-commencing the season after the October school holiday break.

U9's commence their season on 15 October, Kanga's have their first game on 29 October and the in2 program starts on 4 November 2011 on Friday afternoons for 6 weeks.

With a lot of work now behind us following preparations for the season, the registration period, team day and first coach / managers meeting it provides time to take a breath and sum up how Cromer Cricket is placed.

Juniors

Cromer's junior registrations have been strong and against the general trend we have managed to enter one more team than last season with at least one team in each age group from Kanga, U9's to U12's. We have also had strong early registrations for the in2 program for 5 to 7 year olds.

Seniors

Whilst we have one less team in the regular Saturday afternoon senior competition, it is pleasing to see we have registered an extra team in the 20/20 competition. This is the strongest representation from any Club. Good luck to all three of our 20/20 teams and let's hope we see them get past the Semi-final stage this season.

Representative Players

Recently I was privileged to attend the MWJCA Representative Capping night in which we had the largest number of rep players for some years with eight of our Cromer boys receiving their Baggy Blue to represent the Manly area.

It is pleasing to know that Cromer has nurtured so many great junior cricketers in the past.

Tim Cruickshank, the Manly 1st Grade captain, spoke on the night to inform us that 7 of the 11 players in the team are local juniors. Two of these local juniors are Jack Ritchie and Luke Edgell, both now established 1st graders who are also Cromer juniors. Both are proud of their origins and were all too willing to attend and assist with Cromer's Junior Presentations last season. Also at the night was Danny Reynolds another ex-Cromer junior who is the current Warringah Shires 1st Grade Captain.

Hopefully our current boys can go on to represent Manly Warringah at Grade, Shires level or even State level.



Top Row L-R: Nick Corcoran (U12); Nathan Hogg (U11); Jeremy Tolman (U11)

Bottom Row L-R: Lucas Heffernan (U11); Angus O'Donnell (U11); Jacob De Angelis (U11); Lachlan Scheffers (U11)

Absent: Sean Tingcombe (U16)

Dates for the diary:

- **Kangas starts**
29 October 2011
- **In2Cricket starts**
4 November 2011
- **Raffle tickets due back in**
7 November 2011
- **Christmas Party**
Behind Dee Why Surf Club
17 December 2011

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Message from the President (cont.)

Sponsors

This season we are once again fortunate to have the support of many sponsors that I hope all the Cromer Cricket Club families are able to support.

Peter Mullane, the **Good Ideas Man**, has been one of our major sponsors for many years and has returned to once again support Cromer Cricket this season. Julie Smith at the **TravelManagers** has returned as one of our Club Shirt sponsors. We are also hopeful that there is enough players to support Peter in organising the Annual Captain's XI vs Sponsor's XI Cromer Club Turf Match to be held later in the year.

The **Master Builder's Club** is one of our other Major Sponsor with their logo now included on the Cromer Club Shirts worn by Senior players, Coaches, Managers and Committee members.

Many thanks to our other Club Shirt sponsors; **Peninsula Timbers** and the **Specialised Wheelchair Company**.

For more information on the Master Builders, GIM, TravelManagers and all our other sponsors please see our web site.

Social

The committee has decided to forego the planned fundraising Trivia night. Our annual fundraising event is now the raffle tickets being circulated. There are great prizes to be won: 1st prize is an 8 seat corporate box to the Australia v India game on 26th February 2012 and there are 19 other prizes for game tickets, plus bats & jumpers. Plus there are 50 double passes to the KFC T20 Big bash league.

This is a great fund raiser for the club, with the majority of our ticket sales going to Cromer Cricket Club which goes a long way to supplying gear and shirts and keeping the fees down. Please support Cromer and start returning sold tickets to your team manager.

The next social event for the Cromer Cricket Club is the **annual Christmas Party**. This will be **held behind Dee Why Surf Club on 17 December 2011**. Please put this date in your diary.

Our social committee is also looking to hold a Golf Day early in the New Year. This will be a great way for all the parents and senior players to relax away from work and other commitments.

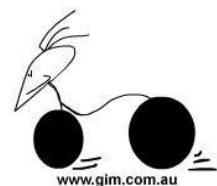
Web Site

The Cromer Cricket Club web site is constantly undergoing updates. Our web master, Ben Gummer is doing a great job with this and has set up a Face Book page. The site also contains many useful links, including ground locations and details of upcoming events.

