



**86th**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
2020/21**

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## Taita District Cricket Club Sponsors and Grant Providers 2020/21

- **McCormack Group Ltd**
- **M & M Plumbing**
- **Cricket Express**
- **Besties Dry Cleaning**
- **Air Rescue Foundation**
- **Pub Charities**
- **NZ Community Trust**
- **One Foundation**
- **Four Winds Foundation**

**Taita District Cricket Club**  
**86th Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 19th September**  
**2pm at the Taita Cricket Clubrooms, Fraser Park Sportsville**

**Agenda**

- **Introduction**
- **Apologies**
- **Obituaries**
- **Confirmation of the minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**
- **Matters arising from those minutes**
- **Presidents Address**
- **Chairman's Address**
- **Presentation of Accounts**
- **Confirmation of constitution**
- **Confirmation of Robin Randall Trust constitution**
- **Election of Officers**
- **Election of honorary Auditor**
- **General Business**

## Office Bearers for the 2020/21 season

<b>Patron:</b>	Ray WR Stott esq
<b>President:</b>	Dave Gillespie esq
<b>Life Members:</b>	Barry R Clarke esq; Phil J Schofer esq; Paul J McNelis esq; Raymond I Fawcett esq; Mark R Heissenbuttel esq; Dave H Stewart esq; Ray WR Stott esq; Dave J Gillespie esq; Dennis P Quirke esq. David Little esq
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	<b>Mesdames:</b> Sue Moore; Lynley Poole; Julie Ross; Amy Sidford, Carlene Angus. <b>Messrs:</b> Stan Bradbrook; Keith Fawcett; Terry Fawcett; Shaun Gillespie; Mark Houghton; Mark Jacobson, Trevor Jeffries; Murray Johns; Peter Hogan; Peter Lafferty; Chris Petter; Kevin Rowley; Steven Teepa; Greg Trask; Bryan Wilkins, Gary Gosper

## Club Management

<b>Chairman</b>	Dave Little
<b>President</b>	Dave Gillespie
<b>Cricket Manager</b>	Shaun Gillespie
<b>Treasurer</b>	Eddie Binns
<b>Secretary</b>	Anna-Maria Fradelakis
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Gary Gosper
<b>Junior Manager</b>	Dave Gillespie
<b>Premier Captain</b>	Nik Swain
<b>Auditor</b>	Dennis Quirke
<b>Club Statistician</b>	Ray Tyler

## Obituaries

### **Terry Fawcett**

I am saddened to advice that Taita Cricket Legend Terry Fawcett passed away this year after a long and courageous battle with Cancer.

Terry was a true Taita Legend in every sense of the word, he started playing for Taita as a junior in the 70s and after four years at Naenae University returned to the club.

Terry was a batting stalwart of several very successful Premier Reserve teams. He scored his first 100 for the 4B team in 1989 132 not out and scored 100 not out for the Reserves in 1995. Terry also played over 40 Premier games for Taita,

At the conclusion of his playing days, Terry continued to actively support the club, he was a member of the management committee through the 90's and early 2000, including stints as our bar manager

In 2004 Terry became a Vice President of the club for the years of service both on and off the field. Terry was also an outstanding President for three seasons, putting huge efforts into re engaging with the past players group.

Even though he was battling cancer, Terry still managed to get to Fraser Park two times this season to watch the Premier men's team and even though he could not get to the final at the Basin when the Premiers bet Johnsonville in the One Day Final, Terry was glued to the CricHQ live stream

At Past players day this year, Ray Stott our Patron presented Terry with his 100 caps, in front of a large crowd including members of the Taita and Hutt Premier teams.

Deepest condolences to Terry's wife Angela and three daughters and Terrys beloved brothers and sister Ray, Keith and Jenny and the wider family.

Rest in peace Terry, you were one of the bloody good bastards

## **Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Taita District Cricket Club AGM**

**Introduction-** Dave Little, Taita Chair welcomed all attendees including his worship the Mayor Campbell Barry

**Present** – Dave Gillespie, Dave Little, Jacob Maclean, Eddie Binns, Gary Gosper, Mitchell Scott, Tom McHugh, Jason Doyle, Shaun Gillespie, , Barry Clarke, Dennis Quirke, Ray Stott, Pat Smith, James Ross, Sam Ross, Carlene Angus, Nick Greenwood, Jon Batson, Ann Batson, Padha Kodela, Matthew Heissenbuttel, Dave Stewart, Nik Swain, Chander Ravi, Toby Barton, Campbell Barry

**Apologies** -Mark Heissenbuttel, Anna-Maria Fradelakis, Peter Lafferty, Mark Houghton. Peter Hogan, Steve Teepa, Terry Fawcett, Mark Jacobson, Ray Fawcett, Amy Schofer, Julie Ross

**Confirmation of minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> AGM** – Ray Tyler seconded by Nik Swain.

**Obituaries** – none to report

### **Election of Officers**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Patron	Ray Stott	Dave Little	Dave Gillespie
Chair	Dave Little	Dave Gillespie	Sam Ross
President	Dave Gillespie	Dave Little	Gary Gosper
Cricket Manager	Shaun Gillespie	Dave Little	Nik Swain
Deputy Chair	Gary Gosper	Carlene Angus	Shaun Gillespie
Treasurer	Eddie Binns	Nik Swain	Dave Gillespie
Secretary	Anne-Maria Fradelakis	Dave Little	James Ross
Player Representative	Nik Swain	Shaun Gillespie	Dave Little

### **Support Roles**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Auditor	Denis Quirke	Eddie Binns	Dave Gillespie
Statistician	Ray Tyler	Shaun Gillespie	Sam Ross

**Nomination for Vice President** – Carlene Angus- nominated by Dave Little, Seconded by Dave Gillespie

**Finance**

The annual accounts were accepted. The accounts showed a cash balance in the bank of \$104,470

The Robin Randall Fund has a balance of \$15065

**General Business**

Nik Swain outlined the vision for the coming season and announced the appointment of Deepak Joon as the club coach, Deepak is a level three qualified coach who has also played for the Firebirds

Dave provided an update in relation to Fraser Park Sportsville, noting the improved relationship between the club and the FPS and that with the new leadership team and board the future looked bright. Noting the lighting issues in the indoor space had not been resolved. Dave also outlined that the club will be placing memorabilia on the wall and that the club had purchased a digital honours board



## **Chairman's report**

It has been a pretty successful season for the club overall, the number of T20 teams that we have, and all are very competitive. The Thirds a very good season in finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in both white ball and red ball cricket, the 2nds being competitive in most games, with a couple of reversals in the results for close games would have finished higher.

The premier team, what can we say except we are extremely proud of the way the team has performed throughout the year. Definitely the best year for the club since my involvement in 94'.

To make the final in all formats is fantastic, to top it off the award of the top sports team in the Hutt Valley.

### **Individual Awards**

To all the award winners for their respective teams, and individual awards congratulations, it was great to see so many outstanding performances.

5 premier players getting honours board performances do not think that has ever happened before. Nick Greenwood 898 runs for the season, and finally another bowler getting 50 wickets Kieran McComb with 51 and both sharing the overall top award in the club.

Arjun Manoharan 805 runs in lower grade cricket, Mark Austin top fielder 18 catches and 7 run outs, Dip Correia 109 and 102\* vs Varsity.

To those that earned representative hours congratulations.

Logan Van Beek – Netherlands, Wellington firebirds and the catch of the year at the Basin.

Wellington A – Pat Smith, Nick Greenwood, Chander Ravi, Henry Walsh

Wellington U17 – Will Greenwood

### **Club Coach**

We have been fortunate over the years that we have had some good people in the role of working with schools and club with coaching cricket, and that continued again with Deepak.

Deepak Joon, we were able to secure his services in the off season and straight away his desire, and passion for cricket is very apparent.

Deepak was able to come in with a fresh voice, some fantastic ideas, and philosophies in how we can play better cricket. This was both good for the players, and the club as the results speak for themselves.

## **Sponsors**

Again, Thank you to our sponsors McCormack Group Ltd, M & M Plumbing, and Besties Dry Cleaning for your support to help Taita Cricket keep going for another season. Coupled with the grant funding agencies that Dizz has managed to secure.

## **Committee**

Thank you to our very hard-working committee.

Dizz – The amount of work you do for the club is very much appreciated and does not go unnoticed by all, a bloody fantastic club man.

Shaun - another great year ensuring we as a club have the players on the park and doing our club proud.

Goz - your work to support and guidance is very much appreciated to make sure we are doing the right things.

Eddie - thank you for your hours of work that you have done with our financial details, and the information provided for our AGM.

Anna-Maria - for the time you continue to give to the committee when you are available.

