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ANNUAL CONVENTION

Members are advised that the Association's Annual Convention will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on August 27 & 28, 2016.

Registration forms have been sent out and it would be great to see as many members as possible in attendance.

Executive Officer update – Darren Goodger

1. ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

NSWCUSA held its Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation on Saturday 16 April 2016 at Bankstown Sports Club with 176 members and guests attending. The function was organised by Troy Penman and hosted by Jay Lenton, both did an outstanding job, more about their contribution in due course, but at the outset I sincerely thank Troy and Jay for their hard work which led to a high quality event that seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Association Guests

We were pleased to welcome many special guests to this year's Annual Dinner. On behalf of the Association I thank them for attending and for what they bring to NSWCUSA –

- Co-Patrons Brian Booth MBE, and wife Judy, and Alan Davidson AM MBE
- Cricket Australia Umpire Educator, Bob Parry, and wife Dawn
- Principal Member, Kevin Pye, after whom the Country Umpire of the Year Medal is named, and wife Narelle
- Executive Director of the Bradman Foundation, Rina Hore
- General Manager Cricket Performance, David Moore, from Cricket NSW
- Sydney Cricket Association Chair, Andrew Falk
- Sydney Cricket Association Secretary, Bruce Whitehouse
- Sydney Cricket Association Premier Competitions Manager, Roy Formica
- Country Cricket Umpire Sub-committee Chair, Bob Myatt
- Alan Mantle from Enhance Mind Performance
- NSWCUSA Life Members – Laurie Borg and wife Sue, Graham Chudleigh and wife Yvonne, Darren Goodger, Keith Griffiths, Peter Hughes and wife Pam, Kim Norris, Graham Reed and wife Jo
- Zone Umpire Representatives – Gary Crombie (Central North), Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Greg Jones (Western), Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina), Don Maisey (Central Coast), Kim Norris (Newcastle)
- NSWCUSA Board Directors, Committee Members and Office-Bearers

Association Awards

George Borwick Memorial Award

Anthony Hobson won the George Borwick Memorial Award, named after our former President and Patron who stood in 24 Test Matches, including every match in the Bodyline Series. The George Borwick Memorial Award is this Association's highest honour for an active umpire in a given season. It is determined using a stringent points system.

Anthony's commitment to availability and meeting attendance, and his outstanding on-field umpiring ability and performance across the season, saw him win this prestigious award for the third consecutive season.

Ted Wykes Medal – Affiliated Association Award

Geoff Hasler was a worthy and popular winner who has been a member of NSWCUSA for 15 years. Geoff umpires in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District competition and is President of the HKHDCUA. He is an excellent umpire and makes an outstanding contribution to cricket through administration and umpire education and development.



Alan Davidson AM MBE
and Geoff Hasler

Kevin Pye Medal – Country Umpire of the Year

Graeme Glazebrook was the deserving winner. He had an excellent season officiating in a number of country representative matches and carnivals. The highlights for Graeme were umpiring the NSW Country Championship Final between Newcastle and Southern/ACT at No. 1 Sportsground and being appointed to the two-day NSW Country v Canterbury A tour match. Graeme is highly respected in country cricket for his ability, composure and commitment. He umpires in the Bathurst District Cricket Association and is a member of the affiliated Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association.

Alan Marshall Medal – Rookie Umpire of the Year

Sharad Patel was the winner. A former Grade cricketer with Fairfield-Liverpool and Parramatta, Sharad turned his hand to umpiring this season and performed well. Aged just 22, he has a promising umpiring future in front of him with continued hard work and dedication. The Alan Marshall Medal is determined using a stringent points system, in line with the George Borwick Memorial Award, and Sharad was the worthy winner.

Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award

Chris McLeod was the winner from the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club. Chris, who was ill and unable to join us at the Annual Dinner, made his first-class debut in the New South Wales v Tasmania Sheffield Shield match at Bankstown Oval last November. He is a highly skilled scorer and respected by his club and peers for his ability, commitment and positive attitude.

SCA Panel Awards

The umpire of the year in each grade is determined by captains' assessments and the marks allocated by them in each match. Our winners this year included David Abbey (panel 3), Tony Carr (panel 4), Bill Massingham (panel 2), and Darren Goodger (panel 1).



Andrew Falk and Bill Massingham

Years of Service

We recognised the following members who achieved milestones in terms of years of membership with the presentation of an Association Lapel Badge –

- **10 years membership**
Kevin Battishill, Greg Jones, Rob Maloney, Bill Massingham, Marc Nickl, Claire Polosak, Phil Rainger, Anthony Wilds
- **15 years membership**
Gerard Abood, Richard Cook, Geoff Hasler, Davern Lewis
- **20 years membership**
Bob Davis
- **30 years membership**
Tim Donahoo, Kevin Pye



Keith Griffiths and Marc Nickl

Special Recognition – Members

The Association recognised Graham Chudleigh and Claire Polosak by way of presentation of a special plaque to each. Claire, on her selection to umpire three matches at the ICC Women’s World T20 Event in India, and Graham, on his 29 years of continuous service to umpiring in SCA competitions. Graham has decided to retire from active umpiring, but will remain involved as an Association Coach, member of the Umpire Observer Team and Accredited Umpire Trainer. Graham is also a NSWCUUSA Board Director. Members of Graham’s family were present to see the presentation. He paid great tribute to his family for their support of his cricket endeavours over the years.



Graham Chudleigh and Geoff Garland

Match Certificates

We recognised the following members who achieved milestones in terms of matches officiated –

- **100 matches**
Kedar Oza, Graham Swan, Stuart Wood
- **150 matches**
Mark Hughes, Ben Treloar
- **200 matches**
Christine Bennison, Ray Marshall
- **250 matches**
Ken Buckland, Bill Howard



- **350 matches**
John Williams
- **400 matches**
Peter Mooney
- **450 matches**
Graham Chudleigh, Pat Kerin



Paul Wilson and Jay Lenton

Special Recognition – Jay Lenton

Troy Penman spoke with regards to Jay Lenton making his first-class debut for New South Wales in season 2015-16. Troy mentioned how highly Jay is respected not only for his cricket ability and performance, but also for his role with NSWCUSA as Administration Officer and of the great positive energy he brings to his work and to Cricket NSW. Paul Wilson presented Jay with a special plaque to commemorate his first-class debut. We hope there are many more Sheffield Shield matches in a Blues Cap for Jay in the years to come. He did a terrific job as MC at the Annual Dinner.

Umpires – National Finals

The Association presented a medallion to recognise each umpire attending the Annual Dinner who stood in a National Final this season –

- Berend du Plessis – Indigenous Women’s Final (Alice Springs)
- Troy Penman – U15 Final (Brisbane)
- Claire Polosak – U18 Female Final (Canberra)
- Glen Stubbings – U15 Final (Darwin)
- Anthony Wilds – WNCL Final (Hurstville)
- Paul Wilson – Sheffield Shield (Glenelg)

NSWCUSA Staff

I record my sincere thanks here to Troy Penman and Jay Lenton. They did an outstanding job bringing the Annual Dinner together. Troy and Jay are accomplished administrators and together spent countless hours preparing the evening for the enjoyment of all – both are dedicated workers for our Association and for cricket in this State, they are outstanding young men and leaders of the highest quality in their own right. As Geoff Garland said in his welcome on Saturday evening, “We are fortunate to have them in our camp!” We are indeed blessed. On a personal note I thank them for their commitment to their respective roles, for their teamwork, their loyalty, encouragement, patience (with me!) and support. Their class was on show at the Annual Dinner and they did an awesome job.

2. NSWCUA HALL OF FAME – GRAHAM REED INDUCTED AT THE ANNUAL DINNER

One of the highlights of the Association's year saw Life Member Graham Reed inducted into the NSWCUA Hall of Fame as its 13th member. Graham was presented with his plaque at the Annual Dinner by Association Patron Brian Booth MBE. The following citation was read at the Annual Dinner by Life Member Graham Chudleigh in honour of Graham Reed:

In August 2013 the Association inducted 11 members into its inaugural Hall of Fame at the Centenary Dinner held at Dockside.

Merilyn Fowler, a most worthy inclusion, was added to the Hall of Fame at the Association's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation in April 2015.

Tonight we will be privileged to see an addition to that Hall of Fame with inductee number 13. I call forward Association Co-Patron and former Australian Test Captain Brian Booth who will make the presentation to the recipient after I read the citation. The signatures of our three Patrons, Brian Booth, Alan Davidson and Dick French appear on each Hall of Fame plaque that has been struck.

The next inductee into the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Hall of Fame has been unanimously determined by the Board on the recommendation of a sub-committee comprising Geoff Garland, Dick French and myself. It gives me great pleasure to read this citation.

Tonight's Hall of Fame inductee is to be Association Life Member Graham Reed.

Graham joined the Association in 1964 and in the opinion of the Board has demonstrated a level of sustained performance, expertise, commitment to excellence and sacrifice that well justifies recognition by way of inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

Graham Reed umpired 13 first-class matches between 1988 and 1992, including tour matches involving Sri Lanka and India.

He stood in three One Day Domestic Cup matches including a semi-final of the McDonald's Cup between New South Wales and Victoria at the SCG in 1988.

Graham officiated in women's Test matches, Australia v India in 1991 and Australia v England in 1992 and also in Under 19 Test matches, Australia v West Indies in 1988 and Australia v England in 1990.



Brian Booth MBE and Graham Reed

In the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition Graham umpired 160 matches, 80 of which were in first grade.

Graham has made an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the Association. Over the years he has been a member of both the Executive and Examination Committees. He was the State Umpire Coach from 2002 to 2006 and then again in season 2007-08. He has been a member of the NSWCUA Coaching Panel since season 2008-09.

Graham's willingness to impart to others the benefits of his knowledge, experience and wisdom has been sustained. For 24 years Graham has been a member of the Sydney Cricket Association Umpire Observer Panel. He is respected by umpires, captains, the affiliated clubs and his fellow observers, and is a welcome sight at Grade cricket grounds across Sydney during the season.

This is a phenomenal contribution by Graham which has benefitted the Association and so many umpires over the years. Graham has helped to raise umpiring standards through his work.



In providing feedback to our umpires he has done so with wonderful grace, the highest integrity and with great dignity and humility.

Graham has been a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire High Performance Panel since season 2008-09 and remains a member of that panel today. Graham performs match referee duties for Cricket Australia in the Futures League, Women's National League and WBBL competitions. He is also the referee for Cricket NSW in State 2nd XI fixtures.

Graham is respected by Cricket Australia umpire management and is a valued member of the Supplementary Panel of Match Referees.

Graham Reed is a wonderful man and he has made an outstanding contribution to this Association. He knows umpiring and he possesses a genuine feel for the game. Those who have worked with Graham are far better for the experience.