The web site is www.cromerccricket.com.au



A word from our sponsors



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Message from the Club Captain

As the sun finally shone down on many of our cricketers on the weekend it seems an appropriate time to reflect upon events so far this season at Cromer.

Our Kangas are due to take the pitch by the end of this month and our Juniors have all commenced their opening games. It has been pleasing to see that many have already registered their maiden win for the season while others have suffered the most narrow of defeats.

As a club we are making a conscious effort to develop our junior cricketers as we seek to encourage them to continue on with the club when they are old enough to play in the senior competition. At the core of this, two of our committee members, Craig Murphy and Jason Perry who play in our 2nd Grade side, are coaching our Under 16/17s team for the second consecutive season. Craig and Jason have been training the boys in conjunction with the training session of the 2nd Grade "BBQs" to give the players the chance to test themselves against some of Cromer's best senior players in a controlled environment with the goal of preparing them for Senior cricket.

Having made the step up to seniors already this season are recent Cromer juniors Michael Rollins, Jake Skilton and Joshua Harrison with the addition of Andrew MacGregor who has moved across from Harbord juniors to play his senior cricket with Cromer. We hope to provide opportunities for our junior cricketers to get a taste of senior cricket as the opportunities arise.

Speaking of opportunities, there are still vacancies in most of our senior cricket squads at the time of writing, so if you know of anybody who would like to play for the Blue & Greens, put them in touch with myself or our Registrar, Anthony Caruso.

One team that is blessed for playing depth this year is the BBQs. Back after a one-year hiatus, our top side is looking to take the 2nd Grade title en route to entrenching themselves in the top grade over seasons to come. The addition of former Cromer Gunners players Michael Counsell, Andrew Wyllie, Kurt Brigden, Simon Waygood and Nick James to the line-up has given Captain Matt Kenna a plethora of options with both bat and ball. The BBQs have kicked the season off with 2 wins from 3 games which is what the 4th Grade Pirates will be looking to emulate over the coming weeks.

Last season's new recruits Sandy Gopalakrishnan and Shriram Krishnan have introduced several of their mates to the club and have combined with the depleted Pirates team from last year to have a crack at the Association's middle grade. While they've come up empty handed so far, they've most certainly been competitive in patches. Not short on heart, only consistency seems to be missing, something that we hope recent recruit Brandon McPherson can help with. Brandon has years of experience in the top grades and we'll be looking to him to pass on some of his knowledge to our 'greener' players.

A Cromer team which doesn't lack experience is the Legends who are set to keep plenty of teams honest in 6th Grade over the course of the summer. With some of their former stars out of action, the MacGregor boys, Peter, Chris and Andrew, have answered the call and have settled into stride with their new team. After an outright victory in their first match, the Legends will be determined to make amends for two straight losses when they take the field in Round 4.

Rounding out our Senior teams is our 7th Grade outfit, comprised of a mix of former Nevilles, Legends and smattering of up-and-comers. The most successful Cromer side so far this season, the boys have played superbly to secure two wins from their opening two games, in between which they had the Bye in Round 2. The Club Committee encourages these players to make themselves available to play for our other teams when they later encounter Byes in Rounds 7 and 12.

As we move into Round 4 of the competition for the Seniors, we also have the commencement of the 3rd Annual MWCA Twenty20 tournament to look forward to. Last season, as you may remember, Cromer participated for the first time and enjoyed considerable success with both teams entered having qualified for the finals of the Mike Pawley Trophy. Unfortunately both teams were forced to play off in the quarter finals, with the Cromer Conquerors going on to be narrowly defeated by the eventual winners, Harbord Bowling Club, in the semi-final. This year's tournament promises the opportunity for even for success for the Cromer Club, with the record entry of three teams into the competition.

