

# COVER DRIVE

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ABOVE: The Past Players, Sponsors and Life Members Marquee at the club's recent Sarcoma T20 Xmas Bash

BELOW RIGHT: Fraser Hay celebrates his second of three tons this season

BOTTOM: Kyal Richardson celebrates his hundred vs Bayswater



# The Chairmans Report Andrew Panetta

Hello everyone and welcome to the conclusion of another big year of cricket for the Gosnells Hawks in what has been an exciting time to be around the club.

In my role as the Chairman I am tasked with chairing the board meetings and help our board members with their positions, and start off we have had a few changes so far this year.

Firstly, finishing up after 18 years as President this season was Ross Leipold. I don't have enough space here to write about Ross's contribution to the club over his time, so I will leave that for a later date, but I think the fact he is still involved with coaching of our u17's beyond his presidency this year shows his commitment to the club and our culture and is still showing it to this day. Thank you to Ross, it has been an absolute pleasure.

Also departing this year was Bruce Bussanich. Bruce massively helped drive the building of the ITF and project managed the centre all the way. He also coached our junior teams for many years, bringing home the u17 premiership in 2018-19. His contribution to the welfare of the club has been very important.

Mark Adams finished up as Secretary after previously serving us as junior director as well. Mark has done a great job and will be missed around the place. Hopefully, he still comes down for a drink. Dean Bussanich also moved on from the Director of Sponsorship and Marketing due to work commitments. Dean bought a fresh youthful perspective to his role and we thank him for that.

Our new board has come along nicely with some fresh faces this season.

Former Director of Senior Cricket Paul Cullinane moved across into the role of President, and I continue to wish him the best of luck. I am sure you will keep up the tradition of excellent Presidents of the GCC.

I will be continuing for one more year and Sam Parkyn is staying on as Treasurer. Craig Passmore had excellently taken on the task of two roles, as both the Director of Grounds and Director of Community Cricket. Dinesh Burah was again brilliant in his role of Director of Junior Cricket, and we welcomed on Simon Acomb as Secretary and Matt Robson to Director of Marketing and Sponsorship, a successful first experience for both of these men. Both of the are still playing at the club and we wish them all the best for more years, I am sure they will do a fine job.

Paul has been continuing to fill-in on the Director of Cricket role, so we do need some extra support in this role for the new season. If you have an interest in any of the roles up for a member at next month's AGM, please get in contact with me. We have a great team as we push forward, and I look forward to the off-season and next year ahead.

Cheers!!

**ANDREW PANETTA**  
Club Chairman

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# The Presidents Report Paul Cullinane

The 2020/21 cricket season has come and gone, and in a 12 months where everything has been so unpredictable, it has been great to get out on the field and play, especially when at the prior to the season commencement we thought we may not play at all.

As sometimes happens when you have a lot of change in an organisation some things that you are very used to may go amiss. This has happened this year of course with our Cover Drive, where we hope to usually get 3 out each year, we look like having one ready for the Presentation Dinner and maybe one that covers the Presentation Dinner. We apologise for this and will do this better next year.

As Andrew has said in his article there has been plenty of change at our Club and in our Board from last year. I have stepped into the Presidency after Ross Leipold stepped down, and like Andrew, I would like to pay tribute to Ross's legacy over the past 17 years as President, but also his involvement in the club. His tireless passion and commitment have seen many changes for our club over the years since we joined the

WACA competition. Thankfully for the club, Ross agreed to stay on as our Delegate to the WACA, and as an Assistant Coach with the Colts and the 17s. Thanks again Ross. Andrew has also addressed our other outgoing Board members and I also thank them as well.

I would like to especially mention Len Hill who had to give up his role through the year due to ill-health. We wish him well in his efforts to get back to full health, and have been very pleased to see him out and about at the club he truly loves. Of course his absence caused a big hole in the bar manager space, and I was very pleased when Ken Ashwin agreed to continue in that role to cover Len. Thanks very much Ken.

It would be remiss of me not to mention two members of our Club who were much loved and gave so much of themselves, but sadly, not with us this season. Ken Leipold and Scott McNamee passed away last year and both were greatly missed this season.

