

BlowFly Cricket



Annual Report 2011-12



Mission Statement

To promote BlowFly Cricket as the summer sport for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18 years who have special needs by:

- a) Providing the opportunity for each participant to learn and develop the skills associated with the game of cricket in a constructive and positive setting.
- b) Establishing an environment for each family member to enjoy their involvement in the game, including coaching, umpiring, administration and support.
- c) Encouraging all participants to realise their own potential in, and enjoyment of, cricket.
- d) Enabling carers, parents and siblings the opportunity to share interests in the game and interacting with other participating families; and
- e) Fostering relationships with mainstream and adult cricket, in order for players with disabilities to be provided with clearly defined pathways to National and International representation in cricket, for players as the sport develops.

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Management Committee



Nicola J Cooke
Honorary President

Years Serving: 1



Michael J Rolleston
Honorary Vice-President

Years Serving: 1



Mark W Rushton
Honorary Treasurer

Years Serving: 1



Leigh A Drummond
Honorary Secretary/
Public Officer

Years Serving: 1



Andrew J Bayles
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Years Serving: 1



Brian D Binfield
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Years Serving: 1



Benjamin R Gussey
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Rebecca Enright
Samantha Tulk

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Michael J Rolleston HK&HDCA Inc
Mark W Rushton HK&HDCA Inc
Hornsby Shire Sports Council

BlowFly Cricket – our beginning



In the summer of 2008/09, our Treasurer was at his family home in Hornsby with his scuba-diving friend, Jason Buczek and his family, who were visiting for lunch. As the afternoon wore on Jason and Mark were sitting atop a large sandstone rock in the backyard where Jason mentioned one of the saddest things in his life was his 5 year old autistic son would never be able to play a competitive sport due to the nature of his special needs.

Mark thought about this comment for some time before he replied *"... I can see it now, a dozen or so special needs kids running out onto the SCG to play their special brand of cricket during the lunchbreak of an Ashes Test Match in front of 35,000 cheering and clapping spectators..."* to which Jason replied *"... oh no, the noise would be too deafening and unsettling..."* It is from here the concept of Blowfly Cricket originated.

David Howard (*President – St Ives Soccer Club*) was contacted for his thoughts on a special needs cricket game, to which he replied *"... I don't even like cricket and don't know anything about the game..."*

David softened and came around following some gentle persuasion and designed a suitable program for children with intellectual disabilities. David reflects BlowFly Cricket is an innovative program designed sport for children with intellectual disabilities.

BlowFly cricket began 3 years ago when the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association and St Ives Soccer (who run winter special needs programs) came together to create a version of Australia's national game suitable for children with intellectual disabilities. The game is a cross between french cricket and the more traditional version. When in bat, players can either face a bowler or hit from a tee. Running between the wickets is much more exciting with children encouraged to smash the wicket with the bat. The game gets its name from the pictures of blowflies on the wickets and the whistle that is blown before the ball is bowled or before a 'tee' shot.

BlowFlies make the Big Time



The children were given the chance to play the biggest game of their lives before a crowd in the thousands. David Howard from St Ives Soccer said "It was a great opportunity for these kids. Even a small achievement can mean a lot to the self-esteem of these children, performing before a crowd in its thousands is something they could never have imagined. I am sure it was impossible to wipe the smiles from the faces of the 'cricket tragic' dads, let alone the kids who showed their skills and being part of such a big event".

The BlowFly Cricketers, family members and coaches attended the SCG and played their game on the hallowed turf during the lunchbreak of the 2nd day of the Australia India Test Match, before a crowd of over 30,000 spectators. The televised 'Cricket Show' was filmed live in front of the Members Stand, with our 'BlowFlies' playing in the background . . . what a moment!!!

President's Report

The 2011 -12 season of Blowfly Cricket comes to a close with an incredible amount of foundational work completed by a Committee, driven by the tireless efforts and vision of Treasurer Mark Rushton.

