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ANNUAL DINNER 2019

The Association's Annual Dinner will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on April 6, 2019.

We look forward to seeing many members in attendance to celebrate season 2018-19.

Executive Officer update – Darren Goodger

Dear Members & Affiliated Associations,

AGM

The AGM was well attended, with 109 members and guests. Thank you to all who attended. We were pleased to welcome special guests –

- Richard Timbs – NSW Cricket Board
- Andrew Falk – SCA Committee of Management (Chairman)
- David Moore – General Manager-Cricket Performance, Cricket NSW

All spoke in appreciation of the role NSWCUSA plays in NSW Cricket. We offer thanks to each for his support of the Association and for attending the AGM.

Four members were upgraded to Principal Member for their outstanding service to the Association:

- Gerard Abood
- Bruce Baxter
- Narelle Johnston
- Don Maisey

All very worthy of the membership upgrade for such distinguished long service.

No elections were required in 2018, so the NSWCUSA Board of Directors for 2018-19 will comprise:

NSWCUSA Board of Directors	
Elected Directors	Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland, Bill Hendricks, Mark Hughes, Claire Polosak Messrs Garland and Hughes to serve a two-year term per the Constitution.
Liaison Officer	Neil Findlay
Treasurer	Laurie Borg
Executive Officer	Darren Goodger

The Board will meet on 22 August during which the appointment of Directors will be considered and discussed, and the Chair to serve a two-year term will be elected. Geoff Garland announced at the AGM he will not be seeking election as Chair having served for five years. We thank Geoff for his dedicated service, strong leadership and support of the management team.

We were delighted to confirm our Patrons for 2018-19 to be:

NSWCUSA Patrons			
Brian Booth MBE	Alan Davidson MBE	Dick French OAM	Graham Reed

Each is a wonderful supporter and advocate for the Association. We are blessed to have such excellent people as our Patrons and we thank each for accepting the invitation.

With regards to the appointment of Auditors, we offer thanks and congratulations to Gaurav Desai and Brett McMillan on being appointed as the Association Auditors for 2018-19.

There are a number of matters behind the scenes that require attention in order that the AGM be a success – thank you to Troy Penman and Nic Bills for their hard work, organisation and efficiency.

Training Courses

Training courses on the Laws of Cricket and umpiring PD workshops are in full swing across New South Wales.

The next Laws courses to be held in the Sydney Metropolitan area will be hosted by Camden District CUA. If you wish to register for this course then the contact details are –

Training Courses

Camden

8-9 September

David Stewart

dstewart@macarthur.nsw.edu.au

A number of programs have been held in regional New South Wales, including Bathurst, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Lismore, Maitland, Newcastle, Orange and Wollongong. All have been very well attended and hosted. Thank you to all concerned, including the trainers who have been involved in facilitating the programs (Nic Bills, Laurie Borg, Gary Crombie, Neil Findlay, Kim Norris, Sharad Patel, Claire Polosak). Their willingness to share experience, teach the Laws and techniques, and make a contribution is appreciated.

Details of upcoming courses being held in the country along with key contact details are –

Training Courses/Professional Development Workshops

Armidale Professional development workshop 25 August Alan Hollebrandse hollies3@bigpond.com	Tamworth Professional development workshop 26 August Dan O'Connor ruth_oc@bigpond.net.au	Newcastle Professional development workshop 8 September Kim Norris kimnorris@bigpond.com
Maitland Professional development workshop 9 September Gary Crombie gary_crombie@hotmail.com	Maclean Level 2 Laws of Cricket Course 15-16 September Rob Pye rob_pye@bigpond.com	Blue Mountains Level 2 Laws of Cricket Course 15-16 September Ian Strudwick ian.struds@gmail.com

Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association

It was a pleasure to attend the AGM of FNCCUSA at Lismore on Saturday 21 July 2018. A wonderful spirit exists in this affiliate on the back of outstanding leadership and membership participation. Congratulations to President Pat Holt and his team on an excellent season serving cricket in the State's far north.

Congratulations are offered to –

- Bill Battese on receiving the Umpire of the Year (Ray Neilson Trophy)
- James Brownlee on receiving the FNCCUSA Encouragement Award
- Bill Dodd and Norm Ryder on receiving Distinguished Service Awards
- Bill Battese and Graham Rose on their appointment to umpire the LJ Hooker League Final
- Peter Kent and Rob Pye on their appointment to umpire the FNC Cricket Council T20 Final



Bill Battese receiving the Ray Neilson Trophy for Umpire of the year.



Bill Dodd & Norm Ryder receiving Distinguished Service Awards.

We acknowledge and congratulate those elected to serve the FNCCUSA in season 2018-19 –

- President – Pat Holt
- Vice President – Doug Trigg
- Secretary – James Brownlee
- Treasurer – Bruce Johnstone
- Training Committee – James Brownlee, Wayne Garrard, Pat Holt, Peter Kent
- Delegate to Far North Coast Cricket Council – Norm Ryder

ICC Women's World T20 Qualifier

Claire Polosak was appointed to umpire at the WWT20 Qualifier in the Netherlands in July. She performed to an excellent standard being selected to umpire the final between Bangladesh and Ireland at Utrecht. Claire's colleague was Sue Redfern from the UK. We look forward to Claire receiving further opportunities to umpire International cricket.

National Umpire Panel 2018-19

Congratulations and best wishes to those selected on the NUP:

National Umpire Panel		
Gerard Abood (New South Wales)	Shawn Craig (Victoria)	Greg Davidson (New South Wales)
Simon Fry (South Australia)	Phil Gillespie (Victoria)	Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania)
Geoff Joshua (Victoria)	Simon Lightbody (New South Wales)	Sam Nogajski (Tasmania)
John Ward (Victoria)	Tony Wilds (New South Wales)	Paul Wilson (New South Wales)

Supplementary Umpire Panel 2018-19

Congratulations and best wishes to those selected on the SUP:

Supplementary Umpire Panel		
Darren Close (Tasmania)	Nathan Johnstone (Western Australia)	Donovan Koch (Queensland)
Claire Polosak (New South Wales)	David Shepard (Victoria)	Ben Treloar (New South Wales)

State Umpire Panel 2018-19

Congratulations and best wishes to those selected on the NSW State Umpire Panel:

State Umpire Panel		
Berend du Plessis	Andrew Hamilton	Roberto Howard
Ryan Nelson	Marc Nickl	Troy Penman

Country Umpire Representative Panel 2018-19

Congratulations and best wishes to those selected on the Country Umpire Representative Panel:

Country Umpire Representative Panel		
Bruce Baxter (North Coast)	Ken Brooks (Riverina)	Gary Crombie (Central North/Newcastle)
Dave Cullen (Illawarra)	James Figallo (Central Coast)	Graeme Glazebrook (Western)
Tony Hackett (Riverina)	Anthony Hobson (Newcastle)	Ross McKim (Newcastle)
John Pearce (North Coast)	Neil Smith (Riverina)	David Went (North Coast)

Zone Umpire Representatives 2018-19

Congratulations and thank you in advance to those members appointed as Zone Umpire Representatives:

Zone Umpire Representatives		
ACT Southern Districts – Stuart Wearne	Central Coast – Don Maisey	Central North – Gary Crombie
Greater Illawarra – Neil Findlay	Newcastle – Kim Norris	North Coast – Paul Dilley
Riverina – Pat Kerin	Western – Graeme Glazebrook	

They will coordinate umpire training and representative appointments in their respective zones.

NSW Premier Cricket

The Rules Night will be held in the Cricket NSW Auditorium at 7pm on Monday 17 September 2018. Thanks in advance to Darren Foster who will lead this session.

Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association

The SSCUA is our largest affiliated association with 112 members. The AGM was held at Club Redfern on Wednesday 1 August 2018. Congratulations to the following award winners –

- Shires Umpire of the Year – Simon Dodwell
- Most Improved Umpire of the Year – Michael Dunn
- Rookie Umpire of the Year – Ian Pryde

Ivan Holland was honoured with a certificate presented to him by David Goodman recognising his service for umpiring 300 Shires matches – an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to Ivan, a wonderful servant of Shires Cricket for the past 17 years.

The SSCUA Management Committee for season 2018-19 is –

- President – David Goodman
- Vice President – Stephen Clements
- Secretary – Stephen Blomfield
- Treasurer – Trevor Schokman
- Committee Members – Ken Buckland, Rick Crocono, Cameron Duff, Glen Hanshaw, Patrick Smellie

Congratulations to all on being elected. We thank each for his commitment to serving the SSCUA.

Annual Convention

The Convention held at the Rules Club Wagga Wagga on 11-12 August was an excellent educational and social gathering to help prepare our match officials for the 2018-19 season. It was a great weekend of learning, while fostering spirit and good will among members.

Thank you to Claire Polosak and Marilyn Fowler for assembling an outstanding program for the umpires and scorers, along with all presenters for their willingness to share experience for the benefit of others.



The next edition of In Black and White will feature a full report along with photographs of the Convention.



Nic Bills – Secondment to Coaching and Talent Specialist Role – Cricket NSW

Congratulations are offered to Nic Bills on his appointment to work as a Coaching and Talent Specialist at Cricket NSW. Members were advised of Nic's promotion via email on 9 August.

The role involves –

- Player talent ID
- Coaching
- Coach education & development

Nic will be seconded until 31 May 2019, but there is every chance his new role will turn into a permanent full-time position. I hope it does for him because he is ready to perform and lead in this space.

Nic has been outstanding in all his work as Administration Officer with NSWCUA since joining our team in June 2016. His performance and attitude have been excellent. He has been a tremendous support to Troy and I, his ability to anticipate a need and go the extra mile is so appreciated. Nic is held in the highest regard and we thank him for his loyalty. Nic deserves the opportunity presented to him by Cricket NSW and will be a wonderful fit for this role.

We are thrilled for Nic, thank him for his exceptional service, and wish him only the best in all his future endeavours. Our team at Cricket NSW and the NSWCUA are stronger and richer for his involvement and contribution.

The Board of NSWCUA is sincerely thanked for investing in Nic and encouraging him as it has over the past two years.

Nic attended the Convention which gave those members present the opportunity to thank and farewell him.

Stephen Blomfield has commenced in the Administration Officer role with NSWCUA and will continue until Friday 28 September 2018. The position will then be reviewed.