Graham Reed is truly deserving of being inducted as the 13th member of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Hall of Fame and I would ask Graham to come forward and accept his plaque from Brian Booth and then to respond.

Please congratulate and welcome our newest member of the Association's Hall of Fame – Graham Reed.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association held its AGM on Wednesday 6 July 2016 at Bowlers' Club of NSW which was attended by 81 members. Special guests included Patrons Alan Davidson AM MBE and Dick French OAM, NSW Cricket Board Director Marshall Rosen, Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management Member Greg Mail and Cricket NSW General Manager Cricket Performance David Moore. Members adopted the 2015-16 Annual Report and Financial Statement. There were no ballots required for positions this year. Geoff Garland and Mark Hughes were re-elected unopposed as Board Directors, Laurie Borg was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer and Neil Findlay was re-elected unopposed as Liaison Officer. The Association Board for 2016-17 will comprise:

- Elected Board Directors: Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland, Mark Hughes, Claire Polosak. One position remains vacant.
- Treasurer: Laurie Borg.
- Liaison Officer: Neil Findlay.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Report Board Chair Geoff Garland highlighted the truly State-wide nature of our Association, the induction of life member Graham Reed into the NSWCUSA Hall of Fame, the recognition the Annual Report provided to many umpires and scorers by way of their achievements, and he offered a vote of thanks to the many volunteers for their work on behalf of, and who support, the Association.

4. ELECTION OF PATRONS

Members attending the AGM endorsed the Board recommendation to continue with Co-Patrons. We were delighted that Brian Booth MBE, Alan Davidson AM MBE and Dick French OAM accepted the invitation of the Association to be Patrons for season 2016-17. We are blessed to have their patronage and thank them for their support.

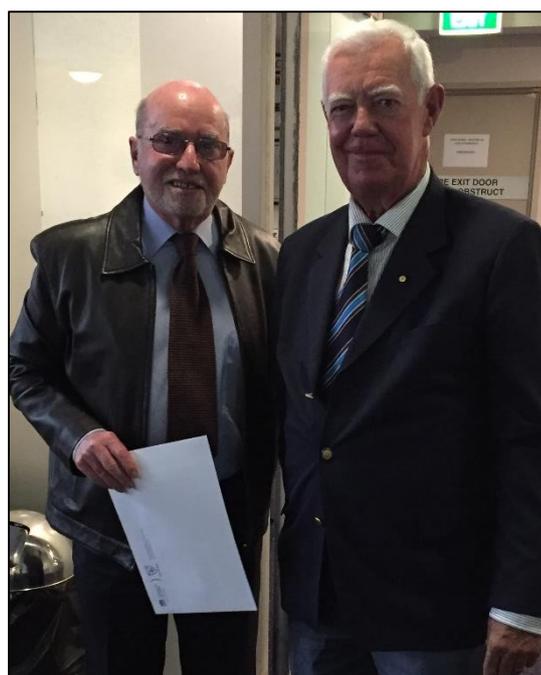
5. PRINCIPAL MEMBERSHIP UPGRADES

Principal Membership upgrades were awarded to Geoff Hasler, Bill Hendricks, Bill McCarron and Kay Wilcoxon at the AGM – all of whom have made an outstanding contribution to the Association and to cricket. Mr McCarron, a resident of Maclean, was unable to attend the AGM. Mr Hasler, Mr Hendricks and Mrs Wilcoxon were all on hand to receive their Principal Member Certificate from Patron Dick French OAM.

The Board Chair in acknowledging each for their contribution to the Association read the following citations:

Geoff Hasler

Geoff Hasler is the heart and soul of umpiring in the Hornsby District. He joined NSWCUSA in 2000 being upgraded to Full Member in 2014.



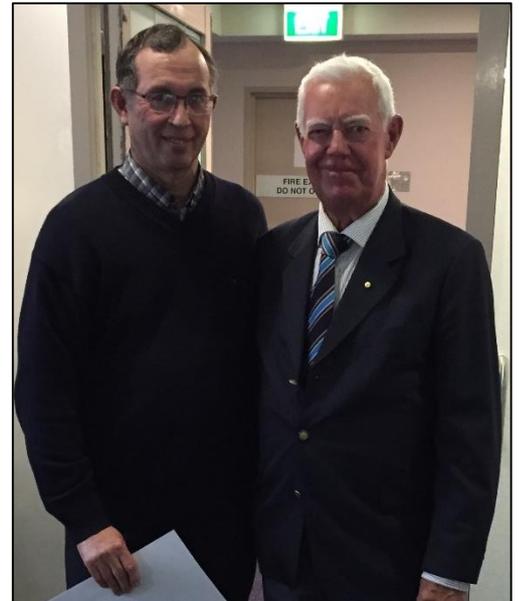
Geoff Hasler and Dick French OAM

Geoff has officiated in 337 matches and been appointed to umpire 14 A Grade Finals. Geoff was made a Life Member of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association in 2012. Geoff has facilitated numerous umpire training programs in the Hornsby District for senior captains, junior coaches and managers over the past 10 years. He was the recipient of the 2016 Ted Wykes Medal recognising his excellence in 2015-16, a standard Geoff has set right throughout his career.

Geoff Hasler loves his cricket and he loves his Hornsby umpiring group to which he provides outstanding leadership. We congratulate Geoff on his upgrade to Principal Member and thank him for his service to cricket and support of NSWCUA.

Bill Hendricks

There is no one more passionate about cricket than Bill Hendricks. A former first-class player in South Africa he represented Western Province on 18 occasions between 1973 and 1976. Bill played his Grade cricket in Sydney with the Gordon Club and was that Club's Secretary for a period before taking up umpiring. Bill joined NSWCUA in 1999 and became a Full Member in 2000. He enjoyed a distinguished career in umpiring before retiring at the end of the 2014-15 season. Bill umpired 332 SCA matches, 265 of which were in first grade. He officiated at 2nd XI level on four occasions in the Cricket Australia Cup, at a Cricket Australia Institute Challenge in Darwin, the Under 17 National Championships in Adelaide in 2004 (including the Final) and the Under 19 National Championships in Melbourne in the same year.



Bill Hendricks and Dick French OAM

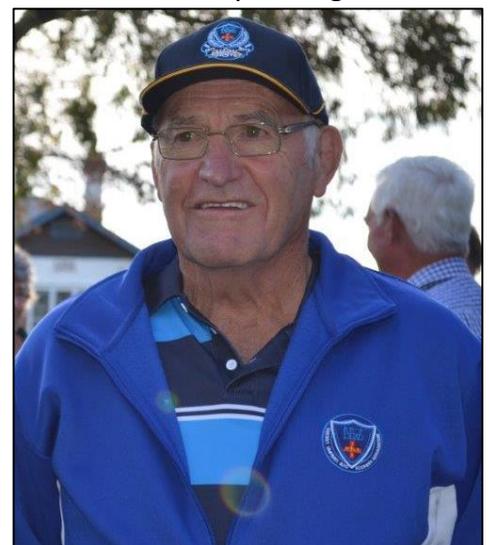
Bill umpired two Women's T20 matches and 30 Women's National Cricket League matches including the Final on a record 10 occasions.

Bill has been involved in the Association as a trainer at courses held in regional areas and is now a respected SCA Umpire Observer, a role that sees him involved weekly during the season. His reports and their level of detail are appreciated by umpires.

Bill Hendricks is a passionate member of NSWCUA. He has been a friend and mentor to many members over the years. He is a worthy addition to the list of Principal Members. Congratulations Bill.

Bill McCarron

Bill McCarron is based in Maclean on the State's northern rivers where he has given a lifetime of service to the game. A Life Member of Lower Clarence Cricket Association, Bill is a past President and Treasurer of that Association, and also a life member of the Wanderers Cricket Club.



Bill McCarron

He joined NSWCUSA in 1996 after attending a training course held in Lismore facilitated by Jim Cameron, Darrell Hair, Warwick Marks and Richard Widows.

Bill was upgraded to Full Membership in 2011. Bill has umpired on six occasions the first grade grand final in the Lower Clarence Cricket Association and has officiated numerous matches in the First XI North Coast Cricket Council Interdistrict competition. A member of the North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Representative Umpire Panel, Bill is a great supporter of NSWCUSA training courses when they are held in the North Coast Zone, no matter the location up and down the coast you can expect to see him there. He possesses a wonderful attitude to the game and has been a supportive influence to many in Lower Clarence Cricket. Bill McCarron has given 20 straight years of service to umpiring.

We congratulate him on being upgraded to Principal Member of the Association and we will present Bill with his certificate at the next available cricket function held in North Coast Zone.

Kay Wilcoxon

Kay Wilcoxon has been scoring for 30 years. She joined NSWCUSA in 1997 becoming a Full Scorer Member in 2007. Kay has given wonderful service to the Fairfield-Liverpool Cricket Club being honoured with Life Membership in 2006.

Kay has been a member of the NSWCUSA Scorers' Committee since 2012 and involved in the delivery of scorer education programs.

Her record as a representative scorer is outstanding –

- 2 One Day Internationals
- 8 Sheffield Shield matches
- 27 One Day Domestic Cup matches
- 17 BBL matches
- 4 Futures League matches
- 2 Women's Test matches
- 7 Women's One Day Internationals
- 1 Women's T20 International
- 9 WNCL matches
- 7 Women's T20 matches
- 2 Women's BBL matches



Kay Wilcoxon and Dick French OAM

Kay has given outstanding service to cricket and always has a positive attitude towards her scoring and the Association. She is deserving of being upgraded to Principal Member and we offer Kay our congratulations.

6. FULL MEMBERSHIP UPGRADES

Congratulations are offered to the following members who were upgraded to Full Membership of the Association at the AGM:

Tony Carr, Andrew Coates, Rodger Doughty, James Forde, Bob Garwood, Bob Guthrie, Colin Harper, Phil Henderson, Dennis Hinds, Lalith Jayatilake, Mark Kraljevic, Murray Le Lievre, Vir Raheja, David Redden, David Smith, Jim Wood.

7. Dr DAVID DILLEY

Dr David Dilley resigned from the boards of NSWCUSA and Cricket NSW on Tuesday 17 May 2016 for personal reasons. David has been a long servant of cricket, and has conducted himself always with the utmost professionalism. We are all indebted to David for his phenomenal efforts over many years. He has served in various roles including as a Cricket Australia Director for Cricket NSW, and as a Cricket NSW Director since 2009. David was elected to the Board of NSWCUSA in 2004. He was the Association's Chairman for a period.

David has made a substantial contribution to umpiring and NSWCUSA. As a Grade Panel Umpire he officiated in 193 SCA matches, of which 73 were in first grade. David also umpired at State Second XI and WNCL levels. He has been an enthusiastic contributor in the education and training area, being an excellent facilitator of many Level 2 Laws of Cricket training courses around the State in his 17 years as a member of NSWCUSA. We offer David a vote of thanks for his contribution to NSWCUSA. I know his fellow Board Directors have appreciated his strength, commitment, composure, loyalty and wisdom. David will not be lost to the Association as he intends to remain a member.

