



**Cromer Cricket Club
Season 2015/16
Annual Report**



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Cromer Cricket Club Committee 2015/2016

Position	Name
President	Richard Fitzgerald
Senior Vice Presidents	Rob McGovern
Club Captain	Greg Rollins
Junior Vice President	Rick Hutchings
Secretary	Kelvin Chambers
Treasurer	Philippa Toohey
Registrar	Bill Prentice
Gear Steward	Stewart Edwards
Committee Members	Graham Scheffers
	Dave Rushton
	Kristy Ellul
	Rob Cook

Life Members

Season	Name
2006/2007	Mike Waygood
2006/2007	Joe Bruzzano
2007/2008	Bob Rollins
2007/2008	Rick Mangano
2007/2008	Shawn Dwyer
2007/2008	Greg Rollins
2014/15	Peter Mullane

Sponsors

Cromer Cricket Club's ongoing viability is enhanced by a very dedicated group of Sponsors. Cromer Cricket gratefully acknowledges their contribution to the Club. Without their ongoing support Cromer could not field the teams and give members of the community, families and children been involved in this great game.

On behalf of those involved with Cromer Cricket Club we say a big thank you to our sponsors in 2014/15.





Presidents Report

The 2015/2016 season has come to a conclusion and I would like to thank the coaches and managers of our junior teams for their support in roles in facilitating the participation and enjoyment of Cricket to our Junior Teams. I would like to thank the coordinators of our senior teams for the work they do in managing the Senior Teams of our club.

Our financial position is very sound. We have been fortunate with our sponsors being long standing support which allows us to keep our registration price stable for many years. On behalf of the entire club I would like to thank;

- Good ideas Man (GIM) Peter Mullane sponsors our playing shirt and cap. In addition Peter supplies the kids Christmas Bags as in past years as well as playing in our senior ranks when numbers were down.
- Peninsula Timbers as Club Shirt sponsors. For all your Timber needs don't forget to support Barbara and her team who have supported our club over many years.
- TravelManagers as Club Shirt sponsor. Just contact Julie for any of your travel arrangements.
- Dee Why Bowling Club who continue to be our sponsor where we are provided with a fantastic environment for our seniors where they return to celebrate or drown their sorrows after a day on the fields. Additionally the boys have had a spread of sandwiches provided. Additionally our Junior Presentation day is being held at the club for the first time and it promises to be well attended.

A big thanks also to Daniel Evans from Domino's Pizza at Dee Why for providing pizzas for the senior teams. And his support for our junior player of the day. Daniel is also assisting with the catering for the junior presentation day.

Our junior players represented Cromer cricket in the following age divisions. We had two Kanga teams, two under 9 teams, two under 10 teams, one under 11 team, one under 12 team, one under 14 team and the under 16/18 team. The important thing during the season they enjoyed playing and acquiring new skills.

Our senior teams swelled in number with the return of the Cromer Legends team after a season break. Cromer was represented in 1st 2nd and 3rd grade. And we were represented in both of the one day grades. Four teams made it to the semifinals, unfortunately our 1st grade team has to wait another season for that elusive premiership. Grand final day we were represented by Cromer Legends in one day b who fell at the final hurdle.

The Club continues with our Miloin2Cricket programme which had some particularly young children having a go at Cricket for the first time and the parents were so excited at seeing their children progress over the weeks. Many will be back next year with one or two progressing to kanga.

We very much appreciate the support of our webmaster former player Ben Gummer who updates the website and he will be giving the page a huge update in the coming weeks.

I thank everyone who supported and participated in Pink Stumps Day fundraising it was a great success with plenty of father son rivalry and great memories to have a lifetime. We over \$1000 for the Jane McGrath foundation which is a great effort from within the club. A huge thank you to the following parents who put so much effort into the day Kristy Ellul who set up and staff the pink stall and had organized the prizes for our raffle.



Thanks to our volunteer umpires on the day Greg Rollins and Dave Rushton. We also want to acknowledge an all-day effort on the BBQ by Tony Toohey and Sandra Fitzgerald. A huge effort by Kelvin Chambers in preparation and his work on the day made it a great success.

