



**NSWCUSA  
Annual  
Report  
2014-15**





## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated will be held in the Bowlers' Club of New South Wales at 95-99 York Street, Sydney on Wednesday 1 July 2015 commencing at 7pm.

## **BUSINESS**

Attendance and Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes

Receipt of the Annual Report and of the Treasurer's Report

Presentation of Principal Membership to four full members of the Association  
– Christine Bennison, Don Coleman, Roger Ridgway, Norm Ryder

Approval of Full Membership applicants

Election of Patron or Patrons

Election of Elected Office-Bearers (Treasurer, Liaison Officer) and

Elected Directors(3)

Appointment of Auditors (2)

Approval of any Honoraria

R. D. Goodger  
Executive Officer

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## Members & Affiliated Associations,

It gives the NSWCUSA staff great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the Annual Report of your Association that covers its activities during the financial year from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015.

Complementing the Annual Report are the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 April 2015 and the Statement of Financial Position as at that date.

The Annual Report is now placed online, but is available to be sent as a book to those members who request same.

In working on this Annual Report I reflect on the wonderful commitment members of this Association make to cricket in the areas of umpiring, scoring, coaching, mentoring, observing, administration – you serve the game in an exemplary fashion from grass roots level in New South Wales to the international arena. The Association is making progress through the positive collaboration, contribution, dedication and performance of our members.

**“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”.**

- Helen Keller.

I take this opportunity to commend to you the work of the Administration Manager, Troy Penman, and the Administration Officer, Jay Lenton, for the organisation and compilation of this report. They are excellent administrators, and people, who work tirelessly for the benefit of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association.

It was a wonderful year for your Association, details of which will be highlighted in the pages that follow. We offer congratulations to Anthony Wilds and Darren Mattison, both of whom debuted at the First Class level this season.

We trust you find the historical records of your Association's 102<sup>nd</sup> year of interest. We look forward to serving cricket with positive energy throughout New South Wales in season 2015-16 with energy.

It's about being better than you were yesterday.

R. D. Goodger  
Executive Officer

YEAR	CHAIR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	TREASURER
1913-14	W. H. MITCHELL	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1914-15	W. H. BATES	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1915-16	M. PHEGAN	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1916-17	F. MALONEY	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1917-18	A. W. ANDREWS	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1918-19	P. M. SOLOMON	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1919-20	S. SMITH	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1920-21	REV. G. BERRY	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1921-22	G. J. COOPER	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1922-23	W. J. R. BOWES	REV. G. BERRY	A. C. JONES
1923-24	M. CUMBY	REV. G. BERRY	A. C. JONES
1924-25	W. G. FRENCH	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1925-26	E. KENT	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1926-27	A. BURT	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1927-28	S. PARSONS	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1928-29	A. FARROW	W. J. R. BOWES (RESIGNED) H. ARMSTRONG (FROM DECEMBER 5)	A. C. JONES
1929-30	H. PARSONS	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1930-31	G. E. BORWICK	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1931-32	E. CONNELL	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1932-33	C. MARTIN	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1933-34	F. W. J. LYONS	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1934-35	S. PAUL	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1935-36 to 1938-39	G. E. BORWICK	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1939-40 to 1945-46	G. E. BORWICK	W. G. FRENCH	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1946-47 to 1954-55	G. E. BORWICK	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1955-56	A. B. SOLOMON (DECEASED) A. EASTON (APRIL 4)	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1956-57	A. EASTON	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1957-58	C. E. WIGZELL	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1958-59 to 1961-62	A. A. FALLINS	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1962-63 to 1966-67	A. A. FALLINS	R. F. BURGESS	N. P. N. FRISK
1967-68	E. F. WYKES	R. F. BURGESS	N. P. N. FRISK
1968-69 to 1975-76	E. F. WYKES	R. F. BURGESS	C. C. DAVES
1976-77	E. F. WYKES	J. R. WEGNER	C. C. DAVES
1977-78 to 1984-85	E. F. WYKES	J. R. WEGNER	A. G. WATSON
1989-90	A. J. WHELFER	G. R. G. WEARNE	A. G. WATSON
1990-91 to 1992-93	R. A. FRENCH	G. R. G. WEARNE	A. G. WATSON
1992-93	R. A. FRENCH	G. R. G. WEARNE (RESIGNED) P. F. HUGHES (DEC 1)	A. G. WATSON
1993-94 to 1998-99	R. A. FRENCH	P. F. HUGHES	A. G. WATSON
1999-00 to 1999-2000	R. A. FRENCH	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. BRANDON
2000-01	A. G. MARSHALL (DECO)	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. BRANDON
2001-02	D. B. HAIR	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. WISEMAN
2003-2004	J. I. CAMERON	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. WISEMAN
2004-2006	J. I. CAMERON	P. F. HUGHES	E. A. NICHOLAS
2006-2007	T. M. DONAHOO	P. F. HUGHES	E. A. NICHOLAS
2007-2008	T. M. DONAHOO	P. F. HUGHES	L. C. J. BORG
2008-2009	DR. D. F. DILLEY	P. F. HUGHES (RETIRED 29.08.08) D. B. HAIR (FROM 01.09.08)	L. C. J. BORG
2009-2010	DR. D. F. DILLEY	D. B. HAIR	L. C. J. BORG
2010-2011	DR. S. L. POOLE	D. B. HAIR	L. C. J. BORG
2011-2012	DR. S. L. POOLE	D. B. HAIR (DEPARTED 16.11.11) R. D. GOODGER (ACTING FROM 17.11.11 to 01.04.12) N. CARSON (02.04.12 to 22.10.12)	L. C. J. BORG
2012-2013	DR. S. L. POOLE (RESIGNED 28 OCTOBER 2013)	R. D. GOODGER (FROM 18.12.12)	L. C. J. BORG
2013 - PRESENT	G. M. GARLAND (ASSUMED CHAIR ON 29 OCTOBER 2013)	R. D. GOODGER	L. C. J. BORG

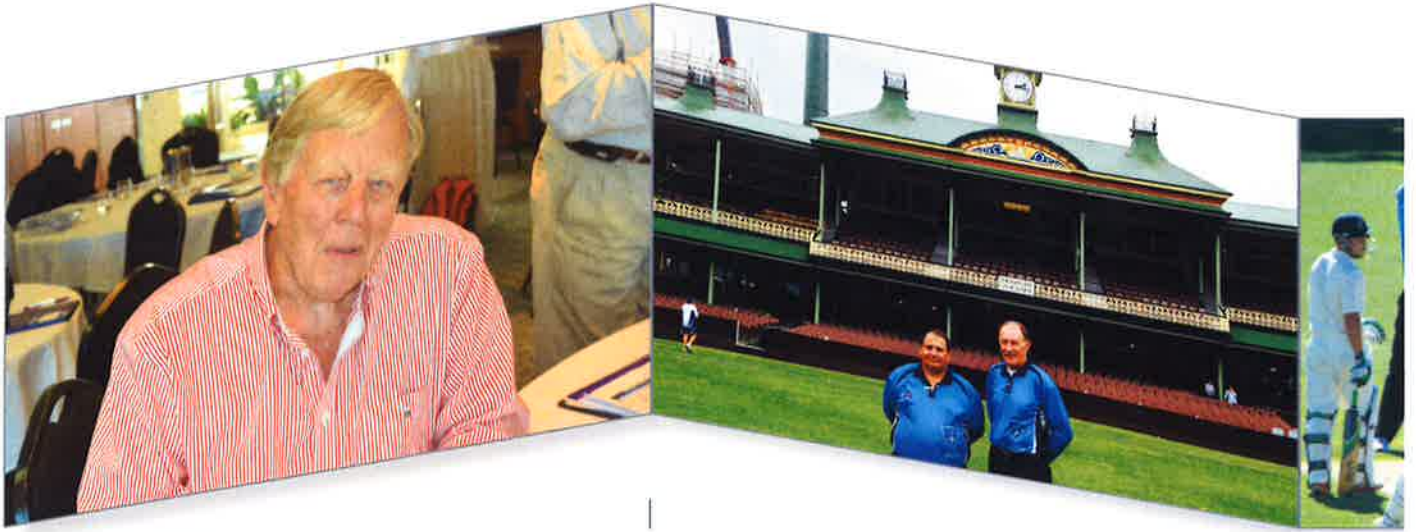


William Callaway was the first Executive Officer and served NSWWSA in this position from 1913 to 1922.



Peter Hughes served as Executive Officer from 1992 to 2008. Peter's efforts were instrumental in the growth of NSWWSA.





## NSWCUSA Life Members

B. Armour \*  
H. Armstrong \*  
W. Barnes \*  
P. R. Bates \*  
P. Berridge \*  
G. E. Borwick MBE \*  
L.C.J. Borg  
W. J. R. Bowes \*  
T. F. Brooks OAM \*  
R. F. Burgess  
A. Burt \*  
R. Callaway \*  
M. Carney \*  
G. Chudleigh  
V. Cranney \*  
A. Dale \*  
J. Daley \*  
C. C. Davies \*  
A. Easton \*  
H. A. Elphinston \*  
A. A. Fallins \*  
A. Farrow \*

R. A. French OAM  
W. G. French \*  
R. D. Goodger  
K. L. Griffiths  
D. B. Hair  
R. G. Harris \*  
P. F. Hughes  
L. J. Jarman \*  
A. C. Jones \*  
G. J. Lill  
A. Lucas \*  
F. W. J. Lyons \*  
A. G. Marshall \*  
K. G. Norris  
G. E. Reed  
S. Smith \*  
A. B. Solomon \*  
S. J. A. Taufel  
E. J. Shaw \*  
I. S. Thomas  
A. G. Watson  
G. R. G. Wearne \*  
A. J. Wheeler \*  
C. E. Wigzell BEM \*  
E. F. Wykes OAM \*  
A. P. Williams\*

## NSWCUSA Hall of Fame Members

George Borwick MBE	Dick French OAM
Tom Brooks OAM	Darrell Hair
Dick Burgess	Alf Jones
Dick Callaway	Fred Lyons
Herb Elphinston	Simon Taufel
Merilyn Fowler	Ted Wykes OAM

## NSWCUSA Principal Members

S. T. Baker	S. V. Jenkins
G. Bamford	C.J. King
J. Barnes	A. Kingsford-Smith
W. J. Battese	L. Kain
S. Black	B. A. L. Livingston*
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D. M. Brandon	P.G. Mooney
E. G. Browning	L. Piper
B. Cameron	S. L. Poole
J. I. Cameron	M. L. Prosser
N. Carson	K. J. Pye
R. H. Collard MBE	G. A. Richards
M. A. Connolly	J. H. Rose
E. J. Cranney	G. A. Smith
C. R. Cruickshanks	W. R. Smith
H. G. Crozier	N. B. Stanton
R. S. Davis	C. H. Stewart
T. M. Donahoo	P. J. Tate
I. B. Emerson	N. R. Tickner
J. A. Evans	D. Tinyow
D. Frede	R. K. Watman
G. M. Garland	J. R. Wegner
A. J. Gifford	C. P. Weir
B. W. Goddard*	B. W. Whiteman
N. W. Findlay	A. W. Williams
M. A. Fowler	J. H. Williams
A.R. Hamilton	D. M. Wiseman
B. Hickey	J. H. Wooding
H. T. Honeysett	D. I. Wright
I. James	I. E. Wright

\* Deceased 2014-15



### NSWCUSA Patrons

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Mr. Alan Davidson AM MBE  
Mr. Dick French OAM

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Mr. Kevin Battishill  
Mr. Mark Hughes  
Mr. Ben Treloar  
Mr. David Taylor  
Mr. Graham Chudleigh (Ex Officio Director)

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Mrs. Marilyn Fowler (Chair)  
Mrs. Christine Bennison  
Mrs. Kay Wilcoxon  
Mrs. Sue Woodhouse  
Mr. Ian Wright  
Mr. Geoff Garland (Ex Officio Director)

### Technical Committee

Mr. Darren Goodger  
(State Director of Umpiring)  
Mr. Graham Swan  
(Chair - Examination Committee)  
Mrs. Marilyn Fowler  
(Chair - Scorers Committee)  
Dr. David Dilley (Ex Officio Director)

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Mr. Laurie Borg (Chair/Ex Officio Director)  
Mr. Gaurav Desai  
Mr. Berend Du Plessis  
Mr. Bill Howard  
Mr. Zaheer Nazir  
Mr. Glen Stubbings

### Delegate NSWCA and SCA

Dr. David Dilley

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Mr. Errol Cranney  
Mr. Bob Davis  
Mr. Mark Grant  
Mr. Graham Reed

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Mr. Muhammad Qureshi (Secretary Training Course Administration)  
Mr. John Evans (Merchandise Officer)  
Mr. Ian Wright  
(Social Appointments Officer - Umpires )  
Mrs. Marilyn Fowler  
(Social Appointments Officer - Scorers)

### NSWCUSA Staff

Mr. Darren Goodger  
Executive Officer/ State Director of Umpiring  
Mr. Troy Penman  
Administration Manager  
Mr. Jay Lenton  
Administration Officer

### Zone Representatives

Mr. Don Maisey (Central Coast)  
Mr. Gary Crombie (Central North)  
Mr. Neil Findlay (Illawarra)  
Mr. Kim Norris (Newcastle)  
Mr. Ken Robinson (North Coast)  
Mr. Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina)  
Mr. Bruce Whiteman (Southern)  
Mr. Greg Jones (Western)

### Country Umpires Advisor

Mr. Keith Griffiths

### Auditors

Mr. Brett McMillan (BEC CPA)  
Mr. Greg Jones (BSc MPA)



# 1 Governance, Awards & Representative Umpiring



## 1.1 Chairman's Report Geoff Garland



With 1,200 members across New South Wales, we can be especially proud of our achievements this last year. Rod Tucker, our Elite Panel umpire acquitted himself superbly in the recently completed World Cup. We had Gerard Abood, Paul Wilson and Greg Davidson consolidating their positions on the National Panel. Tony Wilds, after a number of impressive Limited Over games, introduced himself to the Sheffield Shield with his inaugural match in Newcastle. We look forward to a further addition to the National Panel.

To have members reach the upper echelons we need to broaden our base of membership and I am proud to report that, for the first time ever, NSWCUA was able to cover every grade in every round of both the Grade and Shires Competitions this past season. That means 156 umpires were on deck every day of the season. These 156 were drawn from the 243 members who made an appearance. With the usual number of retirements, our active membership was increased by over 80 new members who joined us this year. This was a great reward for the Training and Development Program lead by our indefatigable Executive Officer, Darren Goodger, and his support team throughout New South Wales. Once more the many volunteers in our Affiliated Associations and our own committees continue to provide the backbone of umpiring through the length and breadth of New South Wales.

This report records the total number of appearances by our members and the Grades in which they appeared. Many milestones were reached, just a few of which were:- Greg Lill 500 games (390 in 1st Grade), John Evans 354 games (253 in 1st Grade), Brian Ferguson 300 games (151 in 1st Grade), Laurie Borg 403 games (148 in 1st Grade) were just a few of many. Arthur Watson 723 games (365 in 1st Grade) leads the way and shows no sign of stopping. Spencer Harrison with 200 games in the Shires Competition follows Stephen Blomfield (256 games) as a double centurion.

New winds blow however and as John Evans moves from 1st Grade to mentor colleagues in the lower Grades, we have a record number making their 1st Grade debut this season. Anthony Hobson, Berend du Plessis, Jon Jobson, Bob McGregor, Zaheer Nazir,



Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Glen Stubbings have risen through the ranks with distinction and fully deserve their promotions. They will be tested in the toughest Grade Competition in the world. I am sure they will do well. This does not include those Country members invited to widen their experience with a taste of 1st Grade. This initiative of Darren's is typical of his inclusive approach to all our members.

Later in this report we recognise the various Panel winners and while all of these are most deserving we can reflect that many others, but for a mark or two, here or there, would also be worthy winners. Assessment of umpires is not an infallible process. Honest self-assessment supported by an ongoing education program and rigorous preparation will allow us all to realise our potential.

In our Centenary Year we named 11 members to our Association Hall of Fame. At the Annual Dinner this number was increased to the round dozen with Merylyn Fowler, our esteemed Principal Scorer Member added to the list. Merylyn has been a trail blazer for our female and Scorer Members culminating in her appointment to the Lord's Test in 2009. She continues to commit to our Association and was a unanimous selection by your Directors to the Hall of Fame.

Finally, I express my appreciation to fellow Board members for their work on your behalf. Difficult decisions have had to be made (without the benefit of hindsight). These have been carefully considered and with full commitment to the best interests of NSWCUSA. I thank them for their integrity and determination.

### 1.2 Awards TROY PENMAN

The Association Awards include the George Borwick Memorial Award, the E. F. (Ted) Wykes OAM Association Medal, a Panel Award for each of the Sydney Grade Panels, the Alan Marshall Medal for the "Rookie" of the Year, the Country Umpire of the Year (Kevin Pye Medal) and the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award.

We acknowledge the valuable ongoing support of the Bradman Foundation and thank them for donating the magnificent trophies for presentation to the Country Umpire of the Year and the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award. The awards were presented at the Annual Dinner. We congratulate individually the following 2014-2015 Association Award winners.



Above: George Borwick statue: Anthony Borwick with Bill Meagher (Grand Champion)

Below: Kevin Pye Medal Country Umpire of the Year (Ted) Wykes OAM Medal and Country Laureate Award: Keith Griffiths



## George Borwick Memorial Award

The George Borwick Memorial Award was instituted in 1981-82 to perpetuate the memory of our former President and Patron and his outstanding contribution to the Association for more than 55 years. It is made annually to the umpire who, in the opinion of the Board best exemplifies the spirit of that contribution by his/her efforts both on and off the field during the season.

George Borwick umpired 24 Test matches, including every Test of the Bodyline series. His debut was in the 2nd Test match Australia v West Indies at Sydney on 1 January 1931. George Borwick's last Test match was Australia v India at Adelaide on 23 January 1948.

The award is calculated on a combination of points for attendance at meetings, at Sydney Cricket Association matches and on the assessment of Captains' Reports in the competition

Past winners of this award are:

1981-82	A. G. Marshall	1982-83	R. A. French
1983-84	M. Vergano	1984-85	G. E. Reed
1985-86	R. A. French	1986-87	K. D. Wark
1987-88	A. G. Marshall	1988-89	C. R. Cruickshanks
1989-90	T. F. Brooks	1990-91	A. Kelleher
1991-92	A. G. Watson	1992-93	G. Chudleigh
1993-94	A. C. Kingsford-Smith	1994-95	S. J. A. Taufel
1995-96	S. J. A. Taufel	1996-97	S. J. A. Taufel and A. C. Kingsford-Smith
1997-98	S. J. A. Taufel	1998-99	K. J. Duffy
1999-00	D. M. Brandon	2000-01	S. J. A. Taufel
2001-02	J. I. Cameron	2002-03	D. B. Hair
2003-04	R. D. Goodger	2004-05	R. D. Goodger
2005-06	R. D. Goodger	2006-07	R. D. Goodger
2007-08	R. D. Goodger	2008-09	N. J. Wennerborn
2009-10	R. D. Goodger	2010-11	R. D. Goodger
2011-12	W. D. Hendricks	2012-13	B. C. Treloar
2013-14	A. M. Hobson		

George Borwick respected commitment, and this year's winner has displayed outstanding commitment by attending the Annual Convention at Riverside Oaks, the SCA Rules Night, attending every Association Ordinary Meeting between September and March and being available for every SCA round.

Captains have reported on his calmness under pressure, superior communication skills and excellent decision making.

The winner was a former respected cricketer who represented NSW Country, and in this season, just his second as an umpire, he officiated in the SCA Second Grade Grand Final, the National U17 Championships in Hobart, and two matches in the National Women's Twenty20 competition.

A member of the first panel he has now officiated in 39 SCA matches, 16 of which have been in First Grade.

The winner of the George Borwick Memorial Award, this Association's highest honour, for the second consecutive season, was Anthony Hobson.

## The E.F. Wykes Association Medal

In order to compensate for an anomaly in that the George Borwick Memorial Award, was restricted to those umpires officiating in the Sydney Grade competitions, in 2005 the Board introduced an award to a member of an Affiliated Association whom the Executive of that Association consider matches the criteria for the nominee of the George Borwick Memorial Award.

The nomination received from each Affiliated Association is considered by the Board and a single winner chosen. To be eligible for the award the following criteria must be met:

- The nominee must be a member of NSWCUA
- The nominee must have attended the majority of any meetings the nominating Association has held during the year
- The nominee must have officiated in a majority of matches during the season, and
- The nominee is to be considered by those of authority to be an umpire of high calibre.

Past winners of the award are:

2004-05	Neville Haywood (Far North Coast)
2005-06	Grahame Dunn (Parramatta District)
2006-07	Pat Kerin (Cootamundra District CUA)
2007-08	Gordon Smith (Sydney Shires CUA)
2008-09	Peter Weston (Mitchell CUA)
2009-10	Graham Moon (Cootamundra DCUA)
2010-11	John Rose (Southern Zone CUA)
2011-12	Mark Templeman (Far North Coast)
2012-13	Peter Friend (Sydney Shires CUA)
2013-14	John Colwell (Sydney Womens CUA)

The award was originally called the "Association Medal". In 2008 the Board unanimously agreed to rename the award the "E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal" to honour Ted's lifetime of contribution to the Association.

The winner this year was totally committed to umpiring and had an excellent season. He joined NSWCUA in 2001 and has now officiated in a record 362 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association Shires Competition. A member of the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association since its inception, the winner has been the Secretary of that Affiliate for 15 years displaying remarkable dedication to umpiring and umpiring administration.

In season 2014-15 he umpired the Shires First Grade Grand Final and the Grand Final of the Frank Gray Shield and performed consistently well across the season.

A truly deserving winner of this award, the winner of the Ted Wykes Medal for 2014-15 was Stephen Blomfield.

## Kevin Pye Medal

In 1992-93 the Executive Committee at the time decided to award a medallion to an umpire from one of our Country Affiliated Associations as a means of indicating our ongoing commitment to the support and encouragement of Country Cricket centres.

The Bradman Foundation sponsors this award by donating an annual trophy. NSWCUSA is proud to continue this relationship with the Bradman Foundation.

Country Cricket New South Wales upon request from our Association makes the nomination for the recipient, and the Board then ratifies its nominee.

Past winners of this award are:

1992-93	W. A. Cameron (Young)	1993-94	K. J. Pye (Mudgee)
1994-95	K. J. Burke (Newcastle)	1995-96	P. J. Gordon (Newcastle)
1996-97	M. P. Jones (Newcastle)	1997-98	G. E. Teasdale (Hunter Valley)
1998-99	S. A. Reed (Newcastle)	1999-00	S. A. Reed (Newcastle)
2000-01	R. D. Goodger (North Coast)	2001-02	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)
2002-03	S. J. Rees (Central North)	2003-04	G. R. Crew (Central North)
2004-05	N. W. Findlay (Illawarra) and K. G. Norris (Newcastle)	2005-06	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)
2006-07	R. B. Field (Central North)	2007-08	A. J. Marshall (Central North)
2008-09	K. G. Norris (Newcastle)	2009-10	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)
2010-11	R. B. Field (Central North)	2011-12	R. B. Field (Central North)
2012-13	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)	2013-14	D. J. Went (Far North Coast)

The Board determined in early 2012 to name the Country Umpire of the Year the Kevin Pye Medal.

This was to honour and recognise the outstanding performance and contribution as an active umpire of Mudgee based Kevin Pye. Kevin officiated as a member of the Country Panel between 1991 and 2001 and umpired international matches involving India, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe touring teams. Kevin, following his retirement from umpiring, then undertook the role of Country Umpire Advisor for a period of four years.

The winner of the Kevin Pye Medal joined the Association in 2000 and enjoyed an outstanding season in the middle umpiring at the NSW Country Championship Carnival at Ballina, the SCG Country Cup Finals Series in Wollongong, and the Country Colts Carnival at Coffs Harbour.

He also officiated in the Final of the SCG Country Cup for the fourth time on the Sydney Cricket Ground, as well as a Women's National Cricket League match between New South Wales and Tasmania.

An umpire who reached First Grade level in Queensland Cricket, and who has umpired at an Australian Country Cricket Championship, he is totally committed to umpiring in his local competition, the LJ Hooker League on the State's Far North Coast. He enjoys great respect in the Country Cricket community for his quality decision making and calmness under pressure.

The winner of the Kevin Pye Medal, for the second year in succession was David Went.

## Alan Marshall Medal

The Alan Marshall Medal was introduced in 2000-01 in recognition of the work that former president Alan Marshall carried out over the 32 years as a member of the Association and particularly in his role of training and commitment to newer umpires. The medal is awarded to the "Rookie" of the Year. An umpire who as well as satisfying the requirements of the George Borwick Award in matches officiated, meeting attendance and captains marks, must be officiating in their first year of Sydney Grade cricket. As a consequence it cannot be won by anyone more than twice.

Previous winners of this award are:

2000-01	G. A. Abood	2001-02	M. R. Verran
2002-03	D. J. Palmer	2003-04	W. J. Meehan
2004-05	M. B. Smith	2005-06	P. C. Woodyatt
2006-07	M. R. Meehan	2007-08	M. Qureshi
2008-09	G. Davidson	2009-10	G. Crombie
2010-11	D. Thorpe	2011-12	G. Irvine
2012-13	T. M. Penman	2013-14	A. M. Hobson

Alan respected commitment, and this year's winner displayed outstanding commitment by attending the Annual Convention at Riverside Oaks, the SCA Rules Night, attending every Association Ordinary Meeting between September and March and being available for every SCA round. He obtained maximum points for availability and meeting attendance. This was accompanied by an excellent match average of 4.12 from the Grade captains.



In a rare achievement this year's winner was appointed to umpire a match in Second Grade in his first season of umpiring in the Grade Competition.

The winner displayed great passion for umpiring and for the Association, a keenness to learn from every outing and has now officiated in 15 SCA Grade matches.

The Alan Marshall Medal winner for season 2014-15 was Cameron Duff.

## The Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award

The Scorers Award was first awarded in 2006-07 and considered by the Board to be essential to encourage and foster the recruitment and development of Scorer Members.

This year, the Association is proud to continue our partnership with the Bradman Foundation. We entered this joint partnership as a means to bring due recognition and acknowledgement to the contribution made by the scorers to the "Third Team" at each and every cricket match.

Past winners of this award are:

2006-07	(Mrs) S. Gane
2007-08	A.D. Morehouse
2008-09	G.F. Rogers
2009-10	S. McClue
2010-11	I.E. Wright
2011-12	(Mrs.) C.G. Wilcoxon
2012-13	D. Frede
2013-14	A. Tham

In 2009 the Board unanimously agreed that the award be renamed the "Malcolm Gorham Scorers Encouragement Award". Malcolm Gorham scored 544 matches for the Western Suburbs Club and went on to score in First Class, Test and ODI matches.

In 2013 the Board agreed to remove the word encouragement from the Award and Award the "Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award"

The nominations received from each Club or Affiliated Association are considered by the Board and a single winner chosen. To be eligible for the award the following criteria must be met:

- The nominee must be a member of NSWCUA
- The nominee is marked on a scale of 1-5 by the nominator on Enthusiasm, Professionalism, Neatness of Work, and Competency, Overall Contribution to their Club and as a member of the "Third Team" plus their Communication Skills.

- Those Clubs making the nomination are also invited to support their nomination by making key points as to why their chosen nominee has been selected.

The winner for season 2014-15 was described as a huge asset to his Club. He is respected for his enthusiasm, professionalism, competency, contribution to his Club and his excellent Communication Skills. He is a valued member of the third team who goes above and beyond the call of duty in assisting club officials on match day.

A former umpire who has taken to scoring with great enthusiasm, this season's winner recorded the Third Grade Grand Final between Manly-Warringah and Eastern Suburbs. Malcolm Gorham would have certainly approved of this member's efficiency and dedication.

The winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, from the Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club, was Peter Garlick.

## Panel Awards

The Award to the leading umpire in each of the Grade Panels was instituted in 1986-87, when medallions were struck for 1st, 2nd and Lower Grade Panels. In the following year, the number of panels was increased to four and a medallion was struck for 3rd Grade. In 1994-95 the Lower Grade Panel was renamed the 4th Panel. The conditions of eligibility are fully detailed in Association By-law 16.

In brief, the winner in each Panel is chosen from members who have officiated in a minimum of ten matches in the Sydney Grade Competition during the season and on the assessments made of their performance by team captains.



Award Winners at the 2014-15 Annual Dinner

## Panel 1

The winner of the prestigious Panel 1 Award had an outstanding season in all respects and it is he who continues to set the standard for First Grade umpires in the Sydney Cricket Association with an outstanding match average of 4.45 out of 5.

Appointed to make his First Class debut this season in the Sheffield Shield match at Newcastle between New South Wales and Western Australia, he also umpired two matches in the Matador One Day Cup and six Women's Internationals between Australia and West Indies, as well as a Futures League match between New South Wales and Western Australia.

He also stood in the First Grade Grand Final for the second time.

Unable to attend the Annual Dinner due to officiating commitments with Cricket Australia. He wins this award for the second consecutive season.

A person with outstanding player management skills, he is one who is extremely dedicated to umpiring displaying wonderful commitment to preparation on a weekly basis, a role model for all members to follow in every respect. He has gained and earned enormous respect among players and the SCA Grade clubs.

A member of the Cricket Australia Emerging Umpire Panel, he continues to contribute to his local community as President of the Bathurst District Cricket Umpires' Association.

Having now stood in 127 SCA matches, an incredible 119 of which have been in First Grade, the winner of the Panel 1 Award for season 2014-15 was Tony Wilds.



Tony Wilds received the Panel 1 Award

## Panel 2

This award was tightly contested among a number of excellent umpires in second grade. In the tightest possible margin, the winner of the Panel 2 Award was a former distinguished First Grade cricketer, who represented NSW Colts on three occasions, and has now taken to umpiring with great passion and enthusiasm.

Placed on Panel 3 at the start of the season, he officiated in ten Second Grade matches to qualify for this award.

The winner was also an outstanding Club and State Cricket Administrator before turning his hand to umpiring in season 2013-14.

A measure of the excellent standard he set this season, particularly in the key areas of decision making and communication, the winner made his First Grade debut in round 15 in what was his first full season of umpiring – a rare feat.

The winner of the Panel 2 Award for season 2014-15 was Jon Jobson.



Jon Jobson accepts the Panel 2 Award from Cricketers' Union Secretary



## Panel 3

The winner of the Panel 3 Award joined the Association in 2007 and had an outstanding season which saw him appointed to two matches in Second Grade this season.

Having now stood in 25 Grade matches, the winner is an experienced umpire who came to umpire Grade cricket after standing in the Fairfield-Liverpool District.

A most capable umpire who captains praised for his match management and positive attitude to the game, he performed consistently well throughout the season grabbing every opportunity to umpire that came his way.

The winner of the Panel 3 Award was Peter Moore.



Peter Moore accepts the Panel 3 Award  
from the Panel 3 Chair (Bob) 2014

## Panel 4

The winner of the Panel 4 Award has impressed with his ability, enthusiasm and commitment in his first season of umpiring having joined the Association in 2014.

Having this season umpired a total of 15 SCA matches, he had the excellent match average of 4.15 across the 15 matches he umpired.

A former Grade cricketer who was appointed to umpire three matches in Third Grade in his first season of umpiring, the winner of the Panel 4 Award was Daniel Nichols.



Daniel Nichols accepts the Panel 4 Award  
from the Panel 4 Chair (Bob) 2014

## 1.3 Umpire Representative Appointments DARREN GOODGER

The Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel for season 2014-15 was:

Gerard Abood (New South Wales), Ashley Barrow (Victoria), Shawn Craig (Victoria), Greg Davidson (New South Wales), Simon Fry (South Australia), Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania), Geoff Joshua (Victoria), Mick Martell (Western Australia), Damien Mealey (Queensland), Sam Nogajski (Tasmania), John Ward (Victoria) and Paul Wilson (New South Wales).

The Cricket Australia Emerging Umpire Panel for season 2014-15 was Phillip Gillespie (Victoria) and Anthony Wilds (New South Wales).

The New South Wales State Umpire Panel for season 2014-15 consisted of; Andrew Hamilton, Simon Lightbody, David Taylor, Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds.

The Association offers congratulations to:

- Paul Wilson who made his One Day International debut as an umpire in the Digicel ODI Series match between Hong Kong and Papua New Guinea at Tony Ireland Stadium, Townsville, on 8 November 2015. Mr Wilson was partnered by umpire Phillip Jones from New Zealand.

- Anthony Wilds who made his First Class debut as an umpire in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Western Australia at No. 1 Sportsground, Newcastle, 25-28 February 2015. Mr Wilds was partnered by fellow NSWCUA member Paul Wilson. Mr Wilds became the 80th member of NSWCUA to officiate at First Class level in New South Wales.

At the Cricket Australia National Championships NSWCUA was represented as follows:

- National U19 Male Championships – Adelaide  
Simon Lightbody, David Taylor, Ben Treloar.

- National U17 Male Championships – Hobart  
Anthony Hobson, Muhammad Qureshi.

- National U18 Female Championships – Ballarat  
Claire Polosak.

Ms Polosak officiated in the Final in which New South Wales Metropolitan defeated Victoria at Eastern Oval by 61 runs. Ms Polosak was partnered by umpire Deanne Young from the affiliated ACTCA Umpires and Scorers Council.

Ms Polosak was also selected to umpire at the New Zealand Cricket Women's Under 21 National Tournament in Lincoln from 16-22 December. The umpires' panel for this tournament were all women:

- Kathy Cross (New Zealand)
- Dianna Venter (New Zealand)
- Kim Cotton (New Zealand)
- Claire Polosak (Australia)
- Deanne Young (Australia)
- Helen Atai (Papua New Guinea)

Glen Stubbings was the New South Wales representative umpire at the Imparja Cup at Alice Springs from 8-14 February.

Cricket NSW hosted the National U15 Female Championships in Sydney and the following umpires officiated:

Kevin Battishill, John Burgoyne, Graham Chudleigh, Gary Crombie, Adam Davy, Gaurav Desai, John Evans, Brian Ferguson, Gerry Forlano, Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard, Mark Hughes, Chris King, Keiran Knight, Davern Lewis, Simon Lightbody, Darren McMartin, Marc Nickl, Sharad Patel, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Peter Tate, David Taylor, Ben Treloar, Nick Wennerbom and Karl Wentzel.

Gary Crombie and Mark Hughes officiated in the Final in which New South Wales Metropolitan defeated Queensland by seven wickets at Raby 1.

Cricket NSW hosted various State Challenge Carnivals and the umpires appointed to these pathway matches were:

- U19 Male State Challenge – Sydney  
Paul Dilley, Graeme Glazebrook, Darren Goodger, Mark Hughes, Alan Monaghan and Zaheer Nazir.

- U17 Male State Challenge – Bowral  
Tony Hackett, Troy Penman, Neil Smith and Glen Stubbings.

- U16 Male State Challenge – Sydney  
Berend du Plessis, Darren Goodger, Jon Jobson, Chris King, Craig Lees, Bob McGregor, Zaheer Nazir, Troy Penman, Muhammad Qureshi, Glen Stubbings and Graham Swan.

- U13 & U14 Male State Challenge – Dubbo  
Wayne Allan, Neville Bradbury, Ken Brooks, Gary Cole, Don Coleman, Paul Dilley, John de Lyall, Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Graeme Hackett, Greg Jones, Don Maisey, Gary McAulley, Doug Sandry, Glenn Shepherd, Darren Sutherland and Mark Waldren.

- U18 Female State Challenge – Sydney  
Kevin Battishill, Gaurav Desai, John Evans, Brian Ferguson, Roberto Howard, Mark Hughes, Chris King, Cameron McGinn, Glen Stubbings, Chris Taylor, Nick Wennerbom and Karl Wentzel.

NSWCUSA was asked to appoint umpires, by the New South Wales Schools Cricket Association, to the New South Wales Schoolboys v v Queensland Schoolboys



matches and the following appointments were made:

- One Day Match at BISP – Umpires Alan Monaghan and Claire Polosak.
- Three Day Match at BISP – Umpires Muhammad Qureshi and Aaron Vella.

The following umpire appointments were made to the SCG Cricket-Triforce Super T20 Competition hosted by Sydney Cricket Club at Drummoyne Oval:

- Triforce Sports Australia v Sydney Sixers Academy Umpires Anthony Hobson & Muhammad Qureshi.
- Sydney Sixers Academy v Sydney Thunder Academy Umpires Bill Hendricks & Darren McMartin.
- Darren Lehmann Academy v Sydney Thunder Academy Umpires Greg Davidson & Claire Polosak.
- Darren Lehmann Academy v Sydney Sixers Academy Umpires Ben Treloar & Aaron Vella.
- Darren Lehmann Academy v Triforce Sports Australia Umpires Michael Connolly & Mark Hughes.
- Triforce Sports Australia v Sydney Thunder Academy Umpires Andrew Hamilton & Troy Penman.

The thanks of the Association are offered to all members who made themselves available and umpired at representative level across the State throughout the season.

NSWCUSA Social Appointments Officer, Ian Wright, is sincerely thanked for the outstanding job he does in coordinating umpire appointments to various matches, including junior representative carnivals and Cricket NSW Academy pathway matches, male and female.

