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For many Kiwis, summer evokes thoughts of sizzling barbecues, lazy beach days, and the festive buzz that comes with the end of the year. But for our members and sports fans, there's something even more exciting that marks this season—cricket!

A Kiwi summer isn't complete without cricket, whether it's a laid-back game at the beach, spending hours glued to the biggest matches on TV, or even better attending a game with friends and family.

As you read this the first few rounds of the Ford Trophy have already been contested with the Plunket Shield and Hallyburton Johnstone Shield just getting underway and the Super Smash coming to a venue near you from Boxing Day.

It is also a busy and exciting calendar for our Blackcaps and White Ferns with the White Ferns returning home as ICC Women's T20 World Cup Champions, what a tremendous achievement and congratulations to all involved. The Blackcaps take on England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan (both home and away) over the summer including the Champions Trophy in Pakistan in late-February which the Blackcaps won in 2000. The White Ferns host Australia on two occasions in December and March with Sri Lanka sandwiched between these two tours.

The international programme calendar faces increased pressure with the incremental growth of the various domestic leagues around the world, which results in a higher demand of the game's best players as these two segments of the game compete. In August World Cricketer's Association (WCA) announced it commenced an independent review into the structure of the global game.

This comes on the back of the work WCA (formally FICA) has done over the last decade, including its men's and women's Global Employment Reports. WCA has appointed a respected group of people to lead this workstream, which will review and produce a set of recommendations to the WCA Board with respect to the global structure of cricket across the men's and women's games. It will focus in particular on ICC Events, bilateral international cricket and domestic leagues as the major revenue generating cricket landscapes in which the best players in the world compete, and which fund the professional game pyramids and player career pathways underneath them.

As with all of WCA's work, the workstream will be player led, but will also include broader consultation across the game, including with current and ex administrators including ICC, owners, media, and others, and we look

forward to seeing the findings of the review in the new year.

In this edition of Outright, we catch up with Blake Coburn who has transitioned to a career in law enforcement with the New Zealand Police. We canvas two players - one current and one past who are developing their own business. Louise Benns' (nee Milliken) company Wingman acts as a co-pilot for farmers to improve their herd. On the other hand, Jake Gibson organises golf tours alongside playing cricket for Otago with his company Pin Seeker Golf Travels.

Our cover story features Makayla Templeton who whilst playing cricket for the Hearts last season was training to be a qualified paramedic and we meet our Player Services team Brad Rodden (Head of Player Services) and Kali Rapley-Inia (Member Services Coordinator).

So whether you're at the in-laws for the Christmas break, swimming at the beach or relaxing in your hammock enjoying a good read we hope you enjoy this edition of Outright.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

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BLAKE COBURN

FROM SPIN KING

TO CRIME FIGHTER

BY AIDEN MCLAUGHLIN

"Always have a Plan B." It's a simple message, but one that not all professional cricketers adhere to. Blake Coburn wasn't afraid to go to his Plan B much earlier than he thought he would, retiring in mid-2023 at the age of 27, but it wasn't before he had encountered years of self-doubt and unhappiness.

The former Canterbury left-arm wrist spinner was in Darwin when the phone call came. He was over there playing in the New Zealand off-season, looking to improve his game and play without the constant pressure he'd been feeling back home.

"I was expecting to get a contract again as I'd had a few good performances for Canterbury and I thought I did get better, but then I got that dreaded phone call from the coach saying I was ranked outside the contracting list and wouldn't be receiving a contract. I was almost relieved," Coburn says.

"After a day or two I felt like a whole weight was lifted off my shoulders. There was a little inkling of thinking, I'm still 27, best case scenario I've still got 10 years of cricket as a career, but at the end of the day I wasn't enjoying the game as much as I used to. So, after a couple of weeks of talking to family, talking to a few close teammates, talking to a couple of coaches, I came to the decision that I'd retire."

It wasn't the first time Coburn hadn't been awarded a Canterbury central contract, having missed out for a couple of years before returning in

the 2022-23 season. But cricket and the associated pressures had previously weighed him down.

"Being a spin bowler, I wasn't necessarily playing a lot, so I was often the guy running the drinks and it took a toll mentally. I was nervous for a training session, nervous for an A game, then you worry about getting another contract and that was getting quite unhealthy. I started to think that I couldn't wait to have a job where I didn't worry and that I know I'm going to have a job this time next year. That's where the

thoughts kept creeping in because I was almost waiting for the inevitable of not receiving a contract and I'd be stuck," Coburn says.

"Mentally, I would say I was borderline performance anxiety, I was scared of failure. Even if I got five wickets, I'd still be worried for the next game. In my last season for Canterbury I was travelling every week and I was getting sick of being in hotel beds and I was missing a lot of family events and I was missing a lot of things that I felt guilty about missing and that was taking a big toll on me."



Blake with his mum, Ruth.

Coburn was lucky that he had people around him to help his mental state. His parents Ruth and Pete, partner Bri and teammates Ken McClure and Leo Carter were key to him finding happiness again, with McClure and Carter really understanding the cricket side of the pressures he was feeling.

"Those two helped me through the darkest parts of my cricket career. I was at bedrock. It got to a point where I wasn't listening, but I started listening and thought, if they're seeing it, then everyone else must be as well. Those two in particular pushed me out of the rut I was in," he says.

Coburn is also grateful to the NZCPA for all their help through the tough times and beyond, especially via Greg Dawson and Lesley Elvidge.

"Lesley was like my second mum. I caught up with her every week. I broke down numerous times and she was amazing. She would message me consistently and she would also be another person who would just listen to me. She got me out of some very, very dark places."

Coburn had one eye on a career in the police from a young age. His aunt and uncle were both police officers and told him plenty of stories growing up. He was originally going to apply for the police when he left Shirley Boys High School at 18, but cricket aspirations meant he postponed it.

“AT THE END OF THE DAY, I STILL KNEW THAT I WANTED TO BE IN THE POLICE. YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT’S GOING TO HAPPEN AFTER CRICKET AND I’D SEE A POLICE CAR ZOOM PAST ME AND I’D THINK, I WANT TO DO THAT.”



Blake with his dad, Pete.

"At the end of the day, I still knew that I wanted to be in the police. You think about what's going to happen after cricket and I'd see a police car zoom past me and I'd think, 'I want to do that,'" Coburn says.

The NZCPA contacted the police to see if they could set up some sort of partnership with them, but due to the nature of the training requirements, it wasn't something that eventuated. Coburn however kept in contact with them directly and as fate would have it, a week after he was told he wouldn't be getting a contract for the 2023-24 season, he received an email seeing if he could start police college in January 2024.

Since completing 20 weeks of college in Porirua, Coburn has been based in Christchurch Central and although there are tough situations to face every day, he is loving it.

"I'm waking up and I'm excited to go to work and on my days off I'm sitting there and I've almost done everything I need to do and I'd rather be at work," he says.

He's found that cricket has provided plenty of transferable skills for his new career; patience, keeping calm under pressure, and of course, his fitness is a benefit. But he's also learnt through his cricket struggles to ask for help when he needs it.

"The more you learn the better a cop you become," he says.

So, given the struggles he's had and the way he's come out the other end, what advice would he give to those that might find themselves in a similar position?

"Talk to people that you trust and make sure you don't bottle it up. I held it in for years and I didn't tell anyone and I exploded and I didn't fully recover from it. Find those people that you're happy talking to and just speak your heart because at the end of the day, cricket is a sport and it's only going to be a portion of your life, so just try and enjoy it and you're going to go through ups and downs. Cricket is a rollercoaster, especially professional cricket."



Blake and partner, Bri.



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LOUISE BENNS TO COW CORNER AND BACK AGAIN

BY MARGOT BUTCHER



Louise with husband, Mark, and daughters, Ava and Harper.

