



CENTENARY REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to have the opportunity to compile a Centenary Report for Normanhurst Cricket Club, as it is the culmination of a project I started many years ago when I was the club's Archives Officer from 2000 – 2005. At that time, I documented as much of the club's history and achievements as I could find, however it was impossible to produce a comprehensive archives booklet covering every season, as I couldn't get hold of any Normanhurst Annual Reports prior to when I joined the club in 1997.

Alf James kindly loaned me many old HK&HDCA Annual Reports, however I discovered that most of the earlier years' reports were extremely brief, with very few mentions of Normanhurst CC. I have utilised numerous avenues of research to draw material for this booklet, plus I have referenced Alf James' HK&HDCA Centenary Report 2026, which is entitled: *Summer Saturdays, 25 years on*, to obtain further relevant historical information.



Normanhurst CC is a foundation club within the Association and won the first ever 'A' Grade premiership in 1926-27. We have a long and proud history, with some 'dark' periods in between. NCC twice 'folded' and didn't enter any teams in the Association's competitions, firstly for 15 years from 1932-33 to 1946-47 (there were no competitions played from 1942 – 1946 due to World War II); then for 3 more seasons from 1954-55 to 1956-57. Therefore 2025-26 represents 100 years since Normanhurst CC's inception, however the club has not played in each of those cricket seasons – it has fielded teams in the Association's competitions for 82 of the last 100 years. It is hoped that Normanhurst CC will arrange another major celebration at the end of the 2043-44 season, as that will mark 100 active seasons of playing cricket in the Association.

Many clubs in the Association have experienced 'rocky' periods over the decades. Clubs need a strong and dedicated Committee of volunteers to administer their activities before they can attempt to be successful on the field. Volunteers are becoming increasingly hard to find, so club officials need to incentivise parents and senior players to assist in the running of the Club, and have a 'succession plan' in place for the key positions.

At the request of HK&HDCA, which was under pressure from Ku-ring-gai Council regarding ground hire due to the minimal number of clubs in the Council area, Normanhurst CC changed its name to Normanhurst-Warrawee Cricket Club in 2008-09. For the next 17 seasons, our Club played under the longer name, or NWCC, however the current Committee wisely changed the Club's name back to the original Normanhurst Cricket Club for the start of the 2025-26 season. The Club continued to operate as usual during those 17 years, as it was just a name change.

The format I have used for this Centenary Report includes small chapters covering the historical periods in the Club's history, with emphasis on noteworthy achievements, especially during the last 30 years. Normanhurst CC organised a Centenary season launch in September 2025 and a gala dinner in April 2026, which are covered in this report. Also included is a report on our special junior match against an Indian touring team this season; an article on the three international cricketers from Normanhurst CC; reflections from some former Club identities over different eras; HK&HDCA Centenary celebrations in 2025-26; Cricket coaching programs in the Association and Normanhurst CC; an update on Normanhurst Oval (home ground and clubhouse); a snapshot of Senior and Junior Cricket in Normanhurst CC in 2026; HK&HDCA Premierships won by Normanhurst CC teams; perpetual trophy winners; relevant statistics; Life Members and a historical record of the Club's Executive Committee since 1997-98.

Normanhurst CC has been special for me for the past three decades and I have made some lifelong friends at the Club. NCC is where I learnt much of my cricket coaching and club administration expertise, which I successfully utilised when I took on roles on the HK&HDCA Executive Committee from 2007 to 2026. My decade of coaching junior teams at Normanhurst CC and HK&HDCA representative teams equipped me with the skills to be an effective and innovative President of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) for 16 years from 2010-11 to 2025-26. Normanhurst CC is in great shape today and is ideal for all players and families. I commend the President, Paul Bickerstaff, and his committee on their tremendous achievements.

Bruce Wood OAM

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HK&HDCA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE TO NORMANHURST CC (Justin Gross)



On behalf of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Association, I extend our warmest congratulations to Normanhurst Cricket Club on the celebration of its centenary. Reaching 100 years is a remarkable milestone and a testament to the Club’s enduring commitment to the game and the Normanhurst community.

Across a century, Normanhurst CC has made an outstanding contribution to local cricket, developing junior and senior players, volunteers, and fostering the spirit of sportsmanship that underpins our Association. Having also had the privilege of previously serving as President of Normanhurst CC, I have seen first-hand the dedication, commitment and passion of the many players and members that define the Club and that has sustained it through generations.

Congratulations to all past and present players, officials, volunteers and supporters who have shaped Normanhurst CC’s proud legacy as a

Foundation Club in the Association that won the very first A Grade competition. On behalf of the Association, I wish you every success as you embark on your next hundred years, confident that the Club will continue to thrive and strengthen cricket in the community and across our district.



Justin was a flag bearer at the SCG Ashes Test on 4-Jan-26



FORWARD BY ALF JAMES OAM

HK&HDCA's most renowned historian



I played junior cricket for Wahroonga in the Association in the late 1950s when there were very few teams spread over three divisions, U/12, U/14 and U/16. The main Clubs were Hornsby, Normanhurst and Beecroft and we regularly encountered the same players for five seasons. The top junior players for Normanhurst in this era were Malcolm Binstead and Phil Allen who always opened the batting together.

Malcolm was a very correct batsman who at the age of 15 in 1961/62 played in the U/16 competition and in B Grade in the afternoon where he scored 441 runs at an average of 44.10. He was a quiet, polite fellow and a brilliant student who graduated in Science and Civil Engineering at Sydney University. Soon after he landed a job in Israel and converted to Judaism and, I hope, continued to play cricket.

Phil Allen was an aggressive batsman and a successful medium-paced bowler. Oddly, he bowled right-handed but always threw left-handed. He had a long career in the Association and played many seasons in A Grade before transferring in 1983/84 to Berowra when Normanhurst dropped down a grade. His father was Max Allen, a Vice-President of the Association, who bowled off-breaks for Normanhurst for some 30 years. I recall an occasion when someone bowled a ball off the pitch which stopped and he was most insistent that all the fieldsmen keep their distance, shouting "My ball" before he whacked the ball for a single. He was the son of Richard Allen who, as the Mayor Hornsby, was the first Patron of the Association in 1926.

In 1970/71, a number of players from B Grade clubs formed an A Grade team for Thornleigh and played many matches against Normanhurst over the next decade. Our most memorable opponents were: Bill Kemsley; Phil Allen; Tim Kennedy; Alan St Clair; Ross Moon; Geoff Carter; John Roseby; Terry Palmer; John and Dennis Geisker; David Anderson; Tony Horsley; Bruce Searles; Peter Kelly and, not least, Karen Price.

Bill Kemsley was as good as any player who has appeared in the Association and tallied just under 10,000 runs and 500 wickets in A Grade in 16 seasons for Thornleigh and Normanhurst. He scored 151 in the first match I played against him and 90 in the last match. He was a superb stroke-maker and a friendly man.

David Anderson and Dennis Geisker were also outstanding batsmen. Anderson, a left-hander had opened many times for Victoria with Bill Lawry. Geisker made a superb century against us in an all-day match played at Parklands on Eight-Hour Day in 1972. His brother, John, was a very productive all-rounder for many years.

Alan St Clair (left-arm) and Tony Horsley were both excellent opening bowlers whilst Bruce Searles, Terry Palmer, Peter Kelly and John Roseby were all match-winning all-rounders. In one match I recall that Searles was upset by something when batting and staged a protest by sitting in the middle of the pitch for five minutes! Kelly, disruptive at the best of times, got upset when the groundsman at Parklands would not let a match proceed on a wet pitch and bounced a stump in front of the groundsman, producing a front-page headline in "The Hornsby Advocate" which read "Howzat! Groundsman stumped by Player".

Karen Price (Hill), whilst a member of the Australian Women's XI played two seasons for Normanhurst taking 54 wickets @13.33 in B Grade in 1978/79 and 30 wickets @16.47 in A Grade the following season. Eighty-four players kept very quiet about their mode of dismissal! In her Test career Karen scored a century in one match and took ten wickets in another.

Tim Kennedy was a very fine paceman off two steps (he carried a football injury) and Geoff Carter and Ross Moon were great contributors with the bat season after season. I can't say much about Normanhurst players in the last 40 years as I slowly slipped down the grades and unknowingly passed many good young players on the way up.



Scott Reid, Bruce Wood OAM, Alf James OAM, Steve Williams

I am delighted that Normanhurst Cricket Club is producing a Centenary Report, as it is a fine Club with a proud history. I have known Bruce Wood, the author of your report, for nearly 30 years in various roles within the Association. He has distinguished himself in coaching, umpiring and executive roles, plus he has a keen eye for historical information, so he is well-placed to produce an informative and interesting Centenary Report for current and future generations. I wish the Club a most successful Centenary season in 2025-26.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS ON THE CENTENARY

(Paul Bickerstaff)



I am honoured to be writing this President’s Report in this the 100th anniversary season of this great Club. Normanhurst Cricket Club was founded in 1926, winning the inaugural A Grade competition of the Hornsby Cricket Association. Since that time the Club has had much success, but more importantly it has been a place where boys and girls and adults from all backgrounds have enjoyed cricket over the summer months.

I have been President of Normanhurst Cricket Club for 5 years, just 5% of this Club’s history, a percentage that will drop with every passing season. It’s not lost on me this is a seemingly insignificant number, yet it means so much to me that I could contribute to this Club, as many have done before me and so many will in the future. I want to acknowledge all past Committee Members, too many to name, for their contributions.

Normanhurst Cricket Club has always been built around community and sporting values. Values that represent fun and enjoyment, skill development and the game being played in the right spirit. A Club that welcomes all.



Presenting a major award with Justin Gross

Looking at the present, the Club should be incredibly proud in the recent growth of junior cricket and girls cricket. The last 5 years have seen our junior player numbers increase from a low of 78 to almost double with 132 registered players. We now have 15 junior teams which includes a shared girl’s team with Kissing Point. In addition, of particular note is our under 15 mixed team evenly comprised of 6 girls and 6 boys. The first challenge in the next chapter of the Club’s life is to increase girls’ participation in cricket.

The Club should be equally proud to provide senior teams catering for all skills, from A Grade through to our current C2 Grade. Our current A Grade side has a strong core group to build from to really challenge in the coming seasons. While cricket is about enjoyment, it’s got to be about playing your best, and as a Club, we should always be aiming to have an A Grade team.

In recognition of the 100th year, the Club produced a new logo and merchandise, including a new playing and training strip. Centenary coins (see right) were produced and used at the toss for every game. We launched our Centenary season with our “Red Blacks Day”. A truly fantastic Club and Community event. Over 100 junior players were out on the oval in the morning, engaged in various cricket related activities, from fastest ball, longest throw and catching competitions. In the afternoon, the seniors played an exciting ‘Hundred’ (100 ball) match, as Deep Third Man was turned into an on-field bar. What a start to the season!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our 2025-26 Committee, including **Chris Fitzpatrick** (Vice-President), **Justin Gross** (Treasurer), **Harry Hegarty & Rob Jones** (Seniors Co-ordinators), **Ryan Cherie** (Juniors Coordinator), **Will McCarroll** (Blast Coordinator), **Craig Woods**, **Peter Bradey**, **Andrew Watson** and **Mark Farag**.



Thanks also to our dedicated Centenary Committee in 2025-26 who have organised all the activities to celebrate this milestone – **Chris Fitzpatrick** (Chair), **Justin Gross**, **Bruce Wood** (author of our Centenary Report), **Andrew Watson**, **Harry Hegarty**, **Paul Bickerstaff** and **Will McCarroll**.

We finished the season with our 100 year anniversary dinner and with special guest speaker, **Steve Waugh**. We welcomed back past players to celebrate with current players in what was a memorable night, reminiscing about past glories on the field and looking to make new stories in the future.

Thanks to all who have been part of Normanhurst CC’s 100 year history. No matter what time you have been involved with the Club, you have all played your part. Cricket as always is a true team game.

NORMANHURST CC – CENTENARY DINNER – HORNSBY RSL CLUB – 18 APRIL 2026

What a way to celebrate the 2025-26 season and 100 years of community cricket at Normo. Great crowd, great venue. Special guest speaker, **Steve Waugh**, was excellent. Our Major Awards were announced, including a new Life Member. We celebrated everything that makes Normanhurst CC so special. Perfect event to round out this Centenary season.

Thanks to MC, **Ian Hawkins**, plus **Julian Leeser** MP for his support of Normanhurst CC, indeed all sport and the community. Thanks also to our generous sponsors, **Vicway Constructions**, **Ray White Upper North Shore**, and **Young's Gourmet Pizzeria**. [#gonormo](https://twitter.com/gonormo)



Stephen Waugh AO (Test cap # 335)





Chris Fitzpatrick, Julian Leeser MP, Steve Waugh AO, Paul Bickerstaff



Steve Waugh AO, Ian Hawkins (MC)



Samaira Gokani – Karen Price Trophy (Female Cricketer)

Ian Hawkins (MC) provided the following introduction at the start of the Centenary dinner.

“Tonight’s special guest is one of Australian cricket’s most respected figures – **Steve Waugh AO**.

A former Australian captain, Steve played 168 Test matches and scored over 10,900 runs at an average above 50, cementing himself as one of the game’s greats. He led Australia in 57 Tests, winning 41 of them; at the time, the most successful captain in Test history. Known for his toughness, resilience, and ability to perform under pressure, he was a key part of two World Cup-winning teams and helped shape one of the most dominant eras in Australian cricket. He was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2007.

Off the field, Steve’s impact has been just as powerful. Alongside his wife Lynette, he founded the Steve Waugh Foundation, supporting children and young people living with rare diseases; providing practical assistance, funding, and care to families often overlooked by traditional support systems. His commitment to cricket and philanthropy saw him appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2003, and named Australian of the Year in 2004.

More recently, Steve has turned his focus to photography and storytelling. His latest project, *The Spirit of Cricket – India*, is a powerful visual journey that captures the game far beyond the stadiums; from street corners to remote communities, highlighting the deep connection between cricket, culture, and people.”

A short video regarding this project was played to the audience to illustrate how Steve Waugh sees the game in India through a very different lens.







Recognition for the Club's Coaches and Managers in 2025-26, with Steve Waugh AO



Representatives from the U/17 Team of the Year 2025-26, with Bruce Wood OAM and Steve Waugh AO







One of the highlights of Normanhurst CC's Centenary Dinner at Hornsby RSL on 18 April 2026 was the induction of **Justin Gross** (pictured – left) as the Club's 12th **Life Member** in 100 years.

President, Paul Bickerstaff, had pleasure in announcing Justin's elevation to Life Member status, which was richly deserved and well received by the large audience.

Justin was President of Normanhurst CC for 4 years from 2017-18 to 2020-21 and led the Club with distinction. He has been the Club's Treasurer for the past 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-06.

Significantly, Justin has also taken on executive roles for HK&HDCA. He is the first HK&HDCA President from Normanhurst CC in history and he has done a fantastic job in this crucial role for the past two years, including leading the Association's Centenary celebrations in 2025-26. He was previously the HK&HDCA Senior Vice-President for 3 years from 2021-22 to 2023-24.

Refer to page 98 of this Centenary Report for more details on Normanhurst CC's Life Members.



Normanhurst CC – Life Members at the Centenary Dinner – with Steve Waugh AO

Craig Woods, Justin Gross, Joanne Teoh (Ken Hall's daughter), Phil Hayes, Peter Johnston, Bruce Wood OAM

FOUNDATION HK&HDCA CLUB / THE FIRST 6 YEARS (1926-27 TO 1931-32)

Normanhurst CC is a foundation club in the Association and won the inaugural A Grade premiership in 1926-27.

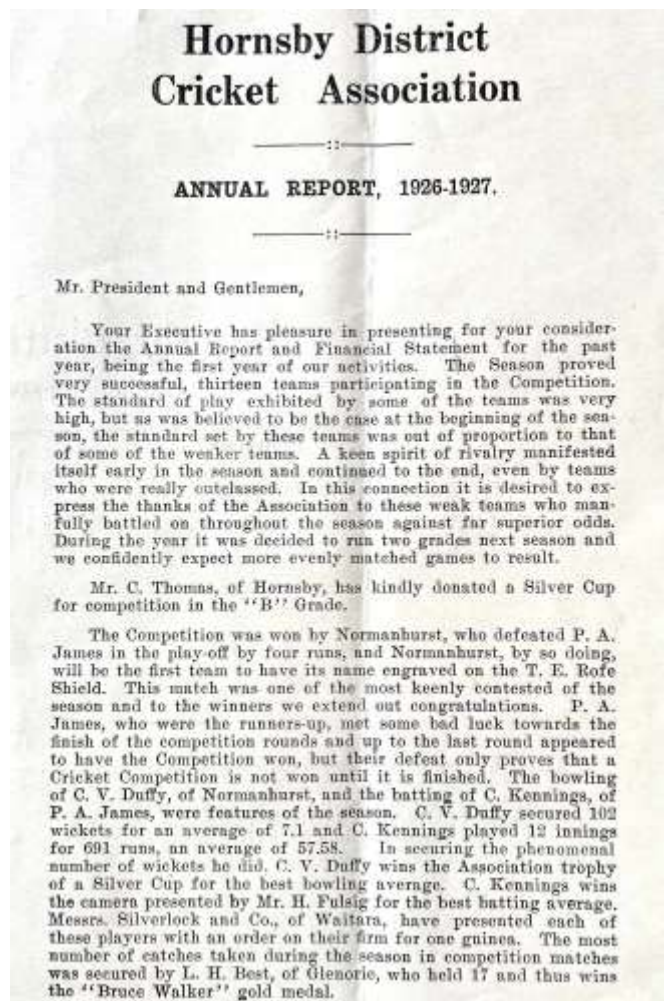
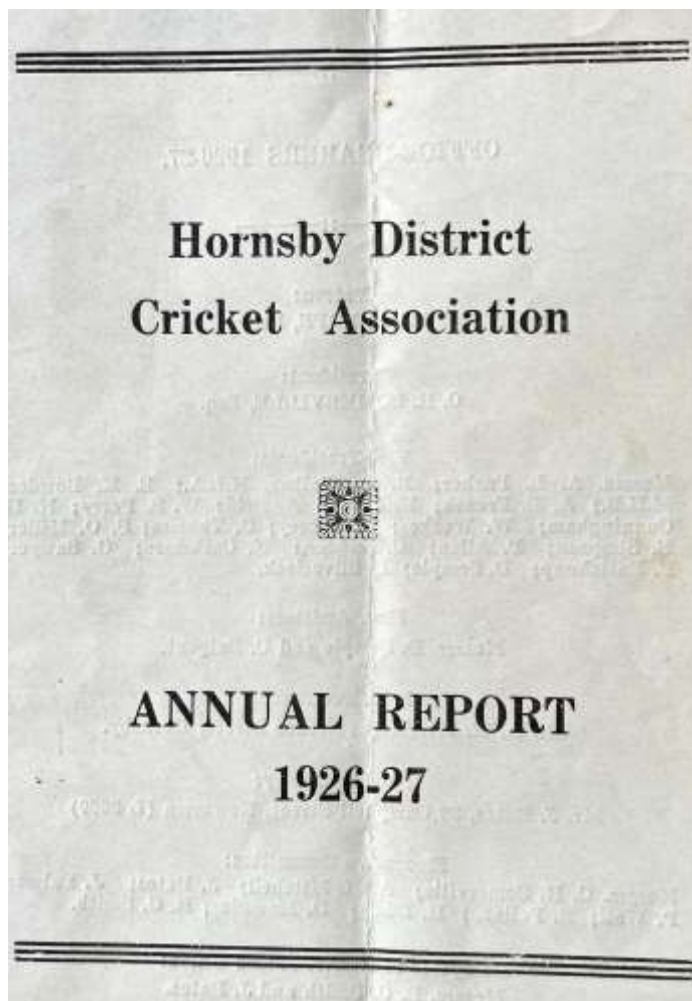
In the 1920s the world and the nation were recovering from the destruction wrought in the Great War. The local area was dominated by the busy railway activity at Hornsby, which was increasingly becoming the “capital” of the northern area. Most of the people who played cricket on their summer Saturdays would have been full of optimism that the world was looking forward to a new period of peace and prosperity. Few would have envisaged that the Great Depression loomed ahead, to be followed by a second major world conflict.

The Hornsby District Cricket Association was formed at a meeting held in an upstairs room of the Masonic Hall, Hornsby on 11 March 1926. The meeting was convened by Messrs Jack Palmer and Vic. Bowen of the Hornsby Railways C.C. and ten local clubs attended, as reported in The Hornsby Advocate:

On Thursday, 11th, at the Masonic Hall, before a large and enthusiastic audience that overflowed the hall, the above Association made its official appearance. Judging by the spirit shown it will be a great success.

The committee, through the foresight of Mr Robbins, was very lucky in having with them Mr N. H. Cunningham, Secretary of the North Sydney Cricket Association, who has at present 48 clubs registered with him. Mr W. Morris of the Umpires’ Association was also present. The clubs present were given a very clear idea of what was to be expected of them. Mr Weeks, representing the Northern District Cricket Club, hoped that it would be a great success and that his club would be at the back of new Association as it was to them that they had to look for new blood.

Mr T. E. Rofe, in presenting his shield to the new Association, briefly told how he decided to present it to them and how he hoped the winning club would be able to say it won by playing the game. Clubs there were Hornsby United, Hornsby Railways, P.A. James Ltd, St Ives, Galston, North Hornsby, Pennant Hills, Normanhurst, I.O.O.F. and the Evening Continuation School. The officers then elected until the Annual General Meeting prior to the competition were: President, C.R. Somerville; Secretary, J. Bates; Treasurer, A.H. Mitchell; Executive Committee, Messrs J.E. Palmer, F. Wall, R. Pollard, H. Duffy, G.D.B. Maunder and R.G. Smith.





THOMAS ROFE, donor of the trophy for A Grade.

The Masonic Hall was sited at 127 Pacific Highway, Hornsby and its foundation was unveiled on 12 November 1919. It was destroyed by a “suspicious” fire in February 1995. Mr Thomas E. F. Rofe, an alderman on Hornsby Council from 1927 to 1941 (President in 1932), was elected Patron, a position he held until his death in May 1945. A struck-off solicitor, he made a fortune out of land-dealing and was notorious for the large number of prizes bearing his name which he offered for sporting, musical and academic achievement.

From the surviving Pennant Hills CC ‘A’ Grade 1926-27 scorebook and from published results in The Hornsby Advocate, the following Normanhurst players are known to have played in the inaugural A Grade season:

C. (Clarrie) V. Duffy (Captain), W. Lutherburrow, H. Duffy, C. Savage, D. Sherlock, B. Savage, Clive Duffy, O. Anelzark, F. Hodgins, Wal Braunack, R. Savage, F. Anelzark, W. Burns, H. Stanton and D. Taylor.

The new Hornsby District Cricket Association began its on-field activities on Anzac Day, 1926 with an Exhibition Match. The Association XI lost by 14 runs to the North Sydney C.A. The first A.G.M. was held on 29 July 1926 at the

Literary Institute within the grounds of Hornsby Primary School.

The Association’s A Grade competition matches commenced at 2:15pm on Saturday, 11 September 1926. Normanhurst recorded a resounding victory in Round 1 of that inaugural season (match scores below):

Normanhurst (205) def. Cheltenham-Beecroft (105 & 52) outright by an innings and 48 runs, at Normanhurst Park.

After 13 rounds, Normanhurst and P.A. James Ltd (timber mills owned by Cr Paul James, the ‘King of Hornsby’) were tied on competition points, so a Final match was necessary. It was played on Pennant Hills Oval (turf pitch) on 30 April and 7 May 1927. Normanhurst won by just 8 runs, 130 and 1-53 against 122 (scorecard – page 16).

Despite the small size of most of the grounds, scoring was low and about half of the completed team scores in the 1926-27 season were below 100, such was the dominance of the bowlers on uncovered wickets. When B Grade was introduced in the second season, 47 of 80 completed innings totalled fewer than 100 runs and only two exceeded 200.

At the Association’s 2nd AGM (after the initial 1926-27 season), the Normanhurst players were presented with the Rofe Shield and 12 honour (premiership) caps, a practice which has endured for 100 years.

A silver cup presented by the Association for the lowest bowling average was won by C. V. (Clarrie) Duffy (1895 – 1954), a left-arm medium-pacer from Normanhurst, who took 107 wickets at an average of 7.39 each. His aggregate remains a record in any grade to this day. His successive match figures were 13/113, 7/64, 3/7, 5/53, 6/88, 10/36, 12/86, 7/74, 10/60, 9/43, 10/62, 10/40 and 5/65 in the final. His best figures in an innings were 8/18. In 1930-31 he took 96 wickets at 8.51 for Hornsby DCC. In the first eight years of the Association, Clarrie Duffy captured 506 wickets in A Grade at an average of 11.64.



The legendary CLARRIE DUFFY whose feats in the early years of the Association have never been repeated. He bowled left arm medium pacers with pin-point accuracy. His bowling won the First A Grade Final for Normanhurst.

The Great Depression was a severe global economic downturn from 1929 to 1939. The period was characterized by high rates of unemployment and poverty, drastic reductions in industrial production and international trade, and widespread bank and business failures around the world. The Depression had a significant impact on sporting codes, including cricket. Many clubs simply didn’t survive due to economic hardship, lack of financial players, competition entry fees, transportation costs, etc.

Of the original clubs, only St Ives survived for more than a decade – in fact until 1961-62. Pennant Hills and Cheltenham-Beecroft both joined the Northern Districts C. A. in the early 1930s, and in 1931-32, Glenorie, Galston and Dural amalgamated to create the Hills District CC, which existed for 33 years. Thornleigh CC had been reformed on 1 July 1929. Many other clubs ‘came and went’ during this difficult period. Normanhurst disappeared after the 1931-32 season and didn’t return until 1947-48, after World War II.

Some men quit playing cricket and took up umpiring to earn some extra money. In the early years of the Association, there were two official umpires at every match. During the Depression, there were so many registered umpires that they had to be rostered off duty. At first, they were paid 5/- per afternoon, but this was increased to 10/- in the late 1930s.

**SCORECARD FROM THE FIRST A GRADE GRAND FINAL IN HK&HDCA HISTORY,
WHICH WAS WON BY NORMANHURST CC**

**A Grade Final – 1926/27
Normanhurst v's P.A. James**

Played at Pennant Hills Oval on 30 April and 7 May 1927

NORMANHURST 1st Innings

C.V.Duffy	run out	3
R.Savage	b. Kennings	23
H.Duffy	c. Hewitt b.Kennings	4
D.Taylor	lbw. b. McQuirk	6
C.Savage	c. H.Hewitt b. Croft	26
H.Stanton	c. H.Hewitt b. Kennings	16
W.Lutherburrow	b. McQuirk	35
D.Sherlock	b. Croft	0
F.Anelzark	b. McQuirk	2
C.Duffy	c. Simpson b.Croft	7
W.Brannauch	not out	1
Sundries		7
TOTAL		130

Bowling	R	W
H.Croft	30	3
J.McQuirk	46	3
C.Jennings	47	3

2nd Innings

not out	9
not out	20
b. S.Dives	22
	2
1-53	

Bowling not available

P.A.JAMES 1st Innings

C.Kennings	c. C.Savage b. C.V.Duffy	5
S.Dives	c. C.V.Duffy b. Lutherburrow	0
G.Hewitt	lbw. C.V.Duffy	39
R.Simpson	b. C.V.Duffy	4
J.McQuirk	run out	29
P.Clark	c. Lutherburrow b. C.V.Duffy	0
H.Hewitt	b. Lutherburrow	12
P.Wall	c.& b. Lutherburrow	14
F.Long	run out	5
S.Hanna	not out	9
H.Croft	absent	0
Sundries		5
TOTAL		122

Bowling	R	W
C.V.Duffy	66	5
W. Lutherburrow	46	3

*Hornsby District
Challenge Shield A Grade 1926/27
Presented by T.E. Rofe of Wahroonga*

Normanhurst won by 8 runs on the 1st inning.