A highlight this year for our players and members was our First Grade playing at the WACA. A wonderful initiative by the WACA to have Premier Clubs play at this venue while the Shield Hub was in SA.

A belated welcome our coaches and players to the year, including those who are new to us, those who are returning to us, and those who have come up through our junior program.

The most significant change in the off season was the completion and the ability for us to use our new Indoor Training Facility. The ITF Manager Simon Acomb is doing a fantastic job with the facility, and we hope that now COVID restrictions have eased and allow us unrestricted use of the facility, we will be able to attract other Premier Clubs, Community Clubs and Coaches who wish to provide personal training to the facility. We have, even with a disrupted year, had many Junior and Senior sides using the facility and also quite a few personal training sessions. To book, go to the Gosnells Cricket Club website [gosnellsc.org](http://gosnellsc.org) and find Indoor Centre.

Another fantastic initiative this season has been the Live Streaming of games every weekend from Sutherlands Park. The feed's were directed to Youtube, the GCC Facebook page and website, but can also be accessed through the WACA Match Centre website under our game for the week.

This will allow all of our members, particularly those who are unable to attend the ground, to see GCC playing cricket. It also enables members to search through Youtube and view historical games, as well as our Coaches having the ability to coach players from this vision. Thank you to Sponsors Steve McGann at Express Link and my Company Vision Financial Strategies for funding the equipment.

All that remains is to congratulate all of the Trophy winners this evening, and wish all of our coaches and players the very best for the off season and look forward to seeing them back next year.

Stay safe, healthy and ensure we are doing the right thing with Covid19.

Paul Cullinane, President.

## To Our Sponsors Thanks for the support!!



# Director of Seniors Paul Cullinane

Our 2020/21 season unfortunately came to an abrupt end with the club unable to make finals. I do believe that we built on last year however, and our performances improved, with several grades still in the hunt after Christmas.

But prior to getting into the year we had, I would like to reflect on the hard work our club and the players did before the commencement of the season.

I eagerly watched our the new initiative of a Skills Academy and the pre-season sessions, and was very impressed with our squad's commitment and desire to improve. The Academy had top line skills coaches in Paul Terry, Ryan James and Wayne Andrews, along with our own Head Coach Ryan Duffield, Gareth Jacobs and Ken Dawson, and the pre-season was another excellent program put together by Ryan and his coaching staff of Wayne Andrews, Ken Dawson, Mitch Coles, Christian Agostino and Steve McGann. We had a healthy mix of youth and experience, and all players looked very aligned to achieve their best output this season. I believe that continually running these programmes can only aid the club's desire and drive toward on field success. Buoyed by the clubs two U17s flags and an U15s flag in the last two years, there is plenty to build on. Our ability to be able to use the new Indoor Training Facility has this year, and will for years to come, be one of our greatest assets in preparing talented and successful cricketers. To get a solid three hour session into the group with full run ups and excellent batting resources, while the rain fell heavily outside, was invaluable.



The players were again given a Player Diary. I have seen how Ryan uses this, and how some players also use it, and believe it is a great tool however the players decided to use it. It can be educational in the way players can jot things down they want to bring up with coaches during the week or after a game. It is also a motivational tool if they are setting personal goals for upcoming games, or even just a record of a players self-assessment that will aid them in focusing on areas they personally believe they need to develop.



Head Coach Ryan Duffield entered his second year and looked to build on the platform he laid last year. Cultural and attitudinal change is taking place as our player group take on board Ryan's required values and behaviours that he knows make a successful environment to perform in. Our players are to be

commended on how hard they have worked in this space, and they know that if they get this right, success is part of the formula.

Ryan was assisted this year by High Performance coach Wayne Andrews. Stars is fresh out of the WACA, and like Ryan, has played several years at First Class Level with WA. He also Captained the Club and won an Olley Cooley medal while playing for the Club. Together, I believe they have unmatched credentials in this competition as a coaching structure. Assistant coaches Ken Dawson (Under 17s/Colts), Clarry Bilston/Mitch Coles (Strength and Conditioning), Ryan James-Buckley, Christian Agostino and Steve McGann (Net Captain) completed our coaching group and gave great



support to Ryan and Wayne, providing the additional resources to develop our skills with a high focus on game day strategies.

