

## Welcome back

Welcome all to the 2015/16 cricket season. We trust you have all had an enjoyable winter off and are looking forward to the upcoming summer. The committee has had a busy winter organizing various things for this season. We currently have two new cricket nets under construction. We hope these will be available for the start of our outdoor training sessions at the end of this month. We also have a new website under development which should be live for the members and public before the end of the month. The committee is currently completing the required documents for our AGM. The date for our AGM is still TBC so watch this space

## Sponsorship

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*"I cant say I'm batting badly. I'm not batting long enough to be batting badly..."*

- Greg Chappell



Shalen Singh—MCCC Premiers Opening Batsman

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Progress on our new training facilities

## Winter Training is Underway

Winter training sessions are now underway. These sessions are being held for Premier and Senior A team members only at this stage. Full club trainings will commence after daylight savings is in force.

Winter trainings are held on Monday nights from 8-10 pm at Howick Pakuranga Cricket Club indoor facility.

## Training facilities upgrade

Works have begun on two new cricket nets to add to our training facilities. This will bring our training facilities to five nets which will allow better use of these facilities for junior teams on main training nights being Tuesday and Thursday nights.

This will also allow the senior club to have more direct contact with our older junior members and provide them experience against senior players to improve the junior players skill sets.

The contractors are also building a lock-up area at the back of the nets so we have space to store our sight screens, pitch covers and training equipment which makes it better accessible to teams on game day.

We will also have power in our lock up area so we can run our bowling machine of mains power.

## The Hickey Brothers

You may have seen the post on Facebook however just to re-cap this great achievement Jono Hickey, one of Manukau's Premier players, has picked up a contract with Auckland Rugby for the 2015 ITM cup season meaning he is a dual code star being also a contract first class cricketer being contracted to Northern Districts Cricket Association. We hope to have Jono's services for this seasons Premier cricket however this will be dependent on his Rugby and Cricket responsibilities.

Jono's younger brother Simon has also played a few Premier games for the club and is a very talented batsman. Simon has just been named Captain of Auckland Rugby this season, a great honour for Simon. The younger Hickey brother has also represented New Zealand as Captain of the New Zealand U20 World Cup team the 'Baby Blacks', as well as the Auckland Blues Super Rugby franchise.



Jono Hickey



Simon Hickey

## Important Dates to Remember

**7 Sept 2015 (8pm)**  
Premier and Senior A  
Winter Training HPCC

**9 Sept 2015 (6pm)**  
Junior Registration  
MCCC Clubrooms

**12 Sept 2015 (10:30am)**  
Junior Registration  
MCCC Clubrooms

**14 Sept 2015 (8pm)**  
Premier and Senior A  
Winter Training HPCC

**21 Sept 2015 (8pm)**  
Premier and Senior A  
Winter Training HPCC

**21 Sept 2015 (7pm)**  
CMCA AGM  
Pukekohe Cricket Club

**27 Sept 2015**  
Daylight Savings Start

**29 Sept 2015 (5pm)**  
Outdoor training dates

**TBC**  
Manukau Cricket Club  
AGM

**Oct TBC**  
Premier cricket starts

**Oct TBC**  
Senior Club cricket starts



## New Website Being Developed

The committee are excited to announce that a brand new website is currently under development. It has been a number of years since the club had an up and running website.

The new website will allow our players and ex players to stay in better contact with the club as well as serve as an information hub for news and information our members need during the season.

Registrations will also be completed online enabling the club to have an updated database of player details for keeping in more constant contact with our members.

The website will be going live in the early stages of this month so keep an eye out on the below address

[www.manukaucitycricket.co.nz](http://www.manukaucitycricket.co.nz)

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