HORNSBY ADVOCATE ARTICLE – July 1927

NORMANHURST CC – SOCIAL EVENING ON FRIDAY, 22 JULY 1927 TO CELEBRATE THE INAUGURAL HORNSBY DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION 'A' GRADE PREMIERSHIP

Normanhurst Cricket Club, having completed its first year in the competition of the Hornsby Cricket Association, also to achieve the honour of being its first premiers, decided to celebrate their victory by holding a social evening. This was duly held on Friday evening last, 22nd inst. at the Church of England Hall, Normanhurst, and it was a great success. Patron Mr R. Allen presided. Among the distinguished guests present were Mr H Tonks, President, Mr C. H. Sommerville, Mr Les Wood, Mr N. Duffy, Mr A. Wall, Vice-Presidents, Councillor T. E. Rofe, representatives from P. A. James, St. Ives, Waratahs, Cheltenham, and Concord West Cricket Clubs, and others.

Mrs Conroy opened the program with an overture on the piano. Mr R. Allen proposed the toast of "His Majesty, the King". Mr Alf Cook, comedian, then enlivened proceedings in his usual familiar and comical way, having his listeners in peals of laughter. The toast of the Patron, President and Vice-Presidents was entrusted to Councillor T. E. Rofe, who provided the meeting with information of cricket in its earliest history, as far back as the 17th century, also to remind his listeners that it was his aim to foster the national game in the Shire to the best of his ability. Mr R. Allen replying, stated that he was greatly interested in the doings of the club and was very pleased to learn of the clubs' achievement. Mr H. Tonks, President, also replied in similar terms, at the same time throwing a bombshell at the club, stating he was saying farewell, having transferred his business interests to the country. This news was received with regret, however the club wished him every success in his new sphere.

Mr C. H. Sommerville, replying on behalf of the vice-presidents, expressed also his very great pleasure in being one of the club's vice-presidents, also he wished it to be known that he hoped the Shire Councillors would consider the advisability of fostering the game of cricket by placing at the disposal of players more playing areas before all available opportunities are missed. He considered the club had put up a magnificent performance, both in the field and in its operations, expressing the fact that the club's affairs were in very capable hands.

Mr Len Dreis, with his farmyard imitations had his listeners taken back with his mimicry. The toast of the visitors was entrusted to Mr A. B. Lee, Secretary, Normanhurst C. C., he expressing his gratefulness to the response of the club's invitation to attend this social evening. Mr. J. Bates, Secretary of the Hornsby District Cricket Association, and representatives of the various clubs responded.

Councillor T. E. Rofe was asked to present the trophies won during the last season, and with well-chosen remarks called on the respective winners to come forward. The club's captain, Mr C. V. Duffy, was successful in winning both batting and bowling averages, prizes for which were donated. That for bowling was a beautiful inscribed gold medal, by Mr R. Allen, and that for batting, a beautiful bat, by the club; for fielding points, a beautiful inscribed gold medal, by Mr Les Wood, won by Mr Roy Savage, and for most catches, a beautiful inscribed gold medal, by Mr Cullum, won by Mr W. Lutherburrow; also a little surprise for the captain, the club presenting him with a ball, mounted and inscribed, denoting his great achievement in one particular match, 8/18.

This was not all the surprises. The members of the club asked their Patron, Mr R. Allen, to make a presentation to the Secretary. Mr Allen, accordingly presented a gold mounted fountain pen to the Secretary, expressing the members appreciation and esteem. The club Secretary suitably replied. The report and balance were then read, the latter showing that receipts exceeded 42 odd, and expenditure 39 odd, leaving a credit balance to start next season's operations, a fact that augers well for the success of the club in the coming season. This over, the programme was continued.

Little Eileen Duffy was well received with her singing and dancing, also little Hilda Lee with pianoforte solo. In conclusion the club wishes to thank Mrs Conroy for her generous services as accompaniate, also for the way in which the preparations were carried out, the highest praise must be given to Mrs W. Braunack and her willing helpers. All present expressed their pleasure at being present, concluding by wishing the members of the Normanhurst Cricket Club continued success for the forthcoming season.

The Annual General Meeting of the Normanhurst Cricket Club will be held on Tuesday evening, August 2nd. Business: Nomination and election of officers for the forthcoming season 1927/28. Members and intending members are kindly reminded to be present. Meeting place: Church of England Hall, Normanhurst.

THE RETURN OF NORMANHURST CC / POST-WORLD WAR II YEARS (1947-48 TO 1979)

Because of the lapse of time between 1942 and 1946 when no cricket was played, the clubs and the Association had difficulty in reorganising themselves after the War. Eventually a record number of 15 clubs affiliated, including new ones from Mt Colah, Northern District CC, Hornsby RSL and West Pennant Hills. West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC has now become by far the largest club in the Association, but the other three clubs all dropped out within four years.

The existing Normanhurst and Berowra clubs were formed in 1947-48, whilst Hornsby (1948-49 to 1985-86) and Pymble (1958-59 to 1983-84) were also long-term affiliates. Other new clubs named East Hornsby, Thornleigh Rovers, Cross Roads (near Baulkham Hills HS), Mt Ku-ring-gai, Cowan Social, North Turramurra, Pennant Hills Sports and Asquith Sports (later Rugby League) also made brief appearances during the 1950s.

At the Association's 23rd AGM held on 26 July 1948, the name of the Association, on the motion of St Ives CC, was changed from Hornsby District C. A. to Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai C. A. The addition was made primarily to enable clubs south-east of Hornsby to present a more local case for new grounds to Ku-ring-gai Council. Teams were first graded on their strength in 1953-54 and in most years of the 1950s were placed in A, B or C Grades, with the bottom four teams of the top two grades (and C Grade in 1959-60) playing off at the end of twelve or so rounds for the Reserve Grade trophies.

This is why we still have grades named A Reserve and B Reserve when the lower divisions of C and D Grades are called C2, C3, C4 and D2. In this same season, players were first given individual ratings which now range from 0 to 10. For 20 seasons from 1946-47, the system of semi-finals (usually of three days' duration) and finals (usually played out) were employed and this produced two matches of extraordinary high scoring and duration.

In the B Grade final of 1952-53, Thornleigh, 278 and 470 (following on) defeated Asquith 407 and 332, by just 9 runs. The match lasted for eight Saturdays (three of them washed out) and the enormity of the aggregate of 1,487 runs may be gauged from the fact that it was unequalled in over 120 years of County cricket in England before the introduction of four-day matches in 1988.

In an A Grade semi-final in 1956-57, St Ives totalled 657 runs (Jack Barrett 220, Clive Menck 61, A. Kennings 61), then the highest innings played in over half a million matches held in Associations affiliated with the NSW Junior Cricket Union since its formation in 1903-04. Glenorie replied with 351 runs and the match lasted for five Saturdays at Bannockburn Oval.

In 1951-52 a new rule was introduced for one season only, whereby any minor premier, if defeated in its semi-final, still had the right to play the winner of the final in a grand final. As a result, five finals and four grand finals had to be played to an outright conclusion and there was some massive scoring. In the grand final in B Grade, North Hornsby and Waitara Catholic decided to call it quits after five days of play and were declared Joint Premiers.

In an A Reserve semi-final, Arcadia and Kenthurst scored a total of 1,212 runs in five days, and in the A Grade semi-final, Hills District declared at 6 for 508 (K. Bellamy 136, G. Tallents 135) against Kenthurst. The A Grade final in 1951-52 between St Ives and West Pennant Hills at Hassell Park did not commence until 19 April 1952 and lasted for no fewer than ten Saturdays before St Ives won on 21 June, the shortest day of the year!

The HK&HDCA Sheppard Memorial Trophy is awarded each year for the batter who scores the most runs in any grade. Two Normanhurst CC players had outstanding seasons during this period to claim the perpetual trophy. In 1947-48, D. Newman scored 942 runs in C2 Grade, and in 1953-54, Ron Ivanhoff scored 1,098 runs in B Grade.

In the first season of the Association (1926-27), there was an A Grade competition only, but B, C and D Grades were introduced successively in 1927-28, 1931-32 and 1936-37. After the War, there was an acute shortage of coir matting which had been used for most matches in the district for nearly 60 years. The local Councils decided to use malthoid, a new type of thin but hardy bituminous covering glued down over the concrete. In 1953-54, the Association gained its first turf ground when Storey Park, named after Sid Storey, Mayor of Hornsby, was built on the site of a rubbish tip, previously Fowler's Pottery Works.

Until about 1960, grounds in the district were generally kept in rather poor condition, were often out of use for long periods (for example, no matches were played on Thornleigh Oval from 1948 until 1953) and some had to be shared with horses (especially those inside the trotting tracks at Galston Oval, Castle Hill Showground and Rofe Park) and other livestock (notably, at Oakleigh Oval, which adjoined a dairy). Snakes in the long grass were also a problem at several cricket grounds in the Association during this era!

At Arcadia Oval there is still a risk of breaking an ankle in holes dug by a colony of rabbits. As the number of cricket teams increased, new grounds were constructed at Rofe Park (1936), James Park (1936), Mills Park (1944), Arcadia Park (1946-47), North Turramurra Oval (1947-48), Headen Park, formerly Fellowship Park (1947-48), Vernon Street Reserve (1947-48), Kenthurst Park (1947-48), Oakleigh Oval, alias Thornleigh Depot or Thornleigh No. 2 (1949-50), Campbell Park (1952-53), Storey Park (1953-54), Galston Oval, now Hayes Park (1953-54), Cowan Park (1959-60), St Ives Community Centre (1960-61), Montview Oval (1962-63) and Warrina Oval (1976-77).

The sites of many of these grounds were, as in earlier times, cleared by volunteers from the local clubs, supporting Council initiatives. In 1956-57 the following grounds were considered the best available for finals: Campbell Park (A), Bannockburn Oval (A Reserve), North Turramurra Oval (B), Rofe Park (B Reserve), Kenthurst Park (C) and Oakleigh Oval (C2). Before Storey Park was completed in 1953-54, A Grade finals were nearly always played on Hassell Park or Bannockburn Oval. In 1958-59 the regular A Grade grounds were Storey Park, Hassell Park, Thornleigh Oval, Brooklyn Park, Dural Park, Arcadia Park, James Park and Mills Park. The principle of 'home-and-away' grounds was largely employed until the 1966-67 season.

The number of senior teams remained constant after the War, but from 1960-61 to 1976-77 increased from 16 to 26 clubs and 28 to 56 teams (489 to 1103 registrations). This caused the permanent introduction of an A Reserve Grade in 1971-72, B Reserve Grade in 1973-74, D Grade in 1975-76 and D2 Grade in 1978-79.

A major change was made in the conduct of the senior competitions in 1966-67 when an Elimination Round replaced the semi-final and final system. Teams outside the top four in each Grade played a series of three one-day matches for a pennant. The Elimination Round was eliminated in 1979-80 after which the two teams leading on points after the competition rounds played off for the premiership, until semi-finals were reintroduced in 1989-90.

In 1969-70 the Association finally achieved its aim of having the A Grade competition played entirely on turf when it gained the use of Parklands and Berowra Ovals (Storey Park had been used since 1953-54 and The Glade Reserve since 1966-67). These wickets are regarded as being among the best in Sydney and are a credit to the Councils and the grounds staff.

Normanhurst CC was runner-up in A Grade for five consecutive years before it ended Hornsby's run of wins in 1971-72. Bill Kemsley appeared in 13 A Grade finals for Thornleigh CC or Normanhurst CC and was on the winning side 7 times. He advised Bruce Wood (Club President) at the Normanhurst CC Presentation Night at NBHS in May 2001 that playing in Normanhurst's team in 1971-72 and finally defeating the strong Hornsby CC side to become A Grade Premiers was one of his most satisfying memories of cricket in the Association.

Normanhurst CC reformed after WWII in 1947-48 and has played continuously in HK&HDCA competitions ever since, except for a three season break from 1954-55 to 1956-57. Normanhurst CC has continued to grow and attract more Senior and Junior players, win some competitions, produce representative players, and acquire a fantastic reputation in the local cricket community. This proud record is thanks to successive Committees of dedicated volunteers, accredited coaches, team managers, supportive parents, and of course, keen players.

JUNIORS – schoolboy competitions didn't resume in the Association until 1947-48 and they returned on a very small scale. Years later, Northern District CC arranged pre-season coaching for juniors at Waitara Oval, after the number of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District CA teams had dropped from 15 to 4 by 1956-57. On 14 June 1956 a conference was held at Hornsby between NDCC, the two local Associations and the two Shire clubs to ensure the progress of High School boys from school to senior clubs and also to provide coaching for under-age schoolboys.

The coaching programs lasted for 10 seasons with the number of boys attending the centres ranging from 250 to over 500 each season. The effect on the Association's schoolboy competition was startling, with the number of teams increasing from 4 in 1956-57, to 17 in 1957-58, 49 in 1961-62 and 65 in 1966-67. In 1958 the Schoolboys' Competition was formed as a separate sub-committee of the Council under an Organising and a Juvenile Competition President.

The Association celebrated its 25th anniversary with a 'Smoko' at the Pacific Cabaret at Hornsby and with a Silver Jubilee Match played between the President's XI and the Secretary's XI at Waitara Oval on Easter Monday, 1951. At the end of World War II, the Pacific Highway was a concrete road with two lanes. By 1960 it had become a busy thoroughfare and there were plans for a new expressway heading north from Wahroonga. The steam trains that had given Hornsby its initial importance and character were all but gone following electrification of the line north of Hornsby in the late 1950s. In this period, new arrivals from overseas under our post-War immigration scheme not only enhanced our Australian culture but also came to participate with us in our great sport.

The outstanding features of the 15 years after 1960-61 were the large increase in the number of players, especially in the Saturday morning competitions, the acquisition of a further three turf grounds, and the domination of the A Grade competition by Hornsby CC. After the Schoolboys' Competition got off the ground in the late 1950s, its progress was uninterrupted as the number of clubs, teams and registrations increased. From 1956-57 to 1975-76, the number of schoolboy registrations increased from 72 to 1,338. There were two main reasons for this increase: the rise in the growth areas of the district of large and efficiently run Sports (Cricket) Clubs, and the fact that the enthusiasm of schoolboys is always whetted after a Test Series.

After the tour by the West Indies in 1960-61, the number of junior teams increased from 26 to 49; after the visits by the M.C.C. and the Rest of the World in the early 1970s, the number of registrations increased from 1,088 to 1,638 in two years. In the mid-1970s, registrations increased by 25% following two Ashes encounters.

A GRADE PREMIERS 1971-72

Normanhurst CC celebrated a magnificent A Grade premiership in 1971-72, after losing five consecutive Finals to Hornsby CC. The victory was especially satisfying, as Normanhurst trailed by 78 runs after the first innings.

Normanhurst finished second on the competition table that season and accounted for Kissing Point (3rd) in the semi-final.

Below are some details from that memorable season.

Semi-final – Normanhurst 166 (T. Palmer 66; W. Kemsley 34) def. Kissing Point 8-115 (dec.) (J. Geisker 4/21).

Final – **Normanhurst 99** (C. Dodd 20) and **7/137** (W. Kemsley 65; T. Kennedy 39*) def. **Hornsby 177** (W. Kemsley 5/22) and **56** (W. Kemsley 4/16; A. St Clair 3/30; T. Palmer 3/8) outright by 3 wickets.

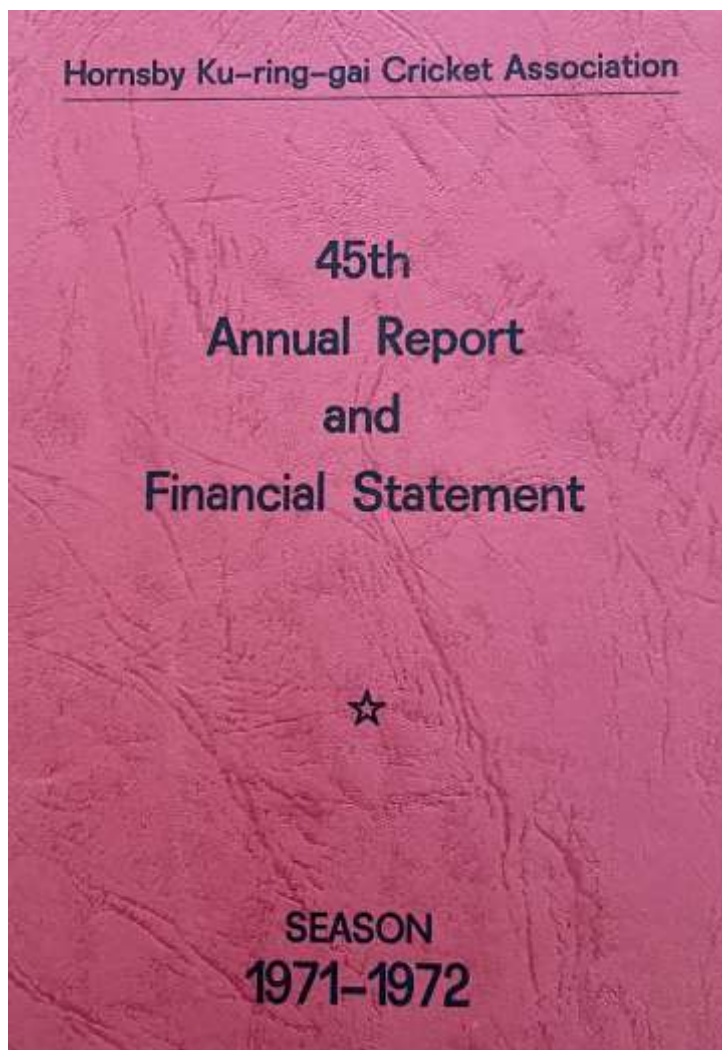
Ratings (scale 0 to 5) for all Normanhurst CC players in 1971-72

0 – Dennis Geisker; Bill Kemsley

1 – John Geisker; B. Hamilton; Tim Kennedy; Alan St Clair; Terry Palmer; Chris Dodd

2 – M. Leechman; John Roseby; J. Blunden; Geoff Thomas; B. Fox; John Hurst; J. Wheeler; B. Cadman; B Strang; B. Wright; R. Clifton; C. Kirton; Peter Handel; T. Smith.

3 – Harry Hunter; Terry Rae; Max Allen; Greg Loomes



Club	A	AR	B	C	C2
Arcadia				105 (1)	
Asquith United	59 (5)	28 (6)			
Bannockburn Rovers				4 (8)	
Berowra		85 (1)	24 (8)		
Glenorie	51 (7)		58 (4)		57 (5)
Hills Memorial		34 (4)			
Hornsby	74 (1)		66 (3)	73 (3)	
Kenthurst		41 (3)		49 (5)	74 (3)
Kissing Point	69 (3)		67 (2)		22 (8)
Mount Colah	63 (4)		54 (5)		56 (7)
Normanhurst	70 (2)	33 (5)			
Pymble	35 (8)			43 (6)	
St. Leos			37 (7)		100 (1)
St. Ives			87 (1)		
Thornleigh	30 (9)		42 (6)		57 (5)
Turrumurra				56 (4)	60 (4)
Waitara United		17 (7)		43 (6)	76 (2)
West Pennant Hills	56 (6)	77 (2)		91 (2)	
Premiership Club	Norm.	Berow.	Kiss. Pt.	Arcadia	Waitara

1971-72

TROPHY WINNERS

Club Championship (John A. Gilbert North P/L): Not conducted.
 A Grade (T. E. Rofe Shield): Normanhurst C. C.
 A-R Grade: Berowra C. C.
 B Grade (Thomas Cup): Kissing Point C. C.
 C Grade (Hornsby Theatre): Arcadia C. C.
 C2 Grade (Weeks Cup): Waitara United C. C.
 Most Runs Any Grade (Sheppard Memorial): G. Naylor (St. Ives) 1185.
 464 C Grade 464 av.
 721 B Grade 80.1 av.
 Most Wickets Any Grade (Frank Sagar): G. Stanfield (Kent) 65.
 Wicket Keeping - Most Dismissals Any Grade: L. Lees (WPH-C) 24.
 Dave Gawler - Club Sportsmanship: To be announced.
 A Grade Batting Average: A. Taylor (H) 559 @ 55.9.
 A Grade Bowling Average: D. Sheppard (K.Pt.) 46 @ 10.45
 A-R Grade Batting Average: L. Wicks (Berowra) 792 @ 79.2
 A-R Grade Bowling Average: W. Howard (WPH) 54 @ 10.1
 B Grade Batting Average: G. Naylor (St. Ives) 921 @ 80.1
 B Grade Bowling Average: G. Martin (St. Ives) 54 @ 9.9
 C Grade Batting Average: P. McCann (H) 899 @ 89.9
 C Grade Bowling Average: R. Everitt (Arcadia) 47 @ 9.26
 C2 Grade Batting Average: C. Davey (Thorn) 597 @ 42.6
 C2 Grade Bowling Average: G. Stanfield (K) 65 @ 7.55
 Best Kept Score Book (any Grade): Mt. Colah "A" (Mrs. L. Ray).

A GRADE BATTING

*A. Taylor (H)	559	55.9	K. Stutchbury AU	325	25.00
D. Geisker (N)	486	44.2	*D. Taylor (H)	315	24.3
*W. Kemsley (N)	657	43.8	E. Britt (H)	382	24.0
A. Simmons (GH)	356	32.36	T. Brown (KPt)	375	23.4
G.Ivanhoe (AU)	385	32.08	*I. Morgan (AU)	322	21.7
*W. Leahy (KPt)	453	30.2	B. Kimberley MTC	305	20.33
P. Keene (TH)	464	29.0	G. Bailey (AU)	365	19.2
D. Sullivan (KPt)	485	28.5			

A GRADE BOWLING

D. Sheppard (KPt)	46	10.45	*A. Taylor (H)	36	13.83
G. Bender (MtC)	59	10.49	*W. Kemsley (N)	41	13.97
J. Jessup (MtC)	38	10.63	A. St. Clair (N)	35	15.57
P. Moon (H)	47	11.51	A. James (TH)	33	16.50
*W. Leahy (KPt)	53	11.60	J. Burrell (GH)	31	18.97
*I. Morgan (Au)	40	13.50	D.Blankley (AU)	30	21.43

THE LAST TWO DECADES OF THE 20TH CENTURY – 1980 to 1999

By the mid to late 1970s, the youth population of the HK&HDCA area had risen dramatically and this has steadily continued ever since. Local schools in the early 1980s were overflowing. In areas such as Hornsby, new medium and high-rise buildings were offering home units near the population centres and the suburban blocks began to disappear, as open space became more valuable. The population, too, gradually became more ethnically diverse. Second generation European settlers brought new names to the cricket scorebooks. Some Asian settlers began to take up the game of cricket, sharing the traditional enjoyment of Australia's national summer sport.

To illustrate the growth leading into the 1980s, in the decade ending in December 1979, the number of Senior teams in the HK&HDCA competitions increased from 56 to 68, and the number of Junior teams from 97 to 126, whilst the number of registered Senior players increased from 1,126 to 1,224 and the number of Junior players from 1,338 to 1,891. The HK&HDCA Schoolboys' Competition was re-named the Junior Competition in 1996-97.

While the number of registered players continued to increase during this period, the number of clubs continued to decrease. In 1976-77 there were 26 Senior Clubs (56 teams) and 20 Junior Clubs (92 teams). In 2000-01 there were 13 Senior Clubs (72 teams) and 14 Junior Clubs (137 teams), excluding Kanga players. This happened partly because small clubs folded and were not replaced by new small clubs (from which, logically, large clubs grow), and because several medium-sized clubs amalgamated (such as North Turramurra and Kissing Point in 1990-91, and Hornsby Heights and Hornsby RSL in 1995-96). St Ives took most of its junior teams to the Gordon Association in 1999-2000, however this was largely compensated in 2000-01 by the arrival of Castle Hill RSL from the Parramatta Association.

In this period, there were six outstanding schoolboy allrounders namely, Ross Toohey (Thornleigh), Scott Sexty (Thornleigh), Neil Maxwell (Normanhurst), Chris Hogan (Hornsby RSL), David Franklin (Hornsby RSL) and Steven Jones (Kenthurst). The most successful of these proved to be Neil Maxwell who represented Fiji in the I.C.C. Trophy, played First Grade with NDCC, took 99 wickets and scored 1,166 runs for NSW, Victoria and Canterbury (N.Z.) in 35 first-class matches, and captained Balmain to the First Grade Premiership in 1998-99. He has since become a prominent Players' Agent.

A highlight of this decade was the opening of the new turf wicket at Kenthurst Park on 13 September 1981. The ground was initiated with two matches, Veterans v. Colts and Norm. Sproule's XI v. Cr Clarrie Ellerman's XI for whom Doug Walters scored 19 (ret.). Kenthurst CC raised \$4,000 towards the cost of the project and the Association assisted with a grant of \$1,000. A number of new grounds were gained in this decade – Ku-ring-gai High School (1981-82) and in 1983-84 Cherrybrook Oval, Foxglove Oval, Ellerman Park and Pennant Hills High School. In addition, Oakleigh and Annangrove Ovals were reconstructed in 1981-82 and 1982-83 respectively.

The Association withdrew from the NSW Junior Cricket Union in August 1979 after 43 years membership, following a number of disagreements (not least over the cost of proposed Country Tours for junior representative players). Following an Interest Meeting held on 27 September 1979, the Inter-District Cricket Competition (IDCA) was formed at the Masonic Hall, Hornsby on 26 October 1979. Hornsby District C. A. re-affiliated with JCU in 1983-84 and in December 1997, they changed their name to the NSW Districts Cricket Association (NSWDCA). The NSWCA provided an Executive Officer and financial support from the profits of the Australian Cricket Board.

The Association celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a 60th Anniversary Dinner held for 180 people at L'Aurora Classic Lounge at Asquith on 29 November 1986. Those present celebrated the fact that the Association had survived and prospered over such a lengthy period. The world was rapidly adapting to the advantages of the space age and to the benefits of the new computer technologies. At the 62nd AGM held on 18 July 1988, the Association voted to change its name to the "Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association" (HK&HDCA), as three (now four) of our largest affiliated clubs were based within the boundaries of Baulkham Hills Shire.

The 1980s and 1990s produced a number of changes in the way amateur sporting bodies operated. Two main trends were readily identified. 'New' sports began to make a strong impression, especially Basketball, with many other short-form options for parents to consider for their children. The second trend was towards a more 'professional' approach to administration. Our sporting bodies have often been expected to be run as businesses. Some of the introduced sports arrived with salaried administrators, and later, online databases of information and statistics. Cricket needed to move in this direction, which it did to a degree, however more pressure ended up being placed on time-poor, club volunteers.

As far as HK&HDCA was concerned, some of the outstanding features of this period were the introduction of Kanga Cricket, Girls' cricket and Women's cricket, despite outside competition for grounds, which the Association had traditionally used. HK&HDCA saw an explosion in the number of representative fixtures, targeted cricket coaching, the use of electronic means of communication and stable administration. In 1979-80 the Association was the first in NSW to introduce 'Average Cricket' in the Under 10 age group, which operated without competition points. Kanga Cricket, an initiative of the Australian Cricket Board, was introduced in the 1992-93 season with about 280 boys and girls aged 6, 7 and 8 playing on Saturday mornings at five centres – The Glade, Pennant Hills Oval, St Ives High School, Storey Park and Berowra Oval.

Each Kanga centre had a Co-ordinator supported by an army of coaches drawn from parents and senior players. The Co-ordinators formed the Kanga Committee, responsible to the Council, whilst 30 of the coaches completed the basic Level 0 coaching course offered by the A.C.B. In the following seven seasons, a further 452 coaches passed the Level 0 examination and 84 passed the Level 1 accreditation. In 1999-2000 nine centres were used - Berowra Oval, Pennant Hills Oval, Storey Park, The Glade, Mt Colah Public School, Acron Oval, Kenthurst Park, James Henty Oval and Edward Bennett Oval.

The Development Office of the NSWCA under Ross Turner used the Association as the standard model in the first years and we were invited to put on a number of demonstrations at the Sydney Cricket Ground during luncheon breaks in Test, Sheffield Shield and one-day International matches. Over 25% of Kanga players were girls. At first, on reaching the age of 9, they played in boys' (mixed) teams, until their numbers so increased that in 1996-97 the Association introduced an Under 12 and an Over 12 competition for girls. This was assisted by a grant of \$2,500 from the 'Coca-Cola Runs for Australia' Program. In 1997-98 an Under 16 competition was added and in 1999-2000 an Under 14 competition. In 1999-2000 there were 15 girls' teams. By 1997-98 there was so much interest in the district in Women's cricket that we were able to enter two teams, an Under 18 and a Fourth Grade, in the competitions run by the Sydney Women's Cricket Association. In 1998-99 the Under 18 team reached the Final and in 1999-2000 were Premiers.