In keeping with the requirements of the NSWCUSA Constitution, nominations will be called to fill the vacant Board Director position at the next Ordinary General Meeting of the Association to be held at Bowlers' Club of NSW at 7pm on Wednesday 7 September 2016.

8. JAY LENTON

<http://www.cricketnsw.com.au/news/sangha-becomes-youngest-nsw-contracted-player-in-history/2016-04-28>

The above link is the media release for the Cricket NSW contracted player list 2016-17. You will note Jay Lenton has received a full Blues contract. Wonderful news for Jay. He has earned this opportunity through consistent performance in Grade cricket (946 runs at 67.6 and 27 wicket-keeping dismissals), a result of his thorough preparation and commitment.

Jay is an outstanding example of everything you want being on the other side of hard work and a strong, positive and resilient attitude. Delisted from the Blues squad at the end of season 2013-14, Jay sought full time employment and on merit won the position of NSWCUSA



Administration Officer over 92 other applicants. His degree in Sports Coaching and Administration has been put to good use and NSWCUA has been the beneficiary. Jay was an excellent addition to our team here at Cricket NSW and many members who have dealt with Jay in his role described him as a consummate professional who possesses exceptional people and communication skills.

In terms of his cricket, Jay continued to be selected in the NSW 2nd XI team following his delisting. He changed cricket clubs and went to Manly-Warringah where he made a strong contribution to the club's first grade premiership win, its first title in 26 years. He impressed all and sundry at Manly-Warringah and was appointed Club Captain for season 2015-16 being a respected member of the club's leadership group.

Spectacular achievements are always preceded by unspectacular preparation. Two weeks after becoming a premiership player in April 2015 Jay commenced preparation for the 2015-16 season working overtime on his fitness throughout the autumn, winter and spring and on his skill development as the season drew near. Jay scored four first grade centuries in 2015-16 – they didn't come about through luck. On the road to success there is never a crowd on the extra mile.



Jay made his first-class debut last November at the SCG in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria. He became the 737th cricketer to represent NSW as a first-class player. In all he played three Sheffield Shield matches, also representing the Blues against Tasmania at Bankstown and Queensland at the SCG.

Having received a playing contract, Jay will be keen to make the best possible contribution he can to the Blues squad – it's about more than receiving a contract, it's about making the strongest and most positive contribution you can, recognising that hard work commences when you reach the professional level. Jay will leave no stone unturned.

As a result of being awarded a 2016-17 playing contract Jay has taken one year leave of absence from his role as NSWCUA Administration Officer.

We offer congratulations and best wishes to Jay on receiving a full time playing contract with Cricket NSW. Pre-season for the State Squad has been underway for a month, so Jay is focusing his energy and effort on developing and performing as a professional cricketer. Jay does so with our thanks and acknowledgement for an outstanding job over the past two years. We wish him every success and enjoyment and will follow his career with great interest.

9. NIC BILLS

After a recruitment process conducted by Cricket NSW Human Resources Advisor Bernadette Christie-David, Nic Bills was offered, and accepted, the role of NSWCUSA Administration Officer, a temporary full time position for one year.

Nic is soon to complete a Bachelor of Education (Human Movement and Health Education) at University of Sydney. He has been working as a Senior Coach at Cricket Appeal and as a Game Development Officer at Cricket NSW. Previously, from 2011-2014, Nic was a contracted NSW Blues Rookie.

Nic plays in the Sydney Cricket Association Premier First Grade Competition with the Mosman Club. He has played two first-class matches, one for NSW (against WA in 2011) and one for a Cricket Australia XI (against England in 2013). Nic also played a match for Sydney Thunder in the BBL in 2012.



Nic is a welcome addition to the NSWCUSA and Cricket Performance teams at Cricket NSW. I was advised he was highly impressive during both interviews for this position. In particular what stood out was Nic's excellent people skills, his time management and efficiency, his understanding and appreciation of high performance and commitment to excellence, and his willingness to grow by taking responsibility for his personal and professional development. Nic commenced duties on Tuesday 21 June 2016 and reports to Administration Manager, Troy Penman.

Nic's contact details are

- Email) Nic.Bills@cricketnsw.com.au
- Mobile no.) 0427 947 000
- Office no.) (02) 8302 6044

We congratulate Nic on his appointment and wish him the very best in this role. He has been with us for three weeks and made an excellent start with the Association.

Bernadette Christie-David is thanked for managing the recruitment process for this position.

10. UMPIRES FROM AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS STANDING IN THE SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION GRADE COMPETITION

It was pleasing during the season to welcome umpires from affiliated associations who officiated in the SCA Grade competition to further their experience. We acknowledge those 27 umpires below:

Wayne Allan, Bill Ashe, Anthony Bathe, Al Bonney, John Burgoyne, Roger Burns, Vince Calabro, Mal Campbell, Chris Cassin, John Colwell, David Cullen, John de Lyall, Paul Dilley, James Figallo, Graeme Glazebrook, Geoff Hoy, Greg Jones, Pat Kerin, Darrin Masters, Rupert Mathews, Kevin McFarlane, Ross McKim, John Pearce, Rob Pye, Yohan Ramasundara, Michael Roberts and Geoff Verco.

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. So many who take the opportunity to do so later comment that the experience gained aids their development as an umpire.

Brian Tracey wrote about moving out of one's comfort zone, "You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something new." We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are.



David Taylor and Yohan Ramasundara

11. ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Convention will be held at Bankstown Sports Club on the weekend of 27-28 August 2016. It will be a fantastic way to launch the new season and will be a great educational and social weekend. Registration forms are due to Nic Bills by not later than Friday 19 August 2016. Hope to see you there. Cricket Australia National Umpire Coach, Ian Lock, has already confirmed his attendance. Ian is an excellent speaker and presenter. A former first-class umpire, Ian stood in 86 first-class matches between 2001 and 2014. We look forward to his thoughts around high performance officiating and hearing more about his role in working closely with the Cricket Australia contracted umpires.

12. NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTED OFFICE-BEARER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nomination forms need to be returned please to Troy Penman by not later than Wednesday 27 July 2016.

- Merchandise Officer
- Social Appointments Officer (Umpires)
- Social Appointments Officer (Scorers)
- Public Relations Officer
- Secretary Training
- Examination Committee (5)

- Scorers' Committee (5)
- Social Committee (5)

Are you in a position to serve the Association in season 2016-17? NSWCUSA relies heavily on its wonderful volunteers who do a fantastic job.

13. COMPETITION NAME CHANGE

The Sydney Cricket Association Grade Competition is to be known as New South Wales Premier Cricket from the start of season 2016-17.

14. ICC WORLD T20

We warmly congratulate Rod Tucker and Claire Polosak. Rod umpired the Final of the ICC World T20 at Eden Gardens between West Indies and England while Claire officiated in three matches at the ICC Women's World T20 in India. They are outstanding representatives from Cricket Australia and our Association.

15. NATIONAL UMPIRE PANEL

Cricket Australia has selected the NUP for season 2016-17. We congratulate all concerned.

- Gerard Abood (New South Wales)
- Ash Barrow (Victoria)
- Shawn Craig (Victoria)
- Greg Davidson (New South Wales)
- Simon Fry (South Australia)
- Phil Gillespie (Victoria)
- Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania)
- Geoff Joshua (Victoria)
- Mick Martell (Western Australia)
- Sam Nogajski (Tasmania)
- John Ward (Victoria)
- Paul Wilson (New South Wales)



Gerard Abood and Paul Wilson

The Australian umpires on the International Umpire Panel for season 2016-17 are Simon Fry, Mick Martell, Paul Wilson and Sam Nogajski.

16. DEVELOPMENT UMPIRE PANEL

Cricket Australia has selected the DUP for season 2016-17. We congratulate all concerned.

- Donovan Koch (Queensland)
- Simon Lightbody (New South Wales)
- Damien Mealey (Queensland)
- Claire Polosak (New South Wales)
- David Shepard (Victoria)
- Anthony Wilds (New South Wales)

17. CLAIRE POLOSAK

We offer congratulations to Claire Polosak on her inclusion on the ICC Associate and Affiliate International Umpire Panel. Claire has been selected to represent the East-Asia Pacific Region along with umpires Kathy Cross (New Zealand), Alu Kapa (Papua New Guinea), Nigel Morrison (Vanuatu) and Lakani Oala (Papua New Guinea). Claire has been appointed to umpire at the Women's World Cup Qualifying Tournament in Samoa from 15-22 July 2016. We wish her well. Cricket Australia UHPP member Steve Bernard has been appointed the Tournament Referee.

18. COUNTRY CRICKET NSW

The Country Cricket NSW Umpire Sub-committee has selected and announced the Umpire Panels for season 2016-17 and we congratulate all members on their selection:

Representative Umpire Panel

- David Cullen (Illawarra)
- Neil Findlay (Illawarra)
- Graeme Glazebrook (Western)
- Greg Jones (Western)
- Ross McKim (Newcastle)
- Kim Norris (Newcastle)
- David Went (North Coast)
- Bruce Whiteman (Southern)



COUNTRY CRICKET NSW

The thanks of the Association are offered to Paul Dilley and Phil Rainger, both of whom have stood down from the Representative Umpire Panel. Paul will be focusing his attention on an administrative career in cricket with the North Coast Zone while Phil will be officiating in New South Wales Premier Cricket this season.

Supplementary Umpire Panel

- Wayne Allan (Riverina)
- Bruce Baxter (North Coast)
- Ken Brooks (Riverina)
- James Figallo (Central Coast)
- Tony Hackett (Riverina)

Congratulations are offered to Ken Brooks and James Figallo on their elevation.

19. CRICKET UMPIRES AUSTRALIA

<http://community.cricket.com.au/umpire>

The web page is recommended. Enjoy the read.