Our Colts, as mentioned above, benefited of greatly from the experience and knowledge of Ken Dawson as coach and his assistants Ross Leipold and Fraser Hay. The boys did a great job throughout, reaching the competition's Semi-Finals for the first time since 2017-18. Our Captains this year again had a nice sprinkling of experience, with Ryan Duffield as captain-coach, Simon Acomb again doing the Twos, recently retired First Grade keeper Ryan James-Buckley in the Threes, and youth with Elijah Panetta in the Fours. During the year Anthony Collova captained our T20 side with great aplomb, and several times in the last few rounds of the year as Ryan retired. Jeremy McFarlane also deputised Simon, as Blake McGann did in the Threes and Nic Roberts in the Fours. All are thanked and did fine jobs when required.

Our playing list again changed significantly. As Ryan has eluded to our new recruits were Hayden Cobley, Brandon Jacobs, Tyler Geers and Nick Farmer. We also secured Brenton Williams from Perth Cricket Club, and Alex Stiles, returned to Australia after completing his schooling in Ireland. Adding to this we had returning players Cam Petrecivich, Scott Biddle, Bryden Emrich and Bryan Lutter (from injury). Of course we had an excellent influx from the successful 17s group who have come off back to back premierships in Sam Allen, Mark Cogger, Connor Kennelly and Caleb Burah. Other Junior cricketers who played regularly in the Seniors included Kade Povey, Kyal Richardson and Claus Lotter (17s), with Rhett Grincer, Toby Marshall, Cam Markham, Akash Katakam, Jake Passmore, Demi Bullock, Kade McDonald (17s) and Connor Southam (15s) also playing at least a game this year.

Additionally we also had Isaac Giannini, whose father Daniel played at GCC, but they all now live in the UK. Isaac was fantastic and we hope he enjoyed GCC as much as we enjoyed having him.

Unfortunately two boys were missing for the year with serious ACL injuries in Tom Stephenson and Brad Dixon. We also wish all the best to other players who left prior to the season starting in Matthew Leipold (work), Chris Prescott, Liam Duffield (Retired), Christian Agostino (Retired/Coaching), Dave Roberts (work), Brodee Foster (Hockey), Naveen Subramani (Retired) and Kurt Verdonk (Retired).

We finally would like to wish the retirees of this year Ryan Duffield, Ryan James-Buckley and Sidney Menezes all the very best as well. Our Man of the Match sponsors this year were again Parkland Mazda, Brian Kennelly – Orebody Mining Services, Steve McGann – Express Link, Paul Cullinane – Vision Financial Strategies, Market City Tavern and Meuleman's.

Game Day sponsors were once again Gray's Concrete and Parkland Mazda and we thank them for this contribution. The Game Day team was again led by Bobby Wiltshire as Ground Manager, with Susie his wife returning after a break to run the kitchen and afternoon teas. Len Hill our bar manager and his off-sider Ken Ashwin looked after us from mid arvo into the evening. A huge thank you to all and certainly look forward to having you back next year. Finally I wish everyone a good off season and look forward to watching our club grow in another year of development towards successful times.

**Paul Cullinane, Director of Senior Cricket.**



# FIRST GRADE SNAPS



# SECOND GRADE SNAPS



# THIRD GRADE SNAPS





# FOURTH GRADE SNAPS



# Head Coach Ryan Duffield

Another season done and dusted, with plenty of positive signs moving forward into our winter programs and our preparation for more continuous improvement into next season.

Although we didn't have the on field success we would all have hoped for we saw some huge growth from the majority of our playing group which bodes extremely well for the club to continue to move forward in the right direction.