His determination to see that all children have the opportunity to play Cricket is the underpinning force behind the concept of Blowfly Cricket, and the rest of the Committee have collaborated with him to provide, what I believe will be, a strong framework for future committees to build on, to potentially take this concept nationally and even internationally. As a passionate cricket supporter, and as someone who cares deeply about the needs of people with special needs, it wasn't difficult to say "yes" to being involved . . . however taking an administrative role, required persuasion.

Having agreed to attend the first 'gathering' I was delighted to find a group of people keen to further develop the concept of Blowfly Cricket. Following are the outcomes achieved by the Committee, and I would like to specifically thank all the people involved for the behind the scenes work.

Volunteers are a vital part of any organisation, and none more so than those who take on sport – Umpires, Coaches, Administrators, those who book venues and many more. To parents who have diligently attended and travelled on weekends to support their children, siblings, carers and other family members who have supported our fledgling sport, congratulations on your efforts and thank you for your ongoing interest.

As a Committee, each member has worked with their relative strengths and proved that much can be achieved with a minimum of fuss. Thank you for your efforts this year, I believe that with the collaborative efforts of this Committee, Blowfly Cricket has the foundations in place to take it well beyond what we have imagined for it.

The ground work has been done, the foundations established, and now there is a stable base to take this form of cricket around Sydney and beyond.

Outcomes

Inaugural Committee established. This formalised Blowfly cricket and has taken it from a loose gathering of interested people and provided a 'entity' in a more structured way administratively, allowing guidelines for the future. Blowfly Cricket was incorporated on the 29 August 2011 (Incorporation No. INC9895915), a wonderful achievement.

Design and implementation of a sponsorship program for children. The idea was to provide a pool of funding so that all children would be able to play the game. The result was that not only did individuals take part; but other sponsors came forward to assist. Down Up Sports, a New Zealand based Indoor Cricket supply company donated two beautiful bats for auction. This area has enormous potential for ongoing development into the future.

President's Report *continued*

Publicity and promotional materials produced by Fullpoint Graphics. I have no doubt at all that the wonderful job done in producing our posters and logos has set a very high standard for other cricket organisations to follow. Bright beautiful and eye grabbing, filled with images of kids having a great time, I believe that the professionalism of this work is second to none in sport. Brian Binfield, thank you so much for your efforts in this regard.

Development of our website including links to the Cricket Family. In the age of instant communication, an internet presence is vital for communication. As with the previous outcomes, the work on our website is professional, the site easy to access and use, and looks fantastic. As with things that work that way, it require a great deal of time, vision and energy to create. It is a fantastic outcome, and the ongoing updates make it a place to be. Ben Gussey needs to be congratulated and thanked for his efforts and enthusiasm here, and also with the development of our popular Facebook page.

Development of our Mission Statement and underpinning processes. Whilst this is probably the least interesting to many, it is vital to have these processes in place, and there have been many hours work to establish protocols for player safety, and our core values as an organisation.

A closer working relationship and affiliation with Cricket NSW (CNSW). The development team at CNSW is young and enthusiastic, but of course has many calls on its time and resources. We are very grateful indeed for their support in getting 'on the map'.

Establishment of in2CRICKET Centres and the resultant benefits for players. This required lots of work and was at times frustrating for those who were involved, but the benefits have been well worth the effort, with Blowies well and truly joining the Cricket Family through this Cricket NSW initiative. Nick Guinane (CNSW) is to be thanked for his support and efforts here in working in so closely with our Association.

Coaching for the players. As a Committee, we agreed that it was important to have coaching for our children and have been extremely fortunate to procure the services of some of the up and coming players in NSW Women's cricket as coaches for our kids. To Rebecca Enright and Samantha Tulk, thank you so much for your support and commitment . . . the kids adore you both and the parents are so appreciative of your combined efforts.

Our season was extended well beyond last year, due to the enthusiasm of players, coaches and parents.

Introduction of an Indoor venue for unsuitable weather and later in the extended season due to the unavailability of the Claude Cameron Grove, our regular venue at Wahroonga. Thanks to Abbas Aly of Triforce Sports, Norwest for the use of the indoor cricket nets venue.