SHE SAYS IT FEELS LIKE MANY MOONS AGO, BUT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN LOUISE MILLIKEN (AS SHE WAS THEN) WAS THE FASTEST FEMALE QUICK IN THE WORLD.

She played 47 ODIs, one T20 and two Tests for the White Ferns, and remarkably broke through from the tiny Waikato town of Morrinsville where there was no formal female cricket programme. Forming a lethal combo with her good friend from Matamata, White Ferns all-round great Nicola Browne, she represented New Zealand through the noughties before reinventing herself as a mum, farmer and businesswoman who's most recent project could be her best delivery yet.

LOUISE, LET'S START WITH THE 2002 ROSE BOWL IN LINCOLN. YOUR FIRST SERIES AS A WHITE FERN, MINE AS THE MEDIA MANAGER, THE FIRST TIME SKY HAD BROADCAST A BILATERAL MATCH LIVE — AND WHAT A HUGE DEAL THAT WAS FOR THE EVERYONE, THE DEVASTATION AFTERWARDS WHEN AUSTRALIA WON. THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

They really have, and it's cool seeing how everything has come along. That was the last SKY game for a while, and you know how sometimes you do those things where you have tell people something they don't know about you? Mine is easy. 'I was on SKY TV once!' It's really cool to see women's cricket embraced now. We took our girls — Ava and Harper, four and seven — to a Northern Brave game earlier this year and it was so special to be able to walk out after they'd finished playing and see people lining up to get their signatures, and seeing the banks so much fuller than in our days. ND is very good at inviting past players and their families in to watch games, I always jump at that opportunity. It's been very special to receive recognition with caps and photos of us up in the changing rooms. I think back to playing in our big ol' baggy men's

uniforms! Someone reminded me that we were in the very first Northern Spirit team, as it was called then, but that does make you feel old.

YOU WERE THE POCKET ROCKET. DO YOU KNOW HOW FAST YOU BOWLED?

We didn't often have speed guns, but I did get clocked in England at 120kph. Australia's Cathryn Fitzpatrick was the fastest in the women's world back then at 125kph so for a brief period after her retirement, and before I did my knee, I might have had that claim to fame. But then I did the cruciate ligament on my right knee while bowling in Darwin in a warm-up match. My knee just snapped, basically — I thought I'd broken my leg. That was pretty much the end of my New Zealand career. I got through the physical rehab just fine, but mentally I just couldn't get back into bowling fast. The mental side of the game was quite new to us, back then — we'd only just been introduced to sports psychology. I played on for ND, but I just lost the player I was, or the player I wanted to be.

DO YOU STILL CATCH UP WITH NIC BROWNE?

She's in Australia, so we'll message each other from time to time but our respective parents still keep in touch and visit each other. Nic was a cool person to go through a career with. We made teams at the same time. We both came from these little country towns through to the White Ferns and the world, which even now seems amazing when I think about it. I was fortunate to have coaches and parents that nudged me in the right direction with cricket, because they had seen my skills. There was no pathway for girls and I had a coach who went out on a limb to let a girl be in a boys' rep team. I still bump into him now and then at the Morrinsville supermarket and tells me now about the

amount of backlash that he got from letting me be in that team — you know, a boy missed out on that rep team, but he stuck to his guns. There were quite a few people that made sure the system was aware of me and I'm so very grateful.

AND WE PROBABLY THINK WELL, THAT WAS HOW IT USED TO BE 25 YEARS AGO, BUT THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF REGIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY, EVEN IN LARGER TOWNS LIKE NELSON, WHERE GIRLS DO HAVE TO PLAY IN BOYS' CLUB TEAMS IF THEY WANT TO KEEP PLAYING.

Yes, in some areas there is not a smooth transition for girls from schools into clubs. Pre-kids, I spent a couple of years on the Thames Valley board, and post kids a bit of time as an Aspiring Director on the ND board as well, and that was a big focus. How to make the pathway smoother to keep the girls playing?

WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER CRICKET?

My career has been in marketing, branding and business development. I studied at Lincoln back when NZC was running New Zealand Cricket Academy scholarships that saw you study and train there. I did my degree in sport, but realised I'd quite enjoyed the business and marketing side of it, so stayed for an extra year and added on commerce and marketing. Probably the biggest stint in my career was towards the end of my cricket career, with LIC, a herd improvement agriculture technology company. I did sales, product management, brand management and business development in my time there which was amazing, and went from there to an advertising agency to learn about the creative side of marketing as an account director for a lot of agricultural companies, getting all their marketing materials and events organised. That was all pre-kids and pre-farming. My husband Mark is from the Hauraki Plains

and was also working in agriculture, in sales, team leadership and relationship management. Then we dived into farming, bought a herd, and started our family. We had a herd of 220 cows. Not a huge herd, but it was a herd that had gone through the generations of my family. We got the opportunity to buy it in 2015 and go sharemilking, so we left our 'town jobs' and went back to live on the family farm. We lived the good life there for a good 10 years and got our hands dirty, I guess — because even though I grew up on a farm, I didn't realise what it was like to be actually farming and married to a farmer, and the relentless pressures and constant decision-making and factors that affect your business. It was really challenging, but also a really amazing sharemilking journey. An experience that has led us to where we are now.

AND THAT'S YOUR OWN AGRIBUSINESS STARTUP, RIGHT? EXPLAIN IT FOR THE TOWNIES...

Ha, it's called Wingman (yourwingman.co.nz), it's an Independent herd improvement consulting business. What we do is provide outside help to ensure farmers have got the most efficient herd for their farm and their system. Mark thought it was a niche that was missing for farmers, and it combines both our experiences over the past 20 years, in work and in life. It's been getting quite exciting traction in the dairy industry — we only sold up our own herd in June to take this plunge. We'd had a life-changing moment when Mark's Dad unexpectedly passed away. It made us really reflect on what we were doing and how we were spending our time with a young family. It's a little bit difficult

to have the time for winter sports and school activities (and maybe cricket one day) when you are dairy-farming, and we realised Mark's passion is really people, and being with people. So, we made the decision to sell up. It wasn't easy, but we felt with our prior careers, we had skills and networks to lean on. There was a desire to give it a go, see what we could turn it into if we gave ourselves 12 months. It's turned out to be something everyone was after.

SO YOU HELP FARMERS WITH THEIR BUSINESS DECISION-MAKING, WITH REAL LIFE INSIGHTS TO DRAW ON?

Yes, there are so many decisions farmers need to make for their whole business, let alone their herd and what bulls and genetics they match their cows with. We help them to make the difficult decisions to make the farm business as profitable and efficient as possible, and can act as the voice of the farmer in projects and with other businesses. Mark is very much out in front, talking to the farmers and doing presentations, and I'll be in the background making sure everything is the right font and colour, and the positioning makes sense to people. I'd kept my hand in marketing and business development consulting, and got some cool contracts with a start-up out of Lincoln University for example, called Ag Assist. As a dairy farmer, I knew the gap in the market of matching casual workforces with farms and created an online platform to help that happen and help them with marketing strategy development and customer research. So it's a good marriage of our combined strengths and experiences. And I think it helps that we really understand the stresses that are