Nik - for your feedback on how the team was going throughout the season, and also your suggestions on how the club could ensure our team/players had the best opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities.

Will see you all again next season.

David Little (Chairman)

## **President's Report**

What a season, One Day Premier Champions, finalist in the 2020 Cup and finalist in the Pearce Cup final vs Johnsonville. Kamos winning the 2020 division B final, Club Average trophy at Cricket Wellington Awards. And to cap it off the Premier team was awarded Team of the Year at the Hutt Valley Sports Awards

Sad Note, As outlined in the obituary it is with great sadness that we farewelled a true Taita Legend in Terry Fawcett in late June. Terry optimised the Taita spirit on and off the field, he is a true TAITA LEGEND- REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND, GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTEN

### **Cricket**

A huge congratulations to all players for their individual and team performances during the year. We continued to always play in the spirit of the game, playing hard but fair. We are recognised by Cricket Wellington, the umpires and other clubs as a club that plays the game with high levels of integrity. The true Taita spirit.

A huge call out to every captain at Taita, your job is not always easy, filing teams, making the big calls, managing different personalities within your team, you have done yourself and the club proud.

'I will leave it for you to read the chairman's overview of the cricket and the team reports to provide a detailed overview of the on-field performance. However, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Nik Greenwood who surpassed Chander Ravi's runs last season scoring 898 runs, a new club record for most premier runs in a season.

It was a brilliant performance by the premier team lead by Nik Swain, and coached by Deepak Joon for the best season in the club's history, three finals and one trophy. For those of us that attended the one-day final at the Basin, what a performance and experience. A huge call out to the Kamos for winning the 2020 trophy, the first time a lower grade Taita team has won this trophy, well done guys.

### **Committee**

I would once again like to thank all members of our brilliant committee that put long hours in to make our club a real success. The committee was again led by Dave Little.

It has been a privilege work with your very hard-working committee and huge thanks goes out to:

- Dave little, leading from the front and setting the direction.
- Shaun who continues to show great leadership in managing all aspects of cricket in the club.
- Gary Gosper'- an outstanding administrator who work with the FPS Board and office.

- Eddie Binns, - Managing the finances, providing great support and knowledge to the Committee.
- Nik Swain, brought the Premier team perspective to the table and was great at bringing key issues to the table and challenging us all
- Anna-Maria who provided great assistance and advice as available.

### **Fraser Park Sportsville**

The committee continues to work with the FPS Management and the Board to ensure the facility and offering meet the need of our members. I am pleased to report that the relationship between the club and the Office/ Board is in a particularly good place. While there will always be opportunities and challenges the communication, lines are open between both parties.

I am pleased to report that the lighting issue in the indoor space has now being rectified thanks to some brilliant design work by Seven Electrical and sponsorship from Wellington Electricity. This means Taita full preseason training program can take place at Fraser Park.

### **Functions**

This season the club hosted two past players day, the first one in November recognised two Taita legend teams the 1987/88 Premier grade winning team captained by Ray Fawcett and the 1993/94 2C grade winning team captained by Paul McNelis, this event and the second one held in February were great successes. The club intends to hold a reunion for two further teams in the first half of next season.

A successful quiz night was held in December compared by Kieran McComb, a great night that was well supported by club members and other Fraser Park Sportsville clubs including a team from the Fraser Park Sportsville Board

### **Taitanium Club**

Changing times, have meant a change of direction for the Taitanium function, now we are not masters of our own destiny the cost of putting on a lunch for the Taitanium members, guests and players has become prohibitive, there was also feedback from the members that a change of direction was required. This year we nibbled on finger food and relaxed during the afternoon

We replaced the guest speaker this year with two presentations one to

Terry Fawcett recognising his 100 games for Taita and

Ann Batson recognising her 100 games scoring for the premiers

## **Sponsors**

Thank you to all our sponsors, especially our naming rights major sponsor McCormack Group Ltd. Tom and Will McCormack have come on board last season as our major sponsor.

Will and Tom, your support is very much appreciated and has played a key role in the ongoing development of cricket at Taita.

I would also like to thank Mike Carroll from M & M Plumbing who came on board this season as our Past Players Day Sponsor.

I would also like to thank our grant funders as detailed in the front of the report, with their assistance our fiscal situation would be dire.

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## **Next season**

I am also pleased to advise that the club has re-appointed Deepak Joon as our player coach for the coming season. The premier team are determined to build on the success of this year and are focused on getting all three trophies in the cabinet, particularly the Pearce Cup.

Thank you finally, I have enjoyed my time as President, and I look forward to helping taking our club to a new level in 2021/22

Dave Gillespie (President)

## Treasurer's report

2020/21 has seen the club maintain a stable financial position with cash and managed funds of \$108,791 in our bank account. This year we have again shown a small surplus of \$3,663 which represents good performance particularly given the disruption over the last 18 months due to Covid-19.

The club has continued to adopt the tight monetary controls put in place over the past couple of seasons and we continue to be confident that we are able to clearly track and monitor all income and expenditure.

We received \$43,528 in Grant funding this year that covered the Fraser Park maintenance fees, Cricket Wellington Affiliation fees, and cricket balls and gear.

### **Grants and Sponsorship**

Grant funding continues to be fundamental to the operations of the club being our largest source of revenue. A huge thank you must go to Dave Gillespie for all the work he does in preparing successful funding applications.

This season we received \$43,528 in grants from Pub Charity, One Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Air Rescue, Four Winds Foundation and NZ Gaming

I would like to extend a huge thanks to our major sponsor McCormack Group for their support in their first year as the club's major sponsor. Their support continued support is fundamental to the operations of the club.

Our other key sponsors include Cricket Express, Besties Dry Cleaners and KooGa Clothing. Your continued support is very much appreciated by all club members.

### **Subscription**

This year we collected \$10,725 in subs; this was a decrease of \$3,000 from 2019/20 due to the committee's decision to reduce in subs for the season as a reflection of Covid-19 financial constraints. Well done all, this is a great result for the club and thank you to team captains for their help with collecting subs.

The collection of subs was managed online this year due to no bar facilities which worked well.

Twenty-two club members signed up for the Taitanium membership, an increase of nine on previous years and we are hoping to get this up to 30 in the 21/22 season.

It is also important to thank Cricket Wellington who made the bold decision to forgo charging the club's affiliation fees as a result of the Covid impacts, a big thank to Cam Mitchel CEO and the CW Board

### **Robin Randell Fund**

Robin Randell's estate bequeathed to the club \$10,000. The club has set up a separate trust fund with the trustees being the current chairman and two life members to manage this fund.

The balance as at 30 June is \$15,237. Approximately 2/3 of this fund now sits within the Westpac managed fund with the remainder being held in an interest-bearing account.

## **Managed Funds**

During the year, the committee took the decision to move \$50,000 from an interest bearing savings account to a managed fund administered by Westpac. The fund operates in a similar manner to Kiwisaver and was chosen due to very low interest rates over the last few years. In the six months the fund has been open it has already increased in value over \$1,500. There are certain risks in holding this type of fund compared to cash, but the committee believe the over-all long-term benefit to the club greatly out-weigh this risk.

## **Future**

Our budget predictions for 2021/22 are that we will again make a small surplus for the year.

The committee is pleased to advise that McCormack Group will again be our major sponsor this season, huge thanks to Will and Tom for your continued support. The club is also very pleased to advise that Mike Carol a long standing Taita player and Supporter, who owns M & M Plumbing will be our match day sponsor. Cricket Express will again be our gear sponsor and I am pleased to announce that Sustainability Trust will be the sponsor of our Juniors

We are very confident that we will continue to attain grant funding for Affiliation and other fees in the coming season.

In my report last year I addressed the issue of lighting at Sportsville. Due to the hard work of the committee this issue has been resolved with no financial impact to the club. The upgrade was sponsored by Wellington Electrical We thank Sportsville , Seven Electrical who did the design work and Wellington Electricity for partnering with us in resolving this.

