

ERDCC Chairman's report 2018/19



2018/19 – A great season for our club

Our club had a great 2018-19 season of cricket. The season of 2018/19 was a season of change since we had a brand-new management team. For some of us in the management team, it was a first-time experience in the governance of a cricket club. This made things interesting, as new ideas were floated around time and again and our club tried implementing them with much enthusiasm. Many new systems were implemented starting with a new focus and new ways of how the club is managed. Our focus this year was 'talent development' and 'cricket excellence' all our efforts were geared towards these two key outcomes.

There were many challenges expected put in front of us given the change the club had in its management. Many areas of the club were regularised with a new system of functioning to improve our way of working. There are still some areas which needs continuous attention every year, particularly related to funding of key initiatives to achieving the overall outcomes of the club. With the cricket rules changing in some formats of the game, it was a bit challenging for our teams, but we came to grips with it early in the season which made it easier to enjoy the game of cricket which we all love. The cooperation of the teams, members and committees was a key ingredient for the season to run smoothly despite the changes the club went through. We look forward to another year of great cricket for our club.

Auckland Cricket Association

As usual, the Auckland Cricket Association (ACA) implemented the programmes for the season and ran them well and we as a committee would like to thank the ACA team for all their support and efforts. Based on ACA's request, we have fully adopted the CricHQ system by New Zealand and Auckland Cricket for live scoring and registrations. The club also continued to comply with the procedures required under the obligations of a Principal Club and we continued to maintain our status as a Principal Club in accordance with the Auckland Cricket Associations Bylaws. We look forward to continued support and guidance from ACA to maintain our status and contribute to the growth of cricket in Auckland.

Coaching

With our focus on talent development and excellence in competitive cricket, we employed a Director of Coaching and a Player Coach for the Premier team, Premier Reserve Major, Premier Reserve Minor and senior 2-day teams. We also Premier players as coaches for coaching the junior teams on a weekly basis. This has paid huge dividends in terms of player development, member satisfaction and much improved ranking in the ACA tournaments.

Many thanks to Barrington Rowland and Azhar Abbas who took up the mantle of talent development with renewed vigour and alignment to the Club' vision. The coaches were

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also a great 'pull' factor for the club as we attracted players from overseas. In the coming year, it will be advantageous to continue the same vision to improve our competitiveness and commitment to development of cricket. We didn't have much luck with the Women's Premier team unfortunately despite our strong intention and efforts. We feel that there is a need to seriously ponder on the promotion of women's cricket throughout Auckland by ACA Auckland Cricket.

Senior's cricket, achievements

Eden Roskill's top four today teams trained hard on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Most of our school leavers/teenage players started their senior cricket in 4th or 5th grade teams. In past years only the top two teams (premier and premier reserve) used to get training but we changed this approach and during the last season we decided to look after everyone in Seniors and juniors particularly all our top five 2-day teams with quality trainings every Tuesday and every Thursday. Every month in our management meeting we were getting very positive feedback regarding midweek trainings and this has contributed to 100% retentions in our senior grade cricket and the potential to excel in senior numbers and teams for the coming season.

Premier team 2day performance: Played 8 two-day matches won 5 lost 1 and draws 2 matches. Unfortunately, we just missed out on winning the Tom Hellaby 2-day championship.

Premier team one day performance: Played 7 matches won 4 and lost 3

Premier team T20 performance: Played 7 matches won 3 lost 4

In total premier team matches: Played 22 won 12 lost 8 and draw 2.

This has been the club's best performance in recent years and the main drivers behind this success was our focus on talent development and the availability of our two very experienced and highly qualified coaches in Azhar Abbas and Barrington Rowland. We did this by getting Barrington Rowland to fully focus on premier team as a player and coach. As we all know that it is not easy to be a player and coach as well for the premier team - it can be very hard and get very challenging job at times.