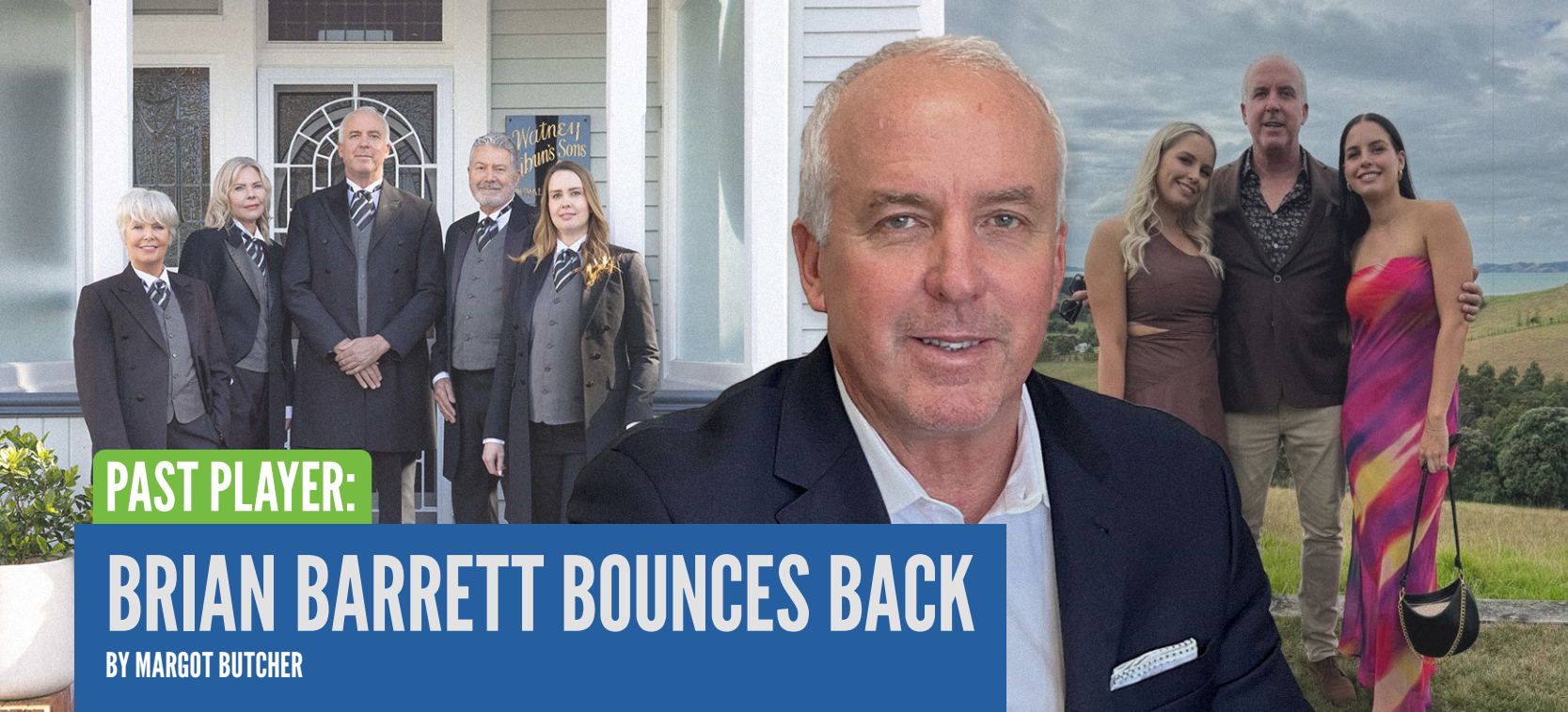
on farmers. We live in town now, and since leaving the farm, I've never enjoyed hearing rain so much! There was a big thunderstorm here last night, and for Mark not to have to worry about animals jumping through the fence and what's happening to the grass... I really admire farmers for the relentlessness of the constant uncontrollables that they face every day.

WHAT SORT OF ROLE DOES CRICKET PLAY NOW IN YOUR LIFE, AND WHAT ARE THE OUTSTANDING MEMORIES? I KNOW YOU WERE NEVER A STATS PERSON, BUT THERE ARE SOME INCREDIBLE MOMENTS.

Oh, I look back at things like touring India twice and what an incredible experience that was — a world away from little old Morrinsville. Yes, there were some amazing cricket experiences like the five-wicket bag in the World Cup or special catches, or breaking the stump in half with a delivery — but ultimately, it's what we went through as a team that I remember. That's what we still talk about when we catch up, and I look back on it all so fondly. I bumped into Sara McGlashan at the airport a couple of weeks ago, and those connections that you made, you never lose those. It comes straight back. And I still draw on those cricket experiences and what I learned all the time. Cricket gave me more than I ever realised in the moment, and still keeps giving to me today. I'd like to get back involved in the cricket circle eventually, maybe in governance, or I might start coaching at some point if my daughters decide to play in a team. Maybe I could coach a girls' team in Morrinsville?



(Left) Louise and Sara McGlashan celebrate a wicket. (Middle) Greg Barclay presenting Louise with her White Ferns Cap. (Right) Louise on the farm.



PAST PLAYER:

BRIAN BARRETT BOUNCES BACK

BY MARGOT BUTCHER



“I WAS THERE FOR A REASON. I NEEDED TO REBOOT, LOSE MY EGO, HUMBLE MYSELF, START AGAIN, AND MAN, WAS IT SCARY. BUT IT SLOWLY BUILT ME UP AGAIN.”

BRIAN BARRETT

Left: Brian with the team from Sibuns

Middle: Brian with daughters, Simone (left), and Briahna (right).

Right: 1986 NZ Tour of England, Brian Barrett is 2nd from left back row.

Brian Barrett can tell you the exact date that he started at Purewa Cemetery: 1 July, 2023, working in the crematorium. It was a fresh start for an erstwhile Blackcaps fast bowler, corporate manager, real estate company owner, businessman, and alcohol-dependent, broken bloke.

Parts of the 58-year-old’s life story are well known, others not so much. If you knew it all, you’d understand the full impact of a cascade of personal, financial and emotional trauma that coincided with the rise of COVID-19.

He’s a smart man, affable, empathetic. The nicest fast bowler you could meet. If you’re too young for the name to ring a bell, “Basil” was touted as one of the quickest young right-armers to ever have come out of Auckland, with a big future — tall, with a big sling-shot of an action that was quasi Gary Bartlett-esque.

Before he’s even turned 20, Barrett got picked for the big 1986 New Zealand tour of England, and had already played County cricket for Worcestershire. Another startling fact: he’d only recently learned the craft of pace bowling. It’s hard to believe, but at Edgewater College and Howick-Pakuranga, he’s been a wicketkeeper until he was 15. Then he shot up in height, and by 19 was bowling fast for New Zealand.

He was washed up by 23, played his last match in 1989.

“There was childhood stuff that I had to confront, and I don’t mind talking about it now, if it will help other men. I was the

victim of a sexual predator and bully as a child. It was a nightmare. And later, I didn’t realise how I was still affected by it. And I was bowled into the ground. Too much, too soon, with no management or support because we didn’t have any of that.

“That tour of England when me and ‘Billy’ Stirling were the young guys in that tough, hierarchical player environment, there were times that I used to go and hide in the baggage van. I was as quick as anyone, but I just had all this internal stuff, these triggers holding me back.”

Barrett still holds a notable New Zealand record: 6/12, the best men’s List A figures ever taken for Northern Districts. He ran away from Auckland to hide there after the 1986 tour “which was the worst move of my career, because they played on shit wickets.”

Gisborne’s Harry Barker Reserve was one of the more notorious in that regard, but at least he got a six-for and a crayfish lunch. Then came inevitable back injuries, and his form went out the door. From giddy heights he went back to playing club cricket for Howick-Pakuranga, thinking he could help them win a championsip at least, and did his turf diploma to become a groundsman.

That led to parks management roles for an Eric Watson company contracting to Manukau City Council. “I even ended up looking after Masterton’s beautiful Queen Elizabeth Park for a while, and I always left some grass on it — it used to be a graveyard so some skin went flying on that one!”

From there, he springboarded into management at Winstone Aggregates, part of the giant Fletcher Building group, and thrived. “I had some major responsibilities relocating quarry operations for Winstone, and change management throughout the concrete group, and was doing well. Around the end of that time, my wife fell pregnant with our daughters and we decided to buy a real estate business in Clark’s Beach, which was her mother’s family business. So I was working for myself in real estate around Clark’s Beach, Waiuku and Pukekohe and loved it.”

