

# **PAPATOETOE CRICKET CLUB INC.**

## **119<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT**

**2024-2025**



**Papatoetoe Cricket Club Inc.**

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# 1. Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 119th Annual General Meeting of the Papatoetoe Cricket Club will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm at the Kolmar Sports Centre.

To be chaired by the Board Member, Raj Singh

## **The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:**

- (a) Welcome & Apologies
- (b) Minutes of last AGM
- (c) Annual Report
- (d) Finance Report
- (e) Election of Committee Members
- (f) Features Plans & Projects
- (g) General Business
- (h) Close

## 2. Office Bearers

### **PATRON**

David Price

### **PRESIDENT**

Nigel Hurst

### **HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS**

P K Ambler, M B. Bennett, D Boyd, P Boyd, M Bradley, I Burnside, R J Cambie, J Crocker, WCummins, M Deas, P Dullabh, P Hannan, P J Havill, E Hope, G Karam, T Leitch, W McCormick, A McLaughlin, S McNeilage, G Peach, M Peterson, R Peterson, S Peterson, B Plummer, M Plummer, J Pope, C Price, W Price, A Rewcastle, L Rewcastle, N Ronaldson, C Ross, G Shaw, S Singe, M Sua, M Switzer, P J Walker, K Wallis, S L Watt, S Wickett, J Wright, C J Clark, Lance Shaw

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

N V Burnside, D S Currie, D H Price, F W Stamp, G B Troup, R M Harris, S J Poole, P O'Brien, R Price, N P Hurst, N Ronaldson, V Soma, P Boyd

### **DECEASED**

D Burnside, E H Burnside, E G Bray, K R Deas, S G Gedye, C G Humphries, W Joynt, J H Price, R FShearer, C A Smyth, A A Swaffield, H E Swaffield, J A Swaffield, B W D Troup, Dr J J Valentine, AF Winks, I H Plummer, G H M Green, R G Ronaldson.

### **CHAIR**

Raj Pardeep Singh

### **BOARD**

Samir Kapania, Raj Sharma, Satwant Grewal, Harpreet Kaur, Rajeev Rajagopal, Ranjeet Singh, Anu Bhatia, Stephen Money

**CLUB MANAGER:** BALRAJ SINGH GILL

**CLUB HEAD COACH:** LALITHAANANTHAN YUGARAJA

**JUNIOR COACH:** SUMIT MALI

**WOMEN's COACH:** HELEN SEMAU

**HONORARY SOLICITOR:** Wood, Ruck and Co. **HONORARY AUDITOR:** Integrity Audit



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PRESIDENT		CHAIRPERSON		TREASURER	
1905 - 14	JW Summer	1906 - 60	Club Captain	1905 - 09	No record
1914 - 20	No Office	1960 - 62	R Shearer	1909 - 11	H Wills
1920 - 46	FM Waters	1962 - 66	K Deas	1911 - 12	J Stone
1946 - 63	AA Swaffield	1966 - 67	M Bay	1912 - 14	H Swaffield
1964 - 70	JA Swaffield	1967 - 69	A Timpson	1914 - 20	No Office
1970 - 73	CA Smyth	1969 - 73	D Currie	1920 - 34	EH Burnside
1973 - 77	KR Deas	1973 - 76	N Burnside	1934 - 56	EG Gray
1977 - 81	RG Ronaldson	1976 - 80	W Apps	1956 - 57	R Bayley
1981 - 84	RF Shearer	1981 - 85	I Burnside	1957 - 58	JA Swaffield
1984 - 86	DS Currie	1985 - 86	K Wallis	1958 - 59	JH Price
1986 - 93	H Plummer	1986 - 88	I Plummer	1959 - 60	RM Harris
1993 - 00	DH Price	1988 - 91	W Stamp	1960 - 61	MJ Washer
2000 - 04	W Stamp	1991 - 92	D Price	1961 - 62	KF Parrish
2004 - 09	GB Troup	1992 - 94	W Stamp	1962 - 63	C Chisolm
2009 - 11	P O'Brien	1994 - 95	R Jacobsen	1963 - 65	GH Green
2011 -	N Hurst	1995 - 97	T Galloway	1965 - 66	T Papesch
		1997 - 98	C Ross	1966 - 68	RM Harris
		1998 - 00	S Wickett	1968 - 70	GW Ralph
		2000 - 01	C Ross	1970 - 73	RJ Muff
		2001 - 04	C Edwards	1971 - 73	SL Watt
		2004 - 06	GB Troup	1973 - 74	DS Currie
		2006 - 07	B Plummer	1974 - 78	RR Price
		2007 - 08	T Cassin	1978 - 80	RJ Cambie
		2008 - 09	P O'Brien	1980 - 81	M Sanders
		2009 - 11	T Cassin	1981 - 84	DH Price
		2011 - 12	N Joll	1984 - 88	RR Price
		2012 - 20	P Boyd	1988 - 91	DH Price
		2020 - 23	LJ Rewcastle	1991 - 93	P Seagar
		2023 - 24	Paula Gruber	1993 - 94	G Patten
		2024 -	Raj Singh	1994 - 95	D Price
				1995 - 96	S Lynch
				1996 - 98	S Wickett
				1999 - 00	W McBride
				2000 - 01	C Edwards
				2001 - 02	S Curran
				2002 - 05	B Jago
				2005 - 06	P O'Brien
				2006 - 07	N Screen
				2007 - 09	A Clarke
				2009 - 10	A Brookland
				2010 - 11	P O'Brien
				2011 - 12	P Chiba
				2012 - 18	SJ Poole
				2018 - 20	G Wood
				2020 - 2024	No Record
				2024 -	Samir Kapania



