

ND Cricket – Community Newsletter

Welcome to the First Edition of the ND Cricket Community Newsletter!

Kia ora koutou,

I'm thrilled to bring you the first edition of our ND Cricket Community Newsletter! As the 2024/25 season wraps up, it's a great time to celebrate the incredible energy, commitment, and passion shown across our region. This month's edition is packed with highlights, from unforgettable experiences at Seddon Park to fierce competition in our First XI Cup qualifiers, and of course, some well-deserved recognition at our ND Awards Night.

It's a privilege to share the stories and successes that make our community so special. I hope you enjoy reading this as much as we've enjoyed putting it together. Here's to a strong off-season, plenty of new projects, and an exciting build-up to the next summer of cricket!

Ngā mihi,

Yann Roux - GM Community, NDCA

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What's Been Happening:

Here's what's been going in the community last month!

Kids at the Seddon Park Blackcaps vs Pakistan ODI

In collaboration with NZC we were able to provide 300 local club kids and their families the opportunity to come along to the Blackcaps vs Pakistan ODI held at Seddon Park on 2 April. A good day had by all, meeting their favourite players and enjoying a day out with friends & family!

Secondary Schools First XI Cup Qualifiers

At the end of March, the annual First XI Cup qualifiers were held across Hamilton & Tauranga. See the "Highlight of the Month" for more information.

ND & DA club awards

The cricket season has been wrapped up with numerous DA club prizegiving's across the region. Congratulations to all our Community Award Winners announced at the Northern Districts Awards Night at Sky City on 4 April. You can see a full list [here](#).



Top: Club of the Year winners, Marist Suburbs Cricket Club
Bottom left: Community Groundskeeper of the Year, Jason Nicholson
Bottom right: For Outstanding contribution and services to Community Coaching, Scott & Holly Mackenzie



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Highlight of the Month



Top left: Ōtūmoetai College proud winners of the Girls First XI Cup



Bottom right: St Paul's Collegiate proud winners of the Boys First XI Cup

First XI Cup Qualifiers

Congratulations to all the Secondary School teams who competed fiercely to qualify for the First XI Cup Nationals in December 2025! It was an action-packed week of high-quality cricket in both the boys' and girls' regional qualifiers, with two teams coming out supreme:

Boys' qualifiers - St Paul's Collegiate School (Kirikiriroa/Hamilton)

Girls' qualifiers - Ōtūmoetai College (Tauranga)

It's the second trip to Nationals in a row for both schools, what an achievement! Thanks to all the coaches, managers, teachers, parents, officials, staff and wider community for helping bring these tournaments to life.

Individual Spotlight

Erin Hunt, Development Officer

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Where did you grow up? Beautiful little spot called Ōtorohanga

Tell us about your involvement in cricket: Absolutely fizzed for Milo cricket at primary but didn't start playing till I was yr 9 and have been obsessed ever since!

What are you excited to get cracking on during the off-season? I'm excited to get stuck in to planning for next season and see how we can build on last season.



Great Info for Clubs

We are currently undergoing club reviews after the conclusion of the 2024/25 season. It's been a huge end to the summer of cricket for our community team, with the final week of school delivery and festivals wrapping up on Friday 11 April.

Thank you to all the District Association teams, clubs, teachers, parents, caregivers, students and staff for making it a magic summer.

The off-season is already in full swing, with several development programmes about to be announced which will focus on coach development, women and girls' cricket, and club capabilities. There will also be plenty of work done at a strategic level to make sure our programmes are fit for purpose and designed to reach our goals in the community cricket space.

Our offices will be closed for a week from Monday 5th to Friday 9th May and staff will be offline, so please let the team know if you need anything before then.

If there is anything you would like to have included in the next newsletter or would like any further information, please feel free to get in touch: hello@ndca.co.nz



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