Azhar Abbas was looking after all other senior teams and all pace bowlers including premier and premier reserve bowlers including all Western District junior rep players. He was also responsible for all day to day cricket related affairs such as team selections, players availabilities, cricket disputes, helping junior coaches, team managers and junior parents to understand the new roles and changes. His duties also included working closely with ACA Coach Developer Manager (Chris Mundell) and attending regular executive meetings to update committee on cricket day to day matters. Overall, we found that our coaches were over above their role descriptions as they worked hard day in and day out. We applaud their commitment, drive and focus to making the experience of cricket great in our club.

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Juniors, achievements

Club had a very successful junior year as well. For the first time ever, we had 44 Junior players from Eden Roskill got selected for the Western District teams. Four of them went to represent Auckland U17 and U19 (U17 Muhammad Abbas, Aditya Ashok, Yahya Zeb and U19 non-travelling reserve Harjot Johal). One of our juniors got selected for New Zealand U19 (Aditya Ashok) tour to Bangladesh but unfortunately the tour was cancelled due to security concerns. This coming season we are expecting 60+ junior players to represent Western District and we are also working towards having 6 junior players representing Auckland U17 and U19 teams. To achieve that the coaches have come out with some plans.

The club is also running successfully junior winter academy where about 40 junior players are already registered and every week numbers are growing. This will be complimented with a strong and effective holiday programme that is in place for end of term 2 and term 3 during this winter. Because of these initiatives we are getting one or two new members registering with club every week.

Our vision for the forthcoming five years is to have a very strong premier team, outstanding coaching and training facilities run by best highly qualified coaches and a fair share of our representation in Western District, ACA age group teams, Developing Future Aces (DFA) programme and at least one player in our much-loved Auckland Aces team.

We believe to achieve this we must have useful regular cricket development programmes and specialist cricket clinics available in winter for Eden Roskill players-particularly for our Junior players. We have the advantage of the club facilities and committed coaches who have a proven track record. With continuous improvements to our functioning we can assist our cricket passionate community of Mount Roskill, so we can achieve consistent success.

Grounds, car parks

Our grounds were once again used for the Intermediate School - New Zealand Cup and Shield Auckland Semis and Finals plus as a backup for the School Boys' District tournament. City Parks continued the contract for the ground maintenance at Keith Hay Park this season and generally the level of service was good. However, we were notified by ACA that fields 4,13,9 and 10 (fields without irrigation) at Keith hay Park are not in a good state due to the recent dry summer conditions.

In addition, these fields do not have in ground irrigation. Hence, the KHP North upgrade is planned to start in September 2019. We are also undergoing work on our car parks during winter 2019. We are hopeful that the above issues would be resolved well before start of the next cricket season.

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Building, lounge facilities, indoor nets

We have continued to make small improvements in the club-house facilities with refurbishing of mat in the nets' area. A professional cleaning and cleaning of the building is being planned. The hire of the lounge facilities has been just about satisfactory but there is scope for further improvement to hireage during the off-season and off-peak hours. The indoor nets continue to be well utilised during most of season and particularly last winter. We have successfully trialled and implemented the indoor nets booking system. This is an area for improvement and automation in the coming years.

ERDCC website

Since the player registrations were done through Crichq, there was not much traffic to our website. The website was also moved to the domain used by ACA on their request. The website needs a major upgrade for which we seek funding.

Committees, management team

On behalf of the club we would like to thank all our sub-committees and advisory members for all their efforts this year. During the year, we experienced some delays due to the resignation of the Treasurer and the Junior Chairman but managed the workflow by reaching out to each other.

Judicial

This season the club was involved in some formal complaints with the ACA Judicial Committee and these got amicably resolved and settled. There were other issues during matches, but these were handled in-house by the team along with the ACA and the other clubs involved. We continue in our efforts to uphold the spirit of cricket and the Club's Rules.

Conclusion

Finally, I wish to thank all our members and to everybody who has helped in any way, during the past year. This past season has been a high on talent and cricket development and we want to continue our growth. Also, a huge thankyou to our funders, major sponsors noted below, who have helped us financially.

Thank you.

Ram Lingam

ERDCC Chairman

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