



REACHING **NEW HEIGHTS**

**NZC  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2024-2025**



**HE KĒMU MŌ TE KATOA, HE KĒMU  
ORANGA ROA**

**FROM THE SANDS OF NINETY MILE  
BEACH, TO THE FARMLANDS OF THE  
SOUTH**

**THE BANKS OF THE BASIN  
TO THE HILL AT HAGLEY**

**IT'S A GAME FOR ALL,  
A GAME FOR LIFE**

**IT'S THE BACKYARD BATTLES,  
THE DIVING CATCHES ON THE BEACH**

**IT'S THE SUNDAY ARVO SOCIAL T20S,  
HAVING A LAUGH WITH YOUR MATES**

**IT'S THE NET SESSIONS DOWN AT ONE  
OF THE HUNDREDS OF CRICKET CLUBS  
ACROSS AOTEAROA**



**IT'S REPRESENTING YOUR KURA, YOUR  
CLUB, YOUR WHAKAPAPA**

**IT'S THE COACHES, THE VOLUNTEERS,  
THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR GAME**

**IT'S THE FRIENDSHIP, THE TEAM SPIRIT,  
THE CHIRPING FROM THE CORDON**

**THE SATURDAY SIDELINE SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE**

**IT'S OUR TAMARIKI DREAMING BIG, THE  
FUTURE BLACKCAPS,  
THE NEXT WHITE FERNS**

**THE ONES YOU HAVEN'T SEEN... YET**

**THIS IS NEW ZEALAND CRICKET**





**TE TINO KĒMU  
A AOTEAROA**

**NEW ZEALAND'S  
FAVOURITE  
GAME**



## **NGĀ UARA**

**TE AO MĀORI**

**WHAKAUTE**

**WHAKAPAU KAHA**

**NGĀKAU ROROTU**

**MĀKOHA**

**PĀREKAREKA**

## **VALUES**

**THE MĀORI WORLD**

**RESPECT**

**TENACITY**

**OPTIMISM**

**INCLUSIVITY**

**FUN**



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## DIANA PUKETAPU-LYNDON NZC CHAIR

The 2024-25 year was defined by the extraordinary achievements of our national teams on the global stage, a surge of interest through the community game during the home summer, and – behind the scenes, in the boardrooms, offices and club halls, a steadfast commitment to the growth and sustainability of cricket in New Zealand.

The pinnacle was undoubtedly the WHITE FERNS' triumph at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the UAE, New Zealand's first-ever title in the tournament and a special moment for women's cricket in our country.

The momentum provided by that success reverberated through the summer, the heroics of Melie Kerr and the sheer audacity of the team in winning in the manner it did, helping to introduce fresh faces and names – new characters, into homes across the motu.

And the way they did it; showing such skill, unity, and resilience after a challenging year, seizing the moment to stun the cricketing world and inspire a new generation of cricketers – it was such a great backstory; such a strong message to be seeding through the home summer.

Equally historic was the BLACKCAPS' Test team's remarkable three-nil series sweep in India, another bolt-from-the-blue type result achieved for the first time in cricket history, and one that put the New Zealand game up in lights as the rest of the world looked on in astonishment.

Following this, the BLACKCAPS delivered an impressive campaign at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, reaching the final in Dubai. In challenging conditions, a narrow four-wicket loss to India demonstrated their capability.

In the penultimate year of our home international broadcast deal with TVNZ, we again witnessed the vast reach of free-to-air television in bringing both our domestic men's and women's Super Smash competition, and our WHITE FERNS and BLACKCAPS home international matches, into so many homes.

We once again thank TVNZ for their collaboration and look forward to the approaching summer's calendar of events.

## IT'S SATISFYING TO REPORT THAT, WITH PRUDENT STEWARDSHIP, WE END THE FINANCIAL YEAR STRONGLY, REDUCING A BUDGETED AND FORECAST LOSS OF \$6.8 MILLION TO A SURPLUS OF \$2.2 MILLION

Beyond the field, cricket's confirmation for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games represented another huge step for the world game, its introduction to new markets and audiences, particularly in the Americas, certain to foster global interest and inspire young athletes to have a go.

I want to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to Greg Barclay, former NZC Chair, for his strong and capable four-year tenure as Chair of the International Cricket Council, a position which carried him from our boardroom to one of the most significant roles in global sport.

Greg's leadership over the period has enhanced NZC's credibility and influence at the ICC, a legacy now continued by Roger Twose, our director to the ICC Board.

From a governance perspective, NZC's financial position remains strong. The year concluded with a net surplus and a significant outperformance against budget, reflecting prudent management and disciplined oversight through a challenging operating environment.

NZC's strong reserves at year end underline the organisation's stability and resilience, providing confidence in its ability to continue investing in the game's long-term growth and sustainability. The Board remains appreciative of the sound stewardship exercised by the CEO, Senior Leadership Team and also across the organisation. There is a collective commitment from our leaders and staff to ensuring cricket in New Zealand remains both vibrant and financially secure.

Cricket here has never been a one-size-fits-all affair and NZC places great value in the ability of our Major Associations, District Associations and clubs to understand what works best in their regions and catchments. We're committed to working closely with them to ensure they're well equipped to service the grassroots environment upon which our entire game is based.

One of the biggest issues in this area is the diminishing community funding from Class 4 gambling, driven by a shift from on-site to online wagering.

The prospect of a new law, licensing fifteen online casinos, being passed without a requirement to channel a proportion of proceeds back into the communities, risks undermining groups such as cricket clubs that rely on this revenue to foster safe, inclusive environments. It's a concern we carry into the approaching year.

I want to extend my gratitude to the entire cricket network, MA, DA, clubs, officials, players, administrators, and volunteers - who form the heartbeat of our sport. Your dedication ensures cricket thrives at every level, and we remain committed to supporting you, particularly as funding challenges intensify.

I thank also, the Government's Minister of Sport, Chris Bishop, for his contributions before stepping down, and welcome new Minister Mark Mitchell, whose support we look forward to.

We also acknowledge Raelene Castle, CEO of Sport New Zealand, for her leadership in advancing sport across the nation. To all stakeholders - players, fans, sponsors, and partners, thank you for your tautoko.

Finally, sincere thanks to my board, the NZC management teams and staff, and Ross Verry, Heath Mills and the New Zealand Cricket Players Association for all their support over the past year. Together, we'll continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and successful future for cricket in New Zealand.



## SCOTT WEENINK NZC CEO

It's impossible to look back at the year under review without starting with the WHITE FERNs' amazing triumph in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

To see the side fight back from adversity to beat South Africa in the final, and the raw authenticity of the players' emotions at the end, was as moving as it was inspiring, providing a huge boost to cricket's efforts to grow the game for girls and women.

Congratulations to captain Sophie Devine, coach Ben Sawyer, and tournament star Melie Kerr, for steering the side to a win that put cricket in New Zealand on top of the world, as well as in the hearts of the communities and clubs that are the lifeblood of the game here.

For this reason, it's fitting also to salute the clubs, District Associations (DAs), and Major Associations (MAs) for playing such a crucial role in finding, developing, and polishing these players to become the world champions they remain at the time of writing.

Similarly, the genesis of the BLACKCAPS Test side's historic and quite frankly astonishing three-nil win in India, a result that reverberated around the cricketing world and shook the natural order of cricket, was the clubs, provinces, and MAs; the mums and dads and volunteers - the Kiwi community.

They were the ones who produced a world champion WHITE FERNs outfit and a BLACKCAPS side that, outside the India heroics, made the final of the ICC Champions Trophy before returning home for the Test

series against England and the inaugural Crowe-Thorpe Trophy, an enthralling series they lost 2-1.

The ability of the BLACKCAPS and WHITE FERNs to continue to perform, and therefore for cricket in New Zealand to remain relevant on a global stage, is built on our domestic and community game.

NZC is in a solid financial position, and in the last 18 months has locked in important long term broadcast arrangements in India with Sony and in New Zealand with Sky.

However it's never been so important to safeguard the community game to ensure it continues to grow and flourish, fostering the coaches, officials and volunteers who helped produce the players who made last summer so memorable.

New Zealand's name was carried proudly at the international level.

Greg Barclay stepped down as ICC Chairman following a four-year term in what is one of the biggest governance positions in world sport. Having a Kiwi in that position was hugely beneficial in enhancing New Zealand's reputation and credibility.

Jeff Crowe flew the flag on the ICC Match Referees Elite Panel, alongside Richard Hayward and Trudy Anderson on the ICC Match Referees International Panel.

Chris Gaffaney was the star of the ICC Elite Panel of umpires, appointed to stand in the ICC World Test Championship final between Australia and South Africa at Lord's. Kim Cotton excelled on the ICC Development Panel.

Within NZC, there were some noteworthy comings and goings.

Long-time high performance chief Bryan Stronach, who headed NZC's High Performance unit during an unprecedented era of success, stepped down after 11 years in the position.

BLACKCAPS Head Coach Gary Stead's highly successful seven-year tenure ended when he elected not to continue in the role across all three formats.

Widely considered New Zealand's most successful national coach, Gary oversaw the inaugural ICC World Test Championship win in 2021 and the three-nil Test series sweep of India last year, alongside five out of six finals appearances in ICC white-ball World Cups.

On the flip side, we were delighted to welcome back Mike Sandle, this time as the team's new Performance Manager, having previously served as team manager from 2011 to 2021.

We were equally excited to confirm Rob Walter as the new Head Coach of the BLACKCAPS and pleased to see him perform so well in his first assignment in southern Africa, returning unbeaten from a T20I tri-series and Test series in Zimbabwe.

It was special, too, to witness the accolades and respect showered upon Tim Southee as he farewelled an international career that began in 2008 and was studded with remarkable performances with both bat and ball.

On behalf of everyone at NZC, I wish Tim all the best in his future endeavours, some of which, hopefully, might eventually lead back to the team he represented so proudly and successfully over the past 17 years.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the energy and work ethic of our collective teams within cricket in New Zealand - and I very much mean "cricket" with a small "c".

It was, after all, from the community game that players such as Tim Southee and Melie Kerr emerged, the team in Lincoln that ran the high performance programmes supporting their progress, and the Commercial, Events, Marcomms, and Finance teams that helped create a sustainable environment in which they could thrive.

We should all take great satisfaction in witnessing these players' journeys through pathways we played a significant role in creating and fine-tuning.

Financially, NZC delivered an excellent result in FY25, recording a surplus of \$2.2 million. This represents a substantial outperformance against the original budgeted deficit of approximately \$6.8 million and lifts total reserves to \$37 million – a record for NZC.

The result underscores the discipline applied to cost control, capital management, and liquidity planning throughout the year. It positions NZC to enter the next commercial, ICC distribution and broadcast rights cycle from a position of strength – able to reinvest in strategic priorities, and sustain long-term financial stability across the organisation and cricket network.

NZC took steps toward partnering with an expansion team in the MLC league in North America from 2027 onwards, initially through an agreement to provide high performance services. NZC also has an option to take an equity stake in the expansion team should it choose to do so.

We express our gratitude to commercial partners ANZ, Asahi Beverages, Castore, Chemist Warehouse, Dream11, Dulux, Dynasty, Ford, G.J. Gardner Homes, LifeDirect, NZME, Restaurant Brands (KFC), Powerade, Spark, Sport Nation, Tegel and TVNZ for their invaluable support over the year.

To the MAs, DAs, NZC Board and staff, thank you all for your professionalism, support of the game, and irrepressible passion for doing what's best for it. Thanks in particular to the NZC leadership team and staff, NZC is lucky to have such a committed and capable group of people driving the business forward.

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# NGĀ AUIKI HIGHLIGHTS



# T20 WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS!

The WHITE FERNS ICC Women's T20 World Cup victory was a watershed moment in New Zealand women's cricket history. For the WHITE FERNS, it was a true team effort, a story of resilience, determination and hard work that will inspire kiwis for years to come.