After a good innings, the daughters by now at university, eventually he and his wife decided to separate and sold the business to go their separate ways.

Barrett’s next move, in 2017, was to start his own investment company with a business partner. For a couple of years he worked his butt off on a thrilling new adventure, building a portfolio of business interests that people could invest in. They had a significant real estate portfolio for sale that a Korean buyer was interested in, and there was a major project on the go in South Dubai.

“We got close to putting in an overhead rail system there — I threw myself into it, and it was progressing really well. We’d bought the rights from a Polish character and now I needed to get over there in person. Meanwhile, my business partner was over in Beijing. It was February 2020, and he said, ‘Something weird is happening over here, I can’t get any meetings, I can’t get a flight home.’ Six weeks later, we were in lockdown.”

All of the deals fell through as the world froze. The whole business went pear-shaped in the space of three months. And as if things couldn’t have been more stressful, he’d also got into a new relationship. It proved toxic, soon leaving Barrett fleeced of the little he had left, literally with just \$10 left in his pocket.

Reinventing yourself in your 50s is scary, and scarier still when you’re in a dark place at rock bottom. Alcohol became a serious problem. But he still managed to make a very smart decision. After talking his heart out to one of his oldest, most trusted friends in an inner city Auckland bar one morning, they decided he should pick up the phone and call Heath Mills about seeking help from The Cricketers’ Trust.

“Within 30 minutes, Heath Mills and Paul Hobbs were there in the bar. I knew Heath from way back at Howick-Pakuranga and he took one look at me and knew. I was unshaven, I hadn’t looked after myself, I was down, I was a mess, I was struggling. I needed to make some huge changes and I needed help to do it. They took a real hands-on approach to my pathway from there, and I’m so, so very grateful.”

Barrett entered the hardest recovery programme in New Zealand to dry out — an 18-week residential programme that brought together alcoholics, drug addicts, prisoner undergoing the course as part of their sentence. Only 20 per cent

‘graduate’, and they all thought he was an undercover cop.

“But I was there for a reason. I needed to reboot, lose my ego, humble myself, start again, and man, was it scary. But it slowly built me up again. Then I went into the Wings Trust a residential programme for 4 months, before becoming a “Home Host” there for a year, working with those that are just starting their recovery journey. This was a great supportive environment with regular counselling sessions. I had unpacked a lot over the previous 18 months, by becoming vulnerable and working my butt off to understand myself and get well.

After a while, I felt strong, I felt good, and I knew it was time to take charge of my own life again. The Cricketers’ Trust can’t fund you forever — I needed to get back into work. But for the second time in my life, I didn’t know what to do.”

Paul Hobbs had a contact in the ‘death industry’, as he referred to it, at Purewa.

“So I went along, liked what I saw, loaded and unloaded the cremator, worked in the chapels, did the services and learned a whole new suite of skills over a year. I couldn’t be more grateful to Purewa General Manager Alastair Crombie for the opportunity he gave me.”

It introduced him to other funeral providers in the industry, and that was how he found out a long-time manager of

long established and respected Remuera funeral parlour Sibuns was retiring.

“I really liked the Sibuns brand and what they stood for, how they did things.

“Death is all about people, and I love people, so this is a great fit. People don’t like to talk about death, but when the time comes, we’re here for them and the families.”

Sibuns is owned by one of the two big international players in the New Zealand market, and Barrett’s role sees him do a little bit of funeral directing himself, but mainly he’s there to manage the team, business and corporate reporting.

“It’s actually a super interesting industry, and the people in it are good people, who also tend to be around my age.”

So while most people don’t look to end up in a funeral parlour, for Barrett it’s been a life-saver.

“I have so much gratitude to be where I am now,” he says, “and the whole key to me is that as blokes, and sports people, we need to stay connected with one another. The NZCPA support structure we have — it’s incredible. That’s what I’ve learned from this whole experience: we need to stay in touch.”



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FROM HEARTS TO HEALING

BY MARGOT BUTCHER

AT JUST 22, MAKAYLA TEMPLETON'S SWITCH HIT TO LIFE BEYOND THE BOUNDARY TOOK MANY BY SURPRISE, BUT THE EX-ND AND AUCKLAND CRICKETER IS ON A DEEPLY FULFILLING CAREER PATH.

If you ever think cricket is stressful at times, here's a picture to put it in perspective.

You've just raced through the chaos that is Auckland traffic to the hospital Emergency Department, with a patient in your ambulance who's fading in and out and not in much of a position to advocate for themselves, and doesn't understand what's happened.

You get to the ED, but there are already 20 other ambulances waiting with patients, and it's now your job alone to speak up for your patient to get the priority she needs — and stay until she does. It could be a long wait.

For Makayla Templeton, that stress is a very real privilege. The reason she wanted to become a paramedic is because she's been the one on the gurney a few times, the patient in the ambo. Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in her first year of high school, the chronic disease has messed with her health ever since, and it's not the only health issue that's come along.

"I think for me specifically, I feel like I can understand, I can be empathetic, and I wanted to help people," she explains.

"I initially wanted to go to medical school to become a doctor, but because that would rule out playing cricket — and I had ambitions, in 2021 I started training as a paramedic instead. It was just three years at university followed by a three-month internship with Hato Hone St John, and I thought that would give me time to allow me to keep pursuing cricket."

Originally from Northland, Templeton stood out as a teenage cricket and hockey player, and continued to shine despite the curve ball of her diabetes diagnosis. Sophie Devine was an early inspiration — Devine having also

been diagnosed in her teens. But for Templeton, the diagnoses kept coming.

The 22-year-old is frank about her health and disarmingly phlegmatic. There was the hole in her eardrum and recurrent infection that they thought was diabetes-related, but turned out to be a separate, unexpected, chronic inflammatory condition. That delayed her Northern Districts debut, yet she was still just 17 when she got her first Hallyburton Johnstone Shield cap and went on to play 20 one-dayers in the maroon and 11 Super Smash games.

Then last season, in her second year contracted to the Auckland Hearts, she needed surgery, and was going through some investigation for heart problems. She managed a few Auckland A games, but didn't get to play for the Hearts at all in 2023/24.

For a standout who thrived on competitive challenges, it might have been more devastating had she not already known from an early age what else she really wanted to do with her life.

"And there are a surprising number of similarities with cricket," she says.



Makayla with her dad, Craig, in Karapiro on a glow worm kayak tour.

"I really like the adrenaline of my paramedic job. That really appealed to me. The unpredictable days. You never know what you're in for — a tough day, a long day, or good day."

It does sound a lot like cricket, come to think of it. And focus — the ability to screen out the noise, concentrate on the process, zero in on the patient like she's watching the ball, has been core, too.

"Cricket taught me commitment and determination. Having done my studies alongside playing semi-professional cricket, and, through actually getting this job and trying to move up the ranks, it's taken a lot of commitment and determination."

But the combination of her worsening health and needing to work night shifts forced her to make a decision earlier this year to put down the bat and gloves. Even with the joy of continuous blood glucose monitors, long days of cricket were getting harder to manage, and going hypo is a scary thing.

Templeton can't remember everything about the day she was diagnosed with diabetes, when her mum drove her to ED in Whangārei. She was relentlessly throwing up and "very out of it", but the triage staff could tell straight away.

"I was doing a specific type of breathing that happens when you have very high blood sugars. When your blood

becomes acidic, you start to breathe very heavily."

She'd had all the classic signs in the lead-up — increased thirst, increased urination, losing weight. "But I kinda pushed it away because it was the middle of hockey season, coming up to tournament week and I was all excited, and just didn't want to think about it. Teenagers, right?"