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SECRETARY		CLUB CAPTAIN		SENIOR MEN'S CAPTAIN		SENIOR WOMEN'S CAPTAIN	
1905 - 09	No record	1905 - 44	D Burnside	1947 – 48	R A Price		
1910 - 11	H Wills	1944 - 46	R McCormick	1949 – 50	J Elliott		
1911 – 12	J Stone	1946 - 47	EG Boggs	1950 – 51	JW Carroll		
1912 – 14	H Swaffield	1947 - 49	LB Goodall	1951 – 54	KR Deas		
1914 – 20	No office	1949 - 50	CC Humphries	1954 – 61	RN Farman		
1920 – 28	H Swaffield	1950 - 52	A Holmes	1961 - 63	KF Parish		
1928 – 31	W McFarland	1952 - 55	RG Ronaldson	1963 – 65	KR Deas		
1931 – 40	JJ Valentine	1955 - 57	JH Elliott	1965 – 66	RN Farman		
1940 – 60	JA Swaffield	1957 - 61	RG Ronaldson	1966 – 70	AC Timpson		
1960 – 64	IJ Ambler	1961 - 62	CM Frazer	1970 – 72	RM Harris		
1964 – 66	TL Page	1962 - 63	JA Swaffield	1972 – 73	RN Farman		
1966 – 69	DS Currie	1963 - 64	ER Tovey	1973 – 74	R Verrall		
1969 – 71	PL Smales	1964 - 65	CR Williams	1974 – 75	D McKelvie		
1971 – 74	WJ McCormick	1965 - 66	SG Gedye	1975 – 80	NV Burnside		
1974 – 77	DH Price	1966 - 67	TE McNabb	1981 – 84	ATR Hellaby		
1977 – 79	RJ Cambie	1967 - 69	JF Oetegenn	1984 – 86	LJ Rewcastle		
1979 – 80	T Coysh	1970 - 73	I H Plummer	1986 – 90	ATR Hellaby		
1980 – 82	Mrs R Weir	1973 - 74	N V Burnside	1990 – 93	M Bradley		
1982 – 84	Mrs CJ Jordan	1974 - 75	DS Currie	1993 – 95	S Peterson		
1984 – 86	IH Plummer	1975 - 76	G Rowsell	1995 – 96	M Bradley		
1986 – 87	Mrs R Conner	1976 - 77	NV Burnside	1996 – 01	N Ronaldson		
1987 – 90	J Crocker	1977 - 78	M Schrafft	2001 – 08	S Singe		
1990 – 91	DA Boyd	1978 - 81	DH Price	2009 – 13	G Shaw		
1991 – 95	Mrs A Campbell	1981 - 82	NV Burnside	2013 – 14	Stu Money		
1995 – 97	Mrs R Weir	1982 - 83	M Rowsell	2014 – 15	B Singh		
1997 – 98	Ms K Young	1983 - 85	FW Stamp	2015 – 18	Steve Money		
1998 – 99	Mrs J Light	1985 - 86	C Murphy	2018 – 19	L Clark		
1999 – 00	Mrs R Weir	1986 - 91	N Hurst	2019 - 20	N Aujla		
2000 – 01	Mrs W Mills	1991 - 93	R Norton	2020 - 21	Steve Money		
2001 – 02	T Davis	1993 - 95	T Galloway	2020 - 21	J Plummer		
2002 – 03	L Wallbank	1995 - 96	P Sentch	2021 - 22	D Bhatti	2016 - 21	R Lili
2003 – 04	T Fell	1996 - 97	N Hurst	2022 - 23	D Bhatti		
2004 – 05	C Edwards	1997 - 99	Castles	2022 - 23	B Rowland		
2005 – 06	S Patel	1999 - 01	M Switzer	2023- 24	Steve Money	2023 -24	C Gallagher
2006 – 09	A Clarke			2024 -25	Ritapraj Gill	2024 - 25	Avetia-Fetu Mapu
2009 - 18	MI Spiers						
2018 - 22	R Lili						
2022- 24	No Record						
2024 -	Harpreet Kaur						

