



# Edinburgh Cricket Club

Junior Season Report 2020-21

## ***President's Season Report 2020-21***

Dear players, parents, family members and other supporters,

Every season I love to reflect on the wonderful experiences created across the club every week. Given the challenges of 2020, and the uncertainty we would be able to get a season even 8 months ago, my heart swells with even greater pride this season. I am incredibly grateful to be part of a club that can deliver smiles, laughter, and no doubt occasional tears to so many kids (and adults) within the local community.

This was a season like no other and we all owe enormous thanks to those who stepped up and helped in any way. A special mention to all our coaches, team managers and COVID officers. Congratulations to Cameron MacDonald (Junior Coordinator) and Louise Dichiera (Club Administrator) for pulling it all together. You both should be extraordinarily proud of your ongoing contributions and the club is heavily indebted to you.

I wanted to particularly mention those younger seniors and older juniors who took on coaching roles of either junior teams or at Cricket Blast. I believe coaching is a wonderful experience for young people and I love the opportunities and growth we see in those that give it a go.

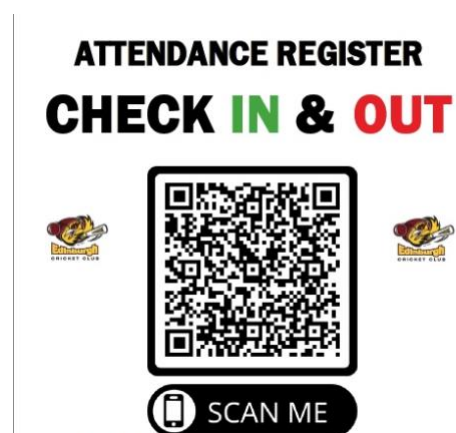
We have an incredibly exciting future ahead of us with the ongoing growth and enjoyment of our players coming through, continued investment in coaching and development, and almost \$10M in committed funding to upgrade our clubrooms.

Fingers crossed 2021 runs smoother than 2020 and you all can experience your winter passions. We're already looking forward to a bigger and better season next year. As always, we'd love your feedback on what we could do better and better yet if you're able to help us deliver on it.

Go Well,

**Stuart Whiley**  
President  
Edinburgh Cricket Club

## *Junior Coordinator's Season Report 2020-21*



If there is one symbol to define this season, for me it is this one. Whilst it doesn't conjure up positive memories it is a reminder of the enormous effort that went in to playing cricket this year and to get through the season without any COVID-related mishaps was a great outcome and a credit to everyone for following the protocols.

Bar the cancellation of one round on February 13 when Melbourne went into a brief lockdown, the season went relatively smoothly and the weather was kind.

We fielded 24 teams in total this season; in the weekend competition we had 4 x U10s teams, 7 x U12, 6 x U14, 2 x U16, 1 U18. The lack of pre-season training meant we were unable to undertake any grading sessions and relied on prior year performance as a guide and on balance we got the player allocations right. The majority of our teams were competitive and we had two teams out of a possible thirteen make it through to the finals, with the U12B Yellow and U14C Yellow making it into the semi-finals.

In this girl's competition, this season was a year of transition with our 4-in-a-row premierships winning senior team (Stage 3) mostly all having to move on with four taking up coaching roles with the junior girl's teams, as well as some playing for the Women's team. This gave the club an opportunity to move some younger players into the Stage 3 team who were competing against much bigger and older opposition, continually improving as the season progressed. The intermediate girls (Stage 2) had sufficient numbers for two teams and our junior team (Stage 1) had a fun season under the guidance of our Club President and two ex-players culminating in another grand final.

The COVID Officer was a new role that we added to the line-up this year and along with the coaches and team managers you all did a fantastic job and the club and broader parent group owe you an enormous debt of gratitude because without you the games would not go on. One thing I have noticed this year is that we all seem to be getting more savvy with MyCricket with there being fewer issues both on game day and finalizing the results – plus we all seem to be getting the hang of the key routine.

The Age Level Coordinators (ALCs) play a significant support role for coaches, team managers, parents and players. To Paul Grover (Girls), Matt Cleary (U16), Tim Dichiera (U12) and Andrew Walton (U10), a big thank you from me for taking on the ALC roles. I would like to single out Tim for doing a power of work in helping me with the team allocations at the commencement of the season. Louise Dichiera again did an amazing job as Club Administrator in keeping everything behind the scene ticking over.

Finally, thanks to the Club Executive for the support you have provided me; Stephen Connolly as my go-to person for guidance on sorting out issues, Richard Hinds for doing a huge job juggling grounds, turf issues and equipment, and President Stuart Whiley who

genuinely puts the junior program at the top of the priority list given it forms the pipeline of talent for the senior teams of tomorrow.

I hope all families enjoyed the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the club for the 2021-22 season.

Cameron MacDonald – Junior Coordinator

## Girls Stage 1

This season has been really enjoyable for the Stage 1 Junior Girls' Team. We have had many wins and all the players have had fun participating and have learned lots of new things.

Due to these results, the team has had a great opportunity to work on key skills, meaning that everyone's bowling, batting, and fielding has improved amazingly over the season. We're super proud of the progress that each team member has made and look forward to seeing their cricket progress in the future.

Annabelle, Sana, and Clio have shown some amazing bowling all throughout the season, taking many wickets and showing consistent line and length. The batting from Clara, Lucia, and Anika has been very impressive to watch, with some very good running between wickets.

Lola's wicketkeeping has also been a great asset for the team, with a couple of good catches behind the stumps. Although we only had Mabel's awesome batting for half of the season, Maya has joined us with a positive attitude and some great batting too!

**Clio Fayers:** has been a committed part of the team and she comes to training every week. Her batting and bowling have improved over the season. Her bubbly energy and her willingness to participate during games and training are why we are glad to say Clio has the coaching award.

**Annabelle Christie:** this was Annabelle's first season playing with the girls. She has shown passion and commitment to everything we've done this season. Watching her progress with her bowling has been very impressive....and having taken a total of 10 wickets with an average of 10.7 we are proud to present Annabelle with the bowling award

**Clara Dessi:** watching Clara smash the ball towards the boundary every week has been extremely exhilarating! Her love of batting has been clearly shown from her positive energy at all the games. With 120 runs, Clara has been chosen for the batting award

**Sana Srivastava:** Sana's bowling has been very awesome all season. And does waver even when she wears school shoes! Thank for your committed attitude all season Sana.

**Maya de Silva:** a late arrival to the stage 1 Edinburgh girls hasn't stopped Maya from presenting us with some stunning cricket skills. With the couple of games she has played she has shown immense talent and improvement. Well done hope to see you next season.

### GIRLS STAGE 1 SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Mabel Blake
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Lucia Brouwer
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Anabelle Christie
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Clara Dessi
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Maya de Silva
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Clio Fayers
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Anika Krishnapillai
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Sana Srivastava
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Lola Whiley
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#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Mikaela Kennedy/Caitlin  
Jack/Stuart Whiley

#### TEAM MANAGER

Jo Bradley/Chris Fayers

**Anika Krishnapillai:** Niks, your excitement and positivity at every training and game has been so amazing for us at coaching. You have listened to all our tips and improved so much. Thank u so much!!!

**Lucia Brouwer:** Chia - with your extreme energy you have honestly amused us abs the whole team every week. Your running between wickets has been super to see abs has improved your batting so much! You've been awesome this season and we hope to see u next year

**Lola Whiley:** your wicket keeping had been fabulous to watch. And your yelling yes and no calls have really taught the rest of the girls the importance of calling. Your batting and bowling all round have really improved and you've been an amazing asset to the team. Congrats on your first season

A season highlight was a visit at training and some coaching from the legendary Belinda Clarke, which the team really benefited from.

Thank you so much to our manager Jo and all the parents, as you all helped to make this season fun and possible for the team!

## ***Girls Stage 2 Gold***

### **Player Summaries**

#### **Elinor Hastings**

Elinor, being a little older, clearly demonstrates a good example of batting and fielding for the rest of the team. I've admired her determination and focus to improve all areas in her cricketing and I especially notice with bowling, where she already is telling herself what she could have done better before I do. Her natural abilities set a good ground for the team.

#### **Lily Middleton**

Lily seemed to enjoy her first season at Edinburgh. She's improved so much in all areas. I will specifically acknowledge a game in (possibly?) Camberwell a few weeks ago, where she performed exceptionally and got the highest runs in the team and for herself. Her bowling is probably what was needing the most work initially; now the majority of her balls are legal and there's so much more power in them. She shows great potential.

#### **Eliza Murdoch**

Eliza is a great all-rounder. She bowls fast, she can throw far, and she knows how to smash a four. I appreciate her outgoingness in running for as many singles as possible (even if it did mean a few wickets, it's a great starting point and demonstrates an attacking attitude when batting). She was willing to wicket-keep for us all the majority of the season with very little complaint apart from wanting to bowl. She's a great part of the team's defence as well as attack.

#### **Evie Legge**

I really liked Evie's attitude and funny personality. She stood out as a great bowler and responded well to feedback. She was definitely consistent in batting and fielding as well. I could rely on Evie to bring energy to every game and players clearly fed off of this, making every game enjoyable despite whether we lost or won.

#### **Ellie Patterson**

It was sad to see Ellie unable to attend a lot of the second season. As with every player in this team, Ellie was a star player. She showed outstanding motivation to improve and put effort into responding to feedback. Her well-rounded and positive personality with her endeavour in each aspect of the game really supported the team.

### **GIRLS STAGE 2 GOLD SEASON 2020-21**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Elinor Hastings
Evie Legge
Lily Middleton
Eliza Murdoch
Ellie Patterson
Lucy Ryan
Holly Scammell
Isla Wolstenholme

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING**

Anna Stephens

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

James Wolstenholme

### **Lucy Ryan**

Lucy was definitely a strong bowler. Despite the occasional high, her full tosses were good at catching the batter off-guard. Dot-ball is a good ball! She also demonstrated strive to improve and understand my feedback throughout the season. Perhaps, Lucy could wander into the territory of spin bowling with the slow pace of her current bowling that suits her.

### **Isla Wolstenholme**

Isla certainly improved so much this season. Her bowling is now some of the best in the league and it continues to improve in accuracy and pace. She demonstrates how one can be fun, supportive and loud but also able to stay focused and powerful. Isla's footwork in batting shows potential but is just taken away with her habit of taking a step away from the wickets! She understands this and is working to rid of the instinct. She holds the team together with her bubbly personality.

### **Holly Scammell**

Despite being a newer member of the team, Holly has brought so much to it. She knows how to smack a four. Her confidence and experience fill the gaps and make the team whole. I might suggest tying her hair back for more accurate bowling however she seems to quite like it down.

## **Awards**

### **Batting Award**

Holly Scammell, 66 runs, 33 average

### **Bowling Award**

Isla Wolstenholme, 5 wickets, 11 average

### **Coach's Award**

Eliza Murdoch



## Girls Stage 2 Maroon

After a testing pre-season and with a few gun recruits the season snuck up upon us rather quickly. Before we knew it, we were in a battle with Heathmont at Hislop.

Our bowling as usual was extremely dependable and with only 7 extras the coach was extremely happy we were hitting our KPI's. (Less than 10 extras = Win). Our batting was solid only losing 2 wickets and the Mighty Maroon's were on the board with an early Win. We had two run outs which will become a theme in this report.

Round 2 came along and unfortunately for Kerrimuir uniting the girls were up and about and posted a healthy 2/78 off our 20. **Eadie** top scored with a fine 21 with **Siena** and **Acacia** in support with 15 and 13. We again bowled extremely well restricting them to 6/53 off their 20. **Maddy** was the pick of the bowlers with 2/11 off 4 overs.

Round 3 saw us at the home of cricket Brunswick Street oval. Against our arch rival Boroondara we held them to 7/83 which they thought was enough. Unfortunately for them our complete batting line up decided today was the day and we put on the batting clinic amassing 1/110. Everyone with 8 or above and **Acacia** getting 31. There were 2 run outs with 1 direct hit from **Maddy**.

Round 4 vs Richmond was a game we had to learn from as we starting running kamikaze style. We let a few too many extras through this game but we fought really hard in the end but fell short by two runs. Just the 1 run out this game. **Ada** bowled extremely well this game capturing 2/11. **Eadie** batted extremely well to top score with 19. Unfortunately, with 2 overs to spare we had a run out and that was our last wicket.

Round 5 was a tough game and the opposition made 4/104 with all our bowlers going for a few too many runs except for **Eadie** who took 3/11. As usual we fought really hard with the bat to get to all out for 70 in reply. **Acacia** starred with 27no.

Round 7 we really needed to bounce back after a couple of losses and that's what we did. We made 0/103 after being sent in with all the girls contributing. This is the game that will be remembered for our fielding. We had 5 runouts which of two were direct hits! The girls fielding was sensational and we bowled them out for 74. The other team were in shock as every time they took our fielders on it was another run out.

### GIRLS STAGE 2 MAROON SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Eadie Blackman

Eva Cormie

Charlotte Delahunt

Madelyne Delahunt

Siena Dowsing

Ada Ryan

Acacia Schipper

Charlotte Silver

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Julian Delahunt

#### TEAM MANAGER

Lisa Dowsing

Round 9 was a really good close game of cricket. Being sent in again we were able to compile a solid 2/70. **Acacia** again dominate with the bat with 27no. **Acacia** had great support from **Siena** and **Charlotte D**. Our bowling was consistent until **Eva** stole the game taking 4/1 off her 3 overs. This was the best spell the coach has seen from anybody from any team this season. Another direct hit run out from **Maddy** sealed the deal.

Round 10 was the one game this team seems to have ever season. We were a bit flat and the opposition made 6/91. **Maddy** again with another direct hit run out. Our bowling was solid but not as tight as usual. Our batting was woeful with **Maddy** top scoring with 10 out of 17. We needed to bounce back quickly.

Round 11 that's exactly what we did. Bouncing back after our narrow defeat against Richmond in the earlier rounds. Bowling first we kept them to 2/73 off their 20 overs. Everyone bowled extremely disciplined lines with **Maddy** 1/4 off 3 overs and Eadie 1/7 off 2 the pick of the bowlers. Chasing we lost 2 early wickets but then consolidated and made 3/96. **Acacia** and **Ada** both getting 20 with great support again by **Siena** with 14. Great win with everyone in the team contributing.

Round 12 versus Koonung Heights although not a real Grand Final it was the two best teams fighting it out. Koonung dominated the year with the last three scores before our game were 4/164, 2/169, and 3/186 we knew we had to bowl extremely well to have a chance, and that we did. We kept them to their lowest score for the year by some way restricting them to just 91 runs. This gave us a chance but unfortunately could only compile 51. All the girls listened to my bowling tactics and I'm so proud on how well they executed their skills.

Overall, we had a great season with all the girls contributing in some way. Special mention to **Charlotte S** for keeping all year and doing a fine job. You all have improved a lot throughout the year and I hope to see you all back next season and having another shot at Koonung again.

Thanks to the best Team manager going around Lisa. Thanks for keeping me on my toes and everybody up to date with everything we need to know, and bringing the important stuff the coach usually forgets. (like icy poles) Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents who all support their daughters and are always there cheering them on.

Look forward to next year.

Julian Delahunt, coach

## **Girls Stage 3**

After quite a difficult year this year, in the end our stage 3 girls were able to keep their heads high making the most of every learning opportunity that came their way. Before Christmas we had quite a slow start, unable to defeat a team even though the girls always fought it out to the end. While the girls failed to win a game early this was by far the most positive team I have seen in my cricketing career. They were able, with the help of their captain Katy to encourage each other without much guidance from the coach a great sign of the girls really starting to show leadership.

Unfortunately, after 3 games into the season we lost both Madeleine and Olivia R due to school commitments, which although disappointing for both the girls, they should be so proud of themselves of their prior seasons, well done girls. With difficulty in getting a full team every week, we were still able to push the opposition and also didn't forfeit one game. Towards the end of the season we gained both Jade and Ruby who were great additions to the team and were also able to get Elinor and Acacia from Jules's stage 2 team to fill in when needed which was of great help.

It was pretty obvious and through past experience that teams in the stage 3 competition had much older and more experienced players. Although this being the case, we were still able to push teams till the end. Each and every week improvements were made, the bowling and fielding was consistently better and we were able to score more runs which kept us in the games longer.

Our first win against North Alphington, although didn't count in the books due to the short COVID lockdown, in my opinion was our best of the season. We put up a great fight defeating them with a great score of 1/80. Our first official win was against Holy Trinity blue, a fantastic innings, where we compiled a total of 4/89 off our 20 overs. Our last game of the season was an unfortunate loss against North Alphington falling short by just one run, but the girls did their best right until the end.

It has been an absolute pleasure to coach the girls this season, where I believe each individual has developed and achieved something special. They have strong minds and the desire to want to learn and improve their cricket all round game. It has been a joy to see the encouragement they have given each other and what they can bring out in one another. Wonderful job girls, I am so proud of each and every one of you.

### **GIRLS STAGE 3 SEASON 2020-21**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Eloise Bisley
Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano
Keira Grover
Madeleine Hennessy
Olive Nicholson
Meg Orr
Liv Robertson
Katelyn Shadbolt
Jade Williams
Ruby Williams

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING Sarah Campbell**

#### **TEAM MANAGER Keli Symons**

**Katelyn (C):** Katy, our captain has had a truly amazing season. Being in year 11 doing a VCE subject, she's done more than manage the responsibility of being captain. Her encouragement and leadership ability is something unique and special. Being the eldest in the team, she was able to help every individual player with any concerns or areas of improvement they wanted to work on. Her ability to read play, set the field and assess game situations was fantastic. Her batting and bowling is excellent, as well as her ability to play all around the ground. It's been an absolute pleasure to coach Katy this year, and I hope one day we'll be out on the cricket field together... maybe even Katy captaining myself. Well done Katy.

**Bianca:** Bianca has had a very solid year demonstrating excellent skill and capability both with the bat and ball. Her top score of 23 not out against North Alphington was exceptional showcasing her ability to play different shots whilst finding gaps. Her athleticism and enthusiasm in the field was impeccable making sure she did anything she could to save runs. Bianca also wicket kept on occasion whilst regulars were absent conveying great leadership. Great season Bianca, well done.

