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Hamilton Cricket Association

Annual Report

2022-23 Season

01 May 2022 – 30 April 2023

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Chair's Report

Fabian Pathirana

The 2022-23 season was one which held many hopes for returning to full season activity, however unrelenting rain throughout the summer meant a number of disruptions. The season started on 01 October as it ended on Sunday 09 April, with rain. The introduction of PlayHQ as the new national registration and competition platform had an obvious impact on the cricket network not only across Hamilton, but throughout the country. Hamilton Cricket would like to thank all the players and volunteers for everybody's effort to embed the platform. It was pleasing to see a return to tamariki and rangatahi cricket after a number of disrupted seasons with some seasonal data showing Hamilton clubs and schools have held steady despite some challenging seasons:

- 2,942 participants (6% female) across 222 teams.
- 267 SuperSmash Hub registrations.
- 32% of schools and 13,075 students received a cricket experience through the SuperSmash school programme offerings.
- 119 tamariki and rangatahi coaches registered.
- Pathway programmes and opportunities delivered for players and coaches between Year 9-13.

It was an exciting season for our Rangatahi representative sides as the Northern Districts Rangatahi tournaments made a welcome return post Covid. Playing opportunities were offered at both tournament but across further fixtures in both Term 4 and Term 1.

The HCA Senior Mens team enjoyed an unprecedented year winning all three Northern Districts tournaments under the guidance of Anton Devcich; Fergus Hickey Rosebowl, Brian Dunning Trophy and the Northern Brave T20 Smash.

At a Senior club, of the twelve competitions played, Star University and Hamilton Old Boys each won four trophies which Marist Suburbs claimed two and Fraser Tech one (the Spark Limited Overs was won by Karaka CC). The Spark Limited Overs competition saw a return to include all Premier teams across Counties Manukau, Hamilton and Waikato Valley with the introduction of semi finals to the competition. The HCA Business House league saw a slight drop in entries (-8 teams) but the return to regular competition play was welcomed by all. There was an exciting addition of an all womens competition across both Hamilton and Waikato Valley which took place in Term 1. Rangatahi team entries remain static from the previous year while tamariki teams saw a welcome increase as new clubs were established and schools reengaged with extra curricular activities post Covid impacted years.

Off the field of play, Hamilton had a significant change with a new Constitution being voted in which means all Board members will now be appointed rather than elected. Cricket also continues to collaborate with the Hamilton City Council regarding the quality and quantity of grounds with a clear vision for future improvement. The partnership with Northern Districts continues to grow year-on-year with ND overseeing community delivery.

The HCA Board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone involved in cricket for the effort and energy to ensure cricket happened at all possible opportunities.

Community Report – Development and Competition

Game Development

Mikayla Gillespie: Development Manager – Waikato

School Delivery – Over 13,000 tamariki and Rangatahi from Hamilton Schools participated in one of the three SuperSmash school programmes (Awareness, Skills and Festival Days). This is around 32% of the student population participating from 41% of Hamilton schools. This is a significant growth from previous seasons, with the introduction of Anna Cooper in the Development Officer – Hamilton and Raglan role a key part of this growth. Poor weather has hindered some school's participation in programmes, particularly in Term 4, however the delivery team have worked hard to ensure as many of these sessions could be rescheduled as possible. The re-establishment of inter-school SuperSmash Festival days after years of cancellations due to covid was exciting, however these had minimal uptake with four schools taking part in a Festival day and another five schools registered for the Raglan Festival which was rained off twice this season.

Hubs –267 tamariki registered for a SuperSmash Hub across seven Hamilton hubs. This includes the introduction of a Hub in Huntly, a Year 5-8 Hub in Raglan, and a girls only Hub at Steele Park. The largest of these was held at Discovery Park with 61 participants in Term 4 and 46 in Term 1. The 'Raglan Year 1-4 Hu'b also saw significant growth with 37 participants across the two terms, compared with 11 in 2021/22.

Additional opportunities – The season also saw the return of the highly regarded Backyard Smash event in conjunction with Sport Waikato; This is Me. Over 60 women attended the event at Seddon Park, which aims to provide rangatahi girls and women with an opportunity to experience cricket in a social setting.

A number of additional participation opportunities took place throughout the season, targeting non-traditional cricketing groups. This included a Whanau have-a-go day, in partnership with Parafed Waikato, aimed at providing opportunities to those with disabilities and the inaugural Kilikiti Festival, held at Seddon Park in association with Talents of the Pacific Academy, which saw five Kilikiti teams compete for the title in a day filled with Pacifika celebration and culture.