Stephen's email address and phone number are now active –

Stephen.Blomfield@cricketnsw.com.au

0427 947 000

Stephen is an excellent and proven administrator, we appreciate having him on board for the coming five weeks and thank him for being available to assist at such a busy and pressing time for the Association.

U17 Cricket NSW State Challenge

The four umpires selected for the U17 State Challenge played in Coffs Harbour 17-19 August were

- Greg Davidson
- Berend du Plessis
- Roberto Howard
- Tony Wilds

Reports received indicate they did an excellent job.



Thank You

I offer a vote of thanks to all members. You are the heart and soul of NSWCUSA. We look forward with much anticipation to the 2018-19 cricket season and to serving cricket in New South Wales. What you do for cricket, your loyalty and support of the Association, are appreciated.

Thank you also to our staff – Troy, Nic, Claire – their commitment is first class. I am grateful to them for who they are and what they do to service our match officials in New South Wales. They form a wonderful team, as well as being outstanding performers in their respective roles.

Thought

“Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.”

Albert Einstein.



Sue Woodhouse, Christine Bennison & Kay Wilcoxon



Andrew Yarad, Andrew Ackerman & Mark Frecklington



Ricky Field, Kim Norris & Don Maisey



Keith Griffiths & Ian Thomas



Chris King, Davern Lewis, Graeme Glazebrook & Darrin Masters



Maria & Bob Shield

HERE IT IS, Coaching, leadership and life | Paul Roos – Troy Penman

Paul Roos is a legend of Australian Rules Football, first as a player then as a coach. Paul finished his career at the Sydney Swans after playing 356 games at the top level, in his twilight years Paul would spend time on the bench and took on a more analytical look at the game one which then helped him transition into coaching after retirement. Paul then famously led the Sydney Swans to their first premiership in 72 years.

HERE IT IS, Coaching, leadership and life | Paul Roos is a fascinating read not only for those interested in AFL, but those who are keen to develop their leadership skills.

A number of key messages from the book are relevant to umpiring and self-development, below I've highlighted two areas that Paul identifies as important to success and improvement;

1. Character

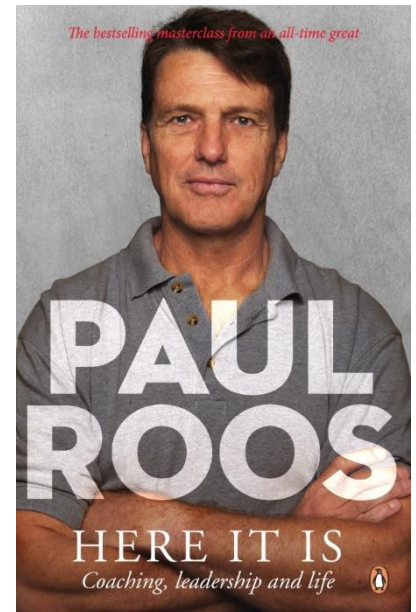
- "If I had to name a character trait I really don't like, it would be an out-of-control ego. It's the greatest impediment to success in any organisation, of course everyone has an ego and a footballer needs confidence, but the problem arises when your ego starts taking over and you think you're more important than anyone else".
- "Putting ego aside and reaping the rewards".

These two quotes form the backbone of what Paul Roos was looking to instill in the Sydney Swans when he took over as coach. Ego was the one thing that he focused on when looking at players selection. Many players, some of whom are still playing for Swans today were held back in the reserves team as he wanted them to learn to play for the team even if they were good enough to play senior football. In relation to umpiring teamwork is key for all umpires, you are part of a team when you umpire, excellent teamwork and attitude are high on the priority list for selectors and Cricket Australia.

- "He had to stop worrying about why he wasn't in the team and concentrate on earning his chance"
- "The crucial thing was they never got their ambitions mixed up with their capabilities".

The first quote is Paul Roos talking about Melbourne player Max Gawn who is now a leading ruck man in the AFL and the second quote is about his time at the Swans. You can only control what you do and your performance, there is no use wasting energy on things outside your control. Putting consistent performances on the board is the best way to get noticed. Each one of us alone is responsible for how we respond to the environment we find ourselves in. Paul talks about players performing their role in the team, players knowing that others are better at certain things, like defending and goal kicking allows them to make better choices.

- "That's not to say we were perfect – far from it. But staying true to our values and behaviours was an overriding principle. As I had discussed with the Swans Board many times, success is



not defined by the number of games you win, or by premierships". Paul Roos commenting on the West Coast Eagles teams of 2005 and 2006.

This quote relates to being true to yourself and not focusing on the outcome, are you doing everything you can to be the best you can be? Setting goals like umpiring Test Cricket next year when you're only umpiring SCA cricket on a weekly basis is unrealistic, but setting a goal to move up a Panel next season is realistic and something that is attainable in the one-year time frame. Goals must be process focused.



2. Excellence

- "We had finished fifth and had valuable finals experience, but we had to find ways to progress again"
- "I wasn't resting on my laurels. I wanted to climb the mountain once more"
- "We decided the right way to go was to do the same things – but even better than we had last year".
- "Acknowledge a good effort, but what can you do to continue to improve".

These quotes show the mindset of Roos throughout his years with the Swans, in his first full season with the Swans the team had finished fifth and had what was regarded as a successful season, but Roos always striving for excellence knew that the team had to progress and improve. Following winning the AFL Grand Final in 2005 Roos wasn't about to say that was nice and stop trying to improve and develop, Roos looked for anything he and the team could work on to be better in 2006. When it comes to umpiring we can also improve no matter what type of day we have, some days the improvements can be around decision making other days we could be flawless with decisions, but improvements could be made around technique, communication, match management or teamwork.

- "He was as talented a player as I'd seen, but the sad part was he could have been so much better. In the end, your talent can take you only so far. If your work ethic doesn't exceed your talent, then you're going to get caught out eventually".

We can sometimes fall into the trap of judging ourselves on what we have achieved rather than what we could achieve with our ability. Nick Davis single handedly won the Sydney Swans the 2005 semi-final against Geelong with four final quarter goals, but Nick was delisted at the end of the 2008 season after managing only three games that season. This shows that if the effort isn't there no matter how good you are, you will be pushed aside as others are willing to put in the hard yards.

25 points to success

Paul has developed a document titled "25 points to success", this formed the basis of his presentation to the Sydney Swans Board before he was chosen to coach the side full time in 2003. Seven of the points directly relate to cricket umpiring and are below;

1. Always remember to enjoy what you're doing.

2. Good communication skills.
 3. 42 senior players, all different personalities, deal with each one individually to get the best out of him.
 4. Surround yourself with coaches and personnel you know and respect.
 5. Be prepared to listen to advice from advisers.
 6. Keep training interesting and vary when necessary.
 7. Training should be game related.
- “It was three years, almost to the day, since I’d presented my plan to the board with the final PowerPoint slide: ‘I will inspire, teach and lead the Sydney Swans to be winners and ultimately deliver a Premiership’. It shows you the power of a strong plan and a vision. But it was ‘we’ who had delivered a premiership. So many people had contributed to that victory and so much planning had gone into it”.

It’s interesting to see that Paul whilst coaching and playing in the High-Performance sphere still put always remember to enjoy what you’re doing at the top of the list, this highlights that no matter what you’re doing in life you should always enjoy and never lose sight of why you undertook it in the first place.

The next two points relate to each other good communication skills are vital when dealing with a group of people in particular 22 players, so whilst we’re not dealing with 42 players as a coach we’re managing 22 players who all have different personalities, and all respond best to different communication. We have all dealt with the hot head fast bowler who may need a gently gently approach compared to players who respond better to firm direct communication. Our ability to deal with different players and their personalities can go a long way to the success and smoothness of your day. We are in the people management business.

In regards to surround yourself with coaches and personnel you know and respect and being prepared to listen to advice from advisers, I recently heard leading Melbourne Jockey Craig Williams talk about his recent success which saw him ride 15 winners across a two week period, very high for a jockey. He spoke about how he works with his dietician, manager, personal trainer and wife on a regular basis to manage himself and make sure he is performing at his best each day. Craig has surrounded himself with people who are specialists in their field and is prepared to listen to them to get the best result and that is to ride more winners.

The last two points are very much related to preparation and what you’re doing before you take the field to ensure you’re ready to go come game time, variety in training is key as if you keep doing the same thing over and over again you will quickly become bored and lose motivation to train. For umpires there is probably no need to be able to run a marathon under three hours or to be able to squat four times your body weight as they do not relate to activities you will be doing on field, core stretch activities for the long days standing still are more appropriate.

I highly recommend HERE IT IS, Coaching, leadership and life | Paul Roos to all who are keen on self-development and becoming a leader or just have an interest in sport. The book takes you on an excellent journey through Paul’s life. For those who are keen to learn more Paul has hosted a podcast called The Coach which is a six-part series covering the topics of Motivation, Health & Wellbeing, Leadership, Strategy, Culture and Lessons from sport.

Podcast <https://itunes.apple.com/au/podcast/the-coach-with-paul-roos/id1288927571?mt=2>

Technical – Darren Goodger

Here are five questions on the Laws for your consideration, the answers appear in this edition on page 36.

Question 1.

The sixth valid ball of an over is delivered, and the umpire calls Over. What is the latest time that an appeal for LBW can be considered?

Question 2.

A bowler bowls a foot-fault No ball which is a bouncer, which glances off the striker's shoulder as he is taking evasive action and not playing at the ball. The ball then goes on to cross the boundary.

- (a) What shall the umpire signal?
- (b) How many runs are scored?
- (c) How are the runs recorded?

Question 3.

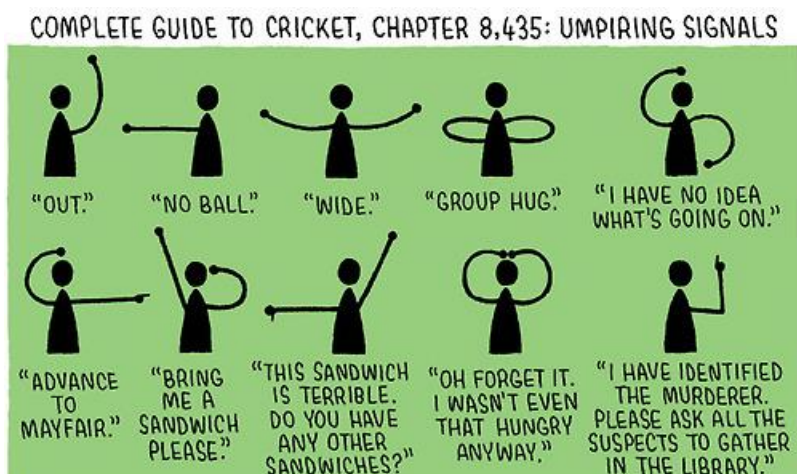
The striker hits the ball which a close fielder attempts to catch but knocks it onto her helmet, and the ball rebounds directly onto the striker's stumps and removes the bails, with the striker out of her ground not attempting a run. There is an appeal. What is the result?