**Meg:** Meg has had a terrific season this year, improving week by week. Her ability to swing the ball both ways whilst maintaining pace is truly amazing. Meg has had a wonderful season with the bat also, her top score being 40 not out against Holy Trinity showcasing her cut shot in my opinion her best. Meg has also demonstrated excellent leadership stepping in for captain the weeks Katy was absent. Her ability to receive instructions regarding field placements, bowling and batting orders was great, also ensuring she was consistently encouraging the team making sure everyone was comfortable and happy. Excellent job Meg, great season.

**Olive:** Olive has had a fantastic season showing great improvement. Her pace with the ball has increased dramatically alongside her line and length. The game against North Alphington was Olive's best with figures of 2-15 off 3 overs displaying her accuracy and skill. Olive really came out of her shell as the season progressed where her confidence was evident and so was her will to learn and improve both with the bat and ball. She was a great team player and contributor. Well done Olive, great season.

**Ruby:** Ruby came in quite late to the season only playing a few games but to say how impressed I am with her ability to pick up skills and new ideas is an understatement. Her very first wicket against Holy Trinity was definitely memorable and a great way to kick off her cricketing career. Ruby was a great athlete and great team member always ensuring she was encouraging the team and helping out in any way she could. Well done Ruby, great effort.

**Jade:** Jade, also coming equally as late to the season as Ruby has also shown tremendous skill both with the bat and ball. The very first training session I watched Jade bowl I knew it was something special. Her pace with the ball is impressive as well as her fielding ability ensuring she always gets the ball in as quick as possible. Jade is a very positive individual always making sure the team is in a positive mindset before heading out to the field. She was a great asset to the team. Awesome job Jade, I hope you enjoyed your first season.

**Eloise:** Eloise has had a solid season this year both on the field and off the field. She has shown consistency showing up to training and games each week with positivity and a strive to learn and improve. Eloise has had a great season on bowling, her best figures being 2/17 off 3 overs against North Alphington. Her accuracy and ability to swing the ball is exceptional and is something she just wants to keep working on but it is a great skill to have. Her willingness to ask questions and want to learn is admirable and something I very much appreciate. Well done Eloise, great season.

**Kiera:** Kiera, being one of our senior and oldest players has continued to improve and impress me especially this season. After a few unlucky injuries suffered Kiera continued to show up every week willing to play even to just have a bit of a run around. Kiera wicket kept most weeks displaying her excellent reaction time and ability to read the play. Her batting was incredible this season, with a top score of 16 not out against Holy Trinity. Her confidence with the bat has improved, not afraid to play a unique set of shots. Her running between the wickets is also exceptional and something all players should strive to aim for. Well done Kiera, awesome season.

**Madeleine:** Madeleine, only playing a few games at the start of the season unable to commit due to school commitments also had a huge impact on the team with her lethal spin bowling. Her figures of 1/16 off 3 overs very much showed her talent. Hopefully Madeline can return to cricket in the future, well done.

**Olivia R:** Olivia, also unfortunately having to leave half way through the season due to prior commitments. Her talent with the ball was exceptional, both with pace and consistency. Her figures of 2/11 off 3 overs truly demonstrated her talent. Well done Liv, hope to see you again on the cricket field soon.

## ***Girls U18 Edinburgh/Northcote Representative***

Nine ECC girls were selected in the inaugural Edinburgh-Northcote U18 representative team to compete in the U18 Cricket Victoria Women's Tournament 25-27th January. This team was selected from the best U18 female cricketers across Edinburgh CC, Northcote CC and North Metro Women's Cricket Association, a step forward in providing a pathway for girls of the inner north eastern suburbs to play a high standard of turf based representative cricket against some of Melbourne's best.

The squad was provided with the chance to learn and practise new skills throughout a 6- week training period with a variety of senior coaches across both clubs. It was a pleasure to watch the development of all the Burra girls across batting, bowling, fielding and confidence in playing at representative level. Congratulations to Mikaela Kennedy and Katelyn Shadbolt who were both Vice Captains of the team. Both girls proved themselves to be confident leaders both on and off the field, uniting the team with great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Unfortunately, after being selected into the team, Caitlin Jack was ruled out the tournament due to injury.

### **Results**

#### **Rd 1 Edinburgh/Northcote 6/74 def by Frankston 1/80 (T20 match)**

Round 1 was a scorcher which saw with the match reduced to T20 format at BSO on turf. Meg Orr (20) and Minnie (18) (Holy Trinity) took the team off to a flying start fiercely running between wickets and scoring boundaries across the ground. Great supporting partnerships from Eloise Bisley (1), Mikaela Kennedy (4), Katelyn Shadbolt (6) and Acacia Schipper (1) took our total 6/74. In the second innings, the girls battled hard against the heat to restrict Frankston 1/80 – great individual efforts to Mikaela Kennedy (0/8 from 2.0 overs), Meg Orr (0/13 from 2.0 overs), Bianca Broadbent Siciliano (0/4 from 1.0 overs) and Eva Cormie (0/8 from 1.0 overs)

#### **Rd 2 Edinburgh/Northcote 6/105 def by Geelong 5/324 (40 over one day match)**

Round 2 saw us come up against a very tough and powerful Geelong side down at Geelong Cricket Club's Oval 2, Kardinia Park. On a very hard and flat pitch our girls fought hard with great resilience to obtain 5 of Geelong's wickets in their 324 run innings. Stand out bowling performances were Acacia Schipper (5.0 overs 2/16), Katelyn Shadbolt (3.2 overs 1/11) and Meg Orr (4.0 overs 0/25). Katie Shadbolt also did a brilliant job wicket keeping for over 20 overs with less than 5 byes. With nothing to lose, the girls did the Burra proud batting out the 40 overs making 6/105 against a very strong Geelong attack. Great achievement to Bianca Broadbent Siciliano (6) who opened the batting with composure- an amazing feat as

### **GIRLS U18 EDINBURGH/NORTHCOTE REP SEASON 2020-21**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Mikaela Kennedy (VC)

Katelyn Shadbolt (VC)

Eva Cormie

Eloise Bisley

Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano

Megan Orr

Kate Livingston

Acacia Schipper

Caitlin Jack

#### **COACH**

Alice Johnston

#### **ASSISTANT COACH**

Chris Campbell

a 12 year old playing in U18 competition. Well done to Katie Shadbolt (20 retired) and Acacia Schipper (4 not out) who developed a strong partnership with running between wickets and team work.

### **Rd 3 Edinburgh/Northcote 4/65 def by Greenvale 0/66 (T20 match)**

On the final day of the tournament, the Burra girls faced off against Greenvale for a chance to snare their first win of the tournament. Due to wet weather over night the match was moved to hard wicket but nonetheless still provided the team with a great opportunity to showcase newly learnt skills. Edinburgh won the toss and batted first led by Bianca (1) opening the batting. After a few early wickets, Meg Orr (12) and Kate Livingston (5) steadied the ship with quick singles and a great boundary over the top of midwicket by Kate to take our total to 64. Greenvale came out firing in their first few overs and tournament fatigue hitting our girls, Greenvale surpassed our total prior to the 20 over mark finishing 0/66. Mention to Acacia Schipper and Eva Cormie for great determination when opening the bowling and Meg Orr for her consistency throughout her spell.

### **Final 3 v 4 – Edinburgh/Northcote 2/53 def by Greenvale 2/55 (T20 match)**

In a repeat of the mornings match, the girls again lined up against Greenvale determined to narrow the margin in their final match of the tournament. Mikaela Kennedy (4 ret) and Eloise Bisley (0) opened the batting making a nice partnership which was cemented by Katelyn Shadbolt (6 ret), Eva Cormie (1 ret), Acacia Schipper (3 ret) and Kate Livingston (4) taking our total 2/53. Determined to take wickets and put Greenvale under pressure, our girls kept Greenvale 2/55 with the best fielding of the tournament! Both Bianca and Katie took a wicket each whilst Kate, Eloise and Mikaela also bowled well to round out the innings.

Overall it was an absolute pleasure coaching this fantastic group of young women through their first experience of representative cricket. Although we were unable to get a win it was very enjoyable to see how much the girls improved and enjoyed themselves throughout the program. There was an immense feeling of enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the squad of which all the Burra girls played an integral part of. It was evident to see the many friendships formed amongst the team with players across a variety of clubs which I am sure will last for years to come. I am looking forward to watching these girls continue to develop in their cricket skills, knowledge and sports leadership. They are all excellent talents and great role models who I hope will inspire other stage 1, 2 and 3 girls to follow in their footsteps and stay in this great game. A big thankyou to all the parents and club supporters who helped throughout the tournament!

## U10 Yellow

With six players returning for their second year of Under 10s, and three new faces joining the throng, it was an enthusiastic and passionate team in the Under 10 Yellows in 2020-21.

A big thank you to the great set of parents always willing to help out on the roster of tasks, increased with the Covid challenges thrown into the mix and a reduced roster of players for the second half of the season.

In particular, a big call out to Peter Corrie, who continued team management duties after Christmas even though Oscar C was unable to play with a broken arm! This was above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks.

And a special thanks to Cam, Louise and the whole ECC organising committee who made the season such a success. More so than any other season, it was really important to the kids (and the parents!) that there was a sense of normality and fun in the summer sport calendar. They helped achieve this with a minimum of fuss and a high degree of success. Thank you.

The biggest success of the season was clearly the huge improvements made both individually and as a team. Suddenly half way through the season the matches started to resemble a “real” game of cricket – kids walking in with the bowler, backing up throws, making coordinated run outs, backing up when at the non- strikers’ end, good calls when running between wickets (most of the time) and some good shot selection. It was great to see.

**Leo Bosidis** wears his heart on his sleeve and is always trying his absolute best. With a batting style reminiscent of Richie Richardson (ask your parents) and a rhythmic bowling style, Leo really found his form in the last two rounds, with 20 and 3/3 as captain followed by 24 with the bat in the last round.

**Toby Cook** led the way for the team as a spiritual leader and had a very consistent season. Six double-figure scores with the bat, and wickets in eight of the eleven games to go along with three run outs and two catches. Toby is extremely well-prepared for the step up to Under 12s next season.

**Oscar Corrie** was progressing beautifully up to Christmas with a steadily improving bowling style just hitting its groove and as an aggressive left-handed batter. Unfortunately, an incident with a scooter and some concrete meant that Oscar could not play after Christmas, but he will be keen get back into it next season.

### U10 YELLOW SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Leo Bosidis
Toby Cook
Oscar Corrie
Matthew Donnelly
Owen Elletson
Oscar Gaymer
Jonty Lethbridge-Ford
Tom Munro
Connor Walsh

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Simon Gaymer, Peter Corrie, Ben Bainbridge

#### TEAM MANAGER

Peter Corrie



Some consider Steve Smith to be the most energetic and fidgety cricketer going around. Those people have never seen **Matthew Donnelly** play who is a bundle of energy ready to uncoil every week. That enthusiasm becomes a magnet for the ball as he took 3 catches, made 3 run outs and is generally in the action all of the time. With a best bowling of 3/3 and a top score of 15, Matthew developed his skills throughout the year and also became one of our standout wicket keepers.

**Owen Elletson** was only with the team for the first half of the season as the family moved to the coast at Christmas. That said, Owen still was a strong performer with bat and ball, and continued his deadly throwing in the field from the previous season with a further three run outs. Rumour has it that the Torquay Tigers have picked up a quality contributor in the mid-season draft.

**Oscar Gaymer** missed half of his first season of cricket last season following surgery, and absolutely revelled in the opportunity to play a full season this time around. His year was certainly defined by two break out performances – 27 with the bat in round 5 and 7 wickets for only 6 runs in the second last round with his natural in-swing really attacking the stumps.

**Jonty Lethbridge-Ford** was in his first season of cricket, and by far made the biggest improvements of anyone in the team. In his batting, Jonty was always solid and never gave his wicket away cheaply. As the season progressed, his ability to develop his scoring shots improved greatly which ended with his top score of 8 in the final round. He picked up his first wicket for the season in round 7, and then you couldn't stop him taking wickets as his confidence and consistency grew at the bowling crease.

**Tom Munro** was a complete sponge for cricket knowledge and advice throughout the year and a pleasure to coach. He makes more commonsense decisions in the moment than many senior players, and is always keen to learn from a mistake. His lovely out-swing bowling was sometimes too good to get wickets on the green seaming tracks. Nevertheless, he had 2 x three wicket hauls and three scores of double figures as his confidence and timing improved greatly throughout the season. He was also a standout behind the stumps when given the chance.

One of the highlights of the year was when **Connor Walsh** bowled a beautifully flighted leg break delivery early in the year that drifted on to leg stump before spinning sharply to hit the top of off. When Connor gets his spinners in the groove they are of a particularly high level. And his batting really progressed nicely throughout the year, with timing and shot selection improving to the point where three of the last four innings were double figures.

A special callout to the Edinburgh Green team who we played twice throughout the year, with each game literally going down to the very last ball (one win apiece) with both games played in excellent spirit. Looking forward to playing with an against a lot of the other Edinburgh players in the seasons ahead.

Thank you once again to everyone in the Edinburgh Yellow set up from the kids to the parents and the grandparents who seemed to inspire some good performances when they came along to watch.

## U10 Green

Comprising an even split of returning U10 Green players from season 2019/2020 and new comers, it was fantastic to see the U10 Green boys quickly develop camaraderie and strong team spirit. Jarrod returned as coach, and the boys improved enormously through-out the season. The boys finished 9 wins, 2 losses from the 11 game season. The losses went down to the wire: 2 points and 3 points in intra-club derbies. Much excitement and good sportsmanship shown by our players – to each other and to the other side, which was pleasing to see.

Thanks to Jarrod in particular for the excellent coaching and all the parents for their assistance, particularly our COVID officers, Nick Parr and Sam Walch, for volunteering for the role amongst quite a bit of uncertainty.

**Leroy Fratto** displayed his fantastic wicket keeping (with a caught behind) and all round excellent fielding, participating in some memorable run outs during the season. A strong contribution with bat and ball as a second season player – highest score of 17 and best bowling figures of 2 wickets for 1 run.

**Oscar Sharp** improved in leaps and bounds during his debut season: his straight and floating bowling style snared 10 wickets across the year and almost a hat trick. Best bowling figures were 2 wickets for 2 runs.

**Edwin Wapling** excelled with the bat and worked hard all season, even scoring a 6 in the final game. The team's leading run scorer with 157 runs for the season, with a top score of 26 off 15 balls against Edinburgh Maroon.

**Callum Winkett** continued to enjoy sweeping 4 through the gap and really stepped up on the pace with his bowling in his second season. Best performance: 31 runs not out vs Edinburgh White, with a handy 9 wickets across the season.

**Ned O'Connor** finished the season on a high with a top score of 38 runs not out vs Edinburgh White. His bowling claimed a few scalps, the best being 3 wickets for four runs against Edinburgh White.

**Jarvis Tyrrell** worked hard and really improved on his batting this season, finishing the season one shy of the 100 runs. Continued to impress in the field, including a fantastic run out against Donvale in Round 10.

**Albie Melzak-Parr**. Capped off a strong season with an outstanding catch against Edinburgh Maroon in round 11. Some great wicket keeping skills also manage to snare a caught behind in the second last game of the season. Best bowling figures of 2 wickets for 19 runs with his mix of leg spin and pace.

### U10 GREEN SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Leroy Fratto

Albie Melzak-Parr

Edward O'Connor

Oscar Sharp

Jarvis Tyrrell

Kester Walch

Callum Winkett

Edwin Wapling

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Jarrod O'Connor

#### TEAM MANAGER

Kylie Lane/Richard Winkett

**Kester Walch** contributed strongly with the ball, being the team's leading wicket taker with 12 wickets. Best bowling figures of 3 wickets for 2 runs against Edinburgh Maroon. When batting his blocks created an impenetrable level of defence.

## U10 Maroon

At the start of the season the U10 Maroon team came together as a group new to competitive cricket – low on experience but with no shortage of raw enthusiasm! We set some goals focussed on having fun, playing the game in the right spirit and developing some basic skills – the ultimate aim of nurturing a life-long love of the game. Now, at the end of their first season, we couldn't be prouder of the boys and the improvement in their cricket as individuals and, more importantly, as a team.

Across the season the improvement in all areas of their cricket was marked - bowling accuracy, fielding, catching, defensive batting ('block the straight ones, smash the wide ones'), running between the wickets and backing up in particular. The team also played in the right spirit throughout, supporting and encouraging each other and having fun.

Throughout the season there was celebration of first games, first runs, first wickets, highest scores and multiple wickets. In the end though, there are special moments in the game that may not always be statistical milestones, and these are the memories the boys will recall in their 200<sup>th</sup> game and beyond. While there were many more moments throughout the season, these are some that stood out for me:

- **Team** – the 'induction' into Edinburgh Cricket Club through the cap presentation started our season and the start of our Team, marking what is hoped to be a very long association with the club and each other. It was also great to see all the boys get their first runs in the first game. The highlight though was feedback from opposition coaches in terms of our teamwork, encouragement and competitiveness for a first-year group – the Rd 3 game against Donvale was the game where it all started to click as a team and the improvement from there was awesome to watch. And, of course the training ritual has to be mentioned ('torture' apparently) – you can't leave until you catch 10 (or 40).
- **Samuel Rook** – the moment for 'The Wall' that stands out was during the ECC White game when Sam played a textbook front forward defence and followed that a few balls later with an aggressive slash for runs – we had been working on defence during the week and then cashing in on the loose balls – Sam executed perfectly (and the coach did a little fist pump on the sidelines). Sam's improvement with bat, ball and in the field was significant throughout the season and he made a big contribution to the team every week – on and off the field.