Nicola Cooke

A Coach's Perspective



The first day of BlowFly Cricket was a challenge to all. The biggest challenge was trying to understand the rules. Even to this date, I still wouldn't have a clue how to fill in the scorebook.

For those who have seen or participated in a BlowFly Cricket game before, these are the rules:

Each person gets to have 1 bat and whether they hit the ball or not they have to run as many runs as they can before they get run out.

Each child rotates in the field so they all get a go at bowling, batting and fielding.

Each week we would do some skills drills and then play a game with the remaining hour. For the first few weeks, we didn't have many catches, no wickets, very few runs scored and almost all of the children had assistance by their parents when batting.

With continuous practice each week and in some cases at home in the backyard, the BlowFly kids became unrecognisable. In January we had a fantastic experience and got to play in the lunch break at the SCG. I think the parents were more excited than the children were!! We had children hitting 6's, taking catches, making run outs and scoring lots of runs. Best of all we were on TV, in the background of The Cricket Show!!

Blowfly Cricket now involves tactics and teamwork. We don't need batting tees anymore and the parents are now extra fielders.

Oscar is always smiling and having a great time, Ronnie now hits a 6 every game, Luke and Little Ryan are both great team players and always pass the ball to someone else for a run out, Keira and Xavier now score at least 2 runs every time they bat and Ben loves knocking those stumps over!!

And when we are lucky to have brothers and sisters come and join in, it just makes the game even more fun! It has been such an AMAZING experience and absolute pleasure to help coach alongside Beck Enright and see these children grow and develop not only their cricket skills but social skills as well with one another. But of course, this fantastic opportunity would not be possible if it wasn't for all the hard work on and off the field by Mark Rushton, who has done an exceptional job especially considering he has been unwell.

The most rewarding part of Coaching BlowFly Cricket is seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they learn new skills and get to play some Cricket. I can't wait for the new season of Blowfly Cricket to come around!!

Samantha Tulk *Coach*

Working in Partnership



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CRICKET NSW

In season 2011/12 Cricket NSW were lucky enough to form an official relationship with BlowFly Cricket. Cricket NSW is always looking to expand the game and make it accessible to all Australians, and with BlowFly Cricket, Cricket NSW found a program that was doing just this.

BlowFly Cricket offers cricket as a fun, inclusive environment to those that may not be able to participate in traditional cricket formats. The experience of working with Mark Rushton has been an invaluable experience for both myself and the other staff at Cricket NSW.

Mark, along with the other volunteers and parents provided an inspirational experience on a weekly basis for the dedicated BlowFly in2CRICKETers, and the lessons learned by Cricket NSW will hold cricket in good stead moving forward. The highlight of the partnership was the BlowFly in2CRICKETers joining in on the On Ground Entertainment at the Sydney Test Match between Australia and Indian cricket teams in January 2012.

This opportunity gave volunteers, parents and children an emotional and unforgettable experience on the SCG. To be part of history, and play on one of world cricket's most hallowed surfaces, was something that everyone involved will remember for years to come. I would like to thank everyone involved in BlowFly Cricket and look forward to working closely with them to grow the program over the coming seasons.

Nick Guinane

Cricket NSW Participation Leader

Future Direction

We as a Committee, hope to further expand the BlowFly Cricket program further into special needs schools during the 2012/13 season. Furthermore, the Centre at Wahroonga will continue to be the home of BlowFly Cricket, with sessions to be held on Saturday afternoons at the Claude Cameron Grove during the fourth school term (2012) and also February 2013. We are presently considering schools in the: Hornsby Shire, Hills Shire and also the south-west of Sydney.

Further discussions will need to be held with Cricket NSW who has been so supportive in their assistance during the 2011/12 season . . . for which we are extremely grateful and appreciative. Grants and fundraising are the future 'lifblood' of our organisation as we are 'not-for-profit'. All ideas and assistance will always be gratefully received, even if you only have a few hours to volunteer each year.