Representative players

Whilst the primary focus at Cromer is to field teams with mates where players get enjoyment from participating in each game, it is important to acknowledge those players that have achieved higher honours.

Cromer's juniors were selected in Representative Teams

- U16 DCA Adam Hayes
- U15 DCA Byron Bates, Jake De Angelis, Kyle Martin
- U15 Presidents Cup Tenkyong Tenzin, Nathan Hogg, Henry Wilkinson-Gill.
- U12 Charlie Rollins & Marcus Campbell
- U11 Jake Hutchins & Will Brester

Future Developments.

Warringah Council Master Plan to renovate the playing areas at St Matthews Park is scheduled to commence stage two in the 2016/2017 financial year. This is subject to the current State Government amalgamation plans and subject to change. This will involve relocating the existing cricket pitch and installation of a second pitch. This work is also aimed at fixing the playing surface, correcting the levels, improved drainage and relocating the cricket nets and expanding the car park.

I would like to thank this year's committee for their efforts. Hopefully at the AGM many will stand again. My personal thanks to the following Rob McGovern VP Seniors, Rick Hutchings VP Juniors, Kelvin Chambers Secretary, Philippa Toohey Treasurer. The Registrar position had been vacant from the previous AGM and we are indebted to Graeme Gibson who assisted as interim Registrar. I want to thank those on the general committee Kristy Etull, Dave Rushton, Graham Scheffers and Rob Cook. The efforts of all these people are needed to run a successful club and we are all indebted to them for their time and to their partners for supporting them in their roles.

As President I would like to thank the immediate past president of the club Graham Scheffers for all the support he has personally given me over the past year.

I am also pleased to say that the Committee nominated Graham for life membership of the club which he has accepted. Graham will receive his life membership award at the senior presentation night where other life members can welcome him into their illustrious band.

Richard Fitzgerald (President)



Treasurer's Report

Once again, the finances of the Cromer Cricket club continue to be steady and healthy from the end of last season. The Annual Treasurer report is from the last AGM and shows the period 27th March 2015 through to the 26th March 2016. We have a number of expenses and revenue that have been paid in this period but relate to the last Cricket Season.

The club are very fortunate to have the financial backing of our sponsors **Dee Why Bowling Club, Peninsula Timbers, The Good Ideas Man, The Travel Managers & GRS Building Reports**. The club cannot exist without the generous support and donations of these great companies.

Focus Promotions also continue to provide our shirts, caps, shelters at a discounted rate and Mike Pawley equip our teams with all the necessary gear required for the kits.

Philippa Toohey (Treasurer)



Treasurers Annual Report - 29 March 2016

Cromer Cricket Club Inc

	2015/16	2014/15
Opening Bank Balance - NBCU	11,492.02	18,094.87
Opening Bank Balance - CBA	3,190.30	3,190.30
Opening Bank Balance - Term Deposit	13,000.00	
TOTAL CASH AT BANK	29,682.32	21,285.17

Income	YTD	YTD
Registrations + Uniforms	26,955.32	30,343.00
Interest	400.11	9.23
Sponsorship - GRS Reports (2013/14)	-	300.00
Sponsorship - GRS Reports (2014/15)	-	375.00
Sponsorship - Travel Managers (2013/14)	-	1,000.00
Sponsorship - GIM (2013/14)	-	1,833.00
Sponsorship - GIM (2014/15)	-	3,017.00
Sponsorship - Peninsula Timbers (2014/15)	-	-
Sponsorship - Specialised Wheelchair Co (2013/14)	-	1,000.00
Sponsorship - Specialised Wheelchair Co (2014/15)	-	730.00
Sponsorship - DY Bowling Club (2014/15)	-	3,300.00
Sponsorship - MW Master Builders	-	-
Sponsorship/Grant - Commonwealth Bank (2013/16)	-	1,000.00
MW/CA In2 Cricket Grant (2013/16)	300.00	300.00
NSW Cricket Raffle	-	1,197.60
Pink Stumps (2014/15)	-	990.00
Pink Stumps (2015/16)	1,334.60	
Total Income	29,190.03	48,034.83