### U10 MAROON SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Leon Barrot

Sammy Gordon

Benjamin Green

Neel Gudivada

Ignatius (Iggy) Jones

Samuel Rook

Elliot Savage

Manning Willis

Arden Watson-Cropley

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Matt Green

#### TEAM MANAGER David Barrot

- **Sammy Gordon** – there was enormous improvement in Sammy’s bowling and by the end of the season was bowling fast and accurately – the game against Clifton Hill was the turning point with 2 big wickets (and a big smile to the coach and a ‘firm’ high-five) and from there on Sammy really showed what he could do. Sammy’s confidence with bat in hand also grew and by seasons end was defending well and hitting the ball hard. Sammy also wicket-kept amazingly well late in the season having admitted ‘it was a pretty tough job!’ at his first attempt.
- **Elliot Savage** – there are so many moments to choose from with Elliot – the unbridled excitement at being named captain for the first time, the weekly theories on the game (‘we win whenever I open the batting’), the Warner leap, the shot and wicket celebrations – so for Elliot I will cheat and not single out one moment but rather his season-long contribution. Elliot brought the energy and enthusiasm to every training session and game that was crucial to the building of the team and makes the game fun – so thanks Elliot, you brought the very best part of cricket to life for ECC Maroon.
- **Leon Barrot** – Leon’s improvement with the bat and ball were extraordinary throughout the year and he should be very proud of his first season. The runs flowed for Leon from about Rd 4 onwards and ‘Golden Arm’s’ bowling accuracy improved out of sight. ‘The’ moment came after Christmas when Leon took the wicket-keeping gloves for the second time and for almost every deliver of his 10 overs demonstrated perfect foot movement and outstanding hand-eye coordination. Leon will make an outstanding ‘keeper and was a really positive influence on the team throughout.
- **Iggy Jones** – without a doubt the moment was Iggy’s first wicket against ECC Green. The team jumped all over him, clearly sharing the excitement and all genuinely happy for Iggy – it was probably the best individual moment of the season. Iggy, in his final game also hit his first four – finishing the season with a bang and I really look forward to Iggy’s continuing journey and development with the team and the game.
- **Manning Willis** – hard to go past ‘Marnus’ screaming ‘no-run’ in the final game and having the time of his life – even if he preferred to yell that out rather than actually take the runs on offer! The other amazing moment for Manning was his hat-trick ball – not to be, but really exciting for the team as you could feel them all completely engaged and switched on in that moment. Manny’s leg-spin was a real highlight throughout the season and his improvement across all the skills we worked on was impressive.
- **Neel Gudivada** – Neel’s moment came early in the season with the bat where, as captain, he set the tone for the rest of the team in smashing a couple of fours and getting the scoreboard going. This gave the rest of the team some belief and confidence and Neel was certainly a leader through the rest of the season. Neel’s all-around game is really strong, and I can’t wait to see his ongoing development in the coming years.

- **Arden Watson-Cropley** – Arden joined us in Rd 5 with his enthusiasm infectious and quickly settled in with the team. Arden hit a four in his first game and took his first wicket and I think he immediately caught the cricket bug and spent the next few weeks catching up on his skills and working really hard on his game. His reverse sweeping in his second game was awesome – only overshadowed by his amazing improvement across the season.
- **Ben Green** – while there were lots of highlights for Ben throughout the season – 2 direct hit run outs in one game, beating his brother’s highest score in his first season, 2/1 vs. ECC Yellow – the standout was being able to present Ben his first ECC cap and watch him walk out on debut to represent the club I have been playing with for nearly 30 years. I would also like to thank Ben for being patient and understanding with my role as coach – never complaining when he had to go last at captaincy or that I was focussed on the whole team and not just him.

I would like to thank all the boys for their enthusiasm, commitment and passion for the team and the game – it was a fantastic experience to coach this year and I am proud of them all as cricketers and young men. I would also like to thank the parents for endorsing and supporting the approach we took in running the team and developing the boys’ skills and for your encouragement of the boys (and me) on a weekly basis.

A big thanks also to Dave for all his organisation behind the scenes as Team Manager, to Steve for the COVID Officer duties and to Dean for taking on the scoring all year. Thanks also to Lachie for his help with the coaching.

I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I did this year – I hope to see you all back next year.

Matt Green - coach

## U10 White

The boys from U10 White delivered an exciting and enjoyable 2020/21 summer of cricket for its loyal supporters.

It was an absolute pleasure to work with such a great group of kids. The boys that were new to cricket this year brought plenty of passion, commitment and skill, supported by some experienced players who all worked hard on developing their game. Together, they delivered some thrilling team performances.

With little direction, the players established a supportive and positive team culture, with plenty of commitment and laughs. We started the season with a big focus on basic skills and game awareness. The team's hard work at training was always on display in matches with strong performances every week.

As the season progressed, each of the boys began setting personal goals for developing their bowling and fielding and big hitting. Weekly wicket keeper selection was always hotly contested with plenty of talent and courage on display behind the stumps. We worked on refining bowling and batting techniques and running between wickets. Here, the team excelled, demonstrating the 'art of the possible' week after week to an amazed and entertained crowd.

While we faced consistently strong opposition outfits this season, the team delivered some memorable victories including a fantastic performance in round 4 against Edinburgh Maroon with our season high score of 132, wins against both Clifton Hill teams and strong performances against the competition leaders, falling just short of wins against Edinburgh Gold and Bulleen.

It is a mark of the team's approach to cricket that win or lose, everyone continued to enjoy their cricket and work hard on improving their game. Well done team!

A little bit about the players

**Angus Lecocq** was one of our many allrounders this year. Angus is a true team player and a genuine cricket tragic. Angus is an exceptional spin and pace bowler, a diligent bat and always switched on and supportive in the field. An excellent cricket tactician, Angus reads the play with skill and provided strong team leadership. Great work anchoring the team Angus.

**Axel Harrison** injected both skill and personality into the team. Axel could always be relied on to lead some great chatter on and off the field. Axel is a natural and entertaining cricketer whether bowling, batting or fielding, Axel was always looking for an opportunity to push us forward. His spectacular catch in round 10 against Edinburgh Maroon was a season

### U10 WHITE SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Christopher Barrett

Nik de Silva

Axel Harrison

Angus Lecocq

Murphy Martin

Samuel Moston

Miles Nicholls

Kai O'Connor

Louis Stammers

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Dan Nicholls

#### TEAM MANAGER

Ned Martin



highlight. Axel was always keen to pull on the wicket keeping gloves, we discussed this opportunity each and every week in fact! Thanks for being such a strong team player Axel.

A special mention must go out to U10 White's number one ticket holder and Axel's sister **Hilda** who was a regular attendee at training and on game day. We hope to see Hilda in a future U10s squad.

**Christopher "Kit" Barrett** was one of the team's workhorses. Whether batting, bowling, or fielding Kit was always focused and determined and set high expectations for his own performance. Our surprise left hander, Kit worked incredibly hard on both his bowling and batting techniques in the first half of the season, returning in February consistently accurate with the ball and amassing plenty of runs. Well done Kit.

**Kai O'Connor** was our quiet achiever and certainly saved the best for last. The January break often throws up a few surprises and Kai came back in February ready to play. The second half of the season saw Kai swinging the bat hard for his first boundary and his consistent and accurate bowling delivering his first maiden over. His work at training on improving his throwing was evident in matches with some great fielding late in the season. Excellent work for another new cricket player.

**Louis Stammers** joined the team this year for his first season of cricket as a superstar straight out of the box. Every week Louis delivered an amazing performance with bat and ball and worked exceptionally hard in the field. While there were so many highlights including being on-a-hat-trick on multiple occasions, the almost 40 run final wicket partnership in round 10, featuring 3 boundaries in one over from Louis was my personal favourite. Superstar!

**Miles Nicholls** another of the team's impressive allrounders. Big hitting, pace and spin bowling, always full of voice in the field and running between the wickets that kept us all guessing! Miles was a great team player and leader that helped build our fantastic team culture. Miles' fielding also deserves special mention with great work behind the stumps, including a catch and a couple of fantastic direct hit run outs. A fantastic contributor.

**Murphy 'Murph' Martin** is an excellent team player, and another big contributor to the vibe. Murph clearly spent time outside of training improving technique and turned up with plenty of surprises for me on game day. Along with a couple of great keeping performances, Murph picked up plenty of wickets late in the season, clocked up plenty of runs and was one of our go-to openers. Congratulations on a great season.

**Nik de Silva** was another exceptional contributor to both the team's performance and culture. Nik worked incredibly hard on both his bowling and batting technique. Partnering with Kit he delivered one of our patented final wicket partnerships, stealing runs that just weren't there and reviving the innings. Nik showed us some beautiful batting technique throughout the season which I look forward to seeing him develop, along with very consistent bowling that was again rewarded late in the season. Keep up the hard work Nik.

**Samuel Moston** was fantastic leader for the team this year. Sam worked incredibly hard at training and left nothing on the field. Sam's combination of big hitting and technical batting was always a must watch. Equally entertaining with the ball in hand we saw blistering pace that menaced many an opposition batsman. Sam showed fantastic discipline, dealing with

some bowling 'yips' in the second half of the season with a stand out performance in the final game, taking some big wickets. With some exceptional work in the field, holding catches, throwing accurately and keeping the team well organised Sam is a natural cricketer.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to our supporters. A crack team of parents, carers and siblings who were up early each Saturday, working together to get us to the games on time, cheering from the sidelines, providing fantastic support and managing the scoring, umpiring and set up. This came together week after week thanks to the calm and diligent organisation and team management skills of Ned Martin. I got to do all the fun stuff. Thankyou Ned!! Again, it has been a pleasure coaching such a fantastic group of boys this season and watching them develop as players and teammates. Go Burra!!!

Dan Nicholls

## U10 Gold

The most incredible season of cricket that I have experienced ever, sadly has drawn to a close. This has, even more than last year, truly been so tremendously enjoyable. New faces, extra heads, adaptive practice sessions, heaps of fun and memorable moments as the players discovered abilities in skills and character within each other from practice to match day to be immensely proud of.

As per methods we put in place last season that seemed to work rather well from observing and listening to feedback, being able to assess how we could find a balanced level of improving together, the focus has been for the players and coaches to work through the following:

- Movement patterns = feet & body position to handle ball, running between wickets, bowling run ups
- Decision making = confidence, inclusion, leadership, having a go, handling batting & bowling orders
- Happiness = sharing roles, practice drills around match sense in working together, sharing experiences

A summary of how each player has been observed in the development of their cricket skills and personal character in a team environment with Edinburgh U10 Gold:

Player	Skill	Character
Daniel	Expanded bowling variations with wickets in every match, quality of contact with bat	Cool, calm, reliable, encourages others, listens well, asks good questions
Francesca	Confidence in movement, energy with run up to bowl accurately, improving contact	Always steps up to the situation, determined, enthusiastic, happy nature
Fynn	Hitting on both sides of wicket, straight & accurate bowling, clean hands in field	Loquacious, good energy, adapts to different roles, very aware of match position

### U10 GOLD SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Bridges

Oscar Dunne

Giuliano Geronazzo

Daniel Giles

Liam Head

Francesca Head

George Kerr

Xavier Millar

Max Slattery

Fynn Walton

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Andrew Walton

#### TEAM MANAGER

Craig Millar

George	Improved power in contact to gaps, thinks of variations with ball, keeping helped skills	Good game sense, tactical awareness, good understanding of role
Giuliano	Uncovered new scoring zones to boundary, created bowling variations, reliable skills	Cheerful, developed excellent sense of compassion & self-awareness
Joe	Enhanced scoring areas, bowling with good control & turn, creates chances	Cool in the situation, supports all with a smile, connects the group
Liam	Energetic & creative strokes, runs with optimism, calls so well, clean hands keeping	Logical & deep thinker, supportive of others, lively & attentive
Max	Built confidence in stroke play, good contact, experimented bowling plans	Happy, willing, spirited, selfless towards others, eager to be involved, thoughtful
Oscar	Good stroke play with increased confidence, finds gaps in field, dependable bowling	Emotionally intelligent, deep thinker, polite & sensitive to others
Xavier	Great contact with bat & ability to find gaps, obscure & creative bowling, great catching	Serious & thoughtful, confident in asking questions

With complete acceptance that at this age level having modified rules, the usual statistics and recordings in cricket do not necessarily apply. However, some awareness of this should be shared from a team perspective across the 11 games that we played as the players are certainly aware 😊.

- Batting = 1364 runs scored for the loss of 52 wickets
- Bowling = 107 wickets taken for 822 runs scored against

Collectively, thanks for being such a wonderful group of parents with many family extensions that evolved over the year. The players all get such enjoyment from you being present, supportive, and sharing the match day experience.

Thanks to all the families for helping with the scoring and operations on match day. Every moment where we can handle the logistics, gives the players more time to enjoy the game and each other which creates such a good experience for all of us together. The spontaneous smiles, cheering, laughter and occasional tears with so much energy are priceless.

Thanks to Alice, Ethan, Johnny, and Will for being the extras at practice. They were so helpful to have around and incredibly important for the players learning skills of acceptance and fairness 😊.

Special thanks to Craig for his immaculate organisation across the group as everybody gave themselves selflessly when called upon.

Special thanks to Tim for being so helpful at practice in nurturing the players in their confidence with direction and care.

From a historic perspective, thanks for allowing your children in starting their cricket experience at what is truly an iconic and historic venue for Australian cricket being the home club of the immortal Neil Harvey. It may not seem much right now yet being able to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Brunswick Street shall resonate with deep meaning in the future.

Please keep finding a way to love the game. It does in its own distinctive way, provide such a unique connection to people that is carried for life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized loop followed by a long horizontal stroke that tapers to the right.

Andrew Walton

## U12A

A challenging year for the Under 12A's, without a win throughout the season but many memorable moments and a great team spirit. Despite the lack of success on the field, we saw substantial development of all team members approach to their game. Furthermore, they held their heads high and never gave up.

At the start of the year I asked the guys to play with respect for each other, respect for the other team and the umpires and they achieved that without fault and have done themselves proud.

Special mention of appreciation, to Will Gordon as team manager and Caitlin Hodnett as COVID officer.

**Elliot Cook:** MR. Cricket, he loves the game and he knows a lot about it. Elliot had a strong season with the bat, maturing throughout the season. He had some solid innings this year with a top score of 19 against Trinity Wilison and a great final game against the same team. Elliot took on the role of co-captain and did an excellent job, leading really well on the ground and I couldn't have asked more of him, congratulations on stepping up to the captain's role and having a great year, culminating in finishing no1 on the champion player stats.

**Luca Rhodes:** Luca has loved the year of cricket. He too, as co-captain started to learn how to be a captain on and off the field and the challenges that that role brings. Luca made the rep B ECA side and performed really well in that carnival as a bowler. Luca made a name for himself this year as a batsman with a dashing 45 against Glen iris. Great season, well done mate.

**Drew von Ess:** Drew really is the team enigma. He has stepped up as a batsman, scoring a great knock against Trinity Willison of 22 which was live streamed. He was first to put his hand up to take on the challenging role of opener, which he made his own. Drew has been great to have around as a coach, as he is always presenting challenging ideas, and has also come along as a promising off spinner.

**Theo Nikolich:** Theo is a great person to have on the cricket team, really passionate but also eager and energetic- keen to have a go at everything. A very solid batsman with good technique, Theo made a top score of 19 this year and with another year to go in the under 12's I think he will make some serious runs next year. Congratulations on being such a great contributor.

### U12A SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Elliott Cook

Jimmy Gordon

Harvey Harris

Benjamin Head

Sam Hodnett

Elliott James

Ruby Kaye

Theo Nikolich

Riley Pfisterer

Luca Rhodes

Drew von Ess

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Alex Rhodes

#### TEAM MANAGER

Will Gordon

**Ben Head:** Ben has worked really hard on his game this year and turned out to become a decent opening batsman. What has been great about Ben is his willingness to take on challenges and put himself forward. I think his bowling has also really improved this year and he took 7 wickets at an average of 12.86 so excellent effort with the ball. Thanks for all your hard work Ben.

**Sam Hodnett:** Sam always brings energy to the team, I have loved his chatter and talk in the field. He is a dashing batsman and has been a little out of luck this year, but we are all impressed by Sam's bowling, he is an excellent bowler with a great action top figures of 3/17 and its been a pleasure to see him develop through the year and his personality really came out in the team environment. No doubt Sam will take lots of wickets in the years to come.

**Riley Pfisterer:** Riley didn't really have much luck this year with the bat with the exception of a great knock against North Alphington where we saw what he can do with the bat, scoring 25 of 30 balls. Riley has a great bowling action too and is one of the players that can truly swing the ball, again without much luck this year. Riley is someone that is well loved by the team and a pleasure to coach. No doubt his class will shine through in the years to come.

**Harvey Harris:** Harvey is an absolute delightful young man, he put his hand up to wicket keep and I think everyone can say he has done a great job. Harvey has never complained, just goes about his business. He is a great fielder too, but by his own admission, I think almost every week I asked him if he wanted to bowl and every week – no thanks. We forced him to bowl in the last game and boom! Wicket with his first ball. Harvey had a great 23 not out against trinity which was the highlight of the season with the bat and a number of stoic performances.

**Elliot James:** Like most of the team Elliot didn't have a great year with the bat, but I think really found his niche as a close to the wicket fielder, doing some amazing fielding, taking catches 5 catches for the season and really making that position his own. A quiet achiever he has also taken 4 wickets this season, and can really trouble players with this line and length when he gets his rhythm going.

**Jimmy Gordon:** We have all ridden the emotions with Jimmy's batting story this year, and we were all thrilled when Jimmy broke the drought in his last game. Actually, although he probably doesn't see it his batting technique has really improved. But Jimmy has progressed beyond words with his bowling and has really become a challenging bowler to face. Congratulations on that Jimmy and I see a huge number of wickets coming your way in the future.

**Ruby Kaye:** Last but not least, Ruby topped the bowling this year with 10 wickets at an average of 9.6. with limited opportunity. Ruby has been really solid this year and although had a bit of a slow start has really worked into her cricket and in the last few games the wickets fell – the highlight of course being the near hat-trick against Boorondara. Ruby has been a pleasure to coach and watch develop over the season. She has a great reliable and repetitive bowling action that will stand her in good stead, and I wish her well into the

future, I hope she continues to play with the lads as she has shown us that there is absolutely no reason that she shouldn't.

Congratulations to the Under 12A's for a fun filled and memorable season

Alex Rhodes (coach)



## U12B Green

A fantastic season with plenty of highlights that will no doubt go down in history. It was wonderful to see every player develop their game, find their strength and hopefully build on that next year as they progress into Under 14's. At some stage throughout the season, every player faced challenges and went out of their comfort zone for the team – and succeeded. The team comradery and sportsmanship demonstrated was a privilege to coach, a testament to the parents of course, and the lessons learnt along the way were valuable in becoming better cricketers. Well done to every player on their season.