The introduction of bowling restrictions in the Junior grades in 1989-90 was a good thing for two reasons – it shared the bowling workload around so nearly everyone got a turn – increased participation led to improved retention rates of players, season on season. Secondly, medical experts advised against excessive bowling volumes by young, growing pace bowlers, which was causing stress fractures in the back and other painful areas. However, the significantly lower number of overs bowled by the leading bowlers after the restrictions were introduced saw a stark contrast in the statistics (wickets taken per season) compared with the bowlers from the 1960s and 1970s. Although some remarkable aggregates and averages were achieved by the batters, no junior bowler got close to taking 100 wickets in a season in the Under 11 to Under 16, which was previously achievable.

Regular Council and Executive meetings of the Association were held in a classroom at St Leo's College, Wahroonga during this period, and HK&HDCA Annual General Meetings were mostly held in the Clubhouse at Auluba Oval (Kissing Point CC). Since 1998-99 senior and junior HK&HDCA meetings have been combined. Although this increased the length of business conducted, it served to bring more cohesion to our operations and was assisted by the fact that all but one of the Senior Clubs had a Junior Division. Similarly, since 1988-89, a combined Presentation Night was regularly held at the Hornsby War Memorial Hall in the first week of August.

In 1997-98 the Association started its own web page (<http://www.hkhdca.asn.au>), which was linked to many other sites, world-wide. It was employed increasingly to convey information about competitions, rules and records to our members and to provide photographs of memorable occasions. At the same time, the Association embraced email and used it to convey match results directly to the local newspapers. The Association has strong links with a number of kindred bodies whose purpose is to co-ordinate representative fixtures, to provide coaching for junior players and to present a united front when faced with difficulties presented by local government.

In the 1980s and 90s, local cricket bodies in Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai realised the need to band together to promote the game and to present a united front to forces who control the playing fields and to others who have designs on them. On 20 December 1993, on the initiative of Ross Turner, NSW Cricket Development Manager, the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council (NMCC) was formed. The initial members comprised Epping Shires CC, Northern District CC, the Northern Districts CA and HK&HDCA, and representatives of secondary and primary schools. The Council proved to be a valuable addition to the local cricket structure and stood the test of at least two critical incidents involving possible hostile Local Government action.

In 1997 an organisation was formed under the name "Northern Cricket". Originally a subsidiary of the NMCC, "Northern Cricket" aimed to bring organised coaching to as many players as possible, within our junior ranks. Its foundation directors are Tom Richmond, Glenn Hourigan and Alex Terry. After its inception, it arranged a number of coaching initiatives, including "Winter Spin", a series of sessions for spinners, "Winter Quicks", for pace bowlers, and "Emerging Bluegums", sessions for batsmen, in particular. "Northern Cricket" brought together a number of able and trained coaches from the Association. Mark Rushton, Mark Bolger, Steve Wilson, Trevor Daykin, Tony Ford, Jan Friedrich, John Hopkins, Bruce Kimberley, Bruce Wood and Glenn Hourigan are among the coaches who contributed, free of charge. The three directors, led by Tom Richmond, carried out the organisational work and contributed to the coaching itself. Most of the coaching sessions were held at James Park, Hornsby. A feature of the "Northern Cricket" calendar since 1998-99 was the presentation of the Ross Turner Cup, which is a prestige match that showcases the leading Under 15 players in the Association.

Alf James added *"Three quarters of a century had passed since the Association was formed by people who are no longer with us, in a hall that has since been destroyed by fire. The Association survived through massive economic, cultural and governmental changes over the years. Its meetings have occasionally been fiery and its personalities have sometimes clashed. Overall, however, the Association has provided a "cricket home" for many and splendid sport and comradeship for most."*



A Reserve Grade – Premiers 1990-91

Back: Carl Thompson, David Cleland, Tony Sommerville, Scott Lindsay, Robert Truscott, James Hawkins
Front: Todd Chapman, Brett Hands, Tim Norris (Capt), Justin Leon, Grant Chapman [Absent – Bill Lezes]



A Reserve Grade – Premiers 1991-92

Back: Robert Truscott, James Hawkins, David Brown, Scott Lindsay, Brett Hands
Front: Justin Leon, Todd Chapman, David Cleland, Carl Thompson, Tim Norris (Capt), Bill Lezes, Grant Chapman

Ken Hall (Life Member) advised that the relationship between Normanhurst CC and HK&HDCA was strained at the time, particularly after our Club had to win back-to-back A Reserve Grade premierships (see above) before finally being reinstated into the A Grade competition. Normanhurst CC applied for promotion to A Grade for the 1991-92 season, however this request was rejected by HK&HDCA.

Four years after returning to A Grade in 1992-93, Normanhurst CC won the HK&HDCA T. E. Rofe Shield (A Grade) premiership in 1995-96 with largely the same nucleus of talented players.

Welcome to the Normanhurst Sports Club (Cricket Division)

Presentation Evening

April 28, 1989

Held at the Thornleigh West Public School Hall

7-30 pm start

An address was given by our Presenter

Mr Neil Maxwell

who is well known to us for his efforts
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1st Grade team

Club Committee 1988-89

President	- Graham Swan
Vice President	- Ken Hall
Treasurer	- Mike Boyd
Secretary	- Tom Dorey
Delegate to HK&HDCA	- Bill Hands
Equipment Manager	- Bryan Hall
Publicity Person	- Vacant
Newsheet Editor	- Vacant

Welcome to the Normanhurst Sports Club (Cricket Division)

Presentation Evening

May 11, 1990

Held at Thornleigh West Public School Hall

7-30 pm Start

An Address was given by our Presenter

Mr Ross Turner

who is well known to us for his efforts
with Northern Districts CC 1st Grade
and the NSW Cricket Association

Invited Guests - Mr Alf James [President H.K. & H.D.C. Association]
 - Mr Godfrey Lucas [President Jnr Comp H.K. & H.D.C.A.]
 - Mr Garth Clarke [V/President N/hst Sports Club Inc]

Cricket Club Committee 1989/90

President	- Graham Swan	Secretary	- Caroline Judd
Vice President	- Ken Hall	Treasurer	- Mike Boyd
Delegate to Assoc	- Bill Hands	Equipment Mgr	- Bryan Hall

Presentation Evening MC - Warwick Chipman

Normanhurst CC's end-of-season Presentation Nights were quite formal 35 years ago, as evidenced by the cover of the 1989 and 1990 official Programs. Special guest speakers were invited to make an address to the audience, before the awards were presented. Our Club managed to attract local 'cricket royalty' – Neil Maxwell, Ross Turner and Alf James OAM.

A GRADE PREMIERS 1995-96

Normanhurst CC was proud to win the HK&HDCA T. E. Rofe Shield in 1995-96, which was just the third time in the Club's history that we had won the elusive A Grade premiership. This triumph was the pinnacle for a group of talented players who had started together as a team in C2 Grade eight years earlier.

Below is an extract from the HK&HDCA Annual Report in 1995-96.

Possibly the most even competition for many years saw virtually nothing between all 8 sides. Normanhurst were determined to improve on last season's fourth placing and did so to run second. The semi-finals saw Kenthurst (minor premiers) defeat St Ives, while Normanhurst put an end to the defending premiers, Beecroft.

In the final, Normanhurst batting first, after winning the toss, on a hard, well-grassed wicket at Asquith Oval, were always in trouble and were dismissed by mid-afternoon for 137 runs. Best batting came from I. Hawkins and T. Lane who both scored 30. Destroyers for Kenthurst were S. Keel 5/64, D. Latimore 3/49 and G. Newbould 2/7.

Kenthurst confidently faced the task in hand and had 36 runs on the board before losing their first wicket, but from there, it was downhill, being dismissed for 74 due to inspired bowling from Ben Norris (5/19) and Tim Norris (4/24).

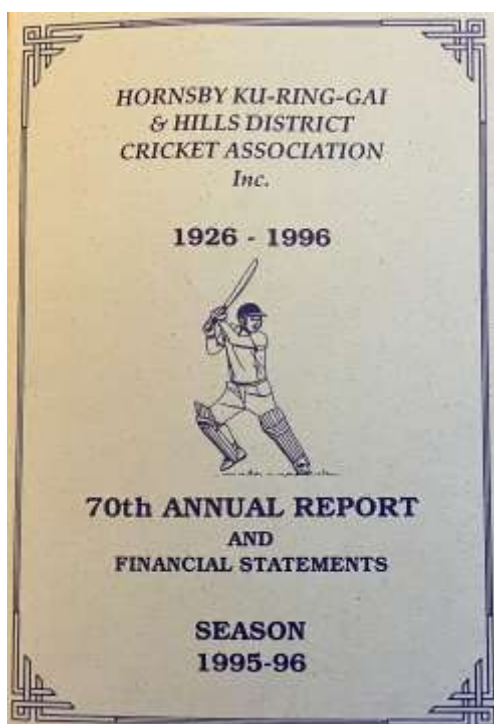
On the second day, Normanhurst, with a lead of 63, needed to consolidate, but fate dictated a re-run of the first day's play, and they were dismissed again for a disappointing 119, best contributions coming from A. Shaw 30, T. Lane 23 and I. Hawkins 22. Bowling honours went to S. Keel 6/44 (who bowled unchanged in both innings) and G. Newbould 3/42.

Needing 183 to win off 65 overs, Kenthurst started promisingly, with contributions from W. Seabrook 36, K. Todd 28 and W. Millhouse 20, but were finally dismissed with a few overs to go for 148, despite a neat 23 from Marcus Hewitson, who displayed good temperament in both innings. Chief destroyers were Ben Norris (again) with 7/64 and D. Brown 2/37.

What an amazing final – 40 wickets fell for only 478 runs, bowlers predominated on what was a hard, but well grassed wicket which played very true, and the fielding was, overall, of a very high standard. Ben Norris captured 12 and Steve Keel 11 wickets for the match, whilst most runs were scored by Tim Lane with 53 (over 2 innings), closely followed by Ian Hawkins with 52. Carl Thompson (Normanhurst) won the match fielding award with two great catches and an amazing run out.

On the day, Normanhurst were worthy winners but commiserations to Kenthurst, especially in their Centenary year. Batting in A Grade was exceptionally strong this year, no doubt due to better weather and hard wickets. No fewer than 21 players met qualifying standards for the Association's batting averages, but by far the outstanding performance came from Normanhurst's Ben Norris who compiled a massive aggregate of 780 runs at an average of 60 to easily win both the aggregate and average. He also took 41 wickets @ 13.43 to run third in the bowling. Ben Norris won the HK&HDCA Sheppard Memorial Trophy for most runs scored in any grade, and it is a great many years since this trophy was won by an A Grade player.

Final – **Normanhurst 137** (I. Hawkins 30, T. Lane 30, S. Keel 5/64, D. Latimore 3/49) and **119** (A. Shaw 30, S. Keel 6/44, G. Newbould 3/42) def. **Kenthurst 74** (B. Norris 5/19, T. Norris 4/24) and **148** (W. Seabrook 36, B. Norris 7/64) outright by 34 runs at Asquith Oval.



The Normanhurst A Grade premiership team in 1995-96 comprised:

Tim Norris (Captain), Ben Norris, James Hawkins, Scott Lindsay (wk), Tim Lane, Carl Thompson, Andrew Shaw, David Brown, Matt Caygill, Tim Train, Lindsay Every, Jeremy Swan, Ian Hawkins.

THE POINTS TABLE

The following provides listing of all Grades and Positions (in brackets) of all teams:

CLUB	A	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2
A.R.L.		58(3)			59(3)		44(6)	
BEECROFT	45(3)	64(2)	61(2)	52(2)	30(8)	51(4)	74(2)	62(2)
BEROWRA	38(6)	32(7)					58(4)	
GLENORIE-H.D.		65(1)	56(3)		52(5)			
HORNSBY		19(8)	34(7)	56(1)	52(4)	26(8)	61(3)	50(4)
KENTHURST	59(1)	57(4)	54(4)	39(5)	64(1)	56(1)	49(5)	39(5)
MT COLAH	41(5)			33(6)	41(6)	43(6)	44(6)	
NORMANHURST	53(2)	55(5)			38(7)	42(7)		
ST IVES	44(4)		49(5)	44(4)		55(2)	17(8)	
TURRAMURRA	38(6)	34(6)	41(6)					69(1)
WAHROONGA						45(5)		
W.P.H.C.	34(8)		66(1)	47(3)	59(2)	53(3)	74(1)	60(3)

THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM – 2000-01 to 2025-26 – SENIORS

HK&HDCA Senior Competition – since season 2000-01, there has been little change in the number of registered players in the Association’s Senior Competitions. The highest number of teams, 82, has been reached four times whilst the lowest, 65, was recorded as recently as 2018-19. In 2025-26, the Association had 78 senior teams and approximately 1,475 players.

In 2005-06 in an attempt to revitalise the A Grade competition, the Association introduced a Colts U/19 competition with the same status and right to use turf pitches as the A Reserve Grade competition, which continued to play for the Baulkham Hills Shire Trophy. Each Colts team was allowed three over-age players and played for the Kookaburra Cup, provided by the sponsor, A. G. Thompson. This worked well for a few years until the teams had to use quite a few younger players to fill up the teams. At this point Hornsby Council advised that the young Colts teams could no longer play on turf. In 2011-12 the two grades combined and played for the two trophies, whilst all teams were initially required to have at least three U/23 players. Normanhurst CC recorded an impressive U/19 Colts premiership in 2009-10, as covered later in this Centenary Report.

Two other competitions were initiated at this time. A successful Sunday Competition consisting of eight teams and played under 40-over one-day Rules (seven matches with a final) was held for seven seasons from 2009-10. It attracted quite a few ‘retired’ A Graders and was played to a high standard on astroturf. Berowra and WPHC both won three times and Kissing Point once.



HK&HDCA C3 Grade Premiers 2015-16

Since 2010-11, T20 matches played over five grades were held on the first two days of the season. Normanhurst CC holds the distinction of winning the first Division 1 (A Grade) T20 premiership in 2010-11 (see separate match report). WPHC won 7 of the 1st Grade contests and 17 of the 55 finals completed. Berowra had ten T20 victories. These separate T20 competitions were discontinued in 2025-26. The John Hayne Cup was revived after a gap of five years in 2006-07 under T20 rules and continues to be played by senior teams not in the semi-finals.

Over the 26 seasons from 2000-01, the T. E. Rofe Shield (A Grade) premiership has been won eleven times by Berowra, seven times by Asquith Rugby League, four times by West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook, and once each by Kenthurst, Kissing Point and Glenorie District CCs. Eleven of the A Grade Finals have been played at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara; nine at Berowra Oval; two each at Asquith and Parklands Ovals; and one at Pennant Hills Oval. The final in 2019-20 was not played because of COVID-19.

Normanhurst CC last won the A Grade premiership in 1995-96 and the Club recognises the importance of forming a competitive team to challenge the ‘big’ clubs for future titles. Pleasingly, Normanhurst CC fielded a team in A Grade in 2025-26 and performed creditably, without making the finals. Normanhurst CC has entered a team in the A Grade competition in 50 of its 82 years in the Association over the past 100 years.

The top teams in A Grade have always annexed the title in ‘clumps’ over 3 – 6 consecutive seasons. In the 15 years from 1948-49, Thornleigh were Premiers nine times; from 1964-65 Hornsby won seven titles straight; from 1973-74 to 1987-88 Mt Colah won ten titles; and Berowra has now won eight of the last ten finals. These teams have always relied on a body of ‘top’ players who remained together until about the age of 35 and then all retired within a couple of years of each other.

During the last 15 years, Normanhurst CC has ‘lost’ at least five established A Grade players to rival clubs, as it wasn’t able to consistently field an A Grade team each season. These top players went on to win the T. E. Rofe Shield with Berowra and WPHC clubs. Many other leading players (local juniors) advanced their senior cricket careers at Northern District CC and other Sydney Grade clubs. It was pleasing to see that the coaching and playing experience they received at our Club had them ready to forge a successful career in NSW Premier Cricket.



In the quarter century under review, the general standard of play in A Grade and A Reserve Grades has improved markedly, as the players are generally younger, stronger, fitter and better coached. Many could have played in the higher grades of Northern District CC, but they enjoy playing in the same company for seasons on end without the inconvenience of travelling throughout the metropolitan area or being moved up and downgrades by selectors.

At the same time, the conditions under which they play have been greatly enhanced. HK&HDCA has retained its regular turf grounds – Berowra Oval, Parklands Oval, Turrumurra Oval, The Glade, Kenthurst Park and Storey Park, all of which are kept in fine condition by groundsmen employed by the local Councils.

The Association has contributed funds towards the purchase of covers, hessian & trolleys to transport these. It has even bought a mechanical roller for the pitch at Kenthurst. Further, since 2008-09 the Umpires’ Association has provided two experienced officials for every match on turf and several others for lower grades. The hard-wicket (artificial grass) pitches and grounds are also improving. A number have been enlarged in recent times and the outfielders have more grass and are regularly mowed. One rarely sees a badly-worn astroturf pitch these days as Councils are quick to repair or replace them, usually with a substantial financial contribution from the Association.

Thirteen clubs have entered teams in the HK&HDCA Senior Competitions each season since 2000-01. In numerical order they are: West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook (290); Berowra (171); St Ives–Wahroonga (171); Hornsby District (163); Kissing Point (150); Kenthurst–Upper Hills (143); Castle Hill RSL (139); **Normanhurst** (120); Asquith Rugby League (93); Glenorie District (86); Mt Colah (74); Beecroft (68); and Thornleigh (40).

The Sydney Olympics took place in September 2000, which delayed the start of the 2000-2001 cricket season. On the first day of the season (7-Oct-2000), Bruce Wood (138*) and Bryan Whitlock (178*), both aged in their 40s, combined in an unbroken partnership of 320 runs in D Reserve Grade v. Wahroonga at Normanhurst Oval. This partnership is a HK&HDCA (all grades) record for the 5th wicket, and the highest partnership in the history of Normanhurst Cricket Club. Interestingly, after batting for five hours in extreme heat, Bryan suffered from severe dehydration and spent the night in hospital on an intravenous drip! Normo pressed on to comfortably win the match on Day 2.

Senior Competition – Record Partnerships

ALL GRADES COMBINED					
1st	358	J. Spaul (153) & R. Danvers (150)	Beecroft vs WPH - C	C	2005/06
2nd	300*	J. Fuggle jnr (163*) & L. Ward (129*)	WPH - C vs Thornleigh	B	1987/88
3rd	334*	S. Besley (202*) & P. Newton (112*)	Mount Colah vs Normanhurst	C	1990/91
4th	336*	T. Hargraves (200*) & M. White (150*)	Berowra vs WPH - C	A2	1986/87
5th	320*	B. Whitlock (178*) & B. Wood (138*)	Normanhurst vs Wahroonga	D2	2000/01
6th	263	P. Baker (162) & C. Kiley (103*)	WPH - C vs St Ives	D2	1994/95
7th	427	A. Nash (329) & S. Reid (212*)	Beecroft vs WPH	B2	1990/91
8th	219*	A. Pearson (130*) & A. Kennings 1(90*)	St Ives vs Glenorie	A	1956/57
9th	165*	N. Parker (100*) & A. Barker (56*)	St Ives vs Thornleigh	A2	1982/83
10th	156	S. Doohan (126*) & A. Percival (44)	WPH - C vs Hornsby	C	1999/01
	156	T. Leyshon (91) & A. Ross (79*)	WPH - C vs Castle Hill RSL	B	1999/01

Season in focus : 2010-11

Below is an extract from the President's report compiled by **Mike Griffin** after season 2010-11, which was clearly one of the most successful in the Club's history.

2010-11 has been another very successful season for the Club as we continued building and developing players across all ages. With more than 300 playing members (200+ Juniors and 100+ Seniors), we are one of the largest Clubs in the Association.

Season highlights:

- Winning 3 HK&HDCA Premierships – Junior's (2) in the U13's and U14's, and Senior's (1) in C3's. Seven teams participated in the Grand Finals (5 in Seniors - Colts, B2, C2, C3 & D1 and 2 in Juniors);
- Our A Grade winning the inaugural HK&HDCA T20 Competition (Division 1) in October 2010. Somewhat ironic as we won the inaugural A Grade Competition in 1926-27 (85 years ago). We have retained the match balls from both these historic A Grade victories and they feature on two of our perpetual trophies.
- Our U16 team winning the State Final of Cricket NSW's T20 Weet-Bix Cup competition, which was played at the SCG on 6 March 2011. This is a super achievement and proved to be a great experience that the boys will cherish forever. I watched several of their matches and must add that these young gentlemen displayed outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship whilst representing our Club and the Association throughout the competition, congratulations.
- Retaining the HK&HDCA Junior Club Championship for the third consecutive season. This is a magnificent achievement and a credit to all our Junior cricketers. NWCC has now won this award on five occasions in the Club's history;
- Fielding 24 teams in the competitions – 8 in Seniors (Grades A, A2, U19 Colts, B2, C1, C2, C3 & D1) and 16 in Juniors (U16's, U15's, U14's (2), U13's, U12's (2), U11's (2), U10's (2), U9's (3), U8's and Milo (in2Cricket). To have a junior semi-finalist in every age group was again a phenomenal leap from only a few years ago when we couldn't field a side at every age level;
- There was a record 16 centuries scored by Normanhurst CC Senior and Junior players (two in A Grade);
- Four Normanhurst CC bowlers took hat-tricks this season, which will be added to our honour boards in the clubhouse, along with all the centuries;
- 40 players playing representative cricket for HK&HDCA – the most from any club in the Association;
- The NWCC Milo in2CRICKET program continuing to attract many younger players to the game and providing plenty of fun for all involved;
- The Youths winning the "Youth Veteran's Cup" played at Normanhurst Oval on 16 December 2010;
- The introduction of a Club Polo Shirt to be worn by players and officials for special matches, training, pre & post matches, Club functions, umpiring etc; and
- Replacement of the synthetic cricket pitch at Normanhurst Oval in September 2010.

The major challenge this season was to re-enter an A Grade team after the retirement of several senior players in 2008-09. With the commitment and resources of our Life Member, Bruce Wood, we fielded a young A Grade side made up of members from last season's winning Colts (U19) team, the return of past players and some new recruits. With varying success throughout the season, we have set up a sound basis for future years for which I look forward to being involved with its development and success.



CRICKET

Young guns ready for big bash

Lisa Herbertson

NORMANHURST Oval may not be the Sydney Cricket Ground, but passers-by this Saturday could be excused for mistaking their whereabouts, with the Normo Big Bash set to ignite some cricketing excitement.

The Normanhurst-Warrawee Cricket Club is running this T20 Big Bash style event as the club's official launch for season 2013/14.

The club's vice-president Lindsay Corbett said that players from all age groups were excited about the sea-

son-launching event. "We will be showcasing the club's under-14, under-16 and seniors best cricketers across three separate T20 matches," he said.

"We'll have two of our under-14 teams playing each other at 8am, and then two of our under-16 sides at 11am.

"The main event will be the best 22 senior players from our club, who will play in the Big Bash, which will be at 2pm."

But it will be more than just a friendly hit in the park and Mr Corbett said the club was going all-out to make it

a memorable occasion. "The event will include all the bells and whistles of a T20 Big Bash event with the use of white cricket balls, coloured shirts, coloured pads, coloured stumps and official umpires," he said.

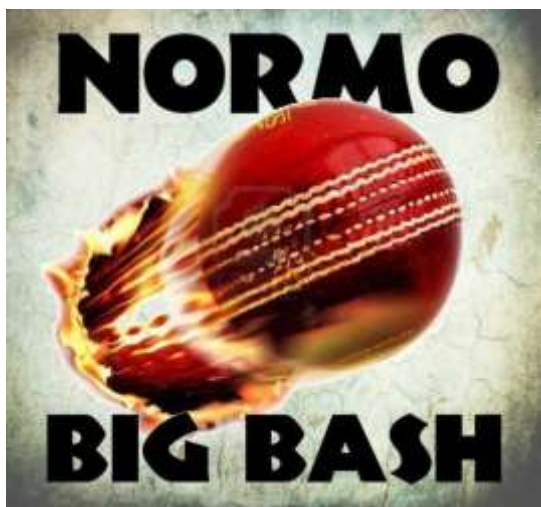
"We really want it to be an exhibition type of day, and there will be drinks and barbecues running all day too.

"We've done things like this before, but never of this sort of magnitude."

Registration forms will be available on the day, or by contacting Mr Corbett on 0450 046 106.



U14 player Miles Wood and senior player Lindsay Corbett ahead of the Normo Big Bash



Normo Big Bash 2013-14 Peter Johnston, Bruce Wood, Cam Riddett, Mitch Fullagar, Raja Mohan, Lindsay Corbett



'Big Bash' T20 match at Normanhurst Oval – 2013/14





Youth Veterans Cup T20 match at Normanhurst Oval – 16 December 2010



Big Bash T20 match at Normanhurst Oval – 3 September 2016



Big Bash T20 match at Normanhurst Oval – 7 September 2019



C3 Grade Premiers 2023-24 ('Father / Son' team)







C Reserve Grade 2023-24



INAUGURAL HK&HDCA U/19 COLTS PREMIERSHIP (2009-10)

Normanhurst CC fielded a strong Colts team in 2009-10 with serious premiership potential. Under the captaincy of Matt Pendleton, Normanhurst went through the season losing just one match. The grand final was played on 27-28 March 2010 and Normanhurst defeated Berowra outright to record its maiden Colts premiership. All the players contributed well to the success of the team, however the awards went to Matt Nelson (Batting), Daniel Wood (Bowling), Tom Cole (Captain's award / All rounder). This was a historic victory for Normanhurst CC.



Back row: James Brackin, Nick Creighton, Daniel Wood, Tom Foreman, Matt Nelson, Calum Waldegrave, Murray Watts
Front row: Jason Maxworthy, Cam Griffin, Tom Cole, Glen Holden, Matt Pendleton (Captain) [Manager – Bruce Wood]



Normanhurst CC's U/19 Colts team played at the beautiful Glade Oval in Wahroonga in 2009-10

A GRADE – INAUGURAL HK&HDCA T20 CHAMPIONS – DIVISION 1 (2010-11)

With T20 cricket becoming more popular worldwide, HK&HDCA introduced a new T20 competition at the start of season 2010-11, across five separate divisions. Div. 1 was contested by the A Grade teams and Normanhurst CC entered its young A Grade side, the majority of whom had played in the Club's U/19 Colts premiers team in 2009-10.

After smashing last year's undefeated HK&HDCA A Grade Premiers (Asquith RL) in the T20 semi-final at Headen Park, Normanhurst faced Castle Hill RSL in the Final on 31 October 2010. The match was scheduled for Parklands Oval, however due to some rain in the lead up, it was switched to Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval. Steve Smith (Captain), won the toss and advised umpire, Steve Wilson, that his team would bat first. Normanhurst posted an impressive 7/152 off its 20 overs, led by Steve Smith (53) and Craig Hodges (42). Normanhurst then restricted Castle Hill RSL to 7/98 (20 overs), with Murray Watts claiming 4/22. One of the highlights in the field was James Brackin's brilliant catch at point, diving to remove Castle Hill's danger man, Mick Hungerford, in Daniel Wood's first over. The T20 format of the game aligned with our young team's strengths of energy and agility in the field, and big hitting with the bat. This victory gave Normanhurst the confidence to give the main A Grade competition a real crack in 2010-11.

One of the noteworthy aspects of Normanhurst's triumph in the inaugural HK&HDCA T20 competition in 2010-11 was that this was the first new competition for A Grade since the Association's initial T. E. Rofe Shield A Grade premiership, which was won by Normanhurst CC in the first season in 1926-27.



From left: Murray Watts, Mike Griffin (President), Sol Tomlinson, Brett Turpin, Tom Williamson, Bruce Wood (Manager), James Brackin, Steve Smith (Captain), Matt Nelson, Glen Holden, Craig Hodges, Rob Waight, Daniel Wood, Michael Brown.



Steve Smith batting



Daniel Wood bowling

PREMIERSHIP TEAMS SINCE 2000-2001 – SENIORS

2000 - 2001 C Reserve Grade

Chris Hawkins (Captain), Greg Ford, Andrew Flarey, Andrew Burns, Rocco Giaquinto, Trevor Sharpham, Simon Hardy, Patty Muldrew, Nick Muldrew, Michael Thomas, Matty Bowen, Geoff Gardiner, Mark Pritchard.