Expenditure	YTD	YTD
Bank fees-Cheque account	102.00	36.00
In2 cricket fees	300.00	330.00
MW/CA Junior Team registrations	4,030.00	4,160.00
MWCA Snr Team Registration	4,575.00	3,800.00
MW/CA Insurance	-	-
Registration Reimbursements	1,143.00	1,075.00
Sydney Morning CA Winter Comp	-	920.00
Trophies	2,030.49	1,729.94
Presentation Day Expenses - Junior	300.30	125.39
Presentation Day Expenses -Seniors	194.95	1,280.60
Pink Stumps Day expenses & payment	-	1,979.00
Gear	8,952.76	7,417.38
Post box	-	107.00
Uniforms	-	14,946.97
Advertising	-	-
BBQ Expenses - presentation, registration, xmas party	1,839.99	398.40
General Admin costs	137.10	52.00
Coaching Fees	-	120.00
Umpire Fees	2,310.00	920.00
Total Expenses	26,137.79	39,637.68

Total Income less Expenses	3,052.24	8,397.15
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Closing Bank Balance	32,734.56	29,682.32
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Outstanding Items:

Payment to Pink Stumps	-	1,334.60	
Travel Managers Sponsorship 2015/16		300.00	approx figures
GRS Reports Sponsorship 2015/16		300.00	approx figures
GIM Sponsorship 2015/16		300.00	approx figures
Peninsula Timbers Sponsorship 2015/16		300.00	approx figures
Specialised Wheelchair Co Sponsorship 2015/16		300.00	approx figures
DY Bowling Club Sponsorship 2015/16		3,300.00	approx figures
		4,665.40	

Registrar's Report

Thank you to all players and parents for registering with Cromer Cricket Club. We have had yet another successful season with registrations growing in our junior teams.

I'd like to sincerely thank the coaches and managers of these teams, and all parents who assisted in any way during the year.

Kanga Condors – Tom Goode and Brooke Jorey
Kanga Crickets – Daniel Younan & Sally Claydon

U9 Vikings – John Peters
U9 Cobras – Pat Kennedy

U10s – Eagles - Paul O'Sullivan and Chantelle Hoare
U10 - Colts - Stewart Edwards, and Philippa Toohey
U11 – Crushers - David Crookwell and Keiryn Osbourne
U12 Crusaders – Greg Rollins and Michelle Kennedy
U14 – Kookaburras - Rob Cook, Anthony Caruso and Tammy Cook
U15- Kings – Graham Scheffers



We were able to run another terrific In2Cricket program thanks to our Club President, Richard Fitzgerald who organised the program. We had very enthusiastic boys and girls enjoying the basic skills training program through November and December.

Congratulations to all players on the spirit with which they have played and represented Cromer Cricket this year.

Graeme Gibson/ Bill Prentice - Registrar



Team Reports



Under 16-18 – Kings Team Report



What a season. The majority of the team is eligible to play U15's so entering a 12 team competition with many teams boasting 18 year olds and some with players having Manly Grade or Shires experience we thought the year may result in a few 1 sided games.

Fast forward to the second last game with the Kings in tie 1st place with 3 teams and playing equal 1st place St Aug's Gold. Jake on route to the game was called up to Manly 5th Grade leaving us a player short, so his younger brother 11 year old Haz finished batting in his U12 game before heading up to Balgowlah Oval to help out. The coin toss fell our way and the gamble to bat first despite a wet outfield paid off with a competitive total of 8/139 with Nathan (38no) top scoring, Michael (28) and most others contributed with runs. After a rev up from the coach the boys responded to put on their most dominant innings in the field in 9 seasons. No catches dropped, no miss fielding, no over throws and wickets fell regularly. At 4 for 5 St Aug's were in strife with Ethan (1/3 off 3) striking first and Dante (3/6 off 3) lethal. Gus bowled 3 maidens, then 11 year old Harry De Ang (2/12 off 3) contributing despite his age. Choegyal (1/12 off 3) took us to the drinks break with St Aug's 7/28. Nathan (2/5 off 3) then Tenk (0/2 off 1) and Henry N (1/1 off 1) finished the game with St Aug all out for 40.