Present financial members who have umpired at first class level are:

G.A. Abood
D.M. Brandon
R.F. Burgess (L)
J.I. Cameron
C.R. Cruickshanks
G.J. Davidson
N.S.D. Fowler
D. Frede
R.A. French * (L)
R.D. Goodger (L)
D.M. Graham
D.B. Hair * (L)
G.J. Lill (L)
A. J. Morgan
G.E. Reed (L)
S.J.A. Tafel * (L)
R.J. Tucker *
I.S. Thomas (L)
A.G. Watson (L)
A.K. Wilds
P. Wilson

\* Denotes Test Umpires (Male)



Present financial members who have umpired at first class level are:

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Umpire	Format	Match Details	
Gerard Abood	First Class	Sheffield Shield, Western Australia v Tasmania, WACA Ground, 31 October-3 November	
		Sheffield Shield, South Australia v New South Wales, Adelaide Oval, 8-11 November	
		Sheffield Shield, Queensland v Tasmania, Allan Border Field, 25-28 November	
		Sheffield Shield, Western Australia v Victoria, WACA Ground, 9-12 December	
		Sheffield Shield, Tasmania v New South Wales, Blundstone Arena, 7-10 February	
		Sunfoil Series, Lions v Dolphins, Johannesburg, 19-22 February	
		Sunfoil Series, Cape Cobras v Titans, Paarl, 26 February-1 March	
		List A	Matador One Day Cup, Tasmania v Western Australia, North Sydney Oval, 13 October
		Matador One Day Cup, New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 15 October	
		Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Tasmania, North Sydney Oval, 18 October	
		T20 Big Bash League	Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades, WACA Ground, 26 December
		Hobart Hurricanes v Brisbane Heat, Blundstone Arena, 2 January	
		Brisbane Heat v Hobart Hurricanes, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 15 January	
		Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers, Etihad Stadium, 19 January	
		Semi Final: Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers, Adelaide Oval, 24 January	
		Women's National T20	Final: New South Wales v Victoria, Manuka Oval, 28 January
		Stephen Blomfield	Lorna Thomas Trophy
Gary Crombie	Tour Match	New South Wales Women v West Indies Women, BISP, 28 October	
	Women's National T20	New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG, 19 December	
		New South Wales v Tasmania, Manly Oval, 21 December	
David Cullen	State Club Challenge	U14 North Coast v Georges River St George, Bowral, 8 February	
Greg Davidson	First Class	Sheffield Shield, South Australia v Victoria, Adelaide Oval, 16-19 November	
		Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Queensland, SCG, 9-12 December	
		Sheffield Shield, South Australia v Western Australia, Gliderol Stadium, 16-19 February	
		Sheffield Shield, Queensland v Victoria, Traeger Park, 25-28 February	
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Victoria, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 4 October	
		Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v New South Wales, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 10 October	
		Matador One Day Cup, South Australia v Tasmania, North Sydney Oval, 22 October	
	T20 Big Bash League	Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers, WACA Ground, 22 December	
		Adelaide Strikers v Hobart Hurricanes, Adelaide Oval, 31 December	
		Sydney Thunder v Hobart Hurricanes, Spotless Stadium, 9 January	
		Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers, Etihad Stadium, 19 January	
		Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers, MCG, 21 January	
	Ivor Ewin Trophy	City Origin v Country Origin, Howell Oval, 21 September	
Women's National Cricket League	Semi Final: Victoria v New South Wales, BISP, 23 January		
	Final: South Australia v New South Wales, BISP, 25 January		
Paul Dilley	Lorna Thomas Trophy	Country Women v City Women, BISP, 4 October	



Umpire	Format	Match Details
Andrew Hamilton	Women's National T20	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 10 October
		New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 12 October
		New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 12 December
		New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 14 December
		New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG, 19 December
		New South Wales v Tasmania, Manly Oval, 21 December
Anthony Hobson	Women's National T20	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 10 October
		New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 14 December
Jeff Hackett	Lorna Thomas Trophy	Country Women v City Women, BISP, 4 October
Mark Hughes	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 13 December
Keiran Knight	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 11 October
Simon Lightbody	Futures League	New South Wales v ACT, Rosedale Oval, 2-5 March
	State 2nd XI	New South Wales v Victoria, BISP2, 13-16 October
Bob McGregor	State Club Challenge	U16 Southern v Bankstown, Bowral, 8 February
Ross McKim	State Club Challenge	U16 Southern v Bankstown, Bowral, 8 February
Marc Nickl	State Club Challenge	Northern District v Newcastle, Waitara, 21 September
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Tasmania, Manly Oval, 20 December
Kim Norris	State Club Challenge	Northern District v Newcastle, Waitara, 21 September
Troy Penman	Tour Match	New South Wales Women v West Indies Women, BISP, 28 October
Claire Polosak	Women's National T20	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 12 October
		New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 12 December
	Lorna Thomas Trophy	City Women v Country Women, BISP, 14 September
Muhammad Qureshi	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 11 October
Phil Rainger	Ivor Ewin Trophy	City Origin v Country Origin, Howell Oval, 21 September
Glen Stubbings	Lorna Thomas Trophy	City Women v Country Women, BISP, 22 November
David Taylor	Futures League	New South Wales v ACT, Rosedale Oval, 2-5 March
	State 2nd XI	New South Wales v Victoria, BISP2, 13-16 October
Ben Treloar	Futures League	Queensland v South Australia, Woodville Oval (SA), 9-12 February
Rodney Tucker	T20 Big Bash League	Melbourne Renegades v Sydney Thunder, Etihad Stadium, 30 December
		Sydney Thunder v Hobart Hurricanes, Spotless Stadium, 9 January
		Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, Spotless Stadium, 17 January

Umpire	Format	Match Details
David Went	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Tasmania, Manly Oval, 20 December
Bruce Whiteman	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 13 December
Anthony Wilds	First Class	Sheffield Shield, South Australia v Western Australia, Newcastle, 25-28 February
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, Tasmania v Victoria, Allan Border Field, 8 October
		Matador One Day Cup, South Australia v Queensland, Allan Border Field, 12 October
	Futures League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP2, 26-30 January
	Lorna Thomas Trophy	City Women v Country Women, BISP, 22 November
Paul Wilson	First Class	Sheffield Shield, Victoria v New South Wales, MCG, 31 October-3 November
		Sheffield Shield, Tasmania v Western Australia, Blundstone Arena, 16-19 November
		Ranji Trophy, Karnataka v Tamil Nadu, Bangalore, 7-10 December
		Ranji Trophy, Railways v Mumbai, Delhi, 14-17 December
		Sheffield Shield, Western Australia v South Australia, WACA Ground, 7-10 February
		Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Western Australia, Newcastle, 25-28 February
		Sheffield Shield, Queensland v Western Australia, Allan Border Field, 5-8 March
		Sheffield Shield, Tasmania v Victoria, Traeger Park, 13-16 March
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, New South Wales v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 12 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 14 October
		Matador one Day Cup, Victoria v Western Australia, BISP, 19 October
		Matador One Day Cup, South Australia v Tasmania, North Sydney Oval, 22 October
		Matador One Day Cup Semi Final, New South Wales v Queensland, BISP, 24 October
	T20 Big Bash League	Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers, Blundstone Arena, 23 December
		Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers, ANZ Stadium, 27 December
		Melbourne Renegades v Melbourne Stars, Etihad Stadium, 3 January
		Melbourne Stars v Sydney Sixers, MCG, 5 January
		Brisbane Heat v Sydney Sixers, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 11 January
		Brisbane Heat v Hobart Hurricanes, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 15 January
		Final: Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers, Manuka Oval, 28 January
Bruce Wood	State Club Challenge	U14 North Coast v Georges River St George, Bowral, 8 February



Wayne Clewson, Anthony Wilson, Andrew Whiteman and Geoff Rogers at the international sports dinner at WTL match



Bruce Whiteman and Tony Pearson prior to a Sydney match: Final Match at ANZ Stadium



## 1.4 Scorer Representative Appointments Darren Goodger

The selection committee responsible for appointing scorers to representative matches comprised Marilyn Fowler, Darren Goodger (Chair) and Narelle Johnston. The contribution of Mrs Fowler and Mrs Johnston to the selection process is very much appreciated by the Association, as former international cricket scorers both have a rich understanding of scoring.

Our scorers had a busy season officiating in representative matches from international to grass roots level. The congratulations of the Association are extended to Christine Bennison and Adam Morehouse who officiated as scorers in the 4th Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground. This is the pinnacle in the career of a representative scorer. Mrs Bennison and Mr Morehouse were joined in scoring matches at First Class level in season 2014-15 by Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright.

Congratulations are offered to Darren Mattison and Kay Wilcoxon. Mr Mattison made his First Class debut as a scorer this season in the round 4 Bupa Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground in December. Mrs Wilcoxon made her debut as a scorer at One Day International level in the match between Australia and South Africa at the SCG in November.

The ICC Cricket World Cup saw six warm-up matches played in Sydney with Christine Bennison, Toni Lorraine, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright involved in scoring these matches.

Five ICC Cricket World Cup matches were played at the SCG with Christine Bennison and Adam Morehouse scoring each match. They represented themselves and NSWCUA with distinction performing to an excellent standard on the world's biggest cricketing stage. The congratulations of the Association are offered to both.

Present financial members who have scored at First Class level are:

Christine Bennison, Marilyn Fowler, Narelle Johnston, Laurel Kirton, David Lemon, Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, Adam Morehouse, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright.

Congratulations are offered to Chris McLeod who was selected to score at the Imparja Cup held at Alice Springs 8-14 February 2015. This is the first time the Association selected a representative scorer to attend the Imparja Cup. Mr McLeod performed very well and enjoyed the experience.

The following scorers officiated at the Cricket Australia U15 Female National Championships held in Sydney 26 November-2 December 2014: Christine Bennison, Cheryl Brain, Nicole Bramah, Christine Byrnes, John Darcy, Geoff De Mesquita, David Frede, Chris McLeod, Kay Wilcoxon, Ian Wright and Sue Woodhouse.

The following scorers officiated at the Cricket NSW U19 State Challenge Carnival held in Sydney 9-11 December 2014:

Cheryl Brain, Nicole Bramah, Chris McLeod, Kay Wilcoxon and Sue Woodhouse.

The following scorers officiated at the Cricket NSW U18 Female State Challenge Carnival held in Sydney 18-20 November 2014:

Christine Byrnes, David Frede, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright.

The following scorers officiated at the Cricket NSW U16 State Challenge Carnival held in Sydney 10-12 April 2015:

Cheryl Brain, Christine Byrnes, Chris McLeod, Ian Wright and Sue Woodhouse.



Alison Rebecca and Elizabeth Gibson at the Convention

Robyn Sanday and Ian Wright



Scorer	Format	Match Details
Christine Bennison	Test Match	Australia v India, SCG, 6-10 January
	ICC Cricket World Cup	South Africa v West Indies, SCG, 27 February
		Australia v Sri Lanka, SCG, 8 March
		England v Afghanistan, SCG, 13 March
		Quarter Final, South Africa v Sri Lanka, SCG, 18 March
		Semi Final, Australia v India, SCG, 26 March
	One Day Internationals	Australia v South Africa, SCG, 23 November
		Australia v India, SCG, 26 January
	T20 International	Australia v South Africa, ANZ Stadium, 9 November
	Women's One Day Internationals	Australia v West Indies, Hurstville Oval, 11 November
		Australia v West Indies, Hurstville Oval, 13 November
	Women's T20 International	Australia v West Indies, ANZ Stadium, 9 November
	First Class	Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Queensland, SCG, 9-12 December
		Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Victoria, Robertson Oval (Wagga Wagga), 15-18 February
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, Victoria v New South Wales, North Sydney Oval, 12 October
		Matador One Day Cup, New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 15 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Victoria v New South Wales, BISP, 17 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Tasmania v South Australia, North Sydney Oval, 22 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Elimination Final, Queensland v New South Wales, BISP, 24 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Final, Western Australia v New South Wales, SCG, 26 October
T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Thunder v Brisbane Heat, ANZ Stadium, 21 December	
	<b>Sydney</b> Thunder v Sydney Sixers, ANZ Stadium, 27 December	
Toni Lorraine	One Day International	Australia v England, SCG, 16 January
	T20 International	Australia v South Africa, ANZ Stadium, 9 November
	Women's One Day International	Australia v West Indies, Hurstville Oval, 13 November
	Women's T20 International	Australia v West Indies, ANZ Stadium, 9 November
	First Class	Sheffield Shield, NSW v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 5-8 March
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, Tasmania v Western Australia, North Sydney Oval, 13 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 14 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Western Australia v South Australia, Bankstown Oval, 17 October
	T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Renegades, SCG, 19 December
		Sydney Thunder v Hobart Hurricanes, Spotless Stadium, 9 January
Women's National T20	New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG, 19 December	
Darren Mattison	T20 International Tour Match	Cricket Australia XI v South Africans, North Sydney Oval, 2 November
	Women's One Day International	Australia v West Indies, Bradman Oval (Bowral), 18 November
	Women's T20 International	Australia v West Indies, North Sydney Oval, 2 November
	First Class	Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v South Australia, SCG, 25-28 November
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, South Australia v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 15 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Victoria v New South Wales, BISP, 17 October
	Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Tasmania, North Sydney Oval, 18 October	

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Scorer	Format	Match Details
Chris McLeod	Women's One Day Internationals	Australia v West Indies, Bradman Oval (Bowral), 16 November
		Australia v West Indies, Bradman Oval (Bowral), 18 November
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 15 October
		Matador One Day Cup, New South Wales v Tasmania, BISP, 20 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Tasmania v South Australia, North Sydney Oval, 22 October
	T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Thunder v Brisbane Heat, ANZ Stadium, 21 December
		Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers, ANZ Stadium, 27 December
		Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, Spotless Stadium, 17 January
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 13 December
		Semi Final, Queensland v South Australia, Bankstown Oval, 23 January
	Women's National T20	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 14 December
Futures League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP2, 26-29 January	
	New South Wales v ACT, Rosedale Oval, 2-5 March	
<b>Adam Morehouse</b>		
Test Match	Australia v India, SCG, 6-10 January	
	ICC Cricket World Cup	South Africa v West Indies, SCG, 27 February
One Day International	Australia v Sri Lanka, SCG, 8 March	
	England v Afghanistan, SCG, 13 March	
	Quarter Final, South Africa v Sri Lanka, SCG, 18 March	
	Semi Final, Australia v India, SCG, 26 March	
T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers, SCG, 14 January	
	Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder, SCG, 22 January	
<b>Geoff Rogers</b>		
Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 11 October	
Women's National T20	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 10 October	
State 2nd XI	New South Wales 2nd XI v Victoria 2nd XI, BISP2, 13-16 October	
Futures League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP2, 26-29 January	
	New South Wales v ACT, Rosedale Oval, 2-5 March	
<b>Robyn Sanday</b>		
One Day International	Australia v India, SCG, 26 January	
T20 International Tour Match	Cricket Australia XI v South Africans, North Sydney Oval, 2 November	
Women's One Day International	Australia v West Indies, Hurstville Oval, 11 November	
Women's T20 International	Australia v West Indies, North Sydney Oval, 2 November	
First Class	Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v South Australia, SCG, 25-28 November	
	Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Western Australia, No. 1 Sportsground (Newcastle), 25-28 February	
List A	Matador One Day Cup, Tasmania v Western Australia, North Sydney Oval, 13 October	
	Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 14 October	
	Matador One Day Cup, South Australia v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 15 October	
	Matador One Day Cup, Western Australia v Queensland, Bankstown Oval, 22 October	
T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers, SCG, 29 December	
	Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers, SCG, 14 January	

Scorer	Format	Match Details
Kay Wilcoxon	One Day International	Australia v South Africa, SCG, 23 November
	Women's One Day International	Australia v West Indies, Bradman Oval (Bowral), 16 November
	First Class	Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Queensland, SCG, 9-12 December
		Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Western Australia, No. 1 Sportsground (Newcastle), 25-28 February
		Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 5-8 March
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, Victoria v New South Wales, North Sydney Oval, 12 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Western Australia v South Australia, Bankstown Oval, 17 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Queensland v Tasmania, North Sydney, 18 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Victoria v Western Australia, BISP, 19 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Elimination Final, Queensland v New South Wales, BISP, 24 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Final, Western Australia v New South Wales, SCG, 26 October
	T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Thunder v Hobart Hurricanes, Spotless Stadium, 9 January
		Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, Spotless Stadium, 17 January
	Women's National Cricket League	Semi Final, Queensland v South Australia, Bankstown Oval, 23 January
		Final, South Australia v New South Wales, BISP1, 25 January
	Women's National T20	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 10 October
	Sue Woodhouse	Women's National Cricket League
New South Wales v Tasmania, Manly Oval, 20 December		
Semi Final, Victoria v New South Wales, BISP1, 23 January		
Final, South Australia v New South Wales, BISP1, 25 January		
Women's National T20		New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 12 October
		New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 12 December
State 2nd XI		New South Wales 2nd XI v Victoria 2nd XI, BISP2, 13-16 October
Ian Wright	First Class	Sheffield Shield, New South Wales v Victoria, Robertson Oval (Wagga Wagga), 15-18 February
	List A	Matador One Day Cup, Victoria v Western Australia, BISP, 19 October
		Matador One Day Cup, New South Wales v Tasmania, BISP, 20 October
		Matador One Day Cup, Western Australia v Queensland, Bankstown Oval, 22 October
	T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Renegades, SCG, 19 December
		Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers, SCG, 29 December
		Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder, SCG, 22 January
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 11 October
		Semi Final, Victoria v New South Wales, BISP1, 23 January
	Women's National T20	New South Wales v ACT, BISP, 12 October
New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP, 12 December		
New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG, 19 December		

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On behalf of the Association a sincere vote of thanks is offered to all scorer members for their contribution to the Association and for their commitment and dedication to their craft.



## 1.5 International Umpiring DARREN GOODGER

The Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for season 2014-15 consisted of; Brent Bowden (New Zealand), Aleem Dar (Pakistan), Steve Davis (Australia), Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka), Marais Erasmus (South Africa), Ian Gould (England), Richard Illingworth (England), Richard Kettleborough (England), Nigel Llong (England), Bruce Oxenford (Australia), Paul Reiffel (Australia) and Rodney Tucker (Australia).

The Australian umpires on the ICC International Panel are Simon Fry, John Ward, Mick Martell and Paul Wilson. During the 2014-15 season Paul Wilson made his debut at One Day International level.

The Association is very proud of the achievements and performances of Rodney Tucker and Paul Wilson.

Rodney was appointed to umpire the ICC Cricket World Cup Semi Final between New Zealand and

South Africa in Auckland. It was a busy year for Rodney during which he umpired 6 Test Matches and 13 One Day International matches. He also officiated at the Indian Premier League and the Champions League standing in the Champions League Final at Bangalore. This is the second consecutive season in which Rodney was appointed to umpire the Champions League Final indicating the esteem in which he is held as an international umpire.

Rodney has now supervised 35 Tests, 58 One Day Internationals and 23 T20 Internationals. Rodney can look forward to many more matches at international level in the years to come as his best umpiring years are ahead him.



Rodney Tucker, Umpiring  
at the ICC Cricket World Cup  
2015 in New Zealand

Details of Rodney's international umpiring appointments are:

Test Matches	West Indies v New Zealand, Kingston, 8-12 June
	West Indies v New Zealand, Port of Spain, 16-20 June
	England v India, Southampton, 27-31 July
	England v India, Manchester, 7-11 August
	Pakistan v New Zealand, Abu Dhabi, 9-13 November
	Pakistan v New Zealand, Sharjah, 26-30 November
One Day Internationals	New Zealand v South Africa, Mount Maunganui, 21 October
	New Zealand v South Africa, Hamilton, 27 October
	Sri Lanka v England, Pallekele, 10 December
	Sri Lanka v England, Colombo, 16 December
	New Zealand v Sri Lanka, Wellington, 29 January
	New Zealand v Pakistan, Napier, 3 February
ICC Cricket World Cup	South Africa v Zimbabwe, Hamilton, 15 February
	New Zealand v England, Wellington, 20 February
	England v Scotland, Christchurch, 23 February
	England v Sri Lanka, Wellington, 1 March
	South Africa v United Arab Emirates, Wellington, 12 March
	Quarter Final, South Africa v Sri Lanka, SCG, 18 March
Twenty20 Matches – Indian Premier League	Semi Final, New Zealand v South Africa, Auckland, 24 March
	Royal Challengers Bangalore v Rajasthan Royals, Bangalore, 11 May
	Royal Challengers Bangalore v Delhi Daredevils, Bangalore, 13 May
	Delhi Daredevils v Rajasthan Royals, Ahmedabad, 15 May
	Rajasthan Royals v Mumbai Indians, Ahmedabad, 19 May
	Mumbai Indians v Delhi Daredevils, Mumbai, 23 May
Twenty20 Matches – Champions League	Mumbai Indians v Rajasthan Royals, Mumbai, 25 May
	3rd Preliminary Final: Chennai Super Kings v Kings XI Punjab, Mumbai, 30 May
	Kings XI Punjab v Hobart Hurricanes, Mohali, 18 September
	Dolphins v Perth Scorchers, Mohali, 20 September
	Barbados Tridents v Cape Cobras, Mohali, 26 September
	Kings XI Punjab v Northern Districts, Mohali, 26 September
	Kings XI Punjab v Cape Cobras, Mohali, 28 September
	Lahore Lions v Perth Scorchers, Bangalore, 30 September
	Semi Final: Hobart Hurricanes v Kolkata Knight Riders, Hyderabad, 2 October
	Semi Final: Chennai Super Kings v Kings XI Punjab, Hyderabad, 2 October
Final: Chennai Super Kings v Kolkata Knight Riders, Bangalore, 4 October	



Paul Wilson moved to reside in Newcastle prior to the start of the 2014-15 cricket season. He joined NSWCUA having passed the Association's on line examination on the Laws of Cricket.

Details of Paul's international umpiring appointments are:

One Day Internationals	Hong Kong v Papua New Guinea, Townsville, 8 November
	Hong Kong v Papua New Guinea, Townsville, 9 November
	Australia v India, SCG, 26 January
Four Day Matches	Australia A v South Africa A, Townsville, 7-10 August
	Australia A v South Africa A, Townsville, 14-17 August
Quadrangular One Day Series	Australia A v India A, Darwin, 20 July
	Australia A v Australia National Performance Squad, Darwin, 22 July
	Australia National Performance Squad v India A, Darwin, 24 July
	Australia A v South Africa A, Darwin, 29 July
	Australia A v India A, Darwin, 31 July
	Australia National Performance Squad v South Africa A, Darwin, 2 August

During 2014-15 Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody and Anthony Wilds all umpired matches at international level.

Details of their international umpiring appointments are:

Umpire	Format	Match Details
Gerard Abood	Quadrangular One Day Series	Australia A v Australia National Performance Squad, Darwin, 26 July
		Australia A v India A, Darwin, 31 July
Greg Davidson	T20 Tour International	Cricket Australia XI v South Africans, North Sydney Oval, 2 November
	U19 One Day Internationals	Australia v England, Perth, 21 April
		Australia v England, Perth, 23 April
	Women's T20 Internationals	Australia v West Indies, North Sydney Oval, 2 November
		Australia v West Indies, Adelaide Oval, 5 November
		Australia v West Indies, MCG, 7 November
Australia v West Indies, SCG, 9 November		
Simon Lightbody	U19 International (Four Day Match)	Australia v England, WACA Ground, 6-9 April
Anthony Wilds	T20 Tour International	Cricket Australia XI v South Africans, North Sydney Oval, 2 November
	U19 One Day Internationals	Australia v England, Bunbury, 13 April
		Australia v England, Bunbury, 15 April
		Australia v England, Perth, 18 April
	Women's One Day Internationals	Australia v West Indies, Hurstville Oval, 11 November
		Australia v West Indies, Hurstville Oval, 13 November
		Australia v West Indies, Bradman Oval (Bowral), 16 November
		Australia v West Indies, Bradman Oval (Bowral), 18 November
Women's T20 Internationals	Australia v West Indies, North Sydney Oval, 2 November	
	Australia v West Indies, Adelaide Oval, 5 November	



## 2 Administration



## 2.1 Membership TRACY PENMAN

This season saw a slight increase in membership to 1,256, which is nine up on last season. This result was achieved through a number of training courses run by our Executive Officer Darren Goodger and his band of trainers. Our focus will continue to be on membership retention, but we fight the big issues of time, other commitments and other interests. We will continue to strive for 100% membership renewal.

Unfortunately for the Association and its members we had the passing of Principal Members Barry Goddard and Bruce Livingston. Both contributed to the Association in a positive manner and they have been recognised in the obituaries.

Retention of members is a focus, but we understand that there are a number of things that occur in members' lives that make it simply not possible for them to renew their membership. The increased pressures of busy lives, external factors and opportunities to try new things have all played a part. These have had an impact on our statistics this year. We have seen an increase in membership, but would prefer to see a larger number. The non-renewals increased marginally this season, but we will continue to work on lowering that number again next season.

Jay Lenton is thanked for his efforts in processing renewals throughout the year and for keeping an accurate record of those who have or haven't renewed, Jay's effort to contact each member who hadn't renewed at Christmas is something to be applauded as it made sure that we didn't have a downturn in membership for the 2014-15 season.

Below is a breakdown of the membership within the Association; the largest increase was nine extra Full Umpire members. All other categories remained steady and only varied slightly.

Membership statistics for this year are:

2014-15	
Life Members	14
Principal Members	58
Full Member – Umpire	463
Full Member – Scorer	12
Ordinary Member	624
Scorer Member	36
Junior Member	5
Honorary Members	4
Affiliated Associations	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1256</b>

A highlight for membership this year was the 30 new members who were welcomed at the September Ordinary Meeting.

## 2.2 Obituary TROY PENMAN

The Association has recorded with deep regret the death of Principal members Barry Goddard and Bruce Livingstone. The New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association wishes to pass on our sincere condolences to the families of the members mentioned above and to any of our members who have suffered bereavement and loss of family or friends during the course of the year.

### Barry Goddard

Barry joined NSWCUSA in 1982. He loved his family, his cricket and his umpiring.

In the Grade competition Barry officiated in 332 matches – 23<sup>rd</sup> on the all-time list of SCA matches umpired. 133 of these matches were in First Grade.

Barry served the Association on both the Training and Examination Committees between 1990 and 2000.

Barry last umpired with the Association in season 2002-03.

He was a thorough gentleman and a true family man.

The deepest sympathy of the Association is extended to Barry's wife Margaret, to his children Bruce, Joanne, Jason, Brooke and Tracey and to his 12 grandchildren.

May Barry Goddard rest in peace.

### Bruce Livingstone

Bruce joined NSW Cricket Umpires' Association in 1970 remaining a member until his passing. He was upgraded to Principal Member in 1997 and served as the Association's Auditor for 20 years from 1976.

He retired from umpiring at the end of season 1998-99 with impressive career statistics – 383 SCA matches in all, of which 75 were in First Grade.

Bruce played his cricket with Petersham-Marrickville and is a legend at that club having played in First Grade premiership winning sides in seasons 1954-55 and 1955-56, taking 5 for 31 in the 54-55 decider at the SCG against Glebe and 4 for 37 against Central Cumberland in the 55-56 Grand Final also played at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

He played his last match in First Grade in 1960, but continued on playing lower grades for some time before taking up umpiring.

He played one Sheffield Shield match for NSW, in season 1956-57 against Queensland in Brisbane taking 5 wickets in that First Class match.

Lyll Gardner, the historian of the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club, wrote of Mr Livingstone that he was a most humble and courteous man, an avid church-goer being associated with the All Saints Anglican Church at Petersham for more than 70 years. His involvement with the community as well as the Church resulted in him being named the inaugural Senior Citizen of the Year for Marrickville Municipal Council in 2013.

Our own Principal Member David Wiseman fondly remembers Mr Livingstone writing, "We have lost another great!!! Bruce was my partner in my first Grade match at Uni No. 2 in 1985. Lovely man. I learnt a lot on that day."

Bruce passed away peacefully while attending the 2014 Christmas Day service at his beloved All Saints Church. He was 87.

May Bruce Livingstone rest in peace.



## 2.3 Membership Awards TROY PENMAN

At the Annual General Meeting in July the members in attendance approved the 26 Ordinary Umpire Members who had applied successfully for upgrading to Full Umpire membership. This was a slight downturn from the 28 upgrades last year. Full Membership status is required to be eligible to nominate for committee positions as well as office bearers. Full membership is also required to progress on to higher levels of umpiring and scoring.

Ordinary and Scorer Members who wish to obtain Full Membership status are reminded that the Board only deals with these applications once a year – in time for the Annual General Meeting. Scorer Members who are required to satisfactorily complete a further assessment paper under examination conditions prior to applying for Full Scorer status were sent a reminder notice of this requirement in sufficient time to comply. The details of Full Membership requirements for Ordinary Umpire Members and the method of application have been sent via circular to all Ordinary Umpire Members.

In recognition of his significant contribution to the Association, Life Membership of the Association was awarded to and details of his citation appear below:

### Laurie Borg

Laurie joined Parramatta District Cricket Umpires' Association in 1990 and umpired half a season before commencing as a Grade Panel Umpire in 1991.

Laurie joined NSWCUSA in 1991, became a Full Member in 1992 and was upgraded to Principal member in 2008.

Between 1990 to 2012 Laurie attended 98% of meetings of the Parramatta District Cricket Umpires Association making a contribution to that Association through being:

- Treasurer
- Assistant Secretary
- Secretary
- Committee of Management member
- Appointments Committee member
- Training Officer for over 15 years

For his exceptional and outstanding service to the PDCUA Laurie was honoured with Life Membership of this proud Affiliated Association in 2005.

Laurie was a member of the Parramatta District Cricket Association Committee of Management for 18 years also serving this Association as its Financial Controller and as a member of the Disputes Committee. Laurie is a Life Member of the Parramatta District Cricket Association.

Laurie has energetically officiated in New South Wales District Cricket Association matches as a PDCUA

umpire whenever possible where, over the years, he made great friends through umpiring District Cricket with the likes of the late Doug Tyson, John Evans and many others at this level.

Laurie has umpired a Martin Shield Final, the highest honour bestowed on a district umpire.

Laurie has also made a contribution to the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association as an active member and has umpired the First Grade Grand Final on one occasion with his good friend Steve Black.

Laurie is one of the most experienced umpires in the Sydney Grade competition and is a popular and respected figure around the Grade scene.

Laurie has umpired 395 SCA matches, 146 of which have been in First Grade.

He has also officiated in representative matches including the State League Cup and the State Challenge in 2013-14 between North Sydney and Western Zone at the SCG.

Laurie has given sterling service to NSWCUSA as umpire educator and administrator.

Laurie is an Accredited Umpire Trainer through the Australian Sports Commission and is one of the first to put up his hand to assist with the education and development of umpires at the Laws of Cricket training courses across New South Wales.

He has visited every Zone in Country NSW to spread the good news about umpiring – and he has done so with great energy and real passion for the craft.

Laurie is a Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation Supervisor and has facilitated various Level 2 courses around the State on behalf of Cricket Australia to assist umpires with further increasing their knowledge about umpiring.

He has also, in 2009, facilitated a Level 2 Umpire Program in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on behalf of the Cricket Australia International Development Program and the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Laurie has served NSWCUSA as:

- A member of the Examination Committee 1998 to 2008
- Secretary Training 1999 to 2004
- Accredited Umpire Trainer 2004 to 2014
- Future Plan Manager 2004
- Treasurer 2007 to 2014

Laurie is loved by many members across the State – he has given so many that precious commodity – Time. And in so many ways he has put the Association first.

Laurie has earned the respect of the wider membership, not only for his service to NSWCUA, but for the fact that he has positively mentored so many umpires new to Grade cricket over the years of his involvement.

The Board of Directors believe he has rendered exceptional and outstanding service to the Association and therefore is thoroughly deserving of being honoured with the 48th Life Membership of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association.

Laurie was presented with a Life Member Badge by Co-Patron Dick French,

In recognition of their significant contribution to the Association, Principal Membership of the Association was awarded to the following members and details of their citations appear below:

### Andrew Hamilton

Andrew joined NSWCUA in 1996 becoming a Full Member in 2008. He is an accomplished umpire having officiated 169 SCA matches, 102 of which have been in First Grade.

Andrew has performed with distinction as a representative umpire and is currently in the Cricket Australia Umpiring Pathway as a member of the NSW State Umpire Panel.

Andrew has umpired three Futures League matches, 10 matches in the Women's National Cricket League including a semi final in 2013 between NSW and Western Australia, and 18 Women's T20 matches. He has also officiated at International Level in two matches between Australia A women and New Zealand A women.

As a result of his commitment to umpiring in the Grade competition, and at representative level, the Board feels that Andrew is truly worthy of being upgraded to Principal Member of the Association.

Andrew has also made an energetic contribution as a mentor to many members over the years and currently leads a mentoring group of umpires from Western Sydney. This work is very much appreciated by those umpires in the group and by the Association's Coaching Panel.

### Peter Mooney

Peter joined the Association in 1986 and became a Full Member the following year.

Peter loves his umpiring and has been a loyal servant to the Association, to the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association and to the SCA competitions. Peter is closing in on having umpired 400 SCA matches, 66 of which were in first grade and 140

of which in recent seasons have been in the Shires Competition.

Honorary Membership was once again bestowed upon Dean Bennison for his assistance in the establishment and upkeep of the scorers section of the Association's website. Mr. Alan Davidson AM MBE also receives Honorary Membership as Co-Patron of the Association, Faiz Ali Dero was given Honorary Membership for his work in providing graphical assistance with Association publications and David Gilbert was imparted with Honorary Membership for his outstanding career as Chief Executive of Cricket NSW, and for his support and counsel to the Association throughout that 11 years.

Many members achieved milestones in their years of Association membership, Ivor Bitel and Graham Reed received acknowledgement for 50 years of service to the Association. In recognition of their individual milestones each member received badges indicating the years of membership thereby allowing them to proudly wear their contribution as a member.

Those in attendance at the Annual Dinner were presented with their badge by NSWCUA National Panel member Greg Davidson. The following members are congratulated and thanked for their ongoing support.

### Chris King

Chris joined NSWCUA in 1991 becoming a Full Member the following year. Chris has served cricket as an active umpire in various administration positions over the years. Chris was:

- President of the Orange District Cricket Association for three years and its Treasurer for two years;
- Secretary of the Western District Cricket Umpires' Association (now Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association) for three years;
- President of the Orange District Cricket Umpires' Association for five years.

Chris officiated in a NSW Country Championship Final and in two Finals of the NSW Country Cricket Under 16 Cup, known then as the St George Bank Cup and now as the Bradman Cup. He was a highly respected umpire as a member of the NSW Country Representative Umpire Panel.

In recent years Chris has officiated on a regular basis in the Sydney Grade competition and has now umpired 241 SCA matches, 27 of which have been in first grade.



## 2.4 Years of Service TROY PENMAN

<b>50 years</b>	Ivor Bifel	Graham Reed	
<b>45 years</b>	Jack Bell	Dick French OAM	Arthur Watson
	Chris Weir		
<b>40 years</b>	Brian Hickey		
<b>35 years</b>	Harry Crozier	David Davis	John Gifford
	Fred Hailwood	David Webster	
<b>30 years</b>	Trevor Ball	Bryan Cameron	Peter Eisenhower
	Harry Gibson	Stewart Greenhalgh	Bruce McFadyen
	Andrew Miles	Colin Wood	Gordon Wood
<b>25 years</b>	Michael Daniels	Mark Dowler	Helmut Gerlach
	Kerry Murphy	Peter O'Mally	Trevor Thomas
	Denis Watts		
<b>20 Years</b>	Graham Baker	William Crozier	John Edmunds
	Terry Keel	John Laurie	Ron Powell
	Brian Walker		
<b>15 Years</b>	Afsar Ahmed	Yogendra Bhatnagar	Paul Bourke
	Andrew Campbell	David Cranwell	Glen Crew
	David Dilley	Paul Ensby	Leon Erich
	Ricky Field	Bob Flint	Anna Glynne
	Graeme Horsnell	Tony Johnson	Brian Jones
	Mark Kearney	Laurel Kirton	Peter McGrath
	Ian McIntosh	David Merchant	Bruce Muddle
	Paul Parnaby	Ragu Rajagopalan	Robert Rollins
	Arthur Souter	Philip Taylor	David Thorpe
	Boyd Trevithick	Alex Varlow	Tony Walker
	Paul Walker	Doug Williams	William Wynn
<b>10 Years</b>	Tom Angus	Samir Banga	Anthony Bathe
	John Boyd	Peter Brasnett	George Bromwich
	Rodney Coe	Stephen Czisz	John De Lyall
	Allan Dernee	Kerrie Dick	Mark Elia
	Kevin Fraser	Bede Haines	Judith Hall
	Greg Hanigan	Greg Heys	Ian Jessop
	Davern Lewis	Rick Mangano	Peter McNamara
	Mark Mitchell	Ben Nicholls	Russel Pearce
	Glenn Roche	Glenn Shepard	Allan Stirling
	Clinton Taylor	Brett Tribolet	Lachlan Walker
	Jason Welch	Sue Woodhouse	Mark Writer



Mr. Bifel accepts his 50 Years Service Award from Greg. Martin



## 2.5 Meetings JAY LENNON

With the exception of January the Ordinary Meetings of the Association continued to be held on the first Wednesday of each month between the months of September and May. The September and October meetings commenced at 7.30pm. However, after a suggestion for the starting time of the meetings to be brought forward and a discussion by the Board the meetings from November through to May commenced at 7pm.

The Annual General Meeting was again held on the first Wednesday of July. A Special Meeting was again called for the first Wednesday in January although clashing with the re-scheduled Sydney Test match due to the tragic passing of Phillip Hughes. The meeting also acts as a half-way point for the cricket season allowing an Education and Development session to be conducted. This year Executive Officer Darren Goodger and Board Director Muhammad Qureshi delivered a session full of exceptional information for the members. The December meeting was held at Bankstown Oval.

The Bowlers' Club of NSW in York Street, Sydney is the permanent meeting venue for the Association. An average of 75 members attended the eight scheduled Ordinary Meetings, the January Special Meeting and the AGM. The average attendance increased by five members which is a credit to the members who see the benefits in attending meetings as there is a large amount of information distributed at the meetings. It was also encouraging to see the increased attendance as qualification for the George Borwick Memorial Award and the Alan Marshall Medal are in part based on meeting attendance. The November meeting was the highest attended meeting with 94 members in attendance, the lowest being the April meeting with only 43 members in attendance. A brilliant turnout of 50 for the May meeting suggests members were pleased with the season just gone and excited for season 2015-16.

At each Ordinary Meeting the Association aims to deliver an agenda for the members, which provides them with information regarding their fellow NSWCUA members. The information includes representative appointments, material of a technical nature as well as various educational and development sessions run by a variety of members. On top of these items, Finance, Administration and Committee reports are also given each meeting. Valuable information can be gained from attending Ordinary Meetings and we strongly encourage members to attend.