It made her grow up quickly, a crash course in the human body. Now, as an Emergency Medical Technician and registered paramedic, she really loves the education side of the job with the public.

"Sometimes you're dealing with people who have very poor health literacy, and you're in a situation where they are not able to tell us their medical history, or what is going on, in a situation with a lot of stress on both sides.

"When I can do my job to help a patient understand what's going on, why they are on a certain medication, what they need to look out for, when they need to call us back or go straight to the hospital — that is a privilege that can genuinely save someone's life, improve their health and life."

A desire to take it further and train as a doctor hasn't been completely extinguished, but she's unsure if the lengthy and expensive degree course will be feasible. For now, this was the



"I REALLY LIKE THE ADRENALINE OF MY PARAMEDIC JOB. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR – A TOUGH DAY, A LONG DAY, OR GOOD DAY."

happy medium that was supposed to allow her to continue playing cricket.

The Northern Advocate used to shower her with praise, as one of the few young female cricketers making a name for herself in the region.

Few girls played locally at all, but as a wee six-year-old she used to tag along to her older brother's trainings. Later, when her Intermediate School presented cricket as an option at the School Sports Day, she jumped at it — and so began years of fun playing club cricket with the boys. She was an identified Under-19 player, and invited to NZC U19 camps and games in 2021/22.

"After I got a whiff of it, playing my first couple of ND A games, it was something I really wanted to try and pursue. Try and make that national side. But, it didn't pan out.

"I do really miss being competitive," says Templeton. "I'm a very competitive person, and I think just having the option of club cricket now doesn't quite cut it, after having gone further than that.

"So I miss that, and miss the relationships you build with your teammates and your coaches, but I'm also excited to be in an awesome job that keeps me excited for the future."



JAKE GIBSON

PINSEEKER TRAVELS GOLF TOURS

BY AIDEN MCLAUGHLIN

FOR A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS, TIME AWAY FROM CRICKET EQUALS TIME ON THE GOLF COURSE. OTAGO ALL-ROUNDER JAKE GIBSON IS DRIVING A NEW BUSINESS VENTURE THAT CAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR ALL GOLFERS TO MAKE IT TO THE FIRST TEE.

It's the age-old conundrum – it's time to book the annual golf weekend away with your friends, but who's going to take charge and sort it all out? Finding the right course or courses, sorting out a place to stay, working through a budget. It's a scenario Gibson knows all too well.

"My mates and I started up a golf trip once a year and the hardest part was actually organising it. The first year we did it I was injured at the time so I organised it and I really enjoyed it," says Gibson.

"I thought there must be plenty of groups that are thinking about going on a golf trip but the admin side of it is a bit too much. No-one really wants to do it, and if that's the deciding factor in them not going, then I want to jump in and help sort it out for them so they

do end up going on a trip and they have something they look forward to."

Gibson's lightbulb moment has turned into 'Pinseeker Travels', a business that looks after the small details and nitty gritty associated with such a trip.

"The slogan is turn up and tee up. That's what the essence of it is, making sure everyone can just turn up and play golf and everything else is taken care of well before they get there," Gibson says.

In the early days of his cricket career, whilst at Northern Districts, Gibson spent a couple of winters in England playing for Almondbury Wesleyan Cricket Club. He returned home to New Zealand to juggle training, a day job and his pursuit of a qualification. He subsequently qualified from the University of Waikato with a Bachelor of Business with double majors; supply chain, and strategic management. It's a qualification that also led to him taking a full-time, fixed contract job at Goodman Fielder in supply chain over the past off-season, and also equipped him with many of the skills and knowledge to start Pinseeker Travels.

Gibson says that two people in particular at the NZCPA have helped him turn the idea into a business,

including Personal Development Manager Greg Dawson who he recalls talking to about his idea during an Otago match in Alexandra.

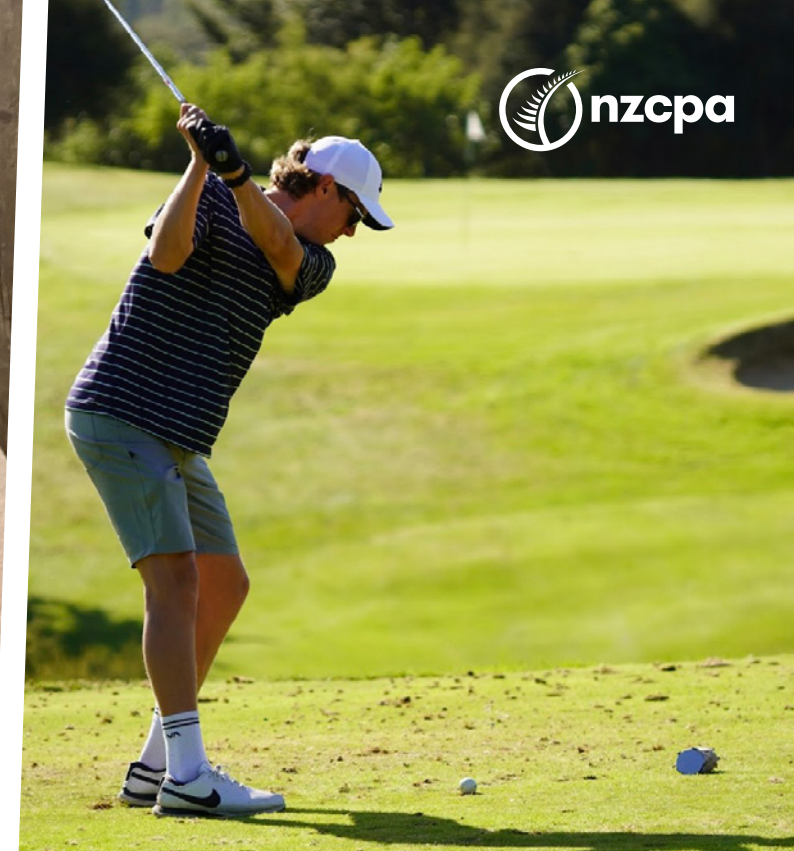
"He was massive for me in terms of getting it started. He helped with some ideas of what it could look like and some inspiration and videos and stuff like that, along with some little exercises to get comfortable with being told no, because that's part of the job," Gibson says.

"PART OF THE JOURNEY THAT I'VE HAD TO LEARN PRETTY EARLY IS IF YOU DON'T ASK YOU DON'T GET AND THE WORST THEY CAN SAY IS NO."

"Also, I played golf with Salty [Glen Sulzberger] at our end of year function and I spoke to him and he recommended a few courses and helped put me in touch with some people from Auckland that I didn't know. The networking through both Greg and Salty has been massive."



Jake with fiancée, Hannah.



Jake teeing off at the Otago Golf Club.

Dawson also suggested that Gibson sign up with Business Mentors New Zealand as the NZCPA have a partnership with them. When he did, Gibson explained to them what his business was about and what sort of experience he'd be looking for. They came back to him and the

mentor ended up being Avan Lee, CEO of the Hurricanes.

"I've had a few calls with him and it's been really good because he's part of a really big organisation and it's been really cool to have his perspective on it," says Gibson.

"The first two catchups we had were probably a month apart and looking at the notes and the stuff he sent through after the first one and where I was at for the second one, it was quite cool, so it was nice to see the progress and he was quite excited about it to, he's a really cool person to talk to."

One of the hardest parts for Gibson has been actually asking for help and not feeling like he's annoying people. It might be as simple as asking people to share information on Pinseeker Travels via their social media channels, but at the start, it wasn't easy.

"I'm understanding that people help out and want to see you do well. At the start I was definitely shy about doing it. Part of the journey that I've had to learn pretty early is if you don't ask you don't get and the worst they can say is no."

Fiancée Hannah has also been a huge help. She has a background in marketing and so has been able to help with a number of elements of the business, including the website.