Last game sees us in a play-off for 1st place and premiers or 2nd place at worst. Suffice to say against an opposition on average 2 years older, the boys didn't perform as well as the previous week but still very competitive. Cromer 129 all out and St Aug Red hitting the winning runs with 5 overs and 3 wickets left.

A huge thanks to Colin O'Donnell and Blake Scheffers for helping with umpiring and scoring and all the other parents chipping in to help.

Adam Hayes had a quieter season, especially batting although his confidence batting higher up the order was pleasing to see. Contributed with 9 wickets @ 15.89 and took 3 catches.

Angus O'Donnell was co-captain in many games and was a good leader. Always batted at a quick rate and finished the season with 98 runs at an average of 19.6. Took 5 wickets and bowled some tight spells when needed such as 1/6 off 6 overs Vs Wakehurst Red.



Byron Bates had a season not to forget. Surpassed the highest individual score of a player in our team (previously 65no) with a well hit century compiling 125 runs Vs St Aug Red, the eventual premiers. Byron scored a total of 396 runs at 39.56. Shared the keeper duties and took 3 catches & a stumping.

Choegyal Chumatsang took 5 wickets and 5 catches through the seasons. A great character to have in the team and several of his catches were brilliant. Probably shouldn't mention the dropped chance off their strike batter in the final only to hold a similar chance in the next over to their other opener.

Dante Cox was our leading wicket taker with 15 wickets at an average of 11.6. Dante was also our leading fielder taking 9 catches a few runouts and always great in the field. His 2nd over on the penultimate game taking 3 wickets for 2 runs was season defining.

Ethan Jenkins took 11 wickets at an average of 14.82. His bowling produced great swing that troubled most batmen when on a good line and length. A great partnership batting with Lachlan Vs Wakehurst Red to help with a competitive & defendable total (just).

Harry deAngelis has always been welcome helping field with the team in the past few seasons. This season he played 2 games taking 6 wickets at an average of 7.17. His best bowling figures of 4/7 was achieved when he had only just turned 11 and turned out the best bowling figures for the team all season. Returned in our all important 2nd last game taking 2/12 of 3 overs.

Henry Norman was new to the team and didn't go unnoticed by both the Kings and the opposition. Took 5 wickets for the season but deserved a few more with plenty near bowled. Took 2/7 Vs Wakehurst Green a few days after having his wisdom teeth out. Almost a third of his overs were maidens. Highlight was his quick 36 in a T20 game hitting 3 x 6's.

Henry Wilkinson-Gill only played 3 games due to school commitments. Henry is always so eager to bowl and bat at any position in the order. We look forward to seeing Henry back next season with some more games.

Jake deAngelis scored 155 runs at an average of 17.22. Top score of 56 Vs Wakehurst Green. Scored 38 in a valuable 90 run partnership with Tenk. Took 5 wickets and 5 catches for the season. Congratulations for making the U16 Green shield and also playing Manly 5th Grade in the last game of the season.

Kyle Martin scored a few less runs than last season with 147 at 16.33. Highest score of 84 Vs St Pius Yellow when he was on the way to a century but needed to retire to go to a Shires Game. Congratulations for making the U16 Green shield and being a regular in Shires 4th Grade and the Tim Creer teams. Helped captain and made an important contribution with 2 great slips catches defending a low total for a win Vs Wakehurst Rd.

Lachlan Scheffers scored 153 runs at the 2nd highest average of 30.6. Some valuable partnerships namely Vs Beacon Hill with Nathan and Ethan to help score the winning runs in our 1st game. Another partnership Vs Wakehurst Red with Ethan helped reach a total of 82 a total defended by 5 runs. Took 6 catches at wicketkeeper.

Lennox Whittaker returned to Cromer this season after a few years with Collaroy. His highest score of 46 was Vs Collaroy and he took 6 wickets for the season. Due to rep league Lennox only played the first part of the season.

Michael Rollins hadn't played Junior's for 6 years due to the lack of number in his age group, so it was terrific he was able to help the team out when short for the last 2 games. A real calm influence on the team and made valuable contributions of 28 and 34 runs. Hit 3 x 6's in one over in the last game.