Eddie Binns (Treasurer)

## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2021

<b>Members funds</b>	<b>30-Jun-21</b>	<b>30-Jun-20</b>
Balance as at 1 July	104,592	159,228
Plus Surplus/Deficit	3,663	1,564
Contribution to FPSA (2019 adjustment)	-	(56,200)
Increase in managed funds	1,608	
<b>Total members funds</b>	<b>109,863</b>	<b>104,592</b>
<i>Represented by</i>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in Bank 30 June	57,350	104,470
Managed Funds	51,441	-
Cash held on behalf of Robin Randell Trust	15,237	15,065
Accounts Receivable	1,071	122
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>125,099</b>	<b>119,657</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>125,099</b>	<b>119,657</b>
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>		
Cash held on behalf of Robin Randell Trust	15,237	15,065
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>15,237</b>	<b>15,065</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>109,863</b>	<b>104,592</b>



## Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Revenue</b>		
Taitanium Club	2,033	1,206
Sponsorship/Donations	4,000	3,500
Grants	43,528	39,791
Subs	10,725	13,856
Miscellaneous funding	10,037	2,888
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>70,324</b>	<b>61,250</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Affiliation fees/ FPSA	5,756	17,829
Clothing	6,263	4,848
General Admin	928	1,651
Other	8,929	6,979
Coaching	22,963	12,631
Training	4,483	2,200
Cricket Gear	16,175	9,733
Car Expenses	1,166	3,815
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>66,662</b>	<b>59,686</b>
<b>Net Surplus/deficit</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>1,564</b>
<b>Net surplus /deficit attributable to members</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>1,564</b>

In the opinion of the club Auditor, the financial statements above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Club as of 30 June 2021

# Taita District Cricket Club Incorporated

## Trophy Winners 2020/21 Season

Name of Trophy	Winners
<b>Team Awards</b>	
<i>(Player's Player of the Season)</i>	
<b>Hutt Valley Grades</b>	
<i>Hutt Valley T20 Kamos</i>	Thomas Kiwara
<b>CW Intercity Grades</b>	
<i>CWI T20 Women's Grade</i>	N/A
<i>Intercity One day grade (Rowdies)</i>	Mohit Koka
<i>Intercity One day grade (Fireblades)</i>	Atul Gupta
<i>Intercity One day grade (Yodhas)</i>	Vijaybaskar Ramamurthy
<i>Third Grade</i>	Alex Pawson
<i>Intercity Premier Reserve</i>	Rohith Yeluri
<i>Intercity Premier</i>	Matt Kelly
<b>Club Awards</b>	
Peter Smith Trophy <i>(Best Bowling Women's)</i>	N/A

<p align="center"><b>GJ Robertson Trophy</b> <i>(Most Wickets all Lower Grade Cricket)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Bhaskar Anchala 37 wickets</b></p> <p align="center">Mark Austin 29</p> <p align="center">Atul Gupta 29</p>
<p align="center"><b>Phil Schofer Trophy</b> <i>(Best Batting Aggregate Women's)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>N/A</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>BR Clarke Cup</b> <i>(Highest Batting Aggregate Lower Grade Cricket)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Arjun Manoharan 805 runs</b></p> <p align="center">Abishek Virgil John 775</p> <p align="center">Thomas Kiwara 566</p>
<p align="center"><b>Don Hazlett Trophy</b> <i>(Best Fieldsman in Premier and Premier Reserve)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Nick Greenwood</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Ray Tyler Cup</b> <i>(Best Lower Grade Fielder)</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Mark Austin 25.5</b></p> <p align="center">Mohit Koka 20.5</p> <p align="center">Pardha Saradhi Kodela 18.5</p>
<p align="center"><b>Practice Award</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Taipans (3<sup>rd</sup> XI)</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Taita District Cricket Club</b> <i>(Club Captains Trophy)</i></p> <p>Awarded to the Club Member who assists with the delivery of cricket assists with training's helps the Committee, fosters the development of promising Club Members.</p> <p>This person is also an excellent ambassador of Taita Cricket.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">James Ross and Bhagyesh Patel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stuart Briggs Cup</i> <i>(Most scores over 30 throughout the Season all Grades)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Arjun Manoharan 11 Nick Greenwood 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abishek Virgil John 10 Henry Walsh 10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KJ Rowley Trophy</b> <i>(Most Wickets in Premier &amp; Premier Reserve Grades)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kieran McComb 51 wickets</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matt Kelly 47 Pat Smith 33</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fawcett Plate</b> <i>(Best Bowling Average in All Grades - Bowler must take at least 25 wickets for the season to qualify for this trophy)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Andy Reid 27 wickets at 8.19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Austin 29 at 11.03 Kieran McComb 51 at 15.37</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Life Members Trophy</b> <i>(Highest Batting Aggregate in Premier &amp; Premier Reserve Grades)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nick Greenwood 898</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Henry Walsh 714</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deepak Joon 553</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vice Presidents Partnership Award</b> <i>(Open to all teams in the Club)</i></p>	<p>1st wicket-Ashish Kumar and Shubham Thapar, 117 Fireblades vs Easts Desi Boys</p> <p>2nd-Arjun Manoharan and Abhisek Virgil John, 165 Yodhas vs Easts Desi Boys</p> <p>3rd wicket-Matt Heissenbittel and Jason Doyle, 171 Reserves vs Johnsonville</p> <p><b>4th wicket-KP Ananthoju and Vema Reddy Jitta, 189 Rowdies vs Yodhas</b></p> <p>5th wicket-Thomas Kiwara and Mark Austin, 101* Kamos vs Petone- Riverside</p> <p>6th wicket-Harry Singh and Rahul Deshmukh, 59 Fireblades vs Easts Desi Boys</p> <p>7th wicket-Saveram Regarajan and Bharat Lanka, 54 Yodhas vs Petone-Riverside Strikers</p> <p>8th wicket-Bhugs Patel and Caleb Wakeham, 76 Taipains vs Johnsonville</p> <p>9th wicket-KP Ananthoju and Vinith Reddy Katta, 54 Rowdies vs Onslow Raging Stags</p> <p>10th wicket- GK Saro and Lakhan Despande, 99 Fireblades vs Easts The Shoe Clinc</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Taita Cricket Club Cup</b> <i>(Best Individual Performance in Lower Grades)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dip Correia (Taipans) A century in each innings vs Victoria University</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Andy Reid 1.2 overs, 5 wickets for 2 runs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sai Swethan 6/50 against Eastern Suburbs</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Petone Radiators Cup</b> <i>(Best Individual Performance in Intercity Premier &amp; Premier Reserve Grades)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Matt Kelly 6/134 vs Johnsonville (32 overs 6 maidens), Pearce Cup Final</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matt Kelly 5/51 and 5/40 vs Upper Hutt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jono Tuffin 4/32 vs Johnsonville, Ewen Chatfield Final</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WE Schofer Trophy</b> <i>(Open to all teams – Points scored throughout the season)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nick Greenwood 1092 points</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Henry Walsh 938</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abishek Virgil John 904</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>McCurley Cup</b> <i>(Points scored throughout the Season)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>N/A</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DJ Gillespie Cup</b> <i>(Most Promising Young Cricketer in the Club)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jack Hegarty</b></p>

<p><b>Robin Randell Memorial Cup</b> <i>(Best Club Member – awarded for Services to the Club over the season)</i></p> <p>Committed to the value of Taita Cricket</p> <p>Supports and develops all players</p> <p>Makes Taita Cricket a better Club.</p>	<p>Ann Batson</p>
<p><b>Doug Urry Memorial Trophy</b> <i>(Cricketer of the Year)</i></p>	<p>Kieran McComb and Nick Greenwood</p>

### Representative Honours

Netherlands, Derbyshire- Logan Van Beek

Wellington Firebirds: Logan van Beek

Wellington 'A'- Patrick Smith, Nick Greenwood, Chander Ravi, Henry Walsh

Wellington Under 17 Will Greenwood

### Grade Results

Team	T20	1 Day	2 Day
Premier	2nd	1st	2nd
Premier Reserve		5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 3		2 <sup>ND</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>
Fireblades		5 <sup>th</sup>	
Yodhas		2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Rowdies		7 <sup>th</sup>	
T20 Kamos	1st		

## **Premier Report**

The 2020/21 premier season will be looked back on as the most successful in the history of the club. Making all three premier finals and walking away with the Ewen Chatfield One Day Trophy solidified Taita as one of the best clubs in Wellington. Whilst we finished the season with a disappointing performance and loss in the Pearce Cup final, we will remember this season fondly for both the individual performances and the success of the side across the season.

None of the success of the season would have been possible without a few individuals. Our fantastic scorer Ann Batson who always provides fantastic baking and anecdotes as well as a smile no matter how bad the weather or her fellow scorer. Our Patron Ray Stott, who managed to make an appearance at almost every game this season. The committee who put in countless hours to deliver cricket across the club and finally our manager and club President Dave Gillespie, who spends more hours on this club than spelling mistakes he makes in his messages. If you ever get the Facebook notification of *Dave added you to the group*, you know he must spend an unreal number of hours on the club.

Our season started with the acquisition of Deepak Joon as player-coach. A real coup for the club, particularly because it meant our friends over at the Hutt Rec wouldn't have his services. Following a strong preseason, the premier side went to Napier and made the final of the preseason tournament only to fall at the final hurdle. A fantastic trip where the side bonded, a few blokes toned up and we realised there is no Uber in Hastings. It was a great introduction to the club for Deepak.