A big thank you to Anthony, Justin, Nick, Sam & Glen who all coached this great team throughout the season, and to Wendy & Paul as our Team Managers – all your efforts were much appreciated.

### Oscar Albone

Oscar challenged the opposition with best bowling of 2/6, and when batting against Koonung Heights demonstrated he can accumulate runs with his highest score of 22 not out. Catches win matches and we will all remember the cracking catch Oscar took at mid-wicket.

### Fred Ballard

Fred had a great season always working hard to improve his game – winning him the coaches award this year. With best bowling of 2/10 and a highest score of 34, when Fred gets going it's exciting to watch – and there's sixes involved. A great tactician, if the game needed a plan Fred would have one.

### Will Chamberlain

Will often opened the batting and saw off quality bowlers, and when given the freedom to play his shots, had a highest score of 19. With 5 catches and 4 runouts it was a big season for our dynamic wicket keeper - his best catch was down legside to win the game against Mont Albert Blue, a catch very few could take.

### Samuel Fratto

Samuel had a great year often batting against quality bowling, his technique held him in good stead and his role in building partnerships was critical in big matches. With best bowling of 2/15 and a highest score of 9 Samuel is ever reliable and if needed takes a nice catch in the gully.

## U12B GREEN SEASON 2020-21

### TEAM MEMBERS

Oscar Albone

Fred Ballard

Will Chamberlain

Samuel Fratto

Zachary Kings-Lyons

Joe Melzak Parr

Jack Newman

Noah Prendergast

Jack Trainor

Oliver Tyrell

Thurston Walch

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Alex Newman

### TEAM MANAGER

Wendy Kenbeek

### **Zachary Kings-Lyons**

Zack had a great season, and it must be said batsmen really shouldn't take him on in the field – a lightning throw and safe hands resulted in 2 run outs and him taking 3 difficult catches – all at critical moments in matches. With best bowling of 2/28 and a highest score of 9 not out Zack demonstrated he can hold his wicket.

### **Joe Melzak Parr**

Joe was our strike bowler who really brought pressure to the opposition, with best bowling of 3/8 and a highest score of 20 it was a great loss to our team when a broken arm ended Joe's season.

As a true leader, Joe continued to attend games and provide strategy insights to help the team perform at their best – we can't wait to see Joe back on the field next season.

### **Jack Newman**

Jack contributed strongly to the team with best bowling of 2/7 and a highest score of 12 showing glimpses of bigger scores to come in years ahead. Jack had a great year with his one-handed catch at mid-off a highlight for any cricket fan.

### **Noah Prendergast**

Noah, our left arm quick, can really get some bounce off the wicket, and with best bowling of 1/2 he showed us what to expect as he hones his skill. With the bat, Noah had a highest score of 14, and when it comes to tactics, Noah will always be hatching a plan to win the game.

### **Jack Trainor**

Jack held his wicket well this year and built some strong partnerships. With best bowling of 3/27 and a highest score of 17 in the match against Mont Albert Blue, he really set us up for a triumphant win, and demonstrated what he can do to turn a match.

### **Oliver Tyrrell**

Oliver worked hard for the team and was consistently up for the challenge, with best bowling of 1/6 and a highest score of 7. He also took some great catches when it really mattered and can be relied on to keep the team spirit up when on and off the field.

### **Thurston Walch**

Thurston had an excellent season taking out both our Batting and Bowling awards – a true all-rounder with best bowling of 2/2 and a highest score of 30. Playing off the front or back foot, Thurston is great to watch, and when bowling had many deliveries on target only to bounce an inch over the stumps. In the field, Thurston is another to avoid, taking 3 catches and 2 run outs - direct hits is what he does.

Also, a big thanks to Jarvis, Leroy, Mitchell, Clara, Mabel and Giuliano who all joined the side at various stages of the season – it was great to have you as part of our team.

## **U12B Yellow**

Our U12B Yellow team completed a terrific, highly enjoyable season characterised by strong levels of enthusiasm, resilience and commitment. The rapid rate of improvement that the boys demonstrated over the journey was something they should be proud of.

After a couple of weeks to “warm up” we played consistently good quality cricket over a number of weeks to register seven consecutive wins (which included the only defeat inflicted upon the eventual premier). Our season then culminated in an extraordinarily exciting semi-final (where the boys demonstrated fantastic fighting spirit to nearly deliver a famous victory).

Aside from the results, the boys presented twice a week with a smile, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn which was fantastic (and really helped us improve our cricket over the course of the season).

I’d like to add a particular thanks to James Griffin for his excellent team management, to Louise and Tim Dichiera for all their work at the club and, not least, to all the parents for their support and assistance throughout the year. We had a fantastic spirit and positive atmosphere around the team all season and had a lot of fun.

### **Aiden Ihle**

Star Performance: 14 runs partnering with Heath vs Kew.

Aidan improved out of sight over the season, bowled quickly and accurately and is going to be a real handful for batsmen in the years ahead. A fantastic “maximum” in the penultimate match was a season highlight.

### **Charlie Kitt**

Star Performance: 2/0 and a critical 10 n.o. in the semi ... topping it off with a 4 off his last ball.

Charlie had a great all-round season and saved his best performance for last – a pressure performer and future star.

### **Harry Dichiera**

Star Performance: 39 n.o. and 1/1 vs. Trinity.

Harry was our leading run-scorer and batted and bowled to a consistently (very) high standard all season. A brilliant effort in the semi almost got us across the line.

## **U12B YELLOW SEASON 2020-21**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Tom Barker
Nicholas Berry
Harry Dichiera
Matthew Dimovski
Harry Evans
Heath Griffin
Aidan Ihle
Charlie Kitt
William Long
Tom Opray
Noah Ross
Reuben Teague

### **COACHING/UMPIRING**

Ash Barker

### **TEAM MANAGER**

James Griffin

### **Harry Evans**

Star Performance: 26 runs and 3/7 vs. Canterbury.

Harry's hat-trick was one of the highlights of the season. Bowled fast and accurately all year and batted with real maturity.

### **Heath Griffin**

Star Performance: 16 runs at the tail end to pull us out of a hole against Kew.

Heath did everything this year – bowled at top pace, kept well and hit the ball hard. A fantastic season Heath!

### **Matthew Dimovski**

Star Performance: A terrific first year player who bowled with genuine variety and hit the stumps regularly.

Matthew's enthusiasm and application was outstanding all year and looks an Edinburgh leader in the making.

### **Nick Berry**

Star Performance: Loves playing Boroondara with 2/5 on both occasions. A top score of 16 n.o.

Nick "the spin king" Berry bamboozled the opposition with his consistently high-quality leg spin. Fantastic attitude and batted well all year too. A pleasure to have in the team.

### **Noah Ross**

Star Performance: Going the distance – faced his full 30 balls against both Boroondara and Trinity.

Noah brought a positive attitude and a smile to every occasion and had a great season with bat and ball (and was also clearly best on ground during our infamous "sprinkler incident").

### **Reuben Teague**

Star Performance: 3/8 vs. Trinity.

Reuben's fluency with both bat and ball was a pleasure to watch, with a number of strong performances during the season. Was an integral part of the team and will be a terrific U14 next year.

### **Tom Barker**

Star Performance: 27 no vs Kew and two wickets in the semi.

Tom brought a smile and infectious enthusiasm to the team each week and had a great all round season. Great job Tom!

### **Tom Opray**

Star Performance: 24 no and an amazing wicket keeping session vs. Glen Iris.

Tom was one of our regular 'keepers and did it with style and a smile. Also a hard hitting batsmen and very handy bowler - will go a long way.

### **William Long**

Star Performance: 27 runs vs Kew... but surviving 71 balls in the semi (to almost deliver a famous win) takes the honours.

William had a great year and was one of our regular opening batsmen and got us off to a consistently strong start. His semi-final performance was something to be proud of.

## **U12B Black**

Our team this season was a mix of players moving up from U12C and U10s, plus a newcomer to competitive cricket who joined part way through. In addition to getting to know each other and helping everyone feel welcome, the players took the introduction of 2-day games and LBWs in their stride.

Team spirit came to the fore as we lost several games in a row after a winning start, culminating in a nail-biting finish in the last game to win on the second to last ball of the match. But even when things weren't going our way, the players still found something at each game to be upbeat about. The players were rotated through different fielding placements, positions in the batting and bowling orders and most had a go at wicket keeping.

It has been inspiring to watch the players grow and fun to be part of it.

### **Isaac Thirlwell**

Unfortunately, injury kept Isaac out for the second part of the season but his enthusiasm for cricket, his willingness to listen and practice were in evidence during our first 3 games of the season when he took 1 wicket and effected 1 run out. It was great to see him come along to team events even when he couldn't play as he was still a part of our team.

### **Claude Wood**

For someone who only started playing cricket in December, Claude has come a long way. Giving his best each game saw him improve week on week with both bat and ball and become a safe enough pair of hands in the field to take 2 catches in the final game. His top score with the bat was 12 not out and he took his first wicket in only his second game.

### **Benji Kotsonis**

You could rely on Benji to arrive at the game with a smile on his face and an approach that helped to keep the team's equilibrium even in the most trying of circumstances. He was always supportive of his teammates and would have a go at whatever he was asked to do. Benji finished the season with best bowling figures of 0/9

## **U12B BLACK SEASON 2020-21**

### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Charles Baker

Hamish Gunthorpe

Benji Kotsonis

Jem Legge

Kes Nair

Ari Patel

Raife Patel

Holly Scammell

Luke Scammell

Harry Talbot

Isaac Thirlwell

Liam Walsh

Claude Wood

### **COACHING/UMPIRING**

David Scammell

### **TEAM MANAGER**

Jane Scammell

### **Raife Patel**

Raife has had an outstanding year since moving up to U12B, rising to the challenge most recently in the last 4 matches where he scored more runs than in his first 4 games, took 3 wickets, including a c&b, and showed off his accurate throwing with a direct hit on the stumps for a run out.

### **Ari Patel**

Keen to learn and understand, Ari could regularly be heard asking the coach questions to ensure he knew what was happening. Ari is a safe pair of hands with the wicket keeper gloves on, he also likes to score quickly achieving a top score of 13 not out and best bowling figures of 1/0.

### **Luke Scammell**

Luke is the bowler coaches call on to “steady the ship” and dry up the opposition's run rate. He has a great technique and is keen to practice which has resulted in him conceding only 66 runs this season in 24 overs. Luke is also happy to share his knowledge, taking the time to help those newest to bowling benefit from what he has learnt.

### **Jem Legge**

Jem’s voice could often be heard encouraging his team mates on the field but his voice is not his only strength. Put a bat in his hands and you will see some great technique or give him the ball and watch his leg spin account for a wicket or two out of the 7 he took this season.

### **Liam Walsh**

Liam is a very consistent player in all aspects of the game. He doesn’t give away his wicket very easily, sucking up the pressure in a game and taking any impetus away from the opposition bowlers. Accurate throwing in the field saw him involved in 3 run outs and his bowling, which included 4 maidens, deserved more wickets than he got

### **Kes Nair**

An allrounder, Kes finished the season with 7 wickets, 112 runs and 4 catches for our team. This comes as no surprise bearing in mind his keenness to practise, at training and outside of it. Up for a challenge, Kes achieved his goal of scoring a half century, finishing the game against Richmond 56 not out.

### **Holly Scammell**

A left handed batter but right handed bowler, Holly is something of a dark horse in the team, going about the game in a way that sees her finish the season as equal top wicket taker with Harry on 8 wickets. Holly is always thinking about her teammates and makes sure there is great team spirit at each game.

### **Hamish Gunthorpe**

Hamish is a competent all rounder but excels at batting. He is great to watch at the crease and can score all around the pitch. Memorable moments for Hamish this year include his hat trick of catches in the game against Richmond and hitting a boundary in our last game when we needed 1 to win off the last 2 balls. Hamish hasn’t lost his wicket since the start of

this year and with a total run count of 173, is the recipient of this year's Batting Award for our team.

**Charles Baker**

Charles is always keen to learn and definitely kept the coach on his toes with all his questions to help him understand more about decisions, game strategies and techniques. An all-rounder, Charles is good in the field and with bat and ball as his end of season stats show. Finishing with 5 wickets, 95 runs (including a top score of 25), 5 catches and 3 run outs, Charles is the deserving winner of this year's U12B Black Coaches Award.

**Harry Talbot**

Harry is a confident, competent all-rounder who can do it all and wants to do it all. Not only has Harry performed with the bat, ball and his hands with some awesome direct throwing at the stumps, but he shows a maturity in his ability to shrug off any setbacks in a game to be fully focussed at the next one. For taking 8 wickets in the 9 games this season with a bowling average of 10, Harry is the recipient of the Bowling Award for U12B Black this year.



## U12C Gold

First things first.

Rewind to a year ago when this same presentation night got cancelled because COVID-19 had hit town and nobody really knew how long it would be staying for. It was the start of a lot of uncertainty for all of us. Sport was only one part of our lives that changed, but I think we all missed it.

Fast forward to the end of Spring 2020 and we had all been stuck at home for months, with a lot of pressures on families as we adapted to working from home, learning at home and playing at home.

It was great timing and a great relief when the emails started coming through from the club to say that cricket would be starting soon. I don't think anyone really cared too much about winning or losing, we were all just happy to get on the park once again.

On that note I want to thank Cam, Louise and Tim for working around the clock to get things in place for the summer and figuring out what the COVID-19 restrictions would mean for junior cricket teams.

The Under 12C Gold team was quickly assembled, and you may as well have called it the Westgarth Primary School all-stars. Every single kid in our team was a Westgarth grade 5 student! Although many of them were playing in a cricket team for the first time, so we had some work to do on skills. But at least we all knew each other's nicknames.

The wins and losses haven't really mattered so much. Which is good, because we only managed to grab just the one win for the season but we have certainly given a few teams a fright along the way. But the kids just love getting out there each Saturday, and so have the coaches.

On that note, a big thanks to my fellow coaching staff, **Chris** and **Raj**, and a special mention to our occasional wicketkeeping specialist coach **Tony Macvean**. The batting, bowling, fielding and what I would call game awareness has all improved out of sight since the beginning of the season.

Thanks also to **Josh**, our team manager. It's probably fair to say he wasn't sure what he was getting into when he volunteered. But he's done a great job of letting us know where we need to be each week, as well as learning the ropes of scoring and doing so under pressure.

### U12C GOLD SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Patrick Filby

Thomas Kisgen

Henry Macvean

Joseph Macvean

Daniel McAlpine

Max Munro

Ziggy Read

Tom Sebastian

Sam Shortt

Simon Wrench

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Ken McAlpine

#### TEAM MANAGER

Josh Wrench

Now to our kids...

As I mentioned, they are all from the same primary school and so it hasn't been hard to get them to bond. The main job of the coaches has been to help them build up their skills and also to try and keep them focused on the game while they are out in the field.

They've had a lot of fun and celebrated a lot of milestones and achievements together. As a team coach you are also the umpire at the bowler's end when your team is fielding, and it has been hard to contain my enthusiasm when one of our players gets a big wicket.

Some of our boys have had to wait a while – **Thomas Kisgen** took his first wicket in our second last game, thanks to a great catch from **Ziggy Read**. And **Sam Shortt** saved his best for our final game as part of an ambush against the top team, Surrey Hills, snagging two wickets as we reduced their previously supreme batting order to chaos.

Most of our boys have all had a turn at wicket-keeping as well, which is a great way of making them concentrate on what is happening every time the ball is bowled. They've all put their bodies behind the ball, copped a few bruises and saved a lot of runs, as well as taking a few neat catches and keeping the positive talk going among our fielders. **Tom Sebastian** has probably worn the most hits but keeps coming back for more.

Our bowlers have been consistent in their improvement – **Joe and Henry Macvean** in particular have kept getting better and better, while **Simon Wrench** introduced a move late in the season where he flaps his arms like a seagull while running in to bowl. My son **Daniel McAlpine** has also had a good season where he has jagged quite a few wickets and beaten the outside edge many times, and has also turned out to be a far more promising batsman than I ever was.

The player that topped both our bowling and batting this year was **Max Munro**. When you see him play now, it makes sense. He looks like he has been playing for years. But it isn't true – for the two years prior to COVID-19 changing everything Max and his family were living in those not-so-cricket-mad countries of Spain and the USA. His dad might have bowled a bit to him in the backyard when they got home to Melbourne at the start of last year but that's about it. So well done to Max, and well done to our wicket-keepers who occasionally got on the end of a catch from his bowling when he wasn't knocking over the stumps.

I'm also giving the coach's award to **Patrick Filby**, who showed the most improvement this year but also did a great job of bringing his teammates with him. At the start of the year he was reluctant to bat anywhere near the top of the order, and this was not a surprise because most kids don't like getting out. But one game in particular seemed to make him realise that batting was not just about survival – it was about runs. We had to chase down a target of 130-odd at our home ground just after the summer break, and Patrick was sent in with instructions to have a crack and not worry about getting out. He belted the ball all over the park and almost got us home that day, and he's never looked back. So well done to Patrick for unleashing the beast within. He's also a handy bowler – the other kids call him

Hat-trick Patrick – and has been really good at throwing himself around in the field and setting a good example for his teammates.

Thank you to all the players but thanks also to the parents, many of whom are now able to fill in the scorebook and also make sure our batsmen are kitted out properly when they head out to the middle.

The footy season has started and the mornings are getting darker again. We'll all enjoy the break but I am also sure everyone cannot wait for another great season at Edinburgh Cricket Club next summer. Thank you all once again.

## U12C Maroon

This season will certainly be one that remains in the memory bank for some time, not because of the interruptions to the season but how every member of the team adapted and made the most of it. Each week the boys were excited and so enthusiastic that it was very infectious (see what I did there 😊). For me, this was one of the best seasons I have had the opportunity to coach and I want to thank every player in the team and all their parents and guardians for making it the case.

Right from the start this whole group became a team. This was highlighted by not only the continuous laughter and encouragement towards each other throughout the season, but also the comradery when things were tough and maybe not going as we would like. Everyone who was part of this group should be proud of everything that has been achieved this season as everyone has played a role in making it run so positive.

I want to make a special mention to our Team Manager Mark Komarnycki for keeping the team on course throughout the season, things would not have run so smoothly without you.