Nathan Hogg took the 2nd most wickets (14) at an average of 13.64. Fielding took 6 catches. Man of the match performance in our important 2nd last game Vs St Aug Gold top scoring with 38no, took 2 wickets for 5 runs and 2 good catches. For the season scored 108 runs at an average of 18.

Tenkyong Tenzin changed from spin to pace. Took 12 wickets at an average of 8.33, the 2nd best bowling average in the team. Scored 2nd most runs with a total of 187 at 20.78. Shared a great 90 run partnership with Jake when he reached his highest ever score of 63.

Well done to the boys finishing 2nd this season against at times an opposition that were older and physically bigger. Most of this team are eligible to play in the U16-18 competition for another 3 seasons. I'm sure the parents look forward to seeing you return to go one better next year.

The boys are to be congratulated for their team spirit and always turning up to enjoy playing cricket.

Graham Scheffers – coach

Under 14 – Cromer Kookaburras Report

What a season for the Cromer Kookaburras 2015-16 campaign. Finishing 4th on the Under 14's Div 2 ladder, we were definitely capable of contention for 2nd or 3rd place had a few balls, and more runs swung our way on the day.

The Kookaburras were formed with around 9, Under 12's players who re-joined from previous seasons Under 12 Div 1 comp, and long term cricketers with Cromer. The remaining 5 from the previous Season's Under 13 Div 1 Team, also long term Cromer players. This resulted in Cromer now able to form up a combined Under 13 and 14 age category players, naming themselves the Cromer Kookaburras, and given the task of competing in the Under 14 Div 2 comp for the season.



We welcomed Lachie Hegarty to Cromer, formerly from Collaroy Plateau, a key all-rounder who came to us with wicket keeping skills along with outstanding bowling and batting skills. Coupled with incoming Coach Anthony Caruso a former Cromer Junior, now playing rep cricket for Warringah, bringing an absolute passion for cricket that was enthusiastically passed onto our boys, along with Rob Cook as our ever present and always reliable Assistant Coach, we were ready to play some great cricket.

With 14 players the challenge was mainly in ensuring all had fair playing time, with everyone super keen to learn and improve on previous skillsets, and committed to training each week, playing time did prove to be very challenging.

This year continued with the process of appointing match day captains. Senior players Will Kennedy and Nick Rushton largely sharing the role of captaincy. This involved setting field placings, toss winning decisions, motivating the team and making bowling order decisions. This proved to be one of most noticeable skills for the Kookaburras being self-reliant and making on field decisions, showing levels of maturity well beyond their years, and compared to opposing teams still heavily reliant on decision making by their coaches while on field.

Training took on a drills and skills based flavour with the need for the less experienced players to hone skills further, along with improvements in bowling action and accuracy, shot practice and running between the wickets being and catching, the key areas worked upon.

Bowling depth within the Kookaburras was endless, with some key highlights being Kieran Wan with 5 wickets on the very first match of the season, laying the ground work for a very solid bowling effort all year. Will Prentice narrowly edging out other bowlers as the highest wicket taker this season, an outstanding effort from the always reliable Will Prentice who is also a key part of our batting attack. An absolutely outstanding effort by Nick Chambers one of the Kookaburras spin bowlers showing super improvements on the bowling front this season, and only narrowly edged out by Will Prentice overall number of wickets this season. Coupled with opening bowlers Matt Welsh and Kyle Ingall, we also saw Josh Short promoted up to opening bowler at the end of the season, as a result of all of his hard work training and focus on bowling. Solid bowling efforts also coming from Lachie Hegarty, Will Cook, Patrick Campbell and Kyle Sandy.

So much improvement from all of our players it was an extremely difficult decision to award Most Improved this season, with both coaches throwing in Nick Chambers due to his outstanding improvement on bowling front, Joel Ellul whom we saw with huge improvement on batting front with a retired not out and solid partnerships with various batsmen, finally settling on Josh Short who showed improvement across both bowling and batting performances, coupled with his commitment to training 2 days per week throughout the season.

Nick Rushton and Lachie Hegarty shared wicket keeping duties throughout the season, and we could not have had such great fielding statistics without their solid efforts at all times.