2000 - 2001 D Reserve Grade

Bruce Wood (Captain), Bryan Whitlock (v-c), John Simmons, Cameron Riddett, Rob Magrath, Neil Culleton, John Magrath (wk), Matt Whalley, Mick Westwood, Dave Schoolderman, Rod Harvie, Andrew Thomson, Nishad Kulkarni, Rob Aldersley.

2003 - 2004 A Reserve Grade

Ben Norris (Captain), Ian Hawkins (Manager), Murray Rowe (wk), Rod Seymour, David Croft, Simon Laveau, David Elysee, Jonathan Hall, Duncan Haigh, Peter Bradey, Matt Caygill, Nick Garton, Rob Hitchcock.

2004 - 2005 D Grade

Brad Cole (Captain), Dirk Drieberg (v-c), Rob Darling (Manager), Simon Hajduk, Ken Tham, Terrence Sparkes, Calum Waldegrave, Pat Muldrew, Harry Morton, Chris Brown, Vumsee Kodakalla, Brett Salisbury, Tom Cole.

2005 - 2006 D Grade

Adam Whitlock (Captain), Simon Cooper, Jeff Culleton, Matt Darvas, Ben Dawson, Andrew Lloyd-Owen, Damien Dell'Aquila, Morgan Haselden, Hugh Jennings, Chris White, David Williamson.

2009 - 2010 Colts (U/19)

Matt Pendleton (Captain), Matt Nelson, Daniel Wood, James Brackin, Nick Creighton, Tom Cole, Glen Holden, Jason Maxworthy, Tom Foreman, Calum Waldegrave, Murray Watts, Cam Griffin. Manager – Bruce Wood

2010 - 2011 A Grade (T20 – Division 1)

Steve Smith (Captain), Craig Hodges, Tom Williamson, Daniel Wood, Matt Nelson, Murray Watts, Brett Turpin, Sol Tomlinson, James Brackin, Glen Holden, Rob Waight, Michael Brown. Manager – Bruce Wood

2010 - 2011 C3 Grade

Bryan Massey (Captain), Pat Muldrew, Peter Johnston, Sam Hogan, Tim Acheson, Karl Davies, Mick Smith, David Medcalf, Stewart Johnson, John Acheson, Scott Lloyd-Owen, Nick Muldrew, Conor Siebel.

2013 - 2014 C Reserve Grade

Chris Jones (Captain), Josh Marshall, Hamish Fullagar, Brad Stockwell, Chris Smith, Nick Fullagar, Tom Shi, Max Verma, Andrew Stead, Peter Frost, Simon Boland, Patrick Grigg.

2015 - 2016 C Reserve Grade

Nicholas Healey (Captain), Jack Reed, Anuj Devalia, Shayanthan Rajayogan, Ben Holliday, Nick Horgan (wk), Mitch Davidson, Cameron Allen, Simranjeet Singh, Peter Richards, Calem Lukeman, Patrick Grigg.

2015 - 2016 C3 Grade

Cameron Riddett (Captain), Steve Fearnside, Bryan Massey, Peter Johnston (wk), Karl Davies, Naish Somaiya, Wayne Slawski, Craig Woods, Scott Lloyd-Owen, Peter Drum, Peter Dempsey, Jonathan Booth, Aidan Galea, Aditya Sheorayan.

2017 - 2018 B Reserve Grade

Peter Johnston (Captain), Luke Colquhoun, Tejas Padsala (wk), Joshua Hayes, Peter Drum, Charlie Johnston, Avneet Bhele, Mitch Davidson, Shayanthan Rajayogan, Sanjay Balakumar, Rishabh Khanna, Nikunj Kabariya.

2019 - 2020 A Reserve Grade (Kookaburra Cup)

Tejas Padsala (Captain), Michael Devitt, Luke Colquhoun, Rajiv Chandrasena, Craig Woods, Tim Acheson, Jordan Hayes, Shubhang Hariharan, Chris Habib, Simranjeet Singh, Sam Hogan, Scott Lloyd-Owen, Martin Day, Bryan Massey, Thomas Xavier, Simon Boland, Cameron Allen, Ankit Desai, Charlie Johnston, John Herdman, Conor Laidlaw, Will McCarroll, Owen Rajayogan.

2021 - 2022 C Grade

Craig Woods (Captain), Chris Fitzpatrick, Jon Ward, Wayne Slawski, Naish Somaiya, Elliot Kerr, Ash Tonnet, Luke Sylvester, Rishabh Khanna, Peter Shannon, Ben Woods, Hugo Di Veroli, Max Di Veroli, Harry Hegarty.

2023 - 2024 A Reserve Grade (Kookaburra Cup)

Jordan Hayes (Captain), Cam Griffin (v-c), Will McCarroll, Rob Jones (wk), Michael Devitt, Harrison Hegarty, Josh Hegarty, Luke Sylvester, Aaron Kerr, Elliot Kerr, Sam Hogan, Geerthan Kumaran.

2023 - 2024 T20 (Division 2) – [pictured below](#)

Jordan Hayes (Captain), Craig Woods, Cam Griffin, Will McCarroll, Geerthan Kumaran, Shayanthan Rajayogan, Rob Jones (wk), Harrison Hegarty, Wayne Slawski, Josh Hegarty, Andrew Watson, Luke Sylvester, Aaron Kerr, Elliot Kerr, Reon Rebello, Chris Fitzpatrick.



2023 - 2024 C3 Grade

Peter Bradey (Captain), Liam Bradey, Stephen Fearnside, Kirby Mulligan, Zach Rapa, Dave Rapa, Daniel Couper, Derek Couper, Gabriel Soalheiro, George Soalheiro, Charles Hay, Scott Hay, Archie Hill, Trenden Hill, Oliver Fearnside, Thomas Fearnside, Austin McMurrough, James McMurrough, Noah Rea, Damian Rea, Paul Bickerstaff, Will Bickerstaff, Aayush Parikh, Thomas Blue, Nick Blue, Charles Horsley, Aahaan Mahtha, Lachlan Ware.

THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM – 2000-01 to 2025-26 – JUNIORS

HK&HDCA Junior Competition – from 2001-02 to 2019-20, Junior cricket was played in two divisions – competition cricket (U/11 to U/17) and precompetitive cricket. From 2020-21, competitive cricket started at U/12. The latter consisted of a variety of programs including Kanga, in2CRICKET, Super 8s, Have-a-Go, Cricket Blast, with sponsors such as Milo and Woolworths, plus U/9s Average, U/10s Limited and Hardball Cricket. The number of clubs that played HK&HDCA competition cricket during this period has varied from 15 to 11 (twice because of Covid in 2021-22 and 2022-23), and the number of teams has ranged from 61 (2022-23) to 81 (2016-17).

Only eleven clubs have appeared in every season, with the following totals of teams: Berowra (132); Castle Hill RSL (206); Glenorie (60); Hornsby District (161); Kissing Point (138); Mt Colah (63); **Normanhurst** (160); Pennant Hills (65); Thornleigh (45); Kenthurst–Upper Hills (113); and West Pennant Hills–Cherrybrook (472). The other clubs were: Asquith Rugby League (28); Beecroft (25); Hills Grammar (1); Oakhill College (34); Redfield College (37); St Ives–Wahroonga (4); and Wahroonga (1).

Of the total of 1,757 teams, WPHC has provided 27%, a very high proportion which has caused them to play many matches against themselves. Of the 142 Junior Finals played from 2000-01 to 2024-25, WPHC has won 41; **Normanhurst** 19 (plus two U/13 Girls); Hornsby District 18; Kenthurst–Upper Hills 12; Pennant Hills 10; Castle Hill RSL 9; Kissing Point 8; Berowra 6; Glenorie 5; Mt Colah 4; Redfield 4; Thornleigh 3; Oakhill College 3; and Beecroft 1.



Many boys appeared in this period who went on to play First Grade and also for NSW. Many played in the full set of six divisions from Under 11 to Under 16 and built up a large aggregate of runs. Bowlers used to do the same but following the restriction on overs introduced in 1998-99 are rarely able to reach 25 wickets in a season. Jack Nisbet (Kenthurst–Upper Hills) led the charge with a total of 79 wickets @ 9.75, although Rowan Pryor (St Ives) who had three seasons before the restrictions, finished with 147 wickets @ 5.65.

Thirteen batters have ended their junior careers with over 1,500 runs since 2000-01, led by Alex Dolly (Redfield College), who scored 2,958 runs @ 87.00 since 2008-09. Three Normanhurst CC batters featured in the list that Alf James included in his HK&HDCA Centenary Report 2026 – *Summer Saturdays, 25 years on*.

- Nick Hammond – 2,153 runs @ 55.21 since 2011-12
- Lachlan Ford – 1,827 runs @ 70.27 since 2004-05
- Joshua Hayes – 1,508 runs @ 44.35 since 2010-11

For the first 30 or so years, matches in the Association were contested by men with a few of their brothers, sons and friends making up the numbers. On both sides of World War II (there was no play from 1941-42 to 1945-46), there were three or four seasons of play for boys of Intermediate or High School age, however a fully-fledged Schoolboy Competition did not commence until 1960-61 and it grew quite rapidly with teams from U/10 to U/16. In 1992-93 Kanga Cricket, an initiative of Cricket Australia, was introduced and attracted enrolments of 280, 637, 461, 531 and 616 in its first five years. The participants were aged 6, 7 or 8 and some 20% were girls. Kanga Cricket continued for 15 years before it was joined by a suite of other 'grassroots' cricket formats.



U/14 team – Premiers in 2022-23 (Coach – Henry Gross)

In 1993-94 a request from the St Ives Club to provide competitions on Sundays to include private schoolchildren (who were obliged to represent their schools on Saturdays) was opposed by the large West Pennant Hills Club, which was needed for the proposal to succeed. In their absence, a private “Sunday Friendly Competition” commenced with 12 teams and 112 players, of whom 45 were “Sunday only”. These included quite a few girls from Abbotsleigh, P.L.C. and Ravenswood. With a steady flow of girls coming through the Kanga system, the Association was able to commence a Girls’ Competition in 1996-97 with seven teams in two grades, Over 12 and Under 12, and the venture moved so quickly that three teams, Over 12, Under 12 and Under 10 were able to take part in a Carnival with the Canterbury West C.A. later in the season. HK&HDCA’s costs were greatly assisted by a grant of \$2,500 from “Coca-Cola Runs for Australia”. A year later, the numbers had risen from 114 to 130 and the Association was able to cater for two revised age groups, Under 12 and Under 16.



In 2024-25, Girls Cricket continued to grow across HK&HDCA. The Association has taken significant strides to ensure girls are introduced to cricket and given opportunities to participate in competitive, all-girls environments. The All-Girls Master Blasters Programs once again proved successful, and the Association is now seeing many girls from those programs progressing confidently into the Stage 1 (U/11) cricket competition. Normanhurst CC partnered with Kissing Point CC to enter an all-girls team in the Stage 1 Competition in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

The ongoing success of these cricket programs is a testament to the growing interest among local young girls to play cricket. These junior programs are not only thriving but also forming a clear development pathway for young female cricketers. In 2025-26, HK&HDCA set up a Stage 2 (U/12) girls competition, however only four clubs entered a team, including a team from North Parramatta CC (outside of our Association). HK&HDCA is building towards having a Stage 3 (U/13) girls competition soon, as clubs currently need to enter their team in the Stage 3 girls competition run by North Shore Junior Cricket Association.

Normanhurst CC has some girls playing in the HK&HDCA junior mixed age groups, especially our U/15 team in 2025-26, half of which are talented female players (see below).





Under 11 Normanhurst CC – Black and White teams in 2025-26

Bruce Wood has identified 50 boys who have played in the annual U/15 Ross Turner Cup fixtures (and mostly played in HK&HDCA representative teams during the 25 years under review) who have played First Grade cricket in Sydney. They are as follows, with the Normanhurst CC players highlighted in **bold**:

Greg Marks; Michael Friedrich, Matthew Code; David Ball; Kieran Lahey; Scott Rodgie; Mathew Phillips; **Timm van der Gugten**; Jon Whealing; Robert Watts; David Lowery; James Kerr; Scott Copperfield; Neil Kimberley; Shaun Eaton; Chris Thorburn; **Guy Seymour**; **Lachlan Ford**; Matthew Taylor; **Ben Phillips**; Daniel Anderson; James Shepherd; Anjan Oberai; **Daniel Nicotra**; Clayton Waters; Nick Miller; Justin Rodgie; Connor Jackson; John Anderson; Josh Miller; Oliver Hing; Ryan Tullia; Joe Hiley; Ben Knox; Corey Miller; Matt Wright; Lachlan Shaw; **Eknoor Singh**; Jack Nisbet; Yash Patel; Ken Chu; Jamieson Hedges; Aaron Crofts; **Jordan Fullagar**; Cam Tunks; Kye Thornley; Jordan Netto; Will Coffey; John James; Will Byrom.



U/16 Gilchrist team in 2005-06 (Minor Premiers, playing 'up' an age group) Coach – Mark Holden



U/14 team in the Cricket NSW Michael Clarke T20 Final at the SCG on 14 February 2010



U/14 Red team – Premiers in 2010-11 (Coach – John Corish)







NORMANHURST CRICKET CLUB



ROW 4: James Rushton, Timm Van Der Gugten, Michael Cooke, Nick Creighton, Brendon Scott, Daniel Wood, Tom Cole.
ROW 3: Joel Carter, Robbie Waight, Michael Brown, Chris Aldersley, Stephen Smith, Jarrod Witts, Mitchell Thorburn, Adam Vilimaa.
ROW 2: Anthony Maxworthy (President), Josh Cole, Solomon Tomlinson-Owens, Matthew Pendleton, Christy Doran, Tim Gorish, Bruce Wood (Vice President).
FRONT: Mitchell Fullagar, Guy Seymour, Oliver Treanor, Simon Fox, Joshua Phillips, Tim Acheson, Warren Saldanha, Jordan Pidgeon.



U/16 NSW T20 CHAMPIONS AT SCG (2010-11)

Normanhurst-Warrawee U/16 cricket team won the NSW State T20 championship after defeating Magpies Campbelltown at the SCG by 24 runs on Sunday, 6 March 2011. The Final of the Weetbix T20 competition was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground where the boys were lucky enough to meet some of their heroes, such as Doug Bollinger and Usman Khawaja, and to explore the historic ground, which is a dream come true for the team.

The team had a hard-fought run to the final with some fantastic performances to earn the boys their spot. Once the boys had explored the historic dressing rooms and warmed up on the picturesque ground, it was time to begin. The team got off to the perfect start with captain Mitch Fullagar winning the toss and electing to bat first. Ben Phillips (50 retired) and Raj Chandrasena (30) crafted a classy 62 run, 2nd wicket partnership that provided much entertainment for the spectators and impressed all present including former NSW and Northern District CC batsman, Dominic Thornley. With a solid foundation set, Normanhurst powered forward in the final overs, with the innings finished off by a rapid 48 not out from captain Mitch Fullagar, which included a six off the last ball of the innings. Normanhurst posted the imposing total of 3/144 which would be hard to match, batting second.

Motivated by seeing their names and replays on the big screens and the presence of a variety of professional cricketers and spectators, Normanhurst came out firing with a fierce spell by openers Nathan Tanner (1/12) and Harry Middlebrook (0/17). However, strong resistance was offered by the Magpie openers, who used the pace of the ball to their advantage. The brakes were put on by the medium pace bowling of Nick Fullagar (1/6) and David O'Connor (1/12) causing the required run rate to escalate. With the asking rate hovering around 10 runs per over, Ben Phillips (2/30) and Utkarsh Somaiya (0/24) held their nerve with the ball, and excellent fielding all round including sharp catches by Raj Chandrasena and Daniel Nicotra, prevented a miracle by the Magpies' batsman and Normanhurst cruised home to a comprehensive victory. Campbelltown Magpies finished on 6/120 (20 overs).

The day was an incredible experience for the boys who no doubt had dreamt of the chance to win a grand final on one of the finest grounds in world cricket. Captain Mitch Fullagar said 'to play on such a historic ground and being presented the trophy by my hero Doug Bollinger has been the highlight of my cricket career so far!'. Special mention must go to Player of the Finals, Ben Phillips, and injured opening bowler, Chris Bourke, who was unfortunate to miss out, having played every game leading up to the final, but faithfully supported the team as they gained the State Championship.



Back row: Doug Bollinger, Michael Bradley, Nick Fullagar, Chris Bourke, Nathan Tanner, Matt Nelson (Coach), David O'Connor, Matt Pendleton (Coach), Dominic Thornley

Front row: Ben Phillips, Harry Middlebrook, Luke Thorburn, Mitch Fullagar (Captain), Utkarsh Somaiya, Rajiv Chandrasena, Daniel Nicotra, Matt Briscoe

PREMIERSHIP TEAMS SINCE 2000-2001 – JUNIORS

2000 - 2001 U/13 Slater

Alex Kobler (Captain), Chris Vilimaa (v-c), Nathan Wood, Jeffrey Culleton, Andy Ip, Andrew Newton, Tim Piper, Nathan Roberts, Rangat Oberai, Sonny Saini, Xavier Doran, Shan Yahanpath.

Coach – Bruce Wood Manager – Neil Culleton

2003 - 2004 U/13 Gilchrist

Daniel Wood (Captain), Simon Fox (v-c), Chris Aldersley, Timm van der Gugten, Solomon Tomlinson Owens, Nick Creighton, Mitch Thorburn, Sam Higgins, Todd Logan, Josh Phillips, Jarrod Rixon, Nick Bates, David Lotzof.

Coach – Graeme Phillips Assistant Coach – Bruce Wood Manager – Stuart Logan

2004 - 2005 U/14 Gilchrist

Simon Fox (Captain), Chris Aldersley (v-c), Timm van der Gugten, Daniel Wood, Solomon Tomlinson-Owens, Nick Creighton, Mitch Thorburn, Sam Higgins, Todd Logan, Josh Phillips, Jarrod Rixon, Matt Lomax, James Zheng, David Lotzof.

Coach – Bruce Wood Assistant Coaches – Graeme Phillips & Stuart Logan

2004 - 2005 U/11 MacGill

Tim Acheson, Guy Seymour, Lachlan Ford, Mitchell Fullagar, Nicholas Fullagar, Mathew Johnston, Liam Willis, Brendan Maxworthy, Cameron Maxworthy, Elliott McClintock, Jordan Pidgeon, David Algama, Louis Burke-Xie.

Coach – Andrew Fullagar Manager – Paul Johnston

2005 - 2006 U/12 MacGill

Tim Acheson, Guy Seymour, Lachlan Ford, Mitchell Fullagar, Nicholas Fullagar, Brendan Laing, Liam Willis, Mathew Johnston, Brendan Maxworthy, Cameron Maxworthy, Elliott McClintock, Louis Burke-Xie, Jordan Pidgeon, David Algama.

Coach – Andrew Fullagar Manager – Paul Johnston

2006 - 2007 U/13 Black

Tim Acheson, Guy Seymour, Lachlan Ford, Mitch Fullagar, Nick Fullagar, Liam Willis, Brendan Maxworthy, Cameron Maxworthy, Ellis Hoffman, Elliott McClintock, Jordan Pidgeon, David Algama, Louis Burke-Xie.

Coach – Cameron Riddett Manager – John Acheson

2006 - 2007 U/16 Red

Mitch Thorburn (Captain), Chris Aldersley, Glen Holden, James Cooper, Edward Sowden, Nick Creighton, Sam Higgins, Josh Cole, Aiden Allen, Tim Hayes, Daniel Barnes, David Woods

Coach – Mark Holden

2008 - 2009 U/11

Taylor Davies, Anthony Johnston, Conor Laidlaw, Nick Wilson, Etash Pandhi, Harry Clay, Jeremy Doowage, Callum Fraser, Hayden Goddard, Harrison Gregor, Justin Hardy, Hughbert Harrington, Matthew Hunter, Shane Doowage.

Coaches – Peter Johnston, Karl Davies, Richard Hardy Manager – Glenn Harrington

2008 - 2009 U/16

Lachlan Ford (Captain), Ben Phillips, Guy Seymour (wk), Cam Griffin, Lindsay Haertsch, Edward Knowles, Cameron Allen, Braden Cheng, Lachlan Skulander, Ned Williams, Matt Page, Connor van Rhoon, Jayshan Chagan, John Linqvist.

Coach – Michael Griffin Manager – Sue Haertsch

2009 - 2010 U/12

Taylor Davies, Hayden Goddard, Harrison Gregor, Justin Hardy, Hugh Harrington, Matthew Hunter, Nick Wilson, Anthony Johnston, Kush Kundra, Conor Laidlaw, Etash Pandhi, Robert Potter, Sidharth Satheeshkumar.

Coach – Peter Johnston Managers – Karl Davies, Richard Hardy

2010 - 2011 U/13

Anthony Johnston (Captain), Eknoor Singh, Hayden Goddard, Harrison Gregor, Justin Hardy, Hugh Harrington, Matthew Hunter, Kush Kundra, Conor Laidlaw, Etash Pandhi, Sidharth Satheeshkumar, Nick Wilson, Varzan Zandbaf. Coaches – Peter Johnston, Richard Hardy Manager – Julia Goddard

2010 - 2011 U/14 Red

Matt Corish (Captain), Ben Jones, Hamish Fullagar, Ben Wallwood, Josiah Binet, Taylor Davies, Lachy Dixon, Ben Griffiths, Jack Hammond, Tom Howie, Gus McAllister, Jamison Sexty, Aditya Sheorayan. Coach – John Corish Manager – Nicky Binet

2011 - 2012 U/14

Anthony Johnston (Captain), Eknoor Singh, Vidushka Vithanage, Taylor Davies, Sidharth Satheeshkumar, Harrison Gregor, Hugh Harrington, Matthew Hunter, Kushagra Kundra, Conor Laidlaw, Etash Pandhi, Nick Wilson, Varzan Zandbaf, Matthew Grattan.

Coach – Peter Johnston Manager – Glenn Harrington

2012 - 2013 U/16 Black

Thomas Xavier (Captain), Chris Smith, Anthony Johnston, Jourdon Whitfield-Horesh (wk), Oliver Fisher, Joshua Marshall, Ben Reidy, Travis Loxton, David Norris, Matthew Gore, Tobias Hilton, Patrick Grigg, Taylor Davies, Dylan Hood. Coach – Thomas Xavier Manager – Trevor Loxton

2013 - 2014 U/16

Anthony Johnston (Captain), Vidushka Vithanage, Conor Laidlaw, Jack Donkin, Etash Pandhi, Avneet Bhele, Harrison Gregor, Nick Wilson, Sid Satheeshkumar, Chris Habib, Travis Loxton, Taylor Davies, Dylan Hood, Jack Hammond. Coaches – Mitch Fullagar & Tim Acheson Manager – Sally Johnston

2015 - 2016 U/16 NWCC / PHCC

Luke Colquhoun (Captain) (wk), Andrew Harvey, Joshua Hayes, Hershpreet Multani, Prashan Seneviratne, Charlie Johnston, Sahil Sharma, Kevin Park, Thomas Drum, Oscar Burgess-Tate, Ishan Puri, Vir Srinivas, Nick Lakeman.

Coach / Manager – Peter Johnston

2016 - 2017 U/16

Charlie Johnston (Captain), Harrison Cooke, Jackson Gaskell, Nick Hammond, Jordan Hayes, Mason Oates, Fraser Richardson, Ethan Saldanha, Ronan Shiels, Alexander Simovic, Brad Stockwell, Vedant Virmani.

Coach – Peter Johnston Manager – Phillip Hayes

2019 - 2020 U/11

Kirby Mulligan, Liam Bradey, Frank Currie, William Bickerstaff, Tim Ekins, Oliver Fearnside, Aahaan Mahtha, Alexander Rea, Noah Rea, Gabriel Soalheiro, Shashanth Vamaraju, Arturo Barroeta-Sarris.

Coach – Peter Bradey Manager – Paul Bickerstaff

2019 - 2020 U/13 Girls

Sarah Adams, Grace Adams, Matilda Brown, Cleo Choudhary, Evie Choudhary, Aria Mulligan, Sahana Jain, Maithri Karthikayan, Cassidy McArthur, Lia Tamai.

Coach – Andrew Brown Manager – Kaarin Adams

2020 - 2021 U/13 Girls

Reanne Alwis, Matilda Brown, Cleo Choudhary, Evie Choudhary, Violetta Da Silva, Eleanor Ioffrida, Leyla King, Sahana Jain, Maithri Karthikayan, Gabrielle Keyes, Viviana Leung.

Coach – Andrew Brown Manager – Harini Karthikayan

2022 - 2023 U/14

Liam Bradey (Captain), Zach Rapa, Kirby Mulligan, Archie Hill, William Bickerstaff, Rohan Lal, Aayush Parikh, Oliver Fearnside, Aahaan Mahtha, Alexander Rea, Noah Rea, Gabriel Soalheiro (wk), Austin McMurrrough, Lachlan Ware, Charles Hay, Arturo Barroeta-Sarris.

Coach – Henry Gross Manager – Justin Gross

CENTENARY SEASON LAUNCH (6 September 2025)

Normanhurst Cricket Club kicked off its Centenary season with a fantastic Launch Day, which included a Cricket Skills Competition with nice prizes, music, and a BBQ lunch, that was followed by an appropriate 'Hundred' match, the first played in the Association's history. It was good to see so many Normo junior and senior players in attendance with their families, which created a great atmosphere.

One of the highlights of the day was the induction of Craig Woods as the Club's 11th Life Member (photo below). Thanks to the hard-working organisers of this Centenary launch day, in particular Chris Fitzpatrick, Harrison Hegarty, Will McCarroll, Andrew Watson, Paul Bickerstaff and Justin Gross. Bruce Wood (Life Member) donated his services as Umpire of the Hundred match.

100* YEARS OF CRICKET
NORMANHURST CRICKET CLUB



SEASON KICK-OFF CELEBRATION
 SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER - 10am - 6pm
 NORMANHURST OVAL

CRICKET SKILLS COMPETITION
 10:30am
 LONGEST THROW
 CATCHING CHALLENGE
 FASTEST BOWLER
 SKILLS GAMES
PRIZES AWARDED ACROSS AGE CATEGORIES

100 YEAR KIT PICK-UP
REGISTERED PLAYERS CAN COLLECT THEIR 100 YEAR PLAYING SHIRT + TRAINING SHIRT
 BE PART OF HISTORY & WEAR IT WITH PRIDE!
TEAM MANAGERS TO COLLECT PLAYING KITS

THE HUNDRED 100 BALL SHOWDOWN
 1:30pm
CAP OFF THE DAY WITH AN ACTION PACKED 100-BALL MATCH BETWEEN TWO NORMANHURST CLUB TEAMS
WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE BRAGGING RIGHTS!

FOOD, DRINKS, BEER GARDEN, MUSIC & MORE ALL DAY LONG
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

LET'S CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF COMMUNITY, COMPETITION AND CRICKET





CENTENARY 'HUNDRED' MATCH (6 September 2025)

A highlight of the Club's Centenary season launch day was the scheduling of the inaugural Hundred match at Normanhurst Oval, which saw both teams face exactly 100 balls, based on the popular professional league competition in England. The Captains were Craig Woods and Jordan Hayes, and the Umpire was Bruce Wood.

The match scores summary is below:

Vicway 3/123 (J. Hayes 46 ret, W. S 22, E. Stead 20 ret.) def. **Normo 9/116** (L. Bradey 39, W. McCarroll 26, P. Bickerstaff 13, J. Els 2/17, E. Kerr 2/18)

	Vicway	Normo
1	Jordan Hayes (Captain)	Craig Woods (Captain)
2	Matt Fitzpatrick (WK)	Rob Jones (WK)
3	Harrison Hegarty	Will McCarroll
4	Wayne Stawski	Aaron Kerr
5	Cam Griffin	Paul Bickerstaff
6	Josh Els	Liam Bradey
7	Elijah Stead	Lachlan Bailey
8	Aditya Sheorayan	Pete Shannon
9	Luke Sylvester	Sahil Kumar
10	Elliot Kerr	Pete Bradey
11	Owen Rajayogan	Ben Woods
12		Andrew Watson



Paul Bickerstaff, Chris Fitzpatrick, Bruce Wood, Jordan Hayes, Craig Woods



INTERNATIONAL U/15 MATCH AGAINST TOURING INDIAN TEAM (19 December 2025)



Normanhurst CC was delighted to host a touring cricket team from The Lawrence School, Sanawar, India on Friday, 19 December 2025 at Normanhurst Oval. The Lawrence School, Sanawar (established in 1847) is a private boarding school in Himachal Pradesh, India. It is located near Kasauli in Shimla Hills, approximately 280 km north of Delhi. Its history, influence and wealth have made it one of the most prestigious and oldest schools in the world. It is the oldest co-educational boarding school in Asia.