Some of the personal highlights for each of the boys included:

**Ivo Archer:** A late starter this year after having to wait patiently for his time to play but slipped straight into the team. Happy to throw himself around in the field as well with one of the better caught and bowled's I've seen in a while.

**Felix Crilley:** By season's end became our ball striker, developing the ability to hit the ball hard and into gaps straight back past the bowler, causing a few hurt hands and fingers to the oppositions players who got in the way.

**Quinn Devery:** Just like last year it was a challenge not to see a smile on Quinn's face whether at training or on game-day. Straight from the beginning of the season he showed that he wanted to keep developing, particularly his batting, cashing in by retiring a few times.

**Antony Joseph:** This was Antony's first year of playing competitive cricket, but he didn't look out of place at all. Grew in character and voice as the season progressed, becoming one of the more vocal members of the team when in the field.

**Noah Komarnycki:** Noah had quite the consistent season, particularly with the bat, as he quite often got to the point of retiring as he held a high price on his wicket. As the season progressed, he showed his hitting ability with some hard and strong shots through the leg-side.

### U12C MAROON SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Felix Crilley

Quinn Devery

Antony Joseph

Noah Komarnycki

Julien Lecocq

Xavier McIntosh

William Tehan

Henry Wapling

Tom Wilkinson

Ivo Archer

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Will Vickery

#### TEAM MANAGER

Mark Komarnycki

**Julien Lecocq:** This was also Julien's first time with the club but clearly, he enjoyed every moment as well as showing some very strong character during some unfortunate passages of play during one particular game. Seemed to have spent most of the Christmas break bowling as he came back a faster and more accurate bowler, causing some headaches for the opposition.

**Xavier McIntosh:** Our leading run-scorer for the season and finishing the season with his highest score for the club. No different to last season, just wanted to be in the batter's face in the field always having to move him out of the no-go zone. Took some amazing catches as wicketkeeper as well.

**William Tehan:** Had a great all-round season as the leading wicket-taker for the year as well as the second leading run-scorer. Had the opportunity to play in the higher grade this year which clearly had an impact on his game, particularly his decision-making with his batting as well as his patience.

**Henry Wapling:** By the end of the season was the stand-out fielder in the team, throwing himself around and stopping balls on the boundary with ease, all without any practice throughout the season on how to properly slide and dive.

**Tom Wilkinson:** Still our accurate and consistent tall fast bowler with best figures of 4/1! But this year the greatest development in Tom's game came from his batting, with an ability to play straight and square of the wicket now.

## U12C Red

What a fantastic season for the U12C Reds in 2020/21!

After a COVID year of lockdown and a general lack of cricket, we had all of the fundamentals right for a great season ahead of us. Not only did we have a lovely home ground, a great group of boys, a supremely well organised Team Manager but also a very supportive group of parents and an experienced supercoach.

It was a season of great experiences, great efforts and great development. The improvement in the Reds' skills was evident weekly, in particular when bowling line and length over pace, calling and running between wickets, protecting one's wicket, and backing up in the field.

Thanks to all parents who contributed to making the games run so smoothly – square leg, lifts, scoring, set ups, general encouragement, coffee runs in challenging suburbs.

Special thanks to Team Manager, Ben Hubbard - who never missed a beat.

(And from Ben) Special thanks to Supercoach, Mick Wright-Smith for his endless enthusiasm, thoughtful engagement with and support of the boys, and the right nudges and nods at the right time during practice and the games.

### Some special mentions

**Josh Anagnostou:** We were lucky to get Josh for the first half of the season before school sport got him. Josh is a delight to coach, always positive and plays cricket that way also. Smashing 11 runs in Round 3 was a highlight. Well done Josh.

**Finn Dalling:** Finn has a strong arm in the field, and applied himself with diligence to his fielding all year. Finn also had great success with the ball, bagging four season wickets. 2/10 in round 7 was a joy to watch. A special mention to Finn for his courage in batting, a duty he never shirked despite some trepidation early on. Inspirational.

**Eli Driscoll:** We were also lucky to get Eli for the first half of the season before school sport got him too. Eli approaches his cricket with enthusiasm and good humour, and he was rewarded with two season wickets. Well done on a really solid season Eli.

**Mitchell Eddy:** Mitch is a cricketer who gets on with the task regardless of the conditions. Mitch enjoyed a fine season with the bat, guarding his wicket carefully and blasting 80 runs with consistent scores including a season highlight of 23 runs in Round 4. Mitch also took three wickets and three catches. Fantastic all-round cricket Mitch.

### U12C RED SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Joshua Anagnostou

Finn Dalling

Elias Driscoll

Mitchell Eddy

Albert Hubbard

Daniel Houlihan

Dougal Fraser

Levent Kovac

Hugo Lethbridge

Louis Spencer

Fin Wright-Smith

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Mick Wright-Smith

#### TEAM MANAGER

Ben Hubbard

**Albert Hubbard:** Albert came to U12 Reds a credentialled wicket keeper, and from Round 1 he didn't disappoint. 6 season catches might just be an all time record for the U12C Reds. When we were able to get the gloves off Albert, he also made plenty of runs and took 4 season wickets. Scores of 19 and 18 in rounds 3 and 11 were highlights. Congratulations Albert on a fabulous season.

**Dan Houlihan:** Dan had a really good year of cricket with the Reds, focussing on line and length bowling which produced a wicket. Dan's batting was characteristically gritty, and his 5 retired in Round 1 was a highlight and held the team up amidst a challenging Surrey Hills attack. Great stuff Dan.

**Dougal Fraser:** Dougal is a passionate cricketer. He loves to bowl fast which together with some late swing resulted in 3 season wickets. Dougal also took three catches in addition to smashing out 54 season runs. A gritty 12 against the rampant Boorondara Taipans attack was a highlight. Well done Dougal on a tremendous and all round season of cricket.

**Levent Kovac:** Levvie had a very consistent year of cricket. Always dangerous with the bat and difficult to dislodge, he blasted 48 runs. Levvie really shone with the ball, however. With a relaxed delivery style, Levvie was unplayable in Round 5 taking 2/4 he and finished the season with 8 wickets. Congrats on your wicket haul this year Levvie.

**Hugo Lethbridge:** Hugo had a terrific season of cricket this year, and worked hard at training which payed off as the season progressed. At training, Hugo focussed on line and length bowling and when batting he methodically practiced the defence and the pull shot. It was great to see Hugo put this into action as the season progressed. Well done Hugo on a really good season of cricket.

**Louis Spencer:** Louis is a serious student of all things cricket, and also plays like a gentleman. Louis made plenty of runs but became Mr Reliable this season with the ball, accurate and pitched up, always dangerous – particularly with his leggies. His 6 season wickets, including 2/12 in Round 10, reflected Louis' accurate bowling. Well done Louis on a terrific year, particularly with the ball.

**Fin Wright-Smith:** Fin was lucky to again have his Dad as coach, but 20/21 was Fin's break out year for cricket. Fin's form on the beach over Summer continued with the red ball and his consistent enthusiasm and team encouragement was rewarded with 85 season runs and 6 wickets. 23 runs and 3/6 in Round 8, and 26 runs and 2/14 in Round 12 were highlights. Congrats Finnie on a great season of cricket, and in particular on always revving the team up.

## U14A

The under 14A's had a bit of a journey this year, finishing the year with 4 wins, a draw and 5 losses. It was a great year of development for the team as James and I saw improvements from the boys each and every week. Unfortunately, just missing the finals by just one game.

We had 4 boys represent the club at Representative level over the summer in both the under 14 ECA carnival and Dowling Shield pathway programs. Really showing the level of quality with the boys.

They made coming to coach fun and interesting every week and are truly a great bunch of boys who all have bright futures in front of them. I would love to see all of them continue their cricket over the next few years, making sure they have getting enjoyment out of the game which ever level they decide to play at. I will encourage them to join into the senior teams as it is a great way for the boys to develop their skills.

### James Shadbolt (C)

James had a terrific year with the ball, Finishing equal 1<sup>st</sup> in the bowling with 11 wickets. He really troubled batsmen all year and will continue to do so in years to come. Fielding was also one of James' Strongest points throughout the year with one of the safest pair of hands. Even to prove a point in one game, put on the gloves and made it look easy. James also took on the captaincy with conviction this year, to the point where James Fear and I would let him set his own fields and just offer advice to him when he asked for it. James also made 84 runs @ 41 for the year as well, having a technique to be admired. I am sure we will see him score tons of runs for the 'Burra in years to come. I look forward to seeing to you excel with your cricket.

### Jack Moston

Jack after a slow start to the year with the bat, through no fault of his own. He managed to bounce back strong showcasing the form and ball striking he was displaying in the nets and transferring it into a game. In my opinion, his 51 retired was one of the highlights of the season demonstrating both power and discipline throughout his innings. His work behind the stumps was also very impressive, letting very few byes through and even managing to keep extremely well against Kew when he really wasn't feeling that well. Jack was also Vice Captain for the year, and showed a great amount of leadership throughout the year. I hope Jack continues his cricket in the future, I will be keeping a close eye on you.

## U14A

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### TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Barnard

Jules Cameron

Sebastian Donnellan

Lachlan Green

Leroy Hinds

Finbar Kennedy

Freddy Marmo

Mitchell Money

Jack Moston

Joshua Murray

James Shadbolt

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Mark Foster & James Fear

### TEAM MANAGER

Jennie Hutton



### **Leroy Hinds**

Leroy had a great year with both Bat and Ball, really showing his level of ability and skill. With the bat Leroy scored 119 runs @ 23.8 really showing his capabilities. Leroy also made 50 retired this year. He was even better with the ball coming equal 1<sup>st</sup> taking 11 wickets for the year. Leroy also played in the under 14 ECA representative carnival where he represented both ECA and Edinburgh to the best of his abilities. He should be very proud of his achievements this year. I have really enjoyed watching Leroy grow as a player this year and wish him all the best for his future cricketing journey. Remember to take everything with a grain of salt, and just enjoy playing cricket.

### **Sebastian Donnellan**

Seb had an amazing year with the bat, winning the batting award. While he didn't make a 50 and was subjected to some poor umpiring decisions, he just took them in his stride and focused on the things he could control. By doing this was one of our most consistent players throughout the year. To continue on with the theme of consistency, Seb bowled really well all year despite not taking as many wickets as he would like. Congratulations on an amazing season and I wish you all the best in the future.

### **Lachlan Green**

Lachy took the massive step this year of going from the 12A's to the 14A's which the standard set and skill level increased greatly. Lachy well and truly showed that he was capable of playing at this level and even higher. Throughout the year, Lachy was one of our go to bowlers as he constantly troubled batsmen conceding very few runs over the year. He also displayed great decision making in shot selection and technique senior players would be envious of. I hope Lachy continues to excel with his cricket in years to come.

### **Jules Cameron**

Jules was another one of our talented boys to come from the under 12's, who started the year opening the bowling, being very difficult to face with his left arm swing bowling. He was then given the chance to bat up the order and show off his batting prowess, hitting one of the biggest sixes I've at this level. Hopefully this year has given Jules a lot of confidence leading into next year where I have no doubt that he will be able to dominate the competition alongside Lachy and Seb. I wish you luck with all your future cricketing journeys, Go Burra!

### **Freddy Marmo**

Freddy had a little bit of a slow start to the year but really grew into the team. Bowled well all year for not much success. I will encourage Freddy to keep working hard bowling spin as they will continue to get better and better, leading to more chances to take wickets. Freddy also got a chance to open the batting against one of the top teams (Kew) and performed at a high level, showing with confidence he is more than capable of playing at this level. Good luck for all your cricket in the future, Go Burra!

### **Joseph Barnard**

Joey was one of our most committed cricketers this year as he was always the first one to training and always eager to get out there and play cricket was great to see as a coach. Joey performed well with the ball all year showing his ability to be able to tie down an end

making it impossible to score for the batsmen. I loved the way that Joey went about his cricket this year, and I'm sure he will take the same attitude into the years to come, but most importantly continues to enjoy playing his cricket.

### **Finbar Kennedy**

Finbar never skips a beat, one of the happiest kids you will see on a cricket field. He brings this energy which is almost contagious to his teammate, which really brings up the spirit of the boys around him. He batted in the top order in different roles throughout the year, had a pretty good season, showing his versatility as a batsman. Finbar also started bowling leg spin with the help of James Fear, which helped us tie down different batsmen throughout the year. I hope you continue to master your craft with both bat and bowl in years to come.

### **Josh Murray**

Josh started the year as a batsman, where he looked promising but was unlucky with good balls. I put his name forward to Brad Shadbolt - Chairman of Selectors for the senior men's program – and he was introduced into the senior program and really excelled with the ball. He was able to consistently keep the ball pitched up, showing real discipline with the ball. I was so pleased to see the improvements Josh made throughout the year and look forward to seeing this process continue in the future, Go Burra!

### **Mitch Money**

Mitch played well this year, opening the bowling in a lot of games. He would make batsmen constantly play in the miss. Mitch's bowling is only to get better and improve as he grows and learns to control what he does with the ball. Mitch had an amazing year in the field, just stopping everything and really adding to the team dynamic. Mitch also played most of the year in the 6<sup>th</sup> XI and it was this aided is improvement throughout the year. No doubt he has a bright future ahead. Go Burra!

## **U14B Black**

The under 14 B Black boys only had 1 training session before the season was to start due to COVID restrictions and they were eager to finally get out on the field and play cricket.

With a great selection of 12 individually talented boys including 2 new comers to the club in Chris Oliver and Duncan McKie, the team was going to be a force.

Playing Trinity Wilison first in a 2 day game the opposition posted a respectable total of 187 all out, with tight bowling from spin wizard Alex Vocisano 4 for 18 off 5 and Liam Ukovic 3 for 18 off 6. Batting next we got off to a disastrous start being 2 for 0. Enter our 2 new recruits to save the team. Chris Oliver 50 and Duncan McKie 60 RTNO demonstrating unbelievable concentration and grit to get us out of trouble and win 6 for 191. There was amazing jubilation to at last be able to play sport again after a long layoff.

The next 2 day games were tough. Playing Surrey Hills first (who eventually moved to U16c), the boys were competitive but didn't make enough runs to defend. Special mentions to Samuel Evans who smashed 22 off 26 and a patient Alex Vocisano 23 off 65 and Henry Nelson 18 off 35. The boys gave it their all in the field so much so Henry Harrison fractured his wrist attempting a spectacular stop. The boys just fell short of the win.

Our round 3 game saw us get off to a great start having South Camberwell in trouble early at 8 for 124. They eventually went on to make 8 for 203! A great bowling display by Toby Littlejohn-Sims 3 for 19 off 6. Looking dejected our boys found it tough to keep their wickets with notable standouts in the middle order from Duncan McKie 30 and an impressive display of batting from Jack Smith 33 we were all dismissed for 145. Time for the Christmas/New Years' break to rejuvenate.

After the break the boys we all fired up and ready to go and boy did they turn it on! From round 4 to round 7 they won 4 one day games in row and looked invincible!

Round 4 against Burwood we kept them to 5 for 88 with tight bowling from Jack Smith, with 2 for 7 off 2. We then won in a tight finish with Ollie Orr 22 off 20 hitting the winning runs with a few overs to spare. A great all-round team effort!

### **U14B BLACK SEASON 2020-21**

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Jack Amiet

Zac Bennett

Samuel Evans

Henry Harrison

Henry Nelson

Duncan McKie

Christopher Oliver

Toby Littlejohn-Sims

Oliver Orr

Jack Smith

Alex Vocisano

Liam Ukovic

#### **COACHING/UMPIRING**

Dennis Ukovic

#### **TEAM MANAGER**

Keli Symons

Round 5 against Box Hill we posted a respectable 5 for 109 with runs again from Duncan McKie 26 off 20 and Ollie Orr 22 off 16. We came out bowling without much luck with Box Hill 2 for 63. After 10 overs the boys dug deep and ended bowling them out 9 for 95 taking the last 7 wickets for 32! Excellent tight bowling with Henry Harrison starting the collapse with 3 for 12 off 2.

Round 6 against Canterbury the boys were full of confidence at home and there was no stopping them! With almost everyone posting runs 8 for 121 we bowled the opposition out for 75. The last 8 wickets for just 6 runs! With Henry Harrison 2 for 5, Duncan McKie 2 for 3, Liam Ukovic 3 for 2 (A memorable hat-trick) and Ollie Orr 1 for 0 cleaning them up in the last 6 overs.

Round 7 Trinity Wilison were no match for our boys. We posted 3 for 128 with Alex Vocisano 21, Duncan McKie 21 and Ollie Orr a quick fire 39 off 20 including 2 almighty sixes! Trinity could only manage 6 for 85 with Henry Harrison, Duncan McKie and Liam Ukovic all taking 2 each. Special mentions to Samuel Evans amazing caught behind and Zac Bennett's 2 difficult catches out in the deep. Edinburgh consolidate 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

Round 8 against Camberwell Magpies saw 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> and a chance for us to jump into 2<sup>nd</sup>. We definitely had our work cut out, with the Magpies deserving 2<sup>nd</sup> spot with a strong display of batting finishing 2 for 135 off 21. Our boys gave it their all with a strong batting display from Duncan McKie 40 RTNO. We fell short by only 12 runs.

Round 9 was a must win against Box Hill to ensure a finals berth and on a hot night we restricted them to 4 for 120. Good tight bowling from Jack Amiet without reward. A gettable target we thought on Alfred Crescent. The boys got off to a solid start and looked to be cruising until a sudden collapse of wickets we fell short by 18 runs. A gallant effort by our boys, Zac Bennett 18, Chris Oliver 41 with 2 massive sixes and Henry Harrison 24.

A fantastic season by Edinburgh U14 B black team who won 5 games and lost 4 total of 30 point to only miss out on finals by percentage. An effort the players should all be proud of.

A huge thank you to team manager Keli Symons, COVID officer Bridget Smith and all the parents who helped week in week out to make the season enjoyable and make my job so much easier.

**JACK AMIET:** A good defensive batter who can be aggressive when giving the full swing of the bat. More suited to the two day games where he could build his innings. A very accurate bowler who taunted the batsman with his slow swing bowling was unlucky not to take a wicket.

**ZAC BENNETT:** Took a while to get going with his batting but once he gained more confidence he started to let loose and was well suited to the one dayers. He opened batting in the last 2 games and responded with playing his best cricket. A vastly improved bowler

who possesses a great outswinger and just needs a little more confidence in himself to become a consistent bowler.