From a batting perspective, our Number 1 batter being Will Kennedy this season, showing some outstanding performances, closely followed by Nick Rushton and Pat Campbell, along with Kyle Ingall and Will Cook each batting at least 1 solid 20+ run matches. The Kookaburras run rates overall could have been higher and we will be working on confidence with our batting and improved partnerships, which was starting to come together towards the end of the season. We also had the following boys retired not out during the season: Will Cook, Will Kennedy, Nick Rushton, Kyle Ingall, Joel Ellul with Joel being in his 2nd year of cricket this was a very proud moment for Joel, and the team!

Other solid improvements within the team came from Thom Dale in his second year of cricket and coming into his own style. Thom moved up the batting order and showed some solid batting technique improvements, resulting in great partnerships towards latter part of the season, one not out match, and Thom also took some great catches.

The Kookaburras also entered a team in the u14B Manly Mini Bash. Three 20/20 matches were played on Tuesday evenings in February. Most of the team got involved with some help from younger brothers!, The team enjoyed the different challenge of 20/20, trying some new tactics and roles to expand their playing experiences. The match against Harbord, was the highlight, going down to the last over of the match. A brilliant knock from skipper Will Kennedy with some spectacular hitting almost seeing Cromer home. The points system of the Mini Bash suiting our bowling/fielding skill levels as we ended up with equal points with Harbord for the week, purely by taking more wickets and catches, and batters scoring more than 20 runs.

Thanks to all of our parents for their support in getting to training and matches, and special mentions for Kelvin Chambers our resident scorer for most matches, and Dave Rushton for umpiring which enabled our coaches to focus on the job of coaching. Also Thanks to Bill Prentice who helped me out as Manager, including the job of picking up kits for training and being our resident positive results man!

Hoping to see all the boys back for another year of even more improvement of cricketing skills, and a move up the ladder to the top.

Thanks Tammy Cook Proud Manager of the Cromer Kookaburras Season 15/16



Under 12 Division 1



Greg Rollins Coach Michelle Kennedy Manager

U11 Division 2

Joint U11 Premiers



David Crookwell Coach Keiryn Osbourne Manager

U10 Cromer Eagles

The U10 Cromer Eagles played in Division 2 this season. Our boys were exceptional and competed well with all teams despite being the youngest side in the competition. It was wonderful to see the development of all players in the areas of fielding, catching, batting and bowling. We scored over 100 runs in most innings and as the season progressed our ability to score runs & not lose wickets improved immensely. Our bowling became more accurate as did our throwing and ability to manufacture numerous run outs. Our catching also improved and we took 2-3 catches each match. The team was as follows:

Angus Greenland, Oscar Plummer, Jay Taylor, Connor Beat, Zach O'Sullivan, Harry O'Sullivan, Tyson Price, Josh Fitzgerald, Sam Delaney, Tye Rix and Nate Weiner.

Special thanks to Ben Plummer who co-coached the team and to Susan Delaney – our wonderful managerette and to all the parents for assistance in scoring, umpiring & supporting the team in so many positive ways.

Paul OSullivan (co-coach)

U10 Colts

The Colts had an outstanding year although the results may not have been in our favour. This year we had several new players including Hallie our first girl in the team. The team played to an extremely high standard and never stopped trying. The step up to Division 1 was a challenge as faced some very good teams, but all the team showed great skills and courage whilst improving in all areas of the game.

Their approach to training, whilst boisterous is to be commended. It's a pleasure to coach a team that enjoys each other company and likes to learn new skills. There are many standout moments, as many of the team took their first ever wickets, catches and run outs.

A special thank-you to the parents, who support the team every game and make it a very enjoyable Saturday morning in the park. A special thanks to Pip our manager, Dave and Steve for all their efforts in guiding and coaching the team.

In the end the real thanks goes to the team, the sportsmanship they showed and attitude to game in the face of strong opposition made me as a coach very proud of all of them. Congratulations to Sam R, Hallie, Johnny, Ben, Daniel, Baden, Ethan, Conner, James, Sam G, Rex and Jack, look forward to seeing you next year.