### 3. Representative Honours Board

Men	Women
<b>Samoa Team</b> Douglas Finau  <b>Auckland Over 40's</b> Rajeev Rajagopal  <b>Manukau Districts U19s</b> Aaron Viridi Austin Sood Robinjot Singh Manav Kumar  <b>Manukau Districts U17s</b> Rajveer Grewal Saket Kapania Aarian Sharma Hardik Bahal Arshpreet Kandola Tegam Brar	<b>NZ Indoor</b> NZ Māori Team Dayle Anderson  <b>Samoa Team</b> Helen Semau  <b>Auckland Hearts</b> Mikayla Templeton Northern Districts Brave Carol Agafili  <b>Northern Districts A</b> Dayle Anderson Ananya Sharma Amelia Harvey  <b>Northern Districts U19</b> Dayle Anderson Ananya Sharma Amelia Harvey Eve Wolland Megan Pearson  <b>Manukau Districts Ocean</b> Dawber Heitonga Fakatava Suipeli Fakatava Poppy Rensburg Dhruvi Mistry Chloe Pratt

NZ MEN		NZ WOMEN		AUCKLAND MEN		AUCKLAND WOMEN	
1958-59	R Harris	1987-90	I Jagersma	1947-8, 59-61	K Deas	1969-70	K Bodle
1963-65	S Gedye	1990	K McDonald	1955-67, 69-74	R Harris	1969-70, 74-76, 82	N Schollum
1968-73	R Cunis	1991	Y Kainuku	1956-57	E Dunn	1968-83	F Hedges
1976, 79 -83, 86	G Troup	1998-02	K Ramel	1956-65	S Gedye	1970-73	Y Pollard
1990-93	J Wright	1996-07	R Rolls	1957-60	R Farnam	1971-74	M Spittal
		2013	H Huddleston	1958-59	B Bodle	1974-75	D Hedges
				1960-64	E Tovey	1975-77	J McKenzie
NORTH ISLAND MEN		NORTH ISLAND WOMEN		1963-67	NS Harford	1979-80	D Cobb
1958	R Harris	1999	S Wilson	1968-71	R Sutton	1979-81	L Webber
1978	G Troup	1994	L Harford	1968-74	R Cunis	1982-83	D Gordon
		2000	R Rolls	1974-88	G Troup	1982-83	K Molloy
		2000	K Ramel	1979-80	L Rewcastle	1984-88	L Birkenhead
		2006	H Huddleston	1979-89	T Hellaby	1984-91	Y Kainuku
		2022	Carol Agafili	1989-90	M Bradley	1985-87	F Deas
NZ U19 MEN		NZ MAORI GIRLS		1990-93	J Wright	1985-90	W Munro
1983	M Plummer	2021-23	K Anderson	1990-97	S Petersen	1987-88, 93-95	S Wilson
2000	G Shaw	2021-23	D Anderson	1993-94	B Oxenham	1988-89	K Hamilton
2012	I Sodhi	2023-24	D Anderson	2002-11	G Shaw	1988-90	K McDonald
2013	K Jamieson			2003-04	S Singe	1993-02	K Ramel
				2004-10	L Shaw	1993-95	L Harford
				2008-09	C Munro	1993-98	K Young
				2009-14	B Singh	1999-08	R Rolls
						1996-98, 12-13	P Gruber
						1998-99	M Tunupopo
						1998-03	A Soma
						1998-00	D Mowlem
						2005-13	M Tremaine
						2005-08	P Mistry
						2005-11	W Horneman
						2009-14	H Huddleston
						2012-14	A Kelly
						2016-17	F Vaelua
						2016-21	R Lili
						2022-23	M Templeton
						2022-23	M Templeton



## 4. Batting & Bowling Club Record

	MOST RUNS MEN		MOST RUNS WOMEN		MOST WICKETS MEN		MOST WICKETS WOMEN	
1952-53	K Deas	389			R Shearer	47		
1953-54	J Elliott	411			J Gabbetis	43		
1954-55	R Harris	448			J Price	55		
1955-56	R Ward	403			R Shearer	39		
1956-57	S Gedye	416			B Bodle	34		
1957-58	S Gedye	544			J Price	61		
1958-59	F Wedlake	459			B Bodle	38		
1959-60	K Parish	588			J Elliott	48		
1960-61	K Parish	632			D McKelvie	51		
1961-62	R Harris	632			P Havill	43		
1962-63	Hastings	614			K Payne	63		
1963-64	R Harris	552			E Hope	50		
1964-65	Harford	481			E Bodle	49		
1965-66	S Gedye	594			B Nelson	49		
1966-67	S Gedye	610			A Timpson	58		
1967-68	S Gedye	690			A Timpson	50		
1968-69	R Harris	778			A Timpson	68		
1969-70	R Harris	542			S Kipa	92		
1970-71	S Gedye	628			A Timpson	43		
1971-72	R Harris	670			Y Pollard	46		
1972-73	G Peach	554			C Stringer	39		
1973-74	R Verrall	473			B Norgate	53		
1974-75	F King	432			R Cunis	52		
1975-76	B Bellamy	485			G Troup	60		
1975-76	D Sullivan	485			R Cambie	61		
1976-77	G Laughton	543			R Cambie	57		
1977-78	N Burnside	503			L Gibbs	54		
1978-79	L Rewcastle	609			T Reidy	47		
1979-80	N Burnside	357			M Irving	37		
1980-81	S Poole	499			G Peach	44		
1981-82	S Poole	495			N Hurst	37		
1982-83	N Burnside	357			S McNeilage	38		
1983-84	B Athey	785			T McGowan	38		
1984-85	A Jones	665			A Rewcastle	39		
1985-86	R Williams	892			J Pernham	42		
1986-87	S Poole	676			T Hellaby	61		
1987-88	M Bradley	606			M Plummer	31		
1988-89	N Burnside	661			N Hurst	39		
1989-90	N Burnside	825			S McNeilage	50		
1990-91	T Galloway	773			S Bell	43		
1991-92	S Petersen	938			N Ronaldson	64		
1992-93	D Boyd	1241			N Ronaldson	63		
1993-94	M Bradley	850			V Soma	47		
1994-95	S Petersen	799			J Graham	37		