Question 4.

The batsmen run three but both umpires call Short run and it is established that the same batsmen accidentally ran short twice. How many runs are scored?

Question 5.

The striker hits a fairly delivered ball in the air towards the boundary. A fielder near the boundary 'catches' the ball on the run within the field of play, but his momentum is taking him towards the boundary. He throws the ball in the air before he steps over the boundary. A second fielder, who is nearby, steps outside the boundary and, from that position, leaps in the air to parry the ball (while he is airborne) back into the field of play, where it is caught by the first fielder, who has by now stepped back inside the boundary. Is the striker out or, if not, how many runs should be scored?



Where There is a Will Foundation Fund Raising Day – Steve Eccles

The Upper Hunter Senior Cricket Association and the local Upper Hunter Community continue to support and pull together to raise money for exceptionally worthy charities. Over the past seven years the local community has been united in raising funds for a number of worthwhile charity foundations.

Belltrees Cricket Club and Rouchel Cricket Club were at the forefront in developing and implementing this idea, to raise funds to assist the individuals, families and communities. Belltrees and Rouchel first played prior to Australian Federation and has a long but friendly rivalry. The fund-raising day is held at Belltrees each year with the annual cricket clash between the two clubs the backdrop to the fundraising events being conducted at the ground.



Local children participating in fund raising activities at Belltrees

For the first five years the two clubs supported by the local community raised approximately \$110,000 for the Glenn McGrath Foundation. To assist woman and their families in the fight against breast cancer. A magnificent effort for such a small rural area in the Upper Hunter district.

In the past two years, the fundraising has been focused in supporting a locally based charity, “Where There is a Will Foundation”. A non-for-profit charity formed in the Upper Hunter in 2016. This charity focus is - supporting schools to build positive learning and teaching of resilience and wellbeing combating mental health in the young. Especially providing training for skilled workers and associated costs.



Umpires Steve Eccles and Phil Frost

Unfortunately, one in four young people between 16 and 24 suffer mental illness. Often ending in tragedy for their families. One person between the ages of 15 and 44 dies every four hours from mental illness in Australia. Following a series of local tragedies, the community decided to take steps to combat this problem through the formation of this foundation.

The exceptional figure of \$70,000 has been raised for this Upper Hunter based foundation

in just two years through this event. This is a magnificent effort, especially as this rural community is suffering from a 1 in 100-year drought.

For the first time in the history of the event, two matches were held at Belltrees on Saturday 16 February. The Upper Hunter Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association as is our tradition supplied umpires for both matches. All umpire fees were donated to the foundation. Steven Eccles umpired the T20 match between Belltrees Bulls and The Warriors.

On the day Warriors won the match. In the main match Belltrees and Rouchel played a 40 over a side match with Phil Frost and Steven Eccles umpiring. Belltrees for the first time were the victors on the day. It is an honour for our umpires to play our part even though what we do is insignificant compared to the contribution of others.



Belltrees Bushrangers and Warriors prior to the T20 match

There are so many people who volunteered their time, money and resources to this project. A number local businesses and individuals donated substantial items to the auction to raise money. A special thanks to the White family the owners of the Belltrees property for their assistance. This event is always scheduled at their ground. Ben McCrae a member of NSWCUA is a prime mover in organising this day along with Andrew Clydesdale from Rouchel, they deserve some special thanks. To all associated with this day, special thanks.

I am sure for our readers who are moved and wish to contribute to this foundation please look at the website for "Where There is a Will".



Belltrees and Rouchel Teams shaking hands after the match

NSWCUSA Website – Troy Penman



Since the launch of the website we've seen an increase in use by the membership as the months have passed. We've had over 500 members renew their membership via the new system which streamlines the process and saves on administrative hours. Added to this we've had over 700 payments come through the system when we look at merchandise and Annual Dinner registration.

The most recent addition to the page has been laws questions, in the resource tab and under the heading Laws of Cricket questions you can now undertake an exam on Laws 1-3. We thank the Exam Committee led by Mark Hughes for their efforts here. More exams will be added to the page in the coming months as more questions relating to the 2017 Code are produced.

The website includes all SCA appointments for season 2017-18, these appointments along with Country Cricket Representative appointments will continue to be added on a regular basis.

Items that are covered include:

- ❖ NSWCUSA News
- ❖ Galleries of various NSWCUSA functions and events
- ❖ Development resources
- ❖ Forms
- ❖ In Black & White publications
- ❖ Annual Report publications
- ❖ Laws of Cricket 2017 Code
- ❖ NSWCUSA Honour Board
- ❖ Up to date merchandise products for purchase
- ❖ Payment options for Membership and the Convention

Should members wish to make payment of their membership subscription please head to the shop tab at the top right of the page.

Should you have any questions about the website please don't hesitate to contact Troy Penman via email at Troy.Penman@cricketnsw.com.au or phone 0425 201 835.

The website can be found at <https://nswcusa.cricketnsw.com.au/>

Australian Country Cricket Championships Geraldton WA 5th - 13th January 2018 – Graeme Glazebrook

During January 2018 I had the honour of officiating in the Australian Country Cricket Championships as a representative of NSWCUA. The event was staged in Geraldton a picturesque seaside city located 450km north of Perth in Western Australia.

Over the period of the competition a total of 57 matches were played including a T20 exhibition match played on the tournament eve between a Cricket Australia X1 and the Australian Country Cricket merit team from the previous year. The breakdown of the competition proper saw 16 Men's T20 matches, 15 Men's 50 over matches and 25 Women's T20 played over the 9 days of the competition.

The umpiring team for the championships consisted of a total of 10 umpires, 6 from Eastern States supplemented by 4 umpires from Country WA. The match referee was Neil Findlay from NSW who also carried out umpire observations and feedback sessions for the umpiring group as well as his match referee duties. Neil also facilitated the pre-tournament meetings for the umpires and the team managers, coaches and captains.



Geraldton Umpiring Team

During the tournament I officiated in a total of 13 matches (including the T20 exhibition match) - 3 Men's T20 Pool matches, the Men's T20 final, 4 Women's T20 Pool matches and 4 Men's 50 over matches. All matches were keenly contested with the prevailing weather conditions adding to the daily challenges for the umpires. Daily temperatures during match times ranged from 30-43 degrees with a strong southerly wind on most days presenting a challenge for both the match officials and players alike.

The prevailing conditions emphasised the need for all umpires to ensure they adequately prepared for each match with specific focus on hydration and diet. On the days the southerly winds abated the temperatures soared resulting in scheduling of additional drinks breaks and increased focus in ensuring everyone rehydrated following the matches.

The tournament was played under the Cricket Australia Code of Conduct. Most Country players were not familiar with the requirements of the Code and subsequently there were several breaches.

A total of 7 reports were submitted across the respective competitions - 6 for Level 1 offences and 1 for a Level 2 offence, which saw a player suspended for a match. The reporting and disciplinary process was new for most umpires with Neil Findlay being an invaluable asset for the umpires, providing clear instruction and guidance throughout the process.

Geraldton itself only had 4 grounds with turf wickets with another ground utilised at Nabawa, 40km from Geraldton. All grounds had limited wicket square areas, most only having capacity for the preparation of 2 pitches. This presented its own challenges for the local Council curator and the host of volunteers at each ground who did a magnificent job in providing quality facilities for each day of the tournament.

The following is a summary of the results in the respective divisions:

Men's T20. NSW dominated this section of the competition winning all 5 Pool matches followed by a resounding win over arch rival Queensland in the final. The highlight of the final was a superb century by Caleb Zeibel from the NSW side who thrilled the crowd with some outstanding shots.

Men's 50 Over. Victoria proved the surprise packet of the 50 over format. After going winless in the T20 matches Victoria reeled off 4 successive victories to win the one day trophy and also give themselves a realistic chance to take the overall championship.

Men's Overall Championship. On the final day, 3 teams - Victoria, East-Asia Pacific and NSW all had a chance to win the title. NSW emerged victorious on run rate following a double bonus point victory over South Australia, while Victoria lost to Queensland and East Asia Pacific lost to Western Australia.

Women's T20. Victoria went through the pool matches undefeated and were firm favourites for the title. They were however defeated by Queensland in the semi -finals with South Australia defeating NSW in the other semi-final. South Australia prevailed in the final defeating Queensland by 11 runs.

On reflection the following were the tournament highlights from my prospective:

- Appointment to the Men's T20 Final NSW V Queensland played under lights at Wonthella. My partner for the match was West Australian Umpire Herbie Hart who I had the pleasure of standing with at Wollongong in last year's Championships.
- Officiating in the matches featuring centuries by Caleb Zeibel (NSW) and James Spargo (Queensland). Both innings featured controlled big hitting and commendable stamina in the demanding conditions. Ziebell blasted 110runs off 60 deliveries in the Men's T20 final with 5 fours and 6 sixes entertaining the large crowd at Wonthella. He featured in a 142 run partnership with Jordan Moran which set the foundation for a NSW victory. Spargo saved his best performance for the carnival to the last Men's 50 over match steering Queensland to a victory over Victoria which ultimately allowed NSW to claim the Men's Competition. Spargo scored an unbeaten 134 which included 8 fours and 5 towering sixes at Muir Park which saw his team overhaul Victoria's total in the 49th over.
- Hospitality of all persons associated with the tournament, ranging from ground staff to the many volunteers who assisted in providing meals and drinks at the respective venues.

- Comradery and friendship that developed among the umpiring group and Tournament Referee. Features were the morning breakfasts at Skeetas Restaurant, evening meals at the Geraldton Hotel and the Dinner at Skeetas hosted by Cricket Australia at Skeetas Restaurant. The tournament concluded with the Presentation Dinner where all enjoyed a few quite drinks and a reflection on the events of the tournament.