20. AGM – FAR NORTH COAST CRICKET UMPIRES’ AND SCORERS’ ASSOCIATION

I was pleased to attend the AGM of FNCCUSA at South Lismore Bowling Club on 27 May 2016. The work of the outgoing Executive is commended – they have done an excellent job under the leadership of Mark Templeman in managing and administering a fine association. Congratulations are offered to Pat Holt, who was the recipient of the Ray Neilson Memorial Award for Far North Coast Umpire of the Year, and to Graham Rose and David Went who umpired the Final of the LJ Hooker League. We offer our best wishes to the incoming Executive. For 2016-17 FNCCUSA will be led by the following team:

- President – Daniel Rosolen
- Vice President – Pat Holt
- Secretary – Mark Whitehead
- Treasurer – Bruce Johnstone

21. VOTE OF THANKS

I record a vote of thanks to:

- All members of the Association. What you do for cricket is acknowledged and appreciated, both Marshall Rosen and Greg Mail highlighted this in their respective addresses to the AGM.
- All Association volunteers – the work of our Office-Bearers and Committee Members has been excellent in 2016-17. The Exam Committee and Social Committee have brought great energy to the monthly Ordinary General Meetings.
- The NSWCUA Coaching and Observing Panels – Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed (Coaches) and Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant and Bill Hendricks (Observers). They provide genuine support to Management and the umpires and they ensure that the appointment/selection of umpires is based on merit.
- Member Sharad Patel who designed and produced the Annual Report. Sharad did an outstanding job.
- Troy Penman for managing the Annual Report process and taking responsibility for its collation and organisation. Troy did an excellent job. The Annual Report is a document of the highest quality. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report posted to you then please contact Troy. His office number is (02) 8302 6043.
- The Administration Team of 2015-16 – Troy Penman, Jay Lenton, Nic Bills. I express my gratitude for their work ethic, performance and loyalty.
- The NSWCUA Board of Directors under the leadership of Board Chair Geoff Garland. Their counsel, support and encouragement of the management team is appreciated.

- Cricket NSW for its support of NSWCUSA throughout season 2015-16. The genuine interest and encouragement of Senior Management and the NSW Cricket Board is appreciated. To Andrew Jones, David Moore, John Warn and the staff in the Cricket Performance Department we express our gratitude for your inclusiveness of match officials and NSWCUSA.

22. SEASON 2016-17

Season 2016-17 is just around the corner. New South Wales Premier Cricket commences on Saturday 24 September 2016. We look forward as an Association to the coming season with much enthusiasm. There will be more cricket played across the State than ever before providing wonderful opportunities for our umpires and scorers to perform. The various State Challenge Carnivals have increased the amount of cricket content. With opportunity comes responsibility and all members are encouraged to prepare thoroughly for each and every match in which you are involved. Comprehensive knowledge of Laws and Playing Conditions is paramount. Preparation is the key. The players deserve our best efforts in this regard.

*No matter how many great games are behind you, no matter the thickness of your scrapbook, if you don't play well today, there might be no tomorrow. It's a tough thing for a successful sports person to comprehend, but it is also what allows him (her) to touch on greatness, because he (she) has to keep rising time and again. **Wayne Bennett.***

*Complacency is the forerunner of mediocrity. You can never work too hard on attitudes, effort and technique. **Don Meyer.***

I wish every member an enjoyable and successful 2016-17 season. Enjoy your time in the middle or in the scoreboard. Cricket is a great game, let's serve it well.

Merchandise Winner



T20 World Cup India - Claire Polosak

The T20 world cup is probably the greatest adventure I have ever had. It was three surreal weeks of totally new experiences. Getting to meet legends of the game, unique opportunities and some cricket thrown in.

It all started in Mumbai. My first impression was just the sheer amount of traffic. Apparently there was actually less traffic as it was a religious holiday. I also learnt very quickly that indicators were optional, but that car horns are compulsory.

There was a workshop for all of the umpires who were umpiring the women's tournament, as well as a few of the ICC's Elite Panel. There was a session on the playing conditions, ensuring that everyone was on the same page. After that there were 'mini' sessions that were run by different umpires, based on scenarios that had been suggested.



The following morning, the group was split up with everyone going to different cities for the warm up games and the beginning of the tournament. Indian airports are very different to Australian airports. They are very strict on security, with boarding passes needing to be checked 5 times between checking in and boarding the plane. Arriving at Chennai airport was an experience, there were a lot of police in the arrivals hall. Turns out they were there for our police escort. I think the police escort is not necessarily for security, but it allows the bus to cut through the traffic a little more easily. We had a police escort wherever we went in Chennai, including silk and gold jewellery shopping. However, in other cities we only had the escorts for official cricket business.

Our first warm up game was New Zealand vs England. This was a close game, England needed 130 and got the runs in the last over. All teams (men and women) played a super over in the warm up matches, which was great as I had never participated in one either. Even though Eng won, NZ were much sharper in the field than their counterparts.

Once the warm up games had finished, I left Chennai and flew to Chandigarh. Our Playing Control Team (PCT) was, Vineet Kulkarni, Navdeep- a local umpire as our reserve, and our match referee was Sir Ritchie Richardson. (I would spend the next 2 and a half weeks with Vineet as we were doing all our games with each other). The next day we had an inspection at the ground, where I was told by a few people that I was going to be the first female to umpire there. Driving around Chandigarh, it feels similar to Canberra- both are planned cities and both have a lot of roundabouts.



Our first official game of the World Cup was New Zealand vs Ireland. This was a fairly straightforward match- Ireland was very much outgunned by NZ. After 20 overs, NZ were 177/3, and had Ireland restricted to 84/5 off 20.

What I had noticed at this stage, is that Indian people love cricket. I know that sounds obvious, but they really do not care who is playing. They cheer good cricket, catches, shots, boundary line saves. They are also noisy. The biggest crowd I experienced was around 4000 at Dharamasala, and they were incredible. I can't imagine what Eden gardens would have been like for the final.

The following day was a rest day so Vineet, Navdeep and his daughter and myself travelled 229km in five hours to reach Amritsar, home of the Golden temple, it is the central religious place of the Sikhs. While it was beautiful and a lovely place to be, the journey there was the real adventure. Imagine 2 lanes of traffic, however, more often than not it became 3 or even 4 lanes of traffic. Not only were there cars on the road, there were people, animals and trucks loaded up to the roof with people. I don't think the driver ever got over 100km/h. It was certainly highlighted to me how lucky we are in Australia with our infrastructure, I am never complaining about the traffic here again!



The following day we had Ireland vs Sri Lanka. I spoke to an Irish coach before the game, and he made the observation of how different this tournament was compared to the qualifiers in Thailand. One difference that I found between the World Cup and every other tournament I have done is the 'down time'. We are used to having multiple game days in a row before a rest day, however, with the World Cup, due to the different venues and travelling logistics we had two to three days between matches.

This is great for you physically and if you want to have an opportunity to get out and experience the sights and culture, however, it meant that you really needed to concentrate on being mentally 'fresh'. I spoke to an England player about this, and her opinion was that World Cups are a breeze in that respect.



Ireland and Sri Lanka was a close game as you would expect for two teams close in rankings, but Sri Lanka managed to hold on and win by 14 runs.

Following this, Vineet and I had a 252km, six hour journey ahead of us to Dharamasala. Again these roads were tiny, windy, and busy. This time we stopped for a herd of goats!



Towards the end of the trip we got great views of the Himalayas. The pictures I took did not do them justice. In Dharamasala, we caught up with other umpires, Simon Fry, Ranmore Martinese and Joel Wilson, as well as match referee Jeff Crowe. They were in town for the television match, and Jeff would be our match referee for the following game.



On the rest day our plan was to head up the hill and visit the Dalai Lama's temple. We had heard that other umpires had gone up, but that the Dalai Lama had been in hospital. Our security officer back in Chandigarh knew the wife of the head of security for the Dalai Lama. We called her the night before to let her know we would be coming in the afternoon. Her response was that if we were there early in the morning we would be able to have an audience with his holiness.

We absolutely made sure we were able to get there. It was a very surreal experience, and one that I would never have believed would ever have happened!

Our game the following day was England vs West Indies. WI batted first and made 109. England went from 0/59 to 9/109, they ran a bye on the last ball. It was a close and exciting finish! It was a night game and I have found that it takes a while to unwind after night games.



From Dharamasala, I flew to my last stop Bangalore and met up with Simon Fry's PCT again with the addition of David Boon as the match referee. Bangalore was a fascinating place, we were allowed out freely from our accommodation and so we spent a fair amount of time shopping and wandering the streets. We were in Bangalore for two games, one was not televised and I was the reserve umpire between South Africa and New Zealand.

The second game was a televised match between South Africa and Sri Lanka. I also had the opportunity to observe Vineet as the 3rd umpire. I am very appreciative of the chance as it was my first observation of the 'Live to air' communications.

All in all the trip was an adventure, one that I am really fortunate to have had and really did not think was a possibility until 3 weeks before the tournament when I received the appointment. It was a tremendous opportunity, and one that would not have been such a success without such a strong support network back home. For that I owe a huge thank you to Evan, Billy Hendricks, Darren Goodger and Ian Lock.



Australian Test Umpire Reunion – Dick French

Dick French reports on a very successful Test Umpires reunion held in Adelaide last November, coinciding with the first Pink Ball Day-Night Test involving Australia and New Zealand.

“To emphasise the traditional nature of Test cricket, there have been only 89 Test Umpires appointed from Australia since 1877. Of these, 29 are still alive, and 15 plus partners and wives were able to attend, the rest being absent on Test or ODI duties, illness or inability to get to Adelaide. Former Test umpire David Quested from New Zealand also attended.



These reunions have been held approximately every 3 years since 1997, strongly supported by Cricket Australia and the host State Cricket Association. During this Test a wide ranging group of activities was organised, including a winery jaunt, superb hospitality at the Adelaide Oval, and tickets for all days of the match.

NSWCUSA was represented by Simon Taufel and myself, and I have no doubt that due to our younger emerging umpires being appointed to many representative matches, including Sheffield Shield, T20 and Under 19’s, we will find new additions from our association at the next reunion, joining this somewhat elite group of Australian umpires. I am very proud and humble to be able to be part of this tradition.”



NSWDCA Weblin Shield Final – Bruce Wood

Twenty U/15 rep. teams from the Sydney metropolitan area, plus Newcastle, Central Coast, Illawarra and the ACT, played Round 1 of the NSWDCA Weblin Shield competition on 25 October, all determined to qualify for the Final some eight weeks later. The top two teams (North Shore and Parramatta) emerged through the semi-finals and contested the Final on Sunday, 13 December 2015 at Tunks Park, Northbridge. Experienced umpires, Peter Moore and Bruce Wood, were appointed to officiate the Final.

Sam Fanning, North Shore's captain, won the toss and decided to bat first on a hard, dry pitch, which looked like giving very little assistance to the pace bowlers. Fanning (91) and Angus Carre (109 no) put on an amazing opening partnership of 169 runs, which featured excellent running between the wickets. This great platform should have led to North Shore posting around 280 runs off its 60 overs, however tight bowling



Bruce Wood and Peter Moore

by the Parramatta team plugged them back to a competitive but not unbeatable score of 3/248. Raymond Su (20 no off 15 balls) chipped in at the end for North Shore. The pick of the bowlers for Parramatta was Matthew Drinnan who took 2/28 off 10 overs.