**SAMUEL EVANS:** Put his hand up to be wicket keeper and he didn't disappoint with some spectacular catches and stumpings. He was always encouraging the bowlers and fielders to keep going. One of our many one day specialist players whose favourite shot was over mid wicket.

**HENRY HARRISON:** One of the strongest batting techniques in our team with shot selections all around the ground. Another outstanding year with the ball with his left arm over the wicket swing, troubling both the right and left handed batsman At one stage being on a hat trick but just missed out

**TOBY LITTLEJOHN-SIMS:** Started the season off well with his batting, lost a little confidence towards the end, but stuck it out and had a good season with the bat. Very economical bowler who could swing the ball considerably. Would be a damaging bowler with more control. Beat the batsman constantly outside off stump and was unlucky not to take more wickets.

**DUNCAN MCKIE:** A master batsman in both forms of the game he was exciting to watch. A powerful hitter he possesses amazing skill, poise and technique. An unorthodox off spinner with pace and bounce, he regularly troubled batsman. A new recruit to Edinburgh he settled in quickly and won the batting with 188 runs for the season with an average of 47.

**HENRY NELSON:** Excellent defensive batter who had great patience at the crease. Not known for his big hitting Henry was always the one looking for the quick singles to keep the score moving. Bowled better than his average would suggest with many variations in his leg spin, topspin and even the odd wrongen who kept the batsman guessing. He was unlucky not to take more wickets.

**CHRIS OLIVER:** Another new player to Edinburgh CC he did not disappoint. A gifted batsman who had many memorable innings. Once going he was almost impossible to get out. Very strong through mid-wicket he hit 2 sixes in a row in our last game. A very quick bowler who hit the deck hard with bounce, often worrying the opposition.

**OLIVER ORR:** Our one day specialist batsman. Came in many times and smashed the ball like I have never seen. Possessed a great eye. Most memorable innings was a 39 off 20 balls not out with 2 sixes. Our quickest bowler who was unlucky to only take 3 wickets often beating the outside of the bat. Constantly bowled the sand shoe crusher.

**JACK SMITH:** A solid contributor with the bat, hit a memorable 6 over mid-wicket in a match and a great execution of the late cut. His most memorable innings of 33 off the team who eventually finished on top. Started the season bowling medium pace but switched to leg spin with better accuracy and results.

**LIAM UKOVIC:** A good defensive batter who can hit the ball to all parts of the ground. Bowled outstanding this season with exceptional line and length with both movement off the seam and in the air. Rewarded with the most wickets 13 with an average of 8.08. A memorable hat trick with the 3<sup>rd</sup> a perfect outswinger to hit off stump.

**ALEX VOCISANO:** A surprise package with the bat. Got the team out of trouble a few times with his patient batting. Solid defence he had to adapt to the one dayers and started swinging the bat with great success. Another one of our leg spinners in the team he troubled the batsman with his loopy spin and bounce with balls almost unplayable.

## U14B Burgundy

It was great to see the boys back with their mates and playing team sport again after the challenges of 2020. The first order of the season was just to have fun, enjoy training, catch up with old teammates and make new friends. One thing was clear from the start that not only did I inherit a talented group of players but better yet a great bunch of kids and it was a real privilege and pleasure to coach the boys this season. For ten of the boys it was their first season in under 14's and although we only won three games for the season, there was only one game they were truly beaten and all other matches could've easily gone either way.

A special thanks to Joe Phegan for taking on the team manager's role, the season ran like clockwork also thanks Tim and Louise and all the parents that helped with the scoring, square leg umpiring, ground setup and pack up. Also thank you for the efforts you all put in to get the boys to training and games throughout the season

Now the U14B Burgundy players:

**Thomas Warne:** Thomas has an abundance of skill with a beautiful batting technique. Thomas played in the lower order most of the season and against Koonung Heights hit a magnificent 31 off 37 balls. I am positive if there were more 2 day matches he would have made some big scores. Thomas is also a great bowler who bowls a consistent line and length. Thomas goes up to U16 next season and will be missed by his team mates

**Pablo Gooi:** Pablo had a great season, a real team player and often sent into bat in difficult conditions. On number of occasions when we needed quick runs and a steady innings Pabs would put his hand up to help guide the team to a competitive score. Pablo is a handy bowler and a great fielder and brought that calming influence when the team needed it. Pablo also goes up to U16 next season and will also be missed by his mates

**Leo Daffey:** It didn't take long for Leo to announce himself as our big hitting attacking batsman, 20 off 15 in the first game against Boroondara and the following week 29 off 16 against Camberwell. Because a lot of the games ended up being one day matches we asked Leo to open the batting to help get us off to a quick start with his big hitting. Leo did not disappoint and had every ones' attention when he went into bat. Leo is also a valuable fielder and took the most catches in the season including a one handed blinder.

### U14B BURGUNDY SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Jay Christie

Leo Daffey

Angus Davis

Joel Dichiera

Pablo Gooi

Zac Henderson

Zac Kurzbock

Oliver Phegan

Oscar Warne

Tom Wavish

Michael Wong

Thomas Worn

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Scott Davis

#### TEAM MANAGER

Joe Phegan

**Joel Dichiera:** Joel had an amazing season and on regular occasions showed he can take a game away from a team with both the bat and the ball. Joel won the teams batting award with 141 runs at an average of 23.50. The most memorable performance was when he hit 45 off 44 balls against Camberwell and was on a hat trick in the same game. Joel also came second in the bowling and added to this he kept in a few games with a fantastic effort against Balwyn Blasters.

**Zac Henderson:** Zac is another great all round cricketer, good batsman fast between the wickets although too quick for his team mates at times. Zac had some excellent performances against North Alphington and Balwyn. Zac is a great bowler who can change to spin and a jet in the field and made the third man position his own where not much went through to the boundary. Zac backs his fielding up with an amazing throwing arm

**Oliver Phegan:** Ollie is another player who can bat, bowl and keep. Ollie goes about his business very quietly and was always the first to be at training and padded up to face some balls. Ollie is a very attacking batsman when going and against Balwyn he hit 21 off 17 deliveries and kept brilliantly in that same game. An excellent seam bowler he picked up 3 wickets and one bowling sneaky leg spin which he can now add to his game.

**Zac Kurzbock:** Zac is our quiet achiever wasn't keen to bat in the lower order early in the season but when he did was very accomplished. Zack has shown great skill, determination and also courage in tough situations. On a couple of occasions against Koonung and Balwyn he helped put us back into the match. Also a very good bowler with a beautiful swing ball he produced the amazing figures of 1 for 7 from 4 overs against Camberwell.

**Jay Christie:** Jay is a great all round cricketer and very popular amongst the team and won the team's best bowling award. He had a best on ground performance against Balwyn with the figures of 3 for 8 which included a spectacular caught and bowled and a final over to win the game, added to this 17 runs with the bat. Jay's game goes from strength to strength and he improved with every game and that's not mentioning his sharp fielding

**Oscar Warne:** Oscar's game improved as the season went on and produced some fantastic spin bowling performances. Oscar is a handy seam bowler as well but showed great determination and stuck to his spin bowling and in some games his bowling was nearly unplayable and often confusing the opposition batsman. He picked up a well-deserved 1 for 8 off Balwyn whilst captaining the team. Unfortunately, he didn't get much time with the bat but his innings against Camberwell helped turn the game back our way.

**Michael Wong:** Michael is always having fun either at training or game day but when it is time to play he flicks that competitive switch and he is on. Michael loves opening the bowling and bowling fast, he opened the bowling in most of our games and often came up against the best opposition batsman. Although unlucky not to have taken more wickets he rarely had many runs hit off his bowling always had the team off to a great start. Michael is a great fielder and as a batsman unlucky because of the limited chances to improve his batting, but some big scores will come with more time in the middle



**Tom Wavish:** Tom is our version of Mr. Cricket, another great all-rounder with a fantastic batting technique with one of the best cover drives you would see. Tom was another go to player to come in early and get the innings off to a start. Tom finished second in the batting and in the last game he made 40 not out off 30 deliveries. A beautiful spin bowler he picked up 1 for 9 against Camberwell and bowled some very tight spells throughout the season.

**Angus Davis:** Angus changed from seam to spin bowling later in the season after pestering his coach and he has definitely found his niche. He picked up 2 for 12 in his last match and if he wasn't taking wickets he bowled some really good spells. One of Angus's strengths is his fielding and in his first game took 2 great catches and a magnificent runout. Like some of the boys he had limited opportunity with the bat and often had to come in late and chase quick runs but he showed some good signs with the bat later in the season.

## U14B Maroon

Well, as far as win loss ratios go, we didn't exactly set the world on fire. But as far as player enjoyment and skill improvement goes, we had a cracking year. Being a team of mainly 12 year olds stepping into Under 14 and competing against what felt like teams of mainly 14 year olds, we really noticed the jump in skill level and also physical development. In under 14's the bowlers are all faster, straighter and more consistent. As a result, our batters struggled to score enough runs to trouble too many teams, with some notable exceptions being the stand and deliver knocks from Jack who topped our run scoring by a long way.

Most of our batters need to work on a fundamental defence to keep out the good balls, and learn some patience to wait for the bad ones. It really ain't rocket science this batting business! Some promising signs by the end of the year.

With regards to bowling, same thing. We came up against plenty of 14 year old heavy hitters who knew how to punish anything short and wide. We had a quartet of dangerous pace bowlers and another 7 decent medium pacers, but pretty much all of them need to work a bit more on line and length to really trouble opposition batters. Plenty of fiery sandshoe crushers and pacey swing bowling didn't translate into enough wickets to properly reflect the bowling talents of the team.

We had a few close games, plenty of blowouts and one massive victory on a day when everything clicked. But some great fielding was seen, there was plenty of excellent sportsmanship, and loads of improvement from all which was pleasing.

**Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano:** No-one would have spent more time in the nets than Bianca this season, working on her batting. It didn't translate to masses of runs in the games but that will come. She certainly played me around in the nets with ease. Great fielding, most reliable catch on the team, and a good arm. Handy medium pacers caused a few difficulties.

**Fred Burton:** Proved a revelation late in the season as our wicket keeper. Showing real potential here with his good hand eye co-ordination on, clean hands and nimble footwork. Some more experience here and he could become a top-class keeper. Loves to play the ball when batting, scored a great 50 in our one win, just needs to work on keeping the ball along the ground more and he will score plenty more 50's.

### U14B MAROON SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Isaiah Barton
Bianca Broadbent-Siciliano
Alfred Burton
Jack Chianta
Luca Conduit
Evan Crone
Samuel Francis
Lucas Gillingham
Spencer Kinsey
Henry Nicholls
James Pieterse

#### COACHING/UMPIRING Matt Broadbent

#### TEAM MANAGER Mel Ryan

**Luca Conduit:** Sold himself short by declaring at start of the season he was a bowler, not a batter. By then end of the season he was one of our best batters, when he hit the ball it stayed hit. But his real strength is his bowling. Beautiful outswingers at pace. Just needs to work on consistently hitting that spot just short of a length on off stump and he could be the next Glen McGrath!

**Henry Nicholls:** He also sells himself short as far as his batting ability goes. He can play a lovely straight defensive shot, and can smash loose balls to the boundary at will which we saw occasionally. Unfortunately, he has absolutely zero patience! By the end of the season we managed to get him block 3 to 4 balls before he would himself up instead of trying to belt the first delivery for six. Needs to work on that. But his strength is also his bowling. Plenty of pace, plenty of outswing, beat the bat plenty of times. Just needs to get it on the stumps a little more so when he beats that bat, it rattles the stumps.

**Lucas Gillingham:** Too much hallway cricket at home saw him struggle to really open his shoulders and smash the ball. Too worried about cracking the plaster. But developed a rock solid defence and was almost impossible to dislodge. Dangerous fast bowler, the fast yorker a specialty. Line and length, line and length, and he will be a regular opening bowler who takes plenty of wickets.

**Jack Chianta:** Had a eureka moment half way through the year when he said to me 'I'm just sick of getting out'. Huzzah! From that moment on he started playing some patient. sensible cricket, straight batting the good balls and mercilessly flogging the stray ones. Topped our run scoring by a mile, finished of the season with a great 30 against the Donvale man-child, standing and delivering against some fearsome pace. Bowls really fast, but too short and wide. Needs to slow it down a bit and work on control to really become the dangerous bowler he wants to be.

**Sam Francis:** Topped our bowling awards which surprised us all, possible even Sam. But really, bowling ain't rocket science either. Shorten your run up, slow it down until you can get that ball on the stumps and the wickets will flow. Sam definitely took that message to heart and by the end of the season was one of our most accurate bowlers. A handy batter too, making a fantastic 41 in our one great win.

**Spencer Kinsey:** When I watched him bowl from behind the stumps for the first time I thought it was Dennis Lillee reincarnated. A beautiful classical bowling action. Needs to spend a heap more time in the nets, shortening his run up and slowing his action down until he gains control. But loads of potential. Great fielder, strong arm.

**James Pieterse:** Had a run up longer than Jeff Thompson at the start of the season, was bugged by the time he got to the crease. Worked really hard on shortening his run up, slowing down his action and focusing on line and length. By the end of the season was bowling consistently straight and causing batters real problems.

**Isaiah Barton:** Bowled one of the best balls all season, a cracking in swinging yorker that rattled the stumps against Donvale. Followed that up with a heroic running outfield catch

that started the rot in their batting innings. Can really whack the ball when batting, and plenty of potential as a bowler.

**Evan Crone:** A handy keeper with good hand eye co-ordination. Can really flay the ball when he winds up. Almost got us over the line in a close one against Ivanhoe with some late innings lusty blows. Decent pace and movement with ball in hand, just needs more control to become a solid all-rounder.

## U14C Yellow

The boys started the season in style with a one-run victory of the other Edinburgh U14C team which provided the momentum to launch an unforgettable season. Henry and Austin were heroes with the bat and provided a batting masterclass of how to chase down a total.

Our winning form continued the next week with a crushing defeat of North Alphington White out at their beautiful oval in hot conditions. We then hit some turbulence with a defeat at the hands of Kew, then forfeited a match due to silly fixturing during the Australia Day weekend. There are some things more sacred than a cricket game and spending the long weekend at the beach is one of them. An undermanned side then took on the might of Richmond Union Payne and fell just short.

The season then turned around with a convincing victory against cross town rivals Clifton Hill in what was a convivial and sociable atmosphere. This was followed by a reality check the following week when we faced the might of Richmond Union Barker who showed us that getting to the game 45 mins early and warming up can actually have significant effects on performance. The ship was steadied the next week with a commanding win over North Alphington White.

Here is a little summary of each player's contribution this season:

**Austin Ioannou:** Without a doubt, he possesses the longest run-up in the league. The long run-up, however, is worth the wait in most instances. He assumes a similar role to Mitchell Starc in our team and has the pace to frighten and break toes. No point trying to restrain his pace for a bit more accuracy, Callum wisely just set him loose. With the bat, Austin had some memorable innings, none more so than game 1 where he batted with Henry to chase down what was considered an impossible total. This effort will be talked about for seasons to come.

**Will Cashen:** Much was talked about this kid from Canada who had spent time playing baseball over there and hadn't picked up a cricket bat or ball for a few years. Would he be able to bowl with a straight arm? Would he bat with a baseball bat? Well, it didn't take long for him to show his adaptiveness. By game 2 he was swatting fours against Alphington White and bowling peach after peach. What really sets him apart in this team is his ability to listen the coach and take on any tips, as well as his rocket arm as a fielder which is the envy of every other player.

### U14C YELLOW SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

William Cashen
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Frederick Cole
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Angus Corrie
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Austin Ioannou
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Harvey MacDonald
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Francesco Nikolich
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Edward Saunders
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Tommy Vergers
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Toby Wickett
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Frankie Wright-Smith
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Henry Wallace
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#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Callum McIlveen

#### TEAM MANAGER

Mark Nikolich

**Angus Corrie:** The best left arm pace bowlers look effortless and graceful in their action and Angus is no exception. With a bit of guidance and encouragement from the coach, Angus' bowling improved out of sight and he was one of the rare exponents of swing bowling in our team. His next challenge is to break through with his batting which has seen a few good starts.

**Freddie Cole:** Freddie could be the best skater ever to play cricket. There were a few times in the season where we were left wondering if he'd go out to bat using his skateboard. Freddy couldn't always make it to training due to the tyranny of distance from his school but there was one time where we made it just in time to deliver one ball. That sort of commitment must be acknowledged. On game day, he showed a lot of resolve with both bat and ball and has a natural flair for the game. The game comes easy to him, which is fortunate given the training he has missed.

**Henry Nicholls:** Henry could have easily scored as many runs and taken as many wickets in the U/14As this year, such is his talent. He provided a strong foundation each week with the bat and rarely missed out on punishing the attack. In contrast to many other good batsmen in the U14Cs, Henry's strokes combined the rare mix of orthodoxy and power. We hope Henry continues to value his friendships in the team and not run off to join the A's next year.

**Tom Vergers:** Big Tom scores quickly and doesn't waste too many balls getting his eye in. He's able to whack the ball to clear the in-field and delighted in taking apart many attacks, especially Nth Alphington. His bowling baffled many batsmen and he was probably unlucky not to take more wickets. His niggle with Toby was also a highlight of the season.

**Frankie Wright-Smith:** Frankie is a unique character and every team needs one. Frankie clearly grew a lot during the off- season as we fondly remember his first game in pants that were 2 sizes too small. Sometimes it takes a while for the brain to catch up with the body which may be the reason for so many inexplicable bad calls and run-outs. Frankie's batting and bowling improved markedly after the Christmas break and he seemed to understand the importance of valuing his wicket.

**Toby Wickett:** Toby enjoys nothing more than getting under the skin of team mates and letting everyone know he's around. To be honest, he's lucky he wasn't assaulted by a few of them. Toby is passionate about his cricket and his passion occasionally boiled over. His batting improved out-of-sight in the back half of the season and he had a breakout game against Clifton Hill where his batting was nothing short of exemplary.

**Edward Saunders:** Aptly nicknamed "Edward Sausagehands", Ed showed moments of brilliance this season and probably played within his abilities. A bit more bowling practice outside of training and match days wouldn't hurt his game either. This would let him make full use of his powerful frame to deliver some seriously quick deliveries. Still a minor miracle that he found a pair of gloves big enough to house his ample hands.