Caleb Ziebel celebrates his century in the T20 Final



Wonthella Under Lights

I would like to express my thanks to Darren Goodger, Executive Officer of NSWCUA and Ian Thomas, NSW Country Cricket Umpire Advisor for affording me the opportunity to represent NSW at the tournament, it was a memorable experience and one I am sure I will fondly reflect on in future years.

Umpire Milestone Corbett brings up 500

Name: Chaz (Charlie) Corbett - Member of NSWCUA: 35 years - Number of matches Umpired: 504 - Date and Match of 500th match: O'Farrell Challenge Cup Leeton v Wagga at Leeton 18/01/2018 (Wagga were successful by two wickets after a very close and tight contest).

Positions Held: 10 years President of the Leeton & District Umpires - also Umpires Appointment Officer - Current Cricket Australia Accredited Umpire - Some Representative

Matches Officiated in: Creet Cup, Hedditch Cup, International Dealers Cup, Konica Cup, Marshall Cup, Warren Smith Cup and O'Farrell Challenge Cup. Also two Sydney Cricket Association Teams St George D.C.C v UTS Balmain C.C. - Numerous L.D.C.A Finals in all Grades 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades.

Point of Interest: For the past 10 seasons I have made the round trip of 500kms from Wodonga to umpire in the Leeton D.C.A. - this season I made 21 trips back to umpire, a total of 10,500 kms, which just goes to show that most of the NSWCUA members are very dedicated and loyal to their umpiring cause.

Female Umpire Engagement – Claire Polosak

I would like to congratulate the following females on their season of umpiring - we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Manjinder, Annette, Kirsten, Beverly, Elizabeth, Elisabeth, Lauren, Michelle, Katie and Jodi.



Around the Zones – Neil Findlay

ACT Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Council

Season 2017/18 was a busy one for the ACT Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Council, with our umpiring members being asked to officiate in a large number of men's and women's Premier Cricket matches under the auspices of the ACT Cricket Association, as well as a sizeable number of social and community matches.

In addition, our Representative Panel umpires were given the opportunity of standing in a range of Cricket Australia "Pathway" matches, such as Toyota Futures League, WBBL and WNCL matches, which were staged in the Canberra and southern NSW region. Drew Crozier and Dinusha Bandara stood in a WBBL/BBL trial match double-header at Albury, which was a big success, with an estimated 15,000 spectators attending. All Council umpires officiated in these representative matches with distinction. A highlight of the cricket season in Canberra was, as usual, the annual Prime Minister's XI match, at which our own Dinusha Bandara was given a taste of the big match atmosphere in his capacity as 4th Umpire. Dinusha was partnered with Drew, and our two leading umpires also officiated together in the warm-up match, which was an international friendly between the ACT/Southern NSW Comets and a Hong Kong Invitational XI.

The number of active Council umpires was high again this season, consolidating the gains which were made last season. It is estimated that there are currently 38 active umpires who regularly officiate in Canberra each weekend; a pleasing result, which allows us to regularly appoint umpires as deep as 4th Grade and below.

This season Terry Keel was awarded the Kevin McCarty Medal for Umpire of the year (the 5th time he has won this award), and Terry officiated with Drew Crozier as umpires for the 1st Grade Grand Final, which was played between Eastlake and Weston Creek, and won convincingly by Western Creek.

Monthly meetings of our umpire and scorer members were held throughout the season (on the 3rd Monday of each month). Monthly meetings involved Executive Members reporting to the membership on their portfolio responsibilities, as well as technical instruction on the Laws and relevant playing conditions. These meetings were generally well attended, and this season we invited a number of guest speakers, representing a range of different sports and community activities, to our meetings. Guest speakers and their sporting backgrounds included: Ms Gaylene Clews (Triathlon); Damian Anderson (AFL Umpiring in NSW/ACT); and Bill O'Malley (ACT Baseball Umpiring and Cricket Scoring)

Monthly meetings were preceded by Face to Face meetings for our newer umpires with Terry Keel, our Territory Director of Umpiring, at which the novices received instruction on various aspects of umpiring, to augment their practical experience gained in the field.

Below is a summary of the representative umpire appointments involving Council umpires in Season 2017/18:

- CA National U17 Mens' Championships – Brisbane – September / October 2017 - [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- CA National U15 Mens' Championships – Brisbane – March 2018. One umpire from each State or Territory - ACT appointed umpire: [Andrew Scotford](#).
- CA U18 Womens Championship – Canberra – November / December 2017. One umpire from each State or territory, preferably female. CA-appointed Tournament Referee. ACT appointed umpire: [Margaret Marshall](#)

- CA U15 Womens Championship – Adelaide – January 2018. One umpire from each State or territory, preferably female. ACT appointed umpire: [Margaret Marshall](#)
- Imparja Cup – Alice Springs – February 2018. One umpire from each State or Territory. ACT appointed umpire: [Sean Campbell](#)
- WBBL T20 – Sydney Stars v Sydney Thunder - Albury – 12 December 2017 – 2 ACT Umpires to be appointed. CA Match Referee. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- BBL T20 Practice Match– Albury – 12 December 2017 (day/night) – 2 ACT Umpires to be appointed. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- WBBL T20 – Sydney Stars v Adelaide Strikers - Wagga Wagga – 20 January 2018 – 2 ACT Umpires to be appointed. CA Match Referee. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Andrew Scotford](#)
- WBBL T20 – Sydney Stars v Adelaide Strikers - Wagga Wagga – 21 January 2018 – 2 ACT Umpires to be appointed. CA Match Referee. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Andrew Scotford](#)
- WBBL T20 – Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades - Manuka – 24 January 2018 – 2 ACT Umpires to be appointed. CA Match Referee. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- England Tour Match - PRIME MINISTER's XI v England – Manuka – 2 February 2018 – 4th Umpire appointment – [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- International Friendly – ACT/NSW Country v Hong Kong XI – Manuka – 2 February 2018. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- WBBL T20 – Melbourne Renegades v Sydney Thunder - Camberwell – 27 January 2018. ACT appointed umpire: [Drew Crozier](#)
- WBBL T20 – Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers - Camberwell – 28 January 2018. ACT appointed umpire: [Drew Crozier](#)
- Australian Country Championships – Geraldton – January 2018. ACT appointed umpire: [Deanne Young](#)
- TFL match – ACT/NSW Country v Victoria 2nd XI – Chisholm Oval – February 2018. ACT appointed umpires: [Drew Crozier](#), [Dinusha Bandara](#)
- TFL match – ACT/NSW Country v Queensland 2nd XI – Chisholm Oval – March 2018. ACT appointed umpire: [Drew Crozier](#)

Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association

Introduction:

As for all of the cricket family in Australia our member's year started with the MCC's new Laws of Cricket 2017 Code whose draft we first saw in early July. We had our AGM in August where the following office bearers were elected: Norm Maclure – President; Geoff Beer – Vice President; Peter Bridle – Treasurer and Ken Brooks – Secretary. Our guests from NSWCUSA on the night were Darren Goodger and Ben Treloar who both facilitated the second Laws of Cricket Course conducted in the Riverina by NSW over the weekend following our AGM.

Final Appointments:

Neil Smith and Ken Brooks, for the first time, have umpired our Provincial A Grand Final. This game was badly affected by weather conditions and it was interesting to note that both umpires handled the circumstances superbly. Raj Kapor and Norm Maclure did a very good job with the District A Grand Final while Mick Transom and Glenn Bourke looked after the Provincial B and Scott Barrett and Paul Johnson were appointed to District B Grand Final. Congratulations to all our other umpires who umpired grand finals including the junior grand finals. It made a big weekend for all

these guys. Other notable appointments included Mick Transom and Brendon Wood umpiring the Des Kennedy Shield Final and Peter Bridle umpiring the Tumut Association Grand Final.

Education and Development:

The standard of our umpires has been increasing every year for a number of years and there was no exception this year and we now have 14 members who can competently umpire our Provincial A games. For the increase in our standard we must pay tribute to our Technical Committee and the mentoring of our new members over the last couple of years. They have done a great job. Thanks Neil, Ken, and Mick.

Our Executive Committee again provided good and stable management so that our members could concentrate on performances and maintain our high standards.

Highlights:

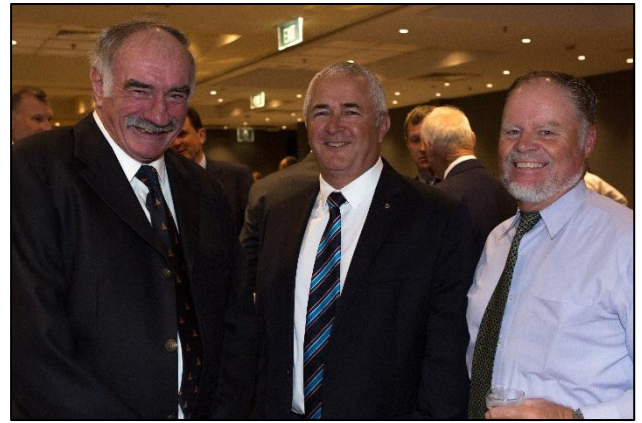
Highlights this season included Neil Smith being appointed to the NSW Country Panel and umpiring the Final of the Country Cup. Congratulations also to Ken Brooks being appointed to the NSW Country Supplementary Panel. Another good season for our Association with four new umpires but we also had four retirements and unavailability's for most of the season which meant we have not grown our numbers for this season. We had 26 members of which 21 were active, with 7 new NSWCUSA members bringing our total to 18 (70%). Keiran Knight has moved to the Central Coast and Roger Burns spent most of the season umpiring in Sydney.

This year we rewarded a stalwart of our umpires who has gone about his umpiring for many years without any fanfare and mostly by himself in lower grades. Rex Forest is the man, and generally travels the most distances to umpire his games every week. We gave Rex a Provincial game with Neil Smith and another game late in the season with one of our newer and promising umpires Scott Barrett. Rex very much appreciated doing these two games.

From our selection committee we wish to thank every one of our umpires, firstly for giving up their time to umpire our games, and secondly for the commitment and standard they displayed throughout the season. Thanks, and well done guys.