Chasing 249 runs for victory, it appeared that one or two of the Parramatta batsmen would need to match North Shore by making large individual scores and building partnerships around their key batsmen. However, in contrast, 4 of their top 6 batsmen (Joel Mercer 28; Atharva Patil 27; Dane Twining 22; Matthew Ward 35), made 'starts' but didn't go on with it. When Parramatta slumped to 6/105, requiring around 5 runs per over to reach the target with just 4 wickets in hand, only the die-hard Parramatta supporters at the ground would have given them much chance of achieving this difficult assignment. However the determined Parramatta players kept up the run chase, ensuring that the equation never got completely out of reach. The most successful bowlers for North Shore were their off-spinners, Lachlan Hearne (4/52 off 12 overs) and Tyson Lee (2/34 off 12 overs).

The Parramatta lower-order batsmen, Nickshep Mekala 45; w-k Josh Martin 31; and Matt Drinnan 28 no, played crucial knocks, scoring at a run a ball, taking it to the final over, in which they required 13 runs. This incredible contest got down to the last ball of the day at 6.03pm, with No. 10 batsman, Drinnan, needing to hit a six to win the match. North Shore's opening bowler, Hugo Farquharson, steamed in and bowled a straight, length ball, which Drinnan smashed into the bush over mid-wicket to record a brilliant win for his Parramatta side. There were scenes of jubilant celebrations amongst the Parramatta players, coaches, officials and parents, which was contrasted by sheer disbelief and disappointment on behalf of the North Shore team.

The umpires, Peter Moore and Bruce Wood, thoroughly enjoyed this exciting final in which nearly 500 runs were scored and the result was achieved with a huge six on the last ball out of 120 overs on the day – surely one of the most incredible finishes to a Final in NSWDCA history.

Jason Lawless from Cricket NSW conducted the presentations at the conclusion of the match on behalf of the NSWDCA and paid tribute to both teams on their spirit of cricket and for playing such an entertaining & competitive Final. He also commended the umpires on their handling of the match. Jason presented the historic E. G. (George) Weblin Memorial Shield, which dates back to 1989-90, to the Parramatta captain, Jacob Workman, and coach, Dean Twining. Season 2015/16 proved to be a memorable year for the Parramatta District Junior Cricket Association, winning three titles, the U/15 Weblin Shield, U/14 Moore Shield and U/12 Cawsey Shield. It's an old cliché, but *cricket was the winner on the day!*



Alan Mantle, Bob Myatt and Neil Findlay



Geoff and Karen Wheeler



Terry Heath, Doug D'Arney, Bill Howard and Ray Marshall



Annabel Bristow, Kevin Battishill and Bradley Bristow

Laws of Cricket Questions

Here are six questions on the Laws. See how you go. The answers appear later in this edition of **In Black and White**.

1. A fast bowler, while waiting for the batsman to have a replacement bat brought out to him, bowls the match ball hard into the ground at the fielder at mid-off. He is preparing to do this again. What should you do?
2. Between deliveries in the middle of an over, you notice a fielder at fine leg bowling some practice balls to a coach who is standing beyond the boundary. They are not using the match ball for this. The fielder in question had bowled the preceding over. What should you do?
3. The striker hits the ball, which is not a No 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?
4. A batsman with a runner is on strike. The ball is a No ball. The striker moves out of his ground to play at the ball but he misses it. He tries to get back into his ground but is not able to do so before the wicket-keeper puts the wicket down. The runner is within his ground at square leg. There is an appeal. What is your decision and why? If he is out, state the method of dismissal.
5. The batsman on strike hits the ball in the air. It is a fair delivery. The bowler is about to attempt to catch the ball on the full, but he is wilfully obstructed by the non-striker and this causes him to drop the ball. There is an appeal. How shall this appeal be answered?
6. The striker plays the ball and it drops in front of her. She immediately picks it up and throws the ball to a close fielder. No fielder has communicated with the batsman. How does the umpire answer an appeal?

A Fine Body of Men Inverell Remembers the Kurrajongs – Arthur Watson

By way of introduction, many members will be aware that I was born and bred in the North-Western NSW town of Inverell. Even though it is now over sixty years since my parents decided to relocate to Sydney, I still have an immense passion for Inverell and still call Inverell home.

Who were the Kurrajongs?

The 12th of January 1916, holds special significance for the Inverell district. On that day families, friends and workmates lined the streets of Inverell to farewell 114 men who answered the call to serve King and Country.

They were to enter folklore as **The Kurrajongs**, a name derived from the hardy evergreen trees prevalent in the district. The Kurrajongs were, at the time, the largest single group to leave a country town together for war service. They formed one of nine “snowball” recruiting marches held in NSW.

Thousands gathered to farewell these men as they marched proudly through the town streets. The Kurrajongs, wearing white hats, carried a large banner proclaiming *“Inverell’s 100 for the New Army”*. The Mayor gave the official farewell proclaiming *“This is one of the proudest days in Inverell’s history” and promised that these men would not be forgotten at Inverell.* Upon arrival at Inverell railway station the Kurrajongs boarded a special train to take them to camp.

Along the way the train stopped overnight at Warialda and at Moree where further recruiting rallies were held and more volunteers joined them. Most of the men became part of the 33rd and 34th Battalions and served with the 3rd Division on the Western Front in France and Belgium. One in five did not return whilst many others were badly wounded or gassed.



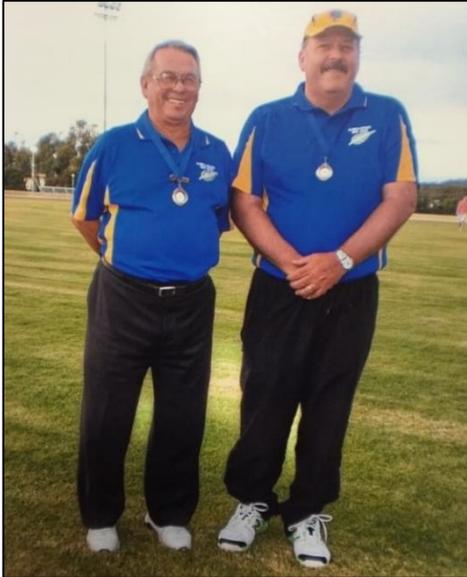
My visit to Inverell.

As many of the Kurrajongs were local sportsmen, part of the week long activities to celebrate the **centenary** of the recruitment march held in 1916, was a three day “Test” Match played between local cricketers.

Being a local boy and, much to my delight, I was invited to assist with the umpiring duties. My umpiring partner, for the match, was **Simon Smith**, a fellow member of the NSWCUA. A local schoolteacher, Simon also assists as the curator and serves a major role in Inverell cricket.

The two teams were named the **Mathers XI** and the **Gilchrist XI** in honour of two local identities from 1916.

Private Alan James Mather, an original Kurrajong, was aged 36 and a local Inverell grazier. Private Mather died during the Battle for Messines on 7 June 1917. His body was not found



Arthur Watson and Simon Smith

during the war. Private Mather was one of thousands of lost Australians whose name was inscribed on the Menin Gate War Memorial. In 2008 the remains of a soldier were discovered in a farmer's field during an archaeology dig near Ploegsteert, Belgium. After scientific studies and DNA testing, the remains were confirmed as those of Private Alan Mather. On 22 July 2010 Private Mather was buried with full military honours at Prowse Point Military Cemetery, Ploegsteert, Belgium. Members of his family were able to be present for this memorable occasion.

Lieutenant Archibald Knox Gilchrist, a local school principal, formed part of the Recruitment Committee responsible for the enlistment of volunteers from the district of Inverell. Lieut. Gilchrist was the Officer in Charge of the Kurrajongs and led the Kurrajong March on 12 January, 1916.

The **Mather XI** was captained by **Eric Higgins**, a former Randwick and Penrith First grader in the late 1970's and a renowned country cricketer. Eric, as well as now being a local farmer, is a highly respected administrator in the Inverell Cricket Association.

Skipper of the **Gilchrist XI** was local cricket identity, **Lachlan Binnie**.

The result of the match is secondary, but the spirit in which it was played excelled all else. However, for the record, Lieut. Gilchrist's XI proved too strong for the much younger Pte. Mather's XI in both forms of the game. The scheduled three day "Test" match finished in two days. An exciting T20 match was played on Day 3.



The match was played on the picturesque **Varley Oval** on a rock hard pitch surrounded by a sea of lush green kikuyu grass, several inches long. Not too many fours were hit during the three days. Varley Oval has special memories for me as it is where I played my first game of cricket on a Turf pitch when I represented Inverell High School First XI way back in 1954. The Man of the Match Award was won by local schoolboy **Joe Smith**, son of my fellow umpire, Simon. Joe scored a patient 40 combined with his excellent 6 for 35 from 11.4 overs – a promising lad.

Les Eastaway attended to the scoring duties. Les' impeccable scorebook is only surpassed by his love of the game. He has recently launched a book titled "**Cricket in the Manning 1893- 2015**", a copy of which was presented to me following the game.

Other Activities.

Following the match and presentations, a "**Welcome to Country**" on behalf of the **Kwiambal** people and other indigenous tribes was warmly applauded by all present.



Other highlights included the re-enactment march with an estimated one thousand participants, some wearing replica white hats from 1916. Proudly marching was a large contingent of descendants of the original Kurrajongs.

Ann and I registered and happily marched in memory of one of my great uncles who served alongside his fellow Inverell comrades in WWI. Many more locals filled the side-walks and clapped and cheered the marchers.

Two re-enactment ceremonies took place over the final days. One, a **re-enactment of the 1916 Recruitment Rally** and the second, a **re-enactment of the 1916 Farewell to the Kurrajongs**. Actual speeches from the **1916** events delivered by the Mayor and Politicians of the time were read by their **2016** counterparts including the current local mayor, various politicians and other dignitaries. God Save Our King was sung with great gusto by those in attendance. Both ceremonies were well received by the hundreds present.

I spoke to our fellow NSWCUA member and politician, **Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands**, on several occasions. Adam played a vital role in the week long activities. Many activities were publicised but time just did not allow Ann and I to participate in them all.

Another highlight for Ann and I was to find the name "**H. G. Watson**", my beloved late father, embellished on two Honour Boards of soldiers who enlisted for WWII from Inverell. Proud of you Dad.

Our return to my much loved birth town was full of memories and happy stories, outweighing me missing a round of Grade cricket here in Sydney - only just.



Bob Myatt and Daniel Brightwell



Glen Stubbings and Darren Carr



Ray and Kay Wilcoxon, Richard Cook and
Sue Woodhouse



Geoff and Michelle Irvine



Bill Howard, John Evans, Davern Lewis and
Cameron Duff



Kevin and Narelle Pye

13 seasons in the middle – Pat Kerin OAM

Umpiring- the early days.