### **Ewen Chatfield Trophy**

We entered the one-day season as a real contender to take the trophy. A settled squad largely unchanged from last year with a bit more experience saw a number of pundits picking us to go all the way. After an early washout at Karori we got going with a resounding win over our eventual final opponents Johnsonville. The win was headlined as it so often would be during the one-day season by Nick Greenwood, who managed 91\* and 3 wickets.

Another washout against Hutt was followed by yet another washout against Upper Hutt which was eventually rescheduled due to some questionable lobbying and bragging by a bloke Shaun Gillespie had to tell to stay off the coke. This meant we had played one game out of four and were still playing on artificial in the middle of November. This didn't stop Henry Walsh from blazing the first of his two hundreds for the season against Onslow in a 91-run victory. We had secured two bonus point wins and were looking sharp before venturing onto grass against a Karori Firebirds side. A poor decision at the toss gave Karori the advantage and they hammered it home in our only one day loss of the season.

The first of our eventual six days of cricket at Alex Moore proved our only fruitful one. Making a modest total thanks to a Toby Barton 50, our bowlers put the squeeze on and



thankfully one of their batsmen had a 21<sup>st</sup> to get to so had to have a slog. The amount of edges we put down this game made it even more impressive that we clawed back a win, leaving a few people asking if it was even legal.

A comprehensive win against Hutt followed, led by Henry Walsh with another hundred and a few others chipping in with the bat. Like all previous games, the wickets were shared between the bowlers with an astounding five bowleds and three LBWs. Guess the ball doesn't move much in the Hutt Academy nets.

Round nine was to played as a double header with round four (if you can figure this one out please let me know, I am still confused). This meant we would play Upper Hutt twice in one weekend. Winning the toss at Barton Oval we were four down very early. A fantastic 90 from Logan van Beek in his fourth game for the side this season allowed us to scrap through to 173. Logan was always keen to turn out for the side before returning to the Super Smash where he again made headlines for his fielding skills. Thankfully those skills weren't needed in Upper Hutt's reply as they limped to 56 all out, Kieran McComb snagging 5-16 and Matt Kelly bowling 10 straight overs at the top for 3-18. In the second game of the weekend Upper Hutt decided to bat first to try and exercise the previous days demons. Bold option. It did not work. Again, the bowlers dominated, sharing the wickets, and dismissing Upper Hutt for 79. After a total of 126 overs in the weekend we had taken 20-133 and snagged two bonus point victories, securing our spot in the final.

A final round match against Onslow saw Nick Greenwood score his first century of the season, with Swain contributing with a nice 69. Kieran McComb again showed his skill with the ball to snag a second one day Michelle with 5-14 off 9.3 overs. The combination of Greenwood and McComb dominated the one-day competition to see them top their respective runs and wickets tables.

A final at the Basin awaited against Johnsonville. A loss at the toss saw us asked to bowl and we took our chance with both hands. A fantastic start and some quality catching saw us dismiss Johnsonville for 101. Jono Tuffin was the star, taking 4-32 off 9 overs. The bowling effort in the final highlighted our bowler's ability to all chip in and have any bowler step up on the day. Walsh took the attack to the Johnsonville bowling and saw us home to a nine-wicket win, ending 63\*. A fantastic result and a great day at the Basin, with plenty of Taita supporters joining in the festivities in the changing rooms and on to the bars deep into the night. A personal highlight was Kieran McComb leading the team song multiple times whilst the Johnsonville side were in our sheds having a beer. He also didn't mind detailing how well we had beaten them.

### **T20 Trophy**

Yet again the format for this tournament changed, seeing the top two teams from each pool qualify for the finals day. After being drawn against the 3 best t20 sides from last year, we

knew it would be a tough effort to back up from our one-day victory. An easy win against Collegians was again highlighted by Walsh and Greenwood with the bat but was followed by defeats to Upper Hutt and Easts the following week. These games taught us a couple of valuable lessons; namely to make sure you have a scorer at the game, or the opposition scorer may accidentally miscount your runs and make you lose by one run. The highlight of these losses was Matt Kelly hitting a few bombs to almost get us home against Upper Hutt and telling the captain and established batsman to take singles so he could get the strike. Alpha.

The following weekend we needed all sorts of results to go our way and beat both Naenae and Karori. As we looked out of it, I foolishly let a few players go on holiday instead of playing the Saturday games in an effort to make the Sunday finals day. No doubt this would have been heavily criticized by a former Hutt player who would question the Taita culture. An easy win against Naenae was a tame affair until some body shaming occurred from a Naenae player, leading to a send off from the boundary. He obviously didn't realise it was 2021. Walsh smacked a quick 76\* after Greenwood had copped a bizarre sendoff noting he was only good at scoring on a Saturday night.

A win against Karori would give us a chance to make the semifinals. Karori needed 4 from the last ball to force a tie, Walsh held his nerve and capped off a fantastic all-round performance which would see us into second place and set up a final rematch with Johnsonville. Greenwood kicked us off with a rapid 64 and 54 from Deepak Joon gave us a total that would be tough for Johnsonville. With memories of the result from a few weeks prior (as Kieran reminded them) they collapsed to 84 all out. 3fers to Tuffin and Greenwood saw us into our second final of the season against Hutt Districts.

Missing a couple of front-line players and visibly tired from the amount of cricket we had played over a three-week period, we got soundly beaten in the final by a quality Hutt side who will do well playing Hazlett next year.

### **Pearce Cup**

We had our eyes firmly set on returning to the Pearce Cup final for the first time since 2015. A shaky start against Johnsonville saw us need to regroup and rethink our approach. Particularly our approach to the crease where we needed to land behind the line rather than in front when bowling. Pat Smith finished with a 4fer in the first innings and Liam Sullivan finished with three wickets after returning from the UK. A fighting 63 from Joon wasn't enough to secure first innings and Johnsonville batted the game into a draw.

The following week was another double header weekend, playing both days against Onslow. Bowling first we dismissed them for 127, with wickets being shared between the four bowlers. The batting innings started with two early wickets, not something we had dealt with across the one-day season. This was stabilized by Joon and Scott both contributing

fifties and a hundred for Swain. Aiming for an outright, we failed to take the chances we created in Onslow's second innings leading to another draw.

Another bad decision at the toss against Karori saw us dismissed for 77. Fighting back to bowl the Firebirds Karori out for 130 we gave ourselves a chance of grabbing an outright. Matt Kelly snagged his first 5fer of the season in a sign of the dominance that was to come. Set 159 to win, Karori limped to 115-9 with 10 overs to go. We couldn't manage the final wicket and took the lesson that fielding on the Taita Drive side of the field requires sunglasses. This game also saw the return of Mark Houghton from retirement. Still reeling from sleep deprivation caused by losses in 2016, Mark padded up and made a solid contribution opening the batting across the next few weeks.

A return to Upper Hutt saw Matt Kelly snag two 5fers and a 10-wicket haul for the match in a tense first innings win. Joon getting us over the line after a solid opening stand from Houghton and Barton. Again, failing to take our chances cost us a chance at an outright before the final round against a last placed Hutt Districts. This match saw some of the more bizarre scenes of the season, in particular the rarity of seeing a batsman sledge the bowler and the keeper for a sustained period.

The final round saw us lose first innings to Hutt after four wickets from Kelly and 3 from Sullivan dismissed them for 212. Joon, Ravi and Scott contributed well in our response however we came up 30 short despite Mitch edging one to gully and refusing to walk. Needing an outright to avoid relegation, Hutt set us 243 off 40 overs. Greenwood took the Hutt bowlers apart scoring another century, this time off 80 balls. After the notorious Taita twitch made yet another appearance during the red ball season, Matt Kelly hit his first ever six for Taita to seal a one wicket outright victory.

We all know what happened in the Pearce cup final so don't need to revisit much of it. A few small highlights were Nick Greenwoods 88 in the first innings and Matt Kelly's 6-134 from 32 overs.

### **In Summary**

A tough way to end the season but a successful season, nonetheless. We saw the run scoring record broken by Greenwood, 50 wickets in a season for Kieran McComb and several other honors board performances. A number of players were selected for Wellington A and Nick Greenwood was selected in Firebirds squads for a number of games.

We will enjoy the winter break and return with the goal of going one better next season. Again, we would like to thank the Taita supporters across the globe. With live video now setup we know there are some former players tuning in religiously to watch the side. We look forward to seeing you all again come the new season.