**Cic Nikolich:** Having been caught and dismissed first ball in game 1, Cic managed to turn his season around with the bat and blast a few attacks to pieces. He experimented with his bowling at times, unsure whether he should stick to pace or try spin. It mattered little as both types resulted in the ball either beating the bat or just missing the stumps on many occasions. He'd be the first to say that the batsmen were often not good enough to get an edge on it.

**Harvey McDonald:** Harvey looked to really enjoy his cricket this season, but maybe not so much when having to keep to Austin bowling at 140km/hr. Keeping is without doubt the hardest job in the team and Harvey did a fantastic job week after week. It's also a thank-less task too as no one ever remembers the clean takes, just the fumbles. Harvey is also one of those rare beasts who can walk off after being dismissed and still have smile on his face. The game is better off with people like him who can see the bigger picture.

## U14C Green

Under 14C Green featured some seasoned U12 campaigners stepping up an age group from last year along with some established U14 players with a season's experience in the longer format of 45 overs per-side played over two days.

Changing to the longer game format is a challenge when Big Bash is all the rage, but our new players quickly adapted and placed a premium on their wickets when batting to ensure we faced the maximum number of overs, and in the field, where 45overs can seem a long time, the players applied themselves and concentrated throughout the innings.

In the spirit of participation and stretching our comfort zones, we rotated our batting and bowling each week which allowed players to experience different game scenarios. All gave their best efforts no matter where they were batting, bowling, or fielding. To pick out a highlight, I was happy with how our opening batters applied themselves in getting the team off to a good start, even though this seemed to be the least preferred batting spot amongst the players. Our batting and bowling went ahead in leaps and bounds throughout the season, in the field our run out tally grew, and hoping our catches can stick a little more next year!

Most importantly though, our team played the game in the right spirit. Edinburgh prides itself on its' culture and this team absolutely lived that on and off the ground. We had a couple of very close losses and some decisions that didn't go our way, but there wasn't one incident of dissent or poor sportsmanship from the team. Opposition coaches would often praise this after games. The Balwyn coach was blown away with our team's offer to help with ground set up when it was their home game!

To get the kids on the ground each week it needs a support crew, so thanks to all parents and family members who contributed to making the games run smoothly – the pressure of square leg umpiring, the dreaded scoring, ground set ups, the mastering of QR Codes in the new gig of COVID Officer, and the positive encouragement offered from the sidelines is very much appreciated by myself and the players.

Finally, a very special thanks to Peter Healy for his excellent Team Managing and support throughout the year. It allowed me to focus on the coaching and not the game logistics, and I think that's the ultimate compliment that a Team Manager has the job nailed!

Go Edinburgh!

Stewart

### U14C GREEN SEASON 2020-21

#### TEAM MEMBERS

Noah Boeckmann

Taj Cairns

Ash Denmead

Samuel Healy

Daniel Hodgson

Lucien Ihle

Tommy Mortimer

William Nicholls

Thomas Oldfield

Miles Parfitt

Oscar Slizys

Finlay Wolstenholme

Ollie Lecocq

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Stewart Denmead

#### TEAM MANAGER

Peter Healy



Here's the individual player's report cards:

**Ollie Lecocq:** Ollie had a great season with the bat, ball and in the field, taking out our Batting, Bowling and Fielding aggregates. A true all-rounder!

With the bat Ollie was able to play freely in his aggressive style and muscled us to wins with his hard hitting in a couple of tight run chases - the one against Richmond in the fading light was a season highlight. With the ball he had the knack of taking wickets consistently and his steep bounce was hard to score off. In the field he caught everything that came towards him, and I can't recall a game that he didn't take a catch.

Ollie showed great leadership around the team, not only for his skill on the field but how he conducted himself with encouraging team-mates and playing the game in a positive spirit. His team-mates looked up to him as a role model throughout the year. Keep playing the game your way Ollie!

**Taj Cairns:** Taj worked hard on his game in the pre-season by taking on some additional coaching from the club's senior coach. Unfortunately, on the eve of the season, Taj crashed his bike and managed to break his arm so missed cricket until the new year. But that didn't stop him coming to training and games to be actively involved with the team. If there was a 'Team-First Award' then it would go to Taj.

When Taj did return, he did it in style with a sharp catch as wicket keeper, and the pre-season coaching showed through with a text-book batting technique emerging late in the season. Keep working on your batting Taj and the runs will flow.

In the field Taj is another in the team who keeps the pulse of the team going with his active encouragement and his attack on the ball to cut off runs.

**Fin Wolstenholme:** Fin's game continued to improve throughout the year, and with the bat he developed a hard-struck pull shot which he displayed in several games. Fin is also a good judge of a run, giving his batting partners confidence in his calling.

Fin is another in the team who offers encouragement and sound advice to his team mates, especially when they are bowling. In one of the season's fielding highlights, Fin had an outstanding game in our last match with two run outs and a catch, and some run saving efforts at ground level. Great way to round off the season Fin and look forward to seeing you game develop further.

**Tom Oldfield:** Tom brings plenty of energy to his game and when bowling he puts everything into his delivery stride. Tom's able to swing the ball away from right hand batters, which will be a very handy skill in years to come. Tom is another whose solid hitting and running between wickets improved over the year.

Tom is known to have a friendly chat when on the field, both with team mates and opposition, and always in a cheerful way. The Richmond coach said his players were dumbstruck when Tom started a chat with their wicket keeper just as he was about to face up. Keep up your good humour and enjoyment of the game Tom!

Another of our fielding highlights of the year was Tom's fantastic high catch at fine leg against Kew. He showed great judgement and skill to hold onto the catch.

**Tommy Mortimer:** After a prolific season with the bat in the U12s, Tommy showed the he could step up to the longer form of U14 cricket with some very good batting performances, finishing third on the run aggregate with 90 runs. Tommy has an ability to play shots on both sides of the wicket which allows him to score freely, and he is a good judge of a run, always pushing to turn ones into twos and twos into threes.

Tommy also had a good year with the ball, coming in equal second on the bowling with Noah on 5 wickets. Look forward to seeing you keep improving next year Tommy.

**Ash Denmead:** Ash was (again) lucky enough to have his dad as coach so probably got more cricket advice than he asked for.

Ash gets on with his batting and featured in a good partnership with Ollie in our run chase against Clifton Hill, accelerating the scoring late in the innings to make sure we got over the line. During the season Ash learnt to temper his aggressive shots and built the defensive side of his batting. Looking forward to Ash rounding out his batting style in future years.

Ash bowled some tight overs and he picked up four wickets for the season. Ash gives his all in the field, no more than in the last game when he copped a solid whack to his knee stopping a full-blooded pull shot at square leg.

**Lucien Ihle:** Lucien puts a lot of thought into his cricket, especially his bowling, and would often tell me about his bowling plan at training or when it was his turn to bowl in a match. He was rewarded with three wickets during the season and his accuracy improved each week.

When batting, Lucien places high importance on his wicket and bats according to the game situation. In our second last game he batted cleverly and ran between the wickets aggressively in his partnership with Ollie to help us win with only a ball to spare.

Lucien took an active leadership role when fielding, keeping an eye on field placings and his team mates concentration levels. Keep this up Lucien, it provides great support to the team and the coach.

**Sam Healy:** Sam had shown batting promise throughout the year with his hard-hitting style and got rewarded in our final game with some power hitting down the ground in attaining his top score of the season in 14 not out.

Sam has an excellent catching technique and took a couple of 'high balls' in the field throughout the season. Aside from his good catching, his team mates think he has the best sunglasses in the team for playing cricket!

Sam was always early to training and is a keen listener, working hard in applying the coach's advice. Keep up this great attitude for next season Sam!

**Daniel Hodgson:** Daniel is positive force of nature within the team, and no matter what the game situation was, Daniel thinks we are always in the game...even in our last game when the opposition needed only 20 runs of 11 overs he was keeping the team's spirits up. Cricket can be a game of statistics, and if encouragement and positivity were measured in the same way that runs and wickets are, then Daniel would be a clear leader! Keep up the good vibes Daniel!

The big improvement in Daniel's game this year was in his batting. My highlight was his opening bat role against Clifton Hill, where along with Miles he got us off to a solid start. Daniel brought his own party trick with a great cut shot over the slips for four that showed openers can also play with flair.

**Oscar Slizys:** Oscar works hard on his game both during and outside of the weekly team training. He always wants to be part of the game, whether it is batting, bowling or wicket keeping, and showed great improvement in all facets of his game through his commitment.

Oscar was very consistent with the bat, finishing second on aggregate with 102 runs for the season. Oscar has a knack of scoring quickly by playing traditional cricket shots with minimal risk, and I expect this will pay dividends in future seasons as he continues to develop.

Oscar was very reliable in the field throughout the season, taking some good catches and saving runs, and was another in the team whose encouragement and positive nature rubbed off on team mates. Keep up the great attitude Oscar!

**Will Nicholls:** Will is another of our players who puts a lot of thought into how he approaches the game and thinks of how he will execute his skills in the context of the game. Will played a key role in our win against Richmond by batting and running aggressively at the top of the order, which put us in a good position to successfully chase the total.

As umpire I got to watch Will bowl some lovely out swingers, bowling the perfect one to an accomplished Kew batter that went past the bat and hit the top of off stump. A delivery that would make any bowler proud!

One of Will's strengths is his ground fielding. He anticipates where the ball is going and picks it up cleanly. The opposition always called 'no' when it went near Will.

Great season of development and commitment to learn Will – keep it up!

**Miles Parfitt:** Miles' game improved during the season, his bowling getting sharper and more accurate each game and he added some aggressive shots to his batting repertoire late in the season. Miles took training seriously and thought ahead of what he wanted to work on each session. It was great to see Miles' confidence grow through the season and look forward to this continuing in future seasons.

Miles played a fantastic opening batting innings against Clifton Hill with Daniel to set up our innings for the run chase. Opening wasn't a role he was keen on that day, but he applied himself to the task and played an important part in our innings. Keep doing the team thing Miles!

**Noah Boeckmann:** Noah lives and breathes cricket it seems, and I learnt that he'd spent most of his summer holidays in Tasmania honing his skills each day when the rest of us were relaxing. It paid off, with Noah's batting going to new heights after the break and his bowling picking up additional pace. Noah can swing the ball in both directions and finished with 5 wickets and equal second with Tommy in the bowling.

Noah has a Rocket arm in the field and was always ready to pull the trigger on a direct-hit run out, keeping his team mates on high alert to back up his throws.

Noah always wants to be part of the game and not a training would go by without him asking where he was batting or bowling, or how many overs he'd bowl in the next game.

Noah is always trying to influence the game, whether it be by scoring runs, taking a wicket or getting a run out. Keep up the aggressive mindset Noah!!

**Coach/Umpire:** Stewart Denmead

**Team Manager:** Peter Healy

**COVID Officers:** Rob Oldfield & Sonia Wood

## U16A

The under 16A team won 3 games this season, had 1 game called off and lost 6 games. Overall, I thought we had a good season as a team with all players skills improving in all aspects of the game. The highlight of our season was in round 7 beating North Balwyn (who went on to make the grand final) on the last ball when we needed a four off the last ball to win and Rory got the job done, we chased 107 down to win the one day game. Another highlight of our season was our win against Trinity Willison (who made the finals) in round 3 where we defended 116 in a two day game, the boys bowled and fielded extremely well to get the win. Our season wasn't without bad luck, we lost 3 games by less than 10 runs, firstly to Glen Iris where we lost by 6 runs in round 2, then to Kew where we lost by 9 runs in round 5 and finally to Glen Iris again by 8 runs in round 8.

A big thanks to all the parents this season that helped with the scoring, ground setup and pack up. Also thank you for the effort you all put in to bring the players to and from training and games all season long.

**Finn Cleary:** Finn was our captain and did a great job at it all season long. Finn is also a very good top order batter and although he probably didn't make enough runs as he would of liked to this season, he was still able to contribute really well in two of our games with bat in hand. Firstly, in round 1 against the reigning premiers Canterbury where he held the innings together making 24 and then in round 7 against North Balwyn where he made a very crucial 18\* to help us chase the runs down off the last ball of the innings.

**Daniel King:** Dan was one of our opening bowlers throughout the season and was always very reliable. Dan took 6 wickets for the season with his best bowling figures coming in round 3 against Trinity Willison where he bowled 9 overs and 1 maiden to finish with brilliant figures of 2/26. We also used Dan's aggressive batting style in a pinch hitter role later on in the season and it came off in round 7 against North Balwyn where Dan made a very quick fire 21 to get the team back up to the run rate in our successful pursuit of 107 in a one day game.

**Noah Dekker:** Noah bowled really good leg spin this season and also made a couple of really solid contributions with the bat. With the ball Noah took 6 wickets this season with his best figures coming in round 5 against Kew in a one day game where he took 2/19 off 5 overs. Noah's batting was also very impressive in round 2 against Glen Iris when he made 32 and in round 3 against Trinity Willison when he made 36\*. The keys to both of these innings were his concentration and patience which was great to see.

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#### TEAM MEMBERS

Finn Cleary

Noah Dekker

Xavier DiScala

Tom Graham

Connor Hastings

Louis Hodder

Rory Kennedy

Daniel King

Jack Mortimer

Samuel Olsen

Jules Tragardh

Kirin York

#### COACHING/UMPIRING

Lucien John

#### TEAM MANAGER

Matt Cleary

**Xavier Di Scala:** Xavier was one of our opening batters this year and had a decent season making 151 runs at an average of just over 16. Xavier's top score came in round 6 in a must win game against Holy Trinity where he made a brilliant 45 runs off 45 balls to help us chase down 110 in 19 overs. Xavier also made 3 scores above 20 in very attacking fashion to get us off to good starts in 3 one day games. He also chipped with the ball this season picking up 3 handy wickets. Xavier also took 5 catches for the season.

**Louis Hodder:** Louis was our 2<sup>nd</sup> change bowler throughout the season. His best figures came in round 3 against Trinity Willison where he took 2/14 off 5 overs, Louis bowled really well that day and contributed massively towards the boys defending 116 in a two game on a small ground. Louis also bowled some very handy overs in the one day games where he didn't get hit for many runs at all. Louis was also very good in the field picking up 4 catches for the season.

**Connor Hastings:** Connor had a great year with both bat and ball. He won the batting award with a total of 219 runs at an average of 43. Of Connors 8 innings with the bat he made 20 or more in 6 of those so he was ultra-consistent. Connors highest score of the season came in round 2 against Glen Iris where he made 69\* and very nearly got us home in that game. Connor also took 7 wickets this season with his best bowling figures coming in round 3 against Trinity Willison where he picked up 2/12 off 7 overs including 1 maiden. Connor also took 5 catches for the season.

**Kirin York:** Kirin was our 1<sup>st</sup> change bowler this season and was very good for us. Kirin picked up 5 wickets throughout the season, his best bowling came in round 4 against Boroondara where he took 2/31 off 6 overs. Kirin's highest score with the bat was 12\* against Glen Iris in round 8 when he very nearly got us home in our unsuccessful chase of 106 in a one day game. Kirin also took 2 catches for the season in the field.

**Tom Graham:** Tom is also a leg spin bowler and a handy batter. Unfortunately, Tom only played 3 games this season because of injury. Tom's best bowling came in round 2 against Glen Iris when he picked up 1/16 off 3 overs. Tom bowled very well that day and deserved to get more than one wicket.

**Jules Tragardh:** Jules was our other opening bowler this season and won the bowling award with a total of 8 wickets and season of economy of less than 4. Jules best bowling figures came in round 3 against Trinity Willison where he took 3/22 of 10 overs including a very impressive 4 maidens. Jules also batted in the middle order and his highest score was 26 against Kew in round 5, Jules batted very well that day and was involved in a crucial 52 run partnership with Connor.

**Jack Mortimer:** Jack took some key wickets for us this season, and was also able contribute well in the field and with the bat. Jack took 5 wickets for the season at a very impressive average of 10. Jack's best bowling figures came in round 1 against the reigning premiers Canterbury where he picked up 3/21 off 4 overs. Also in that round 1 game Jack was able to make some very handy runs for us towards the end of the innings, he finished on 10\*.

**Rory Kennedy:** Rory picked up three catches in the field this season. His highest score came in round 1 against reigning premiers Canterbury when he made 10 very handy runs. But Rory's most memorable innings was in round 7 against North Balwyn in a one day game

where he made the best 7\* ever. Rory was on strike needing 3 to tie and 4 to win off the last ball, Rory swung as hard as he could and managed a perfectly placed edge over the keepers' head that ran away to the third man boundary for four runs to get the win for the boys.

**Sam Olsen:** Sam was our keeper this season and also batter mainly as an opener. Sam made 167 runs at an average of 20, his highest score came in round 6 against Holy Trinity when he made 45\* off 48 balls to get the win for the boys. Sam was ultra-consistent also as he made 4 other scores of over 20. Sam's keeping was great too and he always kept the chat up in the field, he took 6 catches behind the stumps and also got one stumping.

## U16C

The 2020/21 season for the under 16C's was very much filled with success and great improvement. With the majority of them having already played cricket together and knowing each other through their school groups, it didn't take long for the boys to build a team bond.

Our first few games were in the Under 16 B's competition and we played teams that were very strong and we did struggle to gain any momentum in the B grade. Following a re-grading we were placed in the Under 16 C K Noy league. The team were not upset by this drop yet confident and it showed as their chemistry and cricket really grew. The batting and bowling performances kept getting stronger and stronger and the fielding improved immensely. This increase in belief and confidence allowed them to win 4/6 games with the last game being a draw due to light.

It was my second season as coach and I very much enjoyed it. Seeing the boys constantly coming to training in great numbers was really impressive especially early in the season during tough times. A high attendance in training allowed me to help everyone individually and help the team together.

I would like to thank all the parents for making this season possible through the various roles you performed on match day and driving your boys to the games and supporting them through the long season. Thank you very much it does not go unnoticed.

### **Francis Cameron:**

Francis is a fantastic kid and loves the game of cricket. Francis attended training frequently and would love to learn more, constantly asking questions about different ways on how to improve his game. Francis was one of our many keepers and was and is a great keeper who over time can really become stronger and stronger especially to spinners. His batting can also expand a lot as he has a great eye for the ball and great defence but can really get some more runs with foot movement and intent to score. As seen as well against Kew he can bowl as well taking 1/0 off 1, so keep working on your bowling!