The 30 overs (maximum) per team 'friendly' match was organised by Bruce Wood, who has taken four teams from Sydney on tours to India, in his capacity as President of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), and Arpit Panjwani, Tour Manager, representing The Lawrence School, India. The average age of the players in both teams was around 13 – 14 years. The Normanhurst team contained a nice balance of 6 boys and 6 girls. Bruce Wood supplied the new cricket balls and umpired the match on a very hot day.

The Normanhurst CC team comprised: Thomas Westgarth (C), Elyssa Bolger (v-c), Eve Bradey, Ethan Goodman, Rory Rapa, Louie McCarroll, Tyler Ware, Samuel Marando, Samaria Gokani, Naina Vankineni, Aarna Parwal, Juliet Jennings. Coach – John Goodman.

The Lawrence School's captain, Vedant Sinha, won the coin toss and chose to bat first. The visiting team advanced to 1/75 after 19 overs and were on track to set a competitive total in their 30 overs. However, the home team bounced back well to take a further 6 wickets in the last 11 overs, to restrict the Lawrence School to a total of 7/121 off its 30 overs. The best of the Normanhurst bowlers were pace man, Ethan (2/6), and leg-spinner, Tyler (2/11). All 12 Normanhurst players had a bowl to share the experience against an international team. Juliet picked up a good wicket at the end, and Rory took 2 catches and effected a direct hit Run Out. Abhiraj Khajuria top-scored for the Indian team with 57 runs.

In reply, Normanhurst's female opening batters, Elyssa Bolger and Naina Vankineni, looked solid against the new ball until they were both caught off the left-arm pace bowler, Vedant Sinha. This brought captain, Thomas to the crease and he was joined by the stylish Rory. Together, they formed an unbroken third-wicket partnership of 97 runs to steer the home team to an 8 wicket victory after just 21 overs. Tom made a powerful 88* off 59 balls (14 x 4s, 2 x 6s) and he was ably supported by Rory (23*).

Following the match, a presentation took place with some short speeches, exchange of gifts, and group photos, before everyone adjourned to a nice BBQ lunch that was cooked by Club volunteers, Zach Rapa and Liam Bradey. Overall, this was a memorable day for Normanhurst CC in its Centenary season to host an overseas team. Special thanks to Club President, Paul Bickerstaff, for agreeing to host the match, booking the venue, and organising the BBQ food and drinks.





Arpit Panjwani, Tour Manager for The Lawrence School, included the following comments in his post on LinkedIn.

“One of the most memorable parts of the day was the sportsmanship and camaraderie we experienced at the ground. We made new friends from the Normanhurst Club, interacted with local players, and learned about their cricketing culture. After the match, we were treated to a barbecue lunch, which was a unique and enjoyable learning experience, giving us insight into Australian food habits and their warm hospitality.”

Our sincere gratitude to Mr Bruce Wood OAM for arranging this wonderful fixture and for providing us with such a meaningful intercultural exchange experience. Playing alongside and interacting with players from another country helped us understand different perspectives, values and traditions, making this tour much more than just a cricketing journey.”



INTERNATIONAL CRICKETERS FROM NORMANHURST CC

Karen Price

Karen played for Normanhurst CC for 7 seasons in the 1970s, in between her stints in the Australian team. She took over 200 wickets for Normanhurst CC in A and B Grades with her medium-paced bowling.

She represented NSW and the Australian Women's Cricket team in eight Test matches in Australia, West Indies, India, England and New Zealand. She is one of only two women to have scored a century and taken 10 wickets in separate Tests – the other was Betty Wilson (Australia).

Karen Price (now Hill) played Test and ODI cricket for Australia between 1974 to 1986. She made her debut for NSW in limited overs cricket in 1972-73 and in First Class cricket in 1973-74. The following season she was selected to play for Australia in a one-off Test against New Zealand at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.

Karen was selected to tour India in 1983-84 as part of the first Australia team to embark on a Test tour to the region. Karen played all four Tests and at Delhi took 4/52 in the first innings. At Lucknow she took 6/72 and 4/35, giving her a rare ten wicket haul (10/107) in Test cricket. In the third Test at Ahmedabad, Karen batted at # 8 and finished with 104 not out, which included 12 boundaries. She was vice-captain of the Australian Test team in 1984. In the second Test against England in 1984-85 in a match that saw Australia lose by 5 runs chasing 125 to win, it was Karen's lone hand of 51 that showed any real resistance. She played one final Test match in the series, the third Test at Brisbane.

In season 2000-01, the Normanhurst CC committee introduced a new perpetual trophy to promote girls' cricket at the Club. The perpetual trophy for Female *Cricketer of the Year* is proudly named the **Karen Price Trophy**.



Introducing KAREN PRICE

Name: Karen Price
Born: 1955, Australia
Role: Right-arm fast-medium bowler, right-handed batter
Caps: AUS Test #79 | AUS ODI #17 | NSW #127

Career Highlights

- Australia**
 Represented Australia in 8 Tests & 16 ODIs
 Historical 1984 Tour of India: 6/72 & 4/35 in the first Test | 104* in the 2nd Test
 Became only the second Australian (after Betty Wilson, 1957/58) to take 10 wickets and score a century in the same Test series
 Only Australian to open both the batting and the bowling in the same test (1984 v India)
- Domestic Career**
 Represented NSW in both junior and senior competitions from 1970's through the mid - 1980's.
 Played 127 games for NSW and numerous seasons with Gordon
 Gordon Life Member
 In acknowledgment of her extensive, Karen was inducted as a Life member of Cricket NSW in 2021.
- Preserving Women's Cricket**
 Historical Research: Collected and documented key materials on women's cricket, including photos, scorebooks, and correspondence.
 Digital Preservation: Ongoing extensive research, documenting and digitising the history of the playing & administering of women's cricket in Australia with an emphasis on NSW.
 Publication Efforts: Compiling a book to celebrate 100 years of women's cricket in NSW, highlighting its rich history and contributors.
- NSW Women Masters**
 NSW Women's Masters Women 2nd XI in 2022
 NSW Women's Master Cricket official photographer 2023

VETERANS CRICKET NSW

Timm van der Gugten

Normanhurst CC and HK&HDCA reps. to First Class cricket with NSW, TAS & Glamorgan; international cricket.



Normanhurst CC 2002-05



HK&HDCA 2001-06



NSW Blues 2010-12



Tasmania 2012-14



Holland 2012 – present

Timm played for Hornsby DCC until the U/11s before switching to Normanhurst CC in the U/12s in 2002-03 to link up with his rep. coach, Bruce Wood, when his Hornsby Club team folded. He played for Normo for 3 years (and in Bruce's HK&HDCA representative Shield team for 5 years), before making his First Grade debut for the University of NSW CC at age 15, becoming the 8th youngest debutant in NSW Premier Cricket history.

During his 3 full seasons with Normanhurst CC, Timm scored 823 runs @ 63.3 ave. and took 31 wickets @ 6.9. He twice won the Normanhurst CC Junior Cricketer of the Year Award (2002-03 and 2003-04) and he played a leading role in Bruce's undefeated Normanhurst *Gilchrist* premiership teams (U/13s in 2003-04 and U/14s in 2004-05). Timm also played in the HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup matches in 2003-04 and 2004-05.

His finest moment in junior cricket came in 2005-06 when he starred in Bruce's undefeated U/15 Weblin Shield premiership team, in which he scored a (then) record 294 runs @ 73.5 average (highest score 130) and took 11 wickets @ 11.6 (best bowling 6/23). This amazing all-round performance won him the NSWDCA Weblin Shield *Player of Year* and the HK&HDCA Tom Richmond Trophy for the Leading Junior Representative Player.

Incredibly Timm took a wicket with his first ball in his First Grade debut with UNSW (at age 15) and in his Sheffield Shield debut with the NSW Blues in 2011-12! He had a professional contract with the Tasmanian Tigers from 2012-14 and played some Ryobi Cup one-day cricket with Ricky Ponting.

Timm holds a dual passport as his father (Hans) is from Holland, which has enabled him to play international cricket representing the Netherlands since 2012 (see photos below).

Timm's best bowling figures in First Class cricket are 7/42 (10/121 in match); in ODIs are 5/24; and in T20s are 5/21. In the ICC T20 World Cup in Bangladesh in 2014, Timm gained international cricket acclaim, taking 9 wickets @ 18.77 (BB 3/30); economy rate 6.76; including the important wickets of JP Duminy (South Africa); Brendon McCullum, Ross Taylor & Martin Guptill (New Zealand); and Eoin Morgan (England).

Timm has played County cricket for Glamorgan continuously since 2016 and had an amazing debut season, taking 82 wickets (including five 5/fors) in all formats and dominating the county's end-of-season awards. He is now aged 34 and has taken over 300 wickets in First Class cricket – his professional cricket career shows no signs of ending.



Ausie: Timm van der Gugten is a key part of the Dutch bowling attack. // Getty

Neil Maxwell



Neil was an outstanding schoolboy cricketer in his 5 seasons with Normanhurst CC in the 1980s, scoring 1,917 runs @ 47.93 ave, with a highest score of 101 in A Reserve Grade in 1983-84. He also took a total of 198 wickets @ 6.18 ave.

He represented Fiji (his country of birth) in the ICC Trophy tournaments in 1990, 1997, 2001 and 2005 – his return of 5/10 against Singapore in 2001 remains a record for Fiji.

Neil played First Grade cricket in Sydney with Northern District CC, and captained

Balmain to a First Grade premiership in 1998-99.

Neil played 35 First Class matches for Victoria, NSW and Canterbury (NZ), taking 99 wickets (BB 6/56), and scoring 1,166 runs (HS 91).

Neil represented Australia U/19s as an allrounder scoring 133 against New Zealand in 1985-86

Although he played for NSW 2nd XI, his first-class debut came for Victoria in 1991-92. After two seasons, he returned to NSW where he was a regular in the State side for three years, winning the Sheffield Shield and One-Day Cup competitions in 1993-94. He played for Australia in the Hong Kong Sixes tournament in 1993, and Australia A against the West Indies in 1995-96.

Neil has over 30 years of experience in sports administration, exploitation of commercial rights, talent management and sponsorship.

As the CEO of Techfront, Neil led a passionate and committed team that was responsible for overseeing the presentation and operation of events such as the Women's ICC T20 World Cup, Men's ICC World Cup, a number of NRL Grand Finals, State of Origins and NZ Rugby events.

He currently works as the manager of a select group of sportsmen, including Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mike Hussey, after previously managing Brett Lee, Adam Gilchrist, Brad Haddin and many other star players.

In 2008, Neil was approached by the BCCI to contract the Australian & New Zealand cricketers for the inaugural IPL season. He also secured long-term perimeter signage rights to 12 Indian cricket grounds which were then repackaged and sold as a viable alternative to sponsorship.

Appointed CEO of the Kings XI Punjab franchise from its inception, Neil developed both a commercial and cricket strategy for the business.

Neil has held management positions at New Zealand Cricket, Cricket NSW, the Melbourne CC, undertaken an administrative exchange with the Marylebone CC (Lords), and is currently Chairman of the Sydney CC and SCG Cricket. He was also involved with the establishment of a Twenty20 league in the USA in recent years.



REFLECTIONS ON PLAYING FOR NORMANHURST CC – Neil Maxwell

My memories of growing up around Normanhurst Cricket Club remain some of the most formative and cherished of my life in cricket. When I first began playing, Normanhurst did not have any junior teams, so my very first season was spent playing with Thornleigh Cricket Club. However, once junior cricket was re-established at Normanhurst, it quickly became my cricketing home and the place where my love for the game truly took hold.

I was incredibly fortunate to be coached by people who deeply understood the fundamentals of cricket and the importance of teaching them properly at a young age. Two parents in particular, Dale Kalms and Mr Collins, generously gave their time to coach us. They were outstanding mentors who focused on basic technique, discipline and respect for the game. In hindsight, the grounding they gave us put our team well ahead of many others we played against and those lessons stayed with me throughout my cricket journey.

Junior cricket in those days was very different to now. We rarely played at Harris Park (Normanhurst) and instead spent many weekends travelling out to grounds around Glenorie, Cherrybrook, and West Pennant Hills. That travel was all part of the adventure. Early Saturday mornings would begin at Normanhurst Station, where eight to ten boys would pile into a station wagon, along with the team kit, for the drive to wherever we were playing that week. Equipment was basic by today's standards – very few players owned their own pads or gloves – but no-one cared. We simply wanted to play. I enjoyed special experiences on the cricket field with Tim Norris, Carl Salt, Scott Kalms and a range of other primary school mates! We would talk all week about the coming match or its second day.

One season that stands out for personal reasons was when my father, Gordon Maxwell, took on the role of Club President. Dad was a proud Glaswegian who had little understanding of cricket when we first started playing, but he embraced the Club wholeheartedly. He supported two of his three sons who lived and breathed the game, and his willingness to step into a leadership role at Normanhurst meant a great deal to me. Looking back, I am immensely proud of the way he contributed to the Club, despite coming to cricket with no background in the sport.

I always looked up to my brother Andrew, who with his best mates played many years for Normanhurst's A Grade team. I used to tag along, a smart-alec 12 year old, in the hope of getting a match. On two occasions this occurred, and this led to one of the greatest experiences and most powerful memories I had on a cricket field. Having to survive 12 overs against the powerful Mount Colah CC team in an A Grade match. We batted out for a draw, which taught me a few things about dealing with intimidation!

Normanhurst Cricket Club gave me far more than just runs, wickets, or results. It gave me friendships, values, discipline, and a deep appreciation for what a community cricket club represents. Those early experiences shaped my cricketing life and, in many ways, my professional life beyond the boundary as well.

To be part of the story of a Club celebrating its Centenary is something I am very proud of, and I remain grateful to Normanhurst Cricket Club for the role it played in my journey.



REFLECTIONS ON NORMANHURST CC – Peter Johnston (Life Member)



My involvement with the Club started in 2005 as coach of the mighty Under 9 Ponting. The last 20 years have been a “golden age” for Normo Cricket, cashing in on an influx of young families into the area and leveraging off the foundations laid by Bruce Wood (the Godfather of Normo cricket) and others such as Anthony Maxworthy, Cam Riddett and John Corish to name a few. Action Indoor Sports at Thornleigh was also a big supporter of the Club with seniors training and Friday night batting coaching always being well attended in Club training gear. It was also a target rich environment to recruit indoor cricketers such as Slawski, Woods and Fearnside.

Milo in-2-Cricket was always well represented and ensured our juniors had the skills to develop their cricket through the junior age groups where most age groups fielded more than one team. The introduction of myCricket also took cricket stats to another level. I was very fortunate to meet, coach and play with some amazingly talented young cricketers and dedicated volunteers during this time. Most teams were competitive, some won premierships, but I think pretty much all played the game in the right spirit. Some highlights include:

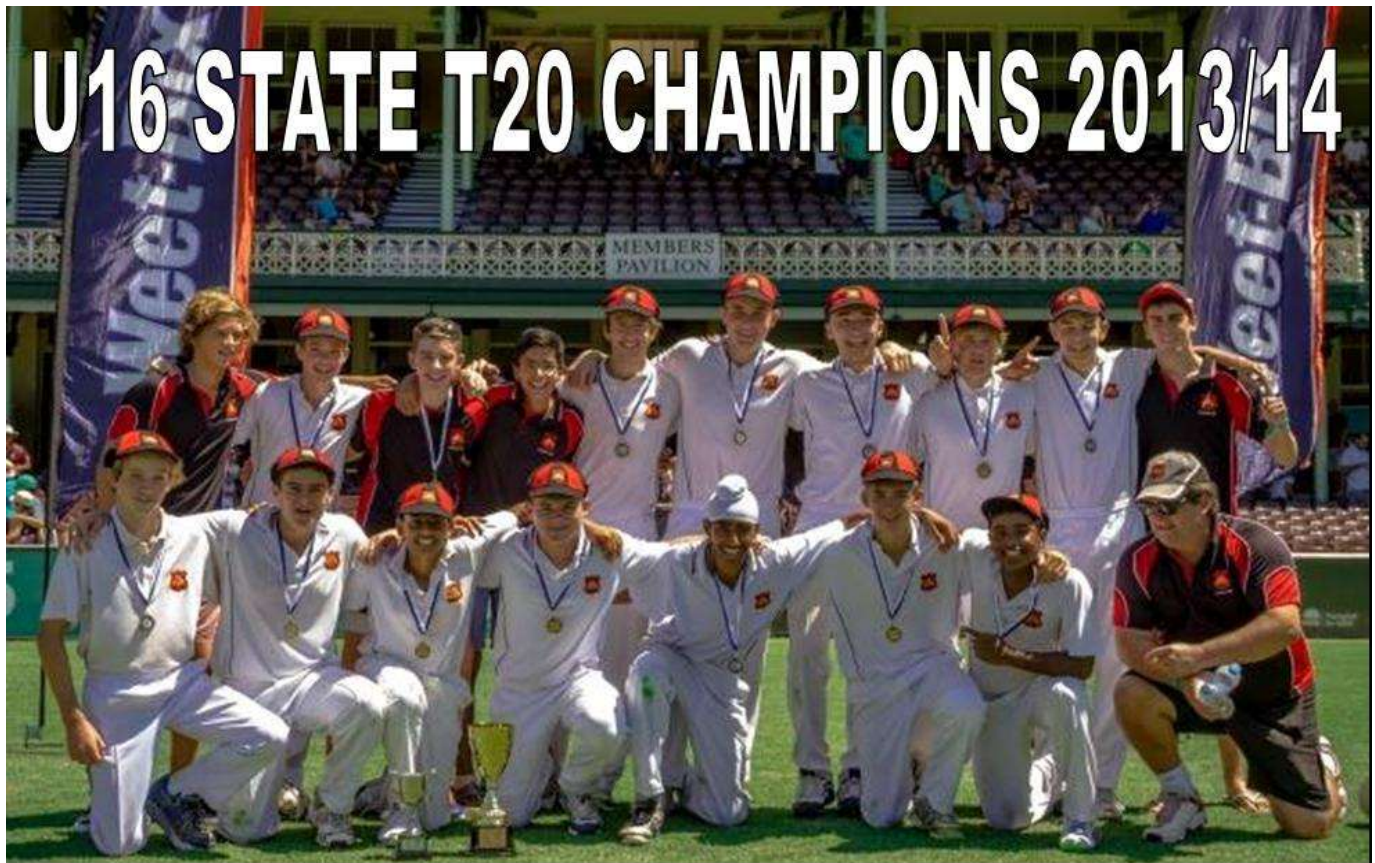
100 game baggy caps. This was a great initiative and recognised each player’s contribution to the Club and incentivised our juniors to play senior cricket.

T20 State Knockout competitions. Normo was well represented in these competitions and with the finals being played at the SCG, these games provided some great memories for players and supporters. At one time, some of our Normo boys had played two games at the SCG, which was one more than a young Cricket NSW ambassador, Pat Cummins. Mike Hussey’s cricket pads were also “borrowed” for a game at Normo and later returned.

Eknor Singh’s 200 not out in an U/15 Club game resulted in the association changing the batting rules for U/15s and U/16s to retire batsmen after scoring 100 runs.

Ben Phillips – an amazing innings of 150 plus by 15 year old Ben Phillips at Headen Park vs WPHCC C Grade. Ben used one of Indian test opener Virender Sehwag’s old bats that day.

Phil Hayes locking the Kissing Point U/15s in the dressing room at Turramurra Oval as the rain started to fall and the pitch needed to be covered. A wash out meant a Normo premiership. In the end Kissing Point won and I took the blame for the lock in, but maintain it was Phil.



Author’s note – Peter Johnston is the most successful coach in the history of Normanhurst CC. Between 2005-06 and 2016-17, his Normanhurst teams won six HK&HDCA junior premierships! Plus the U/14 Bradman Invitational Carnival championship at Bradman Oval, Bowral in 2014.

REFLECTIONS ON NORMANHURST CC – Graham Swan (Life Member)



Graham Swan was a prominent figure in Normanhurst CC from the mid-1980s to 1997. He coached junior teams, served as a volunteer on the Committee, and assumed the role of President, leading a range of key developments. Graham scored five centuries for Normanhurst CC, with a top score of 174 in C Grade in 1989-90. In 1993-94, he led the introduction of Kanga Cricket in the Club to attract growth in the entry point of junior cricket. Graham donated two perpetual trophies to the Club:

- **President's Award** in 1990-91, awarded to the player, coach, manager or Club official who has best displayed the ideals of Normanhurst CC.
- **The Swan Family Trophy** in 1991-92, awarded to the most improved school-age cricketer

Graham is retired and lives in Tasmania. He kindly provided the following comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the history of Normanhurst Cricket Club (NCC).

My involvement with the Club came in the 1985-86 Cricket season as a coach of the Under 10's in the HK&HDCA Juniors. If memory serves it was finalised in 1997 when my employer transferred me to work in Singapore and Hong Kong on a 3 year contract.

A number of people were directly involved in the management of NCC including:

Bill Hands: was the representative of NCC on the HK&HDCA Board for a number of years. He was of great assistance to me as I stepped into the Presidency, especially in the early days.

Bryan Hall: had been the equipment buyer and distributor for all the aged teams and Seniors, which gradually grew year on year as the Juniors graduated to Seniors after Under 16's. Interestingly, a regular number of Under 15's and 16's also played morning Juniors and afternoon Seniors. As the coaches came through, they would generally play a season or two with their sons and in a few cases their daughters.

Ken Hall: (pictured – right) had been very supportive as Vice-President of NCC and took over my role after I retired from the Club.



Parents of all the players were of course encouraged to participate as scorers, coaches, and managers of the aged group teams. Involvement of Seniors was forever encouraged, which was largely a 'hit or miss' commitment.

A number of teachers from Normanhurst Boys High School provided valuable support over those years, however I unfortunately cannot recall their names.

Growth was gradual expanding to always one team in each age group and two teams once we got our act together. Players in each age group were selected in HK&HDCA representative teams. Always a big commitment for parents and cricketers, but a worthwhile experience.

Families that contributed in a major way included the Halls, the Lowes, the Clelands, the Hewitts, the Swans, the Derschs and many others.

The Senior teams started to become highly competitive in the 1990's, winning a number of premierships in those years, including A Grade, B Grade, C Grade and D Grade.

In the period from ~ 1993-94 season, we started a Kanga Cricket operation involving boys and girls from Normanhurst, Normanhurst West, Wahroonga, Thornleigh and Warrawee Primary Schools. We also involved Seniors in coaching, where possible.

I have fond memories of my years with Normanhurst CC, both as a player and as the Club President, and I wish the Club a wonderful Centenary celebration and rich future.

Kind regards,

Graham Swan

Queenstown, Tasmania

REFLECTIONS ON NORMANHURST CC – Ian Hawkins (Normanthurst Sports Club – Life Member)



When I think about my time at Normanthurst Cricket Club, I don't think about stats or seasons. I think about moments. I have vivid memories at Normo Park and the relief of my first ever run, the joy of my first wicket at James Park on a freezing cold September morning, both as an 11-year-old. I remember feeling elated but also disappointed scoring 95 in U/14s, and then doing it again in seniors. And I remember the tingles and exhilaration of finally getting my first hundred, also at Normo Park. But more than anything, I remember the people. The mates I shared all of those moments with, many of whom are still some of my closest friends today.

At Normo it was always more than just the cricket, it was everything that happened around it. The long days where you'd play juniors in the morning and then back up for seniors in the afternoon as a 15 or 16-year-old. Learning on the run, trying to keep up, and loving every minute of being part of it.

Some of the best memories weren't even on the field. They happened in an old blue Toyota Hiace van, driving to games and training with my coach, Bryan Hall, packed in with half a dozen teammates. Loud, chaotic, and full of laughs. Magic moments etched in the memory - friendship, camaraderie, and a sense of belonging.

And then there were the opposition teams. As a teenager, coming up against blokes from Berowra with bushranger beards was intimidating, to say the least. They terrorised us at times, but looking back, those experiences taught us resilience. They were a snapshot of the extremes of playing against grown men. Confronting, uncomfortable, but incredibly valuable.

Every team I played in had a great atmosphere. There was always banter, energy, and someone cracking a joke. It didn't matter whether you were the gun, the battler, or somewhere in between; over time, those experiences turned into lifelong relationships.

And then there's the cap. It's long been an important symbol in Australian cricket, and one of the great things Normo introduced was the baggy black and red cap, given once players reached certain milestones. When I started, we had the all-red baseball caps, and I remember looking at teams with premierships or rep caps and just wanting one so badly. I watched my older brother's team win five premierships while my teams struggled, fell short in semis, or got caught out by the inevitable March rain and lost finals on a technicality.



I did get my first red and black cap playing for Normo Boys High School, back when it wasn't selective and we were a strong cricketing school, but it wasn't the same. Watching mates win only made that feeling stronger. I even have to thank my brother for my first Normo premiership cap, as I filled in for him when he was ill in the nerve-filled A Grade Semi-Final and Final in 1995-1996. But again....it wasn't my team.

That all changed with the mighty A2s of 2003-2004, and I finally broke through to win my first premiership. And did we party.

But more than the result, it's the friendships, the moments we shared and the feeling of doing it together as a team. That's what Normanthurst Cricket Club gave me. Not just a place to play, but a place to belong. A place where moments turn into memories, and teammates turn into lifelong friends.

That's what 100 years of Normo cricket really represents. More than a cricket club; a place where mateship is built, memories are made, and friendships last a lifetime.

It was an honour to be asked back to MC the Club's Centenary dinner and interview Steve Waugh on stage at Hornsby RSL Club.

REFLECTIONS ON NORMANHURST CC – Bruce Wood OAM (Life Member)



My family moved to Thornleigh in 1988 when my wife, Lisa, was pregnant with our first son. I had played cricket for over 20 years on the North Shore and loved the game, so I was always going to encourage Nathan, and later our second son, Daniel, to play cricket. When Nathan was aged 9, we decided to register him in an U/10 team at Normanhurst CC, after years of playing backyard cricket at home (and T-Ball at Kissing Point Angels Club). I was Manager of Nathan's team in that first year (1997-98), before stepping up to coach Normo CC junior teams for the next 8 years (both sons' teams) from 1998-99 to 2005-06 inclusive.

I recall that in those days (a quarter of a century ago), Normanhurst CC junior teams hardly ever made the semi-finals in any age group – our Club hadn't won a Junior Premiership since 1985-86. I was determined to change that and help raise the standard of Club coaching, as well as the players' skill levels. The priorities in those younger age groups were participation, enjoyment, giving everyone a go, and retaining players, season on season. Whilst I agreed with those objectives, I was also keen to see that our teams played competitively, took on the opposition, and always played positive cricket, aiming to win. Within a couple of seasons, the Club culture changed in that Normanhurst's junior teams started to win regularly, be respected more by the other clubs, made the finals, and won several HK&HDCA premierships. I coached three undefeated Normanhurst CC premiership teams – U/13 Slater in 2000-01, U/13 Gilchrist in 2003-04, and U/14 Gilchrist in 2004-05.



Coach – U/12 Gilchrist team in 2002-03



with Jeff Culleton & Adam Whitlock in 1999

One interesting memory I have from those early days was the introduction of batting helmets in HK&HDCA junior cricket, which was optional in 2000-01. I was the Club President that season and we bought at least 3 new helmets for each junior team that played hard-ball cricket. Incredibly, players were given the choice as to whether they wanted to wear a helmet or not, even against pace bowlers. It was a difficult situation for the coaches, as we actively encouraged our batters to wear helmets, but we couldn't insist on it. Many Dads also intervened and said their son won't wear a helmet as they didn't when they played cricket, which wasn't very helpful. I ended up sitting my U/13 team down at training and told them the true story about having my jaw broken in two places when I was 48 not out in A Grade and was hit in the face by a bouncer in 1984, resulting in my jaw being wired together – I ate through a straw for 6 weeks. After that visual image entered their young heads, I had no further issues convincing my players to wear a helmet. The following season, helmets became mandatory for juniors in the Association.