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1995-96	G Hough	681			C Castles	44		
1996-97	R Bates	744			J Graham	49		
1997-98	L Clark	562			N Ronaldson	61		
1998-99	S Singe	595			N Ronaldson	73		
1999-00	E Jacobsen	664			N Ronaldson	57		
2000-01	C Boroughs	830			N Ronaldson	52		
2001-02	R Bates	621			N Ronaldson	47		
2002-03	R Rolls	634			N Wood	44		
2003-04	C Boroughs	695			O Parkin	44		
2004-05	S Poole	644			L Elliott	35		
2005-06	S Singe	890			J Graham	49		
2006-07	C Spearman	809			B Singh	55		
2007-08	M Horne	701			B Singh	51		
2008-09	S Singe	951			B Singh	50		
2009-10	DR Sarvajith	782			K McDonald	40		
2009-10					D McMurphy	40		
2010-11	G Shaw	567			G Singh	46		
2011-12	S Singe	867			I Sodhi	43		
2012-13	R Rajagopal	688			G Singh	46		
2013-14	A Sohal	742			N Aujla	37		
2014-15	L Istead	626			D McMurphy	44		
2015-16	O Pringle	1034			N Aujla	41		
2016-17	N Jagota	914			N Aujla	44		
2017-18	L Clark	815			B Singh	55		
2018-19	J Plummer	683			B Singh/L Telea	23		
2019 - 20	J Plummer	805			R Kapoor	30		
2020 - 21	B Rowland	1076			P Rehal	42		
2021 - 22	S Setia	988	R Lili	347	D Bhatti	30	M Hyde	13
2021 - 22							A Sharma	13
2023-24	Prabjyot Rehal	870	Carol Agafili	168	Avnit Prasad	24	Dayle Anderson	20
2024-25	Prabjyot Rehal	1070	Avetia- Fetu-Mapu	174	Manav Kumar	29	Avetia Fetu Mapu	14



## 5. Minutes of the 118th AGM

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PAPATOETOE CRICKET CLUB

**Date:** 8th September  
**Location:** Kolmar Sports Centre  
**Chaired by:** Nigel Hurst  
**Start Time:** 12:39 PM

#### Agenda

- Welcome & Apologies
- Approval of the Minutes from last AGM
- Annual Report
- Financial Report
- Election of Committee Members
- Plans & Projects
- General business
- Close

#### Present:

- Nigel Hurst
- Denis Curie
- Raj Singh
- Balraj Gill
- Samir Kapania
- Raj Sharma
- Dhaval Parikh
- Satwant Grewal
- Vikrant Viridi
- Rajeev Rajagopal
- Arnie Yugaraja
- Shyam
- F W Stamp
- Jack Shammim
- Avnit Prasad
- Ritapraj Gill
- Assem Wadhwa
- Ranjeet Singh
- Sukhdev Singh
- Abhinav Singh
- Kevin Henderson
- Ian McGeachie

## Apologies:

- Gary Troup
- SJ Poole
- David Price
- Lindsay Rewcastle
- Amit Sood
- Noel Burnside
- Steve Money
- Ritesh Tokas
- Peter Ambler
- Colin Ross
- ACA
- Paul Hannan
- Gareth Shaw
- Ankur Goyal
- Cameron Price.

Apologies were accepted, proposed by Nigel Hurst, and seconded by Balraj Gill.

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## Minutes of the Last AGM:

- Raj Singh proposed acceptance.
- Raj Sharma seconded.
- Previous meeting minutes accepted unanimously.

## Annual Report:

- Accepted by the Presidents.
- No questions raised from club members.

## Finance Report:

- Presented by new accountant – Dhaval Parikh.

2023/2024 was a good year for the club's financial performance.  
The Profit increased but the Grant Income reduced.

- \* Revenue reduced from \$291,256 to \$228,581
- \* Profit Increased from \$10,198 in 2022/2023 to \$15,325 in 2023/2024
- \* Trust Grants reduced from \$171,129 to \$157,784

- Grants funding to be managed by Mindlab/Harpreet.
- Accepted by club and board members.



## **Election of Committee Members:**

- Lead by Raj Singh.

## **Denis Curie's Contributions:**

- Discussed his involvement with Papatoetoe Cricket since age 5 and his continued engagement.
- Noted David Price's contributions to the club's performance and constitution.
- Denis Curie stepped down as Patron. David Price was nominated by Denis and seconded by Nigel Hurst.
- Nigel Hurst was nominated as President and seconded by Wally Stamp.
- Nigel thanked Denis for his service.