Giant Steps and BlowFly Cricket



GiantSteps Sydney is a school for children with Autism. We run a number of different sporting activities including soccer, volleyball and athletics.

After being approached by Mark Rushton, and discussing the work he was currently doing in BlowFly Cricket, we felt that it would be a good opportunity to teach our students how to play

cricket with the aim that they may be able to participate in the BlowFly Cricket program further down the track.

At the beginning of the year, 7 students who were involved in our afterschool care program were participated in a trial run.

Giant Steps and BlowFly *continued*



This trial was further developed into a structured lesson with a further 7 participants ranging from 12 years old to 19 years old. The game was broken down into 4 major movements; batting, bowling, catching and running.

Students were expected to watch a visual presentation that displayed the movements of the game so that they became familiar of the expectations of the game.

Photographic labels were used to indicate to the students which move they were expected to perform and these were placed onto footprint visuals to indicate where on the field they were to stand.

Over the period of seven weeks with only one lesson per week, students are now able to hit the ball independently with a normal sized plastic bat, and bowl a ball to towards the wickets.

Catching the ball in a game situation has proven to be a challenge but the students are able to catch the balls during catching practise.

Due to the success of the lesson, this lesson may continue for another term and then transferred to other classes across the school. Students who are currently participating will be encouraged to participate in the Blowfly Cricket program outside of GiantSteps with their families.

Toby Shi

Occupational Therapist

Our experience with BlowFly



We decided to enrol our son in BlowFly Cricket last year when the soccer season finished and we were looking for something else 'sporty' to do on a Saturday. We weren't even sure if he'd like cricket wondering whether it might be too slow paced to sustain his interest but signed up nevertheless hoping for the best.

Our concerns quickly dissolved when we turned up on the first day and met Mark Rushton, a very passionate and fun coach ably assisted by Sam and Bec. We loved, as did the kids how the game had been modified to take into account the sensory issues so prevalent in autism spectrum disorders.

Getting to blow a whistle before each ball was bowled and then having to knock down the stumps each time they scored a run proved a real hit with the kids. The fielding was also adapted to keep the kids moving. Each week we could see the improvement in all the players, gaining confidence and skill, attending and processing instructions better and generally becoming more involved with the game.

And as the weeks unfolded the parents started to relax a little too knowing that their kids were in a safe non-judgemental environment and having fun to boot!

The highlight of the season was when the team was invited to play on the pitch of the SCG in the lunchbreak during the Australia vs. India Test Match. The kids were very excited not unlike their parents and looked forward to the big day. On arrival we were escorted into the game like royalty and ushered to our prime box office seats. Not surprisingly our day at the SCG was a resounding success despite the extra hot weather conditions. All went well without a meltdown in sight and the roar of the crowd buoyed us all for our moment in the spotlight and our 15 seconds of fame. And who knew that our son would end up loving cricket and looking forward to going every week!

Anonymous

Our experience with BlowFly continued



My first exposure to children who are autistic and BlowFly Cricket was a guest appearance as Santa Claus at their inaugural Christmas Party being held at the Claude Cameron Grove in 2009.

As all good Santa's, do I went to the park (incognito) to see what was going on, wow what a fantastic experience. Watching kids, boys and girls, young and old having a terrific time playing a structured (although modified) sport, more importantly, was the interaction between the children and parents.

After what was a competitive game, came the celebration, with food, lollies, drinks and of course presents, the beaming smiles said it all.

Following that experience I had a talk with my future son in-law who works for an organisation called Giant Steps based in the old Gladesville Hospital. This is an organisation which offers education and schooling facilities for severely autistic children. The plan was to run a demonstration session using several of the schools more co-ordinated students as a fore runner to showcasing to the school and hopefully incorporation into the schools programs.

Our first effort was plagued with problems, the open spaces were too distracting and a "wardrobe malfunction" ended the session. Back to the drawing board.

After discussions between Mark Rushton and Toby Shi from the school BlowFly was taken back into the school grounds which greatly helped with focusing the players. The second session had six students in attendance, BlowFly Cricket was a hit.