It was a fairytale finish to what had been a rollercoaster year for the WHITE FERNS, when they beat South Africa by 32 runs in the final in

Dubai and claimed New Zealand's first ICC T20 World Cup trophy.

Winding back the clock, just three months earlier the WHITE FERNS had endured a difficult tour to England, going winless as part of an 11-match losing streak.

However, inside the WHITE FERNS camp, the team stayed strong and there was genuine

belief they could do something special come the World Cup.

Their opening match against India put the team's winning momentum in motion. After posting 160/4, which included a key contribution of 57\* off 36 balls from captain Sophie Devine, the pressure proved too much for India and they were all out for 102 with one over to spare.



Fast forward to the nail-biting semi-final against the West Indies. The WHITE FERNS were determined to ensure the heartbreak from their six-run defeat to the same opponent in the semi-final of the 2016 edition would not be repeated.

At Sharjah Cricket Stadium, New Zealand posted 128, led by a 48-run opening partnership between Suzie Bates (26) and Georgia Plimmer (22).

It had been a game of twists and turns where victory could have gone either way, and West Indies needed 15 runs off the final over.

Suzie Bates was called in to bowl despite not having bowled an over the entire match. Golden-arm Bates held her nerve, claiming a wicket and conceding just six runs as the WHITE FERNS booked a spot in the final against South Africa.

Ahead of the tournament, Sophie Devine announced she was stepping down as T20I captain at the conclusion of the World Cup. In the days leading into the Grand Final, Devine was asked several times by the media whether that decision would change should the WHITE FERNS be victorious. But her decision was final, and the only question that remained was could Devine become New Zealand's first T20 World Cup winning captain.

On October 21 2024 at Dubai International Stadium, South Africa won the toss and elected to bowl first. Suzie Bates (32), Melie Kerr (43) and Brooke Halliday (38) were the key contributors with the bat and the WHITE FERNS posted 158.

Wickets were shared across the bowling unit but Melie Kerr's 3-24 and Rosemary Mair's 3-25 were crucial in restricting South Africa to 126/9 and claiming a 32-run victory.

Kerr was deservedly named Player of the Match and Player of the Tournament, after finishing as the tournament's top-wicket-taker and setting a record for the most wickets (15) taken by a single player at a Women's T20 World Cup.

The days that followed were a whirlwind of celebration, media, and travel to Ahmedabad for an ODI series that started just three days later.

The team back home in New Zealand got quickly to work planning a memorable homecoming event and a special Trophy Tour that would visit 10 cities and towns in Aotearoa, connecting fans and celebrating the WHITE FERNS' remarkable success.

## WORLD CUP RESULTS

**05 OCT**

**WHITE FERNS beat India by 58 runs**

**09 OCT**

**Australia beat WHITE FERNS by 60 runs**

**12 OCT**

**WHITE FERNS beat Sri Lanka by 8 wickets**

**15 OCT**

**WHITE FERNS beat Pakistan by 54 runs**

**19 OCT**

**WHITE FERNS beat West Indies by 8 runs**

**21 OCT**

**WHITE FERNS beat South Africa by 32 runs**

# T20 WORLD CUP TROPHY TOUR



ŌTEPOTI  
DUNEDIN

ŌTAUTAHI  
CHRISTCHURCH



TIMARU

WHAKATŪ  
NELSON





TE WHANGANUI  
-A-TARA  
WELLINGTON

KIRIKIROA  
HAMILTON



TE MATAU-  
A-MĀUI  
HAWKES  
BAY

TĀMAKI  
MAKAURAU  
AUCKLAND





# BLACKCAPS DO THE UNTHINKABLE

In October, the BLACKCAPS achieved what is widely regarded as the greatest feat in the history of Test cricket – becoming the first team ever to defeat India 3-0 in a three-Test series on Indian soil.

After day one was rain abandoned in Bengaluru, it all started on a grey morning on day two as BLACKCAPS Test skipper Tom Latham, in his first series as official Test captain, lost the toss and was asked to bowl first by Indian skipper Rohit Sharma. What followed was a compelling morning which saw Matt Henry (5-15) and Will O'Rourke (4-22) rip through the India lineup and bowl out the hosts for just 46 – their third lowest Test total, setting the tone for the match and for the series.

The BLACKCAPS won the rain-affected first Test at M Chinnaswamy Stadium by eight wickets, claiming a Test victory in India for the first time in 37 years since John Wright's side triumphed in Mumbai in November 1988. Rachin Ravindra's 134, a Test century in the city of his parents' birth, highlighted the Test, well supported

by Tim Southee in a match-defining 137-run first innings partnership.

The team moved to the searing heat of Pune, riding the wave of confidence from Bengaluru and spurred on by the opportunity to write history and claim a first-ever Test series win in India.

It would yet again be a memorable Test for the BLACKCAPS, and particularly Mitchell Santner, who claimed the third-best Test match-figures for New Zealand (13-157) with first innings figures of 7-53 and second innings figures of 6-104 to help write history, as the BLACKCAPS secured a Test series victory in India for the first time.

The unthinkable was now on the cards as the BLACKCAPS arrived at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, the scene of Ajaz Patel's famous 10-wicket bag against India three years earlier.

The Boy from Mumbai would once again play a key role, this time in a winning effort – his 5-103 in the first innings and 6-57 in the second innings key to bowling out a resurgent Indian batting lineup to help claim victory.

In perilous Mumbai batting conditions and unbearable heat, the BLACKCAPS batting order also stood strong. Will Young, whose 71 in the first innings would prove to be pivotal, was named the Player of the Series, scoring 244 runs at 48.8 and more than justifying his selection at number three in the absence of Kane Williamson.

With 147 required in the final innings, India was bowled out for 121, with Ajaz Patel's final wicket of Washington Sundar met with rapturous celebration as the BLACKCAPS defied the odds and sent the cricketing world into delirium, doing what no team had ever done before and defeating the might of India on home soil 0-3.

## INDIA V NEW ZEALAND TEST SERIES RESULTS IN INDIA

1955-56	INDIA 2-0 (5)
1965	INDIA 1-0 (4)
1969	DRAW 1-1 (3)
1976	INDIA 2-0 (3)
1988	INDIA 2-1 (3)
1995	INDIA 1-0 (3)
1999	INDIA 1-0 (3)
2003	DRAW 0-0 (2)
2010	INDIA 1-0 (3)
2012	INDIA 2-0 (2)
2016	INDIA 3-0 (3)
2021	INDIA 1-0 (2)
2024	NEW ZEALAND 3-0 (3)



# NZC HALL OF FAME



The New Zealand Cricket Hall of Fame was launched in November 2024 as one of several initiatives included in NZC's Strategic Whakapapa Project.

The Hall of Fame exhibit was unveiled at the New Zealand Cricket Museum inside the Cello Basin Reserve in Wellington on the eve of the second Test between the BLACKCAPS and England.

The joint venture between NZC, the New Zealand Cricket Players Association, and the New Zealand Cricket Museum, seeks to immortalise our greatest cricketers, to capture their achievements, tell their stories, and acknowledge the legacy they've created for those involved today.

A 'First Eleven' was chosen to open the Hall of Fame with seven of the inductees present to help cut the ribbon and open the exhibition which will see new inductees welcomed each year.

Those inducted into the Hall of Fame were chosen based on their performance for New Zealand at international level, their leadership, influence, character, and their standing in the world game at the peak of their powers.

They are, by our definition, New Zealand's finest players.

## "THE FIRST XI" HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024

Bert Sutcliffe

John R. Reid

Jackie Lord

Trish McKelvey

Glenn Turner

Sir Richard Hadlee

Debbie Hockley

Martin Crowe

Emily Drumm

Daniel Vettori

Brendon McCullum



# NZC WHAKAPAPA VIDEO SERIES

Where the Hall of Fame stands proudly in the New Zealand Cricket Museum in Wellington, the NZC Whakapapa Video series project seeks to bring our key stories, player contributions and cricket moments to life through the words of former players and cricket historians, for modern day fans and the public to enjoy.

The series was launched alongside the BLACKCAPS v England Test series with a three-part series examining the history of New Zealand Cricket's oldest relationship and the very beginning of cricket in Aotearoa.

The second series spotlighted the famous Rose Bowl and was released in December as the WHITE FERNS prepared to face Australia in the series in Wellington.

The final two series looked back on New Zealand Cricket's two ICC victories in 2000, when the BLACKCAPS won the ICC Champions Trophy in Kenya, and the WHITE FERNS triumphed in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup at home.

The documentary-style series is housed on NZC's growing YouTube channel with short form trailers and features played across NZC's social and digital channels.

NZC Whakapapa episodes were played by TVNZ as part of their game day broadcasts and were also utilised on the big screen at venues before play and during breaks of BLACKCAPS and WHITE FERNS matches.



# CROWE THORPE

**RECOGNISES  
BATTING GIANTS**

The legacies of Martin Crowe and Graham Thorpe were honoured in the home summer with the introduction of a poignant trophy named in the pair's honour.

The Crowe-Thorpe Trophy, a collaboration between NZC, the ECB, and the families of each player, was unveiled by Deb Crowe (Martin's sister) and former England Test captain Michael Atherton ahead of the national anthems of the first Test between the BLACKCAPS and England at Hagley Oval in Christchurch in November.

Made from wood sourced from a bat from each player, the trophy was designed by David Ngawati of Mahu Creative and will be played for in all New Zealand-England men's Test series, with England the current holders after winning the inaugural series 2-1.

The bat gifted by the Thorpe family (a Kookaburra) was the one with which Graham scored his first two centuries against New Zealand, in consecutive Tests in 1997, while the one donated by the Crowe family was the GM with which Martin scored his century at Lord's in 1994.

Thorpe, who debuted in 1993 and played 100 Tests, was a constant needle in the side of the New Zealand teams, against whom he scored four centuries and averaged 53. He died in August 2024, aged 55.

Crowe scored five centuries against England, including 142 at Lord's in his last visit. He was enormously brave, scoring runs in the most difficult environments, including 188 in Georgetown against a West Indian attack including Malcom Marshall, Michael Holding and Joel Garner. He died in 2016, aged 53.

New Zealand Cricket CEO Scott Weenink said it was fitting the stories and memories of both players would be kept alive through the newly named trophy.

"Today's generation of players are standing on the shoulders of those who went before them, players like Graham and Martin," said Weenink.

"It's good that we recognise this and respect their legacy."



# SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

## FAN COMMITMENT

# 133.8K



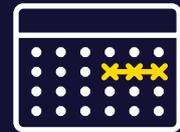
FANS ATTENDED BLACKCAPS AND WHITE FERNS MATCHES

# SOLD OUT

10 SOLD OUT MATCHDAYS

# 31

DAYS OF INTERNATIONAL CRICKET



# 2,372

OVERSEAS PURCHASERS, UP 20% FROM LAST SEASON



# 32K

UNIQUE TICKET PURCHASES



## SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNEL GROWTH

# 12%

INCREASE ON NZC TIK TOK CHANNEL

# 11%

INCREASE ON WHITE FERNS SPECIFIC CHANNELS

# 6.8%

GROWTH ON BLACKCAPS SPECIFIC CHANNELS

# CRICKET CONSUMPTION

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5.3M

STREAMS ON TVNZ+

1.86M

SUBSCRIBERS ON  
NZC YOUTUBE

8.3M

NZC DIGITAL AUDIENCE

2.2M

46% OF NEW ZEALANDERS  
TUNED IN TO CRICKET  
OVER THE 2024-25 HOME  
SEASON ON TVNZ LINEAR  
CHANNELS

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# HEALTH OF CRICKET

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# 1.4M

CRICKET FANS  
ACROSS NZ



# 904K

CRICKET FANATICS

# NO.1

CONSUMED SUMMER SPORT  
ACROSS MEDIA PLATFORMS



# 90%

OF BLACKCAPS SUPPORTERS  
ALSO SUPPORT THE WHITE FERNS

# 9%

OF NEW ZEALANDERS ARE SUPER  
AVID CRICKET FANS



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**KIRIKITI KI  
AOTEAROA  
CRICKET IN  
NEW ZEALAND**

# CRICKET NETWORK

The 2024-25 season was another positive year for cricket in Aotearoa New Zealand, particularly among three strategically targeted community groups: Māori, South Asian, and female participants.