## **Board Members:**

- Vikrant Viridi, David Price, and Amit Sood stepped down.
- New nominees:
  - Anu Bhatia
  - Steve Money
  - Ranjit Singh
- Proposed by Vikrant Viridi and seconded by Samir Kapania.
- All Club members in favour. Congratulations to new board members.

## **Chairman's Future Plan & Projects Summary:**

- Thanksgiving to all members for another outstanding year,
- Season 2024-25 we look forward to building on our past achievements, fostering new talent and embracing the challenges that lie ahead.
- Focusing on Finance; sponsorship; grants and fundraising
- New Accountant appointed.
- Attached Annual Report of 2023/24 includes all presentations and strategic plans for the 2024/25 season strategic plans.
- Women Cricket ACA have made the decision that Papatoetoe Cricket Club is a "To Be Confirmed" for the 2024/25 Premier Women's Competition

To be considered for the Premier Women's Competition in 2024/25, ACA requires that **Papatoetoe Cricket Club meet at least the following criteria:**

- Women's Cricket as part of a dedicated Board Member's portfolio
- A Women & Girls Action Plan with clear targets for the upcoming season
- Employment of a Women & Girls Co-ordinator at Papatoetoe Cricket Club
  - 1x U11 T20 team, 1x U16 T20 team, a squad of 30 registered players for Senior Women (Premier and Premier Reserve)



- Accepted by club members and seconded by Samir Kapania.
- Thanks, extended to Ian Maghekie.

### **General Business:**

- Fundraising event for Ish Sodhi on 20th September, Friday at 12:30 PM, led by Gary Troup.
- Local fundraising efforts to be supported.

### **Club AGM Updates:**

#### **Key Points were as follows:**

- ACA Strategy Update and Community Update
- High Performance
- Marketing
- ACA New Venue.

### **Questions Raised:**

- **Aseem Wadhwa:** Concerned about profitability and financial status of Papatoetoe Cricket Club. Discussion on the negative account balance and the need for funding to cover operating costs. Plans to run free programs were mentioned, and the Ish Sodhi Event and sponsorships were noted as potential financial supports.
- **Nigel Hurst:** Questioned the cost of balls for Premier matches. Confirmed that a ball costs \$240, and the overall cost per game can reach \$1000-\$1500. Current gear is mostly from the previous year. Thanks given to Satwant for stock taking.
- **Kevin:** Inquired about scoreboards. Three scoreboards are available, with donated gear also present. The need to cover these was acknowledged.

### **Acknowledgements:**

- Thanks to Balraj Gill for running the club.

**Meeting Closed:** 1:20 PM

**Thank You**



## 6. Special General Meeting

No Special General Meeting was held during the past year.

## 7. Chair's Report

The 2024/25 season was a year of transition, growth, and notable achievements for Papatoetoe Cricket Club. Despite early leadership changes, the club demonstrated resilience and unity, ensuring smooth operations and strong community engagement.

### Leadership & Operational Transition

This season brought significant changes in both leadership and management. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of the **Club Board**, our **Club Manager Balraj Gill**, and a committed operations team, the club remained focused, efficient, and member driven. Regular team meetings, shared responsibility, and sound decision-making helped us maintain stability and progress.

A special thanks to **Club Board** for their tireless work and passion for the club.

### On-Field Success

- **Men's Team:** Arnie's coaching led to improved squad performance, including a memorable two-day win over ECC and retaining the T20 Hellaby Hunt Cup.
- **Women's Programme:** Led by Helen Semau, the women's squad grew in strength and spirit. Notably, 6 girls represented Samoa in the U19 World Cup, and 3 made the senior team.
- **Junior Development:** Despite staffing limitations, our junior programme thrived under the leadership of **Balraj Gill**. With multiple age-grade teams showing strong performances. Friday Smash Play and Girls Smash sessions remained popular, supported by committed coaches and parent volunteers. Our **U13 teams excelled**, winning their ACA pre-Christmas competitions, and other junior teams showed strong improvement. Club-led events like **Festival Days, school tournaments**, and **weekly academy training** continued to inspire and develop our future cricketers.

### Community Engagement

Our annual prize-giving was the best attended to date, celebrating achievements across all grades and reinforcing our strong club culture.





## Acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful to our **grant providers** for their continued generosity, which plays a vital role in sustaining our programmes, coaching, equipment, and overall club operations. In 2025, Grants & Fundraising raised \$177,281, reflecting an increase from \$158,901 in 2024.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Grassroots Trust, Pub Charity, We Care Community Trust, New Zealand Community Trust**, and our other valued funders including, **CLM, New Horizon Community Trust, Kiwi Gaming Foundation Ltd, Four Winds, Trillian, Dragon, The Lion Foundation, One Foundation**, and the **Auckland Airport Community Trust**.

Your support ensures the continued growth, inclusiveness, and success of our cricket community.

A special thank you to **Osheen**, for managing our **website and social media platforms**—ensuring clear, timely communication and helping grow our online presence and engagement with the wider community.

## Looking Ahead

We remain committed to building on this momentum—enhancing our operations, supporting player development, and fostering an inclusive, vibrant cricketing community. Together, we are building something special.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our vision.

