



Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club

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# *The Whau Creek Whisper*

Official newsletter of Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club

## November 2019

Welcome to the second edition of **The Whau Creek Whisper** – the official newsletter for the club. The season is now well underway and what a great start it has been. We have seen almost 20% growth in membership from last year and now almost 70 teams take the field each weekend representing the mighty Burbs. Both the junior and senior club have seen significant growth (we are now the biggest senior club in NZ with 28 teams) but perhaps most pleasing has been the growth in girls cricket (see story below).

As you can imagine there is lots happening so read on for some of the highlights and also a snapshot of what is coming up.

### Girls just want to have fun

The 2019/20 season sees Suburbs New Lynn cricket Club fielding five girls/ladies' teams which is a great achievement as the most we have had in the last twenty years is two! This season we are fielding a Year 3&4 team, an Under 11 soft ball team, an Under 13 team, an Under 16 team and a premier reserve ladies' team. For the first time ever we have decent pathway for female cricketers at Suburbs.

Part of the reason for this growth is that every Thursday sees the SNLCC Girls Club in action. All our teams meet for training which sees our younger and more senior players join for some fun, games and training.

This has only been made possible through some great support from Auckland Cricket with its 'Social Sixes' programme. Also great credit goes to Joanne, Trevor and Swatna for the hard work they put into starting this Girls Club.



## Club Spirit and Values - the Suburbs Way



To help launch the season we held two special evenings at the club. At the Senior Launch on Tuesday 22 October over 50 captains and players gathered to preview the season, hear from Doug Cowie from Auckland Cricket and to discuss the way we want to play as a club. And then on Monday 4 November we had a Junior Club parents and coaches evening where we introduced the Good Sports philosophy for junior cricket.

In addition to these two evenings we have also held two practical sessions for our junior coaches where we offer tips and advice about the best way to coach junior cricket.

The combined effect of these events is that over 100 key club members have had a chance to discuss and consider how we want to play our cricket as a club which has to be a good thing.

## Umpires make a difference

Auckland Cricket has really focused on umpire development for the last few years and it is making a difference with far more games getting official umpires these days. Suburbs has also played a part of with several of our members becoming official umpires, including our Junior Club Chair Brendon Muir and Arshad Mohammed from the Black Riders team. Congratulations to Arshad who recently received his Level 3 Umpiring Certificate.





## Quiz Night & Fundraising Auction

WHERE? Club Rooms, Ken Maunder Park  
WHEN? Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 7pm  
Quiz to start at 7.30pm

Help Support Our community Sports Club.  
The more the merrier, members & non-members welcome.

\$10 per team member. 4-6 per team  
Bar will be open.

We will also be holding both live and silent auctions.  
Kitchen will be open for meals  
Book your table or donate items for the auction and  
raffles by emailing [SNLCCManager@outlook.com](mailto:SNLCCManager@outlook.com)



## Quiz Night

Two of the best nights at the club last season were the Quiz Nights so make sure you don't miss out on the fun this year. The first Quiz Night is this Saturday 23 November down at the club and at the time of writing we can still fit in two more teams of 4-6 people. It is only \$10 a head, the bar is open and it is great chance to get to know more of your club mates so why not enter a team. Contact Joanne on 021 087 28891 for more details.

## Spotlight on Sponsors ..... Glovers Real Estate

This month we are shining the spotlight on our Junior Club Sponsor - Glovers. This is their second year sponsoring the club, stepping up to take on the naming rights to our junior club.

It's not really a surprise, that local cricket would be something Glovers wanted to support, it ties in with their ethos of supporting local communities and several of the Glovers team family members play in the junior and senior club. Glovers also held an indoor cricket social at the Palace a few months ago.

Cricket has always been a passion for one of the company directors, Sam Bellairs. Sam was an opening pace bowler who played for the Ravenshead Cricket Club in South Nottingham from the age of 13 - 21 years old. The team played in the South Nottingham Counties league – competition games on Saturdays and friendlies on Sunday.

He also played a couple of benefit matches – Ravenshead vs Nottinghamshire. One for



Sam (centre) and the winning  
Glovers Indoor Team

Richard Hadlee and the other Derek Randall and at one of these benefit games he was presented a tie from the Evening Post Newspaper for taking 9 wickets for 11! So potentially a spot in the Presidents XI could be a good shout!

Sam and the Glovers team are thrilled to be building a partnership between Glovers, our club and our members. Glovers have also offered an added incentive for every member, family or friend of the club that lists and sells their property through Glovers they will give \$500 to the club. For more info <https://glovers.nz/community-and-sponsorship/>

## Games at Ken Maunder go Live



Times are always changing. Who would have thought that games on Ken Maunder No One would be live streamed around the world. Yes - that is right, go to YouTube, search Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club and you can see both previous games that are saved, and also current games as they are played. And we have the best camera position of any club in NZ. The next step is to edit the footage to provide coaching and highlights packages so we are looking for someone to become the club's video analyst. If you like working with video and would like to be part of the Premier Squad support staff contact Andrew Eade on 021 401 221.

## Looking for a sense of community and purpose?

Impressed by everything happening around the club? Looking for a way of connecting more with your community? Why not join the volunteer team that makes this happen .... it might be the most fulfilling thing you do this summer. Whether you are a player, supporter or parent we would love for you to be involved.

If you are a student then volunteering can look great on your CV when you enter the workforce. If you are retired what could be a better way of keeping active and engaged?



If you would like to explore possibilities please contact Andrew Eade at [andrew.eade@sportnz.org.nz](mailto:andrew.eade@sportnz.org.nz) or 021 401 221 . We can find a role for you no matter how big or small and you can contribute to something bigger than yourself!

## Upcoming Events in November and December

### November

Saturday 23	Quiz Night
Saturday 30	Year 3 & 4 Group Night

### December

Sunday 1	AUCKLAND HEARTS "A" GAME
Friday 6	JUNIOR DISCO
Saturday 7	U12/13 GROUP NIGHT
Wednesday 11	Premiers T20 game
Saturday 14	U 10/11 GROUP NIGHT
Thursday 18	Premiers T20 game
Saturday 21	Premiers double header T20

On playing days the bar in the upstairs lounge will be open from 5.00 so why not come down and have drink, meet fellow club members and support the teams! For more details on any of the above events contact Club Manager Joanne on 021 087 28891.