

North Alphington Cricket Club

Annual Report 2023/2024 14 May 2024



Contents

1	ON-	FIELD REPORTS	
	1.1	BLASTERS	3
	1.2	Under 10s – 1 team	4
	1.3	UNDER 12S – 3 TEAMS	
	1.4	UNDER 145 – 3 TEAMS	
	1.5	UNDER 165 – 2 TEAMS	
	1.6	STAGE 3 GIRLS	
	1.7	UNDER 185	8
	1.8	Senior Men	8
	1.9	Senior Women	9
	1.10	VETERANS	11
2		3/2024 NACC AWARD WINNERS12	
3	SOC	IAL EVENTS	
4	CON	MITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS16	
5	TRE	ASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 202417	
6	ACK	NOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSOCIATION RULES	

1 On-Field Reports

1.1 Blasters

A small but enthusiastic group of Blaster and Master Blaster participants this year. Highlight was the day at Preston where kids got to play against other centres organised by Cricket Victoria.

A special thanks to Paul Holden for running sessions each Sunday morning.

The club will need to find a way to attract more participants to this entry level program to ensure there are numbers coming through to fill junior ranks.

After 15 years it's time for me to pass the baton to the next wave of community to grow the North Alphington Cricket Club. I wish the club well and If there is anything anyone needs please re a handover I am always available to assist.

Richard Price Blasters Coordinator



1.2 Under 10s – 1 team

The NACC'ers Under 10's had a great Season 23/24.

Around half of the team had either not played cricket before or had come from Junior Blasters - so for many it was their first taste of 'competition cricket'.

Our goals at the start of the season were to a) have fun, b) play as a team, c) play in the spirit of cricket, and d) learn and grow.

On all fronts it was a great success! The boys had a great time at training and out on the field, their team spirit shone through, always encouraging others and celebrating their successes, and played in the right spirit, respecting the umpires and opposition. The improvement across the season in batting, bowling, fielding and general game awareness was huge, and sets all of them up well for Season 24/25.

A special mention to all the parents that helped out throughout the season, in particular Ben as team manager, and to the broader NACC'ers coaching and support staff who made the season an easy and enjoyable one.

Matthew Sandwell Coach



1.3 Under 12s – 3 teams

U12C Jackson – White

The NACC Under 12 White Boys team had a great year of cricket. All the boys improved their cricket skills over the season and enjoyed themselves in every game. Pleasingly a number of opposition coaches and parents commented on the terrific conduct of our team. All the players and families should be proud of this.

We had some great wins throughout the season which were the result of excellent contributions from all the players. Barney Brown and James Iwasaki-Farrell bowled consistently well and were among our leading wicket takers. Jacob Fanning's batting and fielding efforts were a highlight every week. Zach Watkins' spin bowling was almost impossible for the opposition batters. Parker Greenway's fielding was superb including a great catch in our 'grand final' vs our NACC club mates. Lucas Coldrey's batting improved enormously over the season including his now famous ramp shots to the boundary. And Harry McNeill's wicketkeeping was first class, especially keeping up to the stumps for our faster bowlers.

A big thanks to all the parents who helped out, especially Meredith for being a wonderful team manager. And we all appreciate the efforts of everyone on the NACC Committee for all the work you do to help our kids get out in the fresh air every week to play a game of cricket. Well done boys.

Thanks for a great season

Brett McNeill Coach

U12C Wilkins – Black – no report U12B ER Frampton – no report

1.4 Under 14s – 3 teams

This year the U14's entered 3 teams into competition. We had a very young year with the majority of the 40 boys being able to pay on again in U14's next year and a handful who could still have played U12's. So we hesitantly entered two B grade and one C grade Team.

In the U14B Wilkinson competition the Red Team had a tough year. The younger age boys were challenged from the start. Some great individual performances and some close games but they were not able to get a win for the season. But now with a year of experience in U14B's under their belts they will no doubt be great performers next year.