**Raj Pardeep Singh**

*Chair*

*Papatoetoe Cricket Club*

## 8. Operations Report

The 2024/25 cricket season at Papatoetoe Cricket Club was a year of both challenges and remarkable achievements. Marked by significant leadership and operational transitions, the season showcased the resilience, commitment, and teamwork of everyone involved in the club.

Under the guidance of **Chair Raj Pardeep Singh**, the Club Board, and **Club Manager Balraj Gill**, operations were led by a dedicated and skilled management team:

- **Arnie** – Men's Coach
- **Helen Semau** – Women's Coach
- **Sumit Mali** – Junior Coach
- **Balraj Gill** – Club Manager / Junior Coordinator
- **Osheen** – Website & Social Media
- **Dhaval Parikh** – Accountant
- **Raj Pardeep Singh** – Club Chair
- **Harpreet Kaur** – Grant Funding

### Operational Management

The management team met regularly to address day-to-day operations, develop strategy, and ensure the smooth running of the club. This collaborative approach was especially critical during a period of change, following management turnover early in the season. The breadth of expertise within the team enabled effective problem-solving, sound decision-making, and consistent operational delivery throughout the year.

### Key Challenges and Achievements

#### Leadership Transition

The season began with significant leadership changes. A special acknowledgment goes to the Club Board, whose tireless efforts provided stability and direction during this period.

**Harpreet Kaur**, as Grant Funding Administrator, demonstrated exceptional dedication and strategic foresight, leaving a lasting impact across all operational areas.

#### Coaching Excellence

In his second season as Head Coach, Arnie delivered an outstanding year. His leadership strengthened the men's squad and provided invaluable mentorship to younger players, nurturing their skills and passion for cricket. Notably, the Premier team secured its first two-day outright win against ECC in many years and successfully retained the T20 **Hellaby Hunt Cup** against HPC.

## Women's and Junior Development

Helen Semau, as Women's Coach, played a pivotal role in the growth of the women's programme, fostering team spirit, enhancing performance, and strengthening the player development pathway. On the junior side, coordinated efforts created a clear and supportive pathway, resulting in increased engagement from players and families.

Highlights included:

- Six girls representing Samoa in the U19 Women's World Cup
- Three players selected for the Samoa Senior Women's Team

**Sumit Mali and Mantej Singh** contributed significantly to junior development by assisting with weekly training sessions. Their consistent involvement provided young players with high-quality guidance, encouragement, and positive role models, fostering both technical skills and a genuine love for cricket. Their efforts helped create a supportive training environment where juniors felt motivated, confident, and excited to continue their cricket journey.

## Technology and Systems

The club continued to utilise Friendly Manager for subscriptions and member communications. While some initial invoicing challenges required attention, the platform has greatly improved administrative efficiency and member engagement.

With **PlayHQ** still under development and not yet fully integrated with Xero, the club will continue using Friendly Manager for the foreseeable future. This ensures consistency, reliability, and continuity in financial management and communication processes, allowing operations to run smoothly while maintaining high service standards for all members.

## Prize-Giving & Community Engagement

Our annual prize-giving, held on Sunday, 7 April 2024, was a standout event and a true highlight of the season. The clubrooms were filled to capacity, with many attendees noting it was the largest turnout ever for this event. The ceremony featured outstanding representation from players across all grades—junior, women's, and senior men's—along with their families and supporters.

The atmosphere was vibrant and celebratory, filled with pride, camaraderie, and recognition of achievements both on and off the field. Feedback from players, parents, and guests highlighted the importance of such events in strengthening club culture and uniting the community as one cricketing family.



## Conclusion

The 2024/25 season was a testament to the determination, adaptability, and teamwork of everyone connected to Papatoetoe Cricket Club. Despite leadership changes and operational adjustments, the club-maintained stability while delivering high-quality coaching programmes, competitive performances, and meaningful community engagement initiatives. These collective efforts have strengthened our foundations, leaving the club more resilient and better prepared for the future.

The dedication of key figures such as **Arnie, Helen Semau, Sumit Mali, and Mantej Singh**, along with the tireless contributions of parent coaches, team managers, scorers, and the wider management team, has been central to this year's successes. Their passion, commitment, and genuine care for player development have inspired athletes across all grades and reinforced the club's unity and pride.

Looking ahead, the focus remains on building on this momentum—enhancing operations, expanding participation across all age groups, and ensuring Papatoetoe Cricket Club remains a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment where every member, from juniors to seniors, can learn, enjoy, and excel in the game we all love.

## 9. Premier Men Captain's Report – Ritapraj Gill

This year marked my first full season as the Premier Men's captain, and I am proud to say it has been a year of both growth and transition for the team and the club. Coming off the back of last year's coaching change, we have continued to adjust and develop under the systems and culture now in place. While there have been challenges, I believe we are beginning to see the foundations of a strong and sustainable premier side coming together.

On the field, we achieved some important milestones as a group. Retaining the **Hellaby Hunt Cup against Howick Pakuranga** was a special moment for the team and showed the fight and pride the boys have in representing Papatoetoe. Our **outright victory against Ellerslie in the two-day competition**, the first outright win from the premier men in the two-day competition in many years. We also progressed to the **quarter-final stage of the T20 competition**, which was another positive step and demonstrated that we can compete with the top sides when we play to our strengths.