Between 1994 and 2003, in a period where Cootamundra had very few umpires, Pat umpired local and representative cricket matches in Cootamundra and other regions of Northern Riverina. This included three Merrin Cup finals, several Stribley Shield matches including two finals, one Matterson Shield match, and four O'Farrell Cup matches. In addition, Pat umpired Cootamundra junior representative matches that he coached from 1991-1997. Hard to put a figure on the number of matches during this period, but Pat would estimate 50 matches. All done with absolutely no accreditation, just using the experience of playing the game for over 30 years.

Accreditation, administration, and officiating

After Pat was not selected for Big O's Sparre Cup [B grade] side for the opening match of the 2003-04 season [October], the Big O captain Gerard Piffero had done Pat a favour, and he immediately retired from cricket and commenced umpiring.

Earlier in February 2003, Pat gained his New South Wales Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association Accreditation and became a Full Member in 2004. He commenced umpiring in the 2003-04 season and at the end of the 2014-15 season, he had officiated in 431 matches. With umpiring numbers low, Pat estimates that in nearly one third of his matches, he has officiated by himself. In June 2010 Pat gained his for Cricket Australia Level Two accreditation at the Temora Ex-Services Club along with six other Riverina umpires.

In 2004 Pat was appointed Secretary, Treasurer and Appointments Officer of the reformed Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires' Association. Pat has held this position since the association was reformed [12 seasons]. With the reforming of the association, Pat set up the association and presented a constitution which was adopted. The CDCUA became incorporated in 2005. The CDCUA is the smallest affiliate in NSWCUA with just six members.

In 2005 Pat took on the position of the Riverina Cricket Zone Umpire Representative, a position he readily accepted. This position has enabled Pat to observe umpires throughout the zone and over the past decade 15 umpires have been given the opportunity to stand in country carnivals and five umpires have been elevated to the Country and Supplementary Panel. They are Chris Cassin formerly of Cootamundra and now of Canberra, Tony Hackett [Wagga Wagga], and Wayne Allan, Ken Brooks and Keiran Knight [Murray Border]. As a part of his role as Zone Representative, Pat has coordinated a number of winter training courses in the Riverina at Albury, Barooga, Cootamundra, Griffith, Leeton, Temora and Wagga Wagga.

During the past 13 seasons in the middle, Pat has made a committed effort to be available nearly every weekend of the cricket season, which included the local Merrin Cup competition, the JDI Cup involving Cootamundra, and Young teams [2004-05 & 2005-06].

The South West Fuel Cup involving Cootamundra and Temora teams [2013-14] and this season the combined competition involving Cootamundra, Temora and Young called the South West Slopes Cricket League, and representative matches including the Stribley Shield and Country Plate competitions.

Pat has stood in the Country Plate carnivals at Wellington 2004-05, Forbes 2005-06, and Gunnedah 2006-07. In the 2010-11 and 2012-13 seasons, Pat has stood in the Country Plate semi-finals at Yass.

Umpiring in the SCA

In January 2010, in a first for umpiring at the age of 58, Pat travelled to Bankstown Oval and stood in a second grade match Bankstown v Sydney a two-day match with Darren Goodger.

Umpiring in the SCA has continued over the past six seasons in second grade. In 2010-11 Pat stood with Mark Hughes, at Hurstville Oval St. George vs Randwick Petersham. In 2011-12 Bill Hendricks was Pat's partner at Glenn McGrath Oval as Sutherland welcomed Western Suburbs where 817 runs were scored in this two-day fixture. The next four visits to Sydney saw Pat stand in second grade one day matches. In 2012-13 with Muhammad Qureshi at Coogee Oval –Randwick Petersham vs University of NSW. In 2013-14, Pat enjoyed the company of Laurie Borg at University 1 as Sydney University hosted North Sydney.

Last season Pat ventured to Chatswood Oval with Muhammad Qureshi again with Gordon hosting North Sydney, while in round 9 this season, Pat stood with Kevin Battishill at the picturesque Manly Oval as the home side welcomed Blacktown.



Darren Goodger and Pat Kerin OAM

Pat has also stood in an AW Green Shield match in 2012-13 with Gary Crombie, Fairfield Liverpool v Western Suburbs at Rosedale Oval and in two Poidevin Gray Shield matches.

In 2013-14 stood with Troy Penman as Sydney hosted Western Suburbs at Drummoyne Oval and in round six this season officiated at Old Kings with Sharad Patel as Parramatta hosted Sydney.



Pat Kerin OAM, Errol Cranney and Muhammad Qureshi

Pat loves officiating in the SCA as it is always the highlight of the season and the matches always present a challenge, as he often says, *"I am up two or three gears."*

Pat rates these matches highly – standing with experienced umpires on quality grounds and officiating at a higher standard of cricket.

Umpiring has enabled Pat to keep involved with cricket once he retired from playing at the age of 52.

Busiest season in the middle

Pat's busiest season was in the 2005-06 season when he stood in 48 matches, which included 46 matches in NSW as well as a match in Hungerford in Queensland and Cobram in Victoria. Pat also attended 48 cricket meetings to cap off a busy season of cricket. The following season, Pat stood in 42 matches.

Awards

In April 2007, Pat was awarded the prestigious NSWCUSA Association Medal (now called the E.F. Wykes OAM Association Medal) awarded for his commitment to umpiring in the Cootamundra CUA.

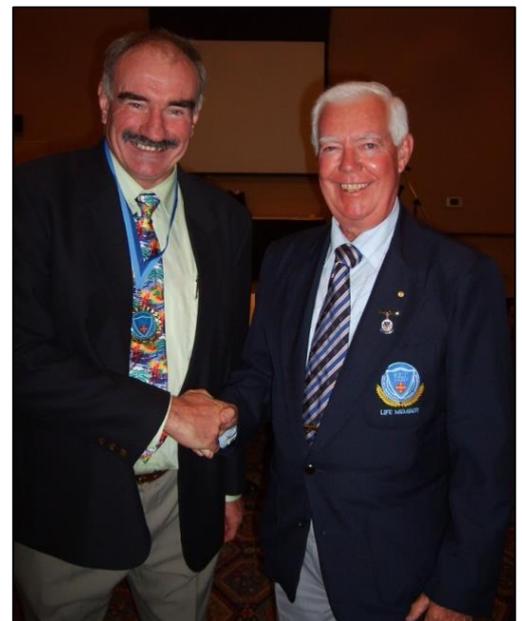
In June 2007, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, Pat was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia [OAM] *'For service to cricket and Australian Rules football in the Cootamundra region.'*

In February 2008, Pat was awarded Cricket Australia Umpire Representative of the Year for New South Wales. In recognition of this award, Pat attended the Allan Border Medal Presentation at the Palladium at Crown in Melbourne.

In June 2015 Pat was awarded Life Membership of the Cootamundra CUA along with Rick Becquet, Chris Cassin, and Graham Moon.

Other current involvement in cricket

1984 until present continuously involved in Cootamundra District Cricket Association for 32 seasons, including 16 seasons as secretary and the last 11 seasons as Secretary/Treasurer. Since 2010 Pat has been one of the curators for Cootamundra's two turf pitches at Albert and Fisher Parks.



Pat Kerin OAM and Dick French OAM



Graham Moon, Ric Becquet, Graham Chudleigh and Pat Kerin OAM

Pat has spent 24 seasons, from 1992-until present, continuously involved with Northern Riverina Cricket Council including ten seasons as Secretary/Treasurer [2002-2012].

From 1997 until present, he has spent 19 seasons continuously involved with the Riverina Cricket Zone in numerous

capacities including Publicity Officer, Zone Umpire Representative, Annual Report Editor and Committee of Management Delegate [2007-10].

1991-92 to 1996-97 and 2008-09 [seven seasons] coach of Cootamundra Junior representative cricket teams and since 2009/10, junior committee. Total involvement 14 seasons.

Sydney trip for Dubbo Umpire – John De Lyall

Above all else, a recent invitation to umpire in Sydney reinforced my priority to always make sure I am enjoying the game.

I was fortunate to be able to officiate in the first grade weekend Round 13 fixture between Fairfield-Liverpool and Northern Districts at Rosedale Oval, just behind the Warwick Farm racecourse.

On reflection, I can say the experience definitely met both my requirement and expectation to make the most of it all.



Rosedale Oval

This was my second visit to Sydney in two years for a country umpire weekend, and over the course of the four innings and the time around this game, I have gained some learnings and memories that are important in putting the “enjoyment” together.

I really think a lot revolves around your umpiring partner.

When you do bush cricket, umpiring in Dubbo or in most country towns at club level, your basic Saturday game is by yourself, it is only when you get to do regional games that you have the chance to operate with a partner.

I always believe you can take something positive from everyone you meet....the players, the officials and support people and especially your mate at the other end.

My first trip to Sydney last year, I had the chance to work with Kieran Knight, and this year I met up with Andrew Hamilton.

This was Andrew’s 199th SCA game, and he showed all his talent for game preparation, game management and decision making that allowed me to feel as comfortable as I could with my own responsibilities.

One of the pleasures of cricket umpiring is how you establish yourself around the game itself over the course of the day’s play.

The on-and-off field banter and game discussions develop the teamwork, and definitely set the platform for the game to be enjoyed.

So when those fully expected key decisions come around, I am sure we are all better placed if we are working well with our colleague.

Of course, if you haven't done your own preparation for the game, then you will be relying too much on your team mate. And so I was really appreciative of how Andrew was able to work progressively with me through the playing conditions as they evolved over the weekend.

As a matter of common comment from all of us, this game was played using the ninth set of local playing conditions I had used this year, and so having good familiarity and interpretation of SCA Game 1 from Andrew made for an easier transition.



Andrew Hamilton and John De Lyall

The opportunity to step up to a first grade weekend game in the premier SCA competition is no doubt the challenge I expect most umpires would aspire too.

And along with that comes both the mental and physical preparation that we train ourselves.

Even so, there is always room for improvement.

To this end, the process of feedback is very good.

The end of game debrief has to be taken in the right spirit to be of value to all. Captains Ben Rohrer (FL) and Chris Greene (ND) worked well with us covering some of the game's moments.



Ben Rohrer

Umpire observer, Mark Grant, offered some good advice on square handover at the end of each over.

Fellow umpire, Andrew Hamilton, was very helpful with some comments on appeal timing, general communication and key focus times.

I always find cricket is a game that really concentrates characters and moments.

To this end, I really enjoy the on-field game, mind strategies and tactics that go on.

Smart commentary, classy sledging, the timing of those comments and the reactions they get are all things that I look forward too.

Their intensity as the games builds, all adds to the many peaks of an appeal.

That's what I enjoy about the game.

I would like to finish by thanking Darren Goodger for the appointment, colleague Andrew Hamilton, the two scorers Robyn and Kay, the two captains for their work on and off the field, and to the Fairfield-Liverpool Cricket Club for their hospitality over the weekend. Four days away and 800 kilometres is always worth it.