Nik Swain (Premier Captain)

**PREMIERS - BATTING AND FIELDING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Inn</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>50's</b>	<b>100's</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>C/S/RO</b>
Nick Greenwood	20	24	2	2	4	119	898	40.82	16/0/1
Henry Walsh	19	22	4	2	2	104	714	39.67	15/0/1.5
Deepak Joon	20	21	5	0	4	63	552	34.50	10/0/.5
Nik Swain	22	21	2	1	1	101	524	27.58	33/2/5.5.
Mitchell Scott	15	18	2	0	2	76	446	27.88	9/0/.5
Toby Barton	17	20	1	0	2	56	323	17.00	14/1/1.5
Chander Ravi	20	22	3	0	0	39	313	16.47	5/0/1.5
Matt Kelly	17	15	6	0	0	25*	108	12.00	6/0/0
Mark Houghton	3	5	0	0	0	46	104	20.80	3/0/0
Logan van Beek	5	4	0	0	1	90	98	24.50	4/0/.5
Patrick Smith	22	20	5	0	0	21	97	6.47	6/0/1.5
Liam Sullivan	11	10	2	0	0	22	77	9.63	3/0/.5
Kieran McComb	22	16	5	0	0	13	69	6.27	8/0/1
Jason Doyle	8	7	0	0	0	18	43	6.14	1/0/.5
Jake Johnstone	7	3	0	0	0	13	20	6.67	2/0/0
Jono Tuffin	13	9	3	0	0	4*	15	3	0/0/0

**PREMIERS – BOWLING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>5w</b>	<b>10w</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Ave</b>
Kieran McComb	22	264.0	56	784	51	2	0	5/14	15.37
Matt Kelly	17	244.5	46	919	47	4	1	6/134	19.55
Patrick Smith	22	192.5	34	827	36	0	0	4/26	22.97
Chander Ravi	20	65.3	11	289	17	0	0	3/9	17.00
Henry Walsh	19	89.0	13	384	16	0	0	3/25	24.00
Liam Sullivan	11	89.0	13	489	16	0	0	3/19	30.56
Jono Tuffin	13	47.0	0	274	12	0	0	4/32	22.83
Nick Greenwood	20	72.5	9	377	12	0	0	3/3	31.42
Jake Johnstone	7	6.1	0	35	2	0	0	1/3	17.50
Logan van Beek	5	13.0	4	31	1	0	0	1/11	31.00

The team and the club would like to thank the following players who played the occasional match for the team: KP Ananthoju, Will Greenwood, David Hancock and Matthew McComb

### **Premier Reserve Report**

The season of 2020/2021 for the Premier Reserve side was quite a mixed one. We had a pretty bad start to the year, in the one-day campaign with 5 losses, 3 abandoned and just the two wins leading up to Christmas. Our side tended to change more than we would have liked and this was reflected in most of the early results.

We did however turn a bit of a corner when it came to “Timed Cricket” a relatively new format which is basically a one dayer with whites and a red ball as well as 18 points being on offer for a win. So if we were going to choose a format to excel in it would be useful for it to be this one.

Two pretty memorable timed games on Fraser Park 1 stand out in our minds, the first one was a game vs Karori when we got something like 150 odd (and thought that was nowhere near enough). Karori (well basically only Luke Scully) got them off to a great start where they were 80/0. We ended up bowling them out for 120-130 and Jake Johnstone got 6-fer bowling 25 odd overs on the trot.

The second game was against another club we love, that was Eastern Suburbs. We batted first and got 309/7 (Heissy a well-made 118). This game had a bit of an old timers feel to it as we needed to recall Taita Legends Sam McGavin and Eddie Binns, I think Jason was also playing for us that day as well. Eastern Suburbs played pretty well during the chase and their opener also got a 100. The match looked destined for a draw until a late flurry of wickets by us. The last pair looked reasonably solid for the last few overs so a draw was what was expected. That was until Rohith Yeluri finally decided to listen to Jason’s advice and land one in a good area, he bowled their number 10 on the last ball of the day with a pretty good delivery.

Batting for us this year was led by Matthew Heissenbuttel (435 runs at 27), this was ably assisted by our favourite old boy Chris Tait who managed 263 runs at 37, when he wasn’t at a rave or injured. Finally notable mention needs to go to Toby Barton, when Toby was playing for us he ended up with 200 odd runs including a 101 and 65. Also the energy he brought to the team was great.

In the bowling department this was led by Rohith, who took 32 wickets with a best of 6/69. This isn’t bad for a person who is retiring every other week. Myself (20) and Matty McComb (18) chipped in with wickets also.

I would like to personally thank all those that have played for us this season, especially those who I roped in at 10am on the morning of the game (cheers Sam Dean)

Overall a mixed season for us, finishing mid table overall (second to last in one dayers and third in timed cricket). We look forward to moving into the 2021/22 season and having a great season.

Shaun Gillespie (Premier Reserve Captain)

**PREMIER RESERVES - BATTING AND FIELDING**

Player	Mat	Inn	NO	100's	50's	HS	Runs	Ave	C/S/RO
Matthew Heissenbuttel	17	17	1	1	1	118	435	27.19	12/3/0
Christopher Tait	7	7	0	0	2	63	263	37.57	3/0/0
Jason Doyle	9	9	2	0	2	59*	230	32.86	5/0/0
Toby Barton	3	3	0	1	1	101	201	67.00	1/0/1
Kadin Joslin	11	11	1	0	1	67	195	19.50	5/0/0
Dom Graham	17	16	0	0	1	56	183	11.44	8/0/0
Will Greenwood	5	5	0	0	1	56	166	33.20	1/0/0
KP Ananthoju	10	10	0	0	1	58	164	16.40	1/0/0
Johnny Skinner	7	7	0	0	1	65	154	22.00	0/0/0
Connor Bliss	11	11	3	0	0	30	109	13.63	5/0/0
Akhila Aponsu	12	12	2	0	0	39	105	10.50	4/0/0
Jake Johnstone	8	8	1	0	0	38	84	12.00	1/0/0
Rohith Yeluri	15	13	1	0	0	16	80	6.67	5/0/1
Sam Bourne	4	4	1	0	0	40*	74	24.67	4/1/0
Shaun Gillespie	16	11	6	0	0	23*	60	12.00	0/0/1
Steve Burgess	8	5	0	0	0	18	23	4.60	2/0/0
Matthew McComb	13	9	5	0	0	9*	14	3.50	2/0/0
Bailey Pitman	4	3	1	0	0	3*	4	2.00	1/0/0

**PREMIER RESERVES – BOWLING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>5w</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Ave</b>
Rohith Yeluri	15	147.2	20	659	32	1	6/69	20.59
Shaun Gillespie	16	90.0	6	500	20	0	3/45	25.00
Matthew McComb	13	135.2	17	482	18	1	5/46	26.78
Steve Burgess	8	58.0	7	252	11	1	5/27	22.91
Connor Bliss	11	55.2	2	268	11	0	3/27	24.36
Bailey Pitman	4	25.0	2	149	7	0	4/51	21.29
Dom Graham	17	37.0	2	184	4	0	2/20	46.00
KP Ananthoju	10	17.0	2	78	2	0	1/21	39.00
Johnny Skinner	7	21.4	1	128	2	0	2/4	64.00
Will Greenwood	5	4.0	0	24	0	0	0/24	-

The team and the club would like to thank the following players who played the occasional match for the team: Lachlan Angus, Michael Best, Eddie Binns, Dip Correia, Sam Dean, Darren Dingle, Teja Gudipati, David Hancock, Jack Hegarty, Sam McGavin, Jacob Marshall, Hayden Moore, Bhugs Patel, Dhvani Patel and David Scott.

### Grade Three Report

The 2020/21 season saw the Taipans show how competitive they could be as they were given the opportunity to move up to Division 6 due to another team pulling out. It's fair to say, the Taipans really took this opportunity with both hands and really showed why they deserved to be there.

It was great to have all our One-Day matches played pre-Christmas although the team did get off to a shaky start as they conceded 270 runs bowling first and were all out for 75. The team vowed to turn things around from this game and the Taipans lived up to that vow by ensuring we won our remaining One Day matches with some outstanding performances coming from the bat and ball. The highlight from the One Day matches would have to be the final game pre-Christmas against Wellington Collegians Chinamen which saw the introduction of Jack Hegarty to the team. A young quick left-arm seamer who troubled the opposition from ball one. With the bat, James Ross and Alex Pawson put on an outstanding opening partnership which help set us up for a eight wicket win.

Post-Christmas, we started our Two-Day matches and the team picked up right where they left off. It was great to see the Taipans put on a dominating performance with the bat scoring 240 and 260 runs in the first two matches having only batted in the first innings in both matches. Our true test of strength came in our match against Sikh Sports Club as they piled on 262 runs in their first innings and then managed to skittle the Taipans out for 109 and enforcing the follow on. To ensure the Taipans had a good chance of finishing first on the table, the team needed to salvage a draw and thanks to the efforts of James Ross and Amey Vartak batting for three hours and two hours respectively the Taipans were able to hold on for a draw.