We had a total of 8 players earn their Baggy Blue Caps this season, which is an indication of the young talent we have performing at the club and all these players showed some really positive signs and will be better for getting a maiden taste of 1st grade cricket. It was great to see Michael Dawson win his first Hawk Medal on the back of some break out performances with the bat and ball in both First and Second grade, as well as Fraser Hay and Anthony Collova in the top order having strong seasons with the bat.

I would like to thank my support team for continued assistance and support throughout the season. We had Wayne Andrews come on board as High-Performance coach which was a huge addition to the coaching staff and I am very sure the playing group has all benefitted from his knowledge and expertise at some point during the season. I would also like to thank Clarry Bilston, Mitch Coles, Ken Dawson, Steve McGann and Christian Agostino for all of their assistance throughout the season. Unfortunately we had one man missing from our coaching group and that was Scotty McNamee, who unfortunately passed away after a long battle with cancer in the off season. Scotty had such a positive influence on everyone he came into contact with and was someone who would always go out of his way to help others. Personally I am so grateful to Scotty for the support and friendship throughout my first season at the Gosnells Cricket Club

There is a lot to look forward to in 2021/22 with our continued focus on developing the young playing group and continue to drive the club forward in the right direction. Lastly I would like to thank all of our club sponsors, board members and supporters for your outstanding continued support in what we are trying to create at the club and the support I get from Siobhan and Eddie when I am away quite a bit during summer. Wishing you all a safe winter and look forward to seeing you all down the club for what looks to be another exciting season for the Hawks.

## Ryan Duffield, GCC Head Coach



# Sponsorship and Marketing Matt Robson

The past season was a great learning experience for all facets the club and whole playing group to do through during uncertain times and the development as a club whole was evident. On the field performance however was not the only development made by the club during the 2020/21 season. This year saw the turnover of the marketing, sponsorship and social media role to myself, as well as being able secure a majority returning sponsors that have generously offered their support for the club in these difficult times.

We were extremely grateful to secure platinum and shirt sponsor Parkland Mazda for a second season on the trot. They have provided the club with exceptional support, funds for club use, and Sean McGarry and his team were exceptional in their support again. I would like to thank our second major sponsor, Gray's Concrete. The contribution of Andrew Panetta and the business was brilliant as per usual, and Gray's solid partnership will look to continue having agreed to a deal until 2022/23 season.

G-Force Printing returned for the second season as one of our silver sponsors and were fantastic in a number of supplies provided to the club. Our Platinum sponsors were for the first time ever displayed on stumps stickers out in the middle of all home games for the Hawks, thanks to work of our team at G-Force. Brett, Linda, Randall and the team also provided us with sponsor flags, coreflute boards for our values and KPIs and our Cover Drive.

Paul Cullinane at Vision Financial, Steve McGann at Expresslink, Brian Kennelly at Orebody Mining and Jayne McNamee at Westate Embroidery all also returned as sponsors this past season and deserve a massive credit, as well as the support of Market City Tavern. A big thank you to all our loyal sponsors who made my first season in the role an easy transition.



Aside from sponsorship, our biggest initiative under my direction this season was the implementation of our Frogbox Livestreaming. Thanks to the generous funding of Vision Financial and Expresslink, this venture allowed the club to purchase the nationally-renowned Frogbox kit including camera, tripod, HDMI repeater and extensive cables which we have since also been able to use in other areas. The WACA Match Centre, WACA Youtube and Gosnells Facebook pages were able to stream selected games from all grades this year and will continue to do so for years to come, as well as providing footage and insight for the coaches and players. A big thank you to Jeremy McFarlane and Bradley Dixon, who volunteered regularly to assist me on the system without a second ask required.



Finally, I would like to express a big appreciation to our playing group, my fellow board members and the coaching staff for allowing me to have a certain amount of flexibility and control in my new role. It has been hard as both a playing member and board member at times with university added to the mix and the support, help and advice I have received has been nothing short of outstanding. I look forward to continuing this role into the next season.



The best way anyone can help out the club is to become a volunteer in a role or generate sponsorship, so anyone who is interested in helping the club out or has ties to local or family businesses who may be able or are actively seeking to engage in sponsorship of a WACA club, please contact myself through the club website or social media, or visit the website to get my personal details at [gosnellsc.org](http://gosnellsc.org).