Participation increased across all three groups, supported by programmes and initiatives delivered by NZC, regional associations, and clubs.

Notably, 80 secondary school girls' teams participated in the 2025 Junior Tournament Week, highlighting the growing popularity of youth cricket. Overall, female participation continues to rise nationwide.

More than 1,000 young wāhine were made to feel comfortable playing the game through ANZ's Cricket Grants, which delivered coloured playing pants to youth female teams across the country.

NZC's Tournaments and Festivals continue to evolve as pathways for talented cricketers to develop and to connect with their culture.

The Rangatahi Cricket Festival exemplifies this vision, allowing Māori, Pasifika, and for the first time last season, South Asian players to compete, connect with and express their culture.





The Tāne & Wāhine Māori National Tournaments were run concurrently for the first time in February 2025, bringing together the finest Māori cricket talent across Aotearoa.

Across last season's tournament and festival period, approximately 582 cricketers received the opportunity to attend a national tournament.

Project Whakahāngaitanga (Project Alignment) commenced in October 2024, identifying opportunities for greater efficiencies and effectiveness in the delivery of cricket across the Cricket Network.

Stakeholder engagement has been a key focus, with NZC committed to building a delivery structure that grows the game by attracting and retaining participants.

Smash Play continues to bring tamariki closer to their heroes through international activations.

During the international home summer, more than 1,100 children received their chance to step out onto the field as Anthem Kids, Flag Bearers, Inner Ring Kids, or as a part of innings break activations.

Smash Play also made a strong impact across the domestic calendar, with activations at 19 Super Smash matches, further extending the reach of the Smash Play way.

Smash Play continues to be a powerful platform for inspiring the next generation of cricketers, and this season was a shining example of its impact.

Coach development remains a cornerstone of player experience.

Across the 2024-25 season, 2,590 online coach learning modules were completed by registered coaches – triple that of the previous season.

This investment in coach education is reflected in participant satisfaction, with 70% of Voice of Participant Survey respondents reporting they were “very satisfied” or “extremely satisfied” with their coach.

With continued collaboration, innovation, and investment, cricket is well-positioned to remain a game for all - welcoming, inspiring, and evolving for the next generation.

# WOMEN & GIRLS

Boosted by the increased profile and visibility of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup win, female participation in cricket especially at junior and youth levels saw growth throughout the 2024-25 season.

Female participation in clubs across all age groups grew by 39% in traditional formats, and 54% in modified formats. This reflects dedicated efforts to connect girls to ongoing participation opportunities beyond 'have a go' and 'awareness' sessions.

Additionally, the 2024-25 season saw the introduction of a new youth girls cricket funding model to maintain focus on providing a variety of youth programmes and competitions across the network.

This saw 59 unique initiatives supported by NZC and delivered by associations to drive participation for young women aged 13-18 years old. Consequently, an

astounding 82 teams participated in Secondary School Girls' Tournaments hosted by Major Associations during Summer Tournament week in March 2025.

Courtesy of ANZ's generous and ongoing support for the Community Game in Aotearoa, 84 youth girls cricket teams playing in white pants were provided with a set of coloured playing pants. This initiative helped create safe and supportive playing environments that allowed women and girls to feel confident and enjoy their cricket experience.

NZC's Pathway to Performance Women in Coaching Programme continued to grow, supporting the development of 12 coaches in its third season. The inaugural alumni event was also hosted alongside the North v South series in Lincoln. This ensured ongoing connection and learning opportunities for coaches who have previously been involved in the programme.



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PAIRS OF COLOURED PLAYING PANTS WERE GRANTED TO YOUTH GIRLS TEAMS PLAYING IN WHITE CRICKET PANTS THROUGH NZC'S PARTNERSHIP WITH ANZ

82

SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS' TEAMS ATTENDED MA-LED TOURNAMENTS DURING SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK

59

UNIQUE YOUTH GIRLS' INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY NZC AND DELIVERED BY ASSOCIATIONS

30

COACHES HAVE NOW BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH THE NZC PATHWAY TO PERFORMANCE WOMEN IN COACHING PROGRAMME

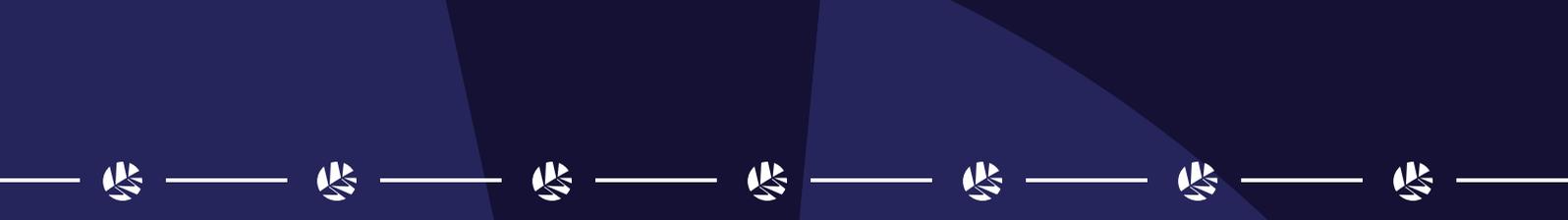
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INCREASE IN FEMALE PARTICIPATION IN MODIFIED SCHOOL AND CLUB COMPETITIONS NATIONWIDE

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LOCALLY-LED INITIATIVES SUPPORTED THROUGH NZC'S FEMALE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONTESTABLE FUND





# WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE

It has been a landmark year for women's high performance cricket in New Zealand, with significant growth in our player pathway and the depth of opportunities bridging the gap between domestic cricket and the WHITE FERNS. Our commitment remains clear – for sustainable success at the highest level, we must invest in the systems, people, and playing opportunities that prepare our emerging talent for international cricket.

A defining moment of the year came with the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai, where the WHITE FERNS created history by lifting the trophy for the very first time. What followed was an unforgettable Trophy Tour from Dunedin to Auckland, where New Zealanders turned up to show their pride in a team that had captured the nation's heart. This was more than a celebration - it was a unifying moment of joy, pride, and belief and undoubtedly will inspire generations to come.

The foundations of last year's World Cup success were laid well before the first ball was bowled. This season has been defined by a growth in opportunities within the women's pathway - from the U19 national tournament to North v South fixtures,

an expanded New Zealand A programme, and more regular winter camps. With more playing days bridging the gap between domestic cricket and the WHITE FERNS than ever before, it has provided meaningful opportunities for players to develop and test their skillsets, helping them to be better prepared and more resilient to the demands of international cricket.

The Central Players of Interest programme continues to be a cornerstone of our development strategy. Designed for talent close to national selection, it offers emerging WHITE FERNS international experience, exposes them to national coaches, and better prepares them for the intensity of top-level cricket. In 2024-25, U19, POI and NZ A athletes benefited from competitive tours such as the England A series, the Sri Lanka warm-up fixtures at Lincoln, and the Tri-Series in Australia, all invaluable in testing skills under pressure.

Winter camps remain a critical part of our HP framework, providing concentrated learning opportunities for our players. This year, seven WHITE FERNS camps and multiple U19 and NZ A camps were held at the Lincoln University HP Hub and

Bay Oval. These utilised world-class indoor grass facilities and benefited from the exceptional work of our turf teams, who consistently provided high-standard training wickets that mirrored overseas conditions.

The U19 Tri-Series against Australia and Sri Lanka, the Bates v Devine Series, and the ICC Women's U19 T20 World Cup in Malaysia, all provided important learning opportunities with players showing improved game awareness and skill execution despite mixed results. Notably, several members of this group have already transitioned into domestic contracts and national squad consideration, demonstrating the programme's effectiveness.

The North v South series again proved an essential step between domestic and international cricket, offering high-intensity competition for our best talent. This year's matches, which incorporated an important shift to the 50-over format, not only provided a benchmark for performance but also influenced NZ A selection.

NZ A's tour to England was another highlight, with a squad featuring 11 players with WHITE FERNS experience. These games challenged



players in unfamiliar conditions against strong opposition, delivering vital learning experiences and exposing high-potential talent to international touring demands.

The WHITE FERNS season began with a T20I series against Australia ahead of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. While Australia claimed the series 3-0, the matches provided competitive preparation and allowed players like Georgia Plimmer (53 off 48) and Amelia Kerr (5-20) to shine.

Then the WHITE FERNS travelled to Dubai and claimed their maiden ICC Women's T20 World Cup trophy. Melie Kerr was named Player of the Tournament with 15 wickets and key runs and the team's campaign combined tactical clarity, resilience, and moments of brilliance. Wins over India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and West Indies set up a final against South Africa, where the team triumphed by 32 runs. This victory is a testament to the collective effort of players, staff, and the pathway system that has been steadily building depth and experience over recent years.

The team's focus quickly shifted to an ODI series in India, where Polly Inglis earned her maiden call-up. The

home summer showcased the next wave of talent, as Bella James made her international debut in December during the Rose Bowl series, and in March, an ODI and T20I series against Sri Lanka featured debuts for Inglis, Emma McLeod, Izzy Sharp and Flora Devonshire.

The summer concluded with trans-Tasman battles against Australia in both ODIs and T20Is. While results favoured Australia, there were opportunities for some standout performances, reinforcing that our athletes are learning and adapting against the best in the world.

While not every series' result was in our favour, each provided an important platform for growth. Facing the world's top-ranked sides in varied conditions is an irreplaceable part of bridging the domestic-international gap. Our strategy remains focused on exposure, experience, and learning – knowing these investments will pay dividends in future results.

A key appointment this year was former WHITE FERNS and Otago Sparks allrounder Sarah Tsukigawa as Women's National Selector. Sarah's blend of playing and selection experience, strong

relationships across the pathway, and commitment to talent development will be instrumental in succession planning and ensuring that future WHITE FERN squads reflect both readiness and long-term potential.

The growth in the women's pathway this year has been significant – more games, more camps, more targeted development – and the positive impact is already visible in the calibre of players entering the WHITE FERNS environment. The ICC Women's T20 World Cup victory is a clear high point, but equally exciting is the emergence of new talent ready to challenge for spots and the increasing depth of our player pool.

As we look to the next 12 months, our focus will remain on delivering elevated playing opportunities, strengthening the link between domestic and international cricket, identifying and supporting new talent, and ensuring every player in our pathway is equipped to thrive on the world stage. The future of women's cricket in New Zealand is bright, and the momentum built this year positions us strongly for continued growth and success.



# MEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE

This year has been one of evolution, opportunity, and reflection within the men's high performance system as we remain committed to our core focus: a system that focuses on the development of inspirational people in order to have WHITE FERNS and BLACKCAPS winning teams. This commitment is only possible through strong partnerships with our Major Associations, ensuring alignment across the pathway and a shared vision for player and coach development. Together, we continue to accelerate the development of NZC-identified talent, foster a connected and collaborative network focused on people, and maximise the BLACKCAPS' environment to promote sustainable success.