The September pre-season SCA Rules Meeting is essential for those umpires available to umpire in the SCA Grade Competition to be well prepared as is the Annual Convention which is considered crucial for officiating members and new or first year members. The thanks of the Association are offered

to Cricket NSW for the use of its Auditorium for the SCA Rules Meeting. The collaboration of Jim Robson is appreciated in allowing the use of this facility.

At the Annual General Meeting in July 2014 there were 94 members in attendance.

No ballot was required this year with returning Directors, Geoff Garland (Chair), Muhammad Qureshi and Colin Philpott elected unopposed.

There was only one nomination for the position of Honorary Treasurer and Laurie Borg was elected for the year 2014-15.

There was only one nomination for Liaison Officer and Neil Findlay was elected for the year 2014-15.

Due to the departure of Director Colin Philpott, the December Ordinary Meeting held a ballot to fill the vacant Director role. Claire Polosak was elected as Board Director to serve until the 2015 AGM.

In line with the Constitution the new Board appointed members from nominations received to the Examination, Scorer and Social Committees as well as the Office-Bearer positions of Social Appointments Officer, Merchandise Officer, Public Relations Officer and the Secretary (Training). Confirmation of these appointments was given by the members attending the September Ordinary Meeting. A number of Country resident members attended meetings during the year and while it is readily accepted that they are not able to attend Ordinary Meetings on a regular basis, if they are in Sydney when a meeting falls due, their presence will always be noted and welcomed.



Members attending an Ordinary Meeting at Bowlers Club of NSW



## 2.6 Membership Fees TROY PENMAN

At the April Ordinary Meeting Association Treasurer Laurie Borg recommended to members attending the meeting that the various categories of membership fees remain the same for the 2015-16 season. The members moved that the membership fees remain the same.

Members are therefore reminded that fees set for the 2015-16 season are now due and are payable on or before 31 August. Affiliated Associations who are incorporated may wish to note that their fees, payable by 30 September, include the cost of the Public Liability Insurance as required by the Department of Fair Trading.

Members and Affiliated Associations are also reminded that if fees are not paid by the due date they will be considered un-financial and their names will be automatically removed from the Registers of the Association. This can impact on not only umpiring appointments, but also insurance cover. Reinstatement may be granted by the Board on receipt of a written application for reinstatement within one year of becoming un-financial and payment of subscription at the rate which may be applicable on or after 1 September for members and 1 October for Affiliated Associations.

Membership subscriptions are shown below:

Principal / Scorer / Junior / Full-Scorer Members	\$27.50
Ordinary / Full-Umpire Members	\$55.00
Affiliated Association	\$55.00

## 2.7 Staffing DARREN GOODGER

Three staff are employed at Cricket NSW to serve NSWCUA:

Executive Officer	Darren Goodger
Administration Manager	Troy Penman
Administration Officer	Jay Lenton

The State Director of Umpiring is an appointment made by Cricket NSW in consultation with Cricket Australia. Darren Goodger filled this role in 2014-15 as well as assuming responsibility for the Education and Development portfolio within the Association.

The position of Administration Officer, left vacant after Sharad Patel's resignation, was advertised and subsequently filled by Jay Lenton. Mr Lenton had previously been a rookie contracted player with the NSW Blues and won the position of Administration Officer on merit after a formal and extensive interview process conducted by Bernadette Christie-David (Human Resources Coordinator at Cricket NSW)

and Troy Penman. Mr Lenton possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Coaching and Administration through Australian College of Physical Education. Mr Lenton reported to the Administration Manager who in turn reported to the Executive Officer. The Executive Officer had dual reporting lines – to the General Manager Cricket Performance at Cricket NSW, David Moore, and to the Chair of the NSWCUA Board, Geoff Garland.

The honorary Zone Representatives in each of the eight Country Cricket Zones together with Keith Griffiths as the Country Umpire Advisor, and his assistant Ian Thomas, have continued to deliver each Country member access to opportunities for advancement to a level appropriate to their skill regardless of their location.

Darren Goodger (Chair), Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed were appointed by the Board to form the NSWCUA Coaching Panel. The Coaching Panel undertook the task of selecting the various Grade Panels. Umpire appointments for the Sydney Cricket Association Grade Grand Finals were made by Graham Chudleigh and Graham Reed who consulted Errol Cranney and Mark Grant. Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant and Graham Reed were off field umpire observers for matches in the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition. They were assisted by Laurie Borg, on a volunteer basis, who offered his services after injury prevented him from umpiring in the second half of the season. All observers did a fine job and their contribution and detailed written reports are acknowledged and appreciated. It is a significant commitment on their part to the development of umpiring. Graham Chudleigh continued officiating in the Grade competitions and his verbal and written feedback as an on field observer was of great benefit to those he stood with during the season.

The Umpires Sub-committee of NSW Country Cricket Association (NSWCCA) comprised Bob Myatt (Chair) from North Coastal Cricket Zone along with Keith Griffiths and Darren Goodger. Bruce Whitehouse, Country Cricket Programs Manager, served as Secretary to the Umpires Sub-committee. The Umpires Sub-committee selected the umpires on the 2014-15 Country Representative Panel and Supplementary Panel and appointed the umpires to the representative matches within the NSWCCA programs. It was pleasing to see the Sub-committee assume responsibility for umpire appointments to all NSWCCA programs, from Kookaburra Cup through to the NSW Country Championships ensuring high quality officiating at all age levels in the pathway.

Merchandise Officer John Evans did an accomplished job with the ordering and distribution of stock to members. Mr Evans displays a true commitment to excellence in this role and he is superbly organised. All active members benefit from his positive contribution to the Association. Mr Evans has sourced and



be available to members for purchase at a cost of \$55 at the Annual Convention.

Colin Philpott and Muhammad Qureshi were appointed Honorary Secretary Training. Mr Philpott assisted with Convention preparation and organisation while Mr Qureshi was the Training Course Administrator. Mr Philpott resigned from his position in December taking up residency in London. He has given outstanding service to the Honorary Secretary Training role for many years and has left a legacy of excellent organisation of the NSWCUA Annual Convention. Mr Qureshi was exemplary in his commitment to the delivery of Association training courses.

Life member Graham Reed continued as a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire High Performance Panel. Mr Reed was match referee for the New South Wales v ACT Futures League match, the New South Wales v Victoria State 2nd XI match, for four matches in the Women's National Cricket League, including the semi-final played at BISPI between Victoria and New South Wales, and for six matches in the WT20 competition. The positive and constructive feedback offered by Mr Reed was appreciated by the officiating umpires.

Stephen Blomfield's work as Secretary and Appointments Officer, in an honorary capacity, of the affiliated Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association is substantial. Stephen goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve members to a high standard. Stephen was the NSWCUA Honorary Statistician in 2014-15 and is responsible for the record keeping of matches officiated by members in the Grade and Shires competitions. The presentation and organisation of these statistics is first-class.

Principal Member Ian Wright has continued to serve the Association to an exceptional standard as Social Match Appointments Officer. Mr Wright goes above and beyond the call of duty, often at very short notice, to supply members to various matches for which there are requests for qualified umpires.

Principal Member Marilyn Fowler has continued to serve the Association in an exemplary fashion as Social Match Appointments Officer for our scorers. Mrs Fowler has done an excellent job coordinating scorer appointments to Cricket Australia U15 Female National Championships and various Cricket NSW State Challenge Carnivals – U19 Male, U18 Female and U16 Male.

The Cricket NSW State Challenge Carnivals have provided additional opportunities for umpires and scorers to officiate at representative level in the State Pathway.

The current and future success of this Association is in no small part due to the support offered by Cricket NSW which shows significant faith in NSWCUA to recruit and develop umpires in New

South Wales. Umpiring is mentioned in the Cricket NSW strategic plan under Pillar 2 "Produce the best teams, players and officials in the world" as it strives to be the number one producer of talent in Australian cricket. The support shown to NSWCUA by Cricket NSW Chief Executive, Andrew Jones, and Board Chairman, John Warn, is acknowledged and appreciated. They are an energetic leadership team taking Cricket NSW forward.

Troy Penman is acknowledged here for an outstanding year as NSWCUA Administration Manager. His work ethic and support of the staff, Board and members is exemplary. His efforts are very much appreciated by all stakeholders. Mr Penman energetically takes on additional responsibilities and he displays an attitude of putting the Association first. During the 2014-15 season Mr Penman assumed responsibility for umpire appointments to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade matches in the SCA competitions and was responsible for overseeing the organisation of a successful NSWCUA Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation. He liaised professionally on a round by round basis with the Appointments Officer of the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association and also took on responsibility for the editing and production of In Black and White. Mr Penman goes about his work with great energy and positively engages with members and all involved in the game. His contribution deserves praise in what was a successful season for the Association.

In my report to the NSW Cricket Board on 7 September 2015 it was noted, "Jay Lenton commenced as NSWCUA Administration Officer on 30 June and has made an excellent start in all respects bringing significant energy to the role."

How true this proved to be. Mr Lenton was an outstanding addition to the NSWCUA team at Cricket NSW. We are delighted with his contribution and his progress. His administration is first rate, he possesses excellent attention to detail and an absolute commitment to completing set tasks. Mr Lenton has already established an exceptional rapport with many members possessing a wonderful gift of the common touch and humility. His dedication, hard work, sense of humour, support, patience and loyalty are appreciated. He has proven a tremendous breath of fresh air to our operations on a daily basis and is one who positively challenges our processes aimed at delivering better outcomes.



The work of Mr Penman and Mr Lenton is commended to all members and Affiliated Associations. They administer our wonderful Association on a daily basis and have made a superb contribution in season 2014-15. Selflessness is the soul of teamwork – both put the Association first to produce fine work and excellent results. The key to teamwork is to work less as individuals and more as a team – both are genuine team players.

NSWCUSA is grateful to all office bearers, committee members and volunteers for their continuing efforts in carrying out their duties and responsibilities in such a diligent, competent and selfless manner.

Isn't it amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit?

## 2.8 Cricket NSW Values

### Excellence

Being your best, improving constantly, taking responsibility, doing things to a high standard – the standard expected of elite athletes (whether you are one or not).

### Ethics

Being honest at all times and applying the "Golden Rule" and "SMH Test" at all times

### Energy

Attacking opportunities, issues and challenges with enthusiasm, vigour and positive intent.

### Engagement

Actively working with and engaging all our stakeholders; fans, volunteers, players, past players.

### Enjoyment

A positive culture based on engagement and enjoyment will create much better long term results than a negative culture based on fear. The key is that it is in addition to excellence, not an alternative to it.



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## 2.9 Functions TROY PENMAN

The Annual Dinner is the major function on the Association calendar and was held again at the Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 18 April. A total of 170 people attended, made up of members, partners and special guests including General Manager, Cricket Performance, David Moore. It was pleasing to see so many members coming together to celebrate the season just gone and recognise the achievements of their colleagues. The attendance of members from Country and Regional centres was satisfying with over 18% travelling lengthy distances for the occasion.

The Board invited all Office-Bearers and Committee Members to the Dinner as guest of the Association as a gesture for their dedication and work throughout the year. Australian Test Cricket and NSW Blues Sheffield Shield player Trent Copeland was again the MC for the evening and provided another polished performance. His interaction with all attendees was a real highlight of the evening. Entertainment for the evening came from Australian Test Cricketer Greg "Mo" Matthews. Greg provided a very interesting performance which covered a range of topics. He enjoyed some interaction with members and was more than willing to stay around to mingle with members and guests after the proceedings had taken place.

We extend our appreciation to Ms Rina Hore, Company Secretary of the Bradman Foundation, for supplying magnificent trophies for the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award as well as the Country Umpire of the Year Award. Thank you to our Co-Patrons, various Life Members and special guests who assisted with the presentation of awards and certificates.

The Scorers Award named in memory of Malcolm Gorham was presented by Malcolm's wife Sue Gorham. SCA Panel Awards were presented by Co-Patron Brian Booth MBE; the George Borwick Memorial Award was presented by Life Member and 1992-93 season winner Graham Chudleigh and we were delighted to have Co-Patron Alan Davidson AM MBE present the E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal to Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association member Stephen Blomfield.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to the Social Committee for their efforts not only for the Annual Dinner raffle, but for their hard work throughout the year with Ordinary Meeting raffles.



## 2.10 Communications TROY PENMAN

The Communication for the Association is continually becoming more electronic, with the use of Facebook. On Facebook the advertising of courses and member achievements take up the majority of the news feed. Also on a regular basis videos are placed on the page for fans to comment on and trivia questions still remain a favourite with the fans. For all those on facebook who have not yet liked the page head to:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/NSWCUSA>

The webpage is an area under construction. The Management team is currently looking at new programs to host the page that will make it both easy to use for the members and allow us to upload plenty of information. We are looking to launch the new page prior to the start of the 2015-16 season.

The Association is looking to reach further with its communication. Throughout the winter months we will spend time sourcing different avenues to advertise and promote the Association.

Email is still the most common form of communication for the Association with only a small portion of the membership still not online. It must be noted that members not on email do not miss out on any services. The Association's Official Journal 'In Black and White' has undergone a revamp and we're committed to four publications each year. Popular NSWCUSA NEWS email are also used to update members of key umpire appointments and other items of interest. Other circulars such as notification of nomination for office, membership renewals and upgrade applications are also sent via email.

Members may continue to access their details via the website to alter personal and contact details, to pay membership subscriptions, purchase merchandise and undertake refresher examinations.

The Association aims to increase its communication with members to provide as much information as possible in regards to Law changes, training courses, changes to the Association and important events for the Association.

## 2.11 Hall of Fame DARREN GODDGER

George Borwick MBE	Tom Brooks OAM
Dick Burgess	Dick Calloway
Herb Elphinston	Merilyn Fowler
Dick French OAM	Darrell Hair
Alf Jones	Fred Lyons
Simon Taufel	Ted Wykes OAM

Merilyn Fowler was inducted as the 12th member of the NSWCUSA Hall of Fame at the Annual Dinner following recommendation to the Board from a Sub-

committee comprising Graham Chudleigh, Dick French and Geoff Garland.

Merilyn's inclusion in the Hall of Fame is richly deserved. The Board was unanimous with regards to her being included.

Her contribution to the Association since becoming a member in 1997 has been impressive and sustained:

- Merilyn, in the opinion of the Board, has demonstrated a level of exceptional performance, expertise, commitment to excellence and sacrifice that well justifies recognition by way of inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

- Merilyn scored 10 Test Matches (including an Ashes Test at Lord's in 2009), 28 One Day Internationals and 31 First Class matches.

- Merilyn is a fine example of working diligently over many years to perfect her craft, constantly seeking to improve, irrespective of her demonstrated skill level – she established standards of performance against which others are judged.

- Merilyn's willingness to impart to others the benefits of her knowledge and experience has been sustained since the integration of scorers into the Association. In this area, she defined the manner in which the techniques and skills of scoring are trained and developed. Merilyn was instrumental in preparing training manuals and related material and designing training courses for scoring when none of these now expected resources were available. A desire to continually revise and improve the manner in which scorers at all levels are trained has driven Merilyn to ensure that NSWCUSA remains a world leader in cricket scoring. She continues as a mentor, coach and selector despite the demands of raising a young family.

- Merilyn's contribution to the administration of the Association has been significant. As a foundation member of the Scorers' Committee and having served the Committee for 17 years and as a Board Director for three years, Merilyn has devoted countless hours to aligning the activities of the scorers with the Association's strategic objectives, representing the Association within and outside the cricket community at a distinguished level of professionalism. In many respects, she became the public face of scoring within this State and rightly earned an outstanding reputation within the media for the manner in which she carried herself in promoting the cause of scoring and its important place in our sport.

Congratulations are offered to Merilyn on her induction into the NSWCUSA Hall of Fame. Her citation was prepared and read by Tim Donahoo while Dick French presented Merilyn with her Hall of Fame plaque.



## 2.12 NSWCUA Board TROY PENNAR

The Board of Directors, elected Constitutionally at the Annual General Meeting met on 11 occasions during the year under review (May 2014 – April 2015). Meetings were held in the Board Room of Cricket NSW at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Following the elections announced at the 2014 Annual General Meeting Geoff Garland, Colin Philpott and Muhammad Qureshi were re-elected. Liaison Officer Neil Findlay was re-elected to that position, and Laurie Borg was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. These Directors joined elected Board Directors, Graham Chudleigh and David Dilley and Darren Goodger as Executive Officer to form the 8 member Board.

The Elected Directors and Committees have a wealth of knowledge that ensures the Association is well served with decision making regarding policy and with the committee members assisting with the day to day operations of merchandise, newsletters, training, education and examinations.

As reported in last year's Annual Report, the Centenary celebrations weren't without their share of drama, but the Board has had to deal with the fallout from the non-contractual agreement that was set up between a previous Executive Officer and the publishers of the Centenary Book, this has led to countless hours being spent on negotiations and legal action. A decision will be handed down on June 19 and at that point in time the Board will be in a position to advise the membership of what has transpired. It has been a tough time, but never once has the Board shied away from doing what is best for the membership.

Members were advised that an interim Board director would be elected from the floor at the December meeting. Nominations were called for by Chairman Geoff Garland and three nominations along with seconds were received, a ballot was then conducted, with Board Member Graham Chudleigh, Principal Member Ian Wright and Administration Officer Jay Lenton acting as scrutineers, it was then announced that Claire Polosak was the interim Board Director until the AGM in July 2015.

The Board has the responsibility of determining the future direction of the Association and implementing changes to our Constitution and By Laws as considered necessary. The subcommittee of Laurie Borg, Geoff Garland and Dr David Dilley have spent time reviewing the constitution and have provided the Board with a number of suggested changes, the Board have reviewed and discussed these proposals and further action will take place in the coming year.

Full details of matters for consideration and decision at Board Meetings are reported to members at the immediately following Monthly Ordinary Meeting of the Association.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member for their ongoing contribution to Cricket and for their support of the Association. Without your contribution and commitment over the years the Association wouldn't be where it is today.

"The achievements of an organisation are the results of the combined effort of each individual"

– Vince Lombardi



**Geoff Garland**  
Elected Director and Chairman  
Ex-Officio - Scorers Committee  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Coaching Panel  
Grade Panel Observer  
Active SCA Grade Umpire

**Laurie Borg**  
Honorary Treasurer  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Active SCA Grade Umpire



**Graham Chudleigh**  
Elected Director  
Ex-Officio - Examination Committee  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Coaching Panel  
Grade Panel Observer  
Active SCA Grade Umpire

**Dr David Dilley**  
Elected Director  
Director - NSW Cricket Board  
Delegate - Sydney Cricket Association  
Ex-Officio - Technical Committee  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Grade Panel Observer



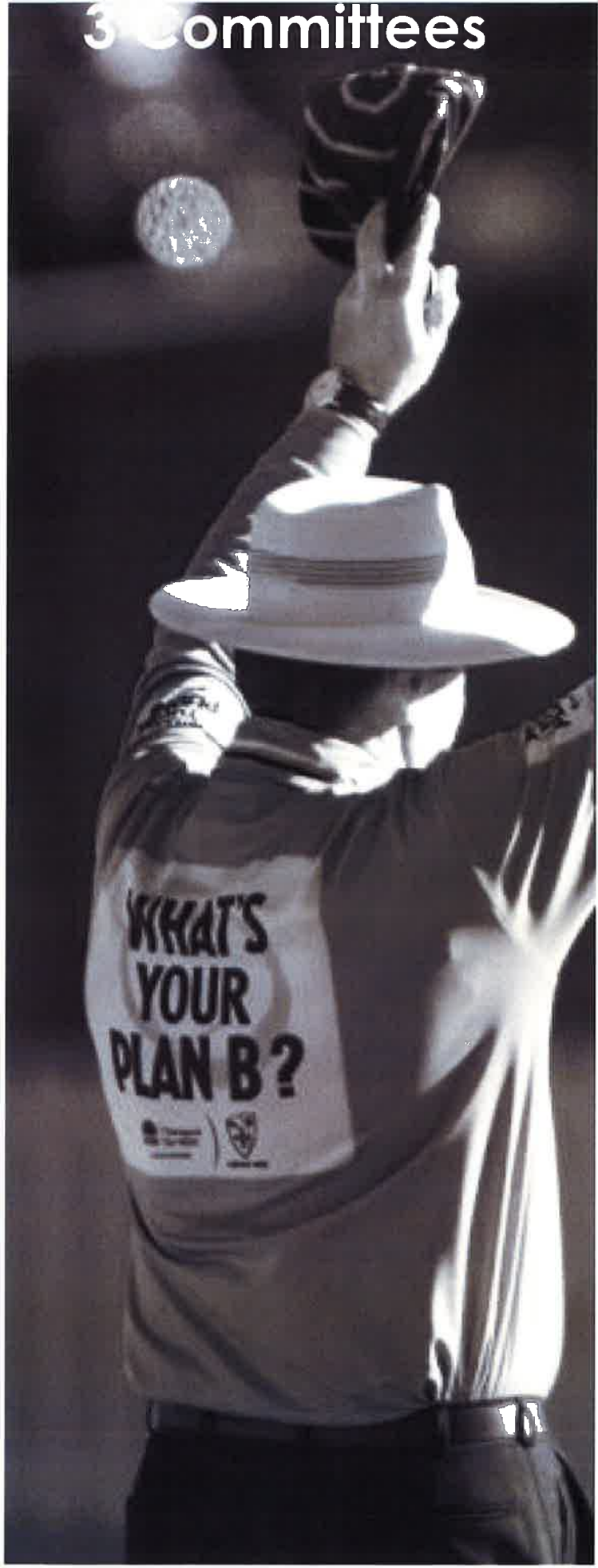
**Neil Findlay**  
Liaison Officer  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Country Panel Umpire  
Zone Umpire Representative  
Active member of Illawarra CUA

**Claire Polosak**  
Elected Director  
Cricket Australia Project Panel  
ASC NOS Holder  
Active SCA Grade and WT20 Umpire



**Muhammad Qureshi**  
Elected Director  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Honorary Secretary (Training)  
Active SCA Grade and WNCL Umpire

# 3 Committees



## 3.1 Exam Committee GRAHAM SWAN

Your Examination Committee members for the 2014-15 season were:

Messrs Graham Chudleigh (Life Member and Ex-Officio Board Member), Kevin Battishill, Mark Hughes, Graham Swan (Chair), David Taylor and Ben Treloar.

The Committee has been active this past season producing questionnaires on the Laws of Cricket, the Playing Conditions for the Grade Umpires who are members of the Association for the current season together with the Playing Conditions for the Final Series.

The production of these papers takes considerable thought and consultation and a concerted team effort is required. Your Committee was diligent in producing questions which test umpires' knowledge both with a closed book examination of the Laws of cricket and an open book review of Playing Conditions.

These examinations are intended to test not only the newly qualified, but also the experienced, umpire.

The wide ranging match formats from 2-day, Limited Overs, T20, Poidevin Gray and A.W. Green Shield Cricket matches with differing rules require consideration by every umpire. Anything we can do to assist with refreshing her/his knowledge base, will improve umpiring standards.

Your Committee is diligent in processing the questions and if you have any thoughts on further development of the processes then please speak to any one of the Committee members.

In addition is the task of marking papers as and when examinations are held. To the members of the Committee who have assisted I thank you.

I thank each member of the Committee for his contribution including Graham Chudleigh for his guidance and input as the Ex-Officio Member. Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Jay Lenton have been especially helpful in assisting with this work and I thank them all for their input.

I have completed three seasons in the role of Chair and I am happy to pass the baton to the next Chair of this important function.

Best wishes for the 2015-16 season to all.

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## 3.2 Technical Committee DARREN GOODGER

If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you.  
If you are determined to learn no one can stop you.

The members of the Technical Committee in season 2014-15 were Dr David Dilley, Marilyn Fowler, Graham Swan and Darren Goodger (Chair).

The Committee produced a series of technical questions for In Black and White, a sample of these questions and their answers appear below:

1. (Law 39) The bowler delivers a fair ball which pitches and is missed by the batter. The ball goes through to the wicket-keeper (who is standing up to the stumps), it strikes the wicket-keeper's helmet and then drops down onto her body before going onto to hit the striker's end wicket and dislodging a bail with the striker out of her ground, not attempting a run. There is an appeal. How should it be answered? Explain your answer.

Answer: The striker's end umpire shall give the striker out Run Out. If the ball touches a protective helmet worn by the wicket-keeper, the ball is still in play but the striker shall not be out Stumped. She will, however, be liable to be Run Out in these circumstances if there is subsequent contact between the ball and any fielder. The definition of a fielder in Appendix D includes the wicket-keeper.

2. (Law 28) A fielder uses his elbow to completely dislodge a bail. What is necessary for this to mean that the wicket has been fairly put down?

Answer: He must have had the ball in the hand of that arm at the time.

3. (Law 24 and Law 38) The bowler has not entered his delivery stride and throws the ball towards the striker's wicket. The ball hits the wicket direct, putting the wicket down, with the striker out of his ground, not attempting a run. There is an appeal. What should happen now?

Answer: Either umpire shall call and signal No Ball. It should be noted that the procedure of caution, informing, final warning, action against the bowler shall not apply. In this instance the ball is in play, the striker is out of his ground and the wicket is fairly put down by the action of a fielder so the striker's end umpire shall give the striker out Run Out.

4. (Law 23) In which of the following situations is the umpire required to call and signal Dead Ball:

- i) The batsmen deliberately run short
- ii) The ball comes to rest before reaching the striker
- iii) The bowler drops the ball accidentally before delivery
- iv) The ball lodges in the clothing of an umpire
- v) Attempted leg byes are to be disallowed

vi) Lost ball is called

Answer: The umpire is required to call and signal Dead ball when the ball comes to rest before reaching the striker; when the bowler drops the ball accidentally before delivery; when attempted leg byes are disallowed.

5. (Law 38) A ball is struck directly on to a helmet worn by a fielder. It rebounds, hits the striker and ricochets on to the wicket, dislodging a bail. If the striker is out of his ground, is he out Run Out?

Answer: No. After striking the helmet worn by the fielder there needs to be further contact between the ball and either the fielder himself, or any other fielder, before the ball touches the wicket causing the bail to be dislodged.

6. (Law 34) When is it legitimate for the striker to hit the ball a second time? (Law 34)

Answer: When it is in defence of his wicket.

7. (Law 15 and Law 16) The scheduled time for the tea interval is 3:10pm. It has been agreed before the toss that the tea interval will be 30 minutes duration. At 3:08pm Team A is 8 wickets down when a batsman retires. Three valid balls have been bowled in the over in progress. What should the umpires decide?

Answer: The umpire at the bowler's end shall call Time. The tea interval shall commence. Play shall resume at 3.38pm. The over left uncompleted shall be completed on resumption of play. For the purposes of the Law relating to Tea interval – 9 wickets down the retirement of a batsman is not considered equivalent to the fall of a wicket. When less than two minutes remain before the time agreed for the next interval, the interval will be taken immediately if either a batsman is dismissed or retires or the players have occasion to leave the field, whether this occurs during an over or at the end of an over.

8. (Law 24 and Law 41) The batter attempts to hit a No Ball, misses it and the ball strikes her on the pad. Both batters run. They have crossed on the first run, but have not completed it, when the ball strikes a helmet correctly placed on the ground behind the wicket-keeper. The Ball then crosses the boundary. How many runs are recorded? How are the runs recorded? What should the umpire signal (in correct order) to the scorers? (Law 41)

Answer: 7 runs are recorded. 2 runs are recorded as No balls and there shall be 5 penalty runs awarded to the batting side. It should be noted that under the Laws that when a No Ball is called and signalled any runs completed by the batsmen or any boundary allowance shall be credited to the striker if the ball has been struck by the bat. Otherwise they shall be scored as No Ball extras. The ball becomes dead when it strikes the helmet. The bowler's end umpire shall, when the ball becomes dead, signal to the scorers in the following order:

- 5 penalty runs to the batting side
- No Ball
- Leg bye

The Leg bye signal is used to indicate the ball did not hit the striker's bat, but the two runs are recorded as No Balls, not as Leg byes.

9. (Law 42) The bowler, lawfully, runs out the non-striker before entering his delivery stride. Does this count as a valid ball in the over?

Answer: Whether the attempt is successful or not, the ball shall not count as one of the over.

10. (Law 13) Play takes place on the first day of a two day match. The batting side scores 280. How many runs must the side batting second score in order not to be required to follow-on?

Answer: 181

I would like to thank the members of the Technical Committee, and Graham Chudleigh, for their counsel, support and contribution this season.

"The separation is in the preparation".  
Russell Wilson.



From Top:  
Keiran Knight in action in Third Grade Grand Final. Greg Davidson in action in First Grade Grand Final. Three NSW/USA members Greg Davidson, Tony Wilds and Claire Polosak - at North Sydney Oval on 2 November, CAXI v South Africa, T20 Tour International.



### 3.3 Scorers Committee

MERILYN FOWLER

Yet another year flies by us at a rate of knots as I ask myself "where did the season go?"

As usual our focus has been on training and our team of accredited scorer trainers were busy facilitating numerous scorer courses, particularly during the pre and early season period. Our trainers spent time on the road conducting courses in the regional towns of Wauchope and Lismore. Numerous courses were also conducted across the metropolitan area including in Marrickville, Caringbah, The Shore School and at the SCG.

Our presentation material was updated prior to these courses making the sessions more interactive with participants and providing new scoring exercise material for the practical component of the course. We have had lots of positive feedback from participants, which is always a good sign, and I sincerely thank the trainers for continuing to volunteer their time and expertise in the education of others.

For more information on scorers training courses, which are available state-wide, or to book a course in your area email me at [nswscorers@gmail.com](mailto:nswscorers@gmail.com)

My happy and devoted team of Christine Bennison, Kay Wilcoxon, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright again made up the Scorers Committee this year and they deserve the thanks of all the Scorer Members for their willingness to represent them within the Association.

The Convention this year was again at beautiful Riverside Oaks. Although small in number, our group were treated to some great sessions by guest speakers who included Darren Goodger, Andrew Hamilton, Anthony Hobson, Kim Norris, Erica Sainsbury, Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds. The sessions undertaken by these people included both general interest and scorer/Law specific topics and without them our weekend would not be the educational and entertaining event that it is! Year after year I am impressed by the fact that nobody ever says no when I ask them to do a session with the scorers. I'm pretty sure it's not because they aren't game to say no, so thank you for your willingness to spend time with the scorers and enriching our program!

We have already planned the program for the Convention in August and I urge all Scorer Members to consider joining the Committee for a great weekend. Our theme for the weekend is "Be YOUR Best" and there are some great sessions organised which will promote both professional and personal development. Most of all, we aim to have fun as we learn and, as they say, "the more the merrier"!

Our Annual Scorers Luncheon was again held in the non-playing season at the Eastwood Rugby Club. Good food and good company ... thanks to all who attended.

As is well known, the Scorers Committee has nothing to do with selections for representative scorer appointments or with the selection of the winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award. I do however, on behalf of the Scorers Committee, wish to congratulate all Scorer Members who represented our Association throughout the season. We also pass on our congratulations to the winner of this year's Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, Peter Garlick. Peter has just completed his first year scoring for the Manly-Warringah Club's 3rd grade side and has shown great commitment to both his Club and also to improving his scoring skills having previously been an umpire in our Association.

As always, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the following people:

- The Committee for their efforts this year;
- The NSWCUA Board for maintaining their confidence in me as Chair of this Committee;
- My husband, Nick, for his continued support and acceptance of the time I spend;
- My friends who, along with Nick, put up with me stressing out when (between study, work and family) cricket just doesn't always fit in!
- Finally, and very importantly, Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Jay Lenton. I really couldn't do this job without you guys!

"Because scorers count ..."



Above: Christine Bennison (L) and Chris McLeod.



Left: Robyn Sanday (L) and Toni Lorraine.



## 3.4 Social Committee Report LAURIE BORG

We come to the end of another busy year for the Social Committee. We ran raffles at nearly all Ordinary General Meetings and of course a big raffle at the Annual Dinner.

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow committee members: Gaurav Desai, Berend du Plessis, Bill Howard, Zaheer Nazir and Glen Stubbings for their hard work throughout the year. It has been a pleasure and I look forward to doing it all again next season.

I would also like to thank all members who, donated a prize to the raffle, assisted with ticket sales or purchased tickets at the meetings.

The main raffle for the year was the Annual Dinner raffle which saw some wonderful prizes up for grabs.

Listed below are the winners along with their prizes:

1st Prize: Trip valued at \$2000; choice of a 4 day Snow Experience with accommodation and lift passes included at Perisher or Flights to Norfolk Island for 7 days with accommodation included - Peter Moore  
2nd Prize: \$100 Red Balloon Voucher - Cameron Duff  
3rd Prize: \$100 Westfield Voucher - Chris McLeod  
4th Prize: \$100 JB HI-FI Voucher - Jitendra Parikh  
5th Prize: \$100 Hamper - Keith Griffiths  
6th Prize: Signed 2014-15 Cricket NSW Bat - Grahame Bell

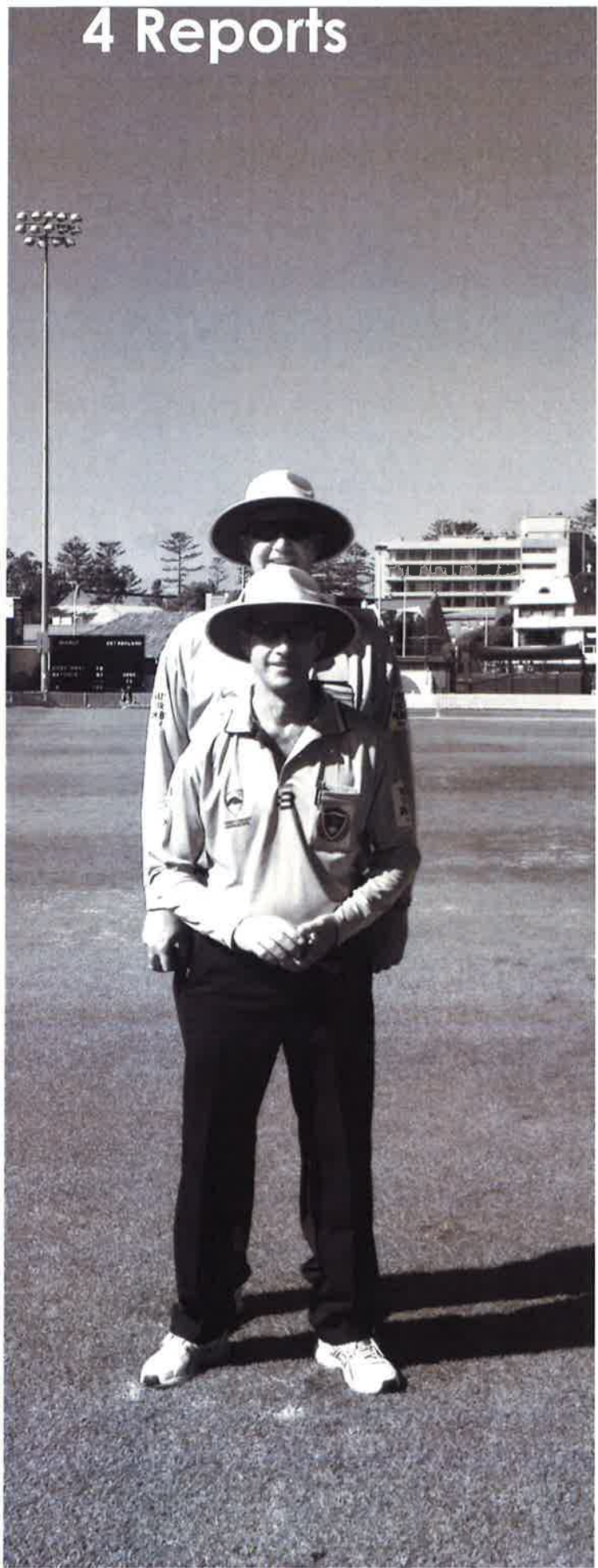
For those interested Peter has decided to take the flights and accommodation at Norfolk Island where he will spend some time relaxing with his wife.

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Enjoy your off season and we'll see you at the Ordinary General Meeting in September.



# 4 Reports



## 4.1 Education and Development

DARREN GOODGER

It has been my pleasure to serve NSWCUA in the area of education and development in season 2014-15.

The Association offered training courses on the Laws of Cricket for prospective umpires around New South Wales:

- Albion Park
- Bankstown
- Central Coast
- Cricket NSW (Moore Park)
- Camden
- Griffith
- Lismore
- Newcastle
- Parramatta
- Penrith

The numbers were excellent across the State thanks to the hard work on the ground of local volunteer officials who are acknowledged here for their excellent support and organisation – Ken Bakon, Glenn Bridge, Bradley Bristow, Don Coleman, Tony Hackett, Terry Heath, Andrew Kennedy, Davern Lewis, Don Maisey, Daniel Rosolen, Mick Sherwood, Mark Templeman, Garry Tucker and Bruce Whiteman.

This was a wonderful effort on the part of the NSWCUA training team to facilitate these Laws of Cricket courses for the benefit of prospective umpires. A total of 140 people, across NSW, passed the NSWCUA assessment on the Laws of Cricket. The commitment and dedication of the training team to recruiting umpires for cricket competitions throughout NSW is outstanding and appreciated.

Many trainers made a positive contribution including Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, David Dilley, Paul Dilley, Geoff Garland, Terry Heath, Stephen Poole, Muhammad Qureshi, Ben Treloar and Bruce Whiteman. The thanks of the Association is offered to each for their preparation and delivery, and for the time given to course participants.

Professional development programs were again offered during the season to members officiating in Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) competitions. These sessions were often attended by more than 20 members indicating there is interest for ongoing education and development regarding umpiring.

A professional development workshop was held at Cowra for Western Zone umpires attended by more than 20 officials from across the three cricket councils in that Zone. Their attitude and participation was excellent. Greg Nicholls from Cowra is thanked here for his hospitality and organisation.