Other highlights from the Two-Day matches came courtesy of Dip Corriea who had an amazing run with the bat against VUWCC Wolves scoring a century in both innings as well as a half century against Wellington Collegians FalconHawkes. Jack Hegarty also managed to get onto the Taipans Honours Board with an impressive 6/40 against Petone Titans as did Sam Ross with a brilliant 5/42 against FalconHawkes.

All in all, it was a brilliant season for the Taipans. It was fantastic to see the entire Taipans squad turning up to training each week and really challenge each other to do better each session and that translated into results on the field. Let's hope this continues for the 2021/22 season.

Bhugs Patel (Grade Three Captain)



**TAIPANS - BATTING AND FIELDING**

Player	Mat	Inn	NO	100's	50's	HS	Runs	Ave	C/S/RO
Dip Correia	10	13	4	2	1	109	437	48.56	5/0/0
Alex Pawson	10	12	2	0	3	65	410	41.00	14/0/1
James Ross	8	11	1	0	2	76*	318	31.80	3/0/0
Daniel Tait	8	8	1	0	0	46	144	20.57	1/0/0
Amey Vartak	9	11	0	0	0	33	142	12.91	15/1/1.5.
Caleb Wakeham	9	9	4	0	0	38	130	26.00	3/0/5
Bailey Pitman	4	4	0	0	0	42	64	16.00	1/0/0
Bhugs Patel	9	8	5	0	0	37	53	17.67	2/0/0
Jack Hegarty	6	3	1	0	0	22*	46	23.00	0/0/0
Sam Ross	6	4	3	0	0	20*	42	42.00	2/0/0
Ajay Malempati	9	9	0	0	0	12	36	4.00	3/0/0
Josh Forman	7	5	0	0	0	17	33	6.60	1/0/0
Harry Reid	9	5	2	0	0	4*	13	4.33	4/0/0
Liam Ford	6	4	1	0	0	0*	0	0.00	1/0/0

**TAIPANS – BOWLING**

Player	Mat	Overs	Runs	Wkts	5w	10w	BB	Ave
Jack Hegarty	6	485	14	214	20	1	6/40	10.70
Sam Ross	6	486	14	263	18	1	5/42	14.61
Harry Reid	9	496	18	277	18	0	4/30	15.39
Caleb Wakeham	9	457	10	299	17	1	5/31	17.59
Dip Correia	10	575	19	322	16	0	4/13	20.13
Bhugs Patel	9	578	22	325	14	0	3/28	23.21
James Ross	8	264	9	168	6	0	3/50	28.00
Amey Vartak	9	114	0	124	3	0	1/25	41.33
Liam Ford	6	72	1	56	2	0	..1/10	28.00
Bailey Pitman	4	42	0	47	1	0	1/31	47.00
Alex Pawson	10	12	0	21	0	0	0/21	-
Ajay Malempati	9	18	1	8	0	0	0/8	-

The team and the club would like to thank the following players who played the occasional match for the team: Akila Aponsu, Steve Burgess, Lincoln Craig, William Edwards, Ramika Godakanda, Snedden Miranda, Hayden Moore, Andrew Reid, Jonty Ryan and Rohith Yeluri.

### **Yodhas Team Report**

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> season for Yodhas at Taita Cricket Club and was a one of the Best Seasons to finish with. First of all, we would like to thank the Club Management for giving us the opportunity to play for Taita and special thanks to Dave Gillespie, Shaun Gillespie & Ray Taylor for their best support in looking after us.

Yodhas played in Intercity One Day Men Division – 1 this season as well and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table. We played a total of 19 games out of which WON – 11, LOST – 4, ABANDONED – 4. It was a fabulous first half of the season where we haven't lost any game. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season we lost 3 games 2 against Shoe Clinic and 1 against Masters which made us to equal the points with Masters and with slight less run rate we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table to lose the advantage of having final game at Taita Grounds. The final against Masters was bit intimidating and inspite of putting some great performances by Yodhas we lost the Finals with slight margin. Few great memories of the season are, Vijay's (98\*) against Onslow Raging stags to secure a nail biting WIN with just 1 wicket in hand, Getting Petone Riverside all out for 135 with mind blowing bowling performance by Rohit (4/12), Another nail biting WIN over Petone Riverside with Blasting Batting performance by Saveram 41 (21) and a 144 run chase against Onslow Ranging Stags with one more blasting performance by Vijay (98\*). Over all it was the Best Season for Yodhas and we could have WIN the grade if some of the decisions gone in our favour in the finals but there is always a Next Season.

From an Individual Performances point of view, Yodhas rattled the Division -1 tables in almost all departments. In Batting, Arjun Manoharan grabbed the Best Batsman with 805 runs (Two 100's and Four 50's) with 118 being his career best, Abhishek Virgil John took the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot with 775 runs (One 100 and Seven 50's) with 100 being his career best, and he also held the honours for most number of 50's in the division. In Bowling, Bhaskar Anchala grabbed the Best Bowler with 37 wickets with 5/16 being the best figures. In the MVP department, Vijaya Baskar Ramamurthy once again kept the top spot with 528 runs (Two 98\* figures), 27 wickets, 7 catches and 3 run outs. Apart from that, playing part time this season, Rohit Patial took 19 wickets with some mind blowing performances to gain his career best 5/39.

Based on the full stats, Yodhas best performances for this season are, Most Valuable Player Vijaya Bhaskar Ramamurthy, Best Batsman Arjun Manoharan, Best Bowler is Bhaskar Anchala and Best Fielder Pardha Saradhi Kodela.

Finally, Yodhas would like to thank Teja Gudipati and Sateesh Nagireddy for filling in whenever we were short of players. We look forward to the next season to represent Taita Cricket Club again by aiming to reach top of the tables in Division -1.

Bhaskar Anchala (Yodhas Captain)

#### YODHAS - BATTING AND FIELDING

Player	Mat	Inn	No	100's	50's	HS	Runs	Ave	C/ST/RO
Arjun Manoharan	16	16	5	2	4	118*	805	73.18	8/0/1
Abhishek Virgil John	17	16	1	1	7	100	775	51.67	10/0/2.5
Vijayabaskar Ramamurthy	17	15	4	0	3	98*	528	48.00	7/0/3.5
Kalyan Kodela	17	14	4	0	0	32*	210	21.00	7/0/1.5
Pardha Saradhi Kodela	15	13	0	0	1	54	169	13.00	16/3/5
Saveram Rengarajan	16	13	1	0	0	41	153	12.75	10/0/0
Soorya Keerthivasan	16	9	2	0	0	26	90	12.86	8/0/0
Bharat Lanka	11	6	1	0	0	24*	44	8.80	2/0/0
Asif Syed	15	11	1	0	0	18	43	4.30	2/0/0
Rohit Patial	11	8	3	0	0	19	40	8.00	3/0/2
Darshan Patel	7	6	1	0	0	14*	39	7.80	0/0/0
Teja Gudipati	6	5	1	0	0	11	29	7.25	4/0/0
Vasa Attili	6	6	1	0	0	15	28	5.60	1/0/0
Bhaskar Anchala	17	6	4	0	0	6*	8	4.00	4/0/2.5

**YODHAS – BOWLING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>5w</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Ave</b>
Bhaskar Anchala	17	117.0	7	628	37	1	5/16	16.97
Vijayabaskar Ramamurthy	17	106.2	10	535	28	0	4/29	19.11
Soorya Keerthivasan	16	106.5	4	541	26	0	3/26	20.81
Rohit Patial	11	69.4	5	282	19	1	5/39	14.84
Bharat Lanka	11	36.0	1	224	7	0	1/12	32.00
Abhishek Virgil John	17	36.0	1	237	6	0	2/24	39.50
Saveram Rengarajan	16	16.0	0	124	5	0	2/44	24.80
Darshan Patel	7	37.3	2	161	4	0	2/35	40.25
Arjun Manoharan	16	15.0	0	106	3	0	2/9	35.33
Kalyan Kodela	17	3.2	0	23	1	0	1/7	23.00
Teja Gudipati	6	5.0	0	51	1	0	1/33	51.00
Asif Syed	15	27.2	1	156	0	0	0/7	-

The team and the Club would like to thank Sateesh Nagireddy who played for the team when they were short.