In the U14B Van Zuyden competition the Black team had a great season despite being 2/3 U13 and 1/3 U12. With several great performances they were able to finish second and play the Undefeated Edinburgh in the Grand Final. The team put in a great effort with both bat and ball to be very competitive throughout the game only with a narrow loss in the end.

In the U14C Bate Competition the White team played out the one-day competition winning 10 of their games. With some great individual performances the team was matched well to their opposition finishing in 6th place just outside the finals.

Thanks to our head coaches:

- Tim Thomas Red
- Arun Devidas White
- Andrew Watkins Black

The Under 14 Red team

Fantastic team morale. The boys developed a super strong camaraderie that was remarked upon by all opposition coaches. Boys really enjoyed their cricket. We were in a strong B grade comp and whilst challenging many times failed to win a game. I gather that most boys will return. Some of our stronger boys are keen to play in an A grade team next year. 5 of the team are currently doing Winter cricket coaching (Daniel Thomas, Ollie Ryan, Will Smith, Reuben Garkel & Aarnav Porwal) and 3 are playing indoor cricket (Harvey Binns, Daniel Thomas and Aarnav Porwal) – so we expect these boys to come back strong next season. I coached and had great assistance from Anmol Porwal and James Garkel – both are keen to do assistance coaching again. The boys loved the season and can't wait for season 2024/25.

Tim Thomas Coach



1.5 Under 16s – 2 Teams

This year NACC had two teams playing in the U16s competition. One team played A grade and was coached by first time coaches John and Rowan and the other was in B grade coached by Dan Boulton.

The A grade team was mostly made up of players coming up from U14s the previous season so as mainly bottom age players it was a tremendous effort to compete in the advanced A division. This did not stop the team being competitive with many close games through the season and wins in the last two games. James Alex, Clarrie Spurr, Oli Hely and Josh Crane all made significant contributions with the bat. There were many excellent contributors with the ball but spinners Ollie Crosthwaite and Ollie Flanagan took 10 wickets each and James Alex took 9. Well done to coaches John and Rowan for guiding their keen set of cricketers through the season.

The B grade team had a challenging year with only one win. This came in a one day game just before Christmas at Pitcher Park where the boys rallied from a challenging position to bowl out the opposition, led by Jack Hughes with an astonishing 5/7. Through the season leading contributions with the bat came from Harvey, Leo Moore and Jack. The bowling was well distributed with leading wicket takers being Sam, Callan, Jack and Leo Moore. At all time the boys were enthusiastic, sportsmanlike and playing the game as a supportive team - well done all.

Though at times it was challenging, all the boys have a taste of higher level cricket as U16s is when we start to see some really fast bowling and hard hitting. The boys have now been exposed to the sort of discipline and patience needed to succeed in this environment. With another year of growth for most of the boys they are well positioned to build on learnings from this year and come back highly competitive in season 2023/24.

On an individual basis the club congratulates Otto Dimitriadis, Clarrie Spurr and James Hall who were all selected to play representative cricket over the summer.

Clarrie capped the season off being awarded the Eastern Cricket Association esteemed Dave Dickie Memorial Award – "This is an award to an individual that has performed well for a club for many years, has represented the ECA, state but also has given back to the community by helping out with the junior section".

Lastly, a big thanks to Team Managers Tara and Travis for managing everything behind the scenes and to all the parent helpers through the season.

Dan Boulton U16 Coordinator



1.6 Stage 3 Girls

The Stage 3 girls entered a combined team with Edinburgh this year and were very fortunate to have a UK import coach Ella Worthington who provided excellent coaching and mentoring for the girls. Thanks also to NACC manager Andrew McKinley for his weekly admin and garnering of the team.

Coaches Report from Ella Worthington

Firstly I want to thank those who've helped in any way, behind the scenes, setting up, taking down, scoring etc. Andrew for managing and parents for corresponding and getting the girls to and from games. I've loved this season with you (girls), not only because of how much effort each of you have always put in but the energy and passion you have done it with. You make my 'job' a highlight of every week. I'm so proud of you all and I can't wait to come back to coach you again, next season is yours!