Equally important has been the emergence of both our younger and senior players this season. A few young talents are beginning to step forward, showing that the future of Papatoetoe cricket is in safe hands. At the same time, we have senior players cementing themselves as reliable and consistent contributors at Premier level. It was particularly pleasing to see individual achievements across the squad this year, including:

- **Austin Sood** scoring his maiden Premier hundred
- **Manav Kumar** taking his maiden Premier five-wicket haul
- **Prabjot Singh Rehal** passing 1000 Premier runs in a standout season with the bat

These performances not only reflect the hard work of the players but also the direction in which our team is heading, a balanced mix of youth and experience, with everyone contributing in meaningful ways.

From a leadership perspective, this first year as captain has been a valuable learning curve. I am grateful to my teammates, and our head coach Arnie Yugaraja for their support and trust. The role has challenged me to grow both on and off the field, and I am excited to continue building on what we have started.

Looking ahead, I believe the team is beginning to find its identity. With the standards continuing to rise and players stepping up, I am confident that Papatoetoe will keep pushing towards stronger performances across all formats. Our journey is still in progress, but the commitment and passion within the group give me great optimism for what lies ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee, volunteers, supporters, and families who continue to back the team and our club. Your support plays a vital role in our development and success, and we look forward to representing Papatoetoe with pride in the seasons to come.

## 10. Head Coach's Report

The 2024/25 preseason was a productive one, with a heavy focus on building a culture where fitness is expected and valued. The senior playing group and the Senior Academy put a lot of time and effort into this, and it showed with some great results by the start of the season.

There were plenty of learnings for me and for the playing group regarding conditioning, even into the season, and we will be looking to implement some of these learnings over the next 12 months and beyond. A couple of additions/returning players to the squad had us hopeful for a great upcoming season. While we knew we probably weren't one of the top 2-3 sides in our grade, we felt like our work ethic, youth and playing style could hopefully bridge the gap and look to challenge for titles.

The season started positively for the Premier team, winning our first outright in 5 seasons and losing a very close game. However, from this point onwards the squad faced quite a bit of adversity, particularly in regards to injuries to key players. This extended to the Reserves, who were having a very good season until Christmas, but eventually the injuries to Captain (Tiaan) & Vice-Captain (Shyam), as well as losing players to Premiers due to their injuries. While this is not an excuse, and I believe that we are bound to have some injuries each season, it was a big factor.

The Premier team finished 7th overall in 2 dayers - which was a disappointing overall result, however we competed much better this season. Our willingness to go for the win, even in tough situations was admirable, but does make our results look worse. I think that this was a huge learning experience for us though, as I believe to win the 2-Day title, we will need to play for outright results. We finished 5th in One Dayers, which was a little disappointing considering our expectations to make the semifinals at least. We made the T20 Quarter Finals, which was a great result, and a great learning experience again. Some individual highlights were: the multiple hundreds by Prabjyot Rehal on his way to 1200 runs, a great achievement; Premier hundreds for Ritap Gill & Austin Sood; and Most wickets by 17yo Manav Kumar.

The Reserves had some outstanding performances during the season, but ultimately the playing group will feel there is unfinished business. Tiaan Botha, the captain, was unfortunately injured on the eve of the season, and Yatin Vijan took over, with the assistance of Shyam Ravji. With a combination of experience and youth, the team started on fire and continued with some excellent performances until we ran out of steam around January. Reserves finished: 7th in 2 dayers - with some great performances but falling off near the end; 4th in One Dayers - only one win away from the final; and 1st equal in their pool in T20 - with a signature win over a very strong University side, unfortunately missing out due to



NRR. I believe this group is poised for an excellent season, and the expectations of the group are high.

The 3rds were a very young side, with most of the team 15-19 year olds, and produced some good results but for the most part struggled against more experienced teams. This did give plenty of opportunities for our young, up and coming talent to compete against senior players. We had the assistance of Coach Sumit Mali to provide valuable guidance for the young talent, and this is set to continue this upcoming season. If possible, I would like to continue playing young talent in this grade, with a mix of some experienced players. This will mean results are not the main focus of this group. Arvin Nakshan also scored every game for the boys, after his son, Aryan, joined the club in November.

Championship 2 team, the Panthers, were self-contained again with Captain Gurmeet Singh taking charge. The senior squad provided players at times, and they trained with the 3rds on Wednesdays. Some of the players from this squad have expressed their desire to play 3rds, and so I may have to take charge of this team this upcoming season, with the view of using it as a supplemental development team, alongside 3rds.

Just like last season, there are many positives to build on for the future of the club. We have the youngest senior squad in Auckland Club Cricket. We have a very strong U13/14 group that is being pushed with fitness from Mr. Gill, and coaching from myself and Sumit. We have a talented group of U17-19s, where we had 6 players selected for Manukau U17s, and 5 for u19s (including both captains). I believe that the future is bright, if we can continue to develop and push players to be the best versions of themselves.