"The most rewarding thing for me so far has been, there's been a few trips where guys have gone [on their trip] and got back in contact afterwards and they already want to book their one. It means they enjoyed it enough to want to go through me again."



Jake and fellow golfers at Royal Wellington for their Annual Ryder Cup style golf trip.



MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF PLAYER SERVICES & MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COORDINATOR

BRAD RODDEN & KALI RAPLEY-INIA

We extend a very warm welcome to past player Brad Rodden and Kali Rapley-Inia who recently joined us in the key roles of Head of Player Services (Brad) and Membership Services Coordinator (Kali). Brad played First Class and List A cricket for Otago and Auckland and both Brad and Kali bring a fantastic skillset and approach that will ensure they make a tremendous contribution to the players and the NZCPA.

We managed to steal a quick moment with Brad and Kali to see how they are settling in and what they are looking forward to in the coming weeks.

STARTING WITH BRAD,

WHAT EXCITES YOU MOST ABOUT GETTING STARTED WITH THE NZCPA AS OUR HEAD OF PLAYER SERVICES?

Working closely with our members to provide general support as they embark on their cricketing careers. Having gained an understanding of the cricketing landscape in NZ over the years, combined with spending the past 7 years working in the education sector, I hope to apply my knowledge and learnings to add as much value as I possibly can, as quickly as I can. There is a fantastic team at the NZCPA providing support for our members daily who have a lot of great knowledge, and I am learning from.

AS A PAST PLAYER DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE A UNIQUE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR MEMBERS HAVING WALKED IN THEIR SHOES?

I have a foundation to make a start from having spent time in the professional

cricketing environment in NZ. My initial mission however is to rapidly build my understanding of the environment to make an impact, support and add value to our members almost immediately.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING CAREER WISE UP TO THIS POINT AND WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST ABOUT BECOMING HEAD OF PLAYER SERVICES?

For the past 7 years I have worked in the education sector, namely apprenticeship training. I was responsible for the roll out of apprenticeships and management of over 2,500 apprentices and 850 businesses throughout Auckland and Northland. I was lucky enough to lead a high performing team determined to support our customer base through thick and thin. I take many learnings from my time in education, none more important than building strong, long-lasting relationships of which I enjoy the most day-in day-out.

YOU CLEARLY HAVE A PASSION FOR WORKING WITH PEOPLE, APART FROM WORKING AT TE PUKENGA, WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU DONE? HOW DIFFERENT IS THAT EXPERIENCE?

I place a huge value on the time I spent overseas in my earlier years, immersing myself in different cultures, meeting people with different backgrounds and slowly forming an understanding of the world. I was lucky enough to travel and work throughout Asia, America, the Caribbean, Europe, Indonesia, and the UK.

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL GREATEST MOMENT, OR DEFINING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE?

The birth of my son is the single greatest moment of my life. Marlon is now 7 months old, and Bailey (my partner) and I are enjoying every moment. Everyone is happy and healthy for which we are very grateful.

WHAT WOULD YOUR BEST FRIEND SAY IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK THEM ABOUT YOU?

Terrible golfer (but loves the sport) enjoys a yarn and socialising.

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE LED A PRETTY BUSY LIFE TO DATE, WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

Sport, travel, and socialising. But most importantly now, spending time with family and enjoying the journey of Marlon's growth and development.

YOU HAVE WORKED IN VARIETY OF POSITIONS. IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR ROLE THAT YOU ENJOYED MOST?

In my most recent position as Regional Manager at Te Pukenga, I got to work with fantastic people and support a great customer base. I was lucky enough to contribute to the strategic direction and implementation of apprenticeship roll-out throughout Auckland and Northland. Success in this role was particularly rewarding, and I hope to put my strategic mindset to task here at the NZCPA in a bid to continue the drive for excellence for our members.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BRING TO THE ROLE OF HEAD OF PLAYER SERVICES?

I hope to compliment the mix of skill sets here at the NZCPA with a knowledge of the professional cricketing landscape in NZ as a past player. The beauty in having new members join any team is a fresh perspective with new ideas. Collaborating with the NZCPA team to build on the fantastic work that has already been accomplished is exciting, and I endeavour to impart my skills and experience into the work we do.

MOVING ONTO TO YOU KALI

WHAT EXCITES YOU MOST ABOUT YOUR NEW ROLE WITH THE NZCPA AS THE MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COORDINATOR?

What excites me most is having the opportunity to work with a variety of individuals. I'm looking forward to connecting with more of our members over time and throughout the upcoming cricket season.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING CAREER WISE UP TO THIS POINT?

I studied at Auckland University of Technology completing a Diploma of Applied Science and Bachelor of Health Science (Psychology). I moved to Fonterra towards completing my degree where I was a Receptionist/Facilities Support.

APART FROM FONTERRA, HAVE YOU DONE ANYTHING ELSE WORK WISE AND HOW DIFFERENT WAS IT?

I've worked in an After School Care Programme where I looked after a student with a physical and mental disability. This was a very challenging but rewarding experience. There were some tough days, but the better days always shone brighter.

I assisted school holiday activations at Kiwi Property malls throughout Hamilton and Auckland. I managed groups of children, instructing them on the chosen activity for school holiday fun. I have also worked in retail. With both roles, I really enjoyed the diverse range of people I was able to assist.

I was a nanny throughout my studies where I looked after 3 children, ages 5-11, and a Boxer puppy. I found the kids a breeze – the puppy was still being trained and loved to nibble on anything and everything. I've always wanted a puppy but this has haunted me to adopt one.

FONTERRA IS A LARGE ORGANISATION COMPARED TO THE NZCPA, WHAT WAS THE MOST NOTABLE DIFFERENCE FOR YOU COMING FROM SUCH A LARGE COMPANY?

For me, it was the size. I absolutely adore the team, and the connections I have made so far. Everyone is beyond lovely and easy to get along with – they are always willing to help. This includes the wider Player Associations as well. As I am a newbie, everyone has been so great teaching me what I need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. I value how tightknit the CPA is and how they look out for one another – quality over quantity.

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL GREATEST MOMENT, OR SOMETHING YOU'VE DONE YOU ARE REALLY PROUD OF?

Volleyball is the sport my younger brother, Jarod Robert (commonly known as Juppy), and I fell in love with growing up. Outside of school, we were dedicated to playing the game – me as a setter and Juppy as an outside hitter. As we are already very close, I think something quite special is we have both represented New Zealand for indoor volleyball.

Of course, my brother had to take it one further and represent New Zealand in beach volleyball and is now overseas on a volleyball scholarship in Canada.

WHAT WOULD YOUR BEST FRIEND SAY IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK THEM ABOUT YOU?

I asked my cousin, Marcia Jerram, this question. We both have younger brothers, so we have always been each other's built-in best-friend/sister. This is what she had to say when answering this question.

"Kali is a loyal, kind-hearted person who is always looking for the best in others. She treats others with respect and will give everyone who needs it the time of day. She doesn't take herself too seriously and loves to have a laugh. She's the best friend/sister to have.

She's also a bit ditzzy at times (so am I) but that's why we love her."

WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I am a big people person – I love to surround my weekends with friends and family. You'll normally catch me swimming to pontoons at the local beaches on the shore and socialising with friends in the summer.

I love sport and watching live sport is a must, so you'll see me at a few rugby games supporting the Chiefs (ChiefsMANA!!!) or a classic T20 with my cousins which we try to round everyone up to attend at least one match per season.

One thing I'm very passionate about is raising money for charity. Over the last few years, I've set a few goals to raise money for Movember and Brothers of Movement. My flatmates and I set a running goal to achieve over the course of a month and I've also attended a few absurd workouts within my gym community.

This year, my family and I are running the Auckland Marathon to raise money for Hospice and Ozanam House in memory of our late Grammy, Ivy Topping (who was a netball development officer for the lower North Island and wrote books on coaching netball), who passed away a few months ago.