Thank you girls for being such a great team to coach, you are all incredible players and people and it's been so enjoyable to share this season with you.

Stage 2: As part of the merger with ECC two of our younger girls, Eva Callahan and Charlotte Dickason (who were also playing in their first season moved to play with Stage 2 ECC as a more appropriate grade for them and had a great season.

We look forward to building on the success of our girls teams next season.

1.7 Under 18s

Under 18s entered a combined team with Edinburgh in the A grade competition. Thanks to Edinburgh Coach Andrew Olsen and NACC manager Pete Lee for their efforts with the boys this year.

No report provided

1.8 Senior Men

Season 2023-24 was a qualified success for North Alphington's senior team. Having returned to a single side, we did miss finals, and only finished the season with three wins. In spite of this, there was significant cause for optimism both on and off the field, with improvement occurring in several key areas. The win-loss column was not necessarily reflective of performance, with several highly competitive defeats. The main drawback to on-field success was a lack of experience within the team – for most of the year the side was comprised of at least 10 current or former club juniors. This, combined with a step up to a slightly higher standard of competition, made it difficult to perform consistently throughout games, and while we often had strong periods within matches we weren't able to fully capitalise.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the season, however, was the steady improvement in performance throughout the season. We finished the year with four batters having made over 190 runs for the season, including Matt Obst's competition leading 458 runs. As a result of these improved performances we were able to bed down a more consistent batting line-up. It is my strong hope that with time and more exposure to two-day cricket we will be able to post more consistent scores, as I believe there is still significant room for improvement across the board. With the ball, it was a slightly frustrating year – our bowlers managed to provide enough good balls to challenge opposing batters but this did not convert itself into wickets. In saying that, we had a fairly even spread of wickets across the board, and given the range of bowling options available within the team I think we have the potential to have a strong and diverse attack for the years to come.

The most important positive from the year, however, was the culture which we have started to foster within the playing group. At the start of the season we made a conscious effort to focus on building that culture, and throughout the season the players were highly enthused and willing to buy into the team. This buy-in became increasingly evident throughout the year, creating a really strong social environment which I believe will play a key role in driving recruitment and retention as we look to grow the senior program. Importantly, we still have a very young group relative to the competition, and if we can find a way to get incremental improvements across the board I see no reason why we can't be a highly competitive side next season and into the future. I felt that we were able to focus more on technical development at training through the year – particular thanks go to Dom O'Brien for his willingness to go above and beyond to assist with training. One key goal for next season is expanding the skilled coaching within the senior program, to continue this technical development. Another goal for next season is to find some improvements in our fielding to maximise the advantages of having a young playing group.

More broadly, I think the major challenge facing our senior program is one of engagement with the rest of the club. Since the re-establishment of a senior team at North Alphington, there have been several challenges in maintaining a stable and attractive playing environment, and much of the improvement in our culture this year was due to conscious efforts to address these challenges. As such, a lot of the work put into the senior team this year was quite inward-facing – mostly in terms of getting buy-in from the playing group. This was made easier by the fact that there was only one side, which limited the administrative difficulties associated with the senior program. From a long term perspective, however, it is important that we find a way to bring in a second XI in the near future, to allow us to expand our core playing group and provide opportunities for juniors at an appropriate level of competition. It is my strong belief that the key to this is finding vets players who are willing to play senior cricket on a regular basis. With this in mind, we are exploring ways we can further incorporate the senior program with both the juniors and the vets throughout next season and into the future.

Nick Obst Captain First XI

1.9 Senior Women

Season 2023-2024 marked the third year that NACC has had a senior womens' team. This year saw some growth in participation, interest and skill levels. With a focus on skill development, team spirit, and fostering a supportive environment, we achieved notable milestones and progress throughout the season. The team finished the season with more players than last year and narrowly missed finals with 3 wins from 6 games and some hot/wet weather match cancellations wreaking havoc on the fixture and ladder.