I hope to see as many of you as possible back for an exciting 2021/22 season.

Matthew Robson, Director of Marketing and Sponsorship

# Director of Juniors Dinesh Burah

## Junior Volunteers

Thank you for all the volunteer support this season!! We cannot function without your support, thank you to the volunteer support from junior parents this season. They were involved in team management, game day help, liaising with the council on matters with the decks, marking the ovals, driving the golf cart at drinks breaks to taking action photo shots! A massive thank you to you all.

I also like to extend my thanks to Slater-Gartrell Sports for sponsoring the junior achievement awards.

## Preseason Training and Season Kick-Off

We started the preseason in the ITF in July, soon after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. All teams had once a week training in the ITF from July to September.

We introduced a number of new players from community cricket to our junior ranks. It is great to see how they have developed to represent Hawks in WACA Premier cricket.

The U17 and U15 had a combined 2019-20 awards ceremony and season launch function after the COVID break, and similarly did the previous and new U13 and U14 groups. This included the welcome cap presentation by our First Grade cricketer to these new junior debutants.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019-20 U17s

The last preseason mention was to our returning U17s who were the reigning U17 champions in the WACA competition, one of the only clubs in the WACA competition to win back to back flags in the 18/19 and 19/20 seasons, a huge achievement by the players and the coaches to build confidence on for the season ahead.



## Junior Milestones in 2020/21

I would like to make a quick mention of a few milestones, although the coaches will touch on these in their sections. We had two 100's from Claus Lotter and Kyal Richardson and several fifties in the U17s, several members of the U15 going over the 50 run mark and a five-wicket haul by U13 debutant James Free in his first game.

Jacob Calebreze, a new starter with the U15s, also took a five-wicket and a hat-trick in the same game. Demi Bullock of the U17s also achieved the feat of a hat-trick this season.

It is also worth mention that Rhett Grincer was invited to bowl at the WBBL players and he is now currently in the WACA's U16 development squad, well done to Rhett.



## Junior development activities and Junior/Senior Integration

This season we saw a number of opportunities for skills development in collaboration with the WACA training programs. This included the batting and bowling workshops by the WACA High Performance unit in Brian Shields and Jon Van Burge. The pace bowling masterclass was conducted by Michael Thistle.

The juniors continue to form the future life blood of this club and it is always great to see the renewed energy flowing from the senior players who undertake the coaching of our junior grades.



We continue to work closely with the senior coach Ryan Duffield in the support and development of our juniors by providing them with the opportunities to train with and be included in senior games. This season a total of seven junior players (six U17s and an U15) has played at least one game in the Second, Third and Fourth grade sides. It was particularly great to see U17 Kade Povey, one of the youngest players ever, receive his baggy blue this season.

## Junior Presentation Night

Come the season's end it was finally time to celebrate the achievements and recognise performances at the conclusion of good season for the juniors. It was extremely heartening to see individual and team development across all the junior grades throughout the season. One of the best moments came in the final round at home as the U13s chased down 159 runs to win and the U14 defended 77 runs on the same day.

We thoroughly enjoyed the 2020/21 season and look forward to what next season holds for these groups.



## Dinesh Burah, Director of Junior Cricket



# UNDER 17s Ken Dawson

Another season has finished just as quick as it started, and we are all looking forward to a little time off, because before we know it the pre-season will be upon us again. To sum up the 20/21 season I suppose we didn't achieve what we set out to do, which was ideally to win another flag.

However, as I always said it's about the boys learning and improving their game and not always about winning. They certainly achieved that. We had a number of the boys playing senior cricket for the majority of the season and a few others also got a taste of senior cricket at points in the seasib. I'm pleased to say that they all impressed by scoring runs, taking wickets and holding their own in the field. It's a great sign of the depth of talent we have coming through and we are all waiting for them to impose themselves on the competition. There are very exciting times ahead for our club.