YOU'VE JUST STARTED IN THE ROLE HOW HAVE YOU SETTLED IN, HAS ANY ASPECT OF THE ROLE SURPRISED YOU?

I've been in this role a few months now and I really enjoy working alongside the rest of the CPA team. We've shared some good laughs and I'm looking forward to more. Everyone works hard and shares a laugh throughout the office.

I've had my new manager, Brad Rodden, start up and it's been amazing connecting with him. I know we will make an A-Team effort to serve our members and the NZCPA as best as we possibly can. I love the variety of work involved in this role. No two days are the same and being a new duo, we are learning as we go and are ready to make these roles our own.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BRING TO THE ROLE OF MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR?

I bring a bubbly personality wherever I go, and I enjoy helping others. A positive vibe can make all the difference and I'm excited to contribute to the warm and welcoming environment the NZCPA holds. I hope to make good connections with our members – whether I can answer queries or be a listening ear, I'm here to make our member's experiences as smooth as possible.



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Heath Mills, CEO NZCPA

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PLAYER INDUCTION FORUM 2024 WELCOMING NEW ZEALAND'S NEWEST PROFESSIONAL CRICKETERS

The 12th annual Player Induction Forum took place on September 25th and 26th, 2024, at Eden Park in Auckland. Twenty-five newly contracted male and female players from New Zealand's six Major Associations attended, marking their official introduction into the professional cricketing landscape. Over two days, the players were familiarised with various aspects of professional cricket and educated on the extensive range of services provided by the New Zealand Cricket Players' Association (NZCPA).

While securing a first professional cricket contract is an exciting milestone, it also introduces players to a range of new expectations, responsibilities, and commitments. The induction forum's primary aim is to ensure that players are fully aware of the NZCPA's role and the services available to support them throughout their careers and beyond.

The first day of the forum featured insights from professional cricketers Hamish Rutherford and Anna Peterson, who shared their personal journeys in professional cricket. Their stories provided valuable lessons about the unpredictable nature of the sport. The message was clear: each player's path is different, and setbacks are a normal part of the process. The balanced perspective offered by Rutherford and Peterson resonated strongly with the 2024 inductees.

On the second day, the forum welcomed contributions from NZCPA's valued partners and service providers, including Ivy Valderrama and Hillary van Lent from SuperLife, InsureYou, and Instep. Their presentations added a broader understanding of financial planning, insurance, and player well-being.

KEY TOPICS DISCUSSED
During the two-day event, several key topics were covered, including:

- » An Introduction to the NZCPA
- » The Personal Development Programme
- » Master Agreement and Player Contracting
- » Cricket Players' Property Trust and Promotions
- » Life as a Professional Cricketer – Shared by Hamish Rutherford and Anna Peterson
- » NZC High Performance Programme – Presented by Marty Croy and Liz Green
- » The Cricketers' Retirement Fund – Presented by Superlife
- » Medical, Insurance, and ACC – Presented by InsureYou
- » Prioritising Your Well-being – Presented by Instep

New Otago Sparks player Harriett Cuttance found the forum particularly inspiring, stating, "It felt so welcoming coming into the organisation, we learnt that essentially the NZCPA is us (the players) and the organisation is there to represent us and there are no silly questions. We are part of the family and have a excellent support network to help guide us during and after cricket."

Auckland Aces' Jordan Sussex highlighted the value of bringing the newly contracted players together and hearing from the guest speakers. "A lot of Hamish's (Rutherford) messages resonated with me, the things that he mentioned around injuries, non-selections, stepping aside for other players, that was very relevant to me."

Creating a supportive relationship with newly contracted players is a key focus for the NZCPA. The induction forum serves as an important step in providing these athletes with the knowledge and resources they need as they embark on their professional cricket careers. By the end of the forum, players left confident in the knowledge that the NZCPA is a lifelong association dedicated to supporting them through their time in cricket and beyond.

2024 NEWLY CONTRACTED PLAYERS

MEN

Auckland	Bevon-John Jacobs, Jock McKenzie, Angus Olliver, Mike Sclanders, Jordan Sussex
Canterbury	Cameron Paul, Matt Rowe
CD	Mason Hughes, Toby Findlay, Angus Schaw, Ewald Schreuder, Tyler Annand
ND	Josh Brown, Fergus Lellman, Ben Pomare, Sneith (Lucky) Reddy
Otago	Zac Cumming, Jamal Todd
Wellington	Sam Mycock

WOMEN

Auckland	Sophie Court, Rishika Jaswal, Cate Pederson, Anika Todd
Canterbury	Harriet Graham
CD	Grace Foreman, Anna Gaging
ND	Marina Lamplough
Otago	Harriett Cuttance, Isy Parry
Wellington	Rachel Bryant

UPCOMING EVENTS

T20 BLACK CLASH

18 January 2025 – Hagley Oval, Christchurch

HOOKED ON CRICKET

3 March 2025 – Dunedin, Napier

11 March 2025 – Porirua

17 March 2025 – Christchurch, Papatoetoe, Hamilton

PLAYERS' GOLF DAY

March/April 2025 – TBC

PAST PLAYER EVENTS

8 December 2024 – Basin Reserve, Wellington
Day 3 NZ v England Test (men) *

21 December 2024 – Basin Reserve, Wellington
ODI White Ferns v Australia Test (women) *

4 January 2025 – Saxton Oval, Nelson
Super Smash Double Header Central Districts v Wellington

12 January 2025 – Fitzherbert Park, Palmerston North
Super Smash Double Header Central Districts v Otago

21 March 2025 – Eden Park, Auckland
T20 Double Header Blackcaps v Pakistan / White Ferns v Australia

**Wellington events are held in conjunction with the Wanderers Cricket Club and due to venue constraints one is for women and one is for men.*

PAST PLAYER TICKET INFORMATION SUMMER 2024/25

DOMESTIC GAMES

Hopefully, all members know that as part of the Master Agreement all former domestic players are eligible for 2 free tickets to any SuperSmash game over the Summer.

If you would like to take up this offer, please email the hosting association ticketing person to make your request.

Auckland Cricket -
James McCully
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Central Districts -
Branagh Gavegan
branagh@cdcricket.co.nz

Northern Districts -
Charlotte Twigg
charlotte@ndca.co.nz

Otago Cricket -
Olivia Bolwell
Olivia@otagocricket.co.nz

Canterbury Cricket -
Simon Carter
SCarter@canterburycricket.org.nz

Cricket Wellington -
Sam Mills
sam@cricketwellington.co.nz

INTERNATIONAL GAMES

All former international players are eligible for 2 free tickets to international matches played in New Zealand, which are available through New Zealand Cricket's (NZC) ticket website (Ticketek).

Former International players should have all received a code via email from NZC in late September.

To access please use your specific code to 'purchase' your 2 tickets. Select "best available seats"

Remember, you cannot purchase match passes to any test match. You must purchase tickets for each day!

Some matches are in hot demand so act quickly, if you want a seat.

If you misplace your NZC email with your code or you didn't receive it, you can contact our new Member Services Coordinator, Kali Rapley-Inia, who will happily send you your code.

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THE INSIDER SHORT GAME SYNDROME

BY PAUL FORD

The industrial outpost of Greater Noida enshrined itself in Kiwi cricket folklore after extraordinary scenes at the abandoned Test match against Afghanistan. The landscaping prowess was superb, but my personal favourite was the bloke sitting on the wet turf holding a table fan plugged into a multibox.

The match also caused a ripple of excitement through the nether regions of international cricket nerds around the globe, becoming only the eighth Test to be called off without a ball being bowled in the 147-year history of the men's format. With a degree of trepidation it got me thinking about our shortest Test matches.