In 1999-2000, I came out of a 13 year retirement to Captain Normanhurst CC's D Grade team to the Grand Final. The majority of our team were aged 40+. The following season (2000-2001), I captained a D Res. Grade team, comprising a mixture of older players and teenagers, to a memorable premiership, defeating Beecroft outright at The Glade oval, Wahroonga. My reasonably successful comeback to playing cricket (aged in my 40s) led me to playing a few seasons in HK&HDCA's Over 50s Classics team with lot of old cricket mates.

I was a volunteer on the Normanhurst CC committee from 1998 to 2011 and performed a wide variety of roles, including President, Vice-President, Junior Co-ordinator, Equipment Officer, Registrar, Senior Co-ordinator, Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Webmaster, Archives Officer, Editor of Annual Reports, and organiser of Presentation Nights. In 2000-01, I donated a large perpetual trophy, which is awarded annually for the Normanhurst CC *Team of the Year*. Although I have taken on Executive positions on the HK&HDCA committee since 2007 (Umpires and Coaches Associations), I have maintained a strong interest in the activities of Normanhurst CC.

I have admiration for many other people who made prominent contributions towards the success of Normanhurst CC over the past quarter century, including Anthony Maxworthy, Rob Darling, Matt Pendleton, Cameron Riddett, John Corish, Mike Griffin, Peter Johnston, Phillip Hayes, Justin Gross, Paul Bickerstaff, Craig Woods, Peter Bradey and others. Successful community clubs are built on committed volunteers (committee, coaches, managers, etc) who are prepared to devote several years to the betterment of their local Club, such as the above-mentioned gents.

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SPORT

Speed doesn't bother this bat

DAMIAN NAUGHTON

NEXT time Pakistani speedster Shoaib Akhtar visits Australia, there is one young batsman from the North Shore who won't be scared of facing him.

Chris Aldersley - a Year 9 student at St Leo's College, Wahroonga - holds no fear of fast bowling, coach Bruce Wood says. "He often faces bowlers that get up to 115 and 120km/h at rep level," Wood said.

"Most of the kids are scared of the quicks, but Chris can handle them well because of his excellent defensive technique and his no-fear attitude."

Aldersley won the Normanhurst junior cricketer-of-the-year award after a successful season playing for the under-16s 'Glichrist' side.

He also won the under-14 batting award for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai competition and took home the player-of-the-carnival honour at a representative tournament in Newcastle in January.

Aldersley was vice-captain of the first Normanhurst junior team to win back-to-back titles in that club's 76-year history.



Wood has coached Aldersley for the past five years and says he has "all the shots in the book" and is also a genuine all-rounder.

"He bowls medium-fast outswingers," Wood said.

"He is also a pleasure to coach - if you tell him he needs to work on a part of his game, he fixes it and becomes a better player."

Aldersley plans to play in the under-16s Green Shield competition this season, despite being a year younger than the age limit.

He hopes to play grade cricket for Northern District and representative cricket too.

Who knows - he might even face Shoaib Akhtar.



Chris Aldersley's collection of trophies is testimony of his ability.

Dob in a junior champ

CRICKETER Chris Aldersley is the latest *North Shore Times* nominee for the Cumberland Newspaper Group's 2005 Junior Sport Star.

Every week we will feature a junior sportsperson, aged between 10 and 16 years, in a special picture story.

Chris is a Year 9 student at St Leo's College, at Wahroonga.

Chris is eligible to win the *North Shore Times*' yearly prize of \$500, which in turn makes them eligible to win the Cumberland Newspapers' yearly prize of \$1000.

The winners from all our papers will be invited to a function for the presentation of their awards and the announcement of the overall winner.

To help us find our star, a nomination form will be published in our sports section each week.

Clubs, schools, families and friends of young sportspeople are invited to fill it out and send it to us or submit details by email.

Today's nomination form is on Page 147, in Sport.

Advocate Sport

There are always more local sports reports and photos at our website: hornsbyadvocate.com.au

HORNBY ADVOCATE, Thursday, March 10, 2011

Boys cheer in victory

Normanhurst wins T20 title

CRICKET

NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE under-16s cricket team became the NSW State Twenty20 champions after defeating Campbelltown Magpies by 24 runs at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

The final of the T20 competition was held at the SCG where the boys were lucky enough to meet some of their heroes, such as Test players Doug Bollinger and Usman Khawaja, and to explore the historic ground.

The team got off to the perfect start after winning the toss and electing to bat.

After the early loss of Luke Thorburn, Ben Phillips (50 retired) and Raj Chandrasena (30) crafted a classy 62-run partnership that provided much entertainment for the spectators and impressed all who were present.

Normanhurst powered forward in the final overs, with the innings finished off by a rapid unbeaten 48 from captain Mitch Fullagar which included a six off the last ball of the innings.

It saw Normanhurst achieve their score of 3-144, setting Magpies 145 to win.

Normanhurst's bowling was very disciplined and restricted the Magpies' boundaries.

In the end, despite some terrific performances, Magpies were 6-120 at the end of their innings.

"To play on such a historic ground and being presented the trophy by my hero Doug Bollinger has been the highlight of my cricket career so far," Fullagar said.

Normanhurst-Warrawee's Ben Phillips was named man of the match.

- MATTHEW NELSON



The Normanhurst-Warrawee under-16s on the hallowed SCG turf with NSW cricketers Doug Bollinger and Dominic Thornley.

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Cricket mad Hayes brothers cream it at junior and senior level for Normanhurst-Warrawee

- by: Tom Westbrook
- From: Hornsby Advocate
- May 07, 2014 11:05AM



Joshua and Jordan Hayes ready for a match in the backyard at North Wahroonga. Picture: MARK SCOTT

Source: News Limited

Filling in for the Normanhurst-Warrawee D-grade seniors team at Mimosa Oval, 12-year-old Jordan Hayes had to duck off early to be at Hornsby RSL on time for the Our Lady of the Rosary primary school's year six dinner.

Skipper Nick Horgan threw him the ball for a couple of overs. He took two wickets.

Older brother Joshua, 14, walked out to bat amid jeers: "How old are you? Two?"

But as the brothers became a fixture in side, the sledges turned to whingeing.

Joshua, a paceman for the under-14s, carted bowlers around the park, hitting 548 runs at an average of 78. Opposing teams began to demand he retire at 50.

"I'd say I was 12 and (the opposition) would go: 'That's ridiculous'," Jordan said.

"But my teammates were great sports and a great team, they were very kind and generous to us."

The cricket-mad brothers are both Hornsby Advocate Junior Sport Star nominees this week - a competition sponsored by Rebel.

HK&HDCA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1926 – 2026



On 19 February 2026, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association celebrated its Centenary with a gala dinner at Hornsby RSL. Approximately 220 people attended, including Life Members, Patrons, club delegates, players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, emerging leaders, sponsors and distinguished guests. The night was a great success and a powerful reminder that the Association has always been about more than cricket alone – it’s about community and long-standing relationships.

Normanhurst Cricket Club was pleased to support this event with a table of committee members, players and volunteers. Normanhurst CC has been affiliated with HK&HDCA since its inception in 2026-27, being a proud Foundation Club in the Association.

The key identities at the gala Centenary dinner included Justin Gross (HK&HDCA President), Tim Gilbert (MC) and Brad Haddin (special guest speaker). Normanhurst CC had two representatives on the Q&A Panel – Bruce Wood and Zach Rapa. Special thanks to Lauren Gason (Event Manager) for her tireless work in co-ordinating the organisation of the event. All attendees received a special HK&HDCA commemorative Centenary coin as a souvenir from the night.





Summer Saturdays 25 Years On



The History of the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association, 1926/27 to 2025/26

Alfred James



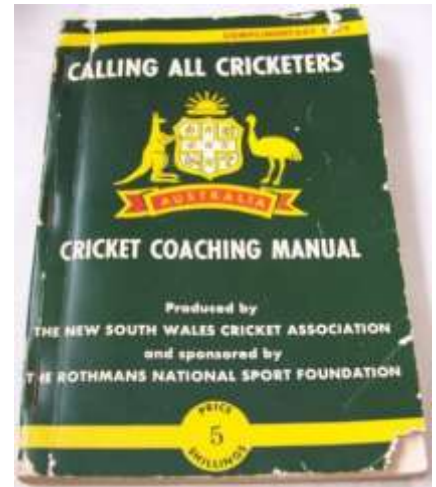
CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMS IN THE ASSOCIATION AND NORMANHURST CC

Historical reflections of early cricket coaching programs

Decades before the establishment of our existing Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), there was a dedicated approach towards junior cricket coaching from as far back as the 1950s. The first recorded major coaching initiative in NSW was conducted by HK&HDCA when Tom Richmond and Jack McCormick conducted Coaching Seminars at Hornsby RSL, with expert speakers including Test wicket-keeper, Brian Taber, who passed on valuable cricket knowledge to the audience, which mainly comprised club coaches who had been enticed there on the promise of free food and drinks.

Tom Richmond produced a coaching guide in consultation with people from NDCC and HK&HDCA, before running the first Level 1 accreditation course in NSW. Not long afterwards, Brian Taber became NSW state coach and began to operate similar seminars across NSW, which eventually turned into the accredited coaching scheme Cricket Australia has today.

Later Col Cooper joined Tom Richmond and Jack McCormick in organising coaching days across the whole district – so important were these coaching sessions that the HK&HDCA Junior Competition was set aside for a day so as many junior players as possible could attend the organised coaching day. Glenn Hourigan also made a significant contribution to cricket coaching in the 1980s – 90s.



Ross Turner, a fine product of HK&HDCA who went on to captain two NDCC First Grade premiership teams in 1985-86 and 1986-87, was appointed as the first Development Manager for NSW Cricket. In this role, Ross established Kanga Cricket in NSW, which led to the first official Level 0 and Level 1 coaching courses being conducted. Ross invited HK&HDCA's Kanga cricketers to showcase the new introductory format of cricket on the SCG during the lunch break in a Test match, a tradition which has continued until today. Ross advised that he didn't 'reinvent the wheel' with the initial coaching concepts adopted for Kanga Cricket (later known as Milo In2Cricket, or Woolworths Cricket Blast). He had studied the junior coaching manuals produced by South African Test player, Eddie Barlow, and adapted the best coaching drills suitable for 5 – 8 year old cricket beginners in Australia.

To gain insight into even earlier forages into cricket coaching in the district, below is an extract from Alf James' comprehensive book *Summer Saturdays*, which was released in 2001 to celebrate HK&HDCA's 75th anniversary (*reproduced with permission from Alf James*):

"The Association sponsored a few schoolboy teams from 1937/38 to 1940/41. There were no more teams until 1947-48 when Northern District C.C. arranged pre-season coaching on Waitara Oval but the number of (schoolboy) teams had dropped from 15 to 4 by 1956/57. On 14 June 1956 a conference was held at Hornsby between N.D.C.C., the two local Associations and the two Shire Clubs to ensure the progress of high-school boys from school to senior clubs and also to provide coaching for under-age schoolboys. On four Saturdays in September 1956, coaching was arranged at Waitara Oval, Storey Park, Eastwood Oval, Epping Oval and Pennant Hills Outer. The program was widely advertised through schools, the local press and on the radio. Many International players assisted including Bert Oldfield, Stan. McCabe, Graeme Thomas, Martin Donnelly, Ron. Archer, Gordon Rorke, Arthur Chipperfield, Norm. O'Neill, Peter Philpott, Jim Burke and Richie Benaud. The program lasted for ten seasons with the number of boys attending the centres ranging from 250 to over 500 each season. The effect on the Association's schoolboy competition was startling with the number of teams increasing from the 4 in 1956/57 to 17 in 1957/58, 49 in 1961/62 and 65 in 1966/67. In 1958 the Schoolboys' Competition was formed as a separate sub-committee of the Council under an Organizing Secretary and a Juvenile Competition President."

The above extract clearly demonstrates the correlation between properly organised junior cricket coaching and the participation rate in junior competitions, which leads to significantly improved techniques, confidence and performance amongst the junior (schoolboy) players in the district.

Tom Richmond also organised and conducted specialist spin bowling coaching [known as the Winter Spin Program] for junior HK&HDCA representative players at James Park, Hornsby from 1999 – 2007.

Ross Turner Cup / Glenn Hourigan Cup annual matches

The HK&HDCA Ross Turner Cup (RTC) was inaugurated by Tom Richmond in 1998-99 to promote an opportunity for the best of our U/15 players to appear in a 'showcase' game of high-level representative cricket. Following this success, the younger Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) fixtures were introduced in 2003-04, initially as U/12 but later changed to U/13. Tom Richmond passed on the RTC / GHC responsibility to Bruce Wood, President, Coaches' Association in 2010-11.

Bruce Wood has maintained the fine tradition and introduced some new initiatives, including appointing young RTC and GHC coaches, and scheduling the matches on adjacent ovals at Turramurra. Bruce has coordinated the RTC and GHC matches for 16 years, and has umpired 20 consecutive RTC matches. An amazing 50 players have graduated from the RTC match to play First Grade cricket in Sydney.



RTC and GHC Captains, Coaches, Umpires & Special Guests – 2017-18 (20th Anniversary – RTC)

Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA)

The **Coaches' Association** was formed in 2010 and is a leading junior cricket coaching organisation responsible for recruiting and accrediting young coaches from within HK&HDCA and north-western Sydney; conducting junior cricket clinics during the school holidays (in partnership with Northern District CC); and development programs in the off-season. HKHDCCA designs and implements coaching programs aimed at increasing the cricket participation, skills and enjoyment of boys and girls aged 5 – 15, including beginners, club players, representative standard players, and children with special needs, through its partnership with BlowFly Cricket.



The Coaches' Association has experienced significant growth since its inception in 2010 and aims to continue to expand its subsidised (or free) coaching programs to a wider cross-section of the community. The successful implementation of these initiatives assists in facilitating sporting, cultural and social inclusion, while also promoting healthy, active lifestyles and increasing the participation rate in cricket in NSW. The Coaches' Association is now the largest *not-for-profit* junior cricket coaching organisation in NSW, with around 35 active coaches, half of which hold the Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) coaching accreditation.

HKHDCCA has conducted a total of 94 school holiday clinics over the past 16 years, which have been attended by nearly 6,000 boys & girls. The clinics at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara are consistently sold out in advance with 90+ players in attendance. Most of the HK&HDCA affiliated clubs (especially Normanhurst CC) have strongly supported the Coaches' Association's programs, which have proved to be beneficial for their junior players. HKHDCCA also plays a key role as a nursery for junior coaches, providing them with formal accreditation, practical experience, skills development and paid casual employment, which they can take back to their clubs. Over 170 coaches have been engaged by the Coaches' Association over the years, many of whom have gone on to forge high level careers in cricket, including Daniel Anderson, Josh Miller, Harrison Norrell, Dani Chivers and many others. The Coaches' Association introduced a new website www.hkhdcca.com.au in 2025 to help promote its coaching programs, achievements, volunteer committee members, award winners, etc.





Coaches engaged at HKHDCCA / NDCC junior cricket clinic at MTO, Waitara on 15-16 April 2026

A number of coaches who played and/or coached for Normanhurst CC have worked for the Coaches' Association over the years, including Bruce Wood, Will McCarroll, Braden Cheng, Daniel Wood, Lachlan Bailey, Zach Rapa, Aayush Parikh, Liam Bradey, Hame Fullagar, Jordan Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Tom Green, Andrew Harvey, Harrison Middlebrook, Jaden Sequeira, Utkarsh Somaiya, Mark Holden, Nathan Tanner, Luke Thorburn, Aanya Siingh & Henry Gross.

The major award at the HKHDCCA clinics is the prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal. The following NCC players have won the PHM – Will McCarroll, Jarod Baxter, Tom Westgarth, Rory Rapa, Juliet Jennings & Blake Hiley.

Although the majority of the Coaches' Association's school holiday clinics have been held at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (home ground of Northern District CC), several successful clinics have been held at Normanhurst Oval.



Coaches' Association clinic at Normanhurst Oval on 20-21 January 2021 (Coach – Lachy Shaw, current NSW player)

Overseas Tours – the Coaches’ Association has conducted six successful overseas cricket tours – U/15 Boys tours to Sri Lanka (2015), Barbados (2017), India (2019, 2023 & 2025), and an U/17 Girls tour to India (2024).

The following Normanhurst CC players travelled overseas on HKHDCCA tours, or earlier trips coached by Bruce Wood.

India (2006) – Daniel Wood, Jarrod Rixon, Chris Aldersley

New Zealand (2007) – Chris Aldersley, Dylan Robertson

Sri Lanka 2015 – Connor Slater

Barbados (2017) – Oscar Kirk, Jarod Baxter, Jordan Fullagar

India (2019) – Nil (*pictured – right*)

India (2023) – Zach Rapa, Liam Bradey

India (2024) – Aanya Siingh, Keerti Vatul

India (2025) – Rory Rapa, Aayush Parikh, Archie Hill, Charlie Horsley



Coaching at Normanhurst CC

Cricket Blast

In its various formats since 1993-94, Normanhurst CC has been running a program for kids too young to play Saturday morning cricket, but too old to not be playing the game that we all love. From “Milo In2 Cricket”, to “Junior Blasters”, to “Master Blasters” to what is now known as “Cricket Blast”, Friday nights have always been a hive of activity. This is the pathway to Junior Cricket where Normanhurst has thrived in recent years.

- 2025 – 20 participants
- 2024 – 33 participants
- 2023 – 51 participants

Our Junior teams, in numbers, players and skill levels, are greatly enhanced by the Cricket Blast program. From 51 participants in 2023, we now have 4 teams in under 11s.

The program’s success is that players from the senior teams of the Club and older junior players coach the Junior Blasters. Activities while centered around cricket skills are designed for maximum fun and enjoyment.

The Cricket Blast coordinator (and other coaches) have at least the Community (Level 1) coaching qualification.

The night always finishes off with a Zooper Dooper and usually a BBQ, with the parents enjoying a drink and chat on the sideline.



Co-op Training

For the past 10 seasons, over 5 Friday evenings at the start of the season, the Club runs all Club training (Co-op Training) for all junior teams.

The evening is broken up into younger age groups under 8s to under 11s, for an hour, followed by under 12s and above the next hour.

Like Cricket Blast, senior players are involved in running cricket drills and fun cricket-based activities to drive skill levels, create some healthy competition, and have a whole bunch of fun on a Friday evening.

Not only do the young kids get the opportunity to play cricket, but as they get older, there are opportunities to come and develop their coaching skills and open pathways for their future. We frequently ask 14 – 17 year olds to come down to help out and to add to the community environment we love to create. The current coaches were all participants in the Co-op Training when they were younger.

The Club always puts on a BBQ for players and any siblings present, while the parents are able to socialise and enjoy a fine summer evening.

The Co-op training builds community and sense of Club. It also provides an opportunity for first time volunteer parent coaches to learn some cricket drills from experienced players and coaches.

The Blast program and the Co-op Training are generously supported by Vicway Constructions.





NORMANHURST OVAL – home ground / Clubhouse / training nets

Normanhurst Oval has been in place for the entire existence of Normanhurst Cricket Club in the Association. It was officially opened on 7 November 1925 after work by members of Normanhurst CC. Interestingly, HK&HDCA reports note that by 1929-30, it was “over-run with bladey grass”. The oval was reconstructed and enlarged in 1968-69. The current Clubhouse pavilion was added later and is now in need of significant renovation / enhancement. The two practice nets near the Netball courts were installed in the 1980s and were adequate, however the bowling run-ups were poor and became unplayable after rain. Numerous attempts were made over the years to obtain financial grants from Cricket NSW and/or Government agencies to improve the practice nets, however none proved to be successful until Matt Kean MP, Member for Hornsby, approved a \$36,184 Grant in December 2018 (see photos below). This generous funding enabled the nets to have a much larger coverage of artificial turf and safer run-ups, which the current players enjoy today.



Justin Gross, Matt Kean MP, Bruce Wood





SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – ‘the family club’

Normanhurst Cricket Club has always had the reputation of being a friendly and inclusive club, ideal for players of all standards, and family groups. Everyone is made to feel welcome and is supported in their journey to become better players and good people in the community. Whilst the hard-ball junior and senior teams play competitively and strive for continuous improvement, with hopefully the occasional HK&HDCA premierships season, there is an emphasis on ensuring that all players have the opportunity to participate and contribute towards their team’s success. The Club’s leadership team sets high standards in fair play, integrity and sportsmanship, which is filtered down to all the junior and senior teams. It is common to see parents and their children playing for the Club.





HK&HDCA PREMIERSHIPS WON BY NORMANHURST CC TEAMS

Junior	Competition
Season	Team
1983-1984	U12 Black
1985-1986	U12 Black
2000-2001	U13 Slater
2003-2004	U13 Gilchrist
2004-2005	U14 Gilchrist U11 MacGill
2005-2006	U12 MacGill
2006-2007	U13 Black U16 Red
2008-2009	U11 U16
2009-2010	U12
2010-2011	U13 U14 Red
2011-2012	U14
2012-2013	U16 Black
2013-2014	U16
2015-2016	U16 NWCC / PHCC
2016-2017	U16
2019-2020	U11 U13 Girls
2020-2021	U13 Girls
2022-2023	U14

Senior	Competition
Season	Team
1926-1927	A Grade (inaugural season)
1959-1960	C Reserve Grade
1971-1972	A Grade
1986-1987	C Grade
1987-1988	B Grade
1989-1990	C Grade
1990-1991	A Reserve Grade
1991-1992	A Reserve Grade
1994-1995	B Reserve Grade C Grade
1995-1996	A Grade
1997-1998	D Grade
2000-2001	C Reserve Grade D Reserve Grade
2003-2004	A Reserve Grade
2004-2005	D Grade
2005-2006	D Grade
2009-2010	Colts (U/19)
2010-2011	C3 Grade A Grade – T20
2013-2014	C Reserve Grade
2015-2016	C Reserve Grade C3 Grade
2017-2018	B Reserve Grade
2019-2020	A Reserve Grade (Kookaburra Cup)
2021-2022	C Grade
2023-2024	A Reserve Grade (Kookaburra Cup) C3 Grade T20 – 2 nd Grade



W. F. (BILL) KEMSLEY – NORMANHURST CC'S FINEST ALL-ROUNDER

Bill Kemsley was the finest cricketer who played regularly in the Association.

As a youth, he played in the Northern Suburbs Association and then represented Gordon in the Sydney First-Grade competition.

In 1951-52, he was placed second in the bowling averages for the whole of Sydney.

In 1957, aged 30, he moved to Janet Street, Thornleigh and represented Thornleigh and Normanhurst CCs for 16 full seasons in the HK&HDCA A Grade competition. During this time, he scored 9,627 runs at an average of 62.11 and took 421 wickets at an average of 13.98 with his brisk medium-pacers. He scored a record 27 centuries (highest 192*) in A Grade, and three others in the NSWDCA Martin Shield (Open) representative competition in 1959-60.

Over 10 consecutive seasons, Bill was 5 times winner and 5 times runner-up in the HK&HDCA A Grade batting averages. Bill appeared in 13 A Grade finals and was on the winning side 7 times. He recalled that one of his most memorable achievements was in 1971-72 when Normanhurst CC finally defeated the strong Hornsby CC team to become A Grade Premiers, after being runner-up to Hornsby CC 5 seasons in a row!

At the Association's 60th Anniversary Dinner in 1988, Bill was presented with an inscribed silver salver to commemorate his achievements. In the Association's 75th Anniversary Report (known as 'Summer Saturdays') in 2001, Bill was named as the best player to have played in the HK&HDCA senior competition.

Bill died on 24 November 2024 at the age of 97 and his funeral was held on 6 December 2024 at Warriewood.



In 2000-01 when Bruce Wood was President of Normanhurst CC, he invited Bill to attend the Club's annual Presentation Night at Normanhurst Boys HS, where they unveiled a new Bill Kemsley Centuries honour board (see photo – left). Bill was delighted to attend, speak to the audience about his playing days at the Club, and present the major awards. He was honoured that our Club's Centuries honour board bears his name.

Bill spoke to Bruce after the Presentation Night and said:
"Thanks for inviting me. You told the audience that the Club had experienced a terrific season with a 35% increase in players, 3 premierships, a new sponsor, a dedicated committee of volunteers, etc, but the glaring omission from my point of view is that you don't have an A Grade team. That needs to be your top priority."

That strong statement was taken on board, resulting in a 'Return to A Grade' sub-committee being formed, comprising Bruce Wood, Anthony Maxworthy (the Club's next President), and others. The committee set out to ensure that Normanhurst CC had strategies in place to field a competitive team in HK&HDCA A Grade within the next 3 – 5 years, which was achieved ahead of time.