Stewart Edwards Coach

Cromer U9s Vikings Report



The Cromer U9s Vikings had their first year playing cricket as a team, so it was going to be an experience for all. The first few games saw the boys learn the basic cricket skills and did quite well for a new group of boys playing together. Soon though they turned from beginners with dramatic improvements in their running, batting, bowling and fielding skills. As a team they have really come together, with quite a few wins which they played very well on many occasions.

Dressed in their new shirts, they looked like a team of young professionals. Many of the boys are playing up a year. We have had some very good wins with a couple of games we scored over 100 and others we lost by only a small margin.

A couple of standouts this year with the bat and ball are Ethan, Toby C, James and Luke. Finley was a package with the ball straight away and blow me away with some off the balls he bowled. Charlie found form with the ball, along with Beau 6s, Hudson and Matthew. Ben & Toby H took some great wickets. Most boys enjoyed having a go at wicket keeping and the helmet looking funny on a few of them. In all the boys batted and bowled well and some fine fielding was done by all. A special thank you to Steve who helped out at training and game day teaching the boys some technical skills, and to all the parents for helping at training, umpiring and a special mention to Phil, Andrew and Matt with their help with scoring. A big mention to Kirstin our Team Manager for organising the Cricket Kit, game days & the fruit roster.

It is such a pleasure to see the boys each week at training, they are all so excited and really enjoy each other's company. It has been a real pleasure to watch the boys grow and develop as players, we have had a wonderful season with lots of great cricket and a load of fun. I laughed a lot and scratched my head a lot and I can't wait to do it again next year.

John Peters



Cromer Cobra's Under 9

Well what a year. The boys continued to build on the great base of skills learned in previous seasons and have turned into a pretty skilful and highly competitive team. One loss in two years – not a bad record!!.

Each of the boys continued to improve their bowling throughout the season led by the formidable pace attack of Zac, Khel, Luke, Jonah, Mark, and Benji. They were ably supported by our spin and medium pace attack of Tommy, Alfie, Jayden, Joel and Max. Key calls out in the bowling were Benji for his hatrick (due to a great catch from Khel!!!) and the great improvements shown by both Maxi and Joel over the year.

There was also some great fielding throughout the season with some great catches held by Alfie, Khel, Jonah and Maxi. Alfie in particular was very impressive in the field this year.

Batting techniques continue to improve with each of the boys starting to show the ability to play shots on either side of the wicket and to call their runs clearly. Key call outs from a batting perspective were Zac, Luke, Benji, Jonah, Khel and Tommy.

Thanks to all of the parents for their support in turning up to our matches, and Smiley Gilbert in particular for his help (and patience) in organising and warming up the boys on a weekly basis.

Also thanks again to Jason who has been the boys coach over the last 3 years. The improvement in the technique and ability of each of the boys in the team is evident, and is a testament to the effort that Jason puts in on a weekly basis which is greatly appreciated.

Pat Kennedy (Manager)

Cromer Crickets Season Report

A whole new team for 2015 after all our Crocs progressed to the Under 9's. The oldest players were 7 and the youngest, 5, with most never having played cricket before. We started with around 6 players and ended up with 10. Solid bonds have been formed even though there are a number of players from different schools.

We found that we were playing teams with a majority of players in their second year and higher ages. Despite this, the Crickets showed resilience and enthusiasm in every aspect of the game.

The team developed their basic skills well and we saw improvements week upon week. Bowling was a highlight of such a young team and this led to oppositions scoring runs because the balls were always pitched up to be hit. Wickets will tumble in place of runs as we develop.

Surprisingly, fielding was our key strength, despite some of the usual distractions that 6 years olds are prone to. Chasing your shadow and watching other games while in the field were sometimes humorous, frustrations.

We also can brag that we are truly unisex with Georgia Kralic being an integral, and not to be messed with, member of the team. Our parent's support was always enthusiastic and greatly appreciated. Turning up in force for the games, encouraging calls from the sidelines (sometimes annoying), help with umpire & coaching duties and delicious food and drinks after each game.

Thank you to Lena Lowe for managing the team, parents and players throughout the year. Her organizational skills were phenomenal. A special mention for sharing the premature aging, of training and umpiring, goes to Craig and Brett.