PS: I think Ben Rohrer may owe me for allowing him extended batting practice after a feather went unnoticed by the wicketkeeper and myself and he went on to reach 99 runs. In the second innings of his next Shield game against SA, Ben scored an unbeaten century and the Blues got an outright win.

And be careful of the skimming of credit cards at Westfield Plaza Parramatta....ouch!



Fairfield Scorer Kay Wilcoxon



Answers to Laws of Cricket Questions

1. This form of practice is not wasting time but it is likely to cause damage to the ball under Law 42.3 if the ball is bowled hard into the ground. The penalties outlined in Law 42.3 should be followed. These are:

- (i) change the ball forthwith. It shall be for the umpires to decide on the replacement ball. It shall, in their opinion, have had wear comparable to that which the previous ball had received immediately prior to the contravention.

Additionally the bowler's end umpire shall

- (ii) award 5 penalty runs to the batting side.

- (iii) inform the batsmen that the ball has been changed.

- (iv) inform the captain of the fielding side that the reason for the action was the unfair interference with the ball.

- (v) inform the captain of the batting side as soon as practicable of what has occurred.

- (vi) together with the other umpire report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the fielding side and to any Governing Body responsible for the match, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and team concerned.

2. This form of practice is illegal, as it involves a ball other than the match ball and also involves someone who is not a member of the fielding side. (Either one of these conditions is enough to breach Law 17.) The fielder must not be allowed to bowl until at least 30 minutes playing time has elapsed from the moment of the contravention, or until one hour has elapsed, whichever is the sooner. (See Law 17)
3. Yes, the striker is out Caught. The first fielder's first contact with the ball must be when he is grounded within the boundary or, if he is airborne, when he took off from within the boundary. However, any subsequent contact by any fielder can be made from any position, as long as the fielder is not in contact with the ball and the ground beyond the boundary at the same time. (See Laws 19 and 32)
4. He is not out. The injured striker is now protected from what would have been a stumping if it was not a No ball. See Law 2.8(e)

5. The striker, on appeal, is given out Obstructing the field by the bowler's end umpire. See Law 37.3. The striker is out should wilful obstruction or distraction by either batsman prevent a catch being made.

6. She is out Obstructing the field. (See Law 37)



Joan and Clive Hitchen with Tony and Kitty Carr



Peter Hughes and Ken Buckland



Rina Hore and Peter Garlick



Bob Parry and Ryan Nelson



David Moore and Berend du Plessis



Rick and Julia Crocono

Cricket Terms

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| APPEAL | AVERAGE | BATSMAN |
| BOUNDARY | CENTURY | DECLARATION |
| ELEVEN | FEATHER | GLOVE |
| HACK | INNINGS | LAWS |
| MAIDEN | OPENER | PARTNERSHIP |
| REFERRAL | SEAMER | TEA |

Education and Development – Darren Goodger

I recommend this article (**FIVE THINGS I LEARNED AS AUSTRALIA'S COACH**, written by **Justin Langer**) following his experience coaching the Australian ODI side in the Caribbean recently –

<http://www.cricket.com.au/news/feature/justin-langer-australia-coach-tri-series-five-lessons-west-indies-marsh-smith-zampa/2016-06-28>

What can we take from it?

- The passion he has for his work.
- The future is not a place we are going, but what we are creating.
- He appreciates opportunity & doesn't take it for granted.
- People improve as a result of hard work.
"I'm not out there sweating for three hours every day just to find out what it takes to sweat." (Michael Jordan)
"The best impromptu speeches are the ones written well in advance." (Ruth Gordon)
- You don't have to be old, experienced or require a title to lead. Young people can lead. You will earn respect from your attitude, teamwork, maturity, preparation, performance & the way you treat others.
"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing." (Albert Schweitzer)
- Be positive & back yourself.
- Be aggressive in your thirst for knowledge & ways to improve. If you have changed nothing in your preparation for season 2016-17 then don't expect your results to be any different or your performance to improve. The most improved umpire I saw in 2015-16 made changes to his preparation & aspects of his technique - he acted on feedback. He improved his attitude & his fitness. He didn't get caught up in gossip & nonsense. He was self-sufficient & low maintenance. He didn't concern himself with worrying about the competition, rather he channelled his energy into improving himself & being a positive member of the umpiring team. He took responsibility. He spent some of his hard-earned to develop & improve himself, from a fitness & professional/personal development perspective. He was honest in his review of 2014-15 & then stuck to his performance plan for 2015-16. As a result he had a cracking season & improved his decision making. He made sure that he could have worked no harder. Can he back it up in 2016-17? Nothing will please me more if he does. The thickness of your scrapbook means little. It's how you perform in the moment that counts.

- Take advice & work collectively. None of us is as smart as all of us.
- Have good energy & develop the work ethic of a champion. The work you are doing in private counts for so much.
 “Whatever your work, dignify it with your best thought & effort.” (Esther Baldwin York)
 "To be number one, prepare like you're number two." (Maurice Green)
- If you work or are involved in cricket, cherish it!

I recommend this article **AN UMPIRE NICKNAMED BLOCKER**, written by Brydon Coverdale – <http://www.espnricinfo.com/magazine/content/story/1030253.html>
 Enjoy the read.

Some things jump out for me -

1. He is focused on his goal of being a Test Umpire.
2. There is a need to be patient & gain experience.
3. Hard work helps you put yourself in the right place.
4. He appreciates the opportunities the game has afforded him.
5. The importance of having consistent routines is as important for umpires as it is for players. Umpires need "immaculate" concentration.
6. Decision making is but one part of umpiring.
7. As umpires, we are in the people management business.
8. The further you progress through the pathway the more stakeholders there are to communicate with. This communication needs to be professional, accurate & concise.
9. The further you progress through the pathway the more challenges you will encounter.
10. Umpiring four day cricket is challenging & exhausting. The expectation is an umpire needs to be as focused & strong on day four as you were on day one. To umpire four day cricket well requires excellent preparation.

The importance of being patient cannot be underestimated. For Paul Wilson being patient is paying dividends. He made his first-class umpiring debut in 2009 & seven years later he umpired the Sheffield Shield Final for the first time. He has now umpired 42 first-class matches. If & when the call comes to umpire a Test he will have a wealth of experiences to draw on.

Patience is not the ability to wait, but how you act & the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. Sometimes things must unfold in their own time & there is no substitute in umpiring for match experience. It is difficult to be patient, but to waste the rewards for patience is worse. Respect takes time & many good performances to be earned, how easily it can be lost.

How the system has changed - umpires these days get the opportunity to experience much more first-class cricket before umpiring a Test. If you look at the umpiring career of Dick French, his seventh, eighth & ninth first-class matches as an umpire were Test matches.

Paul Wilson is a great advocate for umpiring & a wonderful role model for our craft. He has recently been reappointed to the International Umpire Panel for season 2016-17. This will bring with it opportunity to officiate on the international stage, new opportunities & new challenges. Paul prepares thoroughly, focuses on self-improvement, routines & the task at hand. He is humble, passionate about the game & goes about his work in a positive manner - being low maintenance, self-sufficient, recognising that he is responsible for his growth & development. He also makes a contribution to helping other umpires develop & grow. He has proved he is patient.

We wish Paul well for the coming season on the IUP.

As we all continue our preparation for season 2016-17 let's focus, & act, on doing the simple things to an excellent standard.

PATIENCE – Marc Chernoff

Patience does not mean waiting and doing nothing. Patience involves productive activity. It means doing your very best with the resources available to you, while understanding that the results you seek are worth the required time and effort, and not available elsewhere for any less time and effort.

In other words, patience is the ability to keep a good attitude while working hard on the activities and goals that bring you happiness.

Ultimately, the two hardest tests on the road to personal growth are the patience to wait for what you want and the courage not to be disappointed when it doesn't arrive as soon as you had expected. Patience can be bitter, but the seeds you plant now will bear sweet fruit. And these fruits are worth waiting for. There's no point in hurrying through life and never tasting their sweetness.

Australian County Cricket Championship – Phil Rainger

The ACCC started by kissing the loved ones goodbye and hopping on a plane from Port Macquarie to Sydney and catching up with the NSW country boys at Rydges Motel at the airport. After introductions and a couple of beers a good night sleep and the adventure begins.

Up in the morning breakfast and getting all the gear to the airport, Dave Redden got us all motivated and ferried us to the terminal to have all our gear checked in and tickets handed out with coffee beckoning. After a nice flight we landed in Melbourne to be greeted by a 22 seater bus with a little trailer. After loading cricket bags, physio tables and the like, nearly three seats in bus were filled. Dave Redden, driving the bus, was the only one with a comfy seat, with everyone else squeezing in. The boys decided to hire a couple of cars and make the trip much more enjoyable for the six hour bus ride to Mount Gambier (Thanks Cricket NSW). A little stopover in Ballarat for lunch and to visit the local sport shop saw us arrive at our accommodation around 6.30pm for a quick bite for tea, then a greatly needed sleep.

After sleeping in and with a hearty breakfast at the motel it was off to the conference room to meet my fellow umpires. Match referee Dave Rodgers then introduced himself and I met the other members of the umpiring team – Les Bennett (Queensland), Lynton Donisthorpe (South Australia), Nigel Morrison (East Asia Pacific), Nick Frampton (Victoria) and Herbie Hart (Western Australia). We discussed the playing conditions, worked out the location of all grounds and how we are going to get to and from grounds. After talking about them for about an hour and a half, we all left and got spruced up and went to the Mayor’s reception where all players and officials mingled. The calm before the storm. After all the introductions and dignitaries speaking we all left to watch a game at Frew Park between Australian Country XI and Mt Gambier XI. After an early night the games had arrived.

Nigel Morrison and myself were appointed to South Australia v East Asia Pacific at Penola, about a 30 minute drive north past the famous Coonawarra Wineries.

Start time arrived with EAP winning toss and electing to bat and after day one SA were in a strong position after bowling out EAP 124. Day two started with SA upping the ante, Ben Smith hitting an even 100* to have SA declaring at 4/190. The EAP batting for a second time, got bundled out for 52, meaning SA won outright.

Day three saw myself partnered with Herbie Hart, driving to Blue Lake Sports Park for the match between Queensland and Western Australia with QLD looking for a win and WA continuing on their winning way.



Herbie Hart and Phil Rainger

After the first innings QLD had amassed 263 from their 50 overs. After lunch WA were never in the hunt being bowled out for 189 in 45 overs thus handing QLD a win with a bonus point.

Day four saw a rest day for everyone in the men’s division, as the women’s division started.

Most enjoyed a sleep-in, with some of the NSW boys going to the beach with Dave Redden. Some went and looked at the wineries towards Penola where they would play the grudge match with QLD. I hired a scooter and went and looked at the sights of Mount Gambier, with the Blue Lake the major attraction. All umpires met up for dinner and discussed the day's events and upcoming matches.