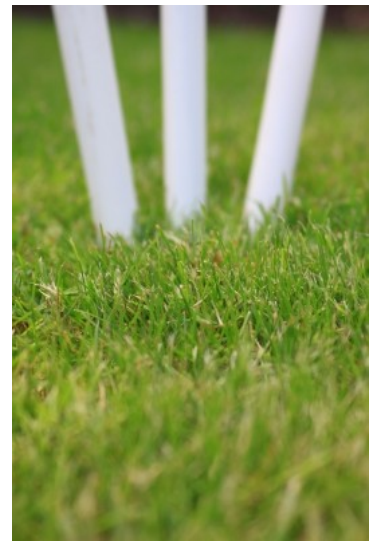
The BBQ's will be looking to amend their quarter-final slip up, while the Club welcomes back the former Cromer side the DisaPontings from a two-season hiatus, with a wildcard team led by Jason Perry to round out the three teams.

Games are played once a month on a Sunday afternoon, and are generally centred round the Nolans/Passmore precinct. We will endeavour to publish the match venues on the club website and encourage all Cromer players, family and friends to check out the action over the summer.

As always, we wish all three sides the very best of luck as indeed we do for all of our sides in their upcoming Saturday fixtures.

Yours in cricket

Brett Holliday
Club Captain



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Match Reports-Seniors

Cromer Pirates News

Cromer Pirates this year is made up of a few current players and a few new players who were all trying to get back into cricket. The team had a baptism by fire, losing all 3 games played so far. However, there have been plenty of positive signs so far with more players coming good over the last few games.

The season started well at St Matts Farm Reserve with Pratheep smashing the first ball of the season for a boundary going on to make the first 50 of the team as well as putting together the best opening partnership of the season so far (65) with Matty Isackson in quick time.

Game 2 saw our first 100 partnership (125 to be precise) between Kurt Brigden and Brad Moore at Beverley Job, both of whom went on to make 50's and we closed the day on 246 (decl). We also discovered Matty's abilities as a wicket keeper— he has been very impressive behind the wickets since.

Game 3 saw the 10 man Pirates team put into bat and grinding out 49 overs for 65 runs in the first innings on a wet field in conditions which were not conducive for batting. With just 9 players on the second day, the team showed a lot of fight in restricting the opposition to just 132 – thanks to Guest star Brett Holiday from the BBQs who took 4 wickets in one of the rare occasions where he got to bowl. Shriram struck form with the bat in the 2nd innings and was stranded on 34 no in the total team score of 80.

We've had 4 players make 50's in Pratheep, Kurt, Brad and myself, with Vinod and Shriram being unlucky to be stranded on 20's and 30's while batting fluently. The bowling and fielding departments are coming together well as the players getting better as the season progresses. We can sense the victory being just round the corner and look forward to an exciting season ahead.

Sandy

[Sandheep Gopalakrishnan - Cromer Pirates Captain]

Match Reports-Juniors

U12s Div 1 Kings News

On a morning more akin to a game of Rugby in winter than a game of Cricket the boys gathered for the first match of the year at Dee Why against Collaroy. Angus was captain and the toss was won by Collaroy who decided to bowl with a strong Southerly blowing from the Dee Why end of the ground.

The batting performance was quite solid with Nick retiring after 25 overs and then coming out to complete the innings scoring a confident 31 runs. Angus scored 10 runs and Kyle scored 8 with our 1st innings total of 110 runs looking okay.

The bowling was very hard for Collaroy due to the conditions which led to 54 extras being scored. This also made it hard for a lot of the boys to score runs.

With only half an hour of play left the boys went out looking for early wickets. Nathan achieved this goal by securing 2 wickets and finishing the innings on 2/4 from 6 overs. At the close of play the match was poised very delicately.

As we arrived for the second day the sun was out and the temperature felt more

suitable for Cricket. The message from Graham was to secure wickets and restrict the runs with tight bowling.

Highlights from the bowling was James being on a hat trick and returning figures of 2/6 and Lachlan , Ethan , Adam, Jake and Angus also taking wickets. Once Collaroy reached 3/63 the task at hand seemed to be getting harder to achieve however the fielding was still solid and once the 4th wicket fell at 64 runs it started to get really exciting. In fact the wickets started falling at 69 runs, 83, 96, 96, 97 and 99.

Collaroy was all out for 99 runs and we had secured a first innings lead of 11 runs.

The boys went in to bat again with the primary objective to score runs and not lose wickets. Jake opened with Nick and retired on 17 runs - a great effort. James scored 9 runs and remained not out as did Ben making his debut and scoring 1 run. As the game came to an end Cromer had scored 56 runs for the loss of 3 wickets in our second dig.