In an individual summary we had some wonderful performances along the way. Kyal Richardson scored a Round 1 century with 117 against Bayswater-Morley, Claus Lotter also with 115 against Wanneroo and Rhett Grincer snared 16 wickets with a best bowling of 3-37 against Bayswater-Morley just to name a few. However each week there was someone different who would contribute with bat or ball which displayed the depth within the team and showed that we did not rely on one or two players to win our games. I'm pleased to say that all the boys really stepped up in the maturity of their cricket and took on all the responsibilities with bat, ball and in the field. This all helps keep them in good stead for the future.



To the boys that will now transition into the senior group, you have all come through with flying colours, no challenge will be too great for any of you, as you all have honed your skills and are more than ready for the task ahead. Don't forget this is only one part of your cricket, a new chapter begins next season so take on the challenge head on. You are all capable of big things for our club and we will all be watching with great anticipation eager to see each of you progress and prosper.



A really big thank you to Paul and Wendy Marshall for all your assistance, nothing was too big or too small for the two of you. You were always there for Ross, myself, the boys and all the parents. Once again no one knows how much goes on in the background and what needs to be sorted before and during the season. Thanks to Ross Leipold for all your assistance and wise words, you have assisted and guided me along the way as with the boys, we all appreciate your time and effort, and we had some great laughs along the way.

A big thanks goes out to Liam Henderson, Michael Dawson, Brad Dixon, Cameron Sawatzky and Aqeel Wahid for all the assistance at training nights and for all the fielding drills. You guys helped us out tremendously, I do hope that it will help you out with your game. Thank you to all the parents, you all have done a fantastic job with these boys and should all be proud of bringing up such respectful, talented and genuinely wonderful young men - it's a tribute to you all. I humbly say thank you to all the boys, it has been a pleasure and an honour to be given the opportunity to coach you this year. It is said as coaches we are here to teach you as players, however I think that in turn you teach us about a vast array of things that help and give us a better understanding to become better coaches. One last thank you goes out to our director of junior cricket Dinesh Burah. Dinesh is always rock solid through the good and bad and always puts the club first. He has always been there to assist and push the boys forward to make sure they get as much opportunity as we can give them. Thanks to Dinesh for putting up with me even though I don't always say it, you have been awesome and all we ask of you is to keep the great work up, thanks mate.

Ken Dawson, U17 coach

# UNDER 15s Anthony Richardson

Before anything else, I would like to personally thank Tanya Evans for once again putting her hand up and managing the U15s this year. Dealing with 15 year old boys is hard enough, let alone also having a couple of mature aged boys in there too. We had a change of assistant coach this year with Fitzzy gone (cheers mate) and Aaron Ballantyne stepping in.

Aaron took charge of our pre-season fitness program which was merged with the U14s, and given his WAFL coaching background the boys certainly got put through their paces. This was culminated in the running of the Champion Lakes course followed by a team BBQ. After monitoring the boys 2km trial times it looks like they are all keeping their base.

We added 4 new players to our existing squad which has strengthened us and the boys fitted in seamlessly.

1. Lagan "Blue" Sandhu (opening bat/leggie)
2. Isaiah "Hammy" Denton (all-rounder/seamer)
3. Jacob "C-breeze" Calabrese (fast bowler)
4. Sebastian "Daffy" Breskiewicz (fast bowler)

After a couple of tough seasons we tried out something a little bit different with our leadership group.

We appointed duel skippers in Connor Southam and Sebastian Gangemi. I would like to congratulate the boys on their efforts in the job, as well as our sole vice-captain is Harrison Winchester, well done big "H".



We started the season in a positive note with several key players showing massive development. However, losses in a few key games throughout meant we missed qualifying for the finals in the final round.

However, most importantly the boys have shown tremendous improvement through the season and we almost qualified for the finals. While wining is important, the biggest focus has been on player development, and this I can say has been achieved when you look at all the individual growth. Thank you for a great season.

Anthony Richardson, U15 coach



# UNDER 14s Bryan Lutter

Although the results perhaps wouldn't suggest it, the U14s had an exceptional year in terms of their experience and personal growth. At the beginning of the year we discussed the club values and team rules and I can confidently say I am proud of the way each and every player conducted themselves on game days and at training. We identified that game day results would follow if we back our system and preparation.