Day five saw a two day game start with myself and Herbie Hart umpiring the match between South Australia and Victoria at Malseed Park. SA won toss and were in early trouble before Ben Parish came in and smashed the VIC bowling all over the park to be dismissed for 168 which included 14 fours and 12 sixes. SA were dismissed for 308 in 83 overs. VIC were none down at stumps. Day six saw the continuation of the two-day match and VIC were going well, until the introduction of the spin twins, Sean Nottle and Captain, Andrew Frick. In tandem they bowled 66 overs to dismiss VIC for 175 with Sean Nottle earning Man Of the Match honours with 9/41 of 33.2 overs.

Day seven saw myself and Lynton Donisthorpe appointed to New South Wales and East Asia Pacific at Malseed Park. NSW won the toss and sent EAP in with the sole intention of chasing bonus points. EAP were outplayed by NSW with EAP bowled out for 104 in 34 overs, with Scott Burkinshaw bowling superbly taking four wickets and Tom Groth taking five catches. NSW came out with high intentions of passing the total, 3/105 in 16 overs with two bonus points.

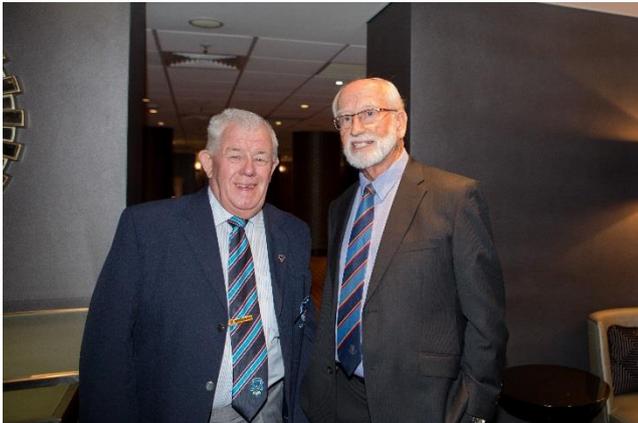
Day eight saw myself and Nigel Morrison appointed to New South Wales and Victoria. With both teams, WA and SA all locked on 16 points going into this round, it meant that the winners took it all. WA and SA were in the box seat both having an outright win over EAP, so all they needed was to win. NSW and VIC had to win with a bonus point to have any chance. NSW won the toss and grinded away a total of 7/231 with captain Nick Berry making a superb 118* to give NSW a chance.

VIC came out after a two over rain delay needing a bonus point victory to have any chance of gaining the title. Nathan Walsh came out and hit 59 off 25 balls to get them off to a flyer but to NSW credit they pegged it back, but VIC went on to win the game without getting the crucial bonus point.

We all then went back to motel to spruce up for the Championship Dinner and Awards Presentation where the players were rewarded for their efforts. NSW had two players named in the Team of the Australian Country Cricket Championships with Central Coast's Scott Burkinshaw and Southern/ACT's Mick Arblaster named for their performances. Tom Groth won the wicket-keepers' award with NSW also winning the Spirit of Cricket award. After a few well-deserved beverages it was back to the motel to pack up and be ready to depart the next morning.

After saying goodbye to Mount Gambier, it was a six hour drive to Melbourne for a flight back to Sydney where all the NSW guys said goodbye and went their separate ways, back to our home ports.

After a long 11 days away from family, it was great to get home, but the championship was fantastic. I offer my thanks to everyone involved.



Keith Griffiths and Peter Mooney



Bill Glacken and Kevin Battishill



Mark and Vicky Hughes



Keith Griffiths and Gerard Abood



Anthony Hobson, Shane Lightley and David Abbey



Claire Polosak and David Moore

I know where I'm going and I know the truth, and I don't have to be what you want me to be. I'm free to be what I want. Muhammad Ali

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. C. S. Lewis

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results. Willie Nelson

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STARS, AND YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND. Theodore Roosevelt

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. Winston Churchill

Opportunity does not knock, it presents itself when you beat down the door. Kyle Chandler

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. Henry Ford

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. Elbert Hubbard

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. Confucius

400 First Grade Games – Greg Lill

We conducted an interview with Greg Lill following his 400th First grade match. Greg opened up about the journey to becoming an umpire, First class cricket and if there was any plans to hang up the hat.

❖ **Why umpiring, what made you want to get involved?**

I guess I always loved the game, and would have liked to be a better player, but because I wasn't I used to get to umpire when we were batting and I enjoyed it because I was involved in the game. When I started teaching I coached the school team, I had a kid who was already playing first grade for Wests.....He was adamant I was better than some of the umpires he used to get so I thought I would try it.

❖ **Do you remember your first ever Grade game? Location, teams, partner and first decision?**

Remember it well, Greg Hartshorne was captain of Petersham and Steve Small at Bankstown, I gave Mark Waugh caught down the leg side.

❖ **Your first 1st Grade game was during the 1989-90 season Bankstown v Petersham with Dennis Graham at Bankstown Oval, who was your first dismissal and how were the nerves leading up to the match?**

Don't really remember too many nerves, I knew the Waughs and Wayne Holdsworth from schoolboy cricket and because I had got to First grade relatively quickly for the time, I was going to new grounds and seeing new players pretty regularly, all the time anyway.

❖ **You've spent 27 years in 1st Grade how has the game changed in that time? Players, toughness, ability, fielding**

I think that players fought harder with their batting, not too many first grade teams got bowled out, declarations were far more common. Players played for longer so on average the first grade teams had more experience. Today players want to score quicker so the game moves faster. There are still tough players though but they don't hang around in the game as long.

I think bowlers are more conscious of building pressure through dots and frustrating out batsman who want to score quickly.

❖ **You umpired your 400th First Grade match and your 511th match overall at Pratten Park on 20-21 February, 2016 what would some of the highlights be from the journey so far?**

Well meeting so many interesting people along the way, representative matches are always good to do because you get to see better cricket. There were lots of funny moments along the way, like Laurie's phone going off while Steve Waugh was batting.



Funny comments between players, Greg Matthews was the master of that. The u/17 and u/19 carnivals were good experiences and a lot of fun.

❖ **How was the overall day at Pratten Park for number 400?**

Well with Michael Clarke coming back, the day was a bit unusual, bigger crowd and a whole lot of marketing things going on. Once you were actually out in the middle things were pretty normal. It was unusual for the focus, at least in part, to be on an umpire.

❖ **Are there any plans to hang up the hat?**

Not really, I do need to spend more time with my son's cricket. With him playing both Saturday and Sunday next year it is hard on Evelyn to be there so much. If I had his ability I probably would never have umpired. I will certainly be available for a number of rounds next year, but I wouldn't expect to be on the first panel. I'll be happy to help new umpires to the association, I can't imagine doing no umpiring.

❖ **You made your Sheffield Shield debut on February 10, 2000 at the SCG where NSW took on Victoria what can you remember from the game and how was the experience?**

Well the first day attendance was only 300, I remember the intensity of the game. The way it seemed to go so quickly. It was rain affected so we had to use the lights to finish on days two and three. The dark red ball was really hard to see. The consistency of the pressure throughout the match was there and I remember being really tired at the end of the game.

❖ **You've held a number of positions within the Association from Board Director to Training Committee member, how important do you feel it is to give back to the Association through various committees?**

I think it is a way you feel like you really belong to the association, it is easy I think for people to be critical of decisions but when you have held a position you have a better understanding. Where we are now has been an evolution from George Wearne through to Goodge. We have only achieved that through a lot of people being involved.

❖ **Any family or friends and or members you would like to acknowledge or thank?**

Ev has been supportive throughout, she has spent a lot of Saturday's entertaining a very active young boy, especially before he got to organised sport. I think she is looking forward to the garden a bit more now.



Adam Semple, Craig Hambleton, Greg Lill, Marty Edgell and Fabian Cowdrey

60 SECONDS WITH JAY LENTON

Sharad Patel and Gary McAulley



Ryan Nelson

Ben Treloar



60 Seconds with Gary McAulley

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| Name: | Gary Michael McAulley |
| Background: | Born and bred Bathurst Boy |
| Day job: | Retired |
| Officiating debut: | Bathurst, around 1972 Sydney, Round 1 2011-12, some poor Easts fifth grade player at Punchbowl Oval umpired with Arthur Watson. |
| Career Highlights: | 51 grade games, Green Shield Semi with R. D. Goodger at Glen McGrath 2013-14. Standing on all 20 first grade grounds. |
| Best cricketer you have officiated: | Peter Toohey (Bathurst Boy), Johnathon Rose (Sutherland and St George) he has a cricket brain. |
| Funniest thing to happen whilst on a sporting field: | My first third grade game at Sutherland in season 2011-12 with Bill (BULL) Massingham. Before the start of play Bill was showing off his new black trousers while setting up the stumps, he bent over to pick up the bails and split them straight up the back. He then yelled "EVANS YOU ARE GETTING THEM BACK MONDAY". Same game I was at the non-strikers end, I called a no ball for over the waist, then proceeded to call one short on the first run, the batsman who was then run out attempting a second , as he walked off, Bull simply mentioned to the batsman "the one short didn't do you any good". |
| Any superstitions: | Cannot watch the first over of a test match. |
| Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (can be any sport)? Why? | Darren Goodger and Bill Harrigan. They both have knowledge of the game and back themselves on the ground. They also have the respect of the players and their peers. |
| Any special talents: | The gift of the gab hence the nickname EARHOLE. |
| Best piece of advice: | You never stop learning about the great game no matter your age. |
| What got you into umpiring? | The game itself as I could no longer play. Umpiring provides the best seat in the house. |
| Three people you would love to have dinner with: | Alan McGilvray, Ian Chappell and Graham McKenzie. |

60 Seconds with Ryan Nelson

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| Full Name: | Ryan Maxwell Nelson |
| Background: | I was born in Melbourne but relocated to Sydney before I was 1. I grew up in the Hills district of Sydney – went to Oakhill College and ended up playing my cricket from Green Shield at Northern District CC. |
| Day job? | I work for NAB in Business Banking – I have a team of 20 bankers who manage portfolios of clients that are investors, property developers or small to medium businesses. |
| Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone? | Proud to say I made my debut in 3s at the beginning of season 2014-2015 with Goodge. The first LBW I gave was at about 5pm on day two as the Hawks took the 10 th wicket. A. Kershler was the bowler. |
| Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)? | I have loved every second of it. First Grade debut with my mate Chris Taylor and Green Shield GF come to mind. Umpiring games with Goodge and Borgy have also been great. I loved playing in games when they were in charge, and really appreciate the opportunity of learning from them in my first couple of seasons. |
| Best cricketer you have officiated? | I am pretty new to it all, but getting a game recently with Maddinson, Nevill and Sam Robson was probably the most credentialed