## Fireblades Report

- 1) Total Matches: 19
  - a. 7 Won
  - b. 8 Lost
  - c. 1 Abandoned
  - d. 2 Cancelled
- 2) Team Bowling Performance:
  - a. We took 148 opposition wickets in 19 games i.e. 7.78 wickets per game
  - b. Opposition got all-out 7 times.
  - c. 17 instances of 3+ wickets by a bowler
- 3) Team Batting Performance (min 5 inning)
  - a. 50+ score: 9
  - b. 30+ score: 21
  - c. Highest Score: 265/8 against Desi Boys
  - d. Best Partnerships
    - i. 118 runs for 5<sup>th</sup> wicket (Lalit/Sameer)
    - ii. 117 runs for 1<sup>st</sup> wicket (Ashish/Shubham)
    - iii. 112 runs for 1<sup>st</sup> wicket (Shubham/Praveen)
    - iv. 99 runs for 10<sup>th</sup> wicket (Saro/Lakhan)
    - v. 93 runs for 1<sup>st</sup> wicket (Ashish/Rahul)
- 4) Winning Margin:
  - a. Won by 8 wickets
  - b. Won by 48 runs
- 5) Highest Individual Score: 69 by Prateek Singh
- 6) Best Bowling Figure: 4/7 by Lakhan Deshpande

Rahul Deshmukh (Fireblades Captain)

**FIREBLADES - BATTING AND FIELDING**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Inn</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>50's</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>C/S/RO</b>
Prateek Singh	16	16	1	4	69	508	33.87	5/0/0
Ashish Kumar	14	14	0	0	48	255	18.21	13/2/1
Lalit Shah	13	12	0	1	55	212	17.67	6/0/0
Harry Singh	13	12	0	1	51	209	17.42	7/0/0
Rahul Deshmukh	16	14	2	0	47	209	17.42	8/0/0
Shubham Thapar	9	9	1	1	54	178	22.25	6/1/1
Rohit Choudhari	7	7	0	0	36	144	20.57	5/1/0.
GK Saro	8	8	0	1	64	139	17.38	3/0/0
Joy Lunia	17	15	2	0	20	136	10.46	8/0/0
Atul Gupta	17	14	6	0	29	124	15.50	7/0/3
Mahendra Sadaye	15	15	2	0	31	122	9.38	2/0/0
Thakur Anshdeep Singh Gora	11	9	3	0	23*	100	16.67	6/0/1.5
Navdeep Singh	5	4	0	0	45	96	24.00	1/0/0
Sameer Jassal	4	3	0	1	58	83	27.67	3/1/0
Praveen	1	1	0	1	54	54	54.00	0/0/0
Lakhan Deshpande	12	8	6	0	17*	31	15.50	2/0/.5
Harry Reid	1	1	0	0	15	15	15.00	1/0/0
Aman Katyal	4	4	2	0	11	14	7.00	1/0/0

**FIREBLADES – BOWLING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>5W Inn</b>	<b>Best B</b>	<b>Ave</b>
Atul Gupta	17	119.5	13	553	29	0	4/37	19.07
Lakhan Deshpande	12	60.1	3	330	21	0	4/7.	15.71
Rahul Deshmukh	16	101.2	3	596	20	0	3/66	29.80
Joy Lunia	17	89.4	1	508	17	0	4/27	29.88
Thakur Anshdeep Singh Gora	11	74.0	7	388	14	0	3/32	27.71
Lalit Shah	13	49.0	1	336	12	0	2/31	28.00
GK Saro	8	47.0	3	203	9	0	4/34	22.56
Harry Singh	13	31.3	0	206	8	0	3/11.	25.75
Navdeep Singh	5	26.0	1	177	5	0	2/44	35.40
Ashish Kumar	14	6.2	1	32	3	0	3/20	10.67
Harry Reid	1	7.1	0	43	3	0	3/43	14.33
Shubham Thapar	9	1.0	0	15	0	0	0/15	-

The team and the Club would like to thank the following players who played the occasional match for the team: Mithun Mohan, Vinay Nagaraju and Andrew Reid.

## Rowdies Report

We had a very bad season which was not expected or planned for and have ended up at bottom number 2 in the points table.

Every rowdy has put their best performances on the board at various crucial times and games but the inconsistency with player's availability has caused a major problem for us. We had few players injured before the start of the season and players opting to play premier reserve also couple of rowdies had to move out of Wellington due to career progression.

Although we a very bad season on an overall we do have some great positives and a season to look forward for.

The best thing happened to us in 20/21 season is everyone stepping out of their comfort zone and tried to perform at various crucial times.

We should sincerely thank and appreciate great efforts of Vatan Singh for delivering with the ball and bat exceptionally well. Nonetheless Mohit did an outstanding job for holding the fort and captaining the side this year.

Exceptional fielding from Sai Rahul and effective batting from Vema in crucial times also made few of the best fights.

Our experienced players Nikhil, Vema, Ram, MallaReddy, Jai Pavan, Bala and Jagan have done great job but unfortunately the luck was not on side.

Our part time fills for last season Sai Kiran Dusari, Vinit and Sai Deep have performed very well and now are full time players which I am really pleased about.

We will sorely miss our team mates who are moving to Christchurch due to personal commitments and also wish them the best, also we wish all the good luck for our past players who are no longer with rowdies.

Bala, Nikhil, KP, Teja, Rahul

We have lots of positives from last season and we have few emerging players and few new joins for 21/22 season, so we are looking forward to keep out best efforts and raise above our best standards this time.

A huge thanks for Dave and Shaun for supporting us throughout the season.

Sai Swethan Chowdavaram (Rowdies Captain)



**ROWDIES - BATTING AND FIELDING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Inn</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>100's</b>	<b>50's</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>C/ST/RO</b>
KP Ananthoju	8	8	0	2	0	103	363	45.38	3/1/0.
Vema Reddy Jitta	16	16	0	0	3	79	341	21.31	7/0/3
Mohit Koka	16	15	0	0	1	83	326	21.73	16/2/2.5
Jagannath Radhakrishnan	17	17	1	0	1	59	288	18.00	4/0/0
Nikhil Reddy Erragari	16	16	0	0	2	70	259	16.19	3/0/1
Ram Sathu	15	15	1	0	0	34	177	12.64	1/0/1
Sai Rahul Chowdavaram	16	15	2	0	0	26	135	10.38	5/0/.5
Sai Swethan Chowdavaram	15	14	0	0	0	35	97	6.93	2/0/.5
Vatan Singh	8	6	1	0	0	28	93	18.60	0/0/0
Mallareddy Mogilepally	9	9	3	0	0	27*	84	14.00	1/0/1.5
Teja Gudipati	4	4	0	0	0	34	84	21.00	0/0/0
Jai Reddy Aredla	8	8	3	0	1	54*	71	14.20	1/0/1
Bala Kasu	14	13	4	0	0	16*	49	5.44	2/0/0
Prasannakumar Ambati	4	3	0	0	0	26	38	12.67	2/0/0
Sai Deep Bommeraboina	8	7	2	0	0	11	22	4.40	1/0/0
Vinith Reddy Katta	6	6	2	0	0	6	12	3.00	1/0/0

**ROWDIES – BOWLING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>5w</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Ave</b>
KP Ananthoju	17	710	3	640	22	0	4/29	29.09
Vema Reddy Jitta	14	514	5	407	19	0	3/19	21.42
Mohit Koka	15	479	2	501	19	1	6/50	26.37
Jagannath Radhakrishnan	8	310	4	308	12	1	5/28	25.67
Nikhil Reddy Erragari	8	276	1	282	10	0	4/52	28.20
Ram Sathu	8	186	0	236	9	0	4/51	26.22
Sai Rahul Chowdavaram	9	318	0	286	7	0	2/38	40.86
Sai Swethan Chowdavaram	6	72	0	79	5	0	4/50	15.80
Vatan Singh	16	78	0	96	5	0	2/25	19.20
Mallareddy Mogilepally	16	96	0	101	5	0	3/30	20.20
Teja Gudipati	15	156	0	204	5	0	1/18	40.80
Jai Reddy Aredla	8	210	1	217	5	0	3/37	43.40
Bala Kasu	16	23	0	27	1	0	1/11.	27.00
Prasannakumar Ambati	4	54	1	38	1	0	1/25	38.00
Sai Deep Bommeraboina	4	6	0	13	0	0	0/13	-
Vinith Reddy Katta	16	30	0	44	0	0	0/7	-

The team and the Club would like to thank the following players who played the occasional match for the team: Anil Adla, Sai Kiran Dursari, Venky Koduri, Chaitanya Konkimalla and Naresh Seelam.

## Kamos Report

It is tempting to write the 2020/21 season report for the Taita Kamos with just two words.

We won.

But we'd better tell you a bit more of the story, though it has already been told in a magnificent team almanac compiled by our master storyteller, Jamie Bell.