Overall Graham's comments were a good batting, bowling and fielding performance with room for improvement which will come as the season progresses. The player of the day was awarded to James for his solid

bowling, batting and fielding performance – well done James.

One thing that I think also helped the boys was the knock out morning tea provided by Alecia for all to enjoy especially the famous De Angelis rocky road which will surely be our secret weapon this season!

Special mention must go to Iain for his scoring which is a very intense role and one that is certainly appreciated by all the parents. Also to Graham and Scott for their umpiring in the middle of the field.

Colin O'Donnell
Team Reporter



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Match Reports-Juniors

U12s Div 2 News

In a close fought battle the Under 12/2's were defeated by Collaroy in the first match of the season at St Matthews Farm.

The team was 2 players short and still managed to post 8/126 with Cameron Gall and Jack Holland posting a 50 run opening stand.

Isaac Blunden, Byron Edwards, Choegyal Chumatsang and Hayden Watson also contributing with the bat.

Getting Collaroy to 2/10 we started well with a fine bowling performance from Byron Edwards 3-14. One of their openers stayed in and eventually got 44 runs to make the difference as they got us 36 overs into the match with the loss of 7 wickets.....so close!

Well done Harrison Goodwin 2-20 and Lennox Whittaker who caught and bowled the top Collaroy batter in his first match. Nathan Doppler bowled well as did Jordan Macpherson and Jack Holland.

We are the first week into our second match against Peninsula

The boys are all out for 79 with a great undefeated innings from Lennox Whittaker who kept out the best they could throw at him to finish the day 18 not out.

Isaac Blunden did well and was unlucky to go to a great outfield catch.

Cameron Gall also started out solidly until run out.

They were quite a good bowling team and the boys will be the better for this hit out.

I will let you know the outcome of the match next newsletter and hope we train and field great to notch up a season win. Stay tuned.....

A special thanks to Kai Holland for helping the team out and to all the parents who score and help set up and train

Jason Goodwin
Under12/2's manager



a chance of getting a hat-trick after getting two wickets in two balls!!

In his first game for the club and our team, Jack took a wicket, a catch and came up with a fantastic run-out on the last ball of the day!

Eric took his first wicket ever and a good catch, and went on to grab several more!

Jake, Lucas, Zac and Jeremy all took wickets too.

Luca bowled 4 overs of which the opposition only managed to score 8 runs, extremely economical.

Zac and Nicholas did very well behind the stumps and everyone fielded fantastic.

Michael took the catch of the day, a diving effort in gully!!

So great effort by everyone!

Paul Heffernan
Coach

U11s Cromer Sixers News

What a great beginning to the second round on Saturday! I don't know where to start!

We took 25 wickets and managed to keep the opposition's score down to 56 (Average 2.24)!

There were 2 hat-tricks, one by Nicholas and one by Michael!!

Another two players, Lucas & Eric were also

Match Reports-U9s and Kangas

U9s Clarkies News

The team have been training well under Coach Matt's guidance. With a mix on last year's Kanga cricket players and some new team members, everyone has been keen to master how to bat and run with cricket pads on, but we are getting there.

With great excitement everyone was looking forward to our first game. Unfortunately a wild and wet start to the weekend closed the field, cancelled our game and disappointed all the kids. Full credit to our team and parents as all our team turned up ready to play regardless of the rain. Let's keep wishing for a better day next week.

Graeme Gibson
Manager

A note from the Editor

Our Kangas will begin their season on the weekend of 29th October. I am sure that there are a lot of excited new players eager to start learning how to bat and bowl, and to be a member of the Cromer Cricket Club Community.

In2cricket starts on 4th November and will run for 6 weeks.

Here's hoping for many articles from our Kangas and in2cricket teams for the next newsletter.

Our U9s team was due to start last weekend but, as some of you may be aware, there was a bit of localised flooding which caused some games to be cancelled—this affected our U9s Clarkies and our U12 Kings teams.

It is great to see that, although a game has not been played, Graeme Gibson from the Clarkies was still keen to provide the Cromer Cricket Chatter with an article. I am hoping that the Senior and Junior teams who were not able to provide updates for this newsletter will also be keen to provide one for the next edition which will be due out in December 2011.

Kirstie O'Donnell
Editor

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