Performance Overview: Our team's performance in this season reflected continuous improvement and consistent attendance and involvement at trainings. We thank Mick Sparrow and Dom O'Brien for their efforts and determination to coach the womens' squad this year.

Growth: One of the key highlights of the year was the expansion of our team through the enrolment of new players and the promise of some further new players in 24/25 with some members training but not playing yet. We welcome new players with open arms, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone has the opportunity to enjoy playing cricket and being part of a community sports team for women.

Social Ethos and Team Building: Beyond the boundaries of the cricket field, our team prioritised fostering a strong social ethos and camaraderie among members. Team building activities, social gatherings, and bonding sessions played a crucial role in strengthening our unity and cohesion. By

nurturing a supportive and inclusive environment, we enhanced our on-field performance and thoroughly enjoyed our season.

Future-Proofing: Ground work has been laid to future proof the continuity and growth of women's cricket at NACC. We are fostering good relations with Cricket Victoria and other local cricket groups and intend to host/run a informal pre-season women's hub offering training and friendly matches (t10 format) early evenings in Sept/Oct 2024 with a view to signing on more players and also encouraging other local cricket clubs to join the EGWC womens' competition to build the competition into a format where there are enough varying levels/fixtures/playing conditions to accommodate all players skills, ages, availability etc. We are also working closely with our junior female cricketers to understand and try to make available an appropriate level of cricket to retain juniors moving into a senior competition.

Tara Adams Captain/Coordinator



1.10 Veterans

Veterans Season Report 2023/24

Season 2023/24 saw the NACC field four Vets teams in the ECA. Not only did we have the Reds (Div 2), Blacks (Div 4) and Whites (Div 5) we also had for the first time an over 50's side, aptly named the Panthers. The Blacks made the semi finals whilst the Whites and Panthers both made the Grand Final which was a great effort. A special congratulations to the Panthers who won the Grand Final in a tight fought contest against Mazenod.

Thanks to captains Honey, Gorman, Mudie and Horne as well as the team managers Bratby, Waters, Wilson and McIntosh.

See you all next season.

Dean Waters Vets Co-ordinator



2 2023/2024 NACC Award Winners

Senior Award Winners

Men – Menzies & Mackay Shield

Batters Award	Matt Obst
Bowlers Award	Dom Edwards
All-rounder Award	Luke Waters
Team Award	Seb Nogara
Bowling Achievement Medal	Seamus Danailoff 5/20 v Boorondara

Women – Eastern Senior Women B Grade

Batters Award	Tara Adams
Bowlers Award	Melissa Blain
All-rounder Award	Carrie Higgs
Team Player Award	Kathryn Heagerty

Junior Award Winners

U18 A Grade – SJ Hamilton

Batters Award	Leroy Hinds
Bowlers Award	Archie Bell
All-rounder Award	Lachie Edwards
Coaches Award	Will Doyle
Bowling Achievement Medal	Archie Bell 5/12 v STC Camberwell

U16 A Grade – AG Grace

Batters Award	James Alex
Bowlers Award	Ollie Crosthwaite
All-rounder Award	Clarence Spurr
Coaches Award	Joshua Crane

U16 B1 Grade – TR Bellis

Batters Award	Harvey Rodda
Bowlers Award	Samuel Selwyn
All-rounder Award	Leo Moore
Coaches Award	Jack Hughes

Stage 3 Girls – Anna Lanning

Batters Award	Amy Long
Bowlers Award	Phoebe Astin
All-rounder Award	Audrey McKinley
Coaches Award	Holly Scammell

U14 B2 Grade – HM Wilkinson

Batters Award	Archer Brown
	Aarnav Porwal
Bowlers Award	Oliver Ryan
All-rounder Award	Aiden Piasente
Coaches Award	Reuben Garkel

U14 B2 Grade – M Van Zuyden

Batters Award	Sam Coldrey
Bowlers Award	Xavier McNeill
All-rounder Award	Josh Fanning
Coaches Award	Eddie French