Club and School Capability - Eleven cricket clubs were active, with the introduction of the new Northern United Sports Club fielding junior teams and Orini Cricket Club combining their team with North Waikato Cricket Club. Eight primary/intermediate schools and seven Secondary schools/colleges entered teams in junior and youth competitions. The number of school's entering teams have reduced slightly due to the increased presence of clubs in the junior space, with six clubs entering junior teams, four of whom were entering junior teams for the first time.

Coaches - 119 coaches registered on the national database which is sufficient coverage to coach all junior/youth teams. Support from schools and clubs is critical to best ensure a safe and enjoyable environment.

Competitions

Naomi Matthews – Competitions, Tournaments and Programmes Manager

Junior and Youth Competitions –

With both terms fully operational for junior and youth competitions, despite some weather impacts, 120 junior and youth teams competed this year. Numbers are not back to pre-covid but are on an upward trend.

The participant experience is front and centre for HCA across junior and youth competitions, using end of season surveys to provide key information to support the community in their experience and education behind structures of competitions.

Senior Competitions –

This season saw the establishment of a Waikato Women's Competition which saw three Waikato-wide clubs produce women's teams to compete across both one-day and T20 formats. In addition to this, a four-week women's social competition was established in the second half of the year, with two teams comprising mostly of women who have never played cricket before.

Senior clubs across HCA maintained mens team numbers compared to last year with 38 teams. The Spark Competition was a good start to the season with Counites Manukau re-joining the competition this year.

Trophies were shared across the majority of clubs, with Hamilton Star University, Hamilton Old Boys, Marist

Suburbs and Fraser Tech all picking up silverware across Premier to C Grade competitions.

The Business House league saw a drop in team entries with 64 competing in the mid-week modified format.

Regional and NZC National School tournaments -

With the postponement of regional tournaments in Term 1 2022, both Gillette Cup and Gillette Venus Cup qualifiers for 2022 were held in Term 4 2022. Qualifiers for the 2023 Nationals was held in Term 1 2023.

Gillette Cup (Term 4 22) – Hamilton Boys’ High School lost in the final to Tauranga Boys College. St Paul’s Collegiate made it to the semi finals, while St John’s College made it to the quarter finals.

Gillette Cup (Term 1 23) – St John’s College, St Paul’s Collegiate and Hamilton Boys’ High School finished 8th, 3rd and 2nd respectively.

Gillette Venus Cup (Term 4 22)– Waikato Diocesan competed, winning the regional tournament and represented ND at the NZC National tournament in December 2022.

Gillette Venus Cup (Term 1 23)– Cambridge High School competed, finishing 3rd.

Junior Secondary School Boys – St Peter’s School, Cambridge competed, finishing 3rd.

Player Registration & Scoring Platform

This season saw the nation-wide introduction of PlayHQ as the new player registration and scoring platform. While the change process caused a number of challenges across the network, it was great to see the platform fully embedded.

With 2, 942 players recorded in the NZ multiplier census, this shows a nearly identical participation base when compared to last season. The detail of this participation shows a rejuvenation of junior participation and a slight loss of senior participation.

The online scoring across PlayHQ provided some initial challenges but as PlayHQ and NZC released various updates, these improvements saw greater user experiences. NZC continue to work with PlayHQ on additional priorities of implementation ahead of next year. Clubs and schools have again provided great support to ensure that the database of players is accurate and complete.

Thank You

HCA would like to thank all volunteers across the community game who ensure that participants of all ages and abilities have an opportunity to experience and enjoy our summer game. The season has been a season full of adaptability and agility, but the resilience, mahi and passion of all volunteers has ensured it has been a success.

Community Grade – Club and School Award Recipients

Non-Player Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL	AWARDED TO	CLUB/SCHOOL
E.S. Thomas Trophy	Umpire of the Season	Greg Pennell	
A.D.G. Roberts Trophy	Service to Cricket	Janice Fraser	Hamilton Old Boys