Arnie Yougaraja

## 11. Women and Girls Report

The 2024-25 Papatoetoe Women's season, saw the Women's squad in the newly formed Premier Development Grade, which is a grade under the Premier grade and a grade above the Reserves Grade.

We started our Monday and Wednesday night trainings at Kolmar, preseason training where we had only a handful of girls turn up, as of end of our previous season 2023-2024 saw all of our premier players left the club and joined other clubs around Auckland, I however, hung around.

Before the season started in November 2024, we managed to get a good number of players to register, total: 14 and 15 including myself (player/coach).

We started our season with 35 overs, then moved onto T20.

We had a total of 4 x players who were selected for the Samoa U19 World Cup Women's team that travelled to Malaysia to complete:

- Avetia Fetu Mapu (club captain) also captained the Samoa U19 Women's
- Norah-Jade Salima
- Jane T Manase
- Sala Katherine Viliamu

The U19 World cup was held in Malaysia, Jan – Feb. So during this time, they were out of the club scene – and as Head Coach of the Samoa U19 women, I was also out during this time, but had already organised with a few of the parents to help organise the two Saturdays that we would miss due to the WC.

The following players were also selected to represent Samoa Women's team for the France Championship, held in Noumea earlier this year.

- Tuaoloa Helen Semau (Samoa captain) (Papatoetoe player/coach)
- Avetia Fetu Mapu (club captain)
- Norah-Jade Salima

With the season ending, we only defaulted one game (from the whole season) and that was due to numbers, when we were away for the U19 World Cup.

A general overview, for a newly formed team I believe the players stepped up to the plate when required, we faced some challenges but nothing that we couldn't resolve together as a team.

Gill our Club Manager provided the support I needed as a coach and supported our players by always turning up, making sure that we had everything we needed to best train and prepare





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for our upcoming matches. He also helped me with a training session. So a big Thank You to Gill and also to Arnie for always willing to lend a hand if needed.

Thank you to all the parents who have stuck with the team through the challenges and sacrificed their Saturdays to spend supporting the team through every match.

I look forward to our upcoming season.

Tuaoloa Helen Semau

Women's Premier Coach

## 12. Junior Club Report

The 2024/25 season marked a period of rebuilding and new challenges for the junior section following the club's recent restructure. Despite limited personnel, the club successfully delivered a comprehensive and engaging programme, maintaining strong participation across all age groups. Our **Friday Smash Play** sessions were particularly popular, providing an enjoyable entry point for young players, with each participant receiving a club t-shirt and cap as part of their experience.

### Teams in the ACA Competition

Papatoetoe fielded the following junior and youth teams during the season:

- 2 × U10 Boys Teams
- 2 × U11 Softball Teams
- 1 × U11 Boys Team
- 2 × U12 Boys Teams
- 2 × U13 Boys Teams (Pre-Christmas)
- 2 × U13 Boys Teams (Summer Series)
- 1 × U15 Boys T20 Team
- 1 × U17 Boys Team (Pre-Christmas)
- 1 × U17 Boys Team (T20 & Summer Series)

### Season Highlights

#### Festival Days & School Tournaments

In partnership with Auckland Cricket, the club hosted two festival days at Papatoetoe Recreation Grounds, providing young players with competitive and fun match experiences. Additionally, we supported two school cluster tournaments at the same venue, encouraging broader community engagement and participation.

#### Futures Academy & Junior Academy

Led by **Arnie Yugaraja**, both the Futures Academy and Junior Boys Academy delivered high-quality weekly coaching sessions. Arnie's expertise and dedication have been invaluable in developing skills, building confidence, and nurturing the next generation of cricketers.

#### U10 Teams

Both U10 teams performed admirably. Many players experienced hardball cricket for the first time, adapting quickly and showing strong competitiveness in their grade.



## U11 Teams

The U11 teams faced a challenging start due to the high skill level in this grade. However, through consistent effort and coaching support, the teams gelled well by the end of the season, showing significant improvement and teamwork.

## U12 Teams

Both U12 teams competed strongly in a very competitive grade. Players developed their skills under pressure, gaining valuable match experience.

## U13 Teams

- **Pre-Christmas Competition:** Both U13 teams excelled, winning the ACA competitions in their respective grades.
- **Summer Series:** The U13 teams continued to perform well despite a highly competitive field, with several standout individual performances.

## U15 & U17 Teams

- **Pre-Christmas Combined Age Groups:** These teams were highly successful, welcoming many new players who contributed to strong team performances.
- **Summer Series:** Both U15 and U17 teams faced tough competition but achieved solid results, with notable individual achievements throughout the series.
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## Friday Smash Play & Girls Smash

These programs continued to thrive, attracting many new children to cricket and building a strong foundation for the future growth of the club's junior and girls' programs.

## Acknowledgements

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the junior section this season:

- All young club players who assisted in running Friday Smash Play sessions.
- **Sumit Mali and Mantej Singh**, who played a crucial role in junior coaching, helping to develop skills and inspire a love for the game among young players.
- The parents who managed, coached, and supported our teams — your dedication and Commitment have been invaluable and are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Balraj Gill

# 13. Finance Report