Lisa Nimmo, Alan Mantle & Marilyn Fowler



Pat Kerin, Paul Dilley & Dennis Chaplin



Michael & Natalie Turner



Vir Raheja, Gerry Forlano & Dean Martin



Yvonne & Michael Roberts



Arthur & Ann Watson

2017-18 Affiliate Associations Grand Finals Umpiring Appointments – Neil Findlay

ACT:

- 1st Grade: Eastlake v. Weston Creek Molonglo – Andrew Crozier and Terry Keel.
- 2nd Grade: Queanbeyan v. ANU – Dinusha Bandara and Andrew Scotford.
- 3rd Grade: Queanbeyan v. ANU – Andrew Barrett and Kumar Jeyakkumar.
- 4th Grade: ANU v. Queanbeyan – Dean Martin and Andrew Miller.
- 5th Grade: Queanbeyan v. Weston Creek Molonglo – P.Edwards and Usman Mani.
- 6th Grade: Ginninderra v. ANU White – A.Hall-Villiers and B.Ruse
- Lynne O’Meara Cup: Wests UC v. Tuggeranong – Margaret Marshall and Garry Rees.
- Ugadhi Cup: Telugmates v. Challengers – R.Noy and P.Wright.



Bathurst:

- 1st Grade: Rugby Union v. St Pats Old Boys – Graeme Glazebrook and Mark Waldren.
- 2nd Grade: St Pats Old Boys White v. St Pats Old Boys Blue – Greg Campbell and Greg Jones.
- Presidents Cup: Centennials Bulls v. ORC – Darrin Masters and Terry Strong.
- 3rd Grade: Bushrangers Jacks v. Pats Old Boys – Campbell Graham.

Blacktown City and District:

- 1st Grade: Brian Dick, Gordon Jackson
- 2nd Grade: Alan Green, Steve Ellery
- 3rd Grade: Paul Gow, Brett Hanshaw
- 4th Grade: Paul Dick, Gavin Mallawartchy
- 5th Grade: Peter Ashton, Don Nash
- 6th Grade: Paul Morgan, Ian Knight
- 7th Grade: Brett McMillan, Glenn Mearns
- 8th Grade: Melroy Farquharson, Anthony Pirello
- Under 16 Div1: Paul Gow
- Under 16 Div2: Peter Ashton
- Under 14 Div1: Jason Blanchard
- Under 14 Div2: John Watterson
- Under 14 Div3: John Jordan
- Under12 Div1: Melroy Farquharson
- Under 12 Div2: Anthony Pirello
- Under 11: Brett McMillan

Blue Mountains:

- 1st Grade: Hazlebrook v. Blackheath – Stephen Poole.
- 2nd Grade: Faulconbridge v. Katoomba – Ian Strudwick.
- 3rd Grade: Faulconbridge v. Katoomba – Stephen Poole.

Central Coast:

- 1st Grade: The Entrance v. Northern Power – J.Figallo and G.Wearne.
- 2nd Grade: The Entrance v. Kincumber – B.Colbran and M.Ronson.
- 3rd Grade: The Entrance v. Narara – J.Davidson and D.Grainger.
- 4th Grade: Northern Power v. Warnervale – D.Long and T.Maurer.
- 5th Grade: Southern Spirit v. Northern Power Orange – B.Baldwin and H.Millen.
- 6th Grade: Lisarow Warnervale v. Warnervale – G.Dowden and L.Fry.
- 7th Grade: Warnervale White v. Kincumber – E.Houston and B.Mylchreest
- 8th Grade: Wyong Green v. Southern Spirit– A.Baldwin.
- 9th Grade: Warnervale v. Lisarow – M.Emerson and G.Peebles.



Church Cricket:

- A Grade joint competition: Keith Shannon.
- B Grade: Peter Smart and Ron White.
- C Grade: Bob Moore and Graham Parsons.

Coffs Harbour:

- 1st Grade: Sawtell v. Nana Glen – Gary Campbell and John Pearce.
- 2nd Grade: Sawtell Gold v. Sawtell Blue – Ted Bailey and Graham Doust.
- 3rd Grade: Urunga v. Nana Glen – Kevin Walker.
- 4th Grade: Northern Districts v. Coffs Colts – Len Gear and Michael Ryan.

Cowra:

- Lachlan Premier League: (involving teams from Canowindra, Cowra and Parkes) Bowling Club (Cowra) v. Cambridge Cats (Parkes) – Terry Johns (Cowra) and Rob Ryan (Forbes).

Dubbo:

- 1st Grade (Whitney Cup): Rugby v. South Dubbo – John De Lyall and Noel Phoebe.
- 2nd Grade (Pinnington Cup): CYMS Cougars v. RSL Colts – Colin Harper and Matthew Knudsen.
- 3rd Grade (Kelly Cup): Newtown Black v. Newtown White – Peter Singh and Ernie Tink.
- 4th Grade (Dawson Cup): Rugby Red v. Rugby Blue – Nathan Astri and Phil Leonard.

Fairfield-Liverpool:

- 1st Grade: Prestons Hornets v. Green Valley – Daniel Izard and Peter Moore.
- 2nd Grade: Moorebank 2 v. Moorebank Sports – Cameron McGinn and Chris Taylor.
- 3rd Grade: Moorebank Sports v. St Andrews-Macarthur – Michael Conway and Rick Crocono.
- 4th Grade: Mounties v. Casula Giraffes – Thomas Daehler and Jason Wilton.
- 5th Grade: Prestons Maroon v. Wetherill Park – Grahame Bell and Scott Pryde.
- 6th Grade: Prestons Gold v. Prestons Maroon – Yahya Khan and Arthur Watson.
- 7th Grade: Green Valley v. Mounties Black – Ian Pryde and Aldo Cantori (Day 1) / Steve Ward (Day 2).
- Under 16: Fairfield RSL v. Moorebank Sports – James Apter and Peter Moore.
- Under 15: Prestons Hornets v. Green Valley – Michael Bulliman and Peter Bulliman.
- Under 14: Prestons Hornets v. Green Valley – Daniel Izard and Jason Wilton.
- Under 13: Prestons Hornets v. Moorebank Blue – Chris Taylor and Arthur Watson.
- Under 12: Green Valley v. Prestons Gold – Rick Crocono and Chris Taylor.
- Under 11 Div 1: Fairfield RSL v. Mounties – Brent Bulliman and Greg Bulliman.
- Under 11 Div. 2: Prestons Maroon v. Green Valley – Michael Conway and Thomas Daehler.
- Under 10: Moorebank Blue v. Prestons Maroon – Chris Taylor.



Far North Coast:

- LJ Hooker: Cudgen v. Pottsville – Bill Battese and Graham Rose.
- Coastal League – Syl Reid and Peter Tyrrell.

Gilgandra:

- Town Services v. USC / Marthaguy – Doug Sandry.

Grafton:

- Firsts (Premier League): Bruce Baxter and Steve Millar.
- Seconds (Tier 1): Paul Bensby and Jason Thompson.
- Thirds (Tier 2): Tony Blanch and Dave Honeybrook.

Griffith:

- 1st Grade: Exies v. Coro Cougars: Brenton Harris and Peter Davis.
- 2nd Grade: Richie Alvaro and Gordon Browne.
- 3rd Grade: Richie Alvaro and Liam Warren.

Gundagai / Tumut:

- Elders Cup: Junee Stallions v. Coolac – Peter Brindle (Murray Border) and Wayne Carthew (Gundagai).

Gulgong:

- Goolma v. RSL – Garry O'Reilly and Alan Seis.

Illawarra:

- 1st Grade: Balgownie v. Helensburgh – Frank Ciocci and David Cullen.
- 2nd Grade: Northern Districts v. Wollongong – David Dobinson and Steve Saye.
- 3rd Grade: University v. Dapto – Charles Brockley and Brian Druery.
- 4th Grade: Northern Districts Gold v. Wollongong Black – Barry Ferguson and Evan Lane.
- Under 16A: Charles Brockley and Brian Whitehouse.
- Under 16B: Ray Trindall.
- Under 14A: Evan Lane.
- Under 12A: Chris Adams.
- Under 12B: Matt Ryan.

**Leeton:**

- A Grade: L & D v. Yanco Hotel – Charlie Corbett and John Warren.

Lithgow:

- 1st Grade: Lithgow Hotel v. Lithgow Valley – Grant Tattersall.
- 2nd Grade: La Salle Hornets v. Lidsdale – Mark Roots.
- 3rd Grade: Lithgow Hotel v. Lithgow Valley – Hayden Wren and Mark Wren.

Lower Clarence:

- 1st Grade: MacLean Wanderers v. Iluka – Steve Cameron and David Whitby.
- 2nd Grade: Harwood v. Maclean United – Bob Ensby and AJ Tory.
- 3rd Grade: Yamba v. Harwood – Shane Luland and Rob Pye.
- 4th Grade: MacLean United v. Woodford Island Warriors – Shane Luland.

Mudgee:

- Paragon Tigers v. Carpet Court – Garry O'Reilly and Alan Seis.

Murray Border:

- Provincial A: Lavington v. North Albury – Ken Brooks and Neil Smith.
- District A: Corowa v. Yackandandah – Raj Kapour and Norm Maclure.
- Provincial B: North Albury v. St Pats – Glen Bourke and Michael Transom.
- District B: Corowa v. Yackandandah – Scott Barrett and Paul Johnson.
- Des Kennedy Shield: Michael Transom and Brendon Wood.
- Tumut Association Grand Final: Peter Bridle.

Murray Valley:

- Premier Division: Barooga v. Deniliquin Rhinos – Colin Smith and Paul Hyde.
- Division 1: Mark Oliver and Matt Whitty.
- Division 2: Dean Meredith and Lindsay Riedell.

Narromine:

- Buddah v. Colts – Mark Munro.

Newcastle:

- 1st Grade: Wests CC v. Merewether DCC – Gary Crombie and Daniel Moran.
- 2nd Grade: Charleston DCC v. Merewether DCC – Ross McKim and Bruce Muddle.
- 3rd Grade: Charleston DCC v. Newcastle City CC – Graeme Bruce and Darryl Price.
- 4th Grade: Stockton RTCC v. Charleston DCC – John Clune and Paul Olsen.

**Newcastle City and Suburban:**

- A Grade: Alf Ellevsen and Phil Northey.

Northern Cricket Union / Northern District Cricket Association:

- 1st Grade: Greg Berriman and Greg Carmock.
- 2nd Grade: Steve Sharah and Darren Waterson.
- 3rd Grade: Robert Garwood and Homer Paxton.
- 4th Grade: Mahesh Banodkar and Ian Sinden.
- 5th Grade: Peter Honeywood and Ajit Madan.