A professional development workshop was held at

first class. Norm Stanton, the Secretary of Southern Zone Cricket Umpires' Association, is thanked for his organisation and hospitality. Being able to use the facilities at the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame, along with Bradman Oval itself for field craft and technique training, added so much value to this workshop for the trainers and participants. Laurie Borg is thanked for his contribution to this program. He contributes an enormous amount to the NSWCUA education and development programs which is appreciated.

NSWCUSA trainers facilitated the annual pre-season workshop for the Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association. The contribution of Laurie Borg, Neil Findlay and Muhammad Qureshi is appreciated.

A Level 2 Accreditation workshop was hosted by Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association and attended by 12 participants who all completed the program successfully. Graham Chudleigh did an excellent job in facilitating this course for the benefit of the umpires who officiate in the strong Cricket Albury Wodonga competition.

Alan Mantle, from Enhance Mind Performance, is an excellent resource for our Association. Alan facilitated sessions for new umpires, for Country representative umpires and for those umpires on the Grade umpire panel considered capable of advancing through the umpiring pathway.

Alan put our umpires through a number of practical workshop exercises aimed at improving concentration and enhancing focus. Research has shown that good vision and quick reaction time to an external stimuli are some of the keys to good or even great performances. By doing some simple exercises you can improve your vision and improve your reaction time, therefore improving your overall performance. Many people take for granted their vision and reaction time, but like any skill, these two aspects of yourself can be improved.

Alan focuses on using the subconscious to improve performance and life and on providing mind training tips for umpires. His sessions continue to be of genuine value for our umpires who respect Alan and his work.



Muhammad Qureshi facilitating a presentation at the NSWCUA Annual Convention.

Time was spent in education and development at each Ordinary Meeting of the Association and during the Special Meeting held on 7 January. These sessions are viewed as important by both the Board and training team for the ongoing education and development of active members. The thanks of the Association are offered to Muhammad Qureshi who sourced many excellent clips from international matches for the benefit of our members in our training sessions. The interactive nature of the sessions is a highlight.

We were fortunate to enjoy a visit from Aleem Dar, Richard Illingworth and Simon Taufel during the ICC Cricket World Cup. They facilitated a workshop at Cricket NSW for the benefit of invited members. They had some excellent messages to share.

- Aleem Dar  
Aleem spoke about the importance of mental fitness. He encouraged umpires to be relaxed and enjoy their games. Mistakes help you improve and he spoke candidly about some of his errors at international level, particularly with regard to the application of playing conditions.

- Richard Illingworth  
Richard encouraged umpires to treat players how you want to be treated – every match you umpire is a World Cup Final for someone. He suggested watching the body language of other sporting officials to learn from how they manage difficult situations.

- Simon Taufel  
Preparation is king! Be yourself – don't try to be another umpire. Have a positive, coachable, humble attitude – attitude is everything! Every day is a learning opportunity. Have the ability to adapt and learn how to move with the game. If you're standing still you'll move backwards. Selectors need to be able to trust you to get a job done. Being a team player is so important.

Simon's work as ICC Umpire Performance and Training Manager continues as he aims to build an accreditation system for umpires at the elite and professional levels of the game. This Association wishes Simon the best in his role and offers thanks for his willingness to share resources and ideas to benefit NSWCUA members.

The Association's professional development programs and umpiring resources can be delivered on request to Affiliates in both the Sydney Metropolitan area and the NSW Country zones.

Members of the Country Panel, Supplementary Panel and the Zone Umpire Representatives attended a professional development seminar in Scone on 2-3 August. This was a great opportunity for the representative country umpires to gather and prepare for the coming season.



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Input was provided by:

- Graham Chudleigh
- Greg Davidson
- Neil Findlay
- Darren Goodger
- Keith Griffiths
- Alan Mantle
- Kim Norris
- Muhammad Qureshi
- Anthony Wilds

All umpires were given an opportunity to meet one-on-one with Alan Mantle with the great majority taking up the opportunity to do so. My personal thanks are offered to all presenters for their efforts at Scone. Their preparation ensured a quality workshop experience for the umpires and Zone Representatives.

SCA umpires were provided with two playing condition questionnaires to assist with improving their knowledge and understanding of the match regulations. Those who took up the opportunity to complete the papers received their result and advice on areas of the playing conditions they would benefit from studying based on their answers in the respective paper. The second questionnaire related specifically to the playing conditions for SCA finals matches. The thanks of the Association are offered to Graham Swan, Mark Hughes and the Examination Committee for their work in preparing and marking these papers.

Two education sessions were conducted at Cricket NSW for students in the junior secondary years from SHORE School at the request of teacher Tim Wallace. The boys concerned umpire cricket as part of their involvement in and commitment to the school's community service program. They were all eager to learn more about umpiring, the Laws and their application as well as consider some practical field techniques.

Darren Goodger and Troy Penman facilitated the workshops for new umpires during the season.

I was pleased to attend the Country Plate and Country Shield Carnivals held at Tamworth in between Christmas and New Year as umpire observer and carnival referee. Umpires Bruce Baxter, Jeff Hackett, Mark Mitchell, Graham Moon, Rob Pye and Neil Smith were appointed and all can be well pleased with their performance and contribution to these important programs on the Country Cricket NSW calendar. The Country Plate Final was won by The Rail Cricket Club while the Clarence River Cricket Association won the Country Shield Final.

The Association was represented on the Country Cricket NSW Umpire Sub Committee by Keith Griffiths and Darren Goodger. Reports from NSWCUA were tabled at each quarterly meeting and made available to the members of the NSW Country Cricket Association Committee of Management.

A number of umpires from Affiliated Associations umpired matches in the SCA Grade competition as part of their ongoing education and development. Feedback was that the experience was beneficial for all umpires. We will look to offer similar opportunities in 2015-16 to members from Affiliated Associations. The experience gained was also of benefit to the competitions in which these umpires regularly officiate.

The annual State Director of Umpiring workshop was held at Adelaide Oval in May with the key outcomes from the workshop summarised under these headings:

- A Unified Approach, A National Plan
  - Together Everyone Achieves More
  - We have a shared responsibility
- A New Home For Umpiring
  - Members website
  - Online learning and accreditation
  - Administration
- Recruitment and Retention
  - Generating leads and a new advertisement
  - Turning Interest into Active
- Everyone's Welcome
  - What a wonderfully diverse game
  - Female engagement
- Accreditation and Reaccreditation
  - Progressing umpires through accreditation levels
  - Knowledge of the Laws of Cricket
  - Cost and conditions to reaccredit
- Building a Statewide Network Case Study – Queensland
  - Establishing a reliable network of administrators
  - Providing PD to all regions
  - Unbiased assessment at a State Level
- Preparing for Underage Championships
  - Selection of umpires
  - Arriving prepared
- Improving Performance
  - Working with the State Panel
  - One-on-one conversations and plans
  - Merit based selection and appointments
- Dashboard: National Goals
  - National view of what is happening where
  - Identification of wins and areas for improvement
  - Showing how well we perform
  - What are the KPIs for Australian umpiring?
- Self-Assessment and Performance
  - Challenging umpires and realising potential
  - Are our umpires being accountable to themselves?

- Coaching – open, two-way communication
- Competence benchmarks for underage championships

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their advice, assistance and support in the area of education and development in the 2014-15 season:

- The NSWCUA Board of Directors – all Directors contribute positively to and strongly support the Association's education and development initiatives.
- Cricket Australia for the provision of the Umpire Service Grant which contributes significantly to education and development programs.
- Laurie Borg in his capacity of Honorary Treasurer.
- Neil Findlay in his capacity of Liaison Officer.
- Accredited trainers who facilitated the Laws of Cricket courses and the various other training programs held across NSW during the year. Our trainers do a great job and their efforts are valued as they undertake this work for the Association on a volunteer basis.
- The Country Zone Umpire Representatives who do a fantastic job promoting umpiring in their zone and for their organisation of the various courses held in the past year. They also promote the benefits of being a member of NSWCUA.
- Affiliated Umpire Associations which hosted training courses during the year.
- Country Umpire Advisor Keith Griffiths and his assistant Ian Thomas.
- Graham Chudleigh for his excellent work as the Cricket Australia Level 2 Umpire Accreditation Course Supervisor.
- Malcolm Conn, Sudesh Arudpragasam and Simon Anderson in the Communications Department at Cricket NSW, for publicising umpiring at any available opportunity through the Cricket NSW web page.

- Jim Robson at Cricket NSW for coordinating the use of the Auditorium for umpire training courses and development programs.

- Chair of the Country Cricket NSW Umpire Sub Committee Bob Myatt. Bob has been a tower of strength to me in many ways for a number of years and I thank him for his counsel and guidance. His commitment to overseeing a smooth relationship between Country Cricket NSW and NSWCUA is appreciated as is his commitment to the Umpire Sub Committee. Bob's professionalism and considered views are valued.

- Meryl Fowler and Ian Wright for their assistance during the season in appointing scorers and umpires for various minor representative matches. They do much good work for NSWCUA and provide opportunities for our members to develop through experience.

- Honorary Secretary Training Colin Philpott for his energy, enthusiasm and assistance with the organisation of the Annual Convention. Colin left a legacy with Convention preparation and organisation. He provided outstanding support and great attention to detail. We wish Colin well with his move to the UK.

- Honorary Secretary Training Muhammad Qureshi for his passion and involvement in the Association's training courses as the Course Administrator. Muhammad has energetically collected and edited many video resources to benefit umpire education and development sessions. Both Colin and Muhammad are committed to excellence and doing their best for the Association.

- Administration Manager Troy Penman whose commitment, dedication and professionalism are to be commended and admired. The Association owes Troy a great deal for his support of education and development initiatives. He is an outstanding young Executive.

- Administration Officer Jay Lenton for his support with the organisation of all education and development programs. Jay has streamlined our registration processes and is commended for his professionalism and enthusiasm. Jay brings great energy to his role and he is a fine asset for NSWCUA. His support with resource preparation is appreciated.

- Members of the Examination Committee, Scorers Committee, Social Committee and Technical Committee for their work on behalf of the Association.

- All members who have acted as mentors for others during the season. Sharing experience to benefit others can lead to growth and be a source of personal satisfaction.



- The Coaching Panel of Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed – their commitment to the role has been appreciated. Their feedback and support of the umpires assists with their growth and development.

- The SCA observers in Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, John Evans, Geoff Garland, Mark Grant, and Graham Reed. They are committed to providing umpires with useful and considered feedback.

- Graham Reed for performing match referee duties in the State Second XI, Futures League, Women's National Cricket League and WT20 as a member of the Umpire High Performance Supplementary Panel.

- Muhammad Qureshi for facilitating the Rules Night for the Grade panel umpires.

- Members of the Association who assisted at different stages throughout the season, there are too many to mention here, but to those who served and supported the Association in an education and development capacity a vote of sincere thanks is offered. Where would we be without the support of our volunteers?

- Cricket NSW General Manager Cricket Performance, David Moore, for his inclusiveness, interest in and support of NSWCUA and umpiring in New South Wales.

In an education and development sense the Association remains committed to delivering high quality training for prospective umpires and scorers and ongoing development for existing members. I look forward to working with the training team in delivering sessions that will engage, educate and assist our members in their development in the 2015-16 season and beyond.

It is an exciting time in the Association's history and we are blessed at the top level to have wonderful talent officiating in the professional game and a number of emerging prospects who will push hard for representative selection in Cricket Australia programs in the years to come:

- Paul Wilson is well established on the International Umpire Panel.

- Gerard Abood is well established on the National Umpire Panel.

- Greg Davidson has made the most of his opportunities in his first season on the National Umpire Panel.

- Anthony Wilds has performed consistently well as a member of the Emerging Umpire Panel and is respected for his ability and diligent preparation. He performed strongly in his Sheffield Shield debut and both List A matches he officiated.

- Simon Lightbody, David Taylor, Ben Treloar are all presently pushing for higher honours and under the radar of the UHPP following strong performances at the National U19 Championships in Adelaide.

- Anthony Hobson performed very well at the National U17 Championships in Hobart and will continue to push for higher honours.

- Claire Polosak's inclusion on the Cricket Australia Project Umpire Panel will fast track her development and lead to excellent opportunities for her in the coming seasons.

All make a positive contribution to the Association and are committed to self-improvement. Each understands that the secret to getting ahead is getting started and then working hard.

Assisting these, and all, umpires to achieve their goals is a challenge to which I am committed.

The non-playing season is a great opportunity for reflection on the season just finished. I encourage all members to do that in assessing their overall performance. Some areas for review and reflection are:

- Positives
- Areas for improvement
- Key observations / incidents / milestones
- Expectations / goals for 2015-16
- What am I going to keep doing?
- What am I going to stop doing?
- What am I going to start doing?
- General comments

Self-reflection or self-assessment will be, in many cases, the best way to achieve ongoing performance enhancement.

In that reflection process if you consider there to be ways in which the Association can better serve or assist you with your development as an umpire or scorer then you are encouraged to let the Executive Officer know.

With umpiring your core values are everything and I encourage all members to reflect on these questions:

- What do I stand for?
- What do I represent?
- How do I want my brand to be perceived?
- What do I need to change?

Continual improvement is an unending journey. The challenge is there for us all to make the next session we umpire our best ever, to prepare as well as possible for each match and to look to constantly improve so we can be the best match official possible. As an Association we search for new talent and better ways of doing things, let's aim to maintain and build on the high standards of those who have laid the foundation for NSWCUA to be the recognised Association it is today.

One of the great strengths of our membership is their commitment to preparation, learning and improving. Our best umpires learn from their mistakes. They recognise if you are not making mistakes you are not learning.

Mistakes are a part of life. If you don't make them, you'll never learn. If you never learn, you'll never improve.

One of the very good things about umpiring, and about competition in sport, is that it teaches us about success and failure in a non-hostile environment. The capacity to put things in perspective, to enjoy our game, and to move on is crucial.

Arthur Ashe wrote that one important key to success is self-confidence and that an important key to self-confidence is preparation.

It was John Maxwell who wrote that you'll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine.

As I reflect on a successful season for umpiring in New South Wales I look with admiration on those who have made strong progress through the pathway – they possess an outstanding attitude and they put the team first.

Wayne Bennett, in "Don't die with the music in you", makes a number of key points about both:

- A human being can alter his/her life by altering his/her attitude.
- When trying to develop a better attitude, it's important to keep away from people who continually knock what you're trying to achieve.
- Attitude is something you see by actions, not words.
- A great attitude is infectious and the difference between good attitude and bad attitude is everything.
- We're all going to face obstacles and in many cases those obstacles will be ourselves.
- For anything worthwhile a price has to be paid. There needs to be planning and preparation, sacrifice and self-denial, effort and hard work and persistence and perseverance. People with good attitude live by this.
- Confident people realise their shortcomings but, because of their confidence, work not just around them but with them to succeed. It's about believing in yourself. How can others have confidence in you if you don't believe in yourself?

- If you don't believe in yourself, you're always looking for the negatives in others.
- Selflessness is the soul of teamwork.
- What teamwork takes is for you to give an enormous amount of yourself.
- For a team to develop, you must have great communication and honesty is everything.
- The key to teamwork is to work less as individuals and more as a team.

Best wishes to all members for a relaxing non-playing season. We hope to see as many as possible at the Convention at Bowral, on 22-23 August 2015, recharged and ready to go for 2015-16.

Thank you to all for the interest in and support of the Association's education and development initiatives and may all members enjoy the season ahead and your involvement in cricket.

"It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret".

Jackie Joyner-Kersey



Umpires Zahir Shahidi and Daniel McMartin



## 4.2 Annual Convention DARREN GOODGER

The highlight of our year in terms of education and development was the Annual Convention, held at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort on 13-14 September 2014. More than 150 members attended and all who did so are commended and thanked for taking their preparation seriously for season 2014-15.

The Convention theme was "The road to success is always under construction" and the program for the weekend saw a number of different presenters and presentations:

- Muhammad Qureshi facilitated two video analysis sessions around the Laws and Decision Making. Muhammad took a number of incidents from televised international matches and used these to engage the group in various discussions around the Laws of Cricket, umpiring techniques and umpires' decisions. It was an outstanding piece of work from Muhammad.
- Simon Taufel led an interactive workshop session around "What is man management?" This saw some outstanding group discussion. The importance of teamwork and dealing with conflict directly and even-handedly was discussed. It certainly provided those present with additional tools to manage situations. Keep your cool, know when to step in and do your best to keep the players on side and appeal to their better judgement.
- Graham Reed gave a summary of his observations from the previous season. Invaluable information was shared with regards to field craft, technique and positioning. Among many tips, Graham suggested that when talking with captains, always do so together, and without other players or officials present; let the captains tell their teammates about any decisions made. A united presentation by both umpires gives the strong impression that we are a coherent team.
- Colin Philpott led a Q&A session with Simon Taufel and Paul Wilson. Paul gave an indication of how tight the funnel is to the top and some information about life on the road as a member of the NUP, while Simon spoke about his work with the ICC umpires in his current management role and how attitude is everything. There is no challenge more challenging than the challenge to improve yourself.
- Troy Penman gave an excellent summary of NSWCUSA Administration Matters and how the administration team was keen to improve services to members with a number of initiatives. Troy's presentation was impressive. He is a most professional young Executive on the rise.
- Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds teamed together to lead an outstanding session on dealing with, and recovering from, mistakes. The importance of processes and routines were highlighted. "Be humble to see your mistakes, courageous to admit them, and wise enough to correct them." Amine Ayad.
- Troy Penman led a Q&A session with David Gilbert. The former Test fast bowler and Cricket NSW Chief Executive was enlightening as he spoke about his first class and international career and then his career in cricket administration. David advised he had taken on the role of President at Western Suburbs District Cricket Club. He spoke about the traits of good umpires, how he respected umpires and the challenging role they had in modern day cricket.
- Laurie Borg and Darren Goodger facilitated a questionnaire session around the Laws of Cricket. This caused some pain and a few head scratches, but the questionnaire got members thinking about the Laws and their application in preparation for the coming season. Results may have been interesting if this was a closed book exercise! The discussion generated was fantastic. Hopefully it caused some to open the Law Book following the Convention!
- National Match Officials Manager, Sean Easey, visited us on the Sunday and gave a polished presentation about the Cricket Australia umpiring system with an emphasis on officiating at the grass roots levels in the game. We look forward to revamped and revitalised Community and Representative Officiating Programs.
- Pierre Elmurr, from Primary Eye Care, presented a session around the visual system and cricket umpiring. This session was a great hit with members.
- Co-patron Dick French gave his summary of the Convention, along with his usual words of wisdom, wishing everyone well for the season ahead and stressing to all umpires the importance of preparation and umpiring with common sense. Dick's passion for umpiring and our Association remains as strong as ever.

It was certainly a Convention the Association can be proud to have conducted at a high quality venue and we offer a vote of thanks to all those who contributed. The presentations were of a high standard.

My thanks go to:

- Gary Crombie for being the Convention MC. He did an excellent job in holding the Convention together.
- Marilyn Fowler for organising the sessions for our Scorer Members – her work and contribution to the Association is of the highest standard and the scorers enjoyed the program put together by Marilyn.
- All members, and members of affiliated umpire associations, who attended the Convention – there was a great feel to the 2014 Convention and all who attended are to be commended for their positive approach and wonderful spirit in making the most of



the weekend and the opportunities for learning that the program provided.

- Our guest presenters and members who facilitated sessions. There is a sense of satisfaction in preparing and delivering a session aimed at benefiting others.

- The Social Committee.

- Merchandise Officer John Evans. John's organisation of our merchandise and his commitment to providing quality service to NSWCUA members is excellent. John's usual band of helpers was on hand and their efforts are appreciated and acknowledged.

- Colin Philpott and Muhammad Qureshi who work hard as Honorary Secretary (Training) – They are a huge support in preparing the Convention. Outstanding work guys, once again!

- Troy Penman and Jay Lenton for preparing Convention resource packs and registering all attendees. The general assistance and support of the Association's education and development initiatives by Troy and Jay is valued. They are outstanding administrators and outstanding young men. Our administration team worked superbly in the lead up to the Convention to support the training team. The Convention gift of an Association hand towel was a popular hit with members. This was organised by Troy and Jay.

- Marty Edgell who took various photos throughout the weekend and then provided these to the Association for use. What great energy and spirit Marty brought to the weekend!

- All members who assisted at the Convention in one way or another. So many just jumped in to lend a hand when they saw a need – this was very much appreciated. Anticipating a need is a great quality to possess and so many of our members help in a positive way. Thank you!

The 2014 Convention makes me reflect on the wonderful contribution made to NSWCUA by our volunteers. We hope the weekend helped those who came along to prepare well for the season and we thank management and staff of Riverside Oaks Golf Resort for their hospitality and service.

Overwhelming feedback indicated that Convention 2014 was a wonderful success – a hearty vote of thanks to all who made a contribution to the weekend.

The 2015 Convention will be held at the home of cricket in regional New South Wales – Bowral, at the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame on the weekend of 22-23 August 2015. A registration form will be forwarded to all members in July. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend for what will be an interesting and varied

program once again, along with being a great social weekend, as we prepare for the 2015-16 cricket season. It can't come quickly enough!

As you think ahead to the coming season, which will be here before we know it, I leave you with a thought:

You don't always get what you wish for, you get what you work for.

Nothing worth having comes easy. Just like you are who you are when no one is looking, champions are made when no one is watching.

On behalf of the training team we wish all members well in their preparation for the 2015-16 season.



## 4.3 Social Appointments Officer

IAN WRIGHT

2014-15 has been a busy season with many requests for umpires to be provided for social matches, school cricket and other matches outside of the usual Grade, Shires, Women's Cricket and Masters competitions.

Appointments were made to in excess of 270 matches during the season. Fortunately all of the major carnivals were not impacted heavily by wet weather, but a number of games during the year did have to be cancelled or rescheduled.

Generally matches were either T20 format or Limited Overs formats. However a small number of 2-day fixtures were held. A 3-day match was also planned, but it was completed in two days, with a T20 played on the third day.

The Thunder Nation Cup was again played this year by the Sydney Thunder Big Bash franchise. Matches were held to encourage participation in the game by a range of ethnic groups, with matches held in Sydney's Greater West. Several preliminary rounds were played. The Final was held at Spotless Stadium, Homebush, to precede a Sydney Thunder Big Bash match.

The season began with a large number of pre-season practice matches for Grade and Shires Clubs. We were able to meet all of the requests for umpires for the three weeks leading up to the season's commencement. These matches allow many of our members to have the opportunity to get some valuable match practice before the season commenced.

The Cricket NSW Academy competitions, Womens' matches, Emerging Breakers and a range of corporate, schoolboy and social matches kept our umpires busy. We also provided umpires for some NSW Districts Cricket juniors inter-association matches and some Semi-Finals and Finals appointments. In particular, South East Juniors and the Northern District and Northern Suburbs Associations had umpires assisting with their Finals.

The Cricket Australia u15 Female Championships were held in Sydney, in the Western and South-Western suburbs. This carnival has been held in Sydney for several seasons now. These are now Cricket Australia appointments although I worked with Darren Goodger in putting forward umpires for approval.

Umpires were provided for the Rawson Cup Sydney Uni Colleges Carnival, Pharmacy Cricket, Primary Club matches, SCG XI games and Corporate Games Carnivals. Appointments were also made to the City and Suburban Association Finals Games.

It is usually difficult to find umpires to fulfil requests for

umpires on Saturdays, as many of our members are already committed to Grade or Shires matches. My thanks to Troy Penman who advised me of umpires not umpiring on Saturdays when umpires were required. I also appreciated the help of Dr John Colwell, who assisted with advising details of umpires not already appointed to Womens matches. Thanks also to Darren Goodger for his assistance in advising details of matches seeking umpires.

I encourage any members to volunteer for social match appointments, particularly our newer members, and those not umpiring in the Grade or Shires Competitions. From time to time I am able to appoint umpires to matches on prestigious grounds including the S.C.G., Bradman Oval (Bowral), A.N.Z. Stadium, Spotless Stadium and Blacktown International Sports Park.

Contact with umpires by email was regularly used and it provides a very convenient means of communication to notify games and to accept appointments. I would encourage all umpires to establish an email address. Any members who are not on my email list, please send me your email address and I will add you. Any member who is no longer umpiring or does not wish to be offered games other than their Grade or Shires appointments, please send me an email to request your deletion from my list.

To the organisers of matches, please allow at least a few days, preferably a week, to organise the appointment of umpires. Whilst we were usually able to organise umpires at short notice the more time available, the better chance of finding someone for your matches. If at all possible, it is preferred that payment be made on the day of the match.

The recommended fees for Social Matches increased to \$130 this season (up \$10).

My thanks to all umpires and scorers who accepted appointments to the various games throughout the season.

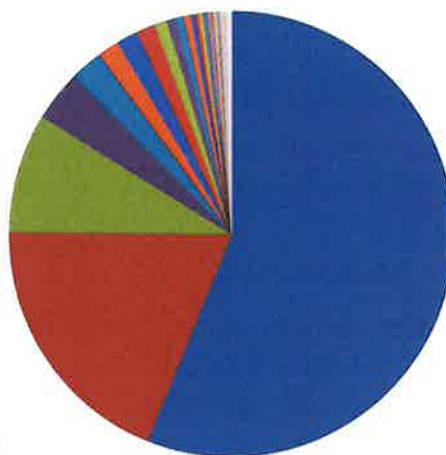
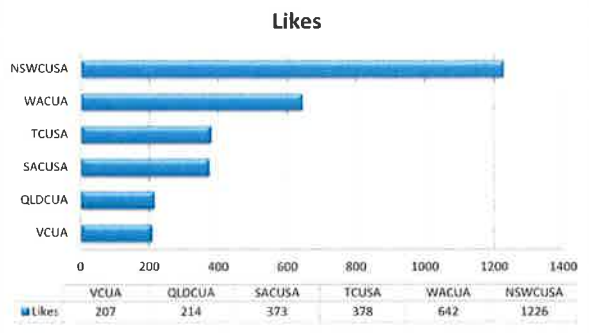


## 4.4 NSWCUA Facebook & Webpage Report JAY LENTON

With the ever evolving benefits of Social Media, the accessibility for information is expanding to a broader population. The NSWCUA Facebook page has developed at a rapid rate during the past year with 1,226 people "liking" the Association's page. From the 1,226 likes 88% are male and 12% female, the most popular age bracket of those who have "liked" are 18-24 year olds males (25%) closely followed by 25-34 year old males (24%). The widespread availability of the internet and Facebook is shown with 34 countries represented in the 1,226 likes, with Australia (685), India (232) and Pakistan (106) the top three representatives.

The last year has seen 51 posts to the Facebook page reaching close to 53,000 people with each post reaching 1,038 people on average. The people the posts reached were predominately males (73%) with the most popular age group being the male 25-34 year olds (22%).

The webpage is still flowing efficiently with 19 articles released this year updating Members on upcoming events, special milestones and achievements reached.



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## 4.5 Liaison Officer NEIL FINDLAY

The NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association currently has 40 Affiliated Associations. The largest of the Affiliated Associations is the Sydney Shires CUA with 82 members, while Cootamundra District CUA with five members is the smallest Affiliate. The average size of these Associations is 27 members. While it is pleasing to note that in several Associations all members are also NSWCUA members, overall, the average NSWCUA membership in the Affiliates is 57.5%. Hopefully, in the future, more Affiliate members will join the NSWCUA.

As usual during the season, each Affiliated Association was invited to report on its activities to the Board and to the wider membership of the NSWCUA. It is disappointing to report that once again less than half of the Affiliates responded to this invitation. However, in the reports received, worthy of recognition is the number of long serving umpires in several Associations. Extraordinary contributions have been made to the Nepean District CUA by Alan Boyd (42 years), Ray Jordan (40 years), Norm Tickner (37 years), Keith Hawkins (35 years) and David Betts (29 years). Outstanding umpiring milestones have also been achieved by the following Affiliate members: Pat Kerin (Cootamundra DCUA) – 400 matches; Alan Smith (Georges River-St. George CUL) – 350 matches; Ric Becquet (Cootamundra DCUA) and Roger Ridgway (Georges River-St. George CUL) – 300 matches; John Oliver (South Coast CUA), Roger Spindler (Georges River-St. George CUL) and Bruce Wood (Hornsby, Kuring-gai and Hills District CUA) – 200 matches. Another highlight has been the charity contributions made by the Illawarra CUA and Sutherland Shire CUA whose members donated match fees to support fund raising efforts for the Sydney Children's Hospital and Bowel Cancer research respectively. Finally, of note, is the annual umpire exchange that has been established between the Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUSA.

The NSWCUA was once again represented at the majority of the Annual General Meetings of the Affiliated Associations. Board Directors, Zone Umpire Representatives and NSWCUA Administration Manager, Troy Penman, attended a total of 21 AGM's. These visits offer an invaluable opportunity for the direct sharing of information and concerns between the Board representatives and the Affiliates. It is important that Affiliates provide early notice of the dates of AGM's so that Board representatives can attend as many meetings as possible.

The Executive and Office Bearers of the Affiliated Associations play an important role in the development of umpiring in both metropolitan and regional areas and their efforts should be acknowledged. In particular, there has been strong support for training and development courses offered by the NSWCUA. Such courses were conducted across the State at venues as widely apart as Albion Park, Albury,

Bowral, Camden, Cowra, Goulburn, Griffith, Lismore, Tamworth, Wamberal and Wollongong.

The Zone Umpire Representatives who co-ordinate umpiring in Country New South Wales on behalf of Country Cricket NSW and NSWCUA should also be recognised. This important role includes co-ordinating training courses, supervising Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation, identifying suitable candidates for Zone Umpiring Panels and for further Country pathways and making appointments to Zone Carnivals and SCG Country Cup, Country Shield and Country Plate matches. The Zone Umpire Representatives for 2014-15 were – Gary Crombie (Central North), Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Greg Jones (Western), Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina), Don Maisey (Central Coast), Kim Norris (Newcastle), Ken Robinson (North Coast) and Bruce Whiteman (Southern). Gary Crombie replaced long serving Sam Rees who had retired as Central North Zone Umpire Representative. Sam made a major contribution to the development of umpiring and to cricket in general in the Central North Zone and he is to be congratulated and thanked for his outstanding efforts. Sam was also a member of the Country Representative Umpires Panel for six years and won the 2002-03 Country Umpire of the Year Award.

At the beginning of August, the annual professional development workshop was held in Scone for members of both the Country Representative Panel and the Country Supplementary Panel and for Zone Umpire Representatives. This workshop was again facilitated and funded by the NSWCUA and included presentations from Graham Chudleigh, Greg Davidson, Neil Findlay, Darren Goodger, Keith Griffiths, Alan Mantle, Kim Norris, Muhammad Qureshi, Bruce Whitehouse and Anthony Wilds. The weekend was invaluable in preparing the Country representative umpires for the 2014-15 Season and further enhanced the strong bond that exists in Country Umpiring.

Once again, NSW Country Cricket conducted several major competitions across the State with matches being umpired by members of the two Country Panels and by selected Zone Umpires. The Zone Umpires performed well and each appreciated the opportunity to officiate at Country level. The Country Championships were held in Ballina and Griffith in November and eventually the rain delayed Final, umpired by Neil Findlay and Kim Norris, was played in Orange in February. The Country Colts Carnival was also held in Coffs Harbour in November with Phil Rainger and Daniel Rosolen standing in the Final. The SCG Country Cup Carnival was conducted in Wollongong after Christmas and subsequently David Went and Bruce Whiteman again umpired the Final at the SCG. The Final four competitions for both the Country Shield and the Country Plate were also conducted in Tamworth just after Christmas. Jeff Hackett (North Coast) and Neil Smith (Riverina) umpired the Country Shield Final while the umpires for the Country Plate Final were Bruce Baxter (North Coast) and Graham Moon (Riverina). Country

Shield Final while the umpires for the Country Plate Final were Bruce Baxter (North Coast) and Graham Moon (Riverina). Country Umpires Adviser Keith Griffiths, former First Class umpire Ian Thomas and State Director of Umpiring Darren Goodger acted as umpire observers at these various competitions and their insights and support were greatly appreciated by all umpires concerned.

The Annual NSWCUA Dinner held at Bankstown in April was again well attended by members of the Affiliated Associations, with a good number from Country areas present. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of two prestigious awards to members of Affiliated Associations. David Went (North Coast) won the Country Umpire of the Year Award for the second time, while Stephen Blomfield (Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association) received the EF Wykes OAM Association Medal both for his outstanding contribution as Association Secretary and for his significant umpiring achievements.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to all Affiliated Associations for their continued involvement with the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scores' Association. I would also like to express my appreciation for the continued support of the NSWCUA Board of Directors and the efforts of the incomparable team of Darren Goodger (Executive Officer and State Director of Umpiring), Troy Penman (Administration Manager) and Jay Lenton (Administration Officer). Their genuine interest in the affairs of the Affiliated Associations has been encouraging and their assistance has been invaluable.

## 4.6 Merchandise Report JOHN EVANS

The season started off with our Convention at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort, What a tremendous setting! We arrived on the Friday afternoon and unpacked the van. We are so blessed to have wonderful members to assist me in unloading the van and in setting up the room allocated to Merchandise. I wasn't allowed to lift anything and these guys just stepped up to the plate and made light work in setting up the merchandising display.

Saturday started slowly compared to previous years, but soon picked up after the morning tea break. Sales were continuous throughout the day and our takings were about \$8,000. Not a bad day's work. We didn't have any new stock to display so this amount was a wonderful result. Sunday saw a continuous line of members flow through the doors and overall the weekend was a success.

I would like to thank Grahame Bell, Brian Ferguson, Bill Howard, Ray Marshall, Karl Wentzel, and Arthur Watson for making my job easier throughout the weekend. Their assistance was much appreciated. If I have missed anyone I do apologise.

Currently I have an abundance of the Centenary Polo Shirts and ties in stock along with all the regular stock stored in my garage. I can still garage my car, but it is becoming very tight. Also during the season I sourced the washable, squashable hat that was so popular previously. I will have these on hand for the Bowral Convention.

As I write this report I have received the new Sky Blue on field spray jacket. It looks very smart. I have approximately 220 in stock at the moment ranging in size from Small to 8XL. This jacket replaces the white jumper, the tracksuit top and the dark blue spray jacket. The cost to our members is \$55.

At this stage I would like to offer my thanks to Jay Lenton, Troy Penman and Darren Goodger, these guys offer a mountain of assistance and through their efforts the merchandising machine rolls on. To the Board, thanks for your support. Your continued backing and understanding is appreciated.

Looking forward to the upcoming season. Don't forget, bring your credit card.



Above: Bruce Baxter, Ian Thomas, Darren Goodger and David Went to the Sydney Cricket Ground.



## 4.7 SCA Grade Cricket Observers' Report

BOB DAVIS

Throughout the 2014-15 season, four off-field Observers (Graham Reed, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis and Mark Grant) have been visiting cricket fields throughout Sydney, to assist the umpires officiating at SCA Grade matches. Other experienced and senior umpires (including Graham Chudleigh, David Dilley and Laurie Borg) have on occasions served as off-field observers as well, providing additional views to our umpires.

321 off-field observations were made, and reports prepared during the season, for umpires in all four SCA Grade Panels during the season. Reports are sent to the State Director of Umpiring, who reads each one before forwarding them to the umpires. In most cases, the Observers discuss their comments with the umpires at the end of a session or of the day's play.

The Observer team made a few administrative changes before the season commenced and umpires would have seen a slightly different (and hopefully improved) report this season. The allocation of observers to matches was also improved, resulting in observations being made of every umpire in the First, Second and Third panels, and of most of the regular Fourth panel umpires. Visiting umpires from the NSW Country, interstate and overseas were also observed, with the after-match discussions benefiting both New South Wales umpiring and the umpires themselves.

Observers provide five main services, with the objective of helping umpires to be the best they can be:

- Provide encouragement and support to our match umpires and scorers
- Inform umpires of any incorrect application of the Laws of Cricket, or of the SCA playing conditions. These are rare occurrences, primarily due to the extensive training provided by our Education and Development team at Conventions, training sessions, and at our Ordinary meetings.
- Promote and explain the techniques presented at our Ordinary meetings by the Education and Development team, especially to umpires who are unable to attend the meetings.
- Bring to the umpires' attention anything that is unusual or unexpected in their technique or action. Often an umpire's response is "I didn't realise I was doing that". You have to know that you're doing something before you can correct or adjust your technique.
- Suggest alternatives to any actions that could be improved, or even just done differently, and present the reasons for doing so.

We are pleased to again report the high levels of preparation, teamwork and communication. These characteristics are essential and evident at the higher Grades. Over the season newer umpires have also clearly been working at improving their skills.

Umpires are generally well-prepared and knowledgeable about the Laws and the relevant Playing Conditions, especially when rain is about and interruptions to play are anticipated. Signalling between umpires is usually unobtrusive but reliable. Teamwork, communication and cooperation is an area where newer umpires sometimes need guidance to ensure their individual and collective success. Match management is also an important aspect of umpiring. Whenever we see a difficult or unusual situation handled well, or pre-empted, by an umpire, we make a point of acknowledging and encouraging the umpire concerned.

Observers will usually talk informally with one or both captains during a match, to get their perspective on the umpires' performance. Captains now understand the role of observers and generally take this opportunity to provide thoughtful and constructive comments for the development of umpires. Many captains have commented favourably on the improvement in the standard of umpiring over the past few years, especially in the lower grades.

Some of the more common things mentioned by observers to umpires, especially those early in their career, include:

- Always watch the play until after the ball dead before looking at your counter. The number on the counter is always less important than a possible run-out.
- Likewise, always wait until after the ball is dead before signalling to the scorers.
- When at the striker's end, and the batsman plays the ball, maintain your concentration on the batsman's end of the pitch for a moment after the ball was hit, before following the ball. There may be a stumping attempt, or the batsman may break the wicket – in any case. If the bails come off, you must know how it happened.
- Stand still while considering an appeal and when giving the decision and even for a moment or two afterwards. Any movement forwards or backwards may give the perception of uncertainty to players and spectators "Finger speed" is critical – not too fast, not too slow. When giving not-out, a slight shake of the head ensures that all players and spectators are aware of your decision. Never look at your counter until well after the decision has been made.
- If an explanation for a decision is sought by a player, provide a concise response: an excellent decision can be ruined by a poor explanation. Never offer an explanation unless asked.