U14 C Grade – J Bate

Batters Award	Sam Evans
Bowlers Award	George Puddy
All-rounder Award	Ted Oostermeyer
Coaches Award	Seth Bolwell
Bowling Medal	Ned Blackwood – Outstanding bowling
	achievement in match

U12 B Grade – ER Frampton

Batters Award	Matthew Hyland
Bowlers Award	Percy Ramondetta
All-rounder Award	Flynn Mitchell
Most Improved	Sebastian Totta

U12 C Grade – Wilkins

Batters Award	Toby Trescowthick
Bowlers Award	Jocob Mote
All-rounder Award	Ned Yacoub
Coaches Award	Matt Wright

U12 C Grade – Jackson

Batters Award	Henry Crawford	
Bowlers Award	George Binns	
All-rounder Award	Cassius Devcic	
Coaches Award	Matthew Melican	

Others

Eastern Cricket Association Awards

Archie Bell u18 A grade – Bowler's Award

Sam Coldrey u14B2 M Van Zuyden – Batter's Award Amy Long Stage 3 Girls – Batting Award

Dave Dickie Memorial Trophy – Clarence Spurr $\,-\,u16$ perpetual trophy recognising excellence both on and off field



Representative Players

Clarrie Spurr - ECA U14A James Hall - ECA U16 B Audrey McKinley - ECA U17 Girls

Other Otto Dimitriadis – U15 Craig Shield (VSDCA - Ivanhoe)

3 Social Events

The club held a variety of functions across the season as follows:

- 1. Pleasant Sunday Evenings on 15 October (Season Launch), 19 November and 18 February.
- 2. Blasters and u10 Christmas BBQ Break-Up
- 3. NACC visits **BBL** on 22 December at Marvel Stadium for Renegades v Heat match. 100 members in attendance in CV organised bay with call outs on screen and participation in the innings break competition.
- 4. Club Break-up and Presentation Evening on 17 March 2024.



4 Committee Members and Volunteers

The Club was once again well served by its committee members who played a crucial role in the ongoing administration of the Club. The Committee met monthly throughout the season and bimonthly for the other duration of the year.

Committee Members	Official Role	
David Bell	President	
Lynton Brewer	Vice President	
Tara Adams	Secretary	
Roger Walling	Treasurer	
Luke Edwards	Committee Member/Junior Coordinator	
Megan Edwards	Committee Member/Child Safety Officer	
Dean Waters	Committee Member	
Andrew Holden	Committee Member	
Richard Price	Committee Member	
Nick Obst	Committee Member	

If you are interested in taking a more active role in the Club and wish to join the committee or nominate for an executive position please do not hesitate to contact our secretary, Tara Adams at <u>secretary@nacc.org.au</u> or on 0423 064 187. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Our club is very grateful to those who have volunteered their time over the course of the season in the various roles needed to run the club. We strongly encourage the 150+ families involved in our club to consider offering your assistance in either a game day or off-field role – there is something to suit everyone's time and skills.

Voluntee	ers
----------	-----

Age/Grade	Team Name	Coach	Team Manager
10 (Sunday Green)	U10s Red	Matthew Sandwell	Ben Edmonds
12B ER Frampton	U12B Red	Brett Mitchell	Andy Hyland
12C Kwansy	U12C Black	James Trescowthick Andrew Taylor	Stephanie Mote
12C Jackson	U12C White	Brett McNeill	Meredith Lewis
14B2 HM Wilkinson	U14B Red	Tim Thomas	Emma Sherry
14B2 M Van Zuyden	U14B Black	Andrew Watkins Brendan Farrell	Hayley Coldrey
14C JD Norman	U14C White	Arun Devidas	Ben Puddy
16A AG Grace	U16A Red	John Dimitriades Rowan Flanagan	Tara Adams
16B1 AR Tongue	U16B1 Black	Dan Boulton	Trav Hughes
18A SJ Hamilton	Edinburgh-North Alphington	ECC Coach - Olsen	Pete Lee
Stage 3 Girls – Anna Lanning Shield	Edinburgh-North Alphington	ECC Coach – Ella Worthington	Andrew McKinley
Women B Grade	North Alphington	Captain: Tara Adams	Tara Adams
Senior Men Menzies Mackay	North Alphington	Captain: Nick Obst	Luke Waters
Vets Div 2	Vets Red	-	David Bratby
Vets Div 4	Vets Black	-	Dean Waters
Vets Div 5	Vets White	-	Chris Wilson
Over 50s	Panthers	-	David Horne