Junior & Youth Grade Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL	AWARDED TO
	Secondary Girls Competition Winner	Rototuna High School
	Year 9 Boys Competition Winner	St Johns College
	<i>Year 10 Boys Competition Winner</i>	<i>Not awarded – Combined with Year 9</i>
	Colts Competition Winner	Hamilton Boys High School
	Division 1 Competition Winner	Hillcrest High School
	Division 2 A Competition Winner	St Peter's School
	<i>Division 2 B Competition Winner</i>	<i>Not awarded – Combined with 2A</i>
Sport Waikato Trophy	Secondary Girls Competition Winner	Rototuna High School
Puna Shield	Year 9 Boys Competition Winner	Cambridge High School
Bradburn Shield	Year 10 Boys Competition Winner	Valley Cricket
Sport Waikato Shield	Colts Competition Winner	St Paul's Collegiate
Waikato Secondary Schools Trophy	Division 1 Competition Winners	Hauraki Plains College
Austin Shield	Division 1 Competition Runners Up	St Paul's Collegiate
Baird Shield	Division 2 A Winners	Morrinsville College
Sam Baird Shield	Division 2 B Winners	Otorohanga College

Junior & Youth Individual Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL – TERM 1 2020	AWARDED TO	SCHOOL
Secondary Girls	Most Runs	Scherize Van Der Mescht	Rototuna High School
	Most Wickets	Poppy Jamieson	Cambridge High School
Secondary Boys Year 9	Most Runs	Toby McLuskie	Te Awamutu College
	Most Wickets	Toby McLuskie	Te Awamutu College
Secondary Boys Year 10	Most Runs	Damian Wagner	Rototuna High School
	Most Wickets	Aryan Patel	Valley Cricket
Secondary Boys Colts	Most Runs	Finn Bell	St Paul's Collegiate
	Most Wickets	Harrison Clarke	Hamilton Boys High School
Waikato Senior Secondary	Most Runs Division 2 B	Hoani Wilson	Matamata College
	Most Wickets Division 2 B	Henry Murchie	Otorohanga College
	Most Runs Division 2 A	Jacob Hagoort	Morrinsville College
	Most Wickets Division 2 A	Emerson Berry	Te Awamutu College
	Most Runs Division 1	Trent Ball	Hauraki Plains College
	Most Wickets Division 1	Saber Khawrin	Hillcrest High School

Senior Grade Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL	AWARDED TO
D.E.G Nielsen Cup	Senior B T20	Hamilton Star University
I.H. Bailey Cup	Senior A T20	Hamilton Star University
R.M. Dodunski Trophy	Premier T20	Hamilton Star University
C.H. Hamilton Trophy	Senior C Champions	Marist Suburbs
B.H. Pairaudeau Cup	Senior B Limited Overs	Hamilton Star University
G.S. Hampton Cup	Senior B Champions	Fraser Tech
J.R. Bailey Cup	Senior A Limited Overs	Hamilton Old Boys
R.J. Sigley Cup	Senior A Champions	Hamilton Old Boys
A.H.S. Holland Plate	Limited Overs	Marist Suburbs
Spark Premier Trophy	Combined Premier Limited Overs	Karaka
E. Marr Bowl	Premier Round Robin	Hamilton Old Boys
H.H. Howden Cup	Premier Champions	Hamilton Old Boys
Business House League	Tuesday Social Division	Good Bugger
	Tuesday Semi Social Division	Roto TK's
	Wednesday Social Division	Full Tossers
	Wednesday Semi Social Division	One staff 3 rd XI

Senior Individual Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL	AWARDED TO	CLUB/SCHOOL
S.B. Baird Trophy	Performance of the Howden Cup Final	Kendall Nolan	Hamilton Old Boys
W.J. Tiller Trophy	Premier MVP	Jacob Parker	Hamilton Old Boys
J.E. Mills Plate	Most Club Runs	Sajith Dhambagolla	Hamilton Star University
J.K. Everest Cup	Highest Club Score	Jacob Parker	Hamilton Old Boys
N.A. McMahon Cup	Fastest Club Century	Adam Keene	Gallagher Melville
E.C. Petrie Trophy	Most Wicket-Keeping Dismissals	Matt Whitley	Hamilton Old Boys
P.J & D.E Page Trophy	Most Fielder's Catches	Alex Clare	Marist Suburbs
M. Barnett Trophy	Most Wickets in an Innings	Rubal Bhagat	Hamilton Old Boys
A.F. Lissette Trophy	Most Club Wickets	Rubal Bhagat	Marist Suburbs
G.C. Quick Trophy	Senior A MVP	Sansar Gulia	Hamilton Old Boys
	Senior B MVP	Nikunj Thakar	Fraser Tech
	Senior C MVP	Shannon Mackey	Hamilton Old Boys

Community Report – Pathway Rangatahi and Senior

Rangatahi

Deepak Joon: Pathway and Talent Coach – Waikato

The 2022-23 season started with coach appointments in August and continued through until the first week of April. The Pathway Programme for youth and emerging, boys and girls, started with training opportunities which commenced at end of August to mid of September, this included nets sessions and fielding sessions. These trainings provided coaches and selectors opportunities to look at players executing their skills to be able to shortlist the players and then give these shortlisted players match opportunities to showcase their talent in proper game environment. These games were a mix of inter squad games and against other District Association.