Orange:

- 1st Grade: Orange City v. Cavaliers – Ian Findlay and Steve Warrington.
- 2nd Grade: Orange City v. Cavaliers – Matt Tabbernor and Liam Dillon.
- 3rd Grade: Waratahs v. Orange City – Stewart Greenhalgh and Evan Powell.
- Centenary Cup: Kinross v. CYMS – Nick Cooper and Gerard Hannelly.
- 4th Grade: Spring Hill v. Central Wanderers – Mark Frecklington and Chris King.



Parkes:

- Lachlan Premier League: (involving teams from Canowindra, Cowra and Parkes) Bowling Club (Cowra) v. Cambridge Cats (Parkes) – Terry Johns (Cowra) and Robert Ryan (Forbes).
- B Grade: Reedy Creek Gold v. Reedy Creek Raptors – Glen Pepper and Robert Ryan.
- C Grade: Bowling Club v. Reedy Creek Green – Trevor Chatman and Greg Morrissey.

Parramatta:

- A Grade: Guilford Leagues v. Baulkham Hills – K.Bakon and T.Heath.
- A Reserve Grade: Wenty Leagues v. Rouse Hill Rams – R.Dryburgh and D.Everton.
- B1 Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Super X1 Sports – S.Doran and P.Radley.
- B2 Grade: Western Wolves v. AKA Crusaders – D.Darney and M.Thakkar.
- B3 Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Kings Langley – L.Costaganna and S.Jimulia.
- B4 Grade: Guilford Leagues v. Kings Langley – C.Lenard and N.Narendiran.
- B5 Grade: Seven Hills RSL v. Rouse Hill Rams – D.Kahlon and P.Wilson-Mosey.
- B6 Grade: Parramatta DCC v. Kellyville – M.Sandhu and D.Vella.
- B7 Grade: Sydney Suoersonic v. Seven Hills RSL – D.Henry and G.Lambert.
- B8 Grade: Wenty Leagues v. Hills Barbarians – F.Pitt and Kings Langley 1.
- B9 Grade: Kellyville v. Rouse Hill Rams – S.Amirtharaj and Baulkham Hills 1.
- B10 Grade: Cheetah Sports v. Sydney Suoersonic – M.Alagarraja and Hills Barbarians 1.
- B11 Grade: Seven Hills RSL v. Guilford Leagues – Naga Sai Muhari and Winston Hills 1.
- B12 Grade: AKA Crusaders v. Wenty Leagues – L.Visvanathan and Guilford Leagues 1.
- B13 Grade: Guilford Leagues v. Sydney Suoersonic – S.Swaminathan and Kings Langley 1.
- U16/1: Kings Langley v. Baulkham Hills – G.Lambert and U.Wigesinghe.
- U15/1: Wenty Leagues v. Baulkham Hills – R.Dryburgh and D.Vella.
- U15/2: Seven Hills RSL v. Kings Langley – M.Sandhu and Hills Barbarians 1.
- U14/1: Hills Barbarians v. Kings Langley – J.Abrahams and D.Henry.
- U14/2: Baulkham Hills v. AKA Crusaders – C.Laurie and Hills Barbarians.
- U13/1: Hills Barbarians v. Auburn – C.Everton and J.Gupta.
- U13/2: Kings Langley v. Baulkham Hills – J.Evans and Seven Hills RSL.
- U12/1: Baulkham Hills v. Winston Hills – D.Kahlon and P.Wilson-Mosey.
- U12/2: Pendle Hills Colts v. Hills Barbarians – S.Swaminathan and Wenty Leagues 1.
- U11/1: Baulkham Hills v. Wenty Leagues – M.Alagarraja.
- U11/2: Kellyville v. Pendle Hills Colts – G.Shanmuganathan.

Shoalhaven:

- 1st Grade: Shoalhaven Ex Servicemens v. Bomaderry – Peter Done and David Schofield.
- 2nd Grade: Nowra v. Berry-Shoalhaven Heads – Ian Davidson and Shane Halliday.
- 3rd Grade: Sussex Inlet v. Berry-Shoalhaven Heads – Peter Johnson and Steven Woolley.
- 4th Grade: Bomaderry v. Sussex Inlet – Mark Horsfall and Bob Roach.

South Coast:

- 1st Grade: Lake Illawarra v. The Rail – Scott Greenwood and John Oliver.
- 2nd Grade: Lake Illawarra v. Shellharbour – Chris Lukey and Gary Paget.
- 3rd Grade: Kookas v. Lake Illawarra – Steve O’Meara and Jackson Surman.
- 4th Grade: The Rail v. Kookas – Frank Ulcigrai.

South West Slopes Cricket League: (involving teams from Cootamundra, Temora and Young)

- Delta Agribusiness: Come Alive Fitness Crusaders (Cootamundra) v. Young Services Blues – Jeff Egan (Temora) and Jeff White (Cootamundra).
- Dunk Insurance Cup: Dennis Elphick and Pat Kerin.

St George District CA:

- 1st Grade: Illawarra Catholic Club (Gold) v. Kingsgrove – Kevin Felton and Peter Smith.
- 2nd Grade: De La Salle Kingsgrove v. Illawarra Catholic Club – Gary Ayling and Peter Markham. (Both umpires are members of Bankstown CUA)
- 3rd Grade: Illawarra Catholic Club v. Penshurst West – Graham Fleming and Allan Smith.
- 4th Grade: Mortdale Heights (Blue) v. De La Salle Kingsgrove – Roger Ridgway and Joe Vitale.
- 5th Grade: Kingsgrove v. Penshurst West – Marc Betbeder and Ian Newsom.

Sydney Shires:

- 1st Grade: Burwood v. MP Southern Districts – Simon Dodwell and Anthony Raymond.
- 2nd Grade: Burwood v. Warringah – Stephen Blomfield and Clay Finnemore.
- 3rd Grade: Georges River v. Epping– Peter Mooney and Geoff Wheeler.
- 4th Grade: Georges River v. Burwood – Michael Dunn and Andrew Steindler.
- Tim Creer Cup Division A: Ryde- Hunters Hill v. Burwood Brothers – Tim Overland and Patrick Smellie.
- Tim Creer Cup Division B: MP Southern Districts v. Burwood Rivals – Tim Bergman and Rupert Mathews.
- Frank Grey Shield: Burwood v. Warringah – Simon Dodwell and Anthony Raymond.



Sydney Women's Cricket:

- 1st Grade: Universities v. St George-Sutherland – Sathish Kumar and Bob McGregor.
- 2nd Grade: Parramatta v. Universities – John Colwell and Gerry Forliano.
- 3rd Grade: Bankstown v. St George-Sutherland – Victor Gauci and John Colwell.
- Brewer Shield: Gordon v. St George-Sutherland – Kevin Battishill and Laurie Luccitti.

Tamworth:

- 1st Grade: Old Boys v. South Tamworth – Leon Elrich and Mark Mitchell.
- 2nd Grade: City United v. Bective East – Tiny Collins and Wayne Solomons.
- 3rd Grade: Bective East v. City United – Al Herbert and Mike McKenzie.
- 4th Grade: City United v. North Tamworth – Aaron Follington and Mick Turner.

Tumbarumba:

- All Stars v. Jingellic – Denis Chaplin (Wagga Wagga) and Tony Hackett (Wagga Wagga).

Wagga Wagga:

- 1st Grade: Lake Albert v. South Wagga – Denis Chaplin and Tony Hackett.
- 2nd Grade: Wagga RSL v. Wagga City Cats – Murray Le Lievre and Graham Moon.
- 3rd Grade: Wagga RSL v. Lake Albert – Lee Barclay and Mick Marien.
- 4th Grade: St Michaels v. Koorungal Colts – Steve Carracher and Anthony McGettigan.
- Under 16: South Wagga v. Wagga City Tigers – Tim Gumbleton and Greg Hanigan.
- Under 15: South Wagga v. Wagga RSL – Brendon Hollis and Brian Walker.

**West Wyalong:**

- Tallimba v. Arian Park – Alex Maitland.

Yass:

- Golf Club Piranhas v. Aussie Hotel Pirates – Iain Kemp and Stephen Poidevin.

Feature Article; Joining the Dark Side – Nic Bills

After hanging up his bat and gloves in February 2014, it didn't take Ryan Nelson long before he stepped back onto the cricket field. Only this time he had traded in his creams for the light and dark blue umpiring uniform. After a decorated first grade career at Northern District Cricket Club, where he captained the side on numerous occasions and played in several NSW 2nd XI and colts games as a wicket-keeper batsman, Ryan decided to pick up a counter and ball-marker and try his hand at umpiring.

As Ryan explains in this article it was a fateful on-field chat with NSWCUSA Executive Officer Darren Goodger, that sparked his interest in umpiring and from there as they say in the classics "the rest is history". Officiating in his first official match in October 2014, Ryan has come a long way in just four seasons of officiating. He has umpired in 42 SCA matches of which 25 have been in first grade, making his debut in the top grade in September 2016. Last season (2017-18) Ryan officiated in the final of the U17 National Championships in Brisbane, standing with fellow member Mohammad Qureshi. In the 2017-18 season Ryan also made his Futures League officiating debut, a remarkable achievement for someone who only took up umpiring three and a half years earlier.

1. When you were playing cricket, did you ever think that you would end up standing behind the other end of the stumps and umpiring? Was there a conversation or event that sparked your interest in umpiring?

Initially I gave it no thought at all! Like a lot of the young guys playing first grade, I had ambitions on playing at the highest level possible and that always occupied my thoughts.

As a captain at NDCC I always enjoyed the interaction with the umpires and during my time the SCA introduced the "Captain's Meetings" which allowed me to get to know a number of them a little better. I always respected what the umpires did and found that they were not only very good, but easy to deal with.



Ryan Nelson, Steve Davis & Mohammad Qureshi

As my love for playing and racing up and down the Pacific Highway from the city to get to training slowly dropped off, my love for the game didn't. I searched for a way to stay in the game – initially doing some coaching, playing some lower grades and what not, but neither jumped out as something that I wanted to do long term.

In what turned out to be last season of playing I was asked to go back into first grade to help a young captain and young team. My last first grade match was against Sydney Uni and Goodge was at one end. He had talked to me over time about "the dark side" and when the season finished I called him to see what it really involved. I attended some rules seminars during the following winter and loved it – hooked from then on.