The season began with news that Kamos Founder and Captain Tom McHugh would not play much this summer, as he would spend his Saturdays proudly watching his son play age-grade representative cricket. We had a pre-season game against the Taipans/Thirds, on a weekend where lower grades were cancelled but Fraser Park 5A was still available. Rob Janaszkiwicz took charge as captain, and ably continued in the role for the season.

Our opening batting picked up where it left off earlier in 2020, with many good opening partnerships featuring Andy Reid.

David Abricossow took 5 for 3 in a great win against Wainuiomata in December. But we had mixed results in the pre-Christmas stint, ending with a loss to the Upper Hutt Horns that left a bitter flavour.

This season the Hutt Valley T20 competition was split into two divisions, and our old nemeses Upper Hutt teams - the Dreamboats and Besties - were in the other division. But we seemed to remain cursed when playing Upper Hutt teams, or simply when playing at Trentham Memorial Park.

We began 2021 with Andy Reid taking 5 for 2. And so started a 6-game winning streak, thanks to consistently awesome top order batting and different bowlers stepping up each game. In the second game of 2021 we welcomed back Jonny Hare from retirement to help us beat Petone Ashes in the final over. The final game of the winning streak saw Mark Austin take 5 for 6. He also got a hat-trick in the next game, in a losing effort.

At the end of the regular season we had played 15 games. Mark made it to every game, and Dave Brown missed just one as he had to attend a wedding. Our new caps (2 or more games) were Thomas Kiwara (TK), Ahmad Mehboob, Luke Rattenbury and Roydon Wynne.

We won our last game to finish second on the table and make the final against Petone Ashes.

Dave Gillespie worked miracles so we could play the final at Fraser Park Number 1, where we were supported by a great crowd of family and friends. Tom played several regular season games and made it to the final. It was great to see our talisman batting with Rob at the end of our innings.

TK was voted Kamos player of the year, for his 566 runs at an average of 70.8, including six 50s, including a score of 96.

Rob also scored 412 runs at an average of 37.5, with a captain's knock of 72\* in the final. This season he also brought up his 100 caps for Taita, with Dave Gillespie making a special trip to present his cap before the first ball of that game.

Andy Reid won the Fawcett Plate with 27 wickets at 8.19. He also batted well with 142 classy runs.

Mark Austin won the Ray Tyler Cup, with 9 catches and 8 run outs. Some of these were truly remarkable to watch. He was also runner-up for the Fawcett Plate with 29 wickets at 11.03.

And the team won the Hutt Valley Division 2 T20 competition, with Andy bowling Petone out in the final over, following an opening spell of 4-3-1-5 from Jamie Bell and Jacob Maclean taking a crucial catch. Absolute scenes.

This was followed by epic celebrations at the Sportsville bar (thanks to Rob for the generous shout), further celebrations at the Club prizegiving the following week (thanks to David for the generous shout), and yet more celebrations at our cherished Wah Loong BYO restaurant in Taita the following week (thanks to Jonny for the generous words).

It was another great summer of cricket. We played the best game, for the best club, in the best part of the world. And we had the best time.

Tom McHugh (Kamos Captain)

**KAMOS – BATTING AND FIELDING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Inn</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>50's</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>C/ST/RO</b>
Thomas Kiwara	13	13	5	6	96	566	70.75	6/0/3
Rob Janaszkiwicz	14	14	3	1	72*	412	37.45	2/0/0
Roydon Wynne	11	11	1	1	56	161	16.10	4/0/0
Andy Reid	13	9	0	0	43	142	15.78	0/0/0
David Abricossow	7	3	2	1	78*	114	114.00	4/0/0
Mark Austin	16	7	4	0	27*	77	25.67	9/0/8
Tom McHugh	5	4	2	0	47*	74	37.00	1/0/0
Jonny Hare	9	7	4	0	23	68	22.67	3/0/1
Jamie Bell	14	3	1	0	22	52	26.00	6/0/3
Brendan Malcolm	3	2	2	0	13*	24	–	1/0/1
Luke Rattenbury	5	4	1	0	13*	23	7.67	2/0/2
Cameron Pentecost	4	4	0	0	22	23	5.75	2/0/0
Dave Brown	15	4	2	0	8	19	9.50	8/0/0
Vish Konapur	8	3	0	0	6	11	3.67	0/0/0
Ahmad Mehboob	6	1	1	0	3*	3	–	0/0/0
Jacob Maclean	15	1	1	0	3*	3	–	2/0/1
Henry Clayton	11	1	1	0	2*	2	–	1/0/1

**KAMOS – BOWLING**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Mat</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>5w</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Ave</b>
Mark Austin	16	53	320	29	1	5/6	11.03
Andy Reid	13	33.5	188	25	1	5/2	7.52
Jamie Bell	14	52	234	18	–	3/20	13.00
Jacob Maclean	15	42	318	15	–	3/24	21.20
Henry Clayton	11	40	319	10	–	3/33	31.90
David Abricossow	7	23.4	125	9	1	5/3	13.89
Ahmad Mehboob	6	13	126	5	–	3/27	25.20
Brendan Malcolm	3	5	20	3	–	3/18	6.67
Thomas Kiwara	13	3.3	18	2	–	2/5	9.00
Tom McHugh	5	11	108	2	–	1/30	54.00
Roydon Wynne	11	7	54	1	–	1/30	54.00
Rob Janaszkiwicz	14	0.3	9	0	–	0/2	–
Vish Konapur	8	0.1	1	0	–	0/1	–

The team and the Club would like to thank the following players who played the occasional match for the team: Damian Austin, Matt Brown, Andy McHugh, Colin Reid, Harry Reid, James Renshaw and Daniel Tait.

## Taita District Cricket Club Junior Report 2020/21 Season

The 2020/21 season saw Taita field two junior teams, the Year 2 Cobras and the Year 4 Lions. The Lions had their first year outside of the Dual Pitch competition, competing in the Year 4 HVAC Hutt Valley Softball grade.

The Lions welcomed a handful of new players to the club: Reuben Dahyan, Perla Walters, Grace Robinson, Jack Whiteman, and Jason Kanyan. This was their first year playing cricket in any form, and the players performed exceptionally well, both on and off the field. Reuben received the "Boundary Award" at the end of the season for scoring the most boundaries, Perla and Grace both received batting and bowling awards for their progression throughout the season, and Jack and Jason both received attitude awards for continuing to display the club values during their games, as well as at team trainings, which were held every Tuesday. We look forward to seeing Reuben, Perla, Grace, and Jack for the upcoming season. We farewell Jason (and his brother Aryan from the Cobras) as they move to the Hawkes Bay with their family.

We welcomed back to the club Preston Sidford, Tommy Cusack, Zaki, Ashton, Dex Hudson, and Ollie Fuller-Medham for another season with Taita. The stalwarts all performed well across the season, and showed leadership in helping out the new players with their transition into the Taita District Cricket Club system. Preston and Ashton had standout performances in their batting partnerships, noodling the acrylic leather to and fro to keep the run rate consistently ticking over. Both had strong bowling figures to compliment their batting. Tommy, with the ability to turn the ball on glass, kept the opposition batsmen on their toes, especially with a well disguised arm ball which frequently skidded off the surface and through the gate onto the wickets. Zaki – commonly referred to as the "Speed Demon" – continually worked on a questionable elbow angle to come away with double-digit wicket figures. Dex and Ollie's communication between the wickets was also commendable, as was their training. Dex managed to hit his first 6 in the last game against Hutt Districts, and Ollie's confidence with both bat and ball skyrocketed towards the end of the season.

The first half of the season will be remembered by myself and the parents through the sub-par weather we experienced resulting in a number of cancellations, but more importantly through the enjoyment and engagement of all players. Elusive victories had no bearing on the willingness of all players to show up at 7:55am rearing to go each week, and it was great to see friendships being formed and fun being had by all. Post-Christmas signalled a turn for all players, with a well deserved break and some Christmas ham appearing to be the deciding factor in Wins being clinched by the team. We only lost two games after the break,

as the team began to work together in the field and through their batting and bowling partnerships.

My take away for this season will be the confidence growth amongst the team as a whole. With each successive week, all players continued to grow their game and commitment to one another, and it was fantastic to see this growth throughout the season.

I would like to thank the parents for all their support with trainings and games throughout the season, and to Dave Gillespie for his wealth of knowledge, as well as his attempts at rolling the arm over to give the players much needed experience throwing the kitchen sink at a wide ball outside off-stump. Thanks to my co-coach Jordan Tew for letting me borrow scoresheets and balls as the season wore on.

I look forward to welcoming back all players to the 2021/22 season.

Liam Ford (Junior Coach)