The New Zealand cricketing landscape has continued to adapt to the global game. Franchise cricket is now an established stage of the NZC HP pathway, providing increased opportunities for our domestic and international players to participate in competitions around the world. The benefit is twofold: established players broaden their experiences in high-quality competitions, while providing new talent the opportunity to step into the spotlight and accelerate their own development through NZ national teams.

Our HP pathway begins with the U19 national tournament and associated MA programmes - critical first steps in the NZC HP system and a key phase of NZC talent identification and development practices. These steps not only showcase raw ability but also introduce players to the performance expectations and support structures that underpin future success.

The NZ U19 programme remains a cornerstone in BLACKCAPS succession planning. Operated on a two-year ICC U19 Cricket World Cup cycle, this year's campaign saw five camps held at Lincoln, providing players with high-quality preparation and exposure to our world-class indoor grass nets. Five identified Players Of Interest (POI) also attended the Super Kings Academy Camp in Chennai, a unique opportunity to train in sub-continent conditions. The Men's Development Squad continues to provide targeted support for talented players. Individualised plans, specialist coaching, and match opportunities through Provincial A and NZ XI remain central to this stage of development. Winter camps and bespoke training blocks ensured that players were prepared to step into higher levels of cricket when opportunities arose.

The NZ A and POI programmes are designed for those closest to BLACKCAPS selection. This year, NZ A held six camps at the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre and Lincoln University NZC HP Hub, supported by elite training facilities and high performance wickets prepared to replicate overseas conditions. The squad's tour to Bangladesh in May delivered a balanced mix of success and challenge, highlighted by a 70-run win in the first four-day match and a drawn second match, alongside valuable learnings in the one-day format. The experience of playing in subcontinent conditions remains a vital step in player readiness for the demands of international cricket.

The BLACKCAPS' year began with an abandoned Test against Afghanistan in September, before a two-Test tour to Sri Lanka. In October, the team recorded one of its greatest achievements - a historic 0-3 Test series sweep in India, an unprecedented result for a New Zealand side in the subcontinent. Subsequent tours included white-ball fixtures in Sri Lanka, the unveiling of the Crowe-Thorpe Trophy against England which included three Test matches, and a successful Tri-Series in Pakistan. The BLACKCAPS progressed through to the ICC Champions Trophy final in Pakistan,

before returning home to dominate Pakistan in March and April, winning both the T20I and ODI series. The season concluded with a triumphant Tri-Series in Zimbabwe in July, where New Zealand won all five T20Is played.

In preparation for these tours, the BLACKCAPS held five camps at the Lincoln University NZC HP hub and Bay Oval, where world-class wickets replicated upcoming overseas conditions. These camps were essential in maintaining readiness across formats, particularly in a year with over 200 days of international commitments.

This year also brought significant changes in leadership within the High Performance Unit and the BLACKCAPS environment. After more than a decade of service, Chief High Performance Officer Bryan Stronach stepped down, leaving a legacy of structural excellence and international competitiveness. He was succeeded by high performance leader and former All

Black Daryl Gibson, whose breadth of experience across athlete and coach development is already influencing our programmes.

BLACKCAPS Head Coach Gary Stead concluded a highly successful seven-year tenure, marked by the 2021 ICC World Test Championship triumph and multiple ICC final appearances. Rob Walter, with a proven track record in both New Zealand domestic cricket and on the international stage with South Africa, stepped into the role, making an immediate impact by winning the T20I Tri-Series against South Africa and Zimbabwe and remaining unbeaten throughout the Zimbabwe tour.

In addition, Mike Sandle returned as BLACKCAPS Performance Manager, bringing vast experience from his previous decade with the team and reinforcing the strength of the support network around our players.

The men's high performance system continues to navigate the balance between domestic, international, and franchise cricket demands. The short-term focus remains on accelerating identified talent and sustaining competitive performances in upcoming ICC events. Medium-term, our priority is deepening the connection between all levels of the pathway, ensuring players move seamlessly between stages. Long-term, we aim to maintain the BLACKCAPS as a consistently successful side on the global stage, built on a foundation of well-supported, inspired, and well-rounded people.

Through our strong partnerships with the Major Associations, world-class facilities, and a player-first approach to development, we are confident the men's high performance system will continue to produce cricketers who inspire New Zealand and succeed at the highest level.



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**NGĀ TĀNGATA  
KIRIKITI  
OUR PEOPLE**

# INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC WINNERS 2023-2024

**ANZ**  
NEW ZEALAND  
CRICKET  
AWARDS



## MELIE KERR

DEBBIE HOCKLEY MEDAL

ANZ WOMEN'S T20I PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ANZ WOMEN'S ODI PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WOMEN'S DREAM11 SUPER  
SMASH PLAYER OF THE YEAR



## MATT HENRY

SIR RICHARD HADLEE MEDAL

ANZ TEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ANZ MEN'S ODI PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WINSOR CUP (FIRST-CLASS BOWLING)



## FRANCIS PAYNE

BERT SUTCLIFFE MEDAL



ANZ MEN'S T20I PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**JACOB DUFFY**



WOMEN'S DOMESTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
PHYL BLACKLER CUP (DOMESTIC BOWLING)

**EDEN CARSON**



REDPATH CUP (FIRST-CLASS BATTING)

**KANE WILLIAMSON**



RUTH MARTIN CUP (DOMESTIC BATTING)

**MADDY GREEN**



MEN'S DREAM11 SUPER SMASH  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**TOM BRUCE**



MEN'S DOMESTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**BRETT HAMPTON**



G.J. GARDNER HOMES UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

**CHRIS GAFFANEY**

# COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS 2024-2025



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## SIR JACK NEWMAN AWARD

**ELISE CRAIG**  
Cornwall Cricket Club



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## DULUX OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO CRICKET

**DARRON STACKHOUSE**  
North West Women & BWCUC



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## COMMUNITY CRICKET OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

**MOTH SUTHERLAND-TOPP**  
Auckland Cricket Association



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## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

**CONNOR LUSTY**  
Johnsonville Cricket Club



**OUTSTANDING WOMEN & GIRLS' INITIATIVE**

**CITY SUBURBS GIRLS' & WOMEN'S CRICKET COMMUNITY CRICKET**



**LEADERSHIP IN DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

**TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA MĀORI CRICKET**



**CLUB OF THE YEAR**

**MARIST SUBURBS CRICKET CLUB**  
Hamilton



**COLLABORATION INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR**

**OTAGO CRICKET ASSOCIATION & OTAGO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**



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# NEW BLACKCAPS & WHITE FERNS



**MUHAMMAD ABBAS**



**FLORA DEVONSHIRE**



**MITCH HAY**



**BREE ILLING**



**POLLY INGLIS**



**BEVON JACOBS**



**BELLA JAMES**



**NICK KELLY**



**RHYS MARIU**



**EMMA MCLEOD**



**IZZY SHARP**



**NATHAN SMITH**

# RETIREMENTS



**SAM BARRIBALL**



**LOUIS DELPORT**



**MIKAELA FRANKS  
(NÉE GREIG)**



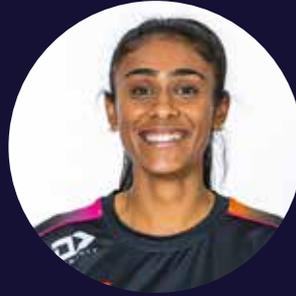
**MARTIN GUPTILL  
(INTERNATIONAL RETIREMENT)**



**HAYLEY JENSEN  
(INTERNATIONAL RETIREMENT)**



**IAIN MCPEAKE**



**SHRIYA NAIDU**



**THAMSYN NEWTON**



**JESSE PRASAD**



**SAACHI SHAHRI**



**TIM SOUTHEE  
(INTERNATIONAL RETIREMENT)**



**BEN SMITH**



**ANURAG VERMA**



**JOE WALKER**



**NEIL WAGNER**

# OBITUARIES - MOE MAI RĀ

## ANN MCKENNA

1943 - 2025



Ann McKenna will be remembered as a multi-talented sportswoman who played a significant role for New Zealand women's cricket both as a player, and as a coach and mentor.

WHITE FERN No.58, McKenna was a double international in cricket and hockey, an A grade squash player and an accomplished golfer, the latter a sport she continued to play for most of her life.

A proud Cantabrian who represented the red and blacks in cricket across 27 seasons, McKenna played seven Tests for New Zealand between 1969 and 1985 but was unavailable for nine, including the only two the side has won – against Australia in Melbourne in 1972, and against South Africa in Durban the same year.

She was an accomplished Test batter, scoring 465 runs at 35.76 including three half centuries, the best of which was an unbeaten and match-saving 97 against India at Cuttack in 1985.

McKenna also played 14 ODIs for New Zealand, making her debut at age 40 years and 241 days, against England in 1984.

Turning her attention to coaching once her playing days were over, McKenna had stints with Major Association sides Central Districts and Otago before taking over New Zealand, which she guided to its first World Cup final in 1993 (v England at Lord's) and 1997 (v Australia at Kolkata).

In between she coached New Zealand to win its second Rose Bowl title in 1994, which the side retained after a drawn series in 1995 – the only time the WHITE FERNS have held the coveted trans-Tasman trophy for longer than a year.

Educated at Cashmere High and a product of the St Albans club, McKenna was a key figure in the development of generations of young women cricketers, several of whom would go on to carve out impressive careers themselves, most notably former WHITE FERNS captains Amy Satterthwaite and Suzie Bates.

McKenna was named New Zealand Women's Coach of the Year in 1996, included in Canterbury's 125th Anniversary Women's first eleven (1877-2002), and was appointed an honorary member of NZC in 2019.





## DAVID TRIST

1947 - 2025

David Trist, the former New Zealand cricket coach who led the BLACKCAPS to their only global white-ball title, will be remembered as a man of warmth, wit, and an infectious love for the game.

Trist leaves behind a legacy as a coach who made cricket fun, cared deeply for his players, and guided them to an improbable cricketing summit in Kenya 25 years ago.

Born in 1947, Trist's journey in cricket began as a pace bowler for Canterbury, where he played 24 first-class matches, taking 57 wickets at an average of 28. His playing career, though modest, was marked by resilience and opportunity.

In 1968-69, Trist made his first-class debut for South Island against the West Indies and was called on as a replacement for Dick Motz on the India and Pakistan leg of the 1969 tour, playing in three first-class games.

Despite not securing a Test cap, he represented New Zealand in tour matches against Victoria at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1972 and played in the Australian one-day competition in 1972.

Trist's first-class career spanned intermittent stints with Canterbury, including a recall for the 1977-78 Shell Trophy final and the 1981-82 Shell Cup final, showcasing his knack for stepping up when needed.

His true impact came as a coach. After honing his skills in South Africa, where he led Eastern Province to a domestic title in 1989, and coaching The Netherlands, Trist returned to New Zealand to guide Canterbury and Auckland, before taking over the BLACKCAPS from Steve Rixon in 1999.

His two-year tenure as head coach was defined by a historic triumph at the 2000 ICC Knockout Trophy - now rebranded as the ICC Champions Trophy. Facing a formidable Indian side led by Sachin Tendulkar, the BLACKCAPS, buoyed by Chris Cairns' match-winning 102 not out, stunned the cricketing world and won the silverware.

Trist's coaching style balanced care with candour. Behind his trademark bushy moustache and ever-present smile, he could be tough when needed, once famously chastising his batsmen for "over-arousal" after careless shots.

His colourful language, including references to "the composition of the configuration" (of his bowling attack) made him a favourite among cricket writers for his witty and quotable insights.

After stepping down in 2001 following a tour of Sri Lanka, Trist retired to his farm in Little River, near Christchurch, with his second wife, Christine. There, he pursued his passion for agriculture, breeding Charolais cattle, and indulged his love for horse racing and the bloodstock industry.



## ROBERT ANDERSON

1948 – 2025



Robert Anderson, a stylish top-order batsman who played an important role in New Zealand's historic first Test victory over England in 1978, passed away in June at the age of 76.