2. How have you found umpiring so far? Are there any similarities between playing and umpiring? Do you enjoy one more than the other?

I love umpiring and if truth be told I wish I started earlier. I feel like I am suited to the role and that it plays more to my personal strengths than playing ever did.

In relation to similarities I feel that the role is most like captaining. You have limited time to make decisive decisions, you're slightly distanced from the players and you have to manage a lot of interactions. Players can be challenging on both sides of the fence, but like most things, I have found that if you treat people with respect and empathy then you can work through whatever comes your way.

3. Were you as nervous in your debut umpiring as you were when you were playing? Can you recall the first match you officiated?

I can't remember my first cricket match, but I can definitely remember my umpiring debut and yes, I was nervous. I stood with Goodge at Petersham Oval in a third grade match between Randwick-Petersham and Hawkesbury. It was a great experience.

Hawkesbury batted first and were knocked over relatively cheaply. There was some time for Randy-Petes to have a hit on day one and as we walked out on to the field the Hawkesbury captain asked Anthony Kershler which end he wanted to bowl from. He responded with "I will have Nelso's end" and he proceeded to bowl 30+ overs and question me every second ball! At 9 down he hit a bloke right in front and I finally gave him one (and my first LBW). I loved it.

4. How do you prepare for an upcoming match? Does this differ between the different competitions you officiate in?

Week to week I have a pretty strong routine or rhythm. I have a diary of daily activities that include:

- Review of the prior match
- Goal setting
- Laws and Pcs
- Fitness
- Team list review

In regard to tournaments, my experience so far is that you don't get the Playing Conditions (PCs) until shortly before heading away, so I spend a large amount of time shortly prior to the tournament preparing notes and studying those. On both occasions it has felt a bit frantic but I refuse to leave for a tournament without a good understanding of PCs and a clear vision of my interpretation and how I will apply them.

Once you're away, the weeks tend to go pretty quickly. I have tried to stick to a basic rhythm of completing match assessments promptly, setting goals for the next day and then a light review of the PCs.

Tournaments are also a great chance to meet other umpires, learn from them and create new friendships – I really enjoy that unique "team" environment that you don't necessarily get week in, week out in Premier Cricket.



Ryan Nelson, Greg Davidson & Gerard Abood

5. Is there anything you used to do whilst playing cricket (preparation, training, recovery), that has transferred across to your umpiring now?

When playing I always found it challenging during the season to maintain cardio fitness and strength. With limited time in the day, I would spend as much time as I could on the skills side of things, so being able to have a routine “general fitness” is something that I really enjoy about umpiring.

The only other similarity I think is in planning. Both as a player and an umpire I think it’s crucial to have a detailed training plan. It allows you to feel like you’re going in the right direction makes you feel confident that you have done everything you can to succeed on field.

6. How do you find umpiring players that you have played against and have had a relationship with whilst playing? Have you ever had any issues/challenges with players you have played with/against?

I really enjoy it. The game is all about friendships and to umpire Premier Cricket and maintain those connections is a real joy.

Regardless of knowing a player or not, I try to apply the same level of respect and empathy in my dealings with them, and hope that it helps in managing tricky situations.

7. Is there any advice you would give to a current player that is considering making the transition into umpiring? Do you think there is an advantage coming from a playing background into umpiring?

My advice would be to give it a go. Spend some time in the winter at one of the training courses run by the umpiring team at Driver Avenue and if you are interested in the theory behind umpiring then get involved. Most players would be surprised at the amount of study that goes in to understanding Laws and PCs. In my view you can’t be competent if the game and its many rules don’t intrigue you. I think it helps to have played at a decent standard. I believe it helps you anticipate play, develop rapport with players, and empathise with things happening on the field.

It should also give you the confidence in applying Laws and PCs – not because you have read them and interpreted them, but because your playing experience gives you an understanding of the spirit of those Laws and PCs.



Ryan Nelson & Gerard Abood

8. Last season (2017-18) you made your Futures League (2nd XI) umpiring debut. How did you find the step up in level and umpiring over four straight days?

Umpiring a Futures match was like playing in one for the first time. You really notice the step up, and the match flies by.

Things that stood out for me:

- The wickets are better. They bounce more, are prepared to last for 4 days and breed a better brand of cricket.

- The players are superior and able to maintain high standards for a longer period of time.
- There are highs and lows in intensity – and when it's on, it's on!
- Managing the danger area with bowlers is crucial. The impact of poor management early in the match can be large.

Umpiring over 4 days was a great experience. The game that I did last year had wet weather and varied start and finish times on most days, so was quite draining by the end of the week.

9. What has been the best piece of advice you have been given about cricket umpiring?

Invest in your preparation and be yourself.

10. Where do you hope to end up in your umpiring career? What strategies do you have in place to help you get there?

I want to umpire at the highest level.

There are several things that I have put in place to assist me getting there:

- My employer at National Australia Bank has supported me in to a flexible working arrangement during the summer. For me, that looks like compressing five days' work in to four and having Friday's off to both prepare and support my young family.
- I spend a lot of time each week reviewing my performances. It's typically a four or five-page exercise of notes and personal assessments on things that happened. It can take me up to two hours a week to do properly.
- Focus each week on both "training" and "match goals" and ensuring that they are aligned with what my match assessments identify as areas I need to work on.
- Read as much as I can about high performing athletes (across all sports) and keys to their success. Try then to work out what synergies there are between what they do and how I can relate that to what I want to achieve.
- Take on feedback when it is presented. If someone is prepared to invest some time in me and my umpiring I very much appreciate it.
- Spend as much time on field as possible. It's been challenging since starting umpiring with a three year old and a six month old, but I want to maximize the umpiring experience by making myself as available as possible.



Ryan Nelson, Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Roy Formica & Graham Reed

Technical (Answers) – Darren Goodger

Question 1.

Before the new bowler begins her run-up for the first ball of the next over. The umpire calling Over does not nullify an appeal made prior to the start of the following over, provided Time has not been called. (Law 31.3)

Question 2.

- (a) No ball, leg bye, boundary 4. Where several signals are to be used, they shall be given in the order that the events occurred. (Law 2.13.2)
- (b) 5
- (c) 1 No ball, 4 leg byes.

Question 3.

The striker is out Run out. A batsman can now be Run out if the ball rebounds directly from a fielder's helmet onto the stumps.

Question 4.

One run.

Two separate runs have been called short and the batsmen completed three runs, therefore only one run is scored (Law 18.4.4). Whereas if both batsmen ran short on the same run, two runs would have been scored (Law 18.4.3).

Question 5.

This would not be a fair catch. Law 19.5.2 states:

A fielder who is not in contact with the ground is considered to be grounded beyond the boundary if his final contact with the ground, before his first contact with the ball after it has been delivered by the bowler, was not entirely within the boundary

Therefore each fielder's final contact with the ground before they first touch the ball must be inside the boundary. They may then, subsequently touch the ball having been grounded outside the boundary, so long as they are not grounded outside the boundary at the moment of contact with the ball.

In this scenario, therefore, the batsman would not be out, and would score a Boundary 6.

Norm Maclure inducted as a Life Member of Murray Border Cricket Umipres Association – John Boyd



From left- Ken Brooks, John Boyd, Darren Goodger, Norm Maclure, Pat Kerin and Neil Smith are pictured after Norm received his Life Membership at their AGM at Latrobe University Campus Wodonga Tuesday 14 August 2018.

Norm Maclure's profile with our association indicates he is very worthy of having Life Membership bestowed upon him.

He has been umpiring since the late nineties, starting in the Albury and Border Cricket Association and then continuing his career with Cricket Albury Wodonga after the merger took place. During his time umpiring, Norm has always been respected for his umpiring standards and recognised for consistent decision-making. This recognition was noticed early in his career when he was appointed to umpire the Grand Final of the Border Express Cup 2004-05 and the Provincial Grand finals 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07. In 2005-06 Norm was also given the honour of umpiring a Cricket Victoria First XI Premier match at Tallangatta between Prahran and Essendon, again recognition for his high umpiring standards. Since this time, he has continued to be appointed to finals in Provincial and District level and Grand Finals in District 1 on a regular basis. He has also given a lot of time to representative umpiring having umpired Zone 8 fixtures, Konica Cup and under age games.

Added to his lengthy time umpiring, Norm has also committed to activities outside umpiring within our organisation. He has spent at least four years on the Appointments Committee, been Vice President for many years, and has been in the President's role since 2013.

Based on Norm's sustained commitment to this organisation I think we would all have to agree Norm is deserving of Life Membership.

Members unanimously supported the citation and Norm Maclure was inducted as a Life Member.

Principal Membership – Troy Penman

The Board determined to upgrade four Full Members to Principal Membership in recognition of outstanding service to the Association and to the game of cricket at the Associations AGM.

These members were Gerard Abood, Bruce Baxter (Clarence River District Cricket Umpires' Association), Narelle Johnston, and Don Maisey (Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association).

Gerard Abood

Gerard joined the Association in 2000 and became a Full Member in 2003. He has made an outstanding contribution to the Association and to cricket. A former player with Burwood Briars and Western Suburbs, he was the inaugural winner of the Alan Marshall Medal. In only his second season of umpiring he was appointed to the Under 17 National Championships and from that he went from strength to strength. Gerard made his first-class debut in 2008 in the New South Wales v New Zealand fixture at the SCG. Josh Hazlewood made his first-class debut in this fixture, a match scored by Narelle Johnston who also received Principal Membership at the AGM.

Gerard has umpired 54 first-class matches, including fixtures in South Africa and India, along with last season's Sheffield Shield Final.

He was appointed to the National Umpire Panel in 2009-10, is now a member of the NUP Leadership Group, and in 2017-18 was elevated to the International Umpire Panel making his T20 International debut in February in Hobart.

He has been the reserve umpire in four Test matches and in 2017-18 officiated in the Ashes Women's Test Match at North Sydney Oval.



Gerard has officiated in 42 List A matches and 56 T20 matches in the BBL.

Gerard has served the game with distinction off the field. An unofficial mentor to many umpires, he has also served as a member of the Playing Conditions Advisory Committee and as an Assistant Code of Conduct Commissioner for Cricket NSW, and made a number of key presentations over the years at Annual Conventions and general meetings for the benefit his colleagues.

Gerard is a proud member of the Association, one who is committed to excellence, having overcome adversity and setbacks to get where he is today. All through a strong work ethic and a positive attitude. He is intelligent, loyal, forthright, sincere, honest and respectful.