CENTURIES SCORED BY NORMANHURST CC PLAYERS

Name	Score	Grade	Season
Ron Ivanhoff	130	B	1953-54
Ron Ivanhoff	121	B	1953-54
Ron Ivanhoff	112	B	1953-54
B. Murray	123*	A	1962-63
John Geisker	139*	C2	1963-64
Phil Allen	112	C2	1964-65
G. Carter	171	A	1965-66
R. Nutt	162	C	1968-69
Bill Kemsley	151*	A	1970-71
D. Anderson	152	A	1974-75
C. Poulden	118	D2	1978-79
M. Barnes	105	C2	1979-80
P. Coyle	108	B	1980-81

Name	Score	Grade	Season
S. Heptonstall	127	B	1981-82
W. Barnes	102*	B	1981-82
P. Heptonstall	101	B	1981-82
M. Fullagar	111	A2	1983-84
Neil Maxwell	101	A2	1983-84
T. Couch	112	D2	1985-86
Grant Chapman	100	D2	1985-86
Robert Truscott	152	C	1986-87
Robert Truscott	129	C	1986-87
Robert Truscott	122	C	1986-87
E. Boschman	107	C2	1986-87
Clinton Bragg	105	D2	1986-87
Robert Truscott	100*	C	1986-87

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Name	Score	Grade	Season
Tim Norris	159	B	1987-88
Scott Lindsay	119*	B	1987-88
Adrian Browne	113	C2	1987-88
Kerry Andrich	203*	B2	1988-89
David Cleland	106	D	1988-89
Ben Norris	101	D	1988-89
Graham Swan	101*	D	1988-89
Graham Swan	101*	D	1988-89
Jason Booker	101*	B2	1988-89
Graham Swan	174	C	1989-90
Sam Walsh	100	B	1989-90
Murray Rowe	101	B2	1990-91
Matthew Caygill	100	B	1990-91
James Hawkins	165	A2	1991-92
Tim Lowe	141	C	1991-92
Tim Train	136	C	1991-92
Graham Swan	125	C	1991-92
Ian Hawkins	119	B	1991-92
Robert Truscott	114	A2	1991-92
James Hawkins	110	A2	1991-92
Graham Swan	108*	C	1991-92
Michael Slayter	201	A2	1992-93
David Cleland	141*	A	1992-93
Tim Train	132	A2	1992-93
Murray Rowe	105*	A2	1992-93
Murray Rowe	105	A2	1992-93
Tim Lowe	105	C2	1992-93
Tim Train	101	B2	1992-93
C. Brown	155*	D	1993-94
Graham Skulander	129*	C	1993-94
L. Paap	107	D	1993-94
L. Paap	111	C	1994-95
Matthew Caygill	100*	B2	1994-95
Ben Norris	159	A	1995-96
Ian Hawkins	109	A2	1995-96
Steve Drew	105*	A2	1995-96
Ben Norris	139	A	1996-97
G. Smith	119	B2	1996-97
Ben Norris	105	A	1996-97
Brad Dersch	101	A2	1996-97
Peter Truscott	156	D	1997-98
Ben Ross-Edwards	154	D	1997-98
Chris Hogan	149	D	1997-98
C. Brown	116	C	1997-98
M. Thursten	110	D	1997-98
Chris Hogan	103	D	1997-98
Chris Hogan	151*	B	1998-99
Andrew Anderson	107*	B	1998-99
Jason Yip	103	C	1999-00
Bryan Whitlock	178*	D2	2000-01
Greg Ford	165*	C2	2000-01
Bruce Wood	138*	D2	2000-01
Anthony Maxworthy	115	C	2000-01
Nishad Kulkarni	109	U/14	2000-01
Andrew Burns	108	C2	2000-01
Anthony Maxworthy	108	C	2000-01
Greg Ford	103*	C2	2000-01
Chris Hawkins	160	C2	2001-02
Rod Seymour	148*	C	2001-02
Lindsay Kirschberg	132*	C	2001-02
Chris Hawkins	123	C2	2001-02
Rob Aldersley	115*	U/16	2001-02
Casey Burgess	110	C3	2001-02
Chris Hawkins	103*	C2	2001-02
John Corish	102*	C	2001-02
Alasdair Allen	143	D2	2002-03

Name	Score	Grade	Season
Ian Meynink	125*	D	2002-03
Rob Magrath	110	C	2002-03
Ben Norris	109*	A2	2002-03
Andrew Burgess	102*	D2	2002-03
Ross Le	101	D	2002-03
Jarrold Tulloch	100*	U/16	2002-03
Nishad Kulkarni	128	C3	2003-04
Anthony Maxworthy	119*	C3	2003-04
Andrew Walker	118*	B2	2003-04
Anthony Maxworthy	116	C3	2003-04
Ben Norris	106	A2	2003-04
Rod Seymour	100*	A2	2003-04
Brett Turpin	150	D2	2004-05
Cameron Riddett	119	B	2004-05
Simon Hajduk	118	D	2004-05
Brett Turpin	109	D2	2004-05
Scott McLennan	104*	D2	2004-05
Damien Dell'Aquila	139	D	2005-06
Steve Smith	121*	U/16	2005-06
Chris White	120*	D	2005-06
Brennen Smart	114	D2	2005-06
John Green	101	D2	2005-06
Matt Darwas	142	C2	2006-07
Andrew Walker	133*	A	2006-07
Mitch Magrath	115*	C	2006-07
Nathan Ryan	113*	Colts	2006-07
Nishad Kulkarni	108*	A	2006-07
Adam Whitlock	107	C2	2006-07
Brennen Smart	104	D	2006-07
Tom Green	101*	D2	2006-07
Lachlan Ford	111*	U/15	2007-08
Robert Waight	103	Colts	2007-08
Michael Devitt	102*	C3	2007-08
Brett Salisbury	101	B	2007-08
Lachlan Ford	143*	U/16	2008-09
Chris White	131	C	2008-09
Rahul Tamilarasan	117*	D2	2008-09
John Herdman	106	C2	2008-09
Mike Donnelly	106	D2	2008-09
Brett Turpin	103*	B	2008-09
Cameron Griffin	103	D2	2008-09
Craig Hodges	103	A	2008-09
Damian Dell'Aquila	101*	C	2008-09
Mike Griffin	100	D2	2008-09
Nathan Tanner	101*	U/15	2009-10
Luke Thorburn	101*	U/15	2009-10
Lachlan Ford	121*	Colts	2009-10
Ben Phillips	142*	C3	2009-10
John Corish	117	C	2009-10
Navin Enjeti	100*	D	2009-10
John Herdman	220*	C2	2009-10
John Herdman	143	C2	2009-10
Ben Phillips	139	C3	2009-10
Pradeep Iyer	113	D	2009-10
Amit Ramdev	112	D	2009-10
Navin Enjeti	136	D	2009-10
Rajiv Chandrasena	169	U/16	2009-10
Ben Phillips	125	U/16	2009-10
Tom Dempsey	146*	B	2009-10
Ben Phillips	152	C	2009-10
Ben Phillips	105*	U/16	2009-10
Sandeep Sharma	105	D	2009-10
Rahul Tamilarasan	112*	D2	2009-10
Simon Boland	129	C	2009-10
Michael Devitt	162*	C2	2009-10
Matt Nelson	102	Colts	2009-10

CENTURIES SCORED BY NORMANHURST CC PLAYERS (CONTINUED)

Name	Score	Grade	Season
Tom Dempsey	125	B2	2010-11
Craig Hodges	102	A	2010-11
Joel Carter	100*	A2	2010-11
Matt O'Connor	106*	B2	2010-11
Utkarsh Somaiya	119	D	2010-11
Daniel Nicotra	139	U/15	2010-11
Cameron Griffin	106	Colts	2010-11
Craig Woods	103	D	2010-11
Craig Woods	160*	D	2010-11
Lindsay Corbett	107*	C	2010-11
Rajiv Chandrasena	198*	U/16	2010-11
Sam Hogan	115	C3	2010-11
Justin Donnelly	112	D	2010-11
Mike Donnelly	136	D	2010-11
Tom Dempsey	107*	B2	2010-11
Steve Smith	100	A	2010-11
Philp Lorenzelli	126*	C3	2011-12
Matt Brisco	132	D	2011-12
Lachlan Skulander	189	B2	2011-12
Peter Frost	100*	B2	2011-12
Luke McDonald	107*	U15	2011-12
Brett Turpin	100*	A2	2011-12
Tom Dempsey	106	B	2011-12
Mitchell Fullagar	101	A2	2011-12
Varun Mohankumar	115	D	2011-12
Peter Johnston	101*	C2	2011-12
Eknoor Singh	112*	U/14	2011-12
Navin Enjeti	111*	C	2012-13
Nick Horgan	104	D	2012-13
David Posner	122*	D	2012-13
J. Whitfield-Horesh	177	U/16	2012-13
J. Whitfield-Horesh	103*	U/16	2012-13
Krishuna Logendran	159	C2	2012-13
Krishuna Logendran	105*	C2	2012-13
Lindsay Corbett	156	B2	2012-13
Lindsay Corbett	101	B2	2012-13
Peter Johnston	104*	C2	2012-13
Lachlan Skulander	176	B	2012-13
Mathew Corish	174	U/16	2012-13
Mathew Corish	108*	U/16	2012-13
Travis Loxton	130*	U/16	2012-13
Vidushka Vithange	100*	U/15	2012-13
Taylor Davies	116	C2	2012-13
Eknoor Singh	200*	U/15	2012-13
Anthony Johnston	103*	U/16	2013-14
Anthony Johnston	101*	U/16	2013-14
Chris Smith	146	C2	2013-14
Hamish Fullagar	104	C2	2013-14
Jack Hammond	137*	C2	2013-14
David Posner	134	D2	2013-14
David Posner	101	D2	2013-14
Chris Jones	129	C2	2013-14
Travis Loxton	123*	B	2013-14
Travis Loxton	102*	U/16	2013-14
Lindsay Corbett	109	B	2013-14
Mathew Corish	102	B	2013-14
Brad Stockwell	132*	U/14	2013-14
Brad Stockwell	112	U/14	2013-14

Name	Score	Grade	Season
Nick Horgan	103	D2	2013-14
John Bosco	112*	D	2013-14
Jack Reed	137	C4	2014-15
Jack Reed	146	C4	2014-15
Jack Reed	100	C2	2014-15
Joshua Hayes	102	C3	2014-15
Joshua Hayes	100*	U/15	2014-15
Peter Rickards	103*	C4	2014-15
John Herdman	130	A2	2014-15
Mitchell Fullagar	128	A2	2014-15
Ronan Shiels	101*	U/15	2014-15
Calem Lukeman	101	C2	2015-16
Ronan Shiels	100*	U/15	2015-16
Ronan Shiels	100*	U/15	2015-16
Ronan Shiels	129*	U/15	2015-16
Jack Reed	144	C2	2015-16
Rajiv Chandrasena	107	A	2015-16
Jordan Hayes	101*	U/15	2015-16
Jordan Hayes	100*	U/15	2015-16
Josh Hayes	158*	C2	2015-16
Stephen Fearnside	110*	C3	2015-16
Hamish Fullagar	110	A	2015-16
Craig Woods	104	C3	2015-16
Bryan Massey	114	C3	2015-16
Charlie Johnston	101*	U/16	2016-17
Charlie Johnston	120	C2	2016-17
Ronan Shiels	100*	U/15	2016-17
Wayne Slawski	131	C2	2016-17
Peter Johnston	166	C	2016-17
Josh Duncan	124	A2	2016-17
Ian Hawkins	111	C2	2016-17
David Lough	107	C2	2016-17
Mitchell Fullagar	140*	A	2017-18
Simranjeet Singh	115	B2	2017-18
Nathan Sequeira	115	C	2017-18
Ed Knowles	106*	C3	2017-18
Craig Woods	104*	C	2017-18
Christopher Habib	102*	C	2017-18
Rajiv Chandrasena	102	T20 - 2	2018-19
Michael Devitt	113	A2	2019-20
Michael Devitt	102*	T20 - 1	2019-20
Luke Colquhoun	100*	A2	2019-20
Michael Devitt	119*	A2	2020-21
Wayne Slawski	115	B	2020-21
Karthik Ramesh	114*	B	2020-21
Craig Woods	105*	C3	2020-21
Michael Devitt	100	A2	2020-21
Luke Colquhoun	105*	B	2022-23
Cameron Griffin	143	A2	2023-24
Luke Ahern	102	C2	2023-24
Nicholas Hammond	115*	A	2024-25
Peter Bradey	116	B2	2024-25
Harry Brown	100*	U15	2024-25
Thomas Westgarth	100*	U15	2024-25
Thomas Westgarth	101*	U15	2025-26
Ian D'souza	118*	C2	2025-26
Will McCarroll	169	A	2025-26
Paul Bickerstaff	118	B2	2025-26

- These records are based on available data and may be slightly incomplete, particularly in relation to the early years of the Club. If anyone has any verifiable information about additional centuries scored by Normanhurst CC players (or 7+ wickets in an innings – see page 90), please contact the Club and our officials will be happy to update the historical records.

Wal Braunack Trophy (Fielding Award)

Awarded for outstanding fielding in Seniors cricket

Donated by the Braunack family in 1977-78, and features the match ball from the 1926-27 A Grade final won by Normanhurst Cricket Club

Season	Winner
1977-1978	C. Dodd
1978-1979	R. McGinnity
1979-1980	Graham Skulander
1980-1981	Graham Skulander
1981-1982	Mark Fullagar
1982-1983	Graham Skulander
1987-1988	Bill Lezes
1991-1992	Ian Hawkins
1992-1993	Ben Norris
1993-1994	Luke Chapman
1994-1995	James Fulton
1995-1996	Ian Hawkins
1996-1997	Andrew Fulton
1997-1998	Adam Whitlock & Philip Renfrey
1998-1999	Nathan Wood
1999-2000	Mitchell Magrath
2000-2001	Rob Aldersley
2001-2002	Graham Skulander
2002-2003	Dirk Driberg
2003-2004	Nishad Kulkarni
2004-2005	Rob Magrath
2005-2006	Nishad Kulkarni
2006-2007	Rob Magrath
2007-2008	Brett Turpin
2008-2009	Michael Devitt
2009-2010	Mike Griffin
2010-2011	Tim Acheson
2011-2012	Lindsay Corbett
2012-2013	Sandeep Sharma
2013-2014	Michael Devitt
2014-2015	Tom Foreman
2015-2016	Matthew Gore
2016-2017	Wayne Slawski
2017-2018	Naish Somaiya
2018-2019	Jordan Fullagar
2019-2020	Ankit Desai
2020-2021	Daniel Habib
2021-2022	Patrick Clarke
2022-2023	Harry Hegarty
2023-2024	Max McKern
2024-2025	Geerthan Kumaran
2025-2026	Will McCarroll



Team of the Year Trophy

Donated in 2000-01 by Bruce Wood, Club President

Season	Winner
2000-2001	U13 Slater - Undefeated Premiers
2001-2002	U10 Martyn - Finalists
2002-2003	C Grade - Finalists
2003-2004	U13 Gilchrist - Undefeated Premiers
2004-2005	U11 MacGill - Undefeated Premiers
2005-2006	A Grade - Finalists
2006-2007	U16 Red - Premiers
2007-2008	A Grade – Minor Premiers
2008-2009	U11 - Premiers
2009-2010	U12 – Undefeated Premiers
2010-2011	U14 Red – Undefeated Premiers
2011-2012	U14 – Undefeated Joint Premiers
2012-2013	U16 Black - Premiers
2013-2014	U16 T20 – State Champions
2014-2015	Kookaburra Cup – Minor Premiers
2015-2016	C3 - Undefeated Premiers
2016-2017	U16 - Undefeated Premiers
2017-2018	B Reserve Grade - Premiers
2018-2019	B Grade – Semi-Finalists
2019-2020	U13 Girls - Premiers
2020-2021	U13 Girls – Premiers
2021-2022	C Grade - Premiers
2022-2023	U14 – Premiers
2023-2024	A2 Premiers
2024-2025	U12 Black – Semi Finalists
2025-2026	U17 – Preliminary Finalists



2nd Row: Neil Cullen (Manager), Andrew Newton, Tim Piper, Chris Vilimua (VC), Jeffrey Cullen, Alex Kobler (C), Bruce Wood (Coach)
 1st Row: Nathan Roberts, Nathan Wood, Andy Ip, Shan Yahanpoth, Rangai Oberai, Sonny Sam
 Absent: Xavier Douas

Undefeated Premiers 2000-2001

Under 13 Slater

First 'Team of the Year' award – U/13 Slater premiership team in 2000-01

SENIOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Season	Winner	Runner Up	Season	Winner	Runner Up
1977-78	Karen Price		2002-03	Ben Norris	
1978-79	S. Russell		2003-04	Anthony Maxworthy	Simon Laveau
1979-80	B. Searles		2004-05	Brett Turpin	Ken Tham
1980-81	B. Searles		2005-06	Ken Tham	Damian Dell'Aquila
1981-82	W. Barnes		2006-07	Brennen Smart	Mitch Magrath
1982-83	B. Searles		2007-08	Brett Turpin	Amran Sinah
1983-84	R. Laidlaw		2008-09	John Herdman	Raul Tamararasan
1984-85	Tim Norris		2009-10	Navin Enjeti	Ben Phillips
1985-86	Carl Salt		2010-11	Cameron Griffin	Abishek Rao
1986-87	Robert Truscott		2011-12	Abishek Rao	Tom Dempsey
1987-88	Scott Lindsay		2012-13	Brett Turpin	
1988-89	Robert Truscott		2013-14	David Posener	Joshua Hayes
1989-90	Todd Chapman		2014-15	Jack Reed	Mitchell Fullagar
1990-91	David Cleland		2015-16	Hamish Fullagar	Jack Reed
1991-92	Ben Norris		2016-17	Hamish Fullagar	Luke Colquhoun
1992-93	David Cleland		2017-18	Tejas Padsala	Mitchell Fullagar
1993-94	Craig Lang		2018-19	Jordan Hayes	Craig Woods
1994-95	Steve Drew		2019-20	Michael Devitt	Craig Woods
1995-96	Ben Norris		2020-21	Lachlan Bailey	Michael Devitt
1996-97	Ben Norris		2021-22	Stephen Fearnside	Craig Woods
1997-98	Chris Hogan		2022-23	Jordan Hayes	Craig Woods
1998-99	Chris Hogan		2023-24	Aaron Kerr	Jordan Hayes
1999-00	Andrew Burns	Frank Lemckert	2024-25	Jordan Hayes	Nick Hammond
2000-01	Rob Magrath	Greg Ford	2025-26	Will McCarroll	Simon Lawry
2001-02	Chris Hawkins				



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JUNIOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Season	Winner	Runner Up	Season	Winner	Runner Up
1982-83	C. Podmore		2004-05	Chris Aldersley	Tom Cole
1983-84	T. Greentree		2005-06	Steve Smith	
1984-85	T. Greentree		2006-07	Lachlan Ford	Tom Foreman
1985-86	M. Lowe		2007-08	Lachlan Skulander	Lachlan Ford
1986-87	M. Southall		2008-09	Lachlan Ford	Taylor Davies
1987-88	Daniel Arias		2009-10	Ben Phillips	Nathan Tanner
1988-89	L. Chapman		2010-11	Joshua Hayes	Rajiv Chandrasena
1989-90	Tim Lowe		2011-12	Eknoor Singh	Matthew Corish
1990-91	B. Twining		2012-13	Jourdon Whitfield-Horesh	Eknoor Singh
1991-92	P. Adams		2013-14	Brad Stockwell	Joshua Hayes
1992-93	P. Adams		2014-15	Nick Hammond	Tim Reynolds
1993-94	Mark Boyd		2015-16	Jordan Hayes	Ronan Shiels
1994-95	Gareth Hutchens		2016-17	Jordan Hayes	Charles Johnston
1995-96	Luke Mashman		2017-18	Henry Gross	Hugo Di Veroli
1996-97	Rob Magrath		2018-19	Henry Gross	Hamish Reynolds
1997-98	Nishad Kulkarni	Andrew Newton	2019-20	Kirby Mulligan	Patrick Kilkelly
1998-99	Jeffrey Culleton	Nathan Wood	2020-21	Frank Currie	Keshav Krishnan
1999-00	Matthew Gordon	Andrew Newton	2021-22	Henry Brown	Joshua Elliott
2000-01	Nishad Kulkarni	Nathan Wood	2022-23	Henry Brown	Archie Hill
2001-02	Chris Aldersley		2023-24	Thomas Westgarth	Tyler Ware
2002-03	Timm van der Gugten		2024-25	Thomas Westgarth	Reef Seymour-Weber
2003-04	Timm van der Gugten	Christy Doran	2025-26	Reef Seymour-Weber	Daniel Hopkin



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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to the player, coach, manager or Club official who has best displayed the ideals of Normanhurst CC

Donated by Graham Swan, Club President

Season	Winner
1990-1991	Tim Lowe
1991-1992	Murray Rowe
1992-1993	Justin Leon
1993-1994	Michael Hewett
1994-1995	Ben Norris
1995-1996	Tim Norris
1996-1997	Brad Dersch
1997-1998	John Sowden
1998-1999	Adam Whitlock
1999-2000	Andrew Thomson
2000-2001	Neil Culleton
2001-2002	Andrew Flarey
2002-2003	John Kerr
2003-2004	Jaye Waldegrave
2004-2005	Cameron Riddett
2005-2006	Cameron Riddett
2006-2007	John Corish
2007-2008	Rod Seymour
2008-2009	Sue Haertsch
2009-2010	John Acheson
2010-2011	Matthew Pendleton
2011-2012	Raja Mohan
2012-2013	Lindsay Corbett
2013-2014	Tim Acheson & Mitchell Fullagar
2014-2015	Andrew Stead
2015-2016	Will Johnston
2016-2017	Phillip Hayes
2017-2018	Craig Woods & Hamish Fullagar
2018-2019	Sharmila Krishnan
2019-2020	Tejas Padsala
2020-2021	Andrew Brown & Harini Karthikayan
2021-2022	Andrew Watson
2022-2023	Justin Gross
2023-2024	Ritesh Nair
2024-2025	Will McCarroll
2025-2026	Craig Woods



Paul Bickerstaff, Craig Woods, Steve Waugh AO



THE SWAN FAMILY TROPHY	
Awarded to the most improved school-age cricketer	
Donated by Graham Swan, Club President	
Season	Winner
1991-1992	Matthew Young
1992-1993	Tom Hewitt
1993-1994	James Fulton
1994-1995	Gareth Hutchens
1995-1996	Luke Mashman
1996-1997	Robert Williams
1997-1998	Nic Smith
1998-1999	Rocco Giaquinto
1999-2000	Tim Piper
2000-2001	Kevin Brown
2001-2002	Ben Lodewijks
2002-2003	David Hodge
2003-2004	Christy Doran
2004-2005	James Zheng
2005-2006	Chris Petrie
2006-2007	Cameron Allen
2007-2008	Lindsay Haertsch
2008-2009	Chris Smith
2009-2010	Tim Acheson
2010-2011	Matt Hammond
2011-2012	Justin Hardy
2012-2013	Sahil Sharma
2013-2014	Jordan Hayes
2014-2015	Joshua Stead
2015-2016	Robert Murdoch
2016-2017	Will McCarroll
2017-2018	Matthew Fitzpatrick
2018-2019	Samuel Brown
2019-2020	Frank Currie
2020-2021	Henry Brown
2021-2022	Thomas Westgarth
2022-2023	Cameron Nair
2023-2024	Harry Croft
2024-2025	Oliver Greer
2025-2026	Blake Hiley



Austin Waugh, Blake Hiley, Steve Waugh AO

Golden Gloves Wicket-Keeping Trophy

Awarded to the Senior W-K with most dismissals.

Donated in 2003-2004 by the Skulander family.

Season	Winner
2003-2004	Murray Rowe
2004-2005	Akshay Parthasartay
2005-2006	John Kerr
2006-2007	Steve Smith
2007-2008	Guy Seymour
2008-2009	Patrick Muldrew
2009-2010	Navin Enjeti
2010-2011	Alex Martyn
2011-2012	Parag Powani
2012-2013	Lachlan Skulander
2013-2014	Nick Horgan
2014-2015	Nick Horgan
2015-2016	Hamish Fullagar
2016-2017	Hamish Fullagar
2017-2018	Tejas Padsala
2018-2019	Hamish Fullagar
2019-2020	Tejas Padsala
2020-2021	Tejas Padsala
2021-2022	Craig Woods
2022-2023	Ben Katz
2023-2024	Rob Jones
2024-2025	Rob Jones
2025-2026	Rob Jones



Karen Price Trophy

Outstanding performance in competitive girls' cricket

Season	Winner
2000-2001	Sandra Allport
2001-2002	Hannah Walters
2002-2003	Louise Maher
2018-2019	Cassidy McArthur
2019-2020	Matilda Brown
2020-2021	Evie Choudhary
2022-2023	Elyssa Bolger
2023-2024	Elyssa Bolger
2024-2025	Elyssa Bolger
2025-2026	Samaira Gokani



Rob Aldersley Memorial Trophy

For outstanding concurrent service to Normanhurst CC Junior & Senior teams.

Donated by Mrs. Calypso Aldersley in 2003-04, in memory of her son Rob (1986 - 2003).

Season	Winner
2003-2004	Michael Gorrie
2004-2005	Harry Morton
2005-2006	Matt Pendleton
2006-2007	Jason Maxworthy
2008-2009	Cameron Allen
2009-2010	Sam Hogan
2010-2011	Rajiv Chandrasena
2011-2012	Chris Smith
2012-2013	Ben Wallwood
2013-2014	Joshua Hayes
2014-2015	Joshua Hayes
2015-2016	Charles Johnston
2016-2017	Nicholas Hammond
2017-2018	Fullagar Family
2018-2019	Ben Woods
2019-2020	Will McCarroll & Ben Woods
2020-2021	Will McCarroll & Ben Woods
2021-2022	Henry Gross
2022-2023	Will Bickerstaff & Liam Bradey
2023-2024	Liam Bradey
2024-2025	Ethan Goodman
2025-2026	Louie McCarroll & Tyler Ware



Bruce Wood OAM, Louie McCarroll, Tyler Ware, Steve Waugh AO

T20 Player of the Year Trophy

Senior perpetual trophy donated by Mike Griffin, Club President, in 2010-11 in recognition of the emergence and popularity of this format of the game.

Season	Senior	Junior
2010-2011	Steve Smith	Mitch Fullagar
2011-2012	Matt Nelson	Chris Bourke
2012-2013	Lindsay Corbett	Matthew Corish
2013-2014	Lindsay Corbett	Jack Hammond
2014-2015	Rajiv Chandrasena	Tim Reynolds
2015-2016	<i>not presented</i>	<i>not presented</i>
2016-2017	Rishabh Sinha	<i>not presented</i>
2017-2018	<i>not presented</i>	<i>not presented</i>
2018-2019	Rajiv Chandrasena	<i>not presented</i>
2019-2020	Owen Rajayogan	<i>not presented</i>
2020-2021	<i>not presented</i>	<i>not presented</i>
2021-2022	<i>not presented</i>	<i>not presented</i>
2022-2023	Hugo DiVeroli	<i>not presented</i>
2023-2024	Craig Woods	<i>not presented</i>
2024-2025	Jordan Hayes	<i>not presented</i>
2025-2026	Aaron Kerr	<i>not presented</i>



Max Allen Memorial Shield

Awarded for outstanding sportsmanship to a member of the oldest school-age team

Season	Winner
1983-1984	Jonathon Keeffe
1984-1985	Paul Campbell
1985-1986	Stephen Coad
1986-1987	Stephen Coad
1987-1988	Peter Coad
1988-1989	Peter Coad
1989-1990	David Cleland
1990-1991	Peter Khamis
1991-1992	Brad Dersch
1992-1993	Simon Gill
1993-1994	Michael Rockliff
1994-1995	Danesh Kadwa
1995-1996	Michael Hall
1996-1997	Gareth Hutchens
1997-1998	Michael Coggins
1998-1999	Michael Coggins
1999-2000	Tim Sowden
2000-2001	Andrew Doherty
2001-2002	Terrance Sparkes
2002-2003	Nishad Kulkarni
2003-2004	Harry Morton
2004-2005	David Hodge
2005-2006	Rob Waight
2006-2007	Pat Ferrara
2008-2009	Lachlan Ford
2009-2010	Liam Willis
2010-2011	Chris Bourke
2011-2012	Thomas Xavier
2012-2013	Hamish Fullagar
2013-2014	Anthony Johnston
2014-2015	Arvind Kumar
2015-2016	Sahil Sharma
2016-2017	Jackson Gaskell
2017-2018	<i>not presented</i>
2018-2019	Lachlan Bailey
2019-2020	Cameron McLagan
2020-2021	Christopher Duff
2021-2022	Lachlan Allchin
2022-2023	Aayush Parikh
2023-2024	Oliver Greer
2024-2025	Logan Ross
2025-2026	Cameron Nair



Cameron Nair, Steve Waugh AO

7+ wickets in innings			
Name	Figures	Grade	Season
Simon Laveau	9/21	A2	2003-2004
David Wilson	9/35	C	1993-1994
Jason Spooner	9/57	C	2001-2002
Lachlan Ford	8/4	U/16	2008-2009
Alan St. Clair	8/13	A	1969-1970
Jack Reed	8/13	C2	2015-2016
Clarrie V. Duffy	8/18	A	1926-1927
Andrew Maxwell	8/22	C2	1978-1979
Bill Kemsley	8/27	A	1968-1969
Paddy McDermott	8/29	C	1992-1993
Bill Kemsley	8/35	A	1966-1967
Bruce Murray	8/46	A	1967-1968
Richard Jones	8/47	A	1975-1976
Matt Salisbury	8/57	C	2006-2007
Tim Kerrigan	8/58	B2	1990-1991
Ben Norris	8/62	A2	2002-2003
Andrew Watson	8/64	C2	2025-2026
Karen Price	8/66	B	1978-1979
S. Bragg	8/68	D2	1986-1987
Brett Turpin	8/91	B	2007-2008
Jason Spooner	7/16	C	2001-2002
Simon Boland	7/16	C	2001-2002
Tim Corish	7/16	U/15	2006-2007
Ben Lodewijcs	7/20	U/15	2001-2002
Tim Acheson	7/20	A2	2013-2014
Aaron Kerr	7/21	A2	2023-2024
Rocco Giaquinto	7/24	D	2002-2003
Chris White	7/24	D	2005-2006
John Green	7/29	C3	2008-2009
Malcolm Barnes	7/36	C2	1979-1980
John Acheson	7/38	D	2006-2007
Owen Rajayogan	7/38	B	2018-2019
F. Richards	7/50	A	1959-1960
Ben Norris	7/50	C	1991-1992
Simon Riddett	7/50	C2	2007-2008
Andrew Flarey	7/51	C2	2000-2001
Brett Salisbury	7/51	C3	2001-2002
Ben Norris	7/51	A2	2002-2003
David Croft	7/56	A	2005-2006
John Roseby	7/58	B	1977-1978
Ben Norris	7/64	A	1995-1996
Lincoln Skerritt	7/64	A2	1995-1996
Cam Riddett	7/67	B2	2003-2004
Cam Riddett	7/72	C3	2001-2002
Luke Colquhoun	7/78	C	2016-2017
Brad Massey	7/84	B2	1990-1991
Neil Jeremiah	7/94	B2	2013-2014