The tournament experience was focused on 'Connecting people, Creating memories' and development of players. Hamilton performed well in all Rangatahi tournaments and had a number of significant performances.

In early 2023 there were development opportunities provided to players, including playing opportunities as part of the extended playing calendar for Pathway cricket. Unfortunately, the weather was a major challenge throughout the season and it was a credit to the players and parents for their ongoing resilience. A leadership group was created in both the male and female squads, whilst coach developer opportunities were ongoing.

Coach appointments for the 2022-23 season:

- Youth Rangatahi Girls: Mereana Hyde
- Youth Rangatahi Boys: Sam Sinclair
- Emerging Rangatahi Girls: Mereana Hyde
- Emerging Rangatahi Boys: Zac Corban

Highlights of the season for Pathway players:

- Angus Henry: Highest run scorer in the Emerging Boys tournament, 304 at an average of 76, included the best of 104 runs in an inning.

- Joshua Weerasinghe: Joint second highest wicket taker in the Youth Boys tournament, 10 wickets at the strike rate of 25.8.
- Snehith Reddy: 2nd Highest wicket taker in the Emerging Boys tournament, 14 wickets at the strike rate of 15.43.

A massive thank you to all the coaches, volunteers, parents and supporters throughout the season, for their work and support. Well done to all players involved in this pathway season and we look forward to seeing you again in 2023-24 season.

Tuakāna 1st XI Men

Coach: Anton Devcich

The 2022/23 cricket season for the Hamilton men's side was a successful one. In one of the worst rain effected summers we've seen, games this year in particular were played in under prepared grounds due to weather. Three competitions were tightly contested with each competition going down to the final round where different winners were possible. Thankfully this summer Hamilton were able to be crowned winners for all three. The white ball formats were a key focus as we felt our team could excel in the field and apply pressure to opposition teams with good old-fashion basics, this was the basis of our success. Running hard between wickets and fielding our hearts out, was a good base for us moving forward into the Fergus Hickey. The standards set by Hamilton in the field were excellent with only one or two catches being dropped the entire season including some outstanding slip catches by Paddy Carson, Jack Devane and Anaurag Verma. Notable mentions in the white ball formats must go to Anish Desai for his match winning knock v BOP, Nick Farrell, Troy Mitchel and Michael Dodunski for good contributions with the ball throughout the two competitions. The Fergus Hickey was no different with this competition not being decided till the last session of the final day. We started the season with a massive outright victory against Counties who have been a solid team over the past few seasons to only let go of our points lead a week later when we put in our worst performance of the year against Northland which resulted in our only loss of the season. This being said the guys stood up and in the following few games we managed to pick up points where we could as the weather intervened. This left us two points behind Counties leading into the

final match where we played Waikato Valley. We needed to secure full first innings points and hope for BOP to do us a favour and deny Counties a victory. With one eye on our game and one on the other it was a tense two days, which resulted in Hamilton scraping over the line to take out the Fergus Hickey. This was a collective effort, everyone chipped in throughout the season but Freddy Walker's 5 wicket bag and Sajith Dhambagolla's crucial ton in the last game was a great way to put Hamilton's stamp on the season. Many thanks to my players who show a massive love for playing for their team mates and always give 100% whilst representing the Pukes.

Tuakāna Women

Brett Sorrenson: Pathway and Talent Manager

The Waikato combined (Hamilton and Waikato Valley) team was a new addition to the 2022-23 season. This was an initiative to enable elevated opportunities for players across both areas in addition to the Rangatahi fixtures. The Waikato combined team played one fixture vs BOP at Blake Park, with the return fixture scheduled in Matamata unfortunately abandoned without play. The youthful Waikato team were unable to match the BOP team on the day with a comprehensive loss.