Gerard Abood deserves the upgrade to Principal Membership of the Association.

Bruce Baxter

Bruce Baxter has given a life time of service to cricket as a player, coach, administrator and umpire. A life member of South Grafton Cricket Club and Clarence River Cricket Association, Bruce joined the Association in 2000, becoming a Full Member in 2001.

He is a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel, one of the most respected umpires in New South Wales Country Cricket, regarded highly for his decision making, composure and teamwork. He has now officiated in close to 200 matches and in 2017-18 umpired the final of the Plan B Regional T20 Bash at the SCG, a highlight for any country umpire.

Bruce has been a member of the executive of the Clarence River District Cricket Umpires' Association for many years, being the current President and also acting Secretary.

Bruce Baxter is a truly deserving recipient of this honour. He will be presented with his Principal Member certificate at the north coast training course being held in Maclean in September.



Narelle Johnston

Narelle Johnston is one of our most highly respected scorer members. Narelle joined the Association in 1997 and was upgraded to full member in 2004. She has been a wonderful ambassador for scorers.

Respected for her ability and outstanding communication skills, Narelle has given exceptional service to the Association across two decades. She has served terms on the Scorers' Committee, made a wholehearted contribution as a scorer educator and mentor, and is now a member of the Cricket NSW Representative Scorer Selection Committee.

Narelle was an excellent scorer. She officiated in:

- 3 Test matches – two men's and one women's.
- 12 One Day Internationals – eight men's and four women's.
- 2 T20 Internationals.
- 4 Women's World Cup matches.
- 13 Sheffield Shield matches.
- 15 One-Day Domestic matches in the ING and Ford Ranger Cups.

Narelle was a distinguished first grade scorer for the Balmain (now Sydney) Cricket Club.

Narelle is a wonderful person and a highly respected member, truly deserving of the upgrade to Principal Member.



Don Maisey

Don Maisey joined the Association in 1997 and was upgraded to full member in 1998.

He has been an exceptional servant to cricket and umpiring on the Central Coast, serving 9 terms as President of the Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association and 12 years as the Central Coast Zone Umpire Representative. Don has served the Association as a trainer and served terms as Vice President of the Central Coast Cricket Association.

A member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel from 2002 to 2010, Don officiated at two Australian Country Cricket Championships, Lismore in 2005 and Albury in 2010.

Don Maisey has been the heart and soul of umpiring on the Central Coast for more than 20 years. He deserves this upgrade to Principal Member of the Association.



Upgrade to Full Membership

Applications to be upgraded to Full Member were received from 26 members. These applications were reviewed by management and the Board recommended the following members be upgraded to Full Member forthwith:

Tony Booth, Peter Bridle, Ken Brooks, Gary Campbell, Janelle Carew, Matt Chirgwin, Alistair Davies, Simon Dodwell, Greg Grace, Tim Gumbleton, Tim Hanlon, Brenton Harrison, Alan Haynes, Kumar Jeyakkumar, Peter Kent, Annette MacKenzie, Saurabh Manwani, Anthony McGettigan, Michael Meehan, Russell Miles, Daniel Moran, Vasanth Ramadurai, Phil Rainger, John Walker, Adrian Tham, Michael Transom.



CRIC-O-KU Number 3

Clue: Rain or Drinks

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Every row, column, and 3x3 box must contain each of the nine symbols, just like a normal Sudoku.

With *Críc-o-ku*, the symbols are letters, not numbers, and when you've worked them all out, one of the rows or columns will be a cricket term.

The answer will be in the next issue of *Black and White*.

Enjoy!

- *The Níghtwatchman*

CRIC-O-KU No 2: Solution

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60 SECONDS WITH NIC BILLS

Michelle Evans



Sathish Kumar

John Pearce



60 Seconds with Michelle Evans

Name:	Michelle Jane Evans
Background:	Born in Herefordshire UK, Farming Rural background, Education to degree level Sports/ English. Played sport at County level. Fell in love with cricket in 1974 due to having a boyfriend who played county cricket (school boy) and the sports master said I couldn't go to the games unless I could do something constructive... And I said "I'm not going to be the tea-lady. So, I got a pencil and a scorebook and then it all started....."
Day Job?	Aged Care and Palliative care Carer.
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	First game for NSWCUA was with Arthur Watson at Bankstown, Bankstown v Mosman 5th grade Travelled to the game with Claire Polosak, who was on the next oval, felt very nervous couldn't remember anything that I had learnt through the courses. Arthur took the first over, which helped me settle in and get the feel of the game. Took the bowlers cap gave batsman his guard first ball delivered.... nerves disappeared. I know I gave an LBW and caught behind that day, but the game is a blur, except for the last over, with Mosman needing 5 to win the Captain facing thought he could play me, by trying to "make a wide", I didn't give it. Mosman went on to win, by scoring runs !!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)?	Going to Adelaide to officiate The U15 Female National Championship. Certainly, learnt a lot from the experience, made some likeminded friends. It was a honour and privilege to represent NSW.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Don't really have a favourite cricketer to date, but one that sticks out is the captain of Sydney 5th Grade, Samad Shaikh I had an incident where I felt giddy (Dehydration/sun) he walked me off the field organised drinks, icepack and kept checking on my condition.... Luckily Bob Davies was observing that day, so he took over till I felt better, which was approximately 6 overs. Went back on field All good. My favourite female cricketer is Angie Glenford Bankstown U15/18. A girl with a great cricketing future.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	The only thing that's springs to mind, is my friend Margaret whom I umpired the final with in Adelaide. Had a great game, everything ran smoothly. After the game the grounds man put on the sprinklers, Margaret and some of the girls from Victoria and Tasmania decided to cool off, (remember it was 40++) they kicked off their shoes and ran through all the sprinklers, everyone was laughing even the grounds man. Great way to finish off the Carnival.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (can be any sport)? Why?	Nigel Owens rugby union ref, what a sense of humour he has. I love it when he compares union players to football (soccer) players He is someone had total control of his games and is totally respected
Any superstitions?	Game day..... breakfast eggs toast coffee, wearing same undies and socks (they have been washed). On the road to the game at least 30 minutes earlier than I need too.

Any special talents?	I have many talents (haha)
Best piece of advice?	Best piece of advice was given by DG, "The most important ball is the next ball", something I've taken on board and told others about. When the bowlers have had a bad over. "just remember there were 6 good balls in that over" Quote from Margaret Marshall.
What got you into umpiring?	Have been scoring at all levels in England, juniors and seniors. My son Oliver was born in 2004 and had a cricket bat for his 4th Birthday and started in Milo and progressed to club cricket, where I took on the scoring role or all the teams he has played for. Saw an advert on FB for female umpires and my partner Paul said, "you could do that", so I sent an email to Claire and as they say the rest is History.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Stuart Broad, Darren Gough and Sir Ian Botham.

60 Seconds with Sathish Kumar

Name:	Sathish Kumar
Background	Moved to Sydney 7 years ago and played park cricket till 2014-15.
Day job	I'm a Quality Engineer for Mobile Softwares.
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone	2015-16 Shires 4th Grade game between Mt-Pritchard and Burwood Briars at Greenway Oval. I wish I had more memory and less nervous that day to remember my first firing!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	2016-17 Metro Cup Grand Finals between Gordon and Penrith. 2017-18 Women's First Grade Grand Finals between Universities and St. George-Sutherland.
Best cricketer you have officiated	Tony Clark from Blacktown - Top bloke and understands the roles and challenges of umpires very well.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field	I'm thinking 😊 (I would be still thinking when this gets published in B & W).
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (can be any sport) Why	Craig Lees, Bob McGregor, Arthur Watson
Any superstitions	I sit on the floor while doing my pre-match preparations at home.
Any special talents	I once fixed Graham Reed's phone. Talent??? Ummm....
Best piece of advice	You are best in who you are!
What got you into umpiring	My club secretary enrolled me to the course to do player umpiring during bye rounds. (I don't think he was happy next season).
Three people you would love to have dinner with	My wife Ramy, Rahul Dravid & Adam Gilchrist

60 Seconds with John Pearce

Name:	John Robert Pearce
Background	I grew up in Sydney where I played all my cricket with 2 seasons in the U.K. I worked as a Sportsfield Greenkeeper at the Shore School and North Sydney Oval before moving to Coffs Harbour in 2006.
Day job	Works Supervisor at Coffs Harbour City Council, I also run my own photography / videography business.
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	U/14 North Coast Zone Trial, I gave the same kid out twice lbw for 0 as they recycled the batsman.
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	NSWPC 1st grade debut in round one 2017-18 standing with Greg Davidson then with Darren Goodger in round 8. Umpiring with so many great people at various Country Carnivals, NSW Premier cricket matches and on the NSW North Coast. At home umpiring three 1st grade grand finals in the CHDCA. Country Panel 2017-18 member.
Best cricketer you have officiated	Nathan Lyon
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field	Umpiring at Dubbo in 40c heat with Laurie Borg and having our drinks breaks in his car with the Air Con cranked full blast at -10.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (can be any sport) Why	I liked watching David Shepherd, the players respected him, he had a couple of quirky moves to bring good luck and he looked like he genuinely loved the game.
Any superstitions	Check I've got my white hat, correct umpiring shirt, pants, belt, white shoes, umpiring bag at least 20 times between leaving home and arriving at a Carnival or a match in NSW Premier Cricket.
Any special talents	Albeit very slowly and usually a few kilos overweight I've finished 11 Ironman triathlons.
Best piece of advice	When opportunity comes, it's too late to prepare.
What got you into umpiring	For me it was when Phillip Hughes passed and how it had affected me. I realised how much I'd missed being around the cricket community and felt that I needed to give something back for all the great times I'd had on and off the cricket field. That winter I did the NSWCUA umpiring course run by Goodge in Coffs, sat the test and passed. Wish I'd done it earlier. I later umpired at Phillip Hughes home ground, Thistle Park in Macksville with Chris Welsh who during the innings break recounted some memories of Phillip batting when he'd been umpiring, the hair was standing up on the back of my neck looking out to the vacant wicket square imagining what he was saying.
Three people you would love to have dinner with	Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce.

NEW MEMBERS

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Alistair Davies	Cheshire - UK	Pravin Vala	Manly Vale
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Giri Shan	Plumpton	Sue Gregory	Northmead
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