- During the change of over, at least one of the umpires should be keeping a watchful eye not only on the pitch, but also on the players and the ball, in case of any indiscretions. The umpire who called "over" takes a few steps towards square leg, then turns and backs away, watching the pitch as he does so. When his partner arrives at the bowler's end, this duty is handed over.

- When talking with captains, always do so together, and without other players or officials present. Let the captains tell their teammates about any decisions made. A united presentation by both umpires gives the strong impression that we are a coherent team.

- When at the bowler's end and the batsmen start to run, walk briskly to a position square of the pitch, in line with the batting crease. Aim to be there, and with your head still, ready to adjudicate on a short run or run-out.

- Be careful not to give ambiguous signals to your partner when at the striker's end. Stand with your hands beside or behind you. Hands in front could be inadvertently interpreted by your partner as an indication that the batsman had hit the ball with his bat.

- Always be ready to help your partner. Regular eye contact during each over, unambiguous and reliable signals for all common events, present the

appearance of teamwork when talking to captains and players. When at the striker's end, between deliveries, turn a little towards your partner, so that you will see any signal from the bowler's end umpire.

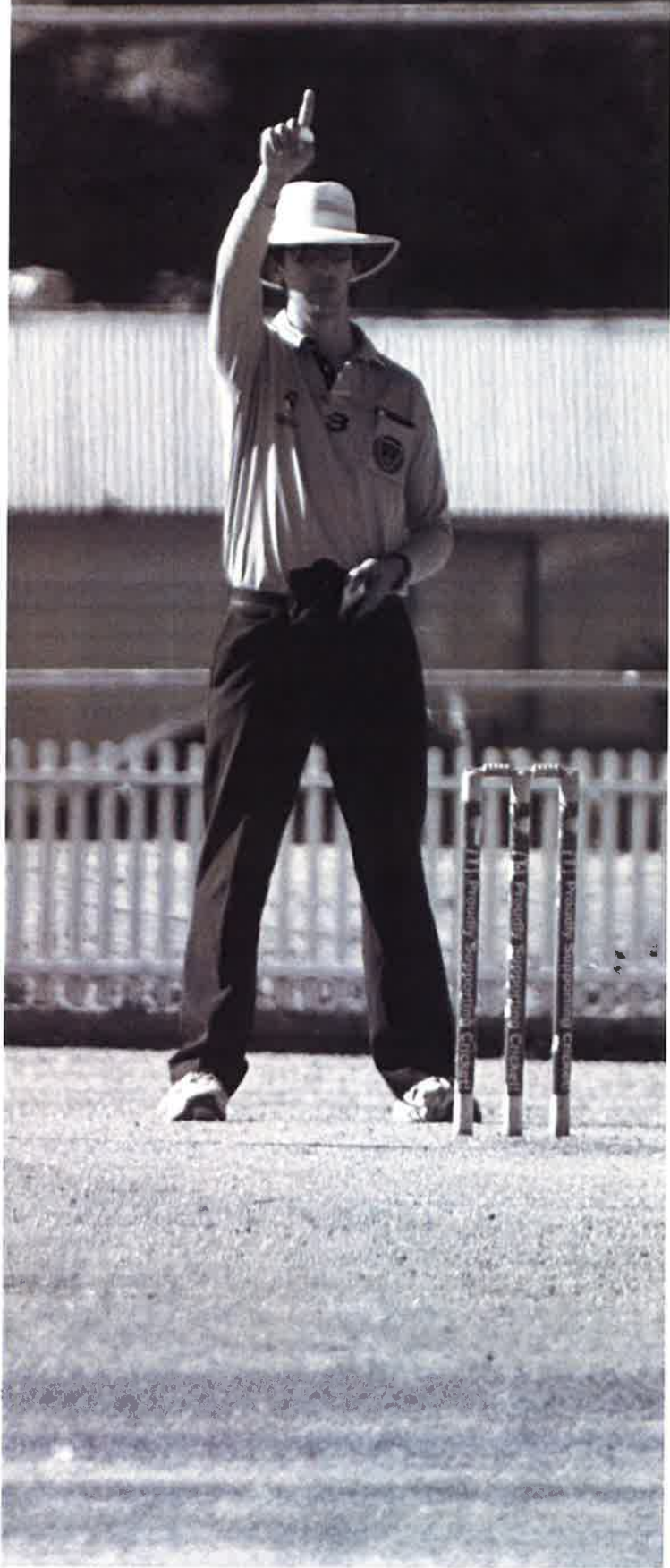
It is rewarding to Observers when we hear that the information provided has been helpful to an umpire, and suggestions have been considered and implemented where appropriate. We are always pleased when an umpire gets the opportunity to officiate his/her first match in a higher Grade.

The Observer team has implemented some improvements over the past few seasons, but is always open to any suggestions that can make our work more useful to the SCA umpires. Please forward any suggestions to any of the Observers or to the State Director of Umpiring.

We thank all the umpires in Sydney Grade Cricket for the spirit in which the Observers' activities have been received. We are grateful for your understanding of our role, and appreciate your support throughout the season. We are especially grateful to the State Director of Umpiring, Darren Goodger, and the administration team (Troy and Jay), for their support and encouragement throughout the season.



# 5 Association Reports



## 5.1 Central Coast DON MAISEY

The 2014-15 season is now complete and accordingly I submit my report for the Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association. The season was full of turmoil for both the CCCA and Umpires, interspersed with some very good cricket.

Prior to the start of the season, we lost a great man with the passing of Phil Kirby. Phil was a Life Member and former President of our Association. Phil was an icon, a mentor of the highest order who readily offered to impart his wealth of knowledge and performed his duties with great dignity. He was the epitome of "The Spirit of Cricket" and a thorough gentleman. He will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting and working with him.

### Finals Appointments

Again, the weather played a significant role in the Grand Finals, but every effort was made by all to obtain a result on the field. The Division 1 match was abandoned and replayed the following weekend. Congratulations to all who were appointed.

Premier League	Aidan Cuddington & James Figallo
Division 1	Paul McCartin & Mark Ronson
Division 1 Replay	Paul McCartin & Jason Fisher
Division 2	Brian Baudinette & Tony Booth
Division 3	Bryan Woolford & Ian Moore
Division 4	Graeme Wearne & Robert McMillan
Division 5	John Davidson & Barry Lever
Division 6	Thomas Maurer & Jason Fisher
Division 7	Bruce Malbon & Andy Martin
Division 8	Joe Dowden & John Harris
ODLO	Geoff Peebles & Elisabeth Houston
U19	Mark Ronson & Graeme Wearne

### Representative Appointments

The SCG Country Cup and Country Shield Preliminary Rounds were mostly combined with Grade Rounds in our local competition. Those who participated in inter-zone matches were:

Mark Ronson, Tom Maurer, Peter Guest, Bryan Woolford, Ian Moore, Tony Booth, James Figallo and Don Maisey.

I was also honoured to take part in the Bradman Cup at Singleton and the U13 State Challenge at Dubbo.

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## Executive and Office Bearers

The Executive of the CCCUA have had another tough season and must be congratulated for their efforts. Without their hard work and commitment, the Association would not exist.

President: Elisabeth Houston  
Secretary: Michael Sherwood  
Treasurer: Bryan Woolford

Mention must also go to Tony Booth who is our delegate to the CCCA and has been working very hard with the CCCA on fixing the judiciary system. A great deal of effort is put in by our Appointments Committee, which consists of the President, Secretary and Brian Baudinette. It can be a thankless task at times but they have done a great job throughout the season.

## Education and Development

Pre-season training for new umpires on the Laws of Cricket was conducted by NSWCUA. Even though we made our best efforts to get the message out, the majority of those present were existing umpires. However, two new umpires present passed the exam and have since become members of this Association. A big thank you must go to the trainers who made a very intense weekend an enjoyable and memorable one for the participants. To those existing members who attended, thank you for your commitment and eagerness to always keep learning.

## Key Highlights

Umina CC and Woy Woy CC amalgamated during the off season to become Southern Spirit. They proved to be very competitive during the season.

The Premier League Grand Final was played between Kincumber and Wyong. In a low scoring game hampered by the weather, Kincumber prevailed. Congratulations to Aidan Cuddington and James Figallo who both officiated in their first Premier League Grand Final.

The CCCUA increased our fees to \$110 per day. The CCCA complained that this would put them over the limit for GST and that we should collect the money ourselves direct from the clubs. The CCCUA declined at this time.

Just before the start of Round 1 of the season, the CCCA proposed to introduce a Post-Match Meeting. However, they wanted the manager or coach of the home team as facilitator. The CCCUA had some

reservations about this as well as the timing and conducting a post-match meeting where there was only one umpire. It was agreed to only implement the meeting for Premier League, where there are two umpires, at this time, and the facilitator should be neutral where possible. These meetings officially started in Round 13.

The CCCA has had to move from Mt Penang and at times it was very difficult to contact them until they had new premises.

In February, the CCCA wrote to the CCCUA that they wanted a certain umpire to stand in matches for one specific club and that this umpire should also officiate in the Premier League Grand Final. This caused concern for the CCCUA and the Appointments Committee. The Appointments Committee is responsible for the allocation of umpires.

A big thank you goes to all those Umpires who gave up their Saturdays and Sundays to make this season a success. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me during the season. In particular, I would like to thank Michael Sherwood, Elisabeth Houston and Bryan Woolford for the amount of time and effort they have expended during the season and the off-season. And a very special thank you to Darren Goodger, who has kept me in the game.

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## 5.2 Central North GARY CROMBIE

Firstly I would like to thank Sam Rees for his many years of service as the Zone Representative of Central North.

As another fantastic year of cricket has come to an end I don't know about anyone else but if you are anything like me you are missing it already and looking forward to the 2015-16 season.

Once again it is pleasing to see that umpires all around the Central North were well represented in a number of matches both at their own local Association and Representative level which involved many umpires travelling many miles to fulfil their commitments.

Central North continues to build its umpiring ranks thanks to the support of the NSWCUA training committee. The plan for the upcoming season is to have three NSWCUA training courses throughout Central North providing we have the numbers. We will be looking to Karuah, Scone and Armidale to host courses.

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance throughout the season which includes the Selectors from various Associations. I would like to single out and give a special mention to Phil Rainger (Tamworth), Steve Eccles (Scone), Dave Merchant (Maitland), Rick Carr (Cessnock) and Sam Rees (Karuah) for their support and the many hours on the phone.

Congratulations go to the following members from the Maitland District Cricket Umpires Association (MDCUA):

Robert Humphries who was awarded Umpire of the Year for MDCUA.

Rodney Porter for receiving the Encouragement Award for MDCUA.

We would also like to congratulate Peter Attewell on being awarded Life Membership to the Cessnock Cricket District Association (CDCA).

Scone Cricket Umpires' Association stalwart and long standing member David Wicks has stood in his final match which was fittingly the Scone "A" Grade Final. David has decided to take his bails and go home retiring from umpiring.

I would like to thank David for his support of both cricket and umpiring at all levels over many years. It was a real pleasure standing with you and we all wish you all the best in your retirement.

As a testament to their on field performance the following umpires stood in their Association Grand Finals.

Armidale	Alan Hollebrandse & Peter Smith
Cessnock	Rick Carr & Glen Miller
Dungog	Graham Hudson & Leo Hudson
Narrabri	Geoff Hoy
Quirindi	Wayne Sellens
Scone	Steve Eccles & David Wicks
Tamworth	First Grade - Leon Erich & Paul Purdy
	Second Grade - Dan O'Connor & Wayne Solomons.
	Third Grade - Simon Hood & Tiny Collins.
	Fourth Grade - Trevor Perry & Noel Cook

### Representative matches:

Hunter Valley Colts Final	Rick Carr & Peter Attewell
John Bull Final	Graeme Goldsmith & Nathan Mitchell
War Veterans Cup Connolly Cup	Leon Erich & Mark Mitchell
	John Thompson & Wayne Solomons
Hunter Valley Cup Final	Rick Carr & Gary Crombie
Coal Board Cup Final	David Wicks & Gary Crombie
2TMO Cup Final	Graeme Goldsmith & Nathan Mitchell

## 5.3 Illawarra NEIL FINDLAY

The first umpires association was formed in the Illawarra in 1929. In due course, the Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association affiliated with the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association and, in recent years, the two Associations have developed a close relationship. In particular, Illawarra umpires have benefited from and valued numerous training and development opportunities offered by the NSWCUA while the regular attendance of NSWCUA representatives at Annual General Meetings has been greatly appreciated. The Illawarra CUA looks forward to maintaining this close relationship with the NSWCUA for many seasons to come.

### Affiliated umpire associations within the Zone:

The Illawarra Zone is a single cricket association, located almost exclusively in the City of Wollongong. The Cricket Illawarra competition consists of four Grades and is played between 10 clubs most of which are in close proximity to each other. The one exception is the Helensburgh club, located 35 kilometres to the north of Wollongong. Being such a small Zone, Illawarra has only one Affiliated umpire association, namely the Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association Inc.

### Finals appointments:

The Illawarra T20 Competition was again played as part of the weekly competition in the period just before and after Christmas. The Finals matches in all Grades were played at North Dalton Park and its surrounding precinct with the officiating umpires being:

1st Grade	Corrimal v. Helensburgh – Neil Findlay and Frank Ciocci
2nd Grade	Keira v. Northern Districts – Peter Ferguson and Steve Saye
3rd Grade	University v. Wests-Illawarra – Brian Druey and Evan Lane
4th Grade	Corrimal Red v. Northern Districts – Chris Adams and Denis Veronese

The season culminated with the Two Day Finals in 1st and 2nd Grade and the limited overs One Day Finals in 3rd and 4th Grade. The umpires appointed for these Finals were:

1st Grade	Balgownie v. Corrimal – David Cullen and Neil Findlay
2nd Grade	Helensburgh v. Northern Districts – David Dobinson and Darren Sutherland
3rd Grade	Corrimal v. Wests-Illawarra – Peter Ferguson and Ean Martin
4th Grade	Corrimal Red v. Northern Districts – John Cauduro and Denis Veronese

Unfortunately, because the local junior Finals clashed with the senior Semi-Finals this season, it was only possible to appoint an umpire to one Final. Wal Smith officiated in the Dapto v. Keira under 16 Final.

### Umpire numbers:

The Illawarra CUA has a total of 24 members. Unfortunately, however, 2014-15 saw a decline in the number of active members and by the end of the season there were only 19 members available to officiate. For the first time in several years, no new umpires joined the Association while the services of a number were lost. Ernie Tinka returned to Dubbo before the season began, Alan Bell retired at the end of November and long serving Wal Smith was unable to umpire after Christmas. Further, several others were often unavailable because of work commitments. Although umpires were still appointed to all matches in 1st and 2nd Grade each round, fewer numbers meant that it was no longer possible to cover many 3rd Grade fixtures. On a brighter note, a number have expressed interest in undertaking umpire training during the off-season and hopefully this will result an increase in on-field umpires next season.

### Executive and office bearers:

Once again the Executive of the Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association has consisted of:

- President – Morgan Prosser.
- Secretary-Treasurer – Barry Moir.

As usual, Morgan has been tireless in his leadership of the Association and his whole-hearted efforts have been greatly appreciated. Apart from diligently performing his duties, Barry has successfully implemented an online system for paying umpire match fees. This has been a revolutionary development in Illawarra where the custom has been that umpires be paid by the clubs on match day. Barry is to be commended for his efforts and for making this new approach function so smoothly.

Other key office bearers have been Neil Findlay (Training Officer) and David Cullen and Peter Ferguson (Training Committee) who have together been responsible for offering training and development activities during the Association's monthly meetings.

### Education and development:

Over a weekend in June, four members attended a training course on the Laws of Cricket held at Albion Park for Southern Zone umpires. Darryl Hampson also attempted the examination at the end of the course and subsequently, with an outstanding 100% result, became a NSWCUA member.

The annual pre-season workshop was held in August with 15 participants from Illawarra and Southern Zone in attendance. The workshop was facilitated by Darren Goodger and



Muhammad Qureshi and began as usual with a short quiz on the Laws of Cricket. Informative sessions then followed on concentration, match management and a video analysis of decision making in international matches.

An open book examination on the Laws of Cricket was also held before the season commenced. The purpose of this examination was to facilitate revision of the Laws and no "pass" mark was required. However, it was compulsory to attempt the examination before being able to umpire in Illawarra in 2014-15.

Throughout the season, training continued in the form of quizzes emailed out to members before each monthly Association meeting. The questions provoked spirited discussion at meetings and significantly improved the members' understanding of both the Laws of Cricket and local Playing Conditions. During the meetings, training sessions were also conducted on dealing with conflict, communication, positioning and fitness for play (Laws 3.8 and 3.9).

#### Key highlights:

The annual T20 trial matches between the Illawarra representative team and Sydney Grade clubs, Bankstown and Sutherland, were again played under lights at North Dalton Park in October. David Dobinson and Peter Ferguson umpired the Illawarra v. Bankstown match while the umpires for the Illawarra v. Sutherland match were David Cullen and Neil Findlay. Subsequently, the Illawarra team participated in the Sydney Grade T20 competition playing against Eastern Suburbs and Randwick-Petersham at North Dalton Park and then Gordon and Sydney at Chatswood Oval. David Cullen and Neil Findlay were both appointed to umpire matches at each of these venues.

At NSW Country level, Neil Findlay was again appointed to the Country Representative Umpire Panel. He stood in the Country U17 Carnival held in Raymond Terrace before travelling to Griffith for the Southern Country Championship Carnival; officiated in the Bradman Cup Carnival in Maitland and finally umpired the rain delayed Country Championship Final in Orange. David Cullen was appointed to the Country Supplementary Panel for the first time and he umpired a Quarter Final of the SCG Country Cup in Wollongong; officiated in the Bradman Cup Carnival in Maitland and umpired the under 14 State Challenge match at Bradman Oval in Bowral. Along with several other members of the Country Panels, Neil and David also accepted an invitation to umpire in the Sydney 1st Grade Competition. It is further pleasing to note that Darren Sutherland was again afforded the opportunity of umpiring at Country level. He stood in the Country U17 Carnival held in Raymond Terrace and umpired in the under 13 / under 14 State Challenge Carnival in Dubbo. In addition, Darren was appointed to umpire in Cricket Australia's pre-season Women's T20 Series and officiated in a match between South Australia and

Tasmania.

During October and November, several umpires once again stood in NSW Junior DCA Inter-Association Shield Competitions. The appointed officials for the Illawarra teams involved were – Brian Druery (Under 12), Ray Trindall (Under 13), Chris Adams (Under 14), Barry Moir (Under 15) and Charles Brockley (Under 16). Most of them subsequently officiated in the Semi-Finals of their respective competitions.

The umpire exchange program initiated last season between the Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUSA continued, with Dave Patterson travelling from New Zealand to umpire in Wollongong in November. David Dobinson then flew to New Zealand in January to officiate in a two-day match between Hawkes Bay and Horowhenua-Kapiti in Napier. This match was the equivalent of a NSW Country representative fixture and was played over 110 overs per day. The exchange is now well established and umpires from both Associations have already indicated their desire to participate in future years.

Once again, the Illawarra CUA supported the annual Charity Day organised by the Dapto and Helensburgh clubs in December. Umpires donated their day's match fees and contributed a total of \$850.00 to the fundraising efforts for the Sydney Children's Hospital.

Finally, Neil Findlay won the 2014/2015 "Wal Smith" Umpire of the Year Award. All umpires who officiated in two thirds of the matches played during the season were eligible for the award and its criteria were marks awarded by captains in their match reports and attendance at monthly Association meetings and training seminars. Also of note this season has been the consistent umpiring of experienced umpires David Cullen, David Dobinson and Peter Ferguson and the continued development of newer umpires John Cauduro, Ean Martin and Darren Sutherland.

## 5.4 Newcastle KIM NORRIS

Well it has been an actioned packed season with umpires within the Zone being kept occupied managing the heavy work load asked of them.

Umpires new & experienced battling the elements and standing firm answering the eager appealing - Out and Not Out!

The growth and development of new umpires was pleasing to see. In addition the individual mentoring provided by the more experienced umpires was undertaken with enthusiasm. I know the umpires new to the 'middle' really appreciated the guidance and words of wisdom shown towards them. I have no doubt this aspect contributed to their development and has set them well for the season(s) ahead.

The introduction of the new Code of Conduct for the NDCA Competition and the associated early plea conditions have been very successful. The Code of Conduct Commissioner has been instrumental in the bedding down of the new process with just a few minor adjustments needed to tidy up some areas. The City and Suburban Umpires Association has expressed interest in the new Code and its streamlined process and is keen to look at its introduction within the City and Suburban Competition.

The new Code of Conduct has certainly had an impact – while poor behaviour and disregard for the Spirit & Traditions of the game were primarily dealt with, the various Associations still experienced a number of disappointing incident over the season. Hopefully players and associated parties will soon get the message.

Availability of grounds, always a continuing issue with the start to the season, created headaches for the respective Ground Allocation Committees. Again it was pleasing to see the NDCA, City and Suburban and Newcastle Junior Cricket Association work together to allow all grades a relatively smooth start to the cricket season.

Also an acknowledgement to the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association with the U12's being crowned State Champions – A great achievement!! I was part of a five person committee to commence talks relative to the proposed formation of a new Governing Body with a view to promote, encourage and develop cricket in Newcastle.

Initial meetings were overall positive with a number of hurdles to overcome. There was consensus that such a body had major benefits by way of streamlining administration and reducing the inefficiencies by reducing the similar roles performed within each local association.

The one voice concept was 'visible' to all, in that the new body would be able to speak, Sponsors or

Local Councils on behalf of all cricket participants. This would allow 'CRICKET' to lobby with authority when competing with other local sporting bodies in Newcastle.

Disappointingly progress has been slow. I am aware that much has been discussed and there is a lot on the table but it's still early stages yet, but frustration exists.

I look forward to an acceleration of activities in the coming year. I believe the overall concept has merit and Newcastle has the 'hunger' for it and needs to remain on the menu.

It was also pleasing to see First Class Cricket return to Newcastle at our No. 1 Sportsground. The Sheffield Shield match played between NSW and WA was affected by rain, but managed to gain a result although the 'home side' not able to overcome a determined WA side. Great to see such matches being scheduled for the 'bush' – the country folk certainly appreciate it!

### Affiliated Umpire Associations within the Zone:

Within the Zone there are two Umpire Associations catering for their respective cricket associations – these being:

The Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association (NDCUA) and the City and Suburban Cricket Umpires' Association:

### Finals Appointments:

NDCUA (Umpires)	
1st Grade	Royce McCormack & Kim Norris
2nd Grade	Terry Collins & Ross McKim
3rd Grade	John Porcheron & James Seville
4th Grade	Graeme Bruce & Glen Benton
Tom Locker Cup – 50 over Limited	Terry Collins & Ross McKim
Under 21's – 50 over Limited	Ross McKim & Bruce Muddle



T20	
1st Grade	Graeme Bruce & Peter Tate
Lower Grade (Denis Broad OAM Cup)	Terry Collins & Daniel Moran
U15's	John Porcheron & Paul Olsen

City and Suburban Cricket Association (Umpires)	
A Grade	Barry Hudson & Stuart Kaiser
B1 Grade	Phillip Northey & Steven Rafter
B2 Grade	John Todd & Tony Walker
B3 Grade	Raymond Delaney & Alfred Ellevsen

Country Cricket – NSW	
Under 16 State Challenge	Ross McKim
McDonalds Country Championships	Kim Norris
Kookaburra Cup	Ross McKim & Bruce Muddle
State Club Challenge	Kim Norris

### Umpire Numbers throughout the Zone

NDCUA Inc	
Total Membership	49
Active Umpires	41
Non-Active	8

There has been a pleasing increase in Active members this past season.

City and Suburban Umpires:

At this time actual number of active umpires and relative statistics are not available.

Executive and Office Bearers of Affiliated Umpire Associations:

NDCUA Inc:	
President and Chairman of the Board	Royce McCormack
Vice President	Kim Norris
Assistant Secretary	Bruce Muddle
Financial Controller	Ross McKim
Secretary	Deepak Shah

### Notable mentions

Bruce Muddle contributed greatly to the Association

over the season with valuable assistance during the changeover of Secretary and fulfilling the role as Chairman of Appointments ensuring maximum coverage of matches was attained – for these efforts Bruce was awarded the NDCUA – Bill Merwett Award. Ross McKim was presented with the NDCUA President's Award for services to the Association for his ongoing efforts in raising funds by conducting weekly raffles at the Lemon Grove Hotel in Wallsend – a tremendous effort indeed.

### Milestones for active Umpires:

100 Matches	Pete Davis, Cameron McGinn, Ross McKim, Bruce Muddle, Tony Mulroy, John Roberts and Peter Tate
200 Matches	Kim Norris, Joe Thomson, Ray Younger
300 Matches	Darryl Price
400 Matches	Royce McCormack
500 Matches	Michael Connolly

City and Suburban Umpires Association Executive	
President	Kerry Owen
Secretary	Phil Northey
Treasurer	Bryan Cameron

### Education and Development

In July 2014 a course was conducted for new umpires over a full weekend with an examination being held at the conclusion of the course.

There were 11 participants who expressed interest in becoming a cricket umpire. Existing umpires from within the Zone also attended periodically over the weekend. The umpires course was conducted by NSWCUA with Darren Goodger presenting the course. Darren's ability to cover the Laws and present them in a style that is enjoyed and absorbed by everyone was well received. A pleasing aspect of the course was the fact all participants passed at either State or Local level. This was achieved due to how Darren delivered the course.

I wish to express my thanks to Darren for his ongoing help and support he affords this Zone – it is greatly appreciated. The local trainers also attended to update and develop their presentation style.

Following the examination the new umpires are provided further training and development to prepare them for the oncoming season conducted by local trainers.

Half day training on field craft including man management was held. Followed by officiating at a local Trial Match which was observed by local trainers. Feedback is then provided to the new umpires after an initial period of overs and then resume umpiring

and the process is repeated. The experience is well received and assists greatly for their preparation for their first grade game.

A mentor is assigned for their ongoing development and support. Match assessments are encouraged with local trainers to support and assist their overall growth.

Trainers including the Zone Representative conduct regular monthly training around the Laws and Match Management issues supported by PowerPoint and video presentations. Laws quizzes and group sessions are also powerful tools to aid the learning process for active umpires.

### Key highlights for the season

- NDCUA umpiring performance overall exceeded the benchmark set, by 26%. Umpires within the Zone stood in a vast number of matches.

- Great feedback from the organisers of the ANZ Railway Institute Carnival held in Newcastle. So pleased they were with the performance of the umpires from the NDCUA that they will invite one of their members to participate and stand in the carnival next year being held in Tasmania. That is fantastic acknowledgement.

- Invitations to umpires from the NDCUA to attend the various District Club Presentation evenings has increased considerably this season – This is a testament to the relationship built up between all participants during the past season.

- Many invitations received from clubs to attend their training sessions to upskill in readiness for the new season and also to address the players.

- Preliminary discussions held between all local cricket bodies with a view to have just one governing body to provide additional efficiencies and cost savings measures.

- Implementation of a New Code of Conduct within the NDCA Competition with associated early plea provisions.

- There was a considerable increase in the number of NDCA Lower Grade matches this season that had umpires appointed – feedback tells me that this was greeted very positively.

On Sunday 29 March 2015, just before the Australian team won the World Cup, a Newcastle City Club team were crowned States Champions!! Wow!

- Newcastle hosted the Sheffield Shield match between NSW and WA at No. 1 Sportsground – there was good support from the public – although it was a rain interrupted match. Great to see Anthony Wilds stand in his first Shield match, particularly seeing he has a background umpiring Country cricket.

- BARTV - Local Coverage of T20 matches again was seen as a very positive influence on the game. Games were shown within local hotels which attracted a substantial following – Great initiative!

- The NSWCUA Convention was held at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort. The following local umpires attended: - Michael Connolly, Anthony Hobson, Kim Norris and James Seville. Everyone had a terrific time – The fellowship and sharing amongst those attending was excellent. Those who joined their peers increased their Law knowledge and match management abilities and travelled home a better umpire.

Such an event does not just happen – Considerable effort and time is required to ensure a successful event. Congratulations to the organising team of the NSWCUA Inc.

It has been a pleasure to compile this Annual Report for the season 2014-15.

It has been a very busy and challenging year not only in the middle, but also personally.

I would like to acknowledge and personally thank the various cricket bodies within the Zone for their assistance and feedback. The individuals, who are too many to name individually, have been great.

All this support is invaluable – Thank you!!



## 5.5 North Coast KEN ROBINSON

The 2014-15 season has been finalised on the North Coast and preparations are already underway for the next 12 months.

The North Coastal Zone hosted the NSW Women's Open and Under 15 Championships, the NSW Country Colts Carnival and the NSW Country Open Championship (northern) Carnival which meant umpires from our Zone were in high demand throughout the summer.

NSW Country Panel members David Went and Paul Dilley as well as NSW Supplementary Panel member Bruce Baxter were joined by Daniel Rosolen, Jeff Hackett and Rob Pye to officiate in the majority of NSW Country fixtures within the Zone. Their hard work and dedication to improvement in their performance has been recognised and rewarded.

David Went has had a great season officiating in several NSW Country Carnivals, the Final of the SCG Country Cup, several SCA First grade fixtures and Womens One Day fixtures. David was presented with his 2014-15 NSW Country Umpire of the Year award at the NSWCUSA Annual Dinner.

With NSW Country Panel member Phil Rainger moving from Narrabri to Taree mid season it would appear that North Coastal Zone will continue to be well represented at major carnivals for the next few seasons.

The work done by Paul Dilley in the Mid North Coast, Mark Templeman on the Far North Coast and Rob Pye in the North Coast Council areas assists myself and all NSWCUSA members within our Zone keep up to date with information being despatched from headquarters and training and information sessions.

I would like to thank Darren Goodger for his continuing support of NSW Country Umpires. I would also thank and congratulate Troy Penman and Jay Lenton, both for their administration skills and also their personal success throughout the season.

I look forward to hosting a NSWCUSA Umpires Training and Development weekend in Coffs Harbour prior to the commencement of next season.

## 5.6 Riverina PAT KERIN-DAM

The 2014-15 cricket season was another busy one for umpires in the Riverina on and off the field.

The winter saw two training courses held.

On Sunday 15 June at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort, Murray Border Umpires went through their paces on a Cricket Australia Level 2 course. Cricket Australia Accredited trainer Graham Chudleigh facilitated the course. Fourteen attended the seminar, one of which was attending for revision having already qualified. Many thanks to Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association secretary Ken Brooks for organising the course.

At Griffith, on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June, up to 20 umpires and former/current cricketers at different stages attended the Laws of Cricket training course at Exies Club. On Sunday afternoon, 14 of those who attended the course sat for the assessment, with 11 passing.

Darren Goodger and Ben Trelaor facilitated the course. The participants were full of praise for Darren and Ben's expertise in presenting the Laws of Cricket training course. Apart from Griffith, participants for the course came from Cootamundra, Leeton, and Wagga Wagga.

This winter there will be a Cricket Australia Level 2 Laws of Cricket course held in Albury on the Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July. Early indications are that this course could be the best attended in a decade.

Major appointments during the season were,

Keiran Knight: [Murray Border CUA] took his umpiring to a higher level travelling to Sydney most weekends to officiate in the Sydney Cricket Association competition. His season was rewarded by being selected to stand with Muhammad Qureshi in the Third Grade Grand final Manly-Warringah and Eastern Suburbs at Manly Oval. Keiran has earned his appointment with a commitment to excellence and strong performances throughout the Grade season. From his place at Jindera just west of Albury to Sydney, is an 1,100km round trip and Keiran did this trip 17 times during the season for matches in the SCA and Women's National Cricket League [WNCL].

A number of other Riverina umpires were given the opportunity to stand at Country carnivals and representative matches.

Wayne Allan: [Murray Border CUA] officiated in the Country Under 17 Carnival at Raymond Terrace and the Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Newcastle.

Ken Brooks: [Murray Border CUA] officiated in the Under 13 & Under 14 State Challenge at Dubbo.



Dennis Chaplin: [Wagga CUA] officiated in the Kookaburra Cup at Newcastle.

Don Coleman: [Griffith CUA] officiated in the Under 13 and Under 14 State Challenge carnival at Dubbo.

Tony Hackett: [Wagga CUA] Tony stood in the Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Newcastle and the Under 17 State Challenge at Bowral.

Graeme Hackett: [Wagga CUA] officiated in the Under 13 and 14 State Challenge carnival at Dubbo.

Stephen Poidevin: [Yass] stood in the Bradman Cup Carnival at Newcastle including the Final standing with Graeme Glazebrook from Portland.

Graham Moon: [Cootamundra CUA] McDonalds Country Plate Semi-Final and Final at Tamworth.

Neil Smith: [Murray Border CUA] appointed to the Country Under 17 Carnival at Raymond Terrace, the Under 17 State Challenge at Bowral and the McDonalds Country Shield Semi-Final and Final at Tamworth.

SCG Country Cup appointments: Wayne Allan and Neil Smith [Murray Border CUA].

McDonalds Country Shield appointments: Wayne Allan, Graeme Hackett, Ken Brooks, John Boyd [Murray Border CUA], Stephen Poidevin [Yass], Brian Rotherham and Jon Warren [Leeton].

McDonalds Country Plate appointments: Ric Becquet, Pat Kerin and Graham Moon [Cootamundra CUA], Stephen Poidevin [Yass], Neil Smith, Ken Brooks [Murray Border CUA], Tony Hackett, Dennis Chaplin, and Steve Carracher [Wagga CUA].

Four Riverina umpires took the opportunity to officiate in the Sydney Cricket Association during the season. Wayne Allan, Tony Hackett, Pat Kerin and Neil Smith appreciated the experience gained to officiate at a higher level.

In closing, I wish to thank Arthur Owen from the Murray Valley Umpires' Association for his assistance in providing umpires for our zone carnivals and Tony Hackett from the Wagga Umpires' Association for his help in providing umpires for the Country Plate and the Northern Riverina junior finals.

Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires' Association: Our Association has completed our 11th season since reformation.

Office bearers for the season were, President: Graham Moon, Secretary/Treasurer, and appointments officer Pat Kerin.

We had eight local members with five of those officiating members. Five are NSWCUA members. Just before Christmas Graham Moon moved to The

Rock to live and officiated in the Wagga DCA since January. After Christmas Graham stood in his fifth Country Plate Final at Tamworth with Bruce Baxter from Grafton. During his 11 seasons as a member of our Association, Graham stood in 280 matches. We thank Graham for his contribution to this Association as chairman since reformation in 2004, and his valued service as an umpire in this region has been exemplary.

Ric Becquet again showed a great commitment standing in 28 matches and stood in his 300th match. Ric's season was rewarded when he was announced as the winner of the Eric Thorburn OAM Medal for Umpire of the Year. For the second time in three seasons, Ric was presented the prestigious Frank Smith OAM award for services to Cootamundra cricket.

In the first Merrin Cup match of the season, Pat Kerin stood in his 400th match. During the season, Pat made his annual trek to Sydney standing in his sixth Second Grade match of the Sydney Cricket Association. Before Christmas we welcomed new umpire Jeff White who came on board officiating in the Manildra Meat Company T20 competition and stood in the Merrin Cup competition for the second part of the season.

For our first Merrin Cup Final, we welcomed Yass umpire Stephen Poidevin to Albert Park.

Merrin Cup first Final: Ric Becquet and Stephen Poidevin.

Merrin Cup Second Final: Ric Becquet and Pat Kerin. Sparre Cup Final: Pat Kerin and Jeff White. Manildra Meat Company T20 Final: Pat Kerin and Jeff White.

Griffith District Cricket Umpires' Association: There were 242 appointments made during the season to local grade, the Friday night T20 competition, and representative fixtures. This was 50 more than last year because of availability of umpires thus most third grade games had an official umpire. Our fearless leader, Don Coleman, represented Griffith at the State Challenge Carnival held in Dubbo in January. There were 12 regular umpires for the season. Brent Harrison, Richie Alvaro, and Paul Stanton passed the NSWCUA accreditation last winter. Thanks here to the Wagga contingent of umpires for supporting the successful training weekend held in late June.

Richie Alvaro, Gordon Browne, Don Coleman, Ken Cunningham, Peter Davis, Paul Stanton and Garry Tucker exceeded 20 appointments for the season. Stalwart Paul Stanton moved in his job towards the end of the season and he will be missed, as he was a special for the Friday night and T20 games and backing up for the Saturday afternoon round regularly. Our loss may be Coffs Harbour's gain.



The umpire appointments for finals were:  
 A Grade: Ken Cunningham and Don Coleman.  
 B Grade: Gordon Browne and Doug Cattanach.  
 C Grade: Richie Alvaro and Garry Tucker.

Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association: This season started in June when 14 members attended a Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation Course in Albury conducted by Graham Chudleigh and Darren Goodger from NSWCUA. All 13 Members who attempted the assessment passed. We now have 12 NSWCUA and 19 Cricket Australia Level 2 qualified umpires – 11 that have both.

Our membership grew to 35 (including three non-active Life Members) which included six new members and a further three returning from short sabbaticals. It was a busy season where we covered 297 matches (excluding school games).

#### Grand Final Appointments:

Provincial A Grade	Neil Smith & Wayne Allan – with Dan Bowden 3rd Umpire;
District A Grade	Ken Brooks & Norm Maclure
Provincial B Grade	Bob Allan & Roger Burns
District B Grade	John Boyd & Geoff Beer
C Grade Div 1	Raj Kapor & Ben Lowcock
C Grade Div 2	Russell Hume & Doug Petzke
D Grade Div 3	Jon Corrodus & Adam Hardisty
Brocklesby & District	Tony Wood

Overall, we again have had a very successful season where we concentrated on stability with the Provincial A Grade umpires. Of the 35 members who started, 29 umpires were regularly available while another two helped out during the finals series and we used 17 different umpires in Provincial A Grade. This season we trialled an "after match" discussion with the team captains and umpires, which was well received by both captains and club officials. This, along with our mentoring system in District A, saw three new umpires progress through to Provincial A Grade. Meetings were held fortnightly throughout the season, two of which were 'out door' practical sessions.