Further discussions with Giant Steps at management level now has BlowFly in its program for Junior School members with games being played every Thursday. It's hoped that a number of the older students will also be able to participate, with the end goal at this stage to run a competition against/ with the HK&HDCA BlowFly team at the end of Giant Steps school year.

Brian Binfield (*aka Santa*) Ho Ho Ho
Publications Officer

Secretary's Report

The BlowFly Cricket 2011/12 season has been a wonderfully successful one. The many highlights for the season include:

The once in a lifetime SCG experience on Wednesday January 4, where our hearty band of players, siblings, coaches and parents were able to join in the Milo in2CRICKET on-field activities during the lunch break of the Australia v India 2nd Test . . . mind you, in front of 30,000+ spectators.

A closer working relationship with Cricket NSW who has been extremely supportive and generous in providing Milo in2CRICKET equipment for our Centre and also the children involved.

The Incorporation of Blowfly Cricket and the hard working Management Committee who's collective efforts do not go unnoticed. The support of local cricket clubs including: St Ives CC, Wahroonga Juniors CC, Castle Hill RSL CC and the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association Inc.

The support of the Commonwealth Bank – where we were so fortunate in securing a Grassroots grant including \$750.00 worth of equipment and \$1,000.00 cash.

The ongoing support of Abbas Aly (Triforce Sports), who kindly allowed our players to use the indoor training centre at Bella Vista for four consecutive Saturday afternoons to finish off the season.

The generous support of many individuals and organisations in the Sponsor a Player program – what fantastic gestures of kindness and good will.

The end of season players trophies have been kindly donated by Brad and Donna Caldwell of All Seasons Trophies, Hornsby. What a wonderful gesture of goodwill and generosity.

Staff of the Giant Steps School needs to be commended for their initiative in developing a new BlowFly Cricket Centre. Initially an after-school program and then being absorbed into the school's curriculum.

What is the longer term benefit to the sport, community or industry?

It is difficult to imagine a grassroots cricket program that has more potential than Blowfly Cricket to provide long term benefits to children with intellectual disabilities and their families and support networks. The model that has been created for Blowfly Cricket is easily replicated and there are plans to greatly expand the program and create new centres. Additionally, there are plans to further expand and modify the program to accommodate other special needs areas for children, including blind cricket, deaf cricket, children with mental illnesses and other various target groups. We as an association firmly believe it is a great opportunity to work closely with community groups to facilitate a safe and nurturing environment for children with special needs.

Leigh Drummond

Treasurer's Report

Financial Reporting

The Associations Incorporation Act 2009 divides associations into two tiers for reporting purposes.

Larger, or Tier 1 associations, whose gross receipts exceed \$250,000 or current assets exceed \$500,000 are required to submit audited financial statements each year to the members at the AGM.

Smaller, or Tier 2 associations are required to submit a summary of their financial affairs to the AGM.

Associations must lodge annual financial summaries in the approved form with the Director-General within 1 month after the AGM.

Financial Report for 2011/12

I have attached the Profit & loss Statement for the 2011/12 season. Please note there is no requirement for Blowfly Cricket Association Inc., being classified as a Tier 2 Association does not need to provide an Audited Financial Statement. The requirement is to submit a summary of their financial affairs to the AGM. The Result for the 2011/12 Year was a pleasing surplus of \$1,897.81 (one thousand, eight hundred and thirty seven dollars 81 cents).

Profit and Loss Statement

	BUDGET FORECAST \$	BUDGET ACTUAL \$	COMMENTS / NOTES
Opening Cash Surplus / Deficit	0	0	
INCOME			
Fees	200.00	240.00	
Sponsorship / Donations	300.00	490.00	
Grants	1,400.00	2,416.11	
Fundraising	0.00	\$0.00	
Bank Interest & Miscellaneous	40.00	\$87.58	
Total Income	\$1,940.00	\$3,233.69	
EXPENSES			
Ground Fees	0	0	
Coaching Costs	600.00	\$620.00	
Christmas Presents	500.00	\$520.39	
Trophies & Awards	200.00	0	
Administration Expenses	154.00	154.00	
Bank Fees & Charges	40.00	41.49	
Total Expenses	\$1,494.00	\$1,335.88	
Income less Expenses	446.00	1,897.81	
Closing Cash Surplus / (Deficit)	\$446.00	\$1,897.81	

Footnote:

A full detailed Financial Report has been distributed to the Management Committee (MC) and is available for viewing where appropriate, upon application to the MC.