5 Treasurer's Report and Financial Summary for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

Treasurer's Annual Report for NACC FY24

NACC finished the April financial year (FY24) with a healthy \$69,500 in the bank, putting the club on a very solid footing for the seasons ahead.

Player registrations, which form the bulk of club revenue were strong once more, although slightly down on last season, totalling 235 players. NACC fielded 17 teams in total with 11 junior girls and boys' teams, one senior women's team, one senior men's team and four veteran teams.

The committee budgeted for a profit of \$3,950 for FY24, however we completed the season and financial year with a more solid profit of just over \$11k.

Player Registration and Grant related revenue came in modestly below expectations. Revenue from club functions, including bar takings were above budget. Club functions were improved in part due to normalization of community activities post pandemic, but also better weather and an increase in Sunday evening functions planned.

Expenses were lower than forecast although most individual items were broadly within expectations. The main exception was that no major capital expenditure items were incurred during the year.

With interest rates on term deposits now offering a more favourable return the committee elected to invest surplus cash in a series of short term bank or term deposits. Interest earned during the financial year was \$1k, supporting the club's profit for the financial year.

Club revenues were supported by grants received from Cricket Australia totalling \$1500. We thank each of the organisations who support NACC for their generous support of community sport and NACC in particular.

On a personal note, I would like to thank both President David Bell and Secretary Tara Adams for their material contribution to the NACC Committee. These two club members make significant contribution in both time and effort in volunteering for the club. They have done so for many cricket seasons and are a key reason for the success of the club on field and its social standing and the contribution that NACC makes to the broader community.

Go Naccers!

Roger Walling Treasurer

6 Acknowledgement of Association Rules

New regulations governing incorporated associations in Victoria where legislated and took effect on 18 November 2023 covering model rules, fees, penalties and financial reporting thresholds. Registered incorporated associations using model rules will automatically be governed by the new model rules from 18 November 2023. Key changes to the model rules included:

- Updated language to support the flexible use of technology. This includes using online membership applications (Rule 9), recording email addresses in the register of members (Rule 18), and online attendance at general and committee meetings (Rules 35 and 62).
- New processes for disciplinary appeals where members have been suspended or expelled by a disciplinary subcommittee. A member now has 7 days to lodge an appeal with the secretary of the association, and the appeal must be heard by an appeal subcommittee made up of at least 3 unbiased persons who were not members of the disciplinary subcommittee that decided to suspend or expel that person (Rule 23).
- Changes to grievance procedures regarding mediation. In disputes between a member and the committee or association where the parties cannot agree on a mediator, any registered mediator can be appointed. This may include a registered mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria or accredited by the Victorian Bar (Rule 27). The rules also provide that any costs of mediation are to be paid by agreement between the parties, or where there is no such agreement, by the committee (Rule 28).
- Stronger disclosure requirements for a conflict of interest. Committee members that have a material personal interest in a matter being considered must disclose their position, as well as the nature and extent of their interest, to the committee. The committee must also maintain a conflict of interest register that records any material personal interest declared by a member, as well as a management plan documenting actions required to mitigate the conflict (Rule 65).

North Alphington Cricket Club Inc. revised and explicitly included its purpose, as required at Part 1 Clause 2 of the Rules and otherwise s governed by the latest approved model rules as per the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic)and *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations* 2023 (Vic). North Alphington Cricket Club Inc. Model Rules are attached to this report and displayed on NACC website (nacc.org.au)