Murray Valley Cricket Umpires Association: Our season started with the AGM held at the Royal Victoria Hotel in July where the following office bearers were elected, President – Colin Holdsworth; Vice President- Colin Smith; Secretary- Mark Oliver [resigned 21 October, Jack Vanderburg appointed 17 November] Treasurer- Col Smith; Umpires' Advisor - Col Smith and Appointments Officer-Colin Holdsworth.

This season has been a trying time for the MVCUA last season we had 17 officiating umpires with retirements, injuries, moving out of the district and just wanting to spend more time with families our numbers dropped to 12 umpires. We recruited four umpires, which

brought our numbers to 16.

Finals appointments were,  
 Premier Division: Vince Calabro & Colin Smith.  
 Premier Plate: Jeff Jodrell & Paul Hyde.  
 Division One: Paul Hyde and Craig Opray.  
 Division Two: Michael Bennett and Kevin Thawlis.

At the MVCUA Presentation Paul Hyde was voted the Len Koschel Umpire of the Year Award. This is voted on by the MVCUA Executive Committee.

It will be a challenge again in the 2015-16 season to bolster our numbers with the Executive setting the challenge of recruiting four new members for the 2015-16 season. We have a number of prospective recruits who we will be encouraging to join our ranks.

Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association: The number of umpires standing in Wagga is still at an all-time high. Wagga has 21 financial members with 16 umpiring on a weekly basis. Of these 21, there are 16 with NSWCUA accreditation. WWCUA are pleased to advise that there were many rounds this season where all four grades had an umpire in every game.

This winter there will be a course for new umpires to be held in Wagga Wagga. It is hoped that all umpires in WWCUA will take part as well as prospective new umpires. It is hoped that the six non-members used this season will be undertaking this course.

Dennis Chaplin and Tony Hackett stood in the Tumbarumba District Cricket Association Grand Final held at Batlow in early March.

Umpires appointed to Grand Finals were as follows:

1st Grade	Tony Hackett and Murray Le Lievre (debut)
2nd Grade	Dennis Chaplin and Lee Barclay
3rd Grade	Mick Marien and Steve Carracher
4th Grade	Brendon Hollis and Darren Solly.

WWCUA would also like to acknowledge the help, advice, and assistance provided by Riverina Zone Umpires Representative Pat Kerin OAM (an excellent mentor in all aspects of cricket administration). Pat is always only a phone call away and is very happy to assist where needed.

## 5.7 Southern BRUCE WHITEMAN

The 2014-15 cricket season in Southern Zone saw significant changes that have polarised the cricket community here. Without doubt most conversation centred around the Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Zone Cricket and Cricket ACT which saw ACT players eligible to play for Southern Zone in some instances. Some saw this as an opportunity for strengthening our Zone sides in Country competitions while others saw it as a reduction of opportunities for players within Southern Zone at the higher levels. From an umpire's perspective it has the bonus of additional opportunities such as the zone trials between Southern and ACT to select the Zone teams, but at the same time it was disappointing to see the Southern Zone Under 17 side at Raymond Terrace arrive without one South Coast player in the squad for the Country Championships.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing assistance I receive each and every year from the officials of Southern Zone Cricket and Southern Zone Cricket Umpires Association. In particular I would like to acknowledge the support from Southern Zone Administrator Graeme Creighton, Southern Zone President Terry Chatterton and Southern Zone Cricket Umpires Association (SZCUA) officials Norm Stanton, Kevin Hogg and Peter Done as well as the umpires within our zone who freely give of their weekends during the summer months.

I must also thank my liaison officers from within each of the Cricket Umpires Associations within the Zone who assist greatly with umpire appointments, dissemination of information and organisation and running of training courses for umpires as follows:

Richard Arbon (Far South Coast)  
Charlie Saul (Eurobodalla)  
Kevin Hogg (Goulburn/Crookwell)  
Chris Philbrick (Monaro)  
Peter Done (Shoalhaven)  
Norm Stanton (Highlands)

These gentlemen greatly assist in reducing the logistical difficulties of operating within this very large zone. Sadly we continue to have little input from our Southern Associations these days where cricket appears to be struggling while the Northern Associations continue to thrive. I know that Southern Zone Cricket is aware of this situation and hopefully we can have an injection of enthusiasm to turn things around in the near future.

The Southern Zone CUA Annual General Meeting was held at the Mittagong RSL on 21 July 2014. Bruce Whiteman, Kevin Hogg and Norm Stanton were returned as President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. The Executive Committee of Peter Done, Russell Mills and Lachlan Walker was also returned. Peter Done was elected as our Association's Delegate to Southern Zone Cricket Inc. The meeting was addressed by NSWCUA representative Neil Findlay who updated our members on a number of issues.

It was also a pleasure to have Simon Taufel, former world number one umpire from the ICC Panel and his son Jack in attendance.

One of the highlights of an umpire's season is to umpire in a finals match whether at inter-association or domestic level. The following umpires had the privilege of umpiring at that level this season.

Burns Cup (Open Men) – John Oliver (South Coast) and Anthony Bathe (Shoalhaven).  
Jeffrey Cup (Men's under 19) – John Oliver & Anthony Bathe  
Junior Under 16 – Lachlan Walker (South Coast) & John Burgoyne (Highlands)  
Junior Under 14 – John Oliver & Darryl Koglin (Shoalhaven)  
Junior Under 12 – Brad Herbert (South Coast & Scott Fagerland (Shoalhaven)

On a domestic level the following appointments were made to finals matches within the Zone:

Highlands  
First Grade (combined competition) – John Burgoyne (Highlands) & Darren Solomans (Goulburn)  
Second Grade – Ian Mein & Bill Croese  
Third Grade – George Lunt & Dennis Purcell

Goulburn  
Russell Mills, Kevin Hogg, Don Woodhouse, Vince Davis, Brenttyn Quigley & Brad Ehrkt.

Shoalhaven  
First Grade – Anthony Bathe & Keith Wenham  
Second Grade – Mark Jennings & Bob Roach  
Third Grade – Darryl Koglin & Tory Greco  
Fourth Grade – Doug Abbott & Liam O'Brien

South Coast  
Premier League – John Oliver & Gary Paget  
First Grade – Lachlan Walker & Barry Ferguson  
Second Grade – John Rose & Kyle Bridge  
Third Grade – Paul Kitson & Scott Greenwood  
Fourth Grade – John Norwell & Chris Lukey

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#### Limited Overs Finals

Premier League – John Oliver & Barry Ferguson  
First Grade – John Rose & Gary Paget  
Second Grade – Jose Medina & Chris Lukey

#### Sommers Cup T20 Finals

Premier League – Barry Ferguson & Lachlan Walker  
First Grade – John Oliver & Jose Medina  
Second Grade – John Rose & Gary Paget

Details on finals appointments were not made available for Far South Coast or Monaro Associations.

Umpire numbers within Southern Zone are not following any consistent trend, but the increases and declines are very minimal as can be seen below.

Highlands – Four umpires on a week to week basis with nine umpires making themselves available overall during the season representing a slight decrease in both week to week and overall numbers on 2013-14.

Goulburn – Ten umpires on a week to week basis representing an overall increase of three umpires on 2013-14 numbers.

Shoalhaven – Nine umpires on a week to week basis representing a slight decrease on 2013-14 numbers.

South Coast – Thirteen umpires on a week to week basis with nineteen umpires making themselves available overall during the season representing an increase of two umpires in both week to week and overall numbers on 2013-14.

Details on umpire numbers were not made available for Far South Coast or Monaro Associations.

We have a number of hard working executives and office bearers within our Zone and the details below go a small way in recognising their work in all things umpiring. Long term incumbents have been recognised by showing their term in office in brackets next to their names.

#### Highlands

President – John Burgoyne  
Vice President – Bill Croese (> 12 years)  
Secretary- Norm Stanton (> 12 years)  
Treasurer – Ian Mein (> 20 years)

#### Goulburn

President – Russell Mills (12 years)  
Vice Presidents – Don Woodhouse & Darren Solomans  
Secretary/ Treasurer – Kevin Hogg (32 years)

#### Shoalhaven

President – Bob Roach  
Secretary/ Treasurer – Peter Done (15 years)

#### South Coast

President – John Oliver  
Vice President – Barry Ferguson  
Secretary- Bruce Whiteman (14 years)

Treasurer – John Rose (28 years)

Appointments Officer – Bruce Whiteman (17 years)

Details on Office Bearers were not made available for Far South Coast or Monaro Associations.

Our off season umpire training seminar was brilliantly organised by Glenn Bridge from Albion Park Cricket Club in conjunction with State Director of Umpiring Darren Goodger. It was held at the lovely Albion Park RSL over the weekend of 21 and 22 June 2014 with Darren Goodger, Muhammad Qureshi and Bruce Whiteman delivering the training module with the assistance of the best "colour man" you could ever get in Simon Taufel. We had a pleasing blend of attendees from across the northern part of the Zone and Illawarra. We also thank Southern Zone CUA Secretary Norm Stanton and NSWCUA Liaison Officer Neil Findlay for their support by being in attendance.

The trainees were enthralled with Goodger's ability to make difficult Laws sound easy and I'm sure that the 75% of attendees who passed the NSWCUA exam have him to thank for that. Muhammad Qureshi's enthusiasm and knowledge of the Laws amazed many in attendance at the course (how many people do you know who can present the Laws without referring to notes?). I'm sure that many of us will remember a thirty minute Q&A with Simon Taufel at the completion of the course as being the highlight of our weekend. The most pleasing aspect of the fifteen new umpires who passed the exam was the number of them who have taken to umpiring within their home associations, with at least two of them winning grade umpiring awards in their rookie season.

I'm sure that some of the key highlights for umpires everywhere are to be appointed to matches played under the Country Cricket NSW banner and detailed below are umpires who received appointments during the 2014-15 season.



Anthony Bathe (Shoalhaven) – SCG Country Cup Round 1, Country Shield Round 1  
 Colin Badrock (Far South Coast) – Country Plate Round 4  
 Kyle Bridge (South Coast) – Country Shield Round 2, Country Plate Round 3  
 John Burgoyne (Highlands) – Country Shield Round 3  
 Dave Carroll (Far South Coast) – Country Plate Round 4  
 Barry Ferguson (South Coast) – Country Shield Round 2  
 Brad Herbert (South Coast) – Country Shield Round 2  
 Paul Kitson (South Coast) - SCG Country Cup Round 3  
 Darryl Koglin (Shoalhaven) – Country Plate Round 2  
 John Oliver (South Coast) – Country Shield Round 2 & 3, SCG Country Cup Round 4 & Q/F  
 Steve O'Meara (South Coast) – Country Shield Round 3  
 Brenttyn Quigley (Goulburn) – Country Shield Round 2 & 4  
 John Rose (South Coast) – Country Plate Round 2, Country Shield Round 4  
 Lachlan Walker (South Coast) – Country Shield Round 2 & 3  
 Bruce Whiteman (South Coast) – SCG Country Cup Round 1, 4, Q/F, S/F & Final, U/17 Country Championships, NSW Country Championships – Southern Carnival

Other major appointments within Southern Zone during 2014-15 were:

Under 12 – Southern Zone v ACT – Brad Herbert & John Oliver  
 Under 14 – Southern Zone v ACT – John Rose & Scott Greenwood  
 Under 16 – Southern Zone v ACT – Lachlan Walker & Darryl Koglin  
 Konica Cup - South Coast v North Canberra Gungahlin – John Oliver & John Rose  
 South Coast v Australian National University - John Oliver & John Rose

Results of major competitions played within Southern Zone were:

Burns Cup – Goulburn-Highlands 8/256 easily accounted for South Coast who never looked like running down the healthy total and were bowled over for just 144.

Jeffrey Cup – Shoalhaven made easy work of South Coast in a one sided Final.

Under 16 – Highlands 4/118 off 26.4 overs took the final on superior run rate when rain intervened after Shoalhaven had posted a healthy 7/213 off their 50 overs.

Under 14 – Shoalhaven dominated the Final after batting first and posting a competitive 8/182 and then taking regular wickets to dismiss Highlands for just 90.

Under 12 – Easily the most exciting final of the season with South Coast making a competitive 4/131 off their forty overs and looking home with Shoalhaven reeling at 6/50, but the Shoalhaven boys fought back to run down the total with nine wickets down and just three overs remaining.

The results were mixed for the Southern Zone sides competing in the various NSW Country competitions as detailed below:

Country Championships Southern Carnival – Southern Zone struggled against Illawarra and Western Zone with their only win coming as a consolation against Riverina.

Country Colts – Southern were knocked out of contention in round one and managed only one win for the weekend again getting over Riverina.

Bradman Cup – A much better performance from the Southern Zone boys in the Bradman Cup, qualifying for the Final and taking it out in emphatic fashion after skittling North Coast for just 79 and coasting to a ten wicket win.

Kookaburra Cup – The under 14 boys just missed qualifying for the Final after dropping just one game and registering good wins over Newcastle and Central North.

SCG Country Cup – Lake Illawarra were again Southern Zone's star performers qualifying for the quarter finals only to be eliminated by a better side on the day in Coffs Harbour.

McDonalds Country Plate – The Rail took out their second Country Plate with a comprehensive performance posting 9/190 and then suffocating Cootamundra before dismissing them for just 88.

McDonalds Country Shield – Previous winners Robertson Burrawang flew the Southern Zone flag in qualifying for the final but were never in the hunt chasing Clarence River's 6/215 and were dismissed well short of their target for just 148.



## 5.8 Western GREG JONES

2014-15 provided a busy schedule for umpires in Western Zone, with many umpires regularly officiating in both club (Saturday) and representative (Sunday) matches. Umpires have officiated as far East as Hazelbrook and as far West as Bourke. Many umpires have also taken the opportunity to broaden their experience with trips to umpire in Sydney Grade.

### Affiliated Umpire Associations in the Zone

Western Zone has two Umpire Associations affiliated to NSWCUA: Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires Association Inc, and Mitchell Cricket Umpires Association Inc. In addition, branches of Mitchell Umpires operate in Orange and Bathurst.

### Executive and Office Bearers of Affiliated Umpire Associations

#### Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires Association Inc.

President	Noel Phoebe
Vice President	Peter Singh
Secretary	Phil Leonard
Treasurer	Keith Morton

	Mitchell	Bathurst	Orange
President	Mark Frecklington	Anthony Wilds	Ian Findlay
Vice President	Gordon Fredericks	Mark Waldren	n/a
Secretary	Greg Jones	Graeme Glazebrook	Steve Warrington
Treasurer	Mark Waldren	Darrin Masters	Steve Warrington

My thanks must go to all umpires in Western Zone and to the executive members of our Affiliated Associations Macquarie Valley CUA and Mitchell CUA (including member branches). In particular, I would like to acknowledge Doug Sandry, Greg Nicholls, Gordon Fredericks, and Steve Warrington for their assistance with representative appointments.

### Finals Appointments

Significant appointments during the season include:

- Zone Final of SCG Country Cup - Graeme Glazebrook and Greg Jones
- Zone Final of McDonalds Country Plate - John De Lyall and Mark Frecklington
- Western Premier League (WPL) Final - Graeme Glazebrook and Mark Waldren
- WPL Semi Finals - John De Lyall, Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Mark Waldren
- Mitchell Presidents Cup Final - Mark Frecklington and Graeme Glazebrook

Congratulations also to the following umpires who officiated in local Grade Grand Finals:

Bathurst		
1st Grade	Bathurst City v City Colts	Graeme Glazebrook & Mark Waldren
2nd Grade	Bathurst City v St Pats Old Boys	Gary McAulley & Darrin Masters
Presidents Cup	City Colts v St Pats Old Boys Blue	Neville Bradbury & Gary Cole
3rd Grade	Perthville v St Pats Old Boys	Greg Campbell & Mike McKenzie
Blue Mountains		
1st Grade	Hazelbrook v Leura A	Mark Hastings
2nd Grade	Wentworth Falls v Katoomba	Scott Duffy
3rd Grade	Blackheath v Faulconbridge Phoenix	Scott Duffy
Dubbo		
1st (Whitney Cup)	RSL Colts v Newtown	John De Lyall & Jason Sell
2nd (Pinnington Cup)	Dubbo CYMS Cougars v RSL Colts	Keith Morton & Glenn Shepherd
3rd (Kelly Cup)	RSL Colts v Newtown Gold	Noel Phoebe & Nathan Astri
Gilgandra	Biddon/Toora v Gulargambone	Doug Sandry
Gulgong	Centennial Hotel v RSL	Gordon Fredericks & Garry O'Reilly
Mudgee		
1st Division	Lawson Park v Woolpark Hotel	Garry O'Reilly & Alan Seis
2nd Division	Bowling Club v Federal Hotel	Gordon Fredericks & Rodney Golden
Orange		
1st Grade	CYMS v Cavaliers	Ian Findlay & Steve Warrington
2nd Grade	Orange City v CYMS	Mark Frecklington & Stewart Greenhalgh
3rd Grade	Gladstone v CYMS	Nick Cooper & Scott Larsen
Centenary Cup	CYMS Kelly v CYMS Fahys	Leon Cowan

A number of umpires also officiated in early rounds of the SCG Cup, Country Shield, and Country Plate, including John De Lyall, Ian Findlay, Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Mark Hastings, Greg Jones, Dwayne Kent, Phil Leonard, Mark Munro, Garry O'Reilly, Noel Phoebe, Doug Sandry, Peter Singh, Nick Tziavaras, Mark Waldren.

As can be seen, Western Zone umpires often umpire solo, even in Finals matches. Congratulations must go to all Western umpires for their commitment (in terms of distance travelled as well as time) throughout the season and particularly those rewarded with Finals appointments.

## Umpire numbers throughout the Zone

Lachlan 10	Macquarie 10	Mitchell 40
Cowra 8	Dubbo 6	Bathurst 14
Forbes 1	Narromine 2	Blue Mountains 5
Parkes 1	Wellington 2	Mudgee 9
Orange 12		

One of our goals for the coming season is to develop a more accurate list of umpires in Western Zone, including their status as members of NSWCUSA.

## Education and Development

During the 2014 off-season, our focus was on training and development of existing umpires, with a seminar held in Cowra and ongoing meetings in Bathurst and Dubbo. In recent seasons there were training courses on the Laws conducted in Orange and Mudgee, and Dubbo hosted a Laws course and simultaneously a Professional Development Seminar for existing umpires. In the Lachlan Council region, a number of umpires completed a Laws of Cricket course in June 2013 in Cowra. The 2015 off-season should see an attempt to recruit new umpires and provide professional development for existing members with interest shown for possible courses centred around Narromine, Cowra and Orange.

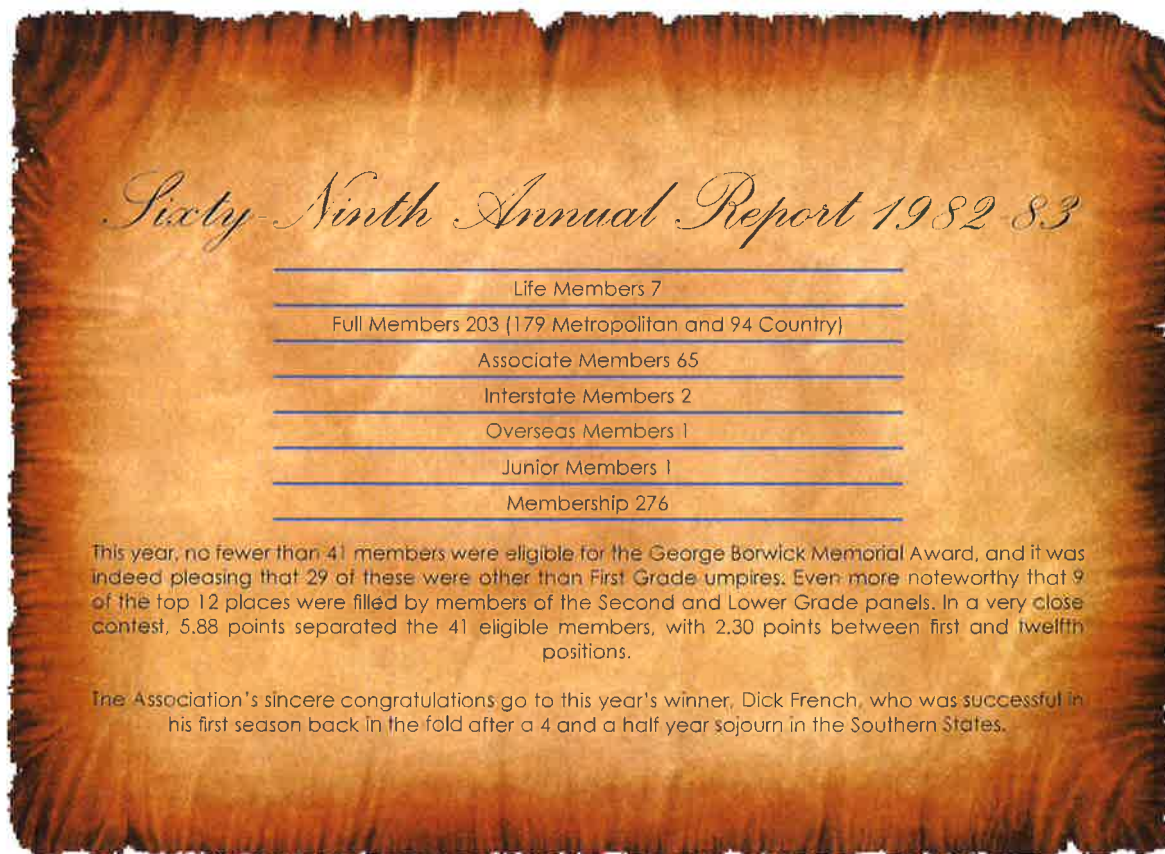
The 2014-15 season saw the continuation of the Western Zone based "Development Panel" of

umpires. This season John De Lyall (Dubbo), Mark Frecklington (Orange) and Greg Jones (Bathurst) joined 2013-14 members Mark Waldren (Bathurst) and Graeme Glazebrook (Bathurst) on this panel. As is usual there is an expectation that these umpires are appointed to as many Zone matches as possible with a view to advancement towards the Country panels. With many senior representative fixtures in addition to the early rounds of the SCG Country Cup, Plate and Shield, there is a need for a clearly identifiable group of outstanding umpires.

A major goal of Western Zone umpires remains to facilitate the improvement of the standard of all umpires who are keen to learn (new and "old"), so that players can gain maximum enjoyment from the game, regardless of the level at which they play!

## Key Highlights

Graeme Glazebrook successfully made the transition to the Country Panel for 2014-15. Former Western umpire Anthony Wilds continues his successful career in SCA Grade and beyond, making his First Class debut during the season. Tony's experiences will doubtless be chronicled elsewhere, but I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work he continues to do in Bathurst, in particular, in training and developing local umpires. It is in no small part due to Tony's contribution that Bathurst currently provides three members of our Zone Panel and two members of the Country Representative Panel.



## 5.9 Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

MARK HUGHES

The Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association can mark 2014-15 as a successful year both on and off the field. For the first time in SCA history, every match in Shires cricket saw two umpires on the field of play for every match of the season. I remember back to when I first started playing, and it was not uncommon for players to be umpiring their own matches, with games descending into a farce where bowling sides would be limited to bowled and clear cut catches as the only mode of dismissal. Thanks go out to the members of the SSCUA who commit themselves to on field action week in week out. Without their love and passion for the game and Shires cricket specifically, we would not have the top three grades with umpires each round. The support from NSWCUA, in particular, Darren, Troy and Jay who each week would direct umpires from the Sydney Grade Cricket competition to Shires for matches as part of either the overflow from Grade, or to designated higher Grade matches in Shires to benefit their education and development, along with the experience they pass on to SSCUA members is so dearly valued. The SSCUA Executive over the past two years has worked with NSWCUA to achieve this amazing result and I am so proud to see where we are today. To the trainers and educators of umpires who continue to produce so many quality umpires in the Sydney metropolitan region, without their passion for our craft, we cannot say thank you enough. To all who umpired in Shires cricket in 2014-15 a big thank you. The bar has been set high for future seasons.

SSCUA members were once again well supported off the park via the SSCUA Executive producing a Shires handbook to assist with the SCA Playing Conditions handbook which provided a great assistance for interpretation of Playing Conditions, tips on fieldcraft, late start tables and other useful information for first season umpires. Sydney Shires bowlers markers also graced the fields of Shires cricket in 2014-15. At our Members Meetings, we invited former Macquarie University and Parramatta First Grade Cricket Captain Kris Griffith-Jones to speak to the membership which was well received. Kris' experience in cricket is backed up with his role as one of the top A-League football referees and his insight into selling your on field decision, player management and experience in also educating and developing football referees was a great talk which would not be out of place at an off season conference. Our website also received a refresh in 2014-15 with a photo slide show included showcasing our members on and off the field.

On the field, a number of our members had excellent seasons and were rewarded with Finals appointments in both Shires and Frank Gray Finals Series. In particular, we congratulate the following umpires on Grand Final appointments.

1st Grade: Stephen Blomfield and Anthony Raymond,

Burwood 277 defeated North West Sydney 205 at Blacktown International Sports Park #2.

2nd Grade: Daniel Burton and Geoff Taylor, Warringah 180 and 5/92 defeated Burwood 113 and 158 at Tunks Park.

3rd Grade: Gerard Riley and Ian Tabrett, Strathfield 155 and 9/158 defeated Burwood 152 at Rothwell Park.

4th Grade: Rupert Mathews and Geoff Wheeler, Burwood 5/172 defeated Warringah 171 at Weldon Oval.

Frank Gray Shield: Stephen Blomfield and Geoff Taylor, Georges River 4/127 defeated Warringah 126 at Weldon Oval.

As is often the case each season, we celebrate important milestones to a number of our members in season 2014-15 with the following members being acknowledged at meetings throughout the season – 50 Games – Andrew Steindler and Michael Conway. 100 Games – Tony Bergman, Derek Ponsford, Ian Tabrett, Michael Roberts and Patrick Smellie. 250 Games – Ivan Holland. 350 Games – Stephen Blomfield.

All of these members were awarded an Association Polo Shirt with the number of games milestone sewn under the Association emblem.

The SSCUA was also proud to have a table at the NSWCUA Annual Dinner held at Bankstown Sports Club in April where our Association Secretary, Stephen Blomfield was honored with the award of the E.F. Wykes Association Medal, the highest award for an Affiliate Association member. Stephen was a worthy winner having fulfilled the eligibility criteria, attending all meetings of the SSCUA, officiating in every round of SSCUA matches, including Frank Gray Shield and continued to be an umpire of high calibre, appointed to both the Shires First Grade and Frank Gray Shield Grand Finals.

We also congratulate our 2014-15 award winners, Anthony Raymond who won our Association Umpire of the Year, Daniel Burton our Rookie of the Year, and Ivan Holland who won our award for Most Improved Umpire of the Year for 2014-15.







## 5.10 Sydney Womens' Cricket Umpires Association CHARLES HOWARD

Season 2014-15 was the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of our Association. The Association now has 42 financial members (including nine Life Members) and one female umpire.

The 2014-15 management team consisted of Kevin McFarlane (President), Charles Howard (Secretary), Kevin Battishill (Vice President), Norm Tickner (Treasurer), John Colwell, (Appointments officer), Roberto Howard (Assistant Secretary), Gerry Forliano (Liaison Officer to SCA Women's Sub-Committee) Soren Hughes (Delegate to NSWCUA and webmaster).

The election of James Buultjens to join fellow Life Member Helmut Gerlach as Co-Patrons of the Association was well received.

The Association actively recruits and welcomes new and experienced umpires. We are also keen to support female and junior umpires. All SCA Women's Cricket matches on Saturdays and Sundays were covered (almost all with two umpires). On Sundays approximately half those umpiring Women's Cricket had already umpired on Saturday in the Sydney Cricket Associations Men's Competition.

We welcomed the following new members in the 2014-15 season; Kishore Kumar, Sathish Kumar, Paul Marsh, Elizabeth Nash, Brijesh Pardesi, Prashant Parihar, Rajesh Raja and Vivek Sharma (all new umpires), plus experienced umpires Grahame Bell, Mal Campbell, John Darcy, Brian Ferguson, Alan Smith and Steve Ward. All made beneficial contributions to our on-field standards, and enhanced their own umpiring experience as well.

We also thank David Abbey, Peter Honeywood and Arthur Watson for helping out on some occasions when our members were unavailable. All Semi-Finals and Finals were covered by umpires from this Association.

Congratulations to the following Grand Final umpires for season 2014-15;

1st Grade	Gerry Forliano and John Colwell
1st Grade (F20)	Gerry Forliano and Laurie Borg*/ Alan Monaghan *(injured)
2nd Grade	Laurie Lucitti and Paul Farrell
2nd Grade (F20)	Kevin Battishill and John Colwell
Brewer Shield	Gordon Smith and Lawrie Yeomans
Brewer Shield (F20)	Gordon Smith and Lawrie Yeomans
3rd Grade	Kevin McFarlane and John Colwell
3rd Grade (F20)	Kevin McFarlane and Warwick Vyse

Additionally, John Darcy, Soren Hughes and Prashant Parihar achieved Semi Finals appointments.

Congratulations also to our members who had Finals matches in SCA Men's, or Representative matches; Kevin Battishill, Bob McGregor, Dan Brightwell, Roberto Howard, Alan Monaghan and Brian Ferguson.

We are pleased to congratulate (former member, now umpiring full time in SCA Men's) Claire Polosak on her elevation to the Cricket Australia Female Project Panel, National Female U18 Championship Final, WNCL T20 match, initial 1<sup>st</sup> Grade appointment and Metro Cup Grand Final.

All the above umpires earned their appointments, performed well, and were commended for their efforts.

Our Association has again been actively supporting initiatives to promote Women's cricket. Members participated in various "Pink Stumps Day" events. The former "Bash for Cash" was replaced by a Women's Cricket Gala event (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades) at Raby, fully and ably covered by our members. Paul Farrell and Laurie Luccitti represented our Association at the Campbelltown-Camden Ghosts sponsors luncheon mid-season.

Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Jay Lenton at NSWCUA have been a great source of support and information for our Association. Special mention to Troy for his assistance with recruitment, and for liaising with our Appointments Officer in managing umpire availability, and appointments. Again, special thanks to Darren Goodger, Muhammad Qureshi and Laurie Borg for the marvellous work done by the NSWCUA trainers. It was pleasing to see that many of our members attended Umpire Development, Coaching sessions, Laws of Cricket training & the Annual Convention provided by NSWCUA.

Kevin McFarlane, as our Training Officer, again organised a comprehensive pre-season 'Rules Night', and ongoing training. As usual our Ordinary Meetings emphasised training and technique, with active discussion of pertinent umpiring issues. Members unable to attend were kept up to date by email distribution of key details. During the season we were privileged to have an excellent video presentation on decision making from NSWCUA trainer Muhammad Qureshi, and informative sessions from Gordon Smith and Laurie Borg

All our umpires are expected and encouraged to continue to improve themselves and their performance.

Our Association continues to work closely with the SCA Women's Sub Committee. Our member Gerry Forliano joined the Sub Committee this season and provided valuable input to both bodies. The Sub Committee expressed their support for our Association, and their thanks for the good performances of our umpires during the season.

The influx of new umpires created some hiccups during the season, but relations of umpires with players and Clubs continued to be generally very good.

Three umpire delegates attended the SCA Women's Cricket Forum, providing positive input to assist with future planning of the Women's game.

In 2014-15 colour photo certificates have again been presented to umpires who umpired the Grand Finals and many of our photos were utilised at the SCA Women's presentation dinner, and NSWCUA Annual Dinner. Our members again voted throughout the season for the Bob Curtin Memorial Award (Best Player), and in each Grand Final our umpires selected and presented the Player of the Grand Final Medal winner.

Unfortunately, it seems that we will be farewelling highly-regarded and previous Grand Final umpire Steve Black. We wish him good health and all the best for his move to the ACT.



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## 5.11 New South Wales Country Cricket Association KEITH GRIFFITHS

The 28th Annual General Meeting of NSW Country Cricket Association (NSWCCA) took place on Saturday 23 August 2014 at Mittagong RSL Club. Country Committee of Management Chair, Ian Hogg, and Deputy Chair, John Moriarty OAM, were re-elected unopposed. Other members of the Country Committee of Management elected at the AGM were Tim Clayton (Riverina), Dennis Cox (Western), Graeme Creighton (Southern), Paul Marjoribanks (Newcastle), Bob Myatt (North Coast) and Terry Psarakis (Central North).

Bruce Whitehouse continued in the role of Country Operations Manager for season 2014-15 as an employee in the newly formed Cricket Performance Department of Cricket NSW.

NSWCUSA was represented at the Country AGM by Executive Officer, Darren Goodger.

The NSWCCA Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation was held at Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame, Bowral, on 23 August 2014. The following were presented with NSWCCA awards:

- NSW Country Cricketer of the Year (Male): Tom Groth
- NSW Country Player of the Australian Country Championships: Blair Lindsay
- Kookaburra NSW Country U21 Player of the Year: Scott Burkinshaw
- NSW Country Cricketer of the Year (Female): Carly Leeson
- NSW Country Coach of the Year: Troy McKieran
- NSW Country Groundsman of the Year: Arthur Smart
- NSW Country Media Award: Geoff Newling
- BBM Scholarship: Ryan Brown

The role of the Zone Umpire Representative across each of the eight country zones throughout the State was continued and is an ongoing link between NSWCUSA and NSWCCA. Those appointed being:

- Don Maisey (Central Coast)
- Gary Crombie (Central North)
- Neil Findlay (Illawarra)
- Kim Norris (Newcastle)
- Ken Robinson (North Coast)
- Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina)
- Bruce Whiteman (Southern)
- Greg Jones (Western)

Mr Crombie replaced Sam Rees who retired from the role in Central North. The outstanding work of Mr Rees in the areas of umpire recruitment and retention is recognised here. His work and dedication saw an increase in the number of qualified umpires in the State's Northern Inland and Hunter Valley.

Each Zone Umpire Representative works tirelessly to promote the benefits of umpiring and liaises with NSWCUSA in relation to all matters pertaining to the planning and implementation of training and development programs.

The appointment of umpires to the various NSWCCA representative programs is the responsibility of the Country Umpire Sub-committee which comprises Bob Myatt (Chair), Keith Griffiths and Darren Goodger. Bruce Whitehouse is the Secretary to the Country Umpire Sub-committee. NSWCUSA, through Executive Officer, Darren Goodger, provides a report to the Country Umpire Sub-committee on a quarterly basis. Reports and umpire appointments are provided to the NSWCCA Committee of Management.

The following umpires were selected on the Country Representative Umpire Panel in season 2014-15:

- Paul Dilley (North Coast)
- Neil Findlay (Illawarra)
- Graeme Glazebrook (Western)
- Greg Jones (Western)
- Kim Norris (Newcastle)
- Phil Rainger (Central North)
- David Went (North Coast)
- Bruce Whiteman (Southern)

We congratulate Graeme Glazebrook and Greg Jones on their elevation to the Panel.

Appointments for umpires on the Representative Umpire Panel were:

### Paul Dilley

County Women v City Women T20: Port Macquarie.  
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final: Wollongong.  
U19 State Challenge Carnival: Sydney.  
U13 / U14 State Challenge Carnival: Dubbo.

### Neil Findlay

Country Championship Carnival: Griffith.  
Country Championship Final: Western v Newcastle – Wade Park, Orange.  
Bradman Cup Carnival: Maitland.  
Under 17 Country Carnival: Raymond Terrace.

### Graeme Glazebrook

Country Championship Carnival: Griffith.  
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final: Wollongong.  
SCG Country Cup Semi Final: Wollongong.  
Bradman Cup Carnival: Singleton.  
Bradman Cup Final: Southern v North Coast – Howe Park, Singleton.  
U19 State Challenge Carnival: Sydney.

### Greg Jones

Country Championship Carnival: Griffith.  
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final: Wollongong.  
Kookaburra Cup Carnival: Newcastle.  
U13 / U14 State Challenge Carnival: Dubbo.

### Kim Norris

State Club Challenge: Northern District v Newcastle – Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara.  
Country Colts Carnival: Coffs Harbour.  
Country Championship Final: Western v Newcastle – Wade Park, Orange.

### Phil Rainger

Ivor Ewin Trophy: City Origin v Country Origin – Howell Oval, Penrith.  
Country Championship Carnival: Ballina.  
Country Colts Carnival: Coffs Harbour.  
Country Colts Final: Central North v Newcastle – Coffs Harbour.

### David Went

Women's National Cricket League: NSW v Tasmania – Manly Oval.  
Country Championship Carnival: Ballina.  
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final: Wollongong.  
SCG Country Cup Semi Final: Wollongong.  
SCG Country Cup Final: Merewether v Hamilton Wickham – SCG.  
Country Colts Carnival: Coffs Harbour.

### Bruce Whiteman

Womens' National Cricket League: NSW v Western Australia – BISP.  
Country Championship Carnival: Griffith.  
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final: Wollongong.  
SCG Country Cup Semi Final: Wollongong.  
SCG Country Cup Final: Merewether v Hamilton Wickham – SCG.  
Under 17 Country Carnival: Raymond Terrace.

A Supplementary Panel of Umpires was also selected and members of this Panel officiated in matches in NSWCCA representative programs when the opportunities arose.

The following umpires were selected on the Country Supplementary Umpire Panel in season 2014-15:

- Wayne Allan (Riverina)
- Bruce Baxter (North Coast)
- David Cullen (Illawarra)
- Tony Hackett (Riverina)
- Ross McKim (Newcastle)

Appointments for umpires on the Supplementary Umpire Panel were:

### Wayne Allan

Under 17 Country Carnival: Raymond Terrace.  
Kookaburra Cup Carnival: Newcastle  
U13 / U14 State Challenge Carnival: Dubbo.

### Bruce Baxter

Country Championship Carnival: Ballina.