I hope Francis continues on with Edinburgh cricket next season and he can further develop his game and maybe look into playing more senior games!

## U16C

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### TEAM MEMBERS

Francis Cameron

Luke Campbell

Otis Craven

William Doyle

Giacomo (Jack) Esposito

Lucas Gregory

Joseph Martin

Christian McKenzie

Harley Mileto

Dylan Murphy

Jack Oldfield

Thomas Romano

Jack Schipper

James Wickett

### COACHING/UMPIRING

Jon Graham-Perez

### TEAM MANAGER

Sally Dooley



**James Wickett:**

What a season of development for James!

A bubbly kid whose confidence grew each game and the smile kept getting bigger. A great off spinner who give the ball great flight and got more and more consistent with his length which was great to see as he went on to get 4 wickets with best figures of 1/3. His batting game was the most impressive especially after a great innings of 20 against West Ivanhoe then 2 games later followed it up with 15 opening the batting. James' batting game is all about batting in partnerships and working the ball around along with a great defence which is very important. I hope James plays next year and can maybe play a bit of Senior cricket to really develop his game further! Great Season!

**Jack Oldfield:**

A fantastic season for Jack.

Jack began the season as a cricketer who believed he was a bowler than batted 10-11. Jack began the season with a few rough games with the bat but always had that bounce and pace with the ball. It was until after the West Ivanhoe game where he made 25 where Jack's batting dramatically improved. Jack scored a total of 111 runs in the last 5 games of the season with a high score and an amazing innings of 43 retired not out against Kew. I really hope Jack continues on with cricket as he has a lot of talent not only with the ball but now has great confidence in his batting. Great season for Jack, was really proud of the way he developed his game!

**Joseph Martin:**

Joe is a quiet kid but a fantastic young boy. Joe was always at training and wanting to improve. His beautiful out-swing bowling saw him claim 8 wickets with a bowling average of 17 and best figures of 2/12 off 5. Joe's bowling is really impressive with a clean action he allows the ball to naturally swing and bowls brilliant lengths of turf and synthetic. Joe's batting also is very good with a solid defence and can see Joe becoming an opening batsman or a batsman who likes to rotate the strike. Hopefully you play next season Joe and play Seniors as well because that will take your game to the next level.

**Thomas Romano:**

Tom is a handy young cricketer. It was a real shame that in round 1 Tom broke his finger and missed a lot of cricket this season. Tom did continue to show his support though while injured coming to a few games which was really good to see. Once back Tom's cricket ability showed through his batting and bowling performances. Especially taking 2/3 in the dying stages of a game when Canterbury were close to winning. Congratulations on the season Tom and hopefully we see you playing a bit more seniors cricket soon but you certainly have a lot of talent.

**Christian McKenzie:**

Christian's season was really enjoyable to watch and coach. Christian was always at training and keen to ask for advice. At the start of the season everyone saw him as the big hitter who just hit the ball as hard as possible. Christian sure did hit the ball hard and big but also played a lot of these shots with great control which was the impressive aspect. Scoring a total of 73 runs and highest score of 36 Christian had a great season with the bat. Also his bowling was very impressive late in the season and took 5 wickets with best figures of 2/3.

Hope to see Christian playing cricket next season and hopefully bowling a bit more as well. Well done!

**Otis Craven:**

Had the pleasure of coaching Otis for second season in a row and he continued to really grow. He really got into training and games into the second half of the season and introduced himself as a leg spinner. To my pleasure his leg spin was amazing. The amount of spin and the length he was bowling his leggies was something very special. Otis took 5 wickets with best figures of 3/17. Otis also showed like last season he can bat especially in the last game where he was leading us on to victory but unfortunately bad light drew the game. Hope Otis continues his cricket and works on that fantastic leg spin!

**Jack Schipper:**

Like Otis had the pleasure of coaching Jack for a second season. His bowling this season was still the same as last season but he was standing about a foot taller which did provide great swing and seam. Jack attended every training session and was always looking to improve. Jack bowled really well at the B level and C level taking 4 wickets and having best figures of 2/20. His batting also was much stronger this season with a high score of 10. As Jack keeps growing his cricket will begin to develop nicely with a strong bowling action with great seam and bounce will be great to watch in coming seasons. Hope to see Jack next season at the Burra and maybe playing a few senior games!

**Jack Esposito:**

Jack is a great young kid.

Started off the season as a batsman that barely bowled last season. From his action and the way he naturally swung the ball he definitely is a natural bowler. Jack took 5 wickets with best figures of 3/18 which was very impressive. Jack was always keen on opening or batting top order no matter easy or hard games and made a total of 57 runs with a solid defence and some great boundary shots. Hope to see Jack playing next season for the burra!!

**Will Doyle:**

Will the enthusiastic kid who loves cricket a lot. A very bubbly kid and a kid that loved to train always there early and throwing himself catches. Will was one of our three keepers and was a very good keeper, just with a bit of work he can improve in keeping to spin bowling which will be very important. His batting was impressive for a small kid he really could hit a ball hard and far. His 31 v Boorandara was very impressive helping us gain our first win of the season. Will scored 81 runs for the season so well done! Hope you continue with the burra and continue playing seniors cricket!

**Dylan Murphy:**

Dylan the other enthusiast. Our third keeper and a good keeper as well, throwing himself at everything and putting his body behind the ball. Dylan's second half of the season was the most amazing cricket to coach. With sweep shot slogs for sixes and fours to the most amazing catch, sorry catches! Hope Dylan can play next season so I can work with him on expanding his batting but wow it was a joy coaching Dylan. See you at the 'Burra next season!

**Harley Mileto**

Harley what a season!

A quiet kid but a great personality and a hunger to learn and develop his game. Harleys game really game strong when Will and him hit a winning partnership to win us our first game. His batting eye and technique is very good and will get stronger over next few seasons. Scoring 130 runs and a high score of 35 it was a great season for Harley. His bowling as well was fantastic taking 7 wickets and best figures of 3/6  
See you next season Harley and hopefully you can play a bit of seniors!

**Lucas Gregory:**

Lucas a brilliant young kid who is always very keen to learn about cricket and ways to improve. A natural outswing bowler with a clean action saw him take many important wickets in form of opening bats and lower order sloggers. His batting got stronger and stronger every game. Strong batting performance where he made 14 v Canterbury was impressive as he was rotating the strike very well which many kids struggle to do. with a solid defence and good technique Lucas will become a strong batsman as he grows and gets stronger. Wish Lucas all best for next season and happy to help whenever!  
Well done!

**Luke Campbell:**

Lucky last the captain Luke.

Luke is a fantastic guy who really did want to learn at every training session. His leadership was great to see as well especially when games got tough he was always talking to the boys and encouraging them which is what most captains at this age lack. His cricket was also great taking 13 wickets! And best bowling figures of 4/21! As Luke grows his bowling will become even better. Luke didn't give himself much of a bat always putting people above him even when offered but his batting is also strong and hopefully we can see him bat more next season. Congratulations of a good season Luke and keep playing seniors your cricket will develop immensely through seniors! Well done!

## U18

The 2020-21 season could be described in many ways — unique probably being the most appropriate.

The under-18 team was comprised by the previous season’s Edinburgh under-16 players, a squad from the Kensington Junior Cricket Club — a club that was also unable to put together a standalone under-18 team — and a lone outlier in Harry Mitchell, who returned to playing junior cricket after a break of a few years.

By far the most pleasing aspect of the season was the close bond formed by the players in a short amount of time.

The challenges included: a lack of net availability at training; an assortment of “home grounds”; a squad of 15 that required constant rotation; a lack of consistency in batting and bowling; and, finally, the leadership of a coach who had last played cricket 40 years ago, having spent most of the intervening years involved in baseball!

Early practices weren’t great – attendances were outstanding, but ability was not exactly on show during training sessions. However, the coach quickly learnt that training performance did not necessarily equate to game performance ... at least when it came to fielding.

In terms of fielding, the team came along in leaps and bounds — not surprising given the team’s access to some of the most highly rated fielding coaches in Australia, including a cameo from the former coach of the Australian baseball team, Jon Deeble. Jon’s CV includes a stint as a fielding coach in the Indian Premier League, and his current title is Director — Pacific Rim Scouting, for baseball’s world champions, the LA Dodgers.

Throughout the season, the team received invaluable support from Howie Norsetter, a star baseball player in his day, now a cricket tragic, and the current Pacific Rim Scouting Crosschecker for the Philadelphia Phillies. In addition to his own skill sessions, Howie was responsible for organising Jon Deeble and a much-lauded bowling masterclass from the highly respected mentor Rhys Adams. The effect on those who attended these two sessions was immediate.

Our final contributor at training was a former long-time Assistant Coach at the Essendon Cricket Club, Bill Leropoulos. Bill took training for one night. He had the boys completely stuffed by the time the warm-up had finished!

Thanks to all four mentors.

### U18

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#### TEAM MEMBERS

Joseph Anderson
Asher Baade
Ben Chiam
Michael Daffey
Max Daphne
Rory Edwards
Matthew Federico
Archie Frazer
Lachlan Gibson
Harry Mitchell
Lukas Mizis
Joshua Norsetter
Hayden Nunn
Dashiell Spencer-White
Pierce Stehmann Doyle

#### COACH/UMPIRING

Richard King

#### TEAM MANAGER

Paul Daffey

Delaying the inevitable ... on-field, we were not great. We had a team that, if circumstances had played out differently, was more than capable of not only making finals, but winning finals. However, capability did not match results. We ended up losing a handful of games we could have won, and the team finished in eighth place, but with the fourth highest percentage.

Our strengths included bowling, catching, fielding, throwing, and wise-cracking. Our weakness was our batting — partnerships, dispatching bad balls, hitting the ball through the gaps, and aggressive running between the wickets. Just the basics, really!

It's important to note that only a couple of our players were top age, and the development of batting strength tends to occur more rapidly during the second year. Another 12 months of growth and maturity will hopefully see a different approach at the crease next season.

Our performance with the bat was also a product of some of the aforementioned challenges: lack of net time, a large squad of players, and, as a result, an inconsistent line-up. But we still should have done a lot better. It was an opportunity missed.

Sincere thanks to the Edinburgh Cricket Club for making the Kensington players, parents and coaches feel welcome. Specific thanks to Paul Daffey, the team manager, for his unswerving support and contribution to our year. Thanks also to the many other parents who contributed by scoring, setting out the boundary cones, acting as the COVID officer, and, most importantly, transporting your kids (and other kids) to games and training.

To the players, thank you for your patience during what was indeed a unique season. Your enthusiasm was infectious ... and not in a COVID-related way!

**Joseph Anderson:** Joe was a delight to coach. Always smiling and enthusiastic, his talents with the ball really shone through in the back half of the season. Joe gave 100 per cent every time he stepped on to the field, and, late in the season, he almost won us a game by bowling a triple-wicket maiden in the third-last over. Unfortunately, it was another case of "almost", as we went down by one wicket!

**Asher Baade:** Asher didn't get the opportunities he deserved with the bat or the ball, but he made the most of the opportunities he did have. His standout performances included a two-wicket haul in one over late in the season and an early-season partnership with Matt Federico that almost won us the game. Asher also gained plenty of kudos from his teammates early in the season for the entourage who came to see him play!

**Ben Chiam:** The pre-season knock on Ben was that, in under-16 cricket, he struggled to control his bowling. I'm pleased to say that control was not an issue in the under-18s — at least not until Howie Norsetter mentioned it in the second last game of the season! Ben's obvious improvement as a bowler, combined with his desire to do well, will hold him in good stead. An excellent team player... unless he is selected to bat at 11!

**Michael Daffey:** Michael was a classic example of a batsman with excellent defence who struggled to pierce the field. Give him another 12 months. With his good technique and some added strength, he will be an excellent batter. Michael is also a talented bowler who didn't have much of an opportunity to display his talent with the ball. The 2021-22 season should be a good one for Michael!

**Max Daphne:** There are two things I admire most about Max: his hair (obviously) and his honesty. Max is an extrovert who loves making wild statements and pleading with the coach to open the batting, open the bowling, keep wickets, and even coach the team – occasionally at the same time! Max’s form in the back half of the season didn’t match his promising first half and he would be the first to admit it. His back half was notable for two things. After a weekend in which his contribution with the bat across three innings in juniors and seniors consisted of duck, golden duck and golden duck, he was the first to tell me the truth (unprompted) at training on the Monday. The second thing of note was that he actually did a good job keeping when he did get his chance, including taking a spectacular catch ... or at least one that he turned into a specky!

**Rory Edwards:** Rory led the team on and off the field including spending many hours in the car with the coach, recapping the game or the practice session and pondering changes that could make us better. Our best training session of the year was one that Rory designed and ran. On field, Rory’s keeping was flawless and his captaincy outstanding. However, he would be the first to admit that his batting was disappointing – not so much for the way he batted, but more so for the way he regularly went out without achieving to his potential.

**Matthew Federico:** Matt is a hard-nosed competitor who always believed he could do it better than anyone else ... and many times he did! Matt’s bowling improved throughout the season and he became a real weapon against key opposition batters. With more consistency, Matt will continue to improve as a fast bowler. Matt’s batting is an area that I’m sure he will continue to work on. If he can get his talent to match his desire and self-belief, Edinburgh will have a force to be reckoned with for years to come.

**Archie Frazer:** Archie was another a leader on the field. An aggressive and athletic competitor, his contribution was often not seen on MyCricket. More often it was about stopping runs, ensuring the field was set, keeping up the enthusiasm, running hard between wickets, and increasing the tempo of our team. Similar to Rory, Archie would not be satisfied with his contribution with the bat, but runs were only one part of his game, and his importance to the team was far greater than simply his tally of runs.

**Lachie Gibson:** Lachie is undoubtedly a talented all-round player, although he didn’t really realise his batting potential until the last game of the year, when he scored the team’s only half-century of the season. Not playing seniors probably left Lachie without enough cricket to ensure consistent performances. When he does get that repetition, I think Lachie will be one of the better players to emerge from this team. Athleticism in the field and his competitive spirit complemented Lachie’s natural talent and his drive to be a better player.

**Harry Mitchell:** Harry was a quiet achiever. He just went about his business doing whatever was required. I suspect Harry is a better player than we saw this year, but he (like many others) suffered from not having a consistent role due to the rotation of 15 players. With this year under his belt, Harry will have every opportunity to show his true talent.

**Lukas Mizis:** Lukas played the first half of the season, but realised after Christmas that he needed to concentrate on his studies. A good team man who didn’t get many opportunities, Lukas hopefully can resume his cricket career next season.

**Joshua Norsetter:** Josh managed to fit Friday nights into his jam-packed cricket schedule and did so with aplomb! Our leading run-scorer for the season, Josh showed some of his

older teammates how it should be done. Josh is also a talented bowler who will get even better as he gets stronger. A bright future awaits the second talented member to emerge from his family – his mother, Sandra, being the first!

**Hayden Nunn:** When Hayden turned up at Fairlea West for our first game, despite being rostered off, I knew we had a good team man on our hands. When he captained a game and elected to be the non-batter, so that others would get a go, that franked his team credentials. On top of that, Hayden was an excellent bowler who really ramped up his performances in the back half of the season. It's difficult to comment on Hayden's batting capabilities as he wasn't given many chances, but I can guarantee he would give it his all! A pleasure to coach.

**Dashiell Spencer-White:** Dash's first half of the season was very promising; he was a rock-solid opener and a handy slow-bowling option. When, after the Christmas break, the season basically settled in to a series of one-day slog-a-thons post, Dash's game was not ideally suited, and his form suffered as a result. As Dash progresses up the grades, I'm confident he will do well against quality bowling in the two-day format. He should also persevere with his bowling, although he needs to work on it as hard as he does his batting (OK, maybe harder than that). A deep thinker who should be an asset to Edinburgh for many years to come.

**Pierce Stehmann-Doyle:** See Lachie Gibson. Pierce is an impressive right-hand quick who really showed his bowling abilities in the back half of the year. He's also a talented batsman who, like most of the team, suffered from an inconsistent role in the line-up. He's a talented fielder and an aggressive competitor. Having written all that, I now realise I should have just stopped at, "See Lachie Gibson, but right-handed".

Batting Award: Josh Norsetter

Bowling Award: Max Daphne

Coach's Trophy: Hayden Nunn

50 Runs – Lachie Gibson

Richard King, coach

## ***Outstanding Individual Achievements***

### **50+ runs in an innings**

<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Connor Hastings	69*	2	U16A	Glen Iris Blaich
Duncan McKie	60*	1	U14B Black	Trinity Willison Gold
Alfred Burton	57*	3	U14B Maroon	Mont Albert Red
Kes Nair	56*	2	U12B Black	Richmond Union Hyph
Henry Nicholls	52*	3	U14B Maroon	Mont Albert Red
Henry Nicholls	50*	6	U14B Maroon	Ivanhoe
Jack Moston	51*	7	U14A	Richmond Union Chapman
Leroy Hinds	50*	2	U14A	Mont Albert
Christopher Oliver	50	1	U14B Black	Trinity Willison Gold
Lachlan Gibson	50	9	U18	Richmond Union Walsh

### **5+ wickets in an innings**

<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Oscar Gaymer	11	U10 Yellow	Edinburgh White

### **Hat trick**

<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Harry Evans	3	U12B Yellow	Canterbury Blue
Liam Ukovic	6	U14B Black	Canterbury



## **Selected in representative teams 2020-21**

### **CV Dowling Shield U16 Boys**

James Shadbolt - Northcote CC

Sam Olsen - Camberwell Magpies CC

### **VSDCA Craig Shield U15 Boys**

Jules Tragardh - Plenty Valley CC

Sam Olsen - Kew CC

Finn Cleary - Kew CC

### **VMCU Carnival Representing ECA**

#### **U18 Boys**

Max Daphne

#### **U18 Girls**

Katelyn Shadbolt

#### **U16 Boys**

Connor Hastings

Xavier Di Scalia

#### **U14 Boys**

James Shadbolt

Leroy Hinds

Lachlan Green

Sebastian Donnellan

#### **U14 Girls**

Meg Orr

Acacia Schipper

#### **U12 Boys**

Luca Rhodes