To Harry, Noah, Lucas, Jake, Georgia, Pat, Patrick, Alex, Aman, Taiaroa and Xander, a big thank you for all your efforts and I look forward to coaching you all next season, well done.

Mike Woods Coach

Kanga Report

The English social commentator GK Chesterton once wrote “he is a sane man who can have tragedy in his heart and comedy in his head.” This comment, sums up as it were the coach of the Cromer Kanga Crickets.

The team, comprising the future players of Australia, namely: William Bassett, Bailey Claydon, Flynn Doherty, Lucas Hickson, Michael Hopkins, Amman Khan, Noah McIvor, Dominic Younan, Kai Anderson and Piper Crookwell, developed their skills as the season progressed. The bowling became more controlled, the batting became much more coordinated (with great calling) and the fielding, the fielding was certainly something to behold!



William Bassett with his fine calling between the wickets whilst batting and bowling with the pace that would make Brett Lee proud. Bailey Claydon standing at first slip like the great former captain of Australia Mark Taylor, in that trademark hat of his, being the first to take that brilliant return catch. Michael Hopkins, like Glen Maxwell, enjoying seeing the ball sail over the fence while batting. Flynn Doherty, the next Xavier Doherty, batting and bowling like a demon, terrifying the opposition (as well as the coach) with that laugh of his. Piper Crookwell, as the next Elyse Perry batting with poise and bowling with frightening pace; Noah McIvor spinning the ball like Shane Warne, bamboozling even the umpire, and his batting put the health of the umpires at risk; Lucas Hickson, with his tactical nous, left arm bowling that would put Mitchell Johnson to shame, and left handed batting in the mold of David Warner; Amman Khan, who tried to copy in batting technique that man in Sachin Tendulkar and bowling with such pace that even the speed gun could not register; Kai Anderson who would bat and bat and bat, bowl and bowl and bowl like Jacques Kallis (one of the greatest all-rounders the world has ever seen). Not also to mention Dominic Younan, that tall lanky boy, bowling like that West Indian bowler in Curtly Ambrose.

Indeed, the fielding was something of great interest to the coach. Not so much with what they had to do, but rather in noticing nature at work, chasing around butterflies and worms rather than catching (or even stopping) that thing called a cricket ball.

The great highlight of the team was that epic match in which they won by one run. Unfortunately, the coach was not available at that game, so extended thanks and gratitude goes to Steve Claydon (Bailey's father), who was able to take and preside over the one great victory during the course of the season. And I do have suspicions on whether there was any money exchanged with either the stand-in coach, scorers or players involved. Reminds me of a former South African cricket captain...

My sincere gratitude goes to the following people who, if they did not contribute their valuable time and effort, Cromer Crickets would not have been the success that it was. To the manager in Sally Claydon and her husband Steve, with their tireless work and effort in organizing the practices, and sending emails to everyone concerning game day. Special mention and thanks goes to William's Bassett's father Dean, who, if it was not for his help, the practices during the week just would not have been able to go ahead.

Finally great thanks goes to every single parent that was able to devote their time and effort in bringing their child to both the practices and game day. Now that the season has ended, the one thing that everyone should be proud of is that the Cromer Kanga Crickets were able to develop and work together as a team.

So as I look to sign off this report, indeed I can say that I am that man that Chesterton wrote about "tragedy in my heart yet comedy in my head."

Daniel Younan, Coach.





Kanga Condors Season Report

The Cromer Condors took their inaugural season with great aplomb. Despite a good number of the team not knowing one end of the bat from the other, or the finer details of throwing Vs bowling, much fun was had throughout the season.

Whilst the boys may not have been competitive in all matches, interest was held all year and I'm sure that season 2015/16 will see the team stronger and more competitive. Irrespective, the boys had fun.

I was particularly impressed in the way the boys took on some of the finer techniques of the game; particularly in bowling techniques, running between wickets and backing up the thrower are areas all the boys improved.

We were also very fortunate to have a great team manager, Brooke, who needs much thanks for all her organisation – particularly corralling the parents to assist with scoring, fruit etc.

Well done Condors on a fabulous season.

Tome Goode Coach