Treasurer's Report continued

Statement by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the committee the Profit and Loss Statements as set out on the previous page:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the BlowFly Cricket Association Inc as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Blowfly Cricket Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



President: **Nicola J Cooke**

Dated this day 30 September 2012



Treasurer: **Mark W Rushton**

Dated this day 30 September 2012

Notes to and forming part of the Accounts

Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of NSW. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2001 and the following applicable Accounting Standards:

AASB 1002: Events Occurring after Reporting Date

AASB 1026: Cash Flow Statement

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The Financial Report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

- (a) Income Tax – The Management Committee is of the opinion that the Association is not liable for tax by virtue of the exemption of member income under the principal of mutuality. For this reason the accounting standard “Tax Effect Accounting” has not been applied nor has any charge for income tax been made in the accounts.
- (b) Fixed Assets – Plant and Equipment are brought to account at cost. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Treasurer's Report *continued*

Acknowledgements

Our sincere thanks are extended to the following individuals and organisations for their support, as BlowFly Cricket is totally reliant on this level of support to maintain the present levels of functionality.

SUPPORTER	DESCRIPTION
All Seasons Trophies	End of season players trophies
Blowfly Cricket Management Committee	\$10.00 – AGM Dinner
Mike Burgin (Castle Hill RSL CC)	'Adam Gilchrist' autographed mini-bat
Commonwealth Bank (CBA)	\$1,000.00 + \$750.00 worth of equipment (2011 Grassroots Grant)
Cricket NSW	Playing equipment, kits, players shirts and backpacks
DownUp Sports Ltd	2 cricket bats
Leigh Drummond	\$60.00 – "Sponsor A Player" promotion
Fullpoint Graphics (Brian Binfield)	In-kind sponsorship: Printing and publications
Integrity Consultants	\$200.00 – "Sponsor A Player" promotion
NSW Communities Sport & Recreation	\$1,416.11 (2010/11 'Disability Sport Assistance Program' \$2,200.00 received by HK&HDCA for the development of Blowfly Cricket)
Bill Peterkin	\$60.00 – "Sponsor A Player" promotion
Mike Rolleston	\$60.00 – "Sponsor A Player" promotion
Mark Rushton	\$100.00 – "Sponsor A Player" promotion
Triforce Sports	Use of indoor training centre (Norwest)

Business Partnership



DownUp Sports Pty Ltd

designed by players

DownUp Sports generously provided two cricket bats for a future fundraising auction



Castle Hill RSL CC supported BlowFly Cricket with a full-page feature article in the club's monthly newsletter, produced throughout the season.

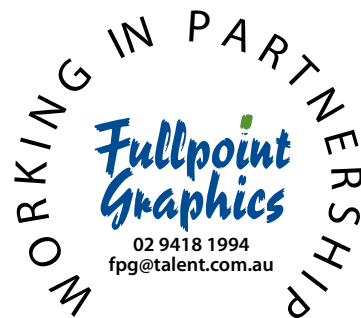
In addition, Mike Burgin was generous in donating an 'Adam Gilchrist' autographed mini-bat which will be one of the prizes for our forthcoming raffle.



Integrity Consultants Pty Limited

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Integrity Consultants generously donated \$200.00 to our "Sponsor A Player" promotion



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Hornsby Kur-ing-gai & Hills Cricket supporters of BlowFly Cricket



The 2011/12 season was very successful for the St Ives Cricket Club. With six sides in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association Senior competition the club took out two minor premierships and finished second in the overall standings of the club championship.