A Southland Hawke Cup legend and a cricketer whose back-foot play captivated fans, Anderson's career was marked by resilience, elegance, and a deep connection to New Zealand's cricketing heritage across three generations.

Born in 1948, Anderson, a tall, strong man known by his team-mates and opponents alike as "Jumbo," hailed from a cricketing family.

His father, Mac Anderson, opened the batting with Walter Hadlee in New Zealand's Test against Australia at the Basin Reserve in 1946, while his son, Tim, later played as a leg-spinner for Central Districts.

Robert's own career began with Canterbury in 1967-68, and he went on to represent three other New Zealand provinces: Northern Districts (1969-70), Otago (1971-72 to 1976-77), and Central Districts (1977-78 to 1981/82).

His versatility and adaptability shone through, but it was in the Hawke Cup for Southland where he truly excelled, amassing 1,768 runs at an average of 70, cementing his status as a regional icon.

Anderson's international career began with a tour of England in 1973, though he did not play a Test.

His Test debut came in Lahore in 1976 during New Zealand's tour of Pakistan, a match that highlighted his grit. Scoring 92 in the second innings, his highest Test score, Anderson forged a 183-run fifth-wicket partnership with Mark Burgess (111) in just 155 minutes, a New Zealand record at the time.

With New Zealand following on 260 runs behind, their stand rescued the side from 62 for four, though Pakistan clinched a four-wicket victory.

The match was notable for other debutants: Peter Petherick took a hat-trick, Warren Lees stepped in as wicketkeeper following Ken Wadsworth's tragic passing, and Javed Miandad announced himself to the world with an innings of 163.

Anderson's finest hour came during the 1977-78 season, his most prolific, when he scored 849 runs at 38.59 (across all competitions).

That summer, he played all three Tests against England and was part of New Zealand's landmark 72-run victory at the Basin Reserve, the first time New Zealand had defeated England in a Test.

Though his contributions with the bat (28 and 26) were modest, they were vital in a low-scoring match – his 26 being the top score across both the New Zealand and England second innings.

Retained for the 1978 tour of England, Anderson played nine Tests in total, with his 92 in Lahore remaining his best. His international career, though brief, was defined by moments of brilliance and a steely determination that belied the challenges faced by New Zealand cricketers of his era.

Off the field, Anderson was known for his ready smile and deep love for the game. His provincial journey reflected his commitment to New Zealand cricket, his Southland exploits in the Hawke Cup underscoring his ability to dominate at the grassroots level.

After retiring from first-class cricket in 1982, Anderson remained connected to the sport through his family and local cricketing circles and was a frequent observer at BLACKCAPS' matches when time allowed.

His legacy as part of a three-generation cricketing dynasty: father Mac, himself, and son Tim - adds a poignant chapter to New Zealand's cricketing story. He was a bridge between eras, from the post-war grit of his father's time to the professional game his son entered.



**BRIAN ADAMS QSM**

CANTERBURY CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
1940 – 2025

FORMER NZC BOARD MEMBER,  
CANTERBURY CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEMBER, CHAIRPERSON AND  
PRESIDENT  
CCA LIFE MEMBER

**DAVE ANDERSEN**

AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
& NORTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET  
ASSOCIATION  
1939 – 2024

FORMER FIRST-CLASS CRICKETER

**GERALD BAILEY QSO**

NORTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET  
ASSOCIATION  
1940 – 2025

FORMER NZC BOARD MEMBER  
NZ TEAM MANAGER (OVERSEAS TOURS)  
LIFE MEMBER, CHAIRPERSON AND  
PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN DISTRICTS  
CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**DOUGLAS CATLEY MNZM**

WELLINGTON CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
1946 – 2024

CRICKET WELLINGTON LIFE MEMBER  
FORMER CHAIR OF THE BASIN RESERVE  
TRUST

**BARRY DAVID COLEY**

WELLINGTON CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
1946 – 2024

FORMER FIRST-CLASS CRICKETER

**MURRAY SHERLOCK**

WELLINGTON CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
1934 – 2025

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT

**ROBERT SMITH**

WELLINGTON CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
1946 – 2024

FORMER FIRST-CLASS CRICKETER

**ANDREW 'GRAEME' WATSON**

WELLINGTON CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
1943-2025

UMPIRE AND LIFE MEMBER OF  
WELLINGTON CRICKET UMPIRES &  
SCORERS INC  
LIFE MEMBER OF NZC UMPIRES & SCORERS  
ASSOCIATION



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**KIRIKITI  
KI TĀWĀHI  
INTERNATIONAL**

# WHITE FERNS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



WINNER OF THE ICC  
WOMEN'S T20 WORLD  
CUP 2024

## ONZM

AWARDED  
TO SOPHIE  
DEVINE

## 200

INTERNATIONAL  
WICKETS FOR  
LEA TAHUHU

## 100

MAIDEN ODI  
HUNDRED FOR  
GEORGIA PLIMMER  
(112 v Sri Lanka)

## 50

ODI WICKETS FOR  
JESS KERR

# MELIE KERR

2024 ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP  
Player of the Tournament  
Tournament's top wicket-taker

ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year  
ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year  
Awarded Women's NZCPA Players'  
Cap



## EDEN CARSON MELIE KERR ROSEMARY MAIR

NAMED IN THE 2024 ICC WOMEN'S T20  
WORLD CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR

## DEBUT

FLORA DEVONSHIRE  
BREE ILLING  
POLLY INGLIS  
BELLA JAMES  
EMMA MCLEOD  
IZZY SHARP



## 100

T20I APPEARANCES FOR MADDY  
GREEN  
2ND ODI HUNDRED

## WORLD RANKINGS

# NO

# 4

T20I:

# NO

# 4

ODI:

# BLACKCAPS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

## HISTORY

FIRST-EVER TEST SERIES WIN IN INDIA AND THE FIRST TEAM IN HISTORY TO WIN A THREE-TEST SERIES 0-3 AGAINST INDIA, IN INDIA

## FINALISTS

BLACKCAPS REACH THE ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2025 FINAL IN DUBAI

#1

JACOB DUFFY RANKED NO.1 T20I BOWLER IN THE WORLD BY ICC



MATT HENRY 15TH NZ PLAYER TO TAKE 100 TEST WICKETS & ALSO REACHED 150 ODI WICKETS (second-fastest New Zealander to the milestone)

DEBUT

50

MUHAMMAD ABBAS FASTEST-EVER HALF-CENTURY ON ODI DEBUT (50 off 24 balls v Pakistan)



MITCH HAY MOST DISMISSALS EVER IN A T20 INTERNATIONAL (5 catches + 1 stumping)

MUHAMMAD ABBAS  
MITCH HAY  
NICK KELLY  
BEVON JACOBS  
RHYS MARIU  
NATHAN SMITH

100

GLENN PHILLIPS MAIDEN ODI HUNDRED (106 v Pakistan)



RACHIN RAVINDRA ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2025 PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT



150

TOM LATHAM ODI MATCHES (16th New Zealand men's player to reach the milestone)



MITCHELL SANTNER CLAIMS THE THIRD-BEST TEST MATCH FIGURES FOR NEW ZEALAND IN THE 2ND TEST AGAINST INDIA (13-157)

BEN SEARS BACK-TO-BACK ODI 5-WICKET BAGS (first New Zealand player ever to achieve the feat)

9,000

TEST RUNS SCORED BY KANE WILLIAMSON

CENTURY

KANE WILLIAMSON'S 33RD TEST CENTURY (156 v ENGLAND) (takes him to 12th most Test centuries of all-time)

## WORLD RANKINGS

NO

5

TEST:

NO

2

ODI:

NO

4

T20I:



# NGĀ MIHI TIM

New Zealand cricket great Tim Southee bowed out from international cricket in winning style during the 2024-25 season, finishing his career on his home ground of Seddon Park in Hamilton against England in December.

The BLACKCAPS all-time leading international wicket-taker (776) and 14-time Test captain received a standing ovation as he walked from the field for the final time, having claimed 2-34 in the second innings to help his side secure an emphatic 423-run victory in the third and final Test.

Raised on a farm in Waiotira, Whangārei and hailing from the Maungakarama Cricket Club, Southee's illustrious 18-year international career saw him chalk up 394 internationals and numerous national and international records.

Southee's impressive all-round skillsets, durability, and consistency saw him become the only player in the world to claim more than 300 Test wickets, 200 ODI wickets and 100 T20I wickets at the time of his retirement.

"Representing New Zealand was all I ever dreamed of growing up," he said.

"To play for the BLACKCAPS for 18 years has been the greatest honour and privilege, but the time feels right to now step away from the game that has given so much to me. I'll always be so grateful to my family, friends, coaches, our fans and everyone involved in the game who has supported me and my career over the years."

"It's been an amazing ride and I wouldn't change a thing."

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# 776

WICKETS IN ALL  
INTERNATIONALS - THE MOST BY  
ANY NEW ZEALANDER

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# 394

INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES  
FOR NZ (107 TESTS, 161 ODIS,  
126 T20IS)

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# 391

INTERNATIONAL TEST WICKETS  
IN RED/PINK BALL GAMES AND  
385 INTERNATIONAL WHITE-BALL  
WICKETS

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# 98

SIXES IN TEST CRICKET - THE  
FOURTH-EQUAL MOST OF ANY  
PLAYER IN THE WORLD.

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# 86

CATCHES IN TESTS  
& 195 IN ALL INTERNATIONALS -  
FIFTH ON BOTH LISTS FOR NEW  
ZEALAND FIELDERS

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# 47

TIMES ON THE WINNING SIDE  
FOR NZ IN TESTS - THE MOST BY  
ANY PLAYER

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# WICKETS

\*ONLY PLAYER IN THE WORLD  
TO CLAIM MORE THAN 300 TEST  
WICKETS, 200 ODI WICKETS AND  
100 T20I WICKETS

\*at the time of his retirement

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# MELIE KERR'S YEAR LIKE NO OTHER!

The 2024-25 will be a season that Melie Kerr will never forget.

She reached heights that no other Kiwi has done before, and at only 24-years-old, Kerr has cemented herself as one of New Zealand's most successful cricketers.

The WHITE FERNs T20 World Cup victory was undoubtedly a team effort, but her consistency throughout the tournament was exceptional and earned her the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Player of the Tournament.

She claimed 15 wickets across six matches, the tournament's top-wicket-taker and set the record for the most-wickets taken by a player at a single edition of the Women's T20 World Cup. With the bat, she was New Zealand's third-highest run-scorer, ninth overall.

On return to Aotearoa, Kerr's tournament heroics were recognised by the Halberg Awards, and she was nominated for New Zealand Sportswoman of the Year at the 63rd edition of the prestigious sporting awards.

But the cherry on top of an incredible year was winning the illustrious Rachel Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for 2024, beating Laura Wolvaardt, Chamari Athapaththu and Annabel Sutherland to claim the top honour in the women's game.

"It's a huge honour. I guess for me individual awards aren't something you think about much, but this is an extremely special one.

It's no surprise that she was also awarded the Debbie Hockley Medal for the outstanding women's cricketer at the 2025 ANZ New Zealand Cricket Awards. An award that was introduced in 2023, and has only ever been won by Kerr.

She also scooped up ANZ Women's ODI and T20I Player of the Year, and the Dream11 Super Smash Women's Player of the Year.

Kerr's excellence in all facets of the game paired with her humility, leadership and kind nature, makes her a driving force for the WHITE FERNs and an all-round inspiring Kiwi.