Country Plate Semi Final: Tamworth  
Country Plate Final: The Rail v Cootamundra – No. 1 Oval, Tamworth.  
Country Colts Carnival: Coffs Harbour  
Under 17 Country Carnival: Raymond Terrace.  
Kookaburra Cup Carnival: Newcastle

### David Cullen

SCG Country Cup Quarter Final: Wollongong.  
Bradman Cup Carnival: Maitland.  
U14 State Club Challenge: Georges River St George v North Coast – Bradman Oval, Bowral.

### Tony Hackett

Under 17 Country Carnival: Raymond Terrace.  
Kookaburra Cup Carnival: Newcastle.  
Kookaburra Cup Final: North Coast v Western – No. 1 Sportsground, Newcastle.

### Ross McKim

Under 17 Country Carnival: Raymond Terrace.  
Kookaburra Cup Carnival: Newcastle.  
Kookaburra Cup Final: North Coast v Western – No. 1 Sportsground, Newcastle.  
U16 State Club Challenge: Bankstown v Southern – Bradman Oval, Bowral.

A number of country based umpires received representative appointments to NSWCCA programs during the season and their names are listed below:

John Burgoyne (Southern), Dennis Chaplin (Riverina), Steve Eccles (Central North), Jeff Hackett (North Coast), Don Maisey (Central Coast), Mark Mitchell (Central North), Graham Moon (Riverina), Bruce Muddle (Newcastle), John Oliver (Southern), Stephen Poidevin (Riverina), Rob Pye (North Coast), Sam Rees (Central North), Daniel Rosolen (North Coast), Neil Smith (Riverina), Darren Sutherland (Illawarra) and David Wicks (Central North).

### Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup

The following country umpires received appointments to the preliminary rounds in this competition:

David Cullen, James Figallo (Central Coast), Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Greg Jones and Ross McKim.

### Anthony Wilds

NSWCCA extends congratulations to Anthony Wilds who made his debut at First Class and List A Limited Overs levels this season. Mr Wilds is a product of the Country Umpiring System and all involved in Bush Cricket were delighted to see him officiate in a Sheffield Shield match and two matches in the Matador One Day Cup.

### Ian Thomas

The Association extends its appreciation to Life Member Ian Thomas for his work as an observer and match referee during the season.



The Country Umpire Advisor attended the majority of carnivals held across the State and provided written and verbal feedback to umpires he observed.

Congratulations are offered to David Went from the Far North Coast CUSA on being again named as the winner of the Kevin Pye Medal as the 2014-15 Country Umpire of the Year.

The winners of the NSWCCA 2014-15 programs are acknowledged below:

- Country Championship – Western Zone
- Women's Country Championship 18 years – North Coast
- Women's Country Championship 15 years – North Coast
- SCG Country Cup – Merewether
- Brian Gainsford Country Shield – Clarence River
- Country Plate – The Rail
- Country Colts – Central North
- Under 17 – Newcastle
- Bradman Cup – Southern
- Kookaburra Cup – North Coast

This season saw a new initiative by Cricket NSW with the introduction of an Under 13 and Under 14 State Challenge Carnival played at Dubbo and Narromine on 19-22 January 2015. With fine weather prevailing a most successful carnival took place.

The following country umpires officiated at the grounds in Dubbo and Narromine during the Carnival:

Wayne Allan, Neville Bradbury, Ken Brooks, Gary Cole, Don Coleman, John de Lyall, Paul Dilley, Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Graeme Hackett, Greg Jones, Don Maisey, Gary McAulley, Doug Sandry, Darren Sutherland and Mark Waldren.

The NSWCUA wishes to thank Country Umpire Sub-committee Chair, Bob Myatt, for his ongoing genuine interest in the progress of umpires in regional New South Wales. Mr Myatt brings integrity to the Country Umpire Sub-committee and his continued ongoing support of NSWCUA and country umpires is much appreciated.

The Country Operations Manager Bruce Whitehouse is recognised and thanked for his collaboration during the season. He spends significant time in organising umpire accommodation needs at various carnivals and his attention to this aspect is appreciated. All country umpires who officiated in finals were presented with a NSWCCA key ring as a memento,

which was appreciated by umpires involved.

The Association acknowledges Ian Hogg and the Committee of Management of NSWCCA for the opportunities our members receive to officiate in representative cricket played in the bush.

The Association was again pleased during the season to welcome members from Affiliated Associations in country NSW who took the opportunity to officiate in the SCA Grade competition to further their experience. We acknowledge those members and thank them for making themselves available.

NSWCUSA members in country zones are encouraged to apply to the State Director of Umpiring to officiate in the SCA Grade competition during the season. Provided you are a financial member of the NSWCUA you are welcome to apply to officiate in the SCA Grade competition, your participation will be a rewarding experience by officiating in the best Grade competition available in Australia. You will always be made most welcome.

In the 28th Annual Report, NSWCCA Chair Ian Hogg noted and thanked the many umpires who stood in matches over regional New South Wales and congratulated one and all for their outstanding efforts and commitment to Country Cricket. He ended by saying, "Without you we haven't got a game".

The 29th Annual General Meeting of NSWCCA will be held at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour, on 22 August 2015 and will be followed by the Annual Dinner.



David Went (L), Match Referee Ian Thomas and Bruce Whitehouse prior to the SCG Country Cup Final

## 5.12 Sydney Cricket Association Dr

DAVID DILLEY

### Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management

Chairman	Andrew Falk
Deputy Chairman	Craig Hambleton
Committee	Evan Atkins, Richard Cook, Andrew Frank, Brian Freedman, Joshua Lalor, Greg Mail
Chairman Shires Competition Sub-Committee	Glenn Workman
NSWCUSA Delegate to the Sydney Cricket Association	Dr David Dilley

The Sydney Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting on 18 August 2014 during which Grant Lambert and Ian Field were elected Life Members of the Association. Grant Lambert is well known as one of the best all-rounders to play in the Sydney Grade competition and a Fairfield-Liverpool Club stalwart and New South Wales Blues player who represented the State on 56 occasions. Ian Field was a long serving administrator who guided the Sydney Grade competition behind the scenes for the better part of 20 years. Mr Field is the former General Manager Cricket Operations at Cricket New South Wales and a former Secretary of Sydney Cricket Association.

The 2014-15 season saw changes to some competition formats and programming:

- A W Green Shield became a 50 over/side competition.
- Poidevin Gray Shield saw only 50 over/side matches played, no T20 matches this season.
- Teams from the ACT and Central Coast joined an expanded T20 Competition known as the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup providing opportunities for umpires from our affiliated associations to stand in this SCA competition.

Competitions were programed as follows:

- First Grade – six Limited Overs matches and nine two-day matches.
- All other grades – seven Limited Overs matches and eight two-day matches.
- Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup – each team played four preliminary round matches.
- Poidevin Gray Shield – six preliminary round matches.
- AW Green Shield – seven preliminary round matches.

McDonald's became the sponsors of the Grade and Shires competitions.

NSWCUSA is justifiably proud that, this year, for the first time, there was 100% umpire coverage of all Grade and Shires matches. This is on the back of last year's 100% coverage of Grade games for the first time. This could not have been achieved without umpires backing up week after week – the contribution and application of all umpires is appreciated – and the



From Top: Jack Ritchie being presented with the Benaud Medal. Manly Celebrate a wicket during the First Grade Grand Final. Muhammad Qureshi in the Third Grade Grand Final.



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extraordinary behind the scenes work of Troy Penman and Stephen Blomfield organising to fill in those last minute (Saturday morning) pullouts. Having the luxury of a "stand-by list" of umpires and these members willing to step up in such circumstances was also paramount to the achievement. Pullouts in general are a bane and nothing new, well do I remember Peter Hughes gnashing his teeth while putting out the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> appointments schedule for a round. So well done to the administration team! Troy Penman, in particular, did an outstanding job to ensure that this dream of 100% coverage of all SCA matches became a reality in season 2014-15.

The excellent coverage is a tribute to the recruitment and training programs of NSWCUSA and the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association, the two Associations work positively together for the benefit of the Grade and Shires competitions in developing and retaining match officials. With so many umpires available, managing their expectations will continue to be a challenge for the Association.

Neil Armstrong said he only got to sit at the pointy end of a rocket and go to the moon because of the work of unheralded thousands of people. Overall the achievement was the culmination of much work that many in the cricket community will never even think about.

Congratulations to Anthony Hobson who won his second George Borwick Memorial Award. To win this award in your first two years of umpiring is exceptional. It was pleasing to see Anthony selected for the U17 National Championships in Hobart and to receive feedback that he performed very well at this tournament. Anthony is at the forefront of a group of emerging umpiring talent in the Association's ranks. Eight umpires made their first grade debut in season 2014-15 and these umpires are acknowledged here accordingly:

- Berend du Plessis (round 15, Sutherland v North Sydney with Marty Edgell)
- Anthony Hobson (round 1, Mosman v North Sydney with Marty Edgell)
- Jon Jobson (round 15, Blacktown v Sydney with Darren Goodger)
- Bob McGregor (round 7, Blacktown v Parramatta with Ben Treloar)
- Zaheer Nazir (round 7, Hawkesbury v Penrith with Simon Lightbody)
- Troy Penman (round 10, Northern District v Blacktown with Anthony Hobson)
- Claire Polosak (round 15, Campbelltown-Camden v Gordon with Bill Hendricks)
- Glen Stubbings (round 7, Bankstown v Western

Suburbs with Darren Goodger)

This is good for the Association and I feel may well be a generational change in the making. It is important that we value not only the new talent, but also those who of necessity must give way to them. Hopefully the older, more battle hardened, among us will continue to officiate and mentor this group as they make their way through the grades and hopefully on to representative honours.

Having the Second Grade Grand Final between Sydney University and Manly-Warringah "live streamed" from University No. 1 Oval was an outstanding innovation and created significant interest in the premiership decider.

During the year the passing of Mr David Tribolet was noted. Mr Tribolet made an outstanding contribution to the Auburn Cricket Club, being a member since 1953 and being made a Life Member in 1975. Mr Tribolet served as Club Secretary for eight years and Club President for 21 years. He was involved with the Club as a player and administrator for 60 consecutive years. Mr Tribolet served on the Shires Competition Sub Committee for 22 years, being its Chair for 18 years.

He was delegate to the SCA for 16 years, a member of the SCA Committee of Management for eight years and delegate to Cricket NSW for 10 years. Mr Tribolet served on the SCA Judiciary Committee for 14 years. He was recognised for his services to the SCA by Life Membership in 2002. Mr Tribolet was known to National Umpire Panel members as the umpires' room attendant at the SCG in recent seasons. His son, Brett, is a member of NSWCUSA and an active umpire in the Shires competition.

The Club Championship in the Shires Competition is named in the late Mr Tribolet's honour as is one of the two ovals at Mona Park – the David Tribolet Oval. David Tribolet will live forever in the hearts and minds of those involved in Shires Cricket. He left a legacy and will always be remembered among the Sydney Cricket Community. May David Tribolet rest in peace.

The inclusion of teams from ACT and Central Coast in a revamped SCA T20 Cup competition, proudly sponsored by Kingsgrove Sports, created much excitement and interest in the competition with both teams being competitive. Umpires from both areas received appointments in the expanded Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup – Chris Cassin, Terry Keel and Yohan Ramasundara (ACT) and James Figallo (Central Coast) – welcomed the opportunity to officiate at the higher level and all performed very well.

We were also pleased to welcome David Cullen (Illawarra), Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Greg Jones (Western) and Ross McKim (Newcastle) to umpire matches in the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup.

The Grand Final of the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup



Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar enjoyed the opportunity of umpiring this match on the famous ground and both did an excellent job.

We offer congratulations to the Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club and the Burwood Briars for their respective successes as Club Champions in the Grade and Shires competitions. We also offer our congratulations to those clubs in the respective competitions which gained premierships in each of the grades, they being:

#### Grade

First Grade (Belvidere Cup) – Manly-Warringah  
Second Grade (Albert Cup) – Sydney University  
Third Grade (Mitchell Cup) – Manly-Warringah  
Fourth Grade (Reid Cup) – Penrith  
Fifth Grade (David Sherwood Cup) – Northern District  
First Grade Limited Overs – Bankstown  
Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup – St George  
Poidevin Gray Shield – Sutherland  
A W Green Shield – Bankstown

#### Shires

First Grade (RB Clark Cup) – Burwood Briars  
Second Grade (SJ Mayne Trophy) – Warringah  
Third Grade (JB Hollander Trophy) – Strathfield  
Fourth Grade (Harry Culbert Trophy) – Burwood Briars  
Frank Gray Shield – Georges River

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the teams and volunteers of all Clubs for providing our members with the enjoyment of taking part in the game of cricket. The hospitality afforded to umpires at so many Clubs is outstanding.

Appointments to SCA Grade Grand Finals were as follows:

First Grade, Manly-Warringah v Bankstown at North Sydney Oval  
Umpires Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds

Second Grade, Sydney University v Manly-Warringah at University No. 1 Oval  
Umpires Darren Goodger and Anthony Hobson

Third Grade, Manly-Warringah v Eastern Suburbs at Manly Oval  
Umpires Keiran Knight and Muhammad Qureshi

Fourth Grade, Sydney v Penrith at Drummoyne Oval  
Umpires David Taylor and Ben Treloar

Fifth Grade, Northern District v Manly-Warringah at Mark Taylor Oval  
Umpires Gary Crombie and Glen Stubbings

First Grade Limited Overs, Bankstown v Manly-Warringah at Glenn McGrath Oval  
Umpires Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup, Sydney University v St George at Sydney Cricket Ground Umpires Simon

Lightbody and Anthony Hobson

Poidevin Gray Shield, Sutherland v Northern District at Glenn McGrath Oval  
Umpires Darren Goodger and Anthony Hobson

A W Green Shield, Bankstown v Sydney University at Bankstown Oval  
Umpires Berend du Plessis and Glen Stubbings



Berend du Plessis and Aaron Vella call stumps.

The Association acknowledges here the appointment of Stephen Blomfield and Anthony Raymond to umpire the Shires First Grade Grand Final, between Burwood and North West Sydney, and John Colwell and Gerry Forlano to umpire the Women's First Grade Grand Final, between Bankstown and Universities. Well done to all concerned on your performances throughout the season.

The selection of the various Grade umpiring panels remained the responsibility of the Coaching Panel which was appointed by the Board and comprised Darren Goodger (Chair), Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed. As in previous years the criteria for panel selection included availability, commitment, perceived fitness and suitability, previous observations, reports from captains and attendance at necessary meetings. The Coaching Panel also maintained the option to make selections based on their thoughts on potential and ability already displayed. The Coaching Panel ensured that selections to the various panels were made on merit.

The umpire appointments to the Grand Finals, First to Fifth grade, were made by Graham Chudleigh and Graham Reed who consulted Errol Cranney and Mark Grant before making their selections.

There were no panel reserves appointed in 2014-15. The panels contained the following number of umpires:

- First Panel – 21
- Second Panel – 25
- Third Panel – 26
- Fourth Panel – 82

The following experienced members formed part of the on field observer panel – Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, John Evans and Geoff Garland.

The off field observers were Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant and Graham Reed all of whom were thorough and committed in their role which saw relevant and detailed feedback passed on to umpires.



Laurie Borg assisted the observer team after an injury prevented him from officiating in the second half of the season. Administration Officer, Jay Lenton, is hereby acknowledged and thanked for his timely distribution of observer reports. Jay did an excellent job.

A total of 179 umpires officiated in the SCA Grade competitions in season 2014-15.

The post-match meeting in all First and Second Grade matches between captains and umpires continued with the onus on the host club to provide a suitable facilitator. Matters discussed during these meetings included ground, pitch and facility issues, spirit of cricket issues and umpiring issues. It is felt that these meetings provide umpires with an opportunity to receive feedback from captains regarding their performance in the key areas of decision making, communication and match management.

Umpire appointments to the SCA Grade competitions were the responsibility of the Executive Officer and the Administration Manager. The Administration Manager and Administration Officer were responsible for the coordination of umpire payments. The record keeping of Ground Assessments, Spirit of Cricket Assessments and the Player and Captain of the Year awards for Grade, Shires and Women's cricket was again undertaken by SCA staff.

The umpire appointments to both the Shires and Women's competitions were the responsibility of the Appointment Officer within their respective Associations with significant volunteer time being spent by Stephen Blomfield (Shires) and Dr John Colwell (Women's) in professionally completing these duties. The Association records its thanks here to Stephen and John for their dedication and commitment to excellence. Their work is appreciated by the SCA.

NSWCUSA keeps a record of umpire appointments to the SCA Grade matches and presents certificates recognising the number of matches to which umpires have been appointed. These certificates commence at 100 matches and are presented for each 50 matches thereafter. Sincere thanks are offered here to member Stephen Blomfield for the time, on an honorary basis, he has put into ensuring the accuracy of these match statistics. His research and compilation of data has been outstanding and of great assistance to NSWCUSA management.

Match certificates to those members who were present, and who qualified for them, were presented at the Annual Dinner. Congratulations to the following members who reached a "milestone" during the 2014-15 season:

**500 matches**  
Greg Lill

**400 matches**  
Laurie Borg

**350 matches**  
John Evans  
Stephen McAppion

**300 matches**  
Brian Ferguson

**250 matches**  
Nick Carson  
Chris King

**200 matches**  
John Darcy  
Spencer Harrison

**150 matches**  
Geoff Taylor

**100 matches**  
Bill Ashe  
Gary Crombie  
Trevor Parker  
Derek Ponsford  
Bob Shield  
Patrick Smellie  
Tony Vasey  
Geoff Verco  
Geoff Wheeler  
Bruce Whitehouse

A total record of match appointments of those individual members who officiated in the SCA Grade competitions during the 2014-15 season is provided in this Annual Report. The statistics, where complete, record Grade and Shire match appointments from the date on which the member joined the Association until the end of the season. The figures do not include appointments to Poidevin Gray Shield, A W Green Shield, Frank Gray Shield, or any other heterogeneous competition nor to any representative fixtures, but do include appointment to matches in the First Grade Limited Overs Competition.

Arthur Watson's 723 matches is an all-time SCA record for an umpire and only Greg Lill has umpired more First Grade matches. Arthur Watson is not only a Life Member of NSWCUSA, but also a Life Member of the SCA. Arthur has more summers left in him in the middle yet!

Congratulations are extended to the following members who reached milestones for umpiring First Grade matches:

- Greg Davidson – 100 First Grade matches – round 11 Bankstown v Manly-Warringah at Bankstown Oval with Darren Foster.

- Darren Goodger – 200 First Grade matches – round 9 North Sydney v Manly-Warringah at North Sydney Oval with Anthony Hobson.

It was pleasing during the season to welcome members from Affiliated Associations who officiated in the SCA Grade competition to further their experience. We acknowledge those 28 umpires below:

Wayne Allan, John Burgoyne, Mal Campbell, Chris Cassin, John Colwell, Andrew Crozier, David Cullen, John de Lyall, Paul Dilley, Mark Ferris, James Figallo, Neil Findlay, Graeme Glazebrook, Tony Hackett, Geoff Hasler, Greg Jones, Pat Kerin, Darrin Masters, Gary McAulley, Kevin McFarlane, Ross McKim, Rob Pye, Daniel Rosolen, Neil Smith, Geoff Verco, David Went, Bruce Wood and Deanne Young.

NSWCUSA members are welcome to apply to the Executive Officer to officiate in the SCA Grade competition. This is a great way for members from our affiliates to experience officiating in the best Grade competition in world cricket. By doing so, you broaden your experience and add value to the Grade competition.

Harvey Wolff (Tasmanian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association) was a welcome addition to Grade round 11 where, at North Sydney Oval, he umpired the First Grade match between North Sydney and Northern District, standing with Muhammad Qureshi. He impressed all and sundry with his communication skills, match management and quality decision making. Whilst visiting Sydney, Harvey was an excellent ambassador for Cricket Tasmania and TCUSA on and off the field. His visit was part of an annual umpire exchange program between NSWCUSA and TCUSA. New South Wales State Umpire Panel member, Andrew Hamilton, umpired a First Grade match in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League in Hobart this season and his work with Richard Widows (State Director of Umpiring – Tasmania) was valuable for Andrew who appreciated the interaction with Richard and the quality of the feedback provided by him. Andrew stood in the round 7 match between Clarence and Glenorchy at Blundstone Arena with Jamie Mitchell.

Phillip Gillespie, a member of the Cricket Victoria Umpire Panel, also umpired a first grade match standing with Anthony Wilds in the round 10 fixture at Howell Oval between Penrith and Mosman.

The number of Code of Conduct reports actioned by the Code of Conduct Commissioner in 2014-15 was as 37, a decrease of 16 on last season. It was disappointing to note that nine of the reported players were the captain of their team. Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

NSWCUSA appreciates John McGruther and his work as the Sydney Cricket Association Code of Conduct Commissioner. Mr McGruther acts swiftly in handling matters which are reported and is respected for being the "Sergeant at Arms" for those who report alleged

breaches of the Code. He is genuine in his attempt to ensure SCA matches are played within the spirit of the game and encourages umpires to work together and with captains in managing matches in a positive and constructive manner. Mr McGruther offers his services to the game and our umpires in a volunteer capacity. This Association is very grateful for his time, expertise and professionalism.

The Assistant Code of Conduct Commissioners, being Gerard Abood, Max Bonnell and Graham Gorrie are also acknowledged and thanked for their contribution and support of NSWCUSA members.

The SCA has been concerned about the number of reports of poor behaviour in the Grade and Shires competitions in the last few years. To address this, two meetings of captains were convened – one at Cricket NSW and one at Bankstown Oval – and presentations made by Gerard Abood, Darren Goodger and John McGruther. Board Chair, Geoff Garland, also attended and he reported that the meetings were very well supported and that a clear message was given about what is and is not acceptable on the field of play. At our November Ordinary General Meeting, Gerard and Darren set clear guidelines and members were encouraged to report any instance of disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour which breaches the Code of Conduct. We have the total support of the Judiciary Committee and the SCA.

The Grade Premiers' Dinner was held at Dockside on 8 May 2015 and attended by NSWCUSA Directors Geoff Garland and Graham Chudleigh, as well as Association Treasurer Laurie Borg and NSWCUSA staff in Jay Lenton, Troy Penman and Darren Goodger. Jim Callinan from Sky News was the MC while comedian-ventriloquist Darren Carr provided outstanding entertainment.

Anthony Hobson was re-presented with the George Borwick Memorial Award by Geoff Garland. Anthony spoke humbly in receiving the award paying tribute to his wife Kellie and his family for their wonderful support of his umpiring endeavours. He also spoke of his pride in being a member of NSWCUSA and of his passion for cricket and for umpiring in the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition. Anthony thanked all his umpiring colleagues for their support and friendship throughout the season. He is a truly outstanding ambassador for umpiring and for NSWCUSA and an umpire who values the place of teamwork.



The 2014-15 Sydney Grade Award Winners are listed below and the Association offers congratulations to the following:

- O'Reilly Medal for First Grade Player of the Year – Ahillen Beadle (Manly-Warringah)
- Spirit of Cricket – Sydney University
- Coach of the Year – Shawn Bradstreet (Manly-Warringah)
- First Grade Ground of the Year – Hurstville Oval (St George)
- Lower Grade Ground of the Year – Tunks Park (North Sydney)
- First Grade Captain of the Year – Jarrad Burke (Bankstown)
- Second Grade Captain of the Year – Andrew Jamieson (Bankstown)
- Third Grade Captain of the Year – Jason Coleman (Parramatta)
- Fourth Grade Captain of the Year – Ryan Bolger (Northern District)
- Fifth Grade Captain of the Year – Paul Witherly (St George)
- Benaud Medal for Player of First Grade Grand Final – Jack Ritchie (Manly-Warringah)
- Michael Bevan Medal for Player of First Grade Limited Overs Grand Final – Philip Wells (Bankstown)
- Player of Twenty20 Cup Grand Final – Stewart McCabe (St George)
- Shane Lee Medal for Player of Poidevin Gray Shield Grand Final – Jack Leaning (Sutherland)
- Kevin Cunningham Medal for Player of A W Green Shield Grand Final – Creedence King (Bankstown)

The Sydney Cricket Association for the third time chose a Merit XII. The First Grade team of the year is listed below:

Ahillen Beadle (Captain) (Manly-Warringah), Philip Wells (Bankstown), Daniel Solway (Bankstown), Ryan Gibson (Campbelltown-Camden), Harry Evans (Gordon), Adam Crosthwaite (Manly-Warringah), Simon Keen (Blacktown), David Dawson (University of NSW), Nick McLachlan (Manly-Warringah), Tim Ley (Sydney University), Ellery Clugston (Mosman), Jarrad Burke (Bankstown).

The relationship between NSWCUA and SCA continues to be excellent. To Andrew Falk and his Committee of Management we express our most sincere gratitude and thanks for their very cooperative

interest in our Association. NSWCUA acknowledges the assistance and cooperation provided by the SCA Secretary Bruce Whitehouse and the Competitions Manager Roy Formica.

Their efforts, and that of Laura Barker, Amanda Green, Kath Koschel and Daniel McKenna are appreciated. The professionalism of the SCA and Cricket Operations staff at Cricket NSW is to be commended as is their genuine support of NSWCUA.

The usual behind the scenes work continues in the "non-playing season" and September 2015 will be upon us soon enough! It is anticipated that we will have more new recruits to welcome to umpiring in the SCA competitions. We look forward to the coming SCA season with great energy and enthusiasm.



Above: Simon Lightbody (L) and Bill Hendricks.

Below: Keiran Knight (L) and Muhammad Qureshi



## 5.13 New South Wales Cricket Association DR DAVID DILLEY

New South Wales Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting on 1 September 2014.

The incumbent Board remains unchanged and consists of Chair Mr. John Warn, Hon Patricia Forsythe, Hon Kevin Greene; Messrs. Lyle Gorman, Ian Hogg, John Knox, Greg Monaghan, Marshall Rosen; and Dr. David Dilley.

NSWCUSA has slotted in well to the Cricket Performance Department of Cricket New South Wales. Umpiring and scoring is an integral part of forward planning for Cricket New South Wales and the team of Darren Goodger, Troy Penman, and Jay Lenton is well respected within the organisation. Indeed, between them they have won several awards for their work.

This season was tragically overshadowed by the death of Phillip Hughes on 27 November 2014, a few days after being struck in the head by the ball at the SCG. What followed was an enormous show of support from the entire cricket community for the family of Phillip, and his fellow players. The situation was handled with great compassion, dignity, and humanity by all concerned. More than once I heard a comment to the effect that "It is often said no player is above the game, but this shows the game does put the person above itself."

Cricket Australia has announced an inquiry will be held into Phillip's death with the review to be led by David Curtain QC the purpose of which is to explore whether anything could be done to prevent a similar accident happening again.

On the field the Lend Lease Breakers, while not having it all their own way this season, managed to win their tenth straight Women's National Cricket League title, an extraordinary performance by any measure. For further good measure they also took out the Women's National T20 competition. This will likely be the last time such a double is achievable as from next season the Women's Big Bash League will commence.

In underage competitions, the ladies swept all before them with National Championship honours going to U15 NSW Metropolitan and U18 NSW Metropolitan teams.

The men's senior team just missed out on the Sheffield Shield Final and were runners up in the Domestic One Day Matador Cup.

The men's underage sides also did well winning both U17 and U19 National Championships, the successful teams again being the New South Wales Metropolitan sides.

You will have noticed the underage teams are called

New South Wales Metropolitan! This change came about with the signing of a MoU between Cricket New South Wales, Cricket Australia, and Cricket ACT to allow more opportunity for cricketers in both ACT and New South Wales to participate in under age National Championships. The second team is the ACT/New South Wales Country team. In the female Under 15 championships a third, "Academy", team was fielded. This is recognition of the strength of cricket in New South Wales and allows more scope for promising players to develop.

The figures show that 47% of all Australian team representatives this season were from New South Wales. Across the state participation levels were up 12.8% with over 350,000 participants for the first time. Pleasingly this was largely driven by an increase in schools participation.

Financially, Cricket New South Wales is on track to exceed budget mainly due to the success of BBL teams on and off the field.

Overall the New South Wales Cricket Association continues to push forward mindful of the strong traditions and work of those who have gone before.

NSWCUSA extends thanks to the Senior Leadership Team at Cricket New South Wales, and the New South Wales Cricket Board, for their support given to our Association and their interest in umpiring and scoring at all levels.



From Left: Gerard Abood, Paul Wilson, Greg Davidson and Tony Wilds at the 2015 Steve Waugh Medal.



## 5.14 Sydney Cricket Association 200 Club STEPHEN BUMFIELD

Umpire	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	Career
WATSON, Arthur	Current	365	54	81	124	79	20	723
KAIN, Lindsay	Current	118	207	99	84	36	24	568
WEIR, Chris	Current	62	93	205	77	36	46	519
LILL, Greg	Current	390	37	29	24	15	5	500
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	Current	52	195	30	35	49	109	470
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	Current	108	69	84	93	67	18	439
TYSON, Doug	2013-14	45	280	43	39	10	16	433
BORG, Laurie	Current	148	183	27	11	20	14	403
MacNAMARA, John	2011-12	0	1	48	164	135	53	401
MOONEY, Peter	Current	66	140	12	14	11	154	397
REISMAN, John	2006-07	64	73	87	85	45	31	385
LIVINGSTON, Bruce	1998-99	75	129	44	34	52	49	383
BARNES, John	Current	66	166	39	39	27	44	381
GARLAND, Geoff	Current	126	152	41	19	21	12	371
QUAKEN, Keith	2002-03	139	20	20	35	57	100	371
LALOR, Brian	2012-13	8	133	81	94	43	11	370
WARK, Ken	1999-00	145	67	23	28	50	54	367
WHEELER, Allan	1992-93	187	71	71	28	5	5	367
EMERSON, Ian	1998-99	268	41	14	24	14	4	365
AUBREY, Charlie	1996-97	39	128	50	71	44	27	359
McAPPION, Stephen	Current	0	0	50	118	118	70	356
EVANS, John	Current	253	29	38	18	11	5	354
WILLIAMS, John	Current	0	0	9	94	174	67	344
GOODARD, Barry	2002-03	133	84	37	43	16	19	332
HENDRICKS, Bill	Current	265	33	14	12	2	6	332
DONAHOO, Tim	2010-11	208	53	36	18	4	11	330
MARSHALL, Alan	1994-95	262	17	13	24	5	3	324
HUGHES, Jack	1997-98	133	31	29	48	31	45	317
CARTER, Murray	1998-99	0	21	76	85	68	58	308
BROOKS, Tom	1993-94	196	12	10	46	12	30	306
FERGUSON, Brian	Current	151	60	25	31	22	11	300
WRIGHT, Ian	2000-01	48	126	53	31	17	17	292
FOWLER, Mark	2009-10	0	17	121	86	43	22	289
GUTHRIE, Bob	Current	0	0	32	105	112	39	288
WENNERBOM, Nick	Current	112	62	50	35	14	14	287
GRIFFIN, Alan	2008-09	4	120	92	44	16	10	286
GREEN, Alan	2008-09	26	66	40	27	17	109	285
ARMOUR, Bernie	1986-87	43	166	37	22	2	11	281
GOODGER, Darren	Current	209	18	11	9	11	19	277
TIMBS, David	2011-12	25	164	17	30	19	15	270
McMILLAN, Brett	2006-07	0	59	35	79	69	27	269
RODEN, Bill	2009-10	188	22	21	17	10	11	269
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	Current	3	1	2	2	4	256	268
HEAD, Robert	2005-06	65	61	48	52	26	15	267
DUFFY, Ken	1999-00	186	23	25	14	6	6	260
HICKEY, Brian	1993-94	48	66	46	61	30	9	260
RICHARDS, George	2012-13	0	19	96	29	5	111	260
CARSON, Nick	Current	42	91	51	27	24	23	258
KING, Chris	Current	27	86	111	16	8	8	256
HARRIS, Rocky	1988-89	201	22	9	15	1	2	250
CAMERON, Jim	2008-09	195	24	5	15	5	4	248
THOMPSON, John	2003-04	0	76	77	60	20	7	240
BUCKLAND, Ken	Current	63	32	44	19	11	68	237

Umpire	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	Career
TATE, Peter	Current	145	28	26	16	16	4	235
ELDRIDGE, David	1999-00	135	28	31	15	18	7	234
HAIR, Darrell	2003-04	176	18	11	11	6	9	231
LEAHY, Kevin	Current	27	81	54	32	21	14	229
THOMAS, Ian	1997-98	171	17	7	8	6	17	226
GRIFFITHS, Keith	1999-00	87	30	62	18	12	16	225
JONES, Neville	2004-05	0	2	40	86	60	36	224
FRENCH, Richard (Dick)	1988-89	153	6	18	33	3	10	223
ROGERS, Colin	1998-99	0	1	31	83	67	41	223
McINTOSH, Ian	2012-13	124	26	15	24	23	10	222
DAVIS, Bob	2010-11	1	93	72	18	15	22	221
FURTNER, Ron	2003-04	114	20	19	38	20	10	221
JACKSON, Ian	1996-97	136	34	13	22	5	7	217
SHELLENS, Jim	2013-14	0	17	10	4	5	181	217
O'ROURKE, Peter	1998-99	111	25	30	26	12	11	215
BROOKS, Ern	2007-08	101	56	16	19	12	10	214
KELLEHER, Arthur	2002-03	75	42	50	24	10	12	213
DARCY, John	Current	0	37	103	35	26	11	212
BUULTJENS, James	1997-98	2	76	94	34	3	0	209
VOYSEY, Noel	1989-90	51	81	37	21	5	12	207
GRAHAM, Jon	2010-11	0	0	37	80	63	25	206
YATES, John	1993-94	55	49	20	44	9	28	205
FRIEND, Peter	2013-14	1	0	0	0	1	202	204
TAUFEL, Simon	2005-06	157	18	9	5	9	6	204
MORGAN, Tony	1998-99	156	20	5	10	6	6	203
HARRISON, Spencer	Current	0	0	0	0	2	200	202
KEEL, Terry	2012-13	163	22	7	2	5	1	200

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Bruce Whiteman (L) and David Went taking the field before the Final of the SCG Country Cup.