Hat-tricks			
Name	Figures	Grade	Season
Ian Hawkins	2 + 1	A2	1995-1996
Chris Hogan	6/43	B	1998-1999
Tim Piper	4/9	U/12	1999-2000
Matt Whalley	6/32	D2	2000-2001
Rob Magrath	6/7	D2	2000-2001
Tim Mitchell	5/14	U/10	2000-2001
Simon Boland	7/16	C	2001-2002
Nishad Kulkarni	5/21	U/16	2002-2003
Joel Carter	3/19	U/14	2002-2003
Simon Krisenthal	3/11	U/12	2003-2004
Chris Aldersley	4/5	U/14	2004-2005
Dirk Drieberg	4/40	D	2004-2005
Calum Waldegrave	4/16	D	2004-2005
Jason Higgins	5/14	D2	2004-2005
David Williamson	4/14	D	2005-2006
Hamish Fullagar	3/2	U/10	2006-2007
Mitchell McMahan	3/14	U/10	2007-2008
Anthony Johnston	4/6	U/10	2007-2008
Tim Acheson	4/15	U/14	2007-2008
Josiah Binet	4/7	U/11	2007-2008
Naish Somaiya	3/19	B	2007-2008
James Austin	3/9	U/13	2007-2008
Rocco Giaquinto	6/28	A	2007-2008
Lachlan Ford	8/4	U/16	2008-2009
Manish Jindal	4/10	C3	2009-2010
Krishna Logendran	3/12	U/14	2009-2010
Krishna Logendran	5/4	U/14	2009-2010
Karl Davies	3/14	C	2009-2010
Hugh Harrington	3/0	U/11	2009-2010
Matt Corish	3/11	U/13	2009-2010
Josh Marshall	4/10	U/14	2010-2011
Tom Williamson	5/10	A	2010-2011
Matt Hammond	3/6	U/12	2010-2011
Abhishek Rao	5/5	C2	2010-2011
Ben Jones	5/14	U/15	2011-2012
Varun Mohankumar	4/4	D	2011-2012
Justin Donnelly	3/18	C3	2011-2012
Michael Douglas	6/38	A2	2014-2015
Peter Dempsey	3/25	C3	2015-2016
Ollie Fearnside	4/14	C3	2023-2024
Reon Rebello	3/28	C2	2023-2024
Thomas Barnes	4/25	C2	2025-2026



SOMAIYA / ACHESON SHIELD			
Record of 5 & 6 wickets in an innings since 2020-21			
Name	Figures	Grade	Season
Lachlan Bailey	5/21	C3	2020-2021
Lachlan Bailey	6/36	C3	2020-2021
Lachlan Bailey	6/18	C3	2020-2021
Lachlan Bailey	5/64	C3	2020-2021
Henry Gross	5/8	C3	2020-2021
Andrew Watson	5/36	B	2020-2021
Martin Day	5/33	B	2020-2021
Tim Acheson	6/16	B	2021-2022
Henry Gross	5/18	C4	2021-2022
Tim Acheson	5/23	B	2022-2023
Kirby Mulligan	5/31	D	2022-2023
Aaron Kerr	5/39	B	2022-2023
Scott Lloyd-Owen	5/48	B	2022-2023
Hamish Liney	5/36	C	2022-2023
Reon Rebello	5/40	D	2022-2023
Andrew Watson	5/23	D	2022-2023
Sahil Kumar	6/6	B2	2023-2024
Gabriel Soalheiro	5/14	C3	2023-2024
Elliot Kerr	5/16	A2	2023-2024
Aahaan Mahtha	5/21	C3	2023-2024
Josh Hegarty	5/24	A2	2023-2024
Sam Hogan	5/37	A2	2023-2024
Austin McMurrough	5/11	C	2024-2025
Liam Bradey	6/39	B2	2024-2025
Will Walters	5/27	B2	2025-2026
Simon Lawry	5/39	C2	2025-2026
Sahil Kumar	5/7	B2	2025-2026
Tom Barnes	5/33	C2	2025-2026



10+ wickets in a match			
Name	Figures	Grade	Season
Bill Kemsley	13/73	A	1966-1967
Clarrie V. Duffy	13/110	A	1926-1927
Paddy McDermott	12/56	C	1992-1993
G. Chapman	12/65	C	1986-1987
Ben Norris	12/83	A	1995-1996
Clarrie V. Duffy	12/86	A	1926-1927
Lincoln Sherritt	12/111	A2	1995-1996
Ben Norris	12/117 (8/62 & 4/55)	A2	2002-2003
Aaron Kerr	11/52 (7/21 & 4/31)	A2	2023-2024
Jason Spooner	11/69 (9/57 & 2/12)	C	2001-2002
Lachlan Bailey	11/82 (6/18 & 5/64)	C3	2020-2021
Rocco Giaquinto	10/58 (7/24 & 3/34)	D	2002-2003
John Acheson	10/85 (7/38 & 3/47)	D	2006-2007



MOST SUCCESSFUL NORMANHURST CC BATTERS SINCE 2008

Player	Matches	Innings	NO	Aggregate	Average	HS	50s	100s	Ducks	4s
Hayes, Jordan	234	221	35	5548	29.83	101	34	3	9	547
Chandrasena, Rajiv	179	169	18	4598	30.45	198	29	4	9	421
Hayes, Joshua	150	140	31	4519	41.46	158	33	3	12	438
Devitt, Michael	186	187	12	4253	24.30	171	18	5	16	359
Woods, Craig	146	139	22	4233	36.18	160	18	5	7	559
Fullagar, Mitch	157	150	17	3426	25.76	140	16	3	18	298
Fullagar, Hamish	151	146	12	3265	24.37	110	20	2	15	362
Hammond, Nicholas	108	101	38	2981	47.32	115	22	1	8	272
Herdman, John	114	109	12	2826	29.13	220	15	4	14	180
Johnston, Peter	119	107	10	2780	28.66	166	14	3	6	269
McCarroll, Will	145	129	23	2634	24.85	169	12	1	5	246
Xavier, Thomas	136	125	16	2564	23.52	95	16	0	7	134
Hogan, Sam	194	167	30	2543	18.56	115	12	1	28	204
Wallwood, Ben	117	117	18	2459	24.84	98	19	0	9	200
Colquhoun, Luke	85	83	11	2351	32.65	105	16	2	6	250
Slawski, Wayne	96	94	5	2348	26.38	131	14	2	5	321
Rajayogan, Owen	241	202	34	2333	13.89	88	5	0	24	153
Johnston, Anthony	104	93	25	2277	33.49	103	15	2	11	170
Johnston, Charlie	120	108	22	2191	25.48	120	7	2	11	198
Shiels, Ronan	70	67	16	2116	41.49	129	10	5	2	239
Corish, Matthew	70	66	16	2080	41.60	174	15	3	7	120
Enjeti, Navin	73	70	25	2027	45.04	136	7	5	2	125
Corbett, Lindsay	65	65	3	1991	32.11	156	9	4	9	190
Posener, David	74	78	5	1906	26.11	134	6	3	6	135
Smith, Chris	102	91	19	1834	25.47	146	11	1	9	117
Allen, Cameron	168	133	38	1818	19.14	90	7	0	9	107
Davies, Taylor	101	87	15	1760	24.44	116	9	1	9	71
Fullagar, Jordan	94	83	23	1749	29.15	76	9	0	10	138
Padsala, Tejas	83	72	14	1737	29.95	87	14	0	4	201
Turpin, Brett	72	74	7	1715	25.60	103	8	2	6	80
Fitzpatrick, Matt	118	106	35	1700	23.94	61	4	0	8	195
Singh, Eknoor	59	50	13	1685	45.54	200	12	2	4	74
Muldrew, Pat	117	103	9	1661	17.67	86	9	0	16	124
Johnston, Will	83	86	15	1659	23.37	73	8	0	7	117
Massey, Bryan	106	95	4	1628	17.89	114	7	1	12	148
Griffin, Cameron	96	92	7	1627	19.14	143	5	3	14	102
Dempsey, Tom	43	45	4	1554	37.90	146	4	4	1	70
Powani, Parag	76	72	4	1534	22.56	90	9	0	8	89
Horgan, Nick	79	70	12	1518	26.17	104	6	2	6	97
Stockwell, Brad	59	46	12	1491	43.85	132	8	2	2	104
Sharma, Sandeep	67	64	6	1480	25.52	105	6	1	2	98
Phillips, Ben	42	35	5	1419	47.30	152	5	5	2	19
Bourke, Chris	83	80	12	1418	20.85	84	7	0	4	49

MOST SUCCESSFUL NORMANHURST CC BOWLERS SINCE 2008

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Average	Best figures	Strike rate	Economy
Acheson, Tim	213	1426.8	279	307	14.44	7/20	27.89	3.11
Somaiya, Naish	163	1380.5	321	260	16.26	6/36	31.86	3.06
Davidson, Mitch	155	1230.3	203	219	18.58	5/21	33.71	3.31
Watson, Andrew	215	1117.0	166	217	19.91	8/64	30.88	3.87
Lloyd-Owen, Scott	142	1271.8	284	201	18.43	5/33	37.97	2.91
Hogan, Sam	194	1012.3	190	192	17.97	5/37	31.64	3.41
Rajayogan, Owen	241	1022.5	121	185	19.61	7/38	33.16	3.55
Donnelly, Justin	112	992.2	227	184	14.86	5/8	32.35	2.76
Hayes, Jordan	234	959.2	165	177	17.36	5/15	32.51	3.20
Xavier, Thomas	136	797.5	127	167	16.53	6/42	28.65	3.46
Maxworthy, Jason	126	756.8	105	160	18.33	6/13	28.38	3.88
Allen, Cameron	168	789.5	98	142	21.62	5/30	33.36	3.89
Hayes, Joshua	150	569.2	132	142	10.39	6/19	24.05	2.59
Laidlaw, Conor	118	668.5	149	137	13.95	5/9	29.28	2.86
Fullagar, Mitchell	157	694.5	112	134	17.27	6/27	31.10	3.33
Norris, David	87	700.0	134	134	17.48	6/31	31.34	3.35
Kerr, Aaron	73	552.7	120	131	13.25	7/21	25.31	3.14
Johnston, Charlie	120	495.2	75	125	13.26	6/16	23.77	3.35
Boland, Simon	91	731.0	166	121	16.69	6/22	36.25	2.76
Jeremiah, Neil	77	662.8	86	118	22.24	7/94	33.70	3.96
Turpin, Brett	72	599.3	73	115	19.38	6/8	31.27	3.72
Kumar, Sahil	139	686.5	104	113	20.92	6/6	36.45	3.44
Posener, David	74	656.5	140	110	16.14	5/18	35.81	2.70
Kerr, Elliot	76	475.0	80	99	16.74	5/16	28.79	3.49
Khanna, Rishabh	101	536.2	93	95	19.59	5/16	33.86	3.47
Davies, Karl	73	451.0	92	94	15.96	6/2	28.79	3.33
Knowles, Ed	180	600.7	74	94	27.67	4/3	38.34	4.33
Sheorayan, Aditya	152	768.2	135	92	30.42	4/27	50.10	3.64
Foreman, Tom	96	686.7	135	90	24.40	4/27	45.78	3.20
Bradey, Liam	101	377.2	55	86	13.57	6/30	26.31	3.09
Sinha, Amran	84	432.0	54	85	17.81	5/27	30.49	3.50
Riddett, Cameron	88	325.8	77	84	11.60	5/6	23.27	2.99
Fullagar, Nick	75	422.2	72	82	17.82	5/17	30.89	3.46
Sylvester, Luke	106	401.3	79	81	17.12	4/16	29.73	3.46
Thomson, Jeff	84	553.0	78	81	26.02	5/65	40.96	3.81
Gross, Henry	78	320.0	73	80	9.51	5/8	24.00	2.38
O'Connor, Matthew	58	521.2	93	80	21.23	5/28	39.09	3.26
Douglas, Michael	38	362.7	56	79	14.95	6/38	27.54	3.26
Rao, Abhishek	46	376.8	67	78	14.13	5/5	28.99	2.92
Salisbury, Matt	50	378.2	51	77	17.42	5/22	29.47	3.55
Ferrara, Patrick	51	456.8	80	76	20.51	6/31	36.07	3.41
Westcott, Edward	79	303.3	56	76	10.63	4/15	23.95	2.66
Bastoli, Andrew	62	478.5	70	75	20.81	6/15	38.28	3.26

SENIORS REPORT ON 2025-26 SEASON

The 2025-26 seniors season represented a special one, being the Centenary season. As one of the founding clubs for the association, Normanhurst CC was once again returning to the seniors arena, fielding three sides in A Grade, B2s and C2s, as well as the Cricket NSW Community Cup for a third consecutive season. All teams were competitive and played with passion and true cricket spirit. The season started with a Centenary 'Hundred' match. Mate vs mate, looking to gain bragging rights. Team Vicway (captain – Jordan Hayes) def. Craig Woods' side.

A Grade

After a long-awaited return to A Grade last season, the boys returned to where it all started a century ago, looking to replicate the result from all those years ago. Our young squad learnt a few A Grade lessons last year and were keen to improve in 2025-26. We faced a tough challenge first up, Berowra, and the boys gave it a serious crack, however the former Premiers' experience prevailed. Our team then went winless through the next 4 rounds and were looking down the barrel of another wooden spoon. However, that all was about to change, spurred on by what can only be defined as one of the more telling rain delays, the boys gathered around in the Parklands change room and bonded. This resulted in the first win for the season, the week after against Hornsby, winning in the final over. This sparked a good run of form with wins in the Community Cup and a tight win against Kissing Point. But the biggest upset was yet to come with the boys getting the win against last year's champions, West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook, on a tricky Kenthurst wicket. The boys gave Berowra a serious challenge but ultimately were outplayed by the eventual champions. With finals requiring a big win in Round 13 against St Ives, up stepped Will McCarroll, whose incredible 169 runs off 150 balls shattered the St Ives bowling attack and put Normo in the box seat. St Ives in reply were gritty, batting their way through the second day and salvaging a draw, ultimately ending our A Grade finals chances.

A few mentions should go to the following: Will McCarroll who finished as the third leading batter in the comp with 411 runs with an average of 34.25, including 3 x 50's and a century. Will also cleaned up in the awards, taking out top batter, and fielder for the Club. Elliot Kerr, who led Normo's bowling this year and finished 9th in the comp with 21 wickets at an average of 22.95. Aaron Kerr, who had 366 runs and 13 wickets. The boys should keep their heads held high. As a team, they improved as the season went on, with a lot of positives to take into next season.

B2 Grade

The B2 boys came into the season hungry for success after the previous season ended winless. The squad was injected with some new blood and mixed with experience and multiple Club legends, the season looked bright. But the first win continued to elude the group, going winless in their first 4 games, whilst staying competitive and in the contest throughout. However, the drought would be broken with a tight victory against Hornsby, spurred by strong performances by Will Waters, Ash Tonnet and Wayne Slawski. This victory would kick-start the boys' season, and after the Christmas break, the boys were the team to beat, going undefeated.

Standout performances included Paul Bickerstaff with a classy 118 against Sydney Lions, and Sahil Kumar's destruction of Hornsby's top order; taking 5/7. This strong finish to the season meant they were the only Normo side to make the finals, facing Hornsby *Green* in the semis. Normo won the toss and sent Hornsby into bat, taking early wickets before getting into the arm wrestle. Consistent wickets throughout the innings restricted Hornsby to 9/104 dec. In reply, Normo faced an uphill battle, losing 5 early wickets. Woodsy and Charles attempted to settle things down, however Normo was all out for 70. In the second innings, Normo put serious pressure on the Hornsby side, so much so that two of their batters (including their captain) refused to 'face the music' and were timed out! Requiring 196 in 20 overs, Normo gave it their very best right till the end, ultimately coming up 34 runs short of what would've been a win for the ages. So many positives to take from the season.

C2 Grade

C2's brought a level of excitement and intrigue, as the team welcomed back some experienced past players. Nicknamed "Dad's Army", the team welcomed a host of players returning to cricket after years out of the game. The 'Army' found their straps early, winning 3 out of their first 5 games. Unfortunately, a couple of narrow defeats in the back half of the season saw any chance of the C2's making the finals disappear. Numerous juniors made their senior debuts this year, such as Louie McCarroll and Tyler Ware, who were joint winners of the Rob Aldersley Memorial Trophy. Not making the finals did not detract from some wonderful individual performances, including Tom Barnes with a hat-trick against Kissing Point, and a 5 wicket haul against Sydney Lions. Andrew 'Watto' Watson (pictured) with an amazing 8/64 against Kenthurst, the eventual competition winners. Ian D'souza scored an excellent 118 against Beecroft. Skipper, Simon Lawry, scored 438 runs with five fifties and took a 5-wicket haul. Bring on 2026-27.



NSW Community Cup

For the third consecutive year, Normanhurst entered the Cricket NSW Community Cup, a statewide competition designed to put the best club teams against each other to reach finals day at Cricket Central. The boys were hungry for T20 success after losing in the Quarter-finals last season, and being starved of T20 cricket by HK&HDCA. In round 1, the boys hosted Pitt Town at Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval. Skipper Jordan Hayes lost the toss, and we were sent into bat. The openers, Josh Hegarty and the skipper, set the tone, looking to dispatch the ball before both were dismissed. Despite this, Will McCarroll (34 off 19) and Aaron Kerr (57 off 34) steadied the ship, allowing the rest of the order to explode late in the innings. The team finished with a strong total of 8/174. In reply, Pitt Town got the boys nervous at the start, speeding their way to 42 before Aaron took the crucial wicket of their powerful opening batter. Wickets then fell at regular intervals, stopping any momentum that Pitt Town had. Small partnerships kept Pitt Town in the game, but when the game was in the balance, Normo came out on top. Wickets, tight bowling and near-perfect fielding rolled Pitt Town for 154. Wickets from Luke Sylvester (1/40 plus 2 catches), Sahil Kumar (2/16), Keagan Hanekom (1/8 plus a run out) and fielding efforts from Jordy Hayes, Elliot Kerr and Harrison Hegarty. The highlight and Man of the Match was Aaron Kerr, who finished with 57 runs and 3/38.

We then drew Dubbo in the second round, and to say the least, they were either too scared to make the trip to Sydney or just couldn't be bothered. Either way, a forfeit saw us return to the quarter finals, a game in which we would be facing fellow A Grade team, Kenthurst, who had beaten us weeks before. Jordy won the toss and sent Kenthurst in to bat. The Normo bowling unit showed the true carnage they can cause when all fit and firing. The boss took early wickets and Kenthurst never recovered, being rolled for a below-par score of 76. Wickets were shared around with Luke (1/8), Jordy (1/21), Elliot (1/23), Liam Bradey (1/8), Josh (1/6), but the pick of the bowlers was yet again Aaron Kerr, who starred with 3/10. Veteran Craig Woods, with a classy run out finished the innings. In reply, the boys made light work of the small total, with Jordy (34* off 38) and Will (30* off 26) guiding the boys home and getting them into finals day.



NORMAHURST CC (F)	LINDFIELD DCC
HAYES (c)	LORD
WOODS	WELCH
McCARROLL	DALLAWAY (c)
KERR	CLARKE
SYLVESTER	MILES
HANEKOM	McCALLUM (wk)
J HEGARTY	WATTS
JONES (wk)	WILLIAMS
PLUMMER	READ
H HEGARTY	CHAN
BRADY	FRAWLEY
TONNET	HARDMAN
KUMAR	MALIK
GRAHAM	PALIHAWADANA
	KILKELLY

Lots of excitement and optimism filled the group as the big day came on 18 January 2026 at Cricket Central, Silverwater, however the weather gods weren't kind. Opponents, Lindfield stood in front of the boys' chances of a Grand Final appearance. Word started to spread about a probable bowl-off to determine a winner due to the weather. The sky began to clear and the covers were peeled off, with the game limited to 6 overs per side. Normanhurst was sent into bat, and with such few overs, a fast start was needed. However, against an experienced and quality attack, it was going to be a challenge. Normo managed to make 4-43 off their 6 overs, with Will top scoring with 18*. With a tough total to defend, the boys still believed. Wickets from Luke (1/9) and Jordy (2/10) kept us in it until the last over. The boys ended the game in defeat, outplayed by an overseas player a class above. It was a cruel way to lose, but the boys played right until the last ball, and who knows what would've happened if we had more overs to play? A positive T20 campaign that shows that this young group has what it takes to mix it with some of the state's best. We will return next year and hopefully get the silverware. The T20 Player of the Year was Aaron Kerr.

Finally, I want to thank a few people, as without their help, this year wouldn't have been possible. Firstly, outgoing Club President, Paul Bickerstaff. Paul's commitment and ongoing support to all senior players set the foundations for a positive Club culture. His leadership, hard work and dedication have set the Club up to succeed well into the future. Secondly, I want to thank Normanhurst Life Member, Craig Woods. 'Woodsy' was the Senior Coordinator until this season, stepping down from the role. Rob Jones and I were tasked with filling some big shoes. Woodsy set the foundations for how to guide the seniors group through the season, and with Woodsy's advice and reassurance, we continued his great work.

Finally, I want to thank all the players who played with us this year. Without you, none of this would be possible. Clubs are built on the players and your commitment this year can't be faulted. All players gave 100% no matter what grade they played and continued to contribute to an ever-evolving Club culture, both on and off the field. We will be back with a point to prove as we turn a new chapter and move into the next century.

Harrison Hegarty
Senior Coordinator

JUNIORS REPORT ON 2025-26 SEASON

Once again, the Club has built on the numbers from last season, fielding 15 teams.

- 2 x under 8; 2 x under 9; 1 x under 10; 4 x under 11; 1 x under 12; 2 x under 13; 1 x under 15
- 1 x under 17; 1 x girls only (Friday night)

It was excellent to see so many players returning to the Club, which re-affirms that the Club is thriving in creating an enjoyable environment for young players to develop their skills, make new friends and enjoy playing the great game of cricket.

In addition to our Season 2024-25 teams, we had two new Under 8 teams, an additional Under 9 team, and an Under 12 team, which was a merged team between Normanhurst CC and Asquith Rugby League CC (ARLCC). At the start of the 2025-26 season, Normanhurst CC didn't have enough registered Under 12 players to form a team, and ARLCC was in a similar position. Both clubs came together in the interest of all kids and their families to create a merged team titled, 'Normo ARL'. The merger was a success with players, parents and managers from both sides joining forces to create a competitive team where new friendships were created. We would like to thank Paul McLaren and ARLCC for a successful combined team.

We had a number of teams that made the finals, which was a great achievement. Hopefully they can build on this season and go one or two steps further next year.

- Under 13 *Red* – First round of finals
- Under 15 – First round of finals
- Under 17 – Preliminary Final

Our Cricket Blast program had another successful season with approximately 30 kids enjoying the Friday night festivities, which included learning cricket skills, Zooper Doopers and a BBQ. We look forward to more kids taking part next season and seeing several of the Cricket Blast players move towards the Under 8 team. Thanks to Will McCarroll and his team of senior players who once again did a fantastic job leading the Cricket Blast program.

The Club had a number of players make HK&HDCA representative teams, which was a strong achievement.

- U/11 – Pallav Rasane
- U/12 – Reef Seymour-Weber, Thomas Bradey, Tarun Anand
- U/13 – Blake Hiley
- U/14 – Tyler Ware
- U/15 – Louie McCarroll, Thomas Westgarth, Samuel Marando, Harry Brown
- U/17 – Liam Bradey, Gabe Soalheiro, Oliver Fearnside
- U/15 & U/18 Girls – Naina Vankineni, Samaira Gokani, Elyssa Bolger, Aarna Parwal, Eve Bradey, Juliet Jennings

Thank you to all the Junior Coaches who volunteered their time and energy to teach the rules to the players, develop their skills and ensure they enjoyed the season. Thank you to the managers who organised the teams and ensured the game days ran smoothly. All our junior players were proud to wear the Club's Centenary uniforms this season.

Finally, thank you to all the parents for supporting and encouraging their kids to participate, and those who helped with scoring, umpiring and training.

We look forward to building on the progress and achievements of this season in 2026-27.

Ryan Cherrie

Junior Coordinator



SHANE WARNE – EXCLUSIVE TRAINING SESSION FOR NORMANHURST CC PLAYERS IN 2001

On 16 January 2001, a dozen Normanhurst CC players were privileged to attend a free, 90 minute coaching clinic conducted by **Shane Warne** at Drummoyne Oval, which was organised by John Muldrew, Club parent, and Bruce Wood, Club President in 2000-01. This exclusive opportunity to learn from the greatest leg-spin bowler of all time was incredible for our Club, as Shane demonstrated his full range of deliveries, including leg-spin, top-spin, flipper, googly / wrong'un, slider, zooter, and 'around the legs'.

In 2000 (just months before our Club's exclusive coaching session), Warne was rated among the five greatest cricketers of the 20th century (see career statistics below).



BOWLING

Format	Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	4w	5w	10w
Tests	145	273	40705	17995	708	8/71	12/128	25.41	2.65	57.4	48	37	10
ODIs	194	191	10642	7541	293	5/33	5/33	25.73	4.25	36.3	12	1	0
FC	301	-	74830	34449	1319	8/71	-	26.11	2.76	56.7	-	69	12

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership is the highest honour bestowed by Normanhurst CC, which is proud to have 12 LMs.

Bryan Hall	
Bill Hands	
Graham Swan	
Ken Hall	
Keith Carter	2004
Bruce Wood OAM	2007
Anthony Maxworthy	2010
John Corish	2013
Peter Johnston	2018
Phillip Hayes	2018
Craig Woods	2025
Justin Gross	2026



Three Normanhurst CC Life Members – Peter Johnston, Bruce Wood OAM, Craig Woods

HISTORICAL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / OFFICE BEARERS (1997-98 onwards)

Season	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
1997-1998	Robin Renfrey	Ken Hall	Tania Miles	Mick Hewitt
1998-1999	Keith Carter	Bryan Whitlock	Graeme Hearl	Peter Vilimaa
1999-2000	Keith Carter	Bryan Whitlock	Graeme Hearl	Peter Vilimaa
2000-2001	Bruce Wood	Bryan Whitlock	Graeme Hearl	Peter Vilimaa
2001-2002	Anthony Maxworthy	Graham Skulander	Keith Carter	John Corish
2002-2003	Anthony Maxworthy	Keith Carter	Rob Darling	John Corish
2003-2004	Anthony Maxworthy	Bruce Wood	Rob Darling	John Corish
2004-2005	Anthony Maxworthy	Bruce Wood	Rob Darling	Rob Magrath
2005-2006	Anthony Maxworthy	Cameron Riddett	Rob Darling	Rob Magrath
2006-2007	Cameron Riddett	Anthony Maxworthy	Jaye Waldegrave	Matthew Pietsch
2007-2008	Cameron Riddett	John Corish	Bryan Massey	Matthew Pietsch
2008-2009	John Corish	Mick Smith	John Kerr	Mike Griffin
2009-2010	John Corish	Mike Griffin	John Kerr	Mike Griffin
2010-2011	Mike Griffin	Vacant	Raja Rajamohan	Dirk Drieberg
2011-2012	Mike Griffin	Vacant	Raja Rajamohan	Dirk Drieberg
2012-2013	Peter Johnston	Raja Rajamohan	Amran Sinha	Dirk Drieberg
2013-2014	Peter Johnston	Lindsay Corbett	Amran Sinha	Alan Rigney
2014-2015	Peter Johnston	Mitchell Fullagar	Lachlan Skulander	Phillip Hayes
2015-2016	Peter Johnston	Mitchell Fullagar	Linley Fullagar	Phillip Hayes
2016-2017	Peter Johnston	Mitchell Fullagar	Linley Fullagar	Phillip Hayes
2017-2018	Justin Gross	Craig Woods	Simon Boland	Terry Edwards
2018-2019	Justin Gross	Craig Woods	Simon Boland	Michael Gunter
2019-2020	Justin Gross	Craig Woods	Simon Boland	Michael Gunter
2020-2021	Justin Gross	Craig Woods	Dawn Kilkelly	Michael Gunter
2021-2022	Paul Bickerstaff	Craig Woods	Caroline Mulligan	Justin Gross
Season	President	Vice President / Senior Co-ordinator	Junior Co-ordinator	Treasurer
2022-2023	Paul Bickerstaff	Craig Woods	Peter Bradey	Justin Gross
2023-2024	Paul Bickerstaff	Craig Woods	Peter Bradey	Justin Gross
2024-2025	Paul Bickerstaff	Craig Woods	Peter Bradey	Justin Gross
2025-2026	Paul Bickerstaff	Chris Fitzpatrick (VP) Harry Hegarty (Seniors)	Ryan Cherrie	Justin Gross

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Young's Gourmet Pizzeria again provided Player of the Match vouchers for each game.