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**“IT’S NICE TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE FOR NEW ZEALAND, I GUESS THAT’S ALL ANY CRICKETER WANTS IS TO WORK HARD AND PUT OUT PERFORMANCES FOR THEIR TEAMMATES. THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE HELPED ME ACHIEVE WHAT I HAVE, AND I’M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT NETWORK I HAVE AROUND ME.”**





# ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2025

In February, the BLACKCAPS travelled to Pakistan for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 – after the tournament was reinstated on the ICC major event calendar following an eight-year hiatus.

The BLACKCAPS came into the tournament in strong form having won a warm-up T20I Tri-Series against the hosts Pakistan and South Africa and knew a win in the tournament opener against Pakistan in Karachi would boost their hopes of qualification for the semi-finals.

On a scorching day at National Stadium, Will Young and Tom Latham shone, both plundering memorable ODI centuries to help the team post 320 in a strong first innings total.

The bowling effort more than matched the effort with the bat, as Will O'Rourke (3-47) and Mitch Santner (3-66) helped bowl out the hosts for 260 and see the BLACKCAPS claim a big 60-run win to start the tournament on a high.

The BLACKCAPS moved north to Rawalpindi to face Bangladesh and were boosted by the return of Rachin Ravindra, who was ruled out of the

tournament opener after a freak head injury during the warm-up T20I Tri-Series.

Ravindra wasted little time in making his mark, notching his fourth ODI century (112) to help chase down Bangladesh's 236, as the team made it two from two and secured a spot in the semi-finals.

A 44-run defeat to India in Dubai followed, before the team returned to Karachi to face South Africa in the semi-final.

It would be another memorable day out with the bat as Rachin Ravindra (108) and Kane Williamson (102) combined for a 148-run second-wicket partnership to help the team post a massive 362 – New Zealand's highest-ever ODI total against South Africa.

A typically spirited South African chase, led by captain Temba Bavuma and opener Rassie van der Dussen, would follow, but a composed team performance in the field, alongside clutch wickets from captain Mitchell Santner (3-43) secured a five-run win and a spot in the Final against India in Dubai.

A searing hot day at Dubai International Stadium, in front of a frantic India-dominated crowd saw the BLACKCAPS bat first and post a competitive 251 after a spirited 63 from Daryl Mitchell and a quick-fire unbeaten 53 from Michael Bracewell to close out the innings.

As the Dubai night set in and the Indian crowd only grew louder, the BLACKCAPS fielding unit fought hard to the death, taking wickets at regular intervals, but were eventually thwarted as KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja steered India home with an over to spare.

While it was failure at the final hurdle for the BLACKCAPS, the team was lauded for its professionalism against an exhausting travel schedule which saw them feature at all three of the tournament venues and clock up over 8,000 kilometres of travel between Karachi, Rawalpindi and Dubai.

Rachin Ravindra's standout tournament where he scored 263 runs in four games, including two centuries, was rewarded as he was named the Player of the Tournament.



# GARY STEAD BOWS OUT AS BLACKCAPS COACH



**OVERALL: PLAYED: 268 / WON: 147 / LOST: 100 / DRAW: 6 / TIED: 6 / NR: 9**

**TEST: PLAYED: 52 / WON: 27 / LOST: 19 / DRAW: 6**

**ODI: PLAYED: 97 / WON: 56 / LOST: 35 / TIED: 1 / NR: 5**

**T20I: PLAYED: 119 / WON: 64 / LOST: 46 / TIED: 5 / NR: 4**

BLACKCAPS coach Gary Stead's highly successful seven years in charge of the national side officially concluded at the end of June 2025, with the cricketing world paying homage to his incredible legacy.

Widely considered New Zealand's most successful national coach, Stead oversaw the inaugural ICC World Test Championship win in 2021, and an unprecedented three-nil Test series sweep of India on the sub-continent last year, alongside five out of six finals appearances in ICC white-ball World Cups.

The BLACKCAPS consistency was a hallmark of the Stead era, with the side rising to number one in the ICC Test and ODI rankings during his stint, as well as winning countless bi-lateral series and breaking new ground with series wins at home and abroad.

Stead can also be credited with rejuvenating the team during his time in charge with the selections of stars such as Daryl Mitchell, Kyle Jamieson, Devon Conway, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra and Will O'Rourke.

The 53-year-old said it had been a privilege to lead the team.

"There's been some amazing memories over the past seven years based around a group of fantastic and talented people who have gone out to give their best for their country, each other and for the fans," he said.

"Brendon McCullum and Mike Hesson had left the team with strong values and a style of play, and I've just tried to build and shape that further to grow our ability to be consistent in everything we do.

"It's been nice to be competitive across all three formats and I'd like to think that regardless of results, the opposition know the BLACKCAPS is a team that won't fold and will always show the grit and determination to compete."

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**KIRIKITI KI  
TAIWHENUA  
DOMESTIC**



# DOMESTIC OVERVIEW

Another thrilling domestic season unfolded across Aotearoa, marked by fierce regional rivalries and high-stakes finals, as the country's top cricketers battled for the five NZC domestic titles.

As the final round of the Plunket Shield got underway, three teams remained in the running to claim the 118-year-old shield, but it was Northern Districts' seven-point lead that put them in the driver's seat, and their outright win over the Otago Volts saw them etch their names on the Plunket Shield for the first time in 13 years.

The match saw Northern Districts paceman Neil Wagner sign off from cricket in this country in style as he helped bowl his team to victory in vintage Wagner-style as he claimed 5-53 on his former home ground at Dunedin's University of Otago Oval.

One of the most exciting List A finals in Hallyburton Johnstone Shield history also took place at the University of Otago Oval, a final-ball-thriller between defending champions the Otago Sparks and the Auckland Hearts.

The odds looked to be in the Hearts' favour at the innings break after captain Maddy Green made a career-best 126 off 123 balls, setting the Sparks 292 for the win.

A 148-run third wicket partnership between Felicity Robertson and Polly Inglis set the Southerners up, followed by a quick-fire 102-run stand for the seventh wicket between PJ Watkins and Eden Carson.

It was hair-raising scenes as the Sparks required two runs off the final ball with Watkins and Carson scampering through to secure the Sparks' back-to-back Hallyburton Johnstone Shield championships.

An elevated production of the HBJ Shield and Ford Trophy finals were hosted this year, as NZC worked with Engage Live to produce multi-camera coverage and remote commentary. The matches were streamed on NZC's YouTube channel and saw a 294% year-on-year increase in viewership for the HBJ Shield Final (72.8k viewers in 2025 compared to 18.4k viewers in 2024).

The Dream11 Super Smash Men's Player of the Year, Central Stags' Tom Bruce, showed his class across the formats, first captaining his team to the T20 title before notching a late-season triple century (345) during a Plunket Shield match at Auckland's Kennards Hire Community Oval in March.

Bruce's knock was the third-highest First Class score in New Zealand domestic cricket, sitting behind Bert Sutcliffe's 355 (1949-50) and 385 (1953-53), and is the first triple century for the Central Stags.

Canterbury Magicians stalwart Frankie Mackay notched her own piece of history, becoming the leading women's domestic List A run-scorer (5,188), to go with the leading wicket-taking record she already owned.

Retro kits were revived in the Dream11 Super Smash, as NZC and their domestic apparel partner, Dynasty Sport, designed and produced the eye-catching uniforms in collaboration with the six Major Associations.

The kits paid homage to domestic teams of the 90s and early 2000s, representing the growth of the T20 format since it began 20 years ago. They proved to be a big hit with fans with over half of the retro themed Super Smash shirts snapped up less than 48 hours after going on sale.

The Wellington Blaze certainly seemed to enjoy the retro stripes as they marched to back-to-back Dream11 Women's Super Smash titles, defeating the Otago Sparks in the final at the Cello Basin Reserve, led by player of the tournament Melie Kerr.

The match was the last for outgoing Sparks coach Craig Cumming who signed off his successful five seasons in charge to take up a county opportunity in England.

# DREAM11 SUPER SMASH HIGHLIGHTS



# 1.13M

26% OF NEW ZEALANDERS  
AGED 5+ TUNED INTO A MATCH  
ON TVNZ DUKE

# 27K

PEOPLE ATTENDED A SUPER  
SMASH MATCH

# 9.9M

IMPRESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

# 118K

DIGITAL FANS ACROSS META & X

# 1.7K

MEDIA MENTIONS

## MOST RUNS

MELIE KERR 441  
MATT BOYLE 337

## MOST WICKETS

EDEN CARSON 18  
BLAIR TICKNER 16

## HIGHEST SCORES

KATE ANDERSON  
& MELIE KERR 75\*  
KATENE CLARKE 106

## BEST BOWLING FIGURES

SOPHIE DEVINE 5-13  
MATT HENRY 5-18



**NORTHERN  
DISTRICTS  
CRICKET**

# NORTHERN DISTRICTS



**NORTHERN BRAVE MEN AND  
WOMEN REACHED THE DREAM11  
SUPER SMASH ELIMINATION  
FINALS**



# 9/10

**NINE OUT OF 10 RANGATAHI  
GIRLS' AGE-GROUP DA TEAMS  
WERE COACHED BY FEMALES**



**PLUNKET SHIELD CHAMPIONS  
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 13 YEARS**

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Northern Māori teams represented at all Rangatahi boys' ND age-group tournaments

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Hosted Tim Southee's final BLACKCAPS appearance in the England Test Match at Seddon Park in December

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Hamilton Marist Suburbs Cricket Club recognised as New Zealand Club of the Year at the NZC Community Cricket Awards

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Umpire Greg Pennell made his international debut in a WHITE FERNS v Sri Lanka ODI on 7 March

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ND's Regional Facility Fund helped to build seven brand new facilities and support a further 12 existing facilities in the region

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ND hosted the 9th Annual National Over 60s Cricket Championship in Hamilton



# AUCKLAND

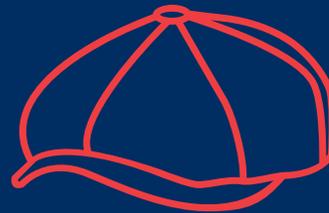


**BOTH ACES & HEARTS WERE RUNNERS UP IN THE DOMESTIC 50-OVER COMPETITIONS**



# DEBUT!

**HEARTS BREE ILLING MADE HER INTERNATIONAL DEBUT**



**PRESENTED BAGGY CAPS TO OVER 75 AUCKLAND HEARTS ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO WOMEN'S CRICKET IN AUCKLAND**

Three out of the four national age group tournaments won by Auckland U17 and U19 sides

Big crowds at Super Smash home matches, including more than 3,000 for the double-header vs. Wellington on January 27

Mark Chapman's 276 in the Plunket Shield at the Kennards Hire Community Oval, the third-highest individual score for Auckland

Maddy Green's domination with the bat both domestically and internationally (five centuries and almost 1,500 runs in 2024-25)

New Men's Championship Grade rolled out - great success and great feedback

Second season of delivering two divisions at the Girls' Secondary Schools Competition, demonstrating growth in Youth Girls cricket participation

Auckland Umpire, Moth Sutherland-Topp, recognised as NZC Community Official of the Year





# CENTRAL DISTRICTS



Ajaz Patel and man of the series Will Young play starring roles in the BLACKCAPS landmark Test Series win in India

Rosemary Mair and Hannah Rowe become ICC T20 World Cup champions with the WHITE FERNS

Tom Bruce is named NZC's Dream11 Super Smash Men's Player of the Year and Blair Tickner is the competition's top male wicket-taker

CD Māori Wāhine defend the Rona McKenzie Taonga at the NZC Māori Nationals. CD Māori Tāne celebrate their first wins as a team

Furlong Cup champions Taranaki lift the Hawke Cup for the first time since 2007, locking it away after a successful Challenge against Hawke's Bay and three mesmerising Defences

Central Districts Cricket launches its own online store, sells out of Retro merch, hosts successful double-headers at three different venues, and attracts a "home" crowd to a Wellington Dream11 Super Smash final