## 5.15 Sydney Cricket Association Umpire Statistics STEPHEN BLOMFIELD

Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	SHIRES	TOTAL
ABBEY, David	0	0	7	8	5	5	25
ALLAN, Wayne	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
APPS, Matthew	0	0	1	16	24	5	46
AROK, Stephen	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
ASHE, Bill	2	30	35	24	6	8	105
BADALATI, Vince	0	0	0	7	3	5	15
BAKER, Andrew	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
BANODKAR, Mahesh	0	0	0	0	2	12	14
BARNES, John	66	166	39	39	27	44	381
BASKAR, Edward	0	0	5	19	24	7	55
BATTISHILL, Kevin	0	9	36	40	21	8	114
BELL, Grahame	0	0	0	5	14	39	58
BERGMAN, Tony	0	0	0	0	0	83	83
BIRRING, Satvir	0	0	0	0	5	7	12
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	3	1	2	2	4	256	268
BORG, Laurie	148	183	27	11	20	14	403
BOWMAN, Ian	0	0	0	0	0	118	118
BRADY, Jason	0	0	0	1	6	19	26
BREAKSPEAR, Brian	0	0	6	4	3	64	77
BRIGHTWELL, Daniel	15	19	6	12	4	3	59
BRISTOW, Brad	0	0	0	2	9	9	20
BUCKLAND, Ken	63	32	44	19	11	68	237
BURGOYNE, John	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
BURTON, Daniel	0	0	0	0	0	16	16
BYANJANKAR, Sachin	0	0	1	35	28	11	75
CAMPBELL, Malcolm	0	0	0	2	1	27	30
CAMPBELL, Neil	0	0	0	0	1	43	44
CAREW, Ian	0	0	0	4	6	3	13
CARPINI, Tony	0	1	2	11	9	5	28
CARSON, Nick	42	91	51	27	24	23	258
CASSIN, Chris	14	0	0	0	0	1	15
CHAKRABORTY, Bidhan	0	0	1	5	14	38	58
CHAMBIRAS, Paul	0	0	11	0	3	17	31
CHANDRA, Sandeep	0	0	0	0	4	9	13
CHEGWIDDEN, Les	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
CHRISTEN, Richard	0	0	0	26	33	108	167
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	108	69	84	93	67	18	439
CLEMENTS, Stephen	0	0	0	0	0	61	61
CLIFT, Paul	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
COLWELL, John	0	0	1	3	9	8	21
CONNOLLY, Michael	14	0	0	0	1	1	16
CONWAY, Michael	0	0	0	0	2	52	54
CROCONO, Rick	0	0	0	0	0	32	32
CROMBIE, Gary	44	32	16	5	6	3	106
CROZIER, Andrew	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
CULLEN, David	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
DAMODARAN, Rajesh	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
DARCY, John	0	37	103	35	26	11	212
DAVIDSON, Greg	105	13	9	2	1	2	132
DAVIES, Keith	0	0	0	0	0	42	42
DAVIES, Reece	0	0	0	0	1	14	15
DAVY, Adam	0	0	9	9	4	3	25
De LYALL, John	1	0	0	0	0	0	1



Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	SHIRES	TOTAL
DeCELS, Brian	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
DESAI, Gaurav	0	5	5	7	10	7	34
DHANDAPANI, Khadhirvelou	0	21	66	34	34	30	185
DILLEY, Paul	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
DUFF, Cameron	0	1	6	7	1	18	33
DUNN, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	13	13
DuPLESSIS, Berend	1	14	11	4	2	8	40
EDGE, Martin	118	26	10	13	7	9	183
EVANS, John	253	29	38	18	11	5	354
FAIRLIE, Simon	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
FARRELL, Paul	0	1	31	48	34	5	119
FERGUSON, Brian	151	60	25	31	22	11	300
FERRIS, Mark	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
FIGALLO, James	13	18	3	4	2	3	43
FINDLAY, Neil	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
FINNEMORE, Clay	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
FITZPATRICK, Paul	0	2	22	22	12	2	60
FONSEKA, Jude	0	0	0	0	0	29	29
FORLIANO, Gerry	3	55	83	24	26	6	197
FOSTER, Darren	38	18	4	8	9	4	81
GAL, Michael	0	0	1	19	8	3	31
GANDEVIA, Robin	0	37	48	11	14	56	166
GARLAND, Geoff	126	152	41	19	21	12	371
GARWOOD, Robert	0	0	0	7	5	5	17
GILLESPIE, Phillip	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
GLACKEN, Bill	0	0	0	1	15	10	26
GLAZEBROOK, Graeme	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
GOODGER, Darren	209	18	11	9	11	19	277
GROCOCK, Stu	19	3	3	0	0	1	26
GUTHRIE, Bob	0	0	32	105	112	39	288
HACKETT, Anthony	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
HAMILTON, Andrew	114	40	15	10	4	2	185
HANSHAW, Glen	0	0	0	0	0	54	54
HARRISON, Spencer	0	0	0	0	2	200	202
HAVILAND, Chris	0	0	2	54	89	49	194
HENDRICKS, Bill	265	33	14	12	2	6	332
HINDS, Denis	0	0	0	1	4	1	6
HITCHEN, Clive	0	0	0	6	12	1	19
HOBSON, Anthony	16	16	1	0	2	4	39
HOLLAND, Ivan	0	0	0	0	1	193	194
HONEYWOOD, Peter	0	0	1	11	19	5	36
HOSSAIN, Bayazed	0	0	0	1	2	10	13
HOWARD, Charles	0	0	43	47	57	18	165
HOWARD, Roberto	0	4	16	25	20	6	71
HOWSE, Geoff	0	0	3	5	23	24	55
HUGHES, Mark	60	21	8	6	4	42	141
HUGHES, Soren	0	0	0	7	2	3	12
HUNTER, Kim	0	0	0	0	0	61	61
IMAM, Ahmer	0	0	0	4	11	6	21
IRVINE, Geoff	3	34	13	1	9	2	62
JAYATILAKE, Lalith	0	0	0	5	16	16	37
JOBSON, Jon	1	10	3	4	2	1	21
JOHNSON, Paul	0	29	22	10	4	3	68

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JONES, Greg	22	23	2	5	2	0	54
KAIN, Lindsay	118	207	99	84	36	24	568
KENNA, Matthew	0	0	0	1	5	1	7
KENT, Neville	1	7	1	4	0	0	13
KERIN, Pat	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
KING, Chris	27	86	111	16	8	8	256
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	52	195	30	35	49	109	470
KNIGHT, Keiran	9	1	1	0	0	0	11
KOSCHEL, Gary	0	0	0	4	4	1	9
KOTAK, Kamlesh	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
KULKARNI, Rahul	0	0	0	1	7	7	15
KUMAR, Balvinder	0	0	1	46	40	9	96
KUMAR, Kishore	0	0	0	1	2	4	7
LEAHY, Kevin	27	81	54	32	21	14	229
LEES, Craig	0	3	14	5	6	2	30
LEUNG, Ambrose	0	0	0	4	6	5	15
LEWIS, Davern	0	52	32	21	13	5	123
LIGHTBODY, Simon	46	4	1	1	0	0	52
LIGHTLEY, Shane	0	0	0	2	7	2	11
LILL, Greg	390	37	29	24	15	5	500
LUCITTI, Laurie	0	0	1	6	7	0	14
MacGILLIVRAY, Alan	0	1	27	41	13	3	85
MADAN, Ajit	0	0	0	0	0	44	44
MAISEY, Don	0	0	13	0	0	1	14
MALONEY, Rob	0	14	17	9	5	44	89
MARSH, Paul	0	0	1	0	3	1	5
MARTIN, Dean	0	22	32	6	2	16	78
MARWAHA, Varun	0	4	20	18	13	2	57
MASTERS, Darrin	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MATHEWS, Rupert	0	4	0	0	1	135	140
McAPPION, Stephen	0	0	50	118	118	70	356
McAULLEY, Gary	0	16	11	6	3	3	39
McCLELLAND, David	0	0	0	3	5	1	9
McFARLANE, Kevin	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
McGINN, Cameron	0	18	16	5	5	3	47
McGREGOR, Bob	4	26	33	13	11	0	87
McKIM, Ross	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
McMARTIN, Darren	0	9	23	21	22	8	83
McNAMARA, Peter	0	29	29	31	22	5	116
MEHTA, Chinmay	0	0	2	24	18	6	50
MONAGHAN, Alan	17	46	18	22	10	2	115
MOONEY, Peter	66	140	12	14	11	154	397
MOORE, Peter	0	2	13	7	3	2	27
MOORE, Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	29	29
NAZIR, Zaheer	2	40	33	22	21	3	121
NELSON, Ryan	0	4	2	0	0	1	7
NEWSOM, Ian	0	1	4	15	15	34	69
NICHOLS, Daniel	0	0	3	8	4	0	15
NICKL, Marc	111	22	7	11	10	4	165
O'CONNOR, Neil	0	0	1	11	20	3	35
OPPENHEIM, Dennis	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
OWEN, Howard	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
OZA, Kedar	0	13	65	10	4	4	96

Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	SHIRES	TOTAL
PARDESI, Brijesh	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
PARIHAR, Prashant	0	0	0	5	8	11	24
PARKER, Trevor	0	0	0	0	0	103	103
PAXTON, Homer	0	0	0	0	0	37	37
PENMAN, Troy	5	20	5	8	2	1	41
PERRY, Peter	0	0	4	10	5	3	22
PILLAI, Anil	0	26	29	19	12	2	88
POINTER, Martyn	0	7	10	5	8	12	42
POLOSAK, Claire	1	8	38	15	19	5	86
PONSFORD, Derek	0	0	0	0	0	107	107
PRABHAKAR, Yafin	0	0	1	2	13	15	31
PRAKASH, Phil	0	0	0	0	3	24	27
PYE, Rob	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
QURESHI, Muhammad	26	38	23	17	25	3	132
RAHMAN, Ashafur	0	0	2	4	12	19	37
RAJA, Rajesh	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
RAJAGOPALAN, Ragu	0	0	9	68	77	30	184
RAMAKRISHNAN, Keeran	0	26	11	13	20	47	117
RANATUNGE, Palitha	0	0	0	21	47	8	76
RAYMOND, Anthony	0	0	0	0	0	29	29
RILEY, Gerard	0	0	0	0	0	67	67
ROBERTS, Michael	0	1	36	16	23	92	168
ROGAN, Scott	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
ROSOLEN, Daniel	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
RYAN, Steven	0	0	0	5	5	1	11
SALVI, Manish	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
SAMAD, Sayad	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
SASTRY, Sujay	0	0	1	16	17	4	38
SCHOKMAN, Trevor	0	0	0	1	2	165	168
SCOTT, Ross	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
SHERWOOD, Colin	0	0	1	20	35	6	62
SHIEL, Craig	0	0	0	1	2	3	6
SHIELD, Bob	0	12	18	7	7	63	107
SHYAMAPANTH, Saigal	0	0	0	2	8	11	21
SINGHAM, Mano	0	0	0	1	1	64	66
SINHA, Devesh	0	1	8	11	18	3	41
SMELLIE, Patrick	0	0	0	0	1	110	111
SMITH, Gordon	0	0	0	1	2	183	186
SMITH, Neil	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
STEINDLER, Andrew	0	0	1	14	14	57	86
STOCKER, Gavin	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
STUBBINGS, Glen	6	13	7	1	2	19	48
SUBRAMANIAM, Praba	0	0	0	0	3	5	8
SWAN, Graham	0	1	40	24	21	3	89
SYED, Marwais	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
TABRETT, Ian	0	2	0	0	0	77	79
TATE, Peter	145	28	26	16	16	4	235
TAYLOR, Chris	4	17	4	3	8	143	179
TAYLOR, David	65	20	4	6	1	1	97
TAYLOR, Geoff	0	0	0	0	1	153	154
TAYLOR, Lawrie	0	0	0	7	21	1	29
THAIGARAJAN, MK	0	0	29	38	52	14	133
TRELOAR, Ben	78	23	12	16	8	10	147

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TRIBOLET, Brett	2	0	0	0	0	78	80
TURMANIS, Juris	0	0	30	51	45	18	144
TURNER, Michael J	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
TURNER, Michael W	0	0	1	5	10	6	22
VASEY, Andrew	0	9	40	17	23	6	95
VASEY, Tony	0	0	18	46	33	4	101
VELLA, Aaron	14	10	3	1	3	42	73
VERCO, Geoff	0	10	48	23	18	4	103
VYSE, Warick	0	0	20	32	31	7	90
WARD, Malcolm	0	0	0	0	0	82	82
WARD, Steve	0	0	2	11	2	4	19
WATSON, Arthur	365	54	81	124	79	20	723
WEIR, Chris	62	93	205	77	36	46	519
WENNERBOM, Nick	112	62	50	35	14	14	287
WENT, David	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
WENTZEL, Karl	74	51	18	6	13	23	185
WHEELER, Geoff	0	3	0	0	0	105	108
WHITE, Graeme	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
WHITEHOUSE, Bruce	0	4	10	6	6	77	103
WILDS, Anthony	119	5	1	2	0	0	127
WILLIAMS, John	0	0	9	94	174	67	344
WISEMAN, Brian	0	0	5	20	5	1	31
WOLFF, Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WOOD, Bruce	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
WOOD, Stuart	0	2	18	13	3	56	92
YARAD, Andrew	0	0	0	1	5	0	6
YASEEN, Bilal	0	0	0	6	17	4	27
YOUNG, Dianne	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

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Life Members 10

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Conferred Senior Members 38

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Full Members 335

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Ordinary Members 412

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Scorer Members 36

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Junior Members 15

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Honorary Members 4

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Membership 850

All members were advised of a special Meeting called for in February that was convened to consider and vote on changes to the Constitution. These changes were to have "and Scorers" included into the name of the Association and to abolish the January Ordinary Meeting. The name change was agreed unanimously with the majority voting in favour of not having a January meeting.

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## 6.1 Treasurer's Report Laurie Borg

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the year 2014-15. The report contains the Association Statement of Assets and Liabilities together with the Statement of Income and Expenditure of your Association in its 102<sup>nd</sup> year ending 30 April 2015.

This year has been one consolidation in terms of our activities. Some of the significant items of our financial position are:

- The cost of umpire and scorer training and development throughout NSW this season was \$37,266.35 of which \$46,350 was returned through the Umpire Service Grant;
- Membership subscriptions have decreased over the level of 2013-14 by 2.6%. The training did continue the outstanding work lead by the Executive Officer of the Association and the team of accredited trainers. The reduction must be due to non-renewals.
- Support for our merchandise operations was down by 45% which was understandable as field shirts for SCA umpires and those officiating in pathway matches in the Country Cricket NSW representative programs were supplied by Cricket NSW. Merchandise Officer, John Evans, continues to find new items for our membership like the new light blue field jacket.

### Statement of Income and Expenditure

The Association's result was a deficit of \$17,576.94. This figure includes the Umpire Service Grant (USG) from Cricket Australia, income invoiced not yet received and expenditure that we know is to be invoiced, however not charged as yet.

Income totalled \$134,549.13, main components comprising:

- Income from membership and affiliation fees was \$54,668.18. This was an decrease of 2.6%.
- Interest received reduced by 27.4% due to the reduction in interest rate.
- Merchandising sales were \$13,220.02 a reduction of \$10,617. John Evans continues to do a wonderful job servicing the members all over the state. The deficit from sales was \$6,809.95 and this included the write-down in value by 50% of the Centenary Field shirts of \$4,660. I offer my thanks to John Evans for his outstanding work.
- Raffle income was \$4,392.31, a decrease of \$6,863.28. This was due to the large centenary raffles including the Antarctic raffle in that year.

Expenditure totalled \$152,126.07 for the year – a decrease of \$102,687.72 on last year which is understandable after the centenary costs are removed.

NSW Cricket Umpire and Scorer Association  
Country Umpire of the Year 2014-15  
DAVID WEST



Some of the major components were:

#### Administration Expenses

- The total cost of the Annual Report increased by \$326.25 on last year to \$6,390. The quality of the report has again been outstanding thanks to the work of Troy Penman and Sharad Patel.
- General expenses of \$45,711.96 increased by \$35,807.01 which is attributed to the legal costs in defending the Association against litigation from Cricket Publishing Company.
- Honoraria had an increase of \$800 to \$8,700 in recognition of the high standard work of our volunteers.
- The funds that are contributed to Cricket NSW toward the cost of the Umpires' Department plus other payments paid to the staff, as approved by the Board, for their outstanding efforts on behalf of NSWCUA totalled \$26,288.90.

#### Training Expenses

Expenditure on training continued to be a major part of the Association's operations. Actual expenditure of \$37,266.35 was incurred in this area, of which \$46,350 was funded by the Umpire Service Grant:

- The Convention returned a loss of \$8,565.24 at Riverside Oaks. A great Convention again was delivered by Darren Goodger and the willing members of the training team. Employees of the Riverside Oaks are thanked for their help and support.
- The continued concentration on the training and development of country umpires was shown with the number of country umpires umpiring in the Sydney Cricket Association. Expenses for members of the Country Representative and Supplementary Panels on these weekends was met by this Association as part of its ongoing commitment to developing our leading country umpires.
- The members of the Country Representative and Supplementary Panels, Chair of the Country Umpire Sub Committee and Zone Representatives engaged in a professional development program in Scone to aid members in their preparation for the 2014-15 season. This weekend was again a success.
- The focus on training and development continued in 2014-15 with education programs delivered by our Executive Officer. Darren Goodger and the training team spent countless hours in preparing and presenting training programs and materials second to none.

#### Hospitality

The importance of the social occasion cannot be underestimated in the Association as it allows us to get together with our fellow members in a completely different environment. In particular, the Social Committee is to be congratulated on their efforts in the way they manage to extract money from each of us to support their raffles. A total of \$4,392.31 was raised in revenue from all raffles conducted during the year. Well done to the committee. The Tom Brooks Trophy Golf Day was not held and needs to be run possibly after the Convention.

The Annual Dinner was again held at Bankstown Sports Club for what was a very enjoyable evening. A loss of \$6,869.05 was incurred. There was a decrease from 220 to 170 guests attending. I wish to ask those of you who attended to keep spreading the word of the enjoyment of this evening and to encourage more members to attend.

#### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Total cash and deposits as at 30 April 2015 amounted

to \$117,698.05 which is a decrease of \$18,170.97 on the previous year. This balance meets the requirement of the Board to be able to meet the contribution to Cricket NSW for the Umpires' Department into the future.

#### Acknowledgements

The position of Treasurer involves support from many people without whose assistance the job would be extremely difficult. I would like to thank the following in this regard for their support of the role of Treasurer and of NSWCUA in general:

- Administration Manager Troy Penman and Administration Officer Jay Lenton for their assistance in handling the many receipts which pass through the NSWCUA office.
- The Merchandise Officer John Evans, and his wife Rosemary, for their work in filling the merchandise orders and maintaining control over the merchandise stock. I include here John's assistants who ran the Convention sales.
- Our Social Committee for their efforts in revenue raising.
- Board Chair Geoff Garland and all Directors for their support and guidance.
- Cricket NSW Chief Executive Andrew Jones and the NSW Cricket Board.
- Cricket NSW General Manager Cricket Performance David Moore.
- Cricket Australia – the Umpiring Department of Sean Easey, Bob Parry and Cate Ryan offer genuine support to our Association – for the provision of the Umpire Service Grant.
- NSW Country Cricket Association, in particular Operations Manager Bruce Whitehouse.
- Sydney Cricket Association, in particular Competitions Manager Roy Formica.
- Last, but not least, Darren Goodger for his first class work.

#### Summary

The financial year sees the Association continuing in a sound financial position. The deficit of \$17,576.94 allowed us to continue our focus on training and developing umpires and scorers in NSW.

I would like to thank all members for their support during my eighth term as your Treasurer. Wishing you all the very best for the 2015-16 season.

#### Audit Opinion

The financial statements and associated records of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated have been submitted for audit. In our opinion the financial statements present fairly the financial position of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated as at 30 April 2015 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

GREG JONES BSc GRAD DIP ED MPA  
BRETT McMILLAN BEc CPA

**NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 30 April 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Balance as at 1 May 2014	183,788.44	284,978.51	
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(17,576.94)	(101,190.07)	
Balance as at 30 April 2015	<u>166,211.50</u>	<u>183,788.44</u>	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
<i>Cash at Bank and Deposits</i>			
Cash on Hand - Social Committee	107.65	50.00	
Cash on Hand - NSWCUSA Office	-	50.00	
General Account	45,713.46	5,363.91	
Welfare Account	10,002.98	10,000.00	
General Deposits	61,873.96	120,405.11	
	<u>117,698.05</u>	<u>135,869.02</u>	
Trade Debtors	3,085.00	2,135.00	
Merchandise Inventory	52,551.18	50,326.40	
Accreditation Kits	-	-	
Prepayments	116.89	495.82	1
GST Assets	448.32	8,170.34	2
Total Current Assets	<u>173,899.44</u>	<u>196,996.58</u>	
<i>Property and Equipment</i>			
Administration Equipment	999.00	999.00	
Administration Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(999.00)	(999.00)	
Total Administration Equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Coaching Equipment	22,718.35	22,718.35	
Coaching Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(20,406.29)	(18,926.49)	
Total Coaching Equipment	<u>2,312.06</u>	<u>3,791.86</u>	
Examination System Software	32,700.00	32,700.00	
Examination System Software Accumulated Depreciation	(32,700.00)	(32,700.00)	
Total Computer Software	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Trademark	2,544.95	2,544.95	
Trademark Depreciation	(2,544.95)	(2,544.95)	
Total Trademark	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total Property and Equipment	<u>2,312.06</u>	<u>3,791.86</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>176,211.50</u></b>	<b><u>200,788.44</u></b>	
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>			
Other Current Liabilities	10,000.00	17,000.00	3
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>10,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>17,000.00</u></b>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>166,211.50</u></b>	<b><u>183,788.44</u></b>	

- Notes
- 1 Postage prepaid
  - 2 Net GST receivable on income and purchases
  - 3 Community Service Grant received in advance

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**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
As at 30 April 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$	Notes
<b>INCOME</b>			
Sales of Merchandise and Publications	13,220.02	23,836.79	
Less Stock on Hand 1 May 2014	50,326.40	61,898.77	
Purchases	22,254.75	19,711.83	
	<u>72,581.15</u>	<u>81,610.60</u>	
Less Stock on Hand 30 April 2015	52,551.18	50,326.40	
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>20,029.97</u>	<u>31,284.20</u>	3
Surplus/(Deficit) on Sales of Merchandise	(6,809.95)	(7,447.41)	
Membership Fees	54,668.18	56,103.15	
Affiliation Fees	1,750.00	1,550.00	
Interest Received	3,515.48	4,840.73	
Cricket Australia Grant	46,350.00	45,000.00	
Training Registrations	21,776.28	19,569.98	
Examination Registrations	641.03	545.56	
Accreditation Income	1,609.90	420.00	
Sponsorship	-	300.00	
Bill O'Reilly Awards (2013 - Sydney Morning Herald Awards)	909.09	909.09	
Social Appointments Levy	136.36	245.47	
Sundry Income	-	13.11	
Raffle Proceeds Including Centenary	4,392.31	11,255.59	
Centenary Book Sales	45.45	4,460.00	
Umpires Fees	5,565.00	15,858.45	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>134,549.13</b>	<b>153,623.72</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
Annual Report	6,390.00	6,063.75	
Depreciation	1,479.80	1,443.66	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,034.31	4,906.49	1
Filing Fees	85.13	52.00	
General Expenses	45,711.96	9,904.95	4
Salaries & Related Expenses	26,288.90	4,485.00	2
Honoraria	8,700.00	7,900.00	
Post Box rental	172.19	97.27	
Computer Costs	1,989.72	2,187.90	
Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies	145.20	242.88	
Bank Fees	1,738.14	2,349.23	
Venue Rentals	3,987.88	2,971.08	
Centenary Book Costs	-	33,421.30	
Umpires fees	5,085.00	15,340.00	
Centenary Documentary Costs	-	81,840.00	
Centenary Member gifts	-	1,807.27	
	<u>105,808.23</u>	<u>175,012.78</u>	
<b>Examination and Training</b>			
Education & Development	6,830.01	4,717.57	
Training Expenses	5,576.48	10,371.45	
Convention (net)	8,565.24	10,237.37	
Country Seminars	12,347.31	11,440.65	
Accreditation Expenses	3,947.31	195.60	
	<u>37,266.35</u>	<u>36,962.64</u>	
<b>Hospitality</b>			
Raffle Costs	1,001.48	14,455.41	
Annual Dinner (net)	6,869.05	7,020.80	
Functions and Events	1,180.96	3,066.64	
Centenary Dinner	-	18,295.52	
	<u>9,051.49</u>	<u>42,838.37</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>152,126.07</b>	<b>254,813.79</b>	
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(17,576.94)</b>	<b>(101,190.07)</b>	

These notes form part of the Accounts of NSWCUA

1 Payment of fuel for Vehicle supplied by CNSW to EO

2 Payments in relation to Umpire Department Staff including bonuses (2013-14 included a large credit for over provision 2012-13)

3 Includes write down in value for Centenary Field Sheet \$4,660

4 Includes legal cost of \$38,000 (\$7,000 allowed in 2013-14)



## 6.2 Comments and Conclusion

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Cricket NSW delivered an outstanding summer of cricket hosting:

- Test Match – Australia v India
- Five ICC Cricket World Cup matches – including a Quarter Final and Semi Final
- Six ICC Cricket World Cup warm-up matches
- Three One Day Internationals – Australia v South Africa; Australia v England; Australia v India
- T20 International – Australia v South Africa
- T20 Tour Match – CA XI v South Africa
- Five Sheffield Shield matches – including two regional matches, one at Wagga Wagga (NSW v Victoria) and one at Newcastle (NSW v Western Australia)
- Fourteen Matador One Day Cup matches – including the Preliminary Final and Final
- Eight BBL matches
- State Second XI – NSW v Victoria
- Two Futures League matches
- Four Women's One Day Internationals – Australia v West Indies
- Two Women's T20 Internationals – Australia v West Indies
- Six Women's National Cricket League matches – including the Semi Finals and Final
- Six Women's T20 matches

The Events and Operations teams, led by Lauren Boyle and Kath Koschel respectively, did a fabulous job.

NSWCUSA was represented on the National Umpire Panel by Paul Wilson, Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson. Mr Wilson was also a member of the ICC International Umpire Panel and made his debut at One Day International level this season.

Anthony Wilds continued as a member of the Emerging Umpire Panel and made his first class debut becoming the 80th member of NSWCUSA to umpire a first class match in this State.

Simon Lightbody, David Taylor, Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds all received the opportunity to umpire four-day cricket in the Futures League, while Simon

Lightbody and David Taylor umpired an official four-day State Second XI match between NSW and Victoria. All performed strongly.

Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds were involved in the U19 ODI series between Australia and England hosted by the Western Australian Cricket Association which gave them exposure at international level. Both members enjoy the respect of the players, their colleagues and all stakeholders, they work hard at improving their game and are keen to assist others in improving their knowledge and performance.

The appointment of Simon Lightbody to umpire the four-day match at the WACA Ground between Australia U19 and England U19 shows how highly regarded he is by Cricket Australia.

Our members on the Country Representative Umpire Panel and the Supplementary Umpire Panel continued to serve cricket in the bush with great distinction, travelling long distances to do so. They performed strongly in the representative programs conducted by NSW Country Cricket Association culminating with an excellent performance by David Went and Bruce Whiteman in the SCG Country Cup Final between Merewether and Hamilton-Wickham at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

We also acknowledge our hard working Zone Umpire Representatives in each of the Country Cricket Zones. They travel far and wide to spread the word and are integral to our Association.

Liaison Officer, Neil Findlay, is also acknowledged for his tremendous work with the Affiliated Associations. Mr Findlay reports regularly to the Board on happenings in our affiliates. The Association remains committed to being represented at the AGM of as many affiliates as possible.

Keith Griffiths, our Country Umpire Advisor, continues his efforts to provide feedback on performances and add value to the development of members on the Country Representative Umpire Panel and the Supplementary Umpire Panel. Life member Ian Thomas again proved to be an outstanding support to Mr Griffiths attending the Country Championship Carnival in Griffith and the SCG Country Cup Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground, being Match Referee for both.

Our scorers received extra opportunities to officiate at national level with Cricket NSW hosting 14 Matador One Cup matches. The thanks of the Association and congratulations go to all of them. Christine Bennison, Toni Lorraine, Adam Morehouse, Robyn Sanday and Kay Wilcoxon all performed well at international level, while Darren Mattison was selected to make his first class debut. It was pleasing to note the One Day International debut of Mrs Wilcoxon.



Merilyn Fowler is a recognised world leader in scorer education and training and continues to chair the NSWCUA Scorers' Committee. Mrs Fowler and Narelle Johnston are always available to act as mentors for our Scorer Members. Scorer courses continue to be facilitated across the State with excellent feedback received regarding their organisation, resourcing and delivery.

Mrs Fowler's inclusion as the 12<sup>th</sup> member of the NSWCUA Hall of Fame was richly deserved. She has served the Association with distinction as a scorer at the highest level, and as a scorer educator, mentor, member of the Scorers' Committee and Board Director. Mrs Fowler has produced internationally acknowledged and used educational resources for scorers.

The Annual Dinner was a season highlight with 170 members and guests attending during which Greg Matthews provided quality entertainment and Trent Copeland was a polished and appreciated MC.

Many thanks go also to our country based umpires and scorers. A number of country based umpires took up the opportunity to officiate in the SCA Grade competition. This added to their experience and assisted their development. Country members are always welcome to officiate in the Grade competition.

The Association offers a special vote of thanks to all Board Directors, Office Bearers, committee members, accredited trainers and volunteers. All work tirelessly for the betterment of the Association and make a significant contribution. All do so on in an honorary capacity and all set high standards and are completely committed.

The work of the Office Bearers in our Affiliated Associations is very much appreciated. The Association remains committed to all affiliates and to assisting with general administration, umpire education and development, and with training courses for prospective umpires. If our affiliates can build the interest, we will commit to providing the services.

Laurie Borg has continued with the sagacious management of our finances serving his eighth term as the Association's Honorary Treasurer. Mr Borg makes an outstanding commitment to the delivery of training courses for prospective umpires around the State.

The Merchandise Officer, John Evans, has done an excellent job. Mr Evans continued his task with enthusiasm and dedication and we have achieved strong sales of Association merchandise under his management. We thank Mr Evans, and his wife Rosemary, for the countless hours of ordering, sorting, packaging and dispatching. We look forward to the new Association field jacket to be worn in the coming season which was sourced and designed by

Mr Evans.

Troy Penman and Jay Lenton have done a fine job on the Association web page and Facebook to ensure these are up to date and of interest to members. Their work on designing and producing "In Black and White" and NSWCUA e-newsletters was of the highest standard. They recognise the importance of regular communication with members.

A vote of thanks is also offered to the Social Committee for generating enthusiasm at Ordinary Meetings with the various raffle prizes, and to the members of the Scorers' Committee and Examination Committee for their contribution to the Association. Graham Swan is standing down as Chair of the Examination Committee. Mr Swan's time and effort has been appreciated. He made a fine contribution in leading this Committee.

Ian Wright, as Social Appointments Officer, has been a pleasure to work with and spent countless hours in arranging umpire appointments to matches at various levels. Mr Wright's professionalism and dedication are appreciated.

Merilyn Fowler made an excellent contribution to the Association with regards to appointing scorers to matches in the Cricket NSW pathway programs doing so with her usual professionalism and diligence.

Muhammad Qureshi has made a phenomenal contribution in recent years to NSWCUA education and development initiatives and is sincerely thanked. He has put an enormous amount of time into improving the quality of Association resources. We wish him well on his move to Hobart where he hopes to further his umpiring career.

We acknowledge also the positive contribution made by our three Co-Patrons – Brian Booth MBE, Alan Davidson AM MBE and Dick French OAM. Each is a true supporter of umpiring and of our Association. We are blessed to have them as Patrons and appreciate the fact that all were able to attend the NSWCUA Annual Dinner this year.

The Directors of the Board, under the leadership of Geoff Garland, should be given full credit for taking on their role. Mr Garland has been a committed leader, supportive of staff, and dedicated to advancing the Association. It is time consuming and the Board as a whole has the affairs of cricket umpiring and scoring throughout the State very close to their heart. All make a positive contribution to the Association's education and development initiatives. They have had to deal with difficult and sensitive issues and have done so with empathy and professionalism, always putting first the best interests of the Association.

Dr David Dilley, as well being a member of the NSWCUA Board, is also a current Director of Cricket NSW. He has fulfilled his duties admirably and given umpiring a voice at the senior level of

cricket administration. Dr Dilley's counsel has been appreciated on numerous occasions.

Sincere thanks are also given for the support given to NSWCUA by Cricket NSW. Chief Executive, Andrew Jones, and Board Chair, John Warn, are thanked for their genuine interest in the affairs of our Association. Their support is absolute and appreciated. They want Cricket NSW to be number one in all areas, including umpiring!

Cricket NSW is totally committed to our Association with umpiring mentioned in Pillars 2 and 3 of the Cricket NSW Strategy. The State Cricket Association is committed to producing the best teams, players and officials in the world – NSWCUA has its part to play. We offer thanks to staff in the Sydney Cricket Association (Roy Formica, Bruce Whitehouse, Laura Barker), NSW Country Cricket Association (Bruce Whitehouse) and Cricket Operations (Kath Koschel, Amanda Green and Daniel McKenna) for their positive cooperation during the season and to the entire Cricket NSW Senior Leadership Team for their interest in and support of NSWCUA.

A key strategic goal of Cricket NSW is to be the No.1 producer of talent in Australian cricket.

This is part of the broader Cricket NSW aspiration to be the No.1 State for production of Australian players, attendance, fan passion, team success, participation and investment in the game.

Having reviewed elite cricket operations over the period since starting as CEO on 1 July 2013, Andrew Jones came to the view that the Cricket NSW elite cricket functions – State Cricket, State Umpiring and Cricket Operations (including Grade Cricket) – would operate more effectively as one department.

He merged those three departments into one in July 2014, to be called Cricket Performance.

We offer a sincere vote of thanks to the Cricket NSW General Manager – Cricket Performance, David Moore, for his interest in umpiring and his genuine support of NSWCUA. Mr Moore welcomed the umpiring staff into the Cricket Performance Department and took an active interest in our Association and its programs. We look forward to working in Cricket Performance in season 2015-16 and beyond. With NSWCUA located in the Cricket Performance Department it aligned our Association with the department that is also responsible for the development of elite players and coaches reflecting the importance of umpiring in the NSW elite pathway.

The Executive Officer of the NSWCUA reported to the General Manager – Cricket Performance, as well as continuing to report to the NSWCUA Board. Written reports were provided on a regular and consistent basis to:

- Cricket NSW Chief Executive.
- Cricket NSW General Manager – Cricket Performance.
- NSWCUA Board.
- Sydney Cricket Association.
- NSW Country Cricket Association.

The thanks of NSWCUA are also offered to Cricket Australia. The provision of the Umpire Service Grant assisted with umpire and scorer recruitment, training and ongoing education. Match Officials Manager, Sean Easey, was a welcome guest at our Annual Convention. Mr Easey communicates on a regular basis with the State Umpiring Managers and respects the role our Association plays in identifying, fostering and supporting emerging talent. Mr Easey is supported by Cricket Services Officer, Cate Ryan, in the Umpiring Department at Cricket Australia whose attention to detail is excellent. Former National Umpire Panel member, Bob Parry, is the Cricket Australia Umpire Educator. Mr Parry strongly encourages the sharing of resource materials between states to better umpires at all levels of the game. Mr Parry has indicated he will be attending the NSWCUA Annual Convention at Bowral in August. He will be a welcome guest.

We look forward to continuing work with Cricket Australia to make our match officials the best prepared in the world and to increase participation at all levels. We are excited that the umpire accreditation programs – Level 1 (Community Officiating) and Level 2 (Representative Officiating) – are to be released "online" in time for the new season. Both programs are world class in their educational content and resource materials and will assist with the recruitment and retention of umpires.

Cricket Australia's umpiring e-newsletter were both informative and educational and we hope to see this form of communication made available to accredited umpires in 2015-16.

The Association continues to witness changes not just in the manner we operate, but changes to cricket. The opportunity to review our activities and methods are ever present, nothing stands still, nor should it. Ideas are always welcome from members to improve the operations of the Association. Members should feel welcome to offer solutions to help grow the Association. We encourage open and honest communication and feedback. We all need people who will give us feedback – that's how we improve! Often the best and most telling lessons an Association can learn come from the mistakes that are made. Whether in strategy, recruitment, advertising or product development it is rare to get it right first time every time. These experiences and failures should make us more aware of the pitfalls and more alert to the opportunities ahead and how to take advantage of them.

"The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none." Thomas Carlyle.



The contribution made to the Association by Troy Penman has been outstanding. Promoted in 2012 to the position of NSWCUA Administration Manager, having commenced as Administration Officer in September 2009, Mr Penman has worked tirelessly and with significant skill which has been recognised and acknowledged by the Board of Directors. He strives for excellence in everything he undertakes and has been a wonderful worker in support of the Association and the general membership. Mr Penman's work ethic, humility and loyalty are to be commended.

Jay Lenton filled the Administration Officer position left vacant by Sharad Patel. Mr Lenton has done a marvellous job. He won the position on merit and has performed superbly, with this being recognised and acknowledged by the Board of Directors. He possesses a wonderful gift of the common touch and his manner with our members has been excellent. Mr Lenton is also a distinguished cricketer who as a member of the Manly-Warringah Cricket Club played in the Belvidere Cup winning First Grade Grand Final team this season. He also captained the NSW Second XI team in a Futures League match in Hobart against Tasmania. The Association congratulates Mr Lenton on his recent graduation from ACPE with a Bachelor of Sports Coaching and Administration.

The general support given by Mr Penman and Mr Lenton has been first class. They organise and manage the operations of NSWCUA on a daily basis working extremely well together for the benefit of members and the betterment of the Association. I cannot praise their contribution and level of support and professionalism too highly. I commend them both to members and affiliates as outstanding administrators and people.

The Executive Officer retains responsibility for the areas of education and development, State Director of Umpiring and State Umpire Coach.

As a staff we commit to working hard together for the benefit and development of our members.

It is amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." Ryunosuke Satoro.

NSWCUSA remains committed to being a world leader in our field. We seek to join others who have similar goals in the promotion and advancement of cricket umpiring and scoring and in endorsing the correct application of the Laws of Cricket for the good of this great game.

As an Association we were delighted to see Graham Reed recognised with an award for his services to umpiring at the Vintage Cricketer Luncheon of Lord's Taverners Australia.

A former first class umpire, Mr Reed has been a loyal servant to cricket through his outstanding contribution to umpiring in NSW and Australia. He remains a member of the Cricket Australia Umpire High Performance Panel and has been observing and assessing umpires in the Grade competition for more than 20 years. Mr Reed also served the Association as an Executive Committee Member and Trainer and in recent years has been a respected Match Referee for Futures League and Women's National matches. Mr Reed is an outstanding match day observer and has been a member of the NSWCUA Coaching Panel since season 2008-09. Mr Reed's contribution has been significant and his acknowledgement by Lord's Taverners, which was endorsed by the NSWCUA Board, saw Mr Reed deservedly receive this special umpiring award.

Claire Polosak, having been nominated by Cricket Australia, was selected for the National Officiating Scholarship through the Australian Sports Commission.

The NOS aims to assist the development of emerging high performance officials by enabling them to undertake professional development and identified training activities to improve their skills and to fast track them through a recognised pathway to officiate within the elite level of their chosen sport.

The individualised scholarships will provide support in a variety of areas such as high level practical officiating experience, accreditation advancement, sports psychology services, sports recovery support services and further development opportunities.

Each scholarship official works with a mentor who assists them for the duration of their scholarship. Ms Polosak is working with Bill Hendricks, a former First Class cricketer, highly respected member and current First Grade umpire who has officiated in excess of 250 matches in the top grade.

Mentoring is a key component of the program. The ASC conducts an induction workshop for scholarship officials and their mentors, and provides ongoing support and monitoring throughout the program.

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." Brian Herbert.

Scholarships are conducted over a calendar year and work has commenced in this year's program.

We congratulate Ms Polosak on her scholarship and wish her well for the duration of the program and beyond. It will help Ms Polosak prepare for elite level officiating.

Ms Polosak has also been included on the Cricket Australia Project Umpire Panel and we look forward to her receiving appointments to umpire matches in the Cricket Australia umpiring pathway in the years to come. She is committed to excellence and self-improvement.

The cricket community was deeply saddened and affected by the passing of Phillip Hughes and Richie Benaud.

Cricket NSW paid tribute to both through Board Chair, John Warn:

"The entire NSW cricket community offers our heartfelt condolences to Phillip's mother and father Virginia and Greg, sister Megan and brother Jason at this most difficult of times.

Their grief is being felt across the country and around the cricket world as the extended cricket family comes to terms with the sad loss of a very popular and talented young player.

Phillip touched so many people playing for NSW, Australia, South Australia, county cricket in England and the IPL in India.

A lovable, quiet and affectionate young man from the farming community of Macksville, Phillip has left an indelible impression on the game as a player and a person."

"Richie was a charismatic player who combined skilful leg-spin bowling with attacking batting, sharp fielding and decisive leadership to become a record-breaking all-rounder and captain. Yet for all his success on the field his greatest influence over the game he loved came later in life.

He was a revolutionary with his involvement in World Series Cricket during 1977 and more recently embraced the T20 game.

As head of the Channel Nine commentary team for decades Richie was clear, crisp, dry and understated, with his astute observations often capturing an undercurrent of humour.

Richie is an enormous loss to the cricket community the world over, especially in NSW, Australia, and England, where he was warmly embraced as a BBC commentator for decades.

All involved with Cricket NSW extend our deepest sympathies to Richie's wife Daphne, brother John and the entire Benaud family at this sad time."

May Richie Benaud and Phillip Hughes both rest in peace.

In concluding the Annual Report for season 2014-15 we sincerely thank all who have made a contribution to this wonderful Association over the past year and, indeed, 102 years.

"Knowledge comes with learning. Skill comes with experience. Attitude never comes, developed..!"  
Vishaak Pranavaanandh.

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