HCA Representative Award Recipients

Rangatahi Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL	AWARDED TO
The Baird-Hamilton Trophy	Most outstanding Player	Not awarded this season
Kerry Calnon Trophy	Best Performed Senior Secondary Player	Not awarded this season
	Boys Best Batter	Not awarded this season
	Boys Best Bowler	Not awarded this season
	Boys Best Fielder	Not awarded this season
	Boys Best Wicketkeeper	Not awarded this season
	Boys Most Improved	Not awarded this season
Robyn Dunstan Cup	Most Valuable U15 Girls Player	Not awarded this season
Secondary Girls Cup	Most Valuable Secondary Girls Player	Not awarded this season

Senior Awards

TROPHY	DETAIL	AWARDED TO
	NPL Most Runs	Not awarded this season
	NPL Most Wickets	Not awarded this season
	NPL Most Improved	Not awarded this season
	NPL MVP	Not awarded this season
A.E. Gibbons Trophy	Best Batting Performance	Jack Devane
A.E. Gibbons Trophy	Best Bowling Performance	Nick Farrell
W.P. Bradburn Trophy	Most Representative Runs	Jack Devane
N. Puna Trophy	Most Representative Wickets	Nick Farrell
C. W. Dickeson Trophy	Best A Team Performance	Jack Devane
C.J Stevens Trophy	Best B Team Performance	Not awarded this season

Officials Report

Luan Kloppers – ND Regional Officials Coordinator and Umpire Developer

Hamilton Umpires performed well in the 2022/23 season. Umpire numbers are stable and the season ended with a few new umpires joining. Umpires were able to officiate in most Premier fixtures and the umpires were the host umpires for the Gillette Cup fixtures at the end of the season. The umpires had several get togethers during the season and participated in all the ND Officials training and development sessions. The umpires were well represented on the ND and NZC Panels and Texin Thangalathill scored the highest marks in the National Level 4 exam with an outstanding 99.5%.

Despite challenging weather and ground conditions throughout the season, the group of umpires represented their HCA well. Brett Thornburn and Chris Glassey retired from umpiring and Lui Els retired from representative cricket but will still be involved in club cricket. We thank them for their time and role in Hamilton Cricket. Peter Budgen is also stepping down from his role as Umpire Developer and Appointment Officer. Thanks to Peter for the work done in this space.

Congratulations to Greg Pennell who made his Ford Trophy (2) and Televised Super Smash debut this season.

Northern Districts & New Zealand Representation & Recognition

HCA would like to acknowledge player, coach and official representations which achieved further honours this season:

PLAYER	New Zealand	Scott Kuggeleijn	Mitchell Santner
	New Zealand A / Invitational	Scott Kuggeleijn	
	New Zealand Māori Secondary School		
	New Zealand U19		
	Northern Districts	Emma Baker Peter Boccock Lucy Boucher Scott Kuggeleijn Eimear Richardson Mitchell Santner	Charlotte Sarsfield Anurag Verma Josef Walker Freddy Walker Eve Wolland
	Northern Districts A	Emma Baker Kuwyn Price Peter Boccock Ewald Schreuder Jacob Parker Jack Devane	Mereana Hyde Naomi Matthews Freddy Walker Nick Farrell Eve Wolland
	Northern Districts U19	Ewald Schreuder	Eve Wolland
	Northern Districts U17	Angus Henry Snehith Reddy	Eve Wolland
	OFFICIAL (S)=Scorer	New Zealand National Panel	Justin Williams (S)
New Zealand Reserve Panel		Damien Morrow	Shrinish Nagar (S)
Northern Districts Regional Panel		Greg Pennell	Lui Els
Northern Districts Development Panel		Texin Thangalathill Bhavin Parshottham	Brett Thornburn (retired)
Northern Districts Emerging Panel		Jack Fraser Jones	

Northern Districts Annual Awards

HCA would like to acknowledge regional award winners at the Northern Districts Annual Awards:

AWARD	AWARDED TO	AWARD DETAIL
Outstanding Contribution and Services to Community Coaching	Aaron Coombes (St. Johns College)	Community
Community Engagement Strategy	Talents of the Pacific (TOPA)	Community
Service to Cricket	Fabian Pathirana	Community
Regional Official of the Year	Greg Pennell	Performance

New Zealand Cricket Community Annual Awards

HCA would like to acknowledge regional award winners at the New Zealand Cricket Annual Awards:

TROPHY	AWARDED TO	AWARD DETAIL
Club of the Year	North Waikato Cricket Club	Community
Official of the Year	Greg Pennell	Community

Finances

Included are the pre-audited financial statements. The audited financials will be tabled at the AGM.