The Hinds achieve their highest successful one-day chase (296/5), beating ND's 292 at Pukekura Park

Wairarapa wins the men's Chapple Cup and women's Mike Shrimpton Trophy, both for the first time. For CD U19, Wairarapa youngster Vanessa Taylor is the top run-scorer at the 2024-25 NZC Women's U19 Nationals

Curtis Heaphy (the country's top Ford Trophy batter) and Jayden Lennox earn maiden New Zealand A selections

# 345

**TOM BRUCE MAKES THE THIRD-HIGHEST SCORE IN NEW ZEALAND FIRST-CLASS HISTORY, A DASHING 345**



**HINDS RISING STARS FLORA DEVONSHIRE AND EMMA MCLEOD DEBUT FOR THE WHITE FERNS. MCLEOD ALSO MAKES HER SECOND TRIP TO AN ICC U19 WORLD CUP**



**THE STAGS WIN THE MEN'S DREAM11 SUPER SMASH, COMFORTABLY DEFEATING THE KINGS IN THE FINAL**



# WELLINGTON



**DREAM11 SUPER SMASH VICTORY FOR THE BLAZE AT HOME IN FRONT OF 2,500 WELLINGTONIANS**

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**99 NEW WOMEN AND GIRLS CRICKETERS ACROSS THE REGION**

# DEBUT!

**WELLINGTON FIREBIRDS NATHAN SMITH, NICK KELLY AND MUHAMMAD ABBAS MADE THEIR INTERNATIONAL BLACKCAPS DEBUT**



Melie Kerr wins the Debbie Hockley Medal again, following outstanding ICC Women's T20 World Cup performances

Wellingtonians won Community Awards at the NZC Awards for Volunteer of the Year, City Suburbs for Women & Girls, and our Māori Cricket programme was recognised

Club Finals returned to the Cello Basin Reserve, including the Women's T20 Final and the Pearce Cup for the Men's Two Day competition

Iain McPeake retired on top, taking the final wicket of the season to secure the Firebirds second place in the Plunket Shield

New Girls Year 2-4 Grade to complete a full girls-only pathway across all age groups

Kilikiti at the Basin grew to include school-aged teams, bringing new participants to the Basin





# CANTERBURY



**FRANKIE MACKAY BECAME THE HIGHEST RUN-SCORER IN NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S ONE-DAY DOMESTIC CRICKET**



**CANTERBURY MEN SECURED THE FORD TROPHY, CAPPING OFF A STRONG WHITE-BALL CAMPAIGN**

# DEBUT

**MITCH HAY, IZZY SHARP, AND RHYS MARIU EARNED INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS**

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Matt Henry was awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal

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A record 17 girls' teams from across Canterbury participated in the National Secondary School Qualifier Event in Christchurch

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The Canterlankas Fun Day attracted over 250 participants, celebrating cultural diversity and cricket in the community

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The inaugural Smash 5s Youth Festival featured 24 teams, including 14 girls teams, reflecting strong growth in youth engagement

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Club 100 was launched during the January school holidays, helping youth players reconnect with their club of origin in a fun and inclusive setting

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Both the Canterbury Kings and Magicians led the Super Smash competition for highest average broadcast audience



# OTAGO



**THE OTAGO SPARKS LIFT THE HALLYBURTON JOHNSTONE SHIELD FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS**



**OTAGO VOLTS VETERAN FAST BOWLER JACOB DUFFY ROSE TO THE TOP OF THE ICC MEN'S T20I BOWLING RANKINGS, A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR BOTH DUFFY AND OTAGO CRICKET**



**OTAGO SPARKS BELLA JAMES AND POLLY INGLIS MADE THEIR WHITE FERNS DEBUT THIS SEASON, PROUDLY REPRESENTING OTAGO ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE**



The first-ever Legends T10 event brought together over 50 former Otago Volts and Sparks players and coaches in a fun and competitive atmosphere, strengthening the connection between past and present Otago teams

International umpire and Otago local Chris Gaffaney was recognised as NZC's Official of the Year for his continued excellence and professionalism on the global stage

Otago Cricket's partnership with Otago Hockey through a dual-delivery pilot program was named NZC's Community Cricket Collaboration Initiative of the Year at the NZC Awards

Mason Clarke became one of the youngest Otago Volts players, at 17, to debut in the Dream11 Super Smash, showcasing the strength of the region's youth development pathway

A 265-run stand between Max Chu and Luke Georgeson equalled the highest seventh-wicket partnership in New Zealand first class cricket



# MAJOR ASSOCIATION PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



**MADDY GREEN**



**JESS WATKIN**



**HANNAH ROWE**



**MARK CHAPMAN**



**BRETT HAMPTON**



**BLAIR TICKNER**

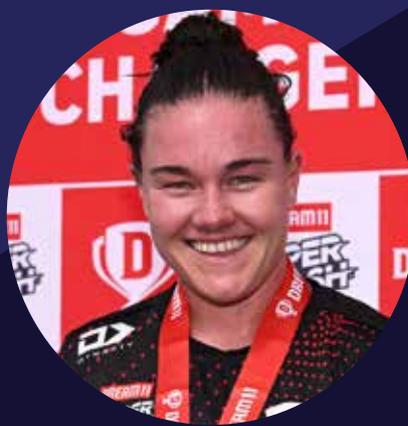




Cricket Wellington Inc.



**JESS KERR**



**KATE ANDERSON**



**EDEN CARSON**



**NICK KELLY**



**MATT BOYLE**



**DALE PHILLIPS**

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KAIPAKIHI  
OUR  
PARTNERS**

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**NGĀ PŪRONGO  
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OUR  
FINANCIALS**

# OUR FINANCIALS

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) closed the 2025 financial year in a strong financial position, with total reserves of approximately \$37 million as at 31 July 2025. This provides a stable foundation to support future strategic investment, maintain operational resilience, and capitalise on new revenue opportunities across the next ICC cycle and domestic seasons.

While the reported operating result for the year shows a net deficit of \$0.7 million (before foreign-exchange valuation adjustment), this was effectively breakeven on an underlying basis once one-off and non-recurring items are excluded. After recognising the \$2.9 million favourable revaluation of foreign-exchange hedging contracts, the final retained surplus for FY25 was \$2.2 million.

This outcome compares favourably to a budgeted deficit of \$6.8 million and follows two consecutive years of significant operating surpluses totalling \$18.7 million across FY23 and FY24 — demonstrating NZC's continued financial discipline and long-term sustainability.

NZC successfully delivered a full summer of cricket and outbound tours, including a well-attended three-match Test series against England. These events enabled NZC to meet its commercial and broadcast commitments while continuing to strengthen domestic and international fan engagement.

Commercial revenues, including sponsorship and ticketing, performed strongly, highlighted by the new Chemist Warehouse partnership and renewed support from longstanding partners. ICC distributions for FY25 remained consistent with FY24, with potential upside in the latter half of the current four-year cycle, subject to ICC review in FY27.

Operational efficiency remained a key focus, with discretionary and centralised expenditure managed tightly to offset higher delivery costs associated with hosting and touring programmes. This ensured NZC was able to achieve its FY25 business priorities without compromising investment in the wider game.

The Master Agreement (2022 – 2027) governing professional and semi-professional cricket continued to operate effectively. Player payments of \$22.3 million were made in FY25,

representing a cumulative \$13.1 million increase over forecast levels during the first three years of the agreement.

Funding to the cricket network under the NZC Cricket Network Investment Framework reached \$26.9 million in FY25, up \$0.6 million on FY24. Looking ahead, NZC will continue to invest in network capacity and quality, including enhanced pre-season access to all-weather facilities and increased match-running fees for domestic competitions.

With a solid reserves base, balanced cash flows, and ongoing cost discipline, NZC is well positioned for the years ahead. ICC distributions are expected to remain stable for at least the next two years, providing certainty to underpin both strategic investments and network funding commitments.

NZC's financial statements continue to be prepared on a special-purpose basis, consistent with prior years, and no changes in accounting policy were required for FY25. NZC plans to adopt general accepted accounting practice accounting during FY26 to ensure compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

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**WITH A SOLID RESERVES BASE, BALANCED CASH FLOWS, AND ONGOING COST DISCIPLINE, NZC IS WELL POSITIONED FOR THE YEARS AHEAD**



**NEW ZEALAND CRICKET (INCORPORATED)**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Operating Revenue	81,393	97,245
Other Income	1,753	1,157
<b>Total Revenue and Other Income</b>	<b>83,146</b>	<b>98,402</b>
Expenditure:		
Contractors and Service Providers	3,358	3,698
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,115	1,022
Financing	38	99
Grants, Levies and Royalties	100	100
Marketing & Community Development	3,080	3,561
Match and Tour Expenses	5,087	5,975
Other	8,630	7,540
Player Pool	13,017	16,793
Player Digital Engagement Rights	624	2,383
Team Preparation and Player Support	154	199
Travel	9,046	10,556
Remuneration	12,670	12,210
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>56,919</b>	<b>64,136</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus before Distributions and Foreign Exchange</b>	<b>26,227</b>	<b>34,266</b>
<b>Less Association Grants and Domestic Player Payments</b>		
General and Other Grants	17,587	17,171
Domestic Player Payments	9,308	9,094
	<b>26,895</b>	<b>26,265</b>
<b>Net (Deficit) / Surplus for The Year before Foreign Exchange</b>	<b>(668)</b>	<b>8,001</b>
Unrealised Gain / (Loss) on Foreign Exchange Contracts	2,880	(2,389)
<b>Total Comprehensive Surplus for the Year</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>5,612</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**NEW ZEALAND CRICKET (INCORPORATED)**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	28,979	33,881
Trade and Other Receivables	5,627	5,271
Prepayments	470	477
Inventory	410	589
Derivative Financial Instruments	530	355
Intercompany Loan - NZC Ventures Ltd	50	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>36,066</b>	<b>40,573</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	7,788	8,372
Intangible Assets	531	749
Derivative Financial Instruments	673	539
Investment Fund	10,691	7,328
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>19,683</b>	<b>16,988</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>55,749</b>	<b>57,561</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and Other Payables	7,086	10,110
Employee Entitlements	366	325
Income in Advance	10,508	8,979
Derivative Financial Instruments	150	1,916
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>18,110</b>	<b>21,330</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Derivative Financial Instruments	610	1,414
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1,414</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,720</b>	<b>22,744</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>34,817</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>34,817</b>

For and on behalf of New Zealand Cricket Inc. who authorised the Summary Financial Statements for issue on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Diana Puketapu-Lyndon**  
Chair



**Bill Birnie**  
Director



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**NEW ZEALAND CRICKET (INCORPORATED)**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	<b>Retained Earnings \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
<b>Balance at 31 July 2023</b>	<b>29,205</b>	<b>29,205</b>
Net Surplus for the Year	5,612	5,612
Total Comprehensive Surplus for the Year	5,612	5,612
<b>Balance at 31 July 2024</b>	<b>34,817</b>	<b>34,817</b>
Net Surplus for the Year	2,212	2,212
Total Comprehensive Surplus for the Year	2,212	2,212
<b>Balance at 31 July 2025</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>37,029</b>

## NEW ZEALAND CRICKET (INCORPORATED) SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Cash was provided from:</b>		
Receipts from Sponsorship, Grants and Other Activities	81,291	107,482
Interest Received	890	556
	<u>82,181</u>	<u>108,038</u>
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(57,307)	(63,063)
Grants to Associations and Payments to Domestic Players	(26,894)	(26,265)
	<u>(84,201)</u>	<u>(89,328)</u>
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b>	<b><u>(2,020)</u></b>	<b><u>18,710</u></b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment & Intangible Assets	(332)	(2,342)
Investment Fund	(2,500)	-
Intercompany Loan - NZC Ventures Ltd	(50)	-
	<u>(2,882)</u>	<u>(2,342)</u>
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities</b>	<b><u>(2,882)</u></b>	<b><u>(2,342)</u></b>
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b><u>(4,902)</u></b>	<b><u>16,368</u></b>
Add Opening Cash Brought Forward	33,881	17,513
	<u>28,979</u>	<u>33,881</u>
<b>Ending Cash Carried Forward</b>	<b><u>28,979</u></b>	<b><u>33,881</u></b>
<b>Cash Balances in Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash at Bank	294	145
Short Term Deposits	28,685	33,736
	<u>28,979</u>	<u>33,881</u>
<b>Ending Cash Carried Forward</b>	<b><u>28,979</u></b>	<b><u>33,881</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# NEW ZEALAND CRICKET (INCORPORATED) NOTES TO THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025



## REPORTING ENTITY

New Zealand Cricket (Incorporated) (NZC) is domiciled in New Zealand and is a New Zealand incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

NZC is the governing body for the sport of cricket in New Zealand and is recognised as such by the International Cricket Council, of which NZC is a full member. NZC's principal activity is to promote and administer the sport of cricket in New Zealand.