New Zealand vs Pakistan - Carisbrook, 1989 - 0 balls bowled

The House of Pain became the House of Heavy Sweeping Rain for this Test series opener and any prospects of the John Wright and Imran Khan-led XIs playing any long-form cricket were washed into the storm water drains of Caversham after two days of the Otago summer.

An unofficial one-dayer was played on an "alarmingly variable" deck. Snedden, Chatfield and Watson were sending chin music and Sir Richard Hadlee wreaked havoc.

New Zealand vs India - Carisbrook, 1998 - 0 balls bowled

The Dunedin summer and the world's southernmost Test cricket venue combined forces again and prolonged deluges continued into the third day. Both teams were invited to extend the match by a day - but India declined much to NZ coach Steve Rixon's chagrin. "We're supposedly the underdogs," he bristled. "I thought they'd be keen to get out there and prove it. You can't win sitting in the dressing room."

England v New Zealand - Old Trafford 1931 - 71 overs

Described by Wisden as "a most depressing affair" that ended in a "hopeless draw" with the game not getting going until 3pm on the final day. NZ's inaugural captain Tom Lowry elected to bowl and his pacemen would not have thanked him as the English top order pounded leather to all corners with former Wairoa player Herbert Sutcliffe plundering 109* out of 224.

NZ v India - Madras, 1995 - 71.1 overs

The circumstances surrounding this Test were a reminder of nature's extraordinary power and occasional inconvenience with the game played in the aftermath of a total solar eclipse and amidst a horrendous tropical cyclone.

In Roger Twose's debut Test, the newly relaid outfield was denounced as the "villain of the piece", absorbing rather than draining. Indian fans still saw their beloved Little Master whip up 52 not out. Meanwhile, murky Manoj Prabhakar was grinding away at the other end: his 41 took over 5 hours across 4 days.

NZ v South Africa - Kingsmead, 2016 - 99 overs

Another newly scarified outfield ruined this Test too, a failed experiment being played in the Durban winter and ultimately consisting of 4 playable sessions. The ground management came in for sharp criticism for being ill-prepared for rain, with unrealistic covers. When cricket was played, the conditions brought the fast bowlers eye-popping humidity, cloud cover, high tides and artificial lights. Boult and Wagner took advantage before Fanta-fuelled Steyn and metronomic Philander got into their work. With the Black Caps at 15/2 and still 240 runs in arrears, the Proteas were getting excited. "We were dying to get out there," Faf du Plessis said.

NZ v Australia - Basin Reserve, 1946 - 2 days

The first ever trans-Tasman Test match in front of 20,000 dreamers was also the first post-WWII Test match out of the blocks, legendary leggie Tiger O'Reilly's final match for Australia (aged 40!), and the beginning of several legends' careers including the swashbuckling 'Messerschmitt' Miller.

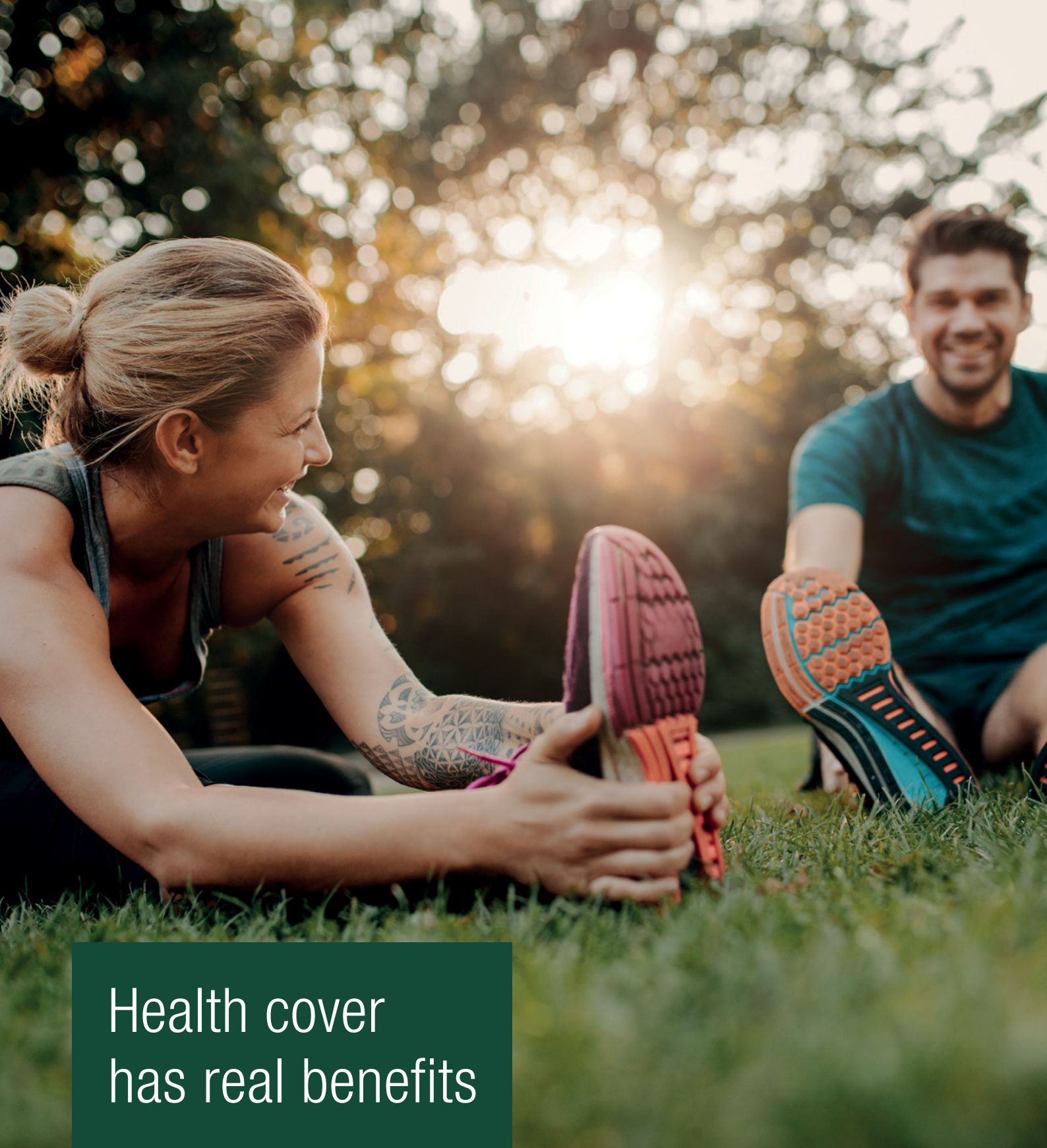
Mercifully Don Bradman was not selected because he had fibrositis, but he was not needed with Walt 'the Salt' Hadlee's New Zealand pulverised for 42 in the first innings, then 54 in the second. All this after Australia declared at 199/8 and Jack Cowie snared a mighty 6/40. Wisden reported: "The game was over by tea on the second day. Delighted NZ officials offered to top-up the meagre £1 a day expenses paid to the Australians by their board. The ACB refused and many returned home out of pocket."

NZ v Zimbabwe - Harare Sports Club, 2005 - 2 days

A two-day crushing of Zimbabwe so complete and utter that the African nation's Test status was immediately questioned. "It was so terrible that one-day international prospects like Stuart Matsikenyeri, Gavin Ewing, and Mark Vermeulen offered better batting while facing throw downs in the nets," Lawrence Moyo reported. "Those concentrating on the proceedings on the real field were offered better value for their day by the security guards marching to the wicket at the end of the day."

Zimbabwe lost 20 wickets in a single day, succumbing for 59 and 99 following on after New Zealand walloped 452/9 on the first day. The ignominy was summed up by Chris Mpofu's effort: he recorded identical dismissals in consecutive sessions: stumped McCullum, bowled Vettori for a pair of 7-ball ducks.

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