In an even bigger undertaking, St Ives commenced their first season running the Wahroonga in2CRICKET centre based at Turramurra Memorial Oval. Starting from scratch, we managed to recruit 39 junior players. The centre was brilliantly run by Mike Henderson. The kids had a lot of fun, made some new friends and developed their cricketing skills to boot. It was a great success for the club, which we hope to grow next season. Much like the BlowFly cricket kids, we were lucky enough to take the kids out to the middle of the SCG for the first test. A wonderful memory for all involved that they are sure to cherish in the future. We also had the very big decision at our AGM a few weeks ago to re-name our club (as known since 1926) from St Ives CC to St Ives Wahroonga CC to fully integrate our junior club with our senior club.

It is also with great pleasure that we have seen BlowFly Cricket develop over the last three years. The club has offered to lend its support and Wahroonga Juniors CC President / St Ives CC Vice-President Ben Gussey sat on the committee for Blowfly cricket, creating the website and helping the maintain its Facebook presence. Mike

Henderson (Wahroonga in2CRICKET coordinator) was also enthusiastic to take part in the program but unfortunately it runs alongside his senior cricket commitments (also preventing other members of the club from offering on-field assistance).

We are very excited to continue our close working relationship with BlowFly Cricket in to the future. Working alongside the Blowfly Cricket Committee, it is important that we oversee and develop this format of cricket so that it can reach its true potential and service an oft-neglected segment of our community. St Ives Wahroonga CC has also agreed in principle to sponsor two players for the 2012-13 season. St Ives Wahroonga CC will continue to always be happy to lend support and advice as the program develops and we pass our best wishes to the program and Committee.

I must also add that it was terrific to see the Northern District CC ladies coaching and assisting this season. Amongst their ranks are some fine cricketers (and human beings) and I know they would find the experience a valuable and rewarding one.

Ben Gussey
Committee Member

Grants

NSW Communities Sport & Recreation 'Disability Sport Assistance Program'



*The primary focus of the program is on increasing regular and on-going participation opportunities.
This program incorporates the Disability Sport Assistance Program.*

What are the objectives of this program?

1. Increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner.
2. Address barriers to participation in sport, recreation and structured physical activity.
3. Build the capacity of the organisation to enhance provision of sport and recreation services.
4. Provide accreditation or training to develop the skills of volunteers to enable sport, recreation and structured physical activity programs to be conducted in locations across NSW.

A grant of \$2,200.00 was received by HK&HDCA from the NSW Communities Sport & Recreation 'Disability Sport Assistance Program' for the development of Blowfly Cricket in the 2010/11 season. HK&HDCA kindly passed on the residual grant funds (\$1,416.11) to our Association upon request early in the 2011/12 season.

Commonwealth Bank Grants for Grassroots CricketTM Program



Ben Gussey is to be congratulated and thanked in securing this much sought-after grassroots grant from the Commonwealth Bank (CBA). BlowFly Cricket received \$1,000.00 in funds, together with much sought-after cricket equipment and a large shade shelter. Due to the nature of our modified game of cricket, we gave the cricket kit to the local St Ives CC for use by their senior teams. Our sincere gratitude is extended to the CBA for not only the support of our Association in its infancy, but also for the support given to grassroots cricket across our nation.



Imagine a cross between Regular and French cricket where:

- The ball is hit from a T or from another player who is able to bowl.
- Wickets are made from two normal wickets at right angles to each other to create a greater target for fielders.
- All players are participating at all times as either a: Batsman, Fielder, or a "Blower" who either bowls or blows a whistle for a T hit.
- After a batsman has completed up to 2 runs (facing only 1 ball at a time), all players then move onto a new position in the field (like a clock-face).

SPONSOR A CHILD 2012/13 Season

\$60.00 per child – covers CNSW registration fees

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

An initial interim receipt will be issued, to be followed with a formal tax deductible receipt once the Blowfly Cricket Association (BCA) is registered with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF).

Donations Accepted – PO Box 382 Wahroonga NSW 2076

EFT: Account Name: Blowfly Cricket Association Inc.

BSB: 032 188 Account No.: 338666