## BASIS OF PREPARATION

The summary financial statements are extracted from the special purpose financial statements of NZC for the year ended 31 July 2025 which were issued by the Board of NZC on 13 October 2025. The special purpose financial statements received an unqualified audit opinion dated 13 October 2025. The special purpose financial statements of NZC have been prepared in accordance with NZC's Accounting Policies and to comply with member reporting requirements. As an incorporated society, NZC has no current obligation to prepare general purpose financial statements that comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand.

NZC has reported an operating deficit (net deficit for the year before Foreign Exchange) of \$668k (2024: surplus of \$8,001k), with the final result after adjusting for the valuation of our foreign currency hedging held at 31 July 2025, a retained surplus of \$2,212k (2024: surplus of \$5,612k). The value of the foreign currency hedging at 31 July 2025 is a net asset of \$443k (2024: net liability of \$2,436k). The foreign exchange hedging valuation

adjustment of a \$2,880k gain (2024: loss of \$2,389k), represents the unrealised movement in the fair value of the exchange contracts on hand at 31 July 2025 compared to 31 July 2024 (refer Note 16 of the full special purpose financial statements).

The contractual relationship with the players is governed by a Master Agreement, covering the five-year period from 1 August 2022 and includes both the men's and women's professional environments for the first time. The agreement was agreed by NZC, the New Zealand Cricket Players Association (NZCPA) and the Major Associations. In this landmark agreement, professional women's and men's cricketers will receive the same match fees for the same work on the same day. The improved pay and conditions are part of an agreement calculated on the professional players receiving 29.75% of all NZC forecast commercial revenue over five years (\$349m), expected to amount to \$104m in player payments.

Player pool expense is recognised in the surplus or loss when the relevant revenue from professional cricket has been recognised as defined in the Master Agreement. Player Pool expense recognised in the financial statements is \$22.33m (2024: \$25.89m) and player payments paid or accrued were \$25.17m (2024: \$24.81m), resulting in player payments owing (Variation Ledger Balance) on a rolling basis of \$1.84m (2024: \$4.69m) (Note 20 of the full special purpose financial statements).

Revenue from Digital Engagement Rights (Non-Fungible Tokens, fan tokens and mobile gaming) is excluded from commercial revenue

for calculating player pool expense. Instead, NZC and the Players share equally in the digital engagement rights revenue. The gross revenue from this arrangement is recognised in Operating revenue and the amount due to the players is recognised in Player Digital Engagement Rights in operating costs (Note 20 of the full special purpose financial statements). The balance in respect of Player Digital Engagement Rights of \$400k (2024: \$2,383k) will be paid by NZC once certain activities are completed.

The financial statements have been prepared using the going concern assumption on the basis that the level of ICC member distributions will be as forecast and given the revenue to be received from contracted broadcast and commercial partnerships over the next few years. NZC has sufficient reserves to meet its obligations, as and when they fall due.

The summary financial statements do not include all disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot provide as complete an understanding as the full special purpose financial statements which are available on request from NZC, PO Box 8353, Newmarket, Auckland, 1149. There have been no changes in accounting policies or restatements to amounts presented in prior years.

## FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars, which is NZC's functional currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.



### BASIS OF MEASUREMENT

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments and the investment fund which have been measured at fair value.

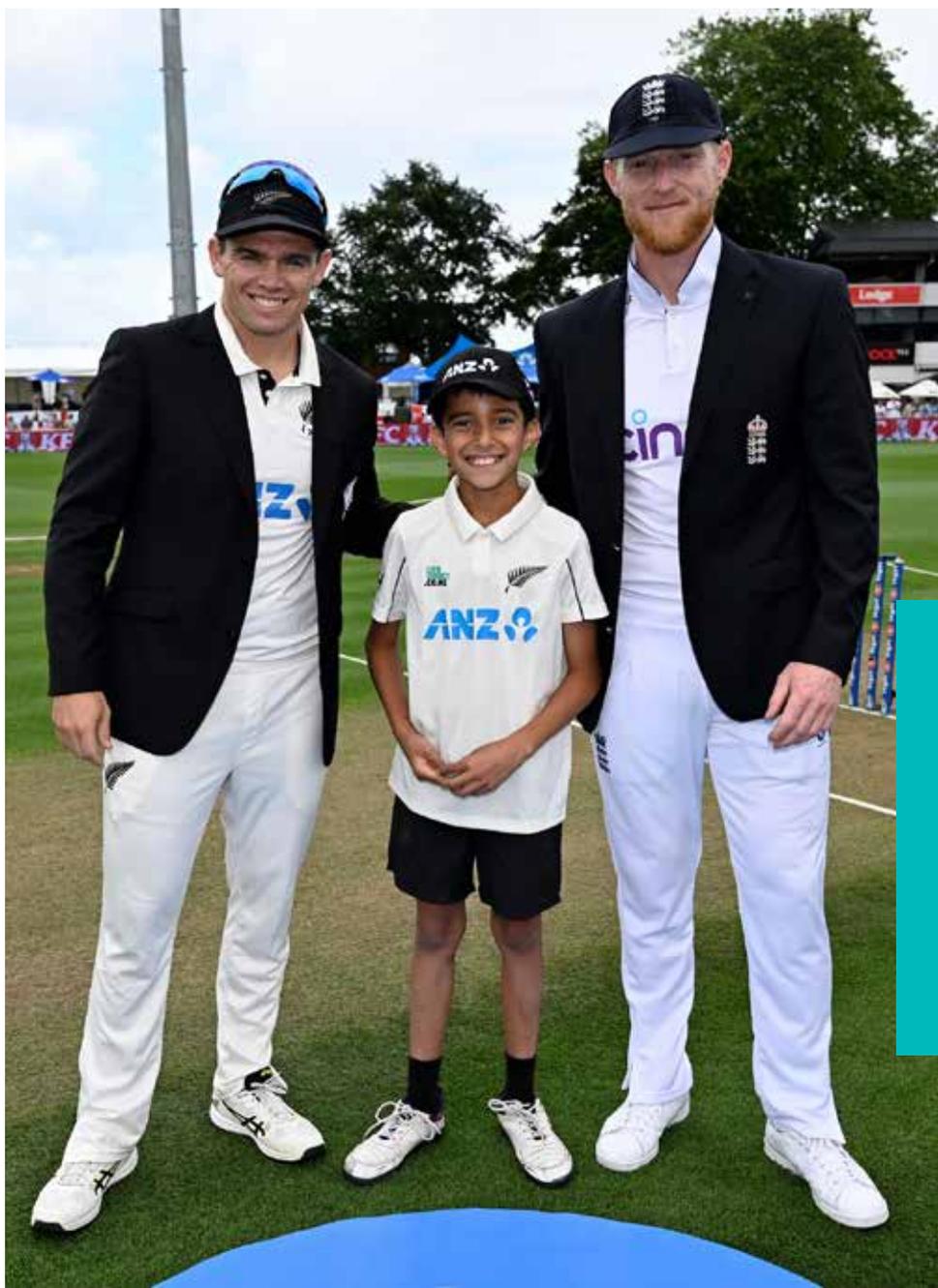
### RELATED PARTIES

Details relating to transactions with related parties are fully disclosed in Note 19 of the full special purpose financial statements. These predominantly relate to the Major and District Associations which are the members of NZC as provided for in the NZC Constitution. During the year NZC accounted for expenses of \$26,895k (2024: \$26,265k) to Major and District Associations. This included \$16,943k (2024: \$16,367k) in Major and District Association General and Other Grants, \$9,308k (2024: \$9,094k) for domestic player payments, \$642k (2024: \$792k) for service and hosting fees and \$2k for the reimbursement of costs incurred on behalf of NZC in the construction of fixed assets (2024: \$12k).

NZC Ventures Limited (NZCV) was incorporated on 28 February 2025 under the Companies Act 1993. NZCV is a wholly owned subsidiary of NZC. On 26 March 2025, NZC (the lender) agreed to lend \$50k to NZCV (the borrower), to facilitate an equity investment (Note 10 of the full special purpose financial statements). The loan is non-interest bearing and is repayable on demand.

### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no material subsequent events which occurred after balance date requiring disclosure in the financial statements.





# Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements

**To the members of New Zealand Cricket (Incorporated)**

The summary special purpose financial statements (the summary financial statements) comprise:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 31 July 2025;
- the summary statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the summary statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- related notes.

## Our opinion

The summary financial statements are derived from the audited special purpose financial statements (financial statements) of New Zealand Cricket (Incorporated) (NZC) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements* issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

## Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures made in the audited special purpose financial statements. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

## The audited financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 13 October 2025.

That report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph, which describes the basis of accounting, in that the financial statements were prepared as special purpose financial statements to assist NZC in complying with its member reporting requirements and that, as a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

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## Responsibilities of the Directors for the summary financial statements

The Directors are responsible, on behalf of NZC, for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: *Summary Financial Statements*.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) 810 (Revised): *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Our firm carries out other services for NZC in the areas of treasury advisory services and tax and legal services in relation to the hosting of the 2028 ICC T20 World Cup. The provision of these other services has not impaired our independence as auditor of NZC.

## Who we report to

This report is made solely to the members of NZC, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than NZC and the members of NZC, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

For an on behalf of:



PricewaterhouseCoopers  
13 October 2025

Auckland

# BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE (AS OF JULY 2025)



**DIANA PUKETAPU-LYNDON - 7**  
CHAIR



**KEVIN MALLOY - 7**  
DEPUTY CHAIR



**SARAH BEAMAN - 7**  
DIRECTOR



**BILL BIRNIE - 7**  
DIRECTOR



**ANNA CAMPBELL - 6**  
DIRECTOR



**MIKE DEVONSHIRE - 6**  
DIRECTOR



**DION NASH - 5**  
DIRECTOR  
(APPOINTED 2024 AGM)



**ALI SHANKS - 7**  
DIRECTOR



**MARTIN SNEDDEN - 2**  
DIRECTOR  
(RETIRED 2024 AGM)



**ROGER TWOSE - 6**  
DIRECTOR

FY25 Meetings held:  
1. August 2024  
2. October 2024  
3. November 2024

4. February 2025  
5. March 2025  
6. May 2025  
7. July 2025

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**THE ABILITY OF THE BLACKCAPS AND  
WHITE FERNS TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM,  
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STAGE, IS BUILT ON OUR DOMESTIC AND  
COMMUNITY GAME**



**ITI REAREA, TEITEI  
KAHIKATEA KA TAEA**

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**ALTHOUGH SMALL,  
YOU CAN ASCEND  
GREAT HEIGHTS**



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