The team attitude after losing or winning was outstanding. We put a lot of emphasis this season on becoming a team with a good culture and with particular focus tried to mould each and every squad member into people that are widely respected in the wider cricket competition, which was resulted after we had numerous amounts of positive feedback from opposition coaches, managers and parents. The U14s players can be proud of themselves for the way they both upheld and raised the clubs reputation this season, and we will continue to build on it.



As for results, our guys were into the hunt every single game, with the exception of maybe one. We unfortunately were just unable to execute all our basic skills for long enough periods of time, so we worked extra hard on the basics of batting and bowling for the final month. Going into the final round with an 0-5 record the boys were itching for their first regular season win, as were the coaches and parents. We got off to the worst possible start being bowled out for 77, but after a chat about belief and expecting the unexpected, the boys rallied together and left nothing out on the field. Alen Paul

struck early, as he always does and it was never down from there. Every bowler did not exceed an economy rate of above two and Zac Zilioli was the pick of the bowlers on the day with 4/15 from 9.3 overs and as a young leg spin bowler still learning his craft, that is exceptional.

Finally, I'd like to thank each and every one who supported me this season and had my back through thick and thin. The season had some hiccups but nobody gave up and as a coach that is all I can ask for, I wholeheartedly believe next season will

be the season we, as a unit click and start stringing some wins together and become a force in the WACA premier competition. I'd like to thank the Gosnells Cricket Club for giving me the opportunity to coach the U14s and start my coaching path at this level. Lastly I'd like to thank Aaron Ballantyne and Anthony Richardson for bouncing ideas with me and their mentorship. Blake Mcgann, and Christian Agostino for jumping on board and giving up your time to help me grow and develop this club was unfaulted. And lastly to Paige and Sharky, I can't thank you enough. Your communication, efficiency, professionalism and passion was a driving force for me, and thank you for jumping on some grenades for me.

Bryan Lutter, U14 coach



# UNDER 13s Cameron Sawatzky

I would like to start by mentioning the U13s that we had taken onboard this season really impressed myself and the other coaching staff in terms of the effort that they have put in to every training session. We have a very young and inexperienced squad with the entire squad except one having never played an official district game before this season. In saying this, the way the team has gelled together and played as a team has definitely surprised us all.



From the start of our preseason to now, the squad has undoubtedly improved and lifted the standard of their training sessions, individual skills and therefore team performances. The results we had this year were by no means a true reflection of the season we had as team. As a coach, I was very proud of our each and every single squad member, despite not achieving the results we wanted. Plenty of games went right down to the wire but unfortunately we ended up on the wrong side majority of the time. Every player in our squad had shown large signs of improvement in such short time which was very impressive and is a very good sign for times to come.

Our first win came in the last game of the season where Vicario was able to hit the winning runs off the last ball of the match and the whole team contributed. To win from just about an unwinnable position for an inexperienced U13s side (5-36 chasing 160) was very satisfying, considering everyone that played in the game had a handy contribution. This was certainly one of the best wins that myself, the other coaches and a lot of the players will be a part of in their cricketing days given how much has gone into this season.

Finally, a big credit and thanks is due to Arun as our team manager for all his behind the scenes work, and all the parents for their support/help throughout the season. I would also like to thank the fellow coaches, my assistants and fellow senior players Aqeel Wahid and Matthew Robson for each taking training sessions and gamedays when I was unavailable due to senior games or illness, and for Ken Dawson for taking training nights when we were at senior trainings.



## Cameron Sawatzky, U13 coach



# SCOTT McNAMEE

This season was the first the Hawks had to experience without our ultimate club-man Scott McNamee, who we sadly lost last off-season. Scotty was the ultimate club person who was a net captain, uniform delegate, sponsor and his presence was sorely missed by all the Hawks throughout this season. We hope that all the McNamee family are doing well and the GCC will be forever indebted to the contributions Scotty made to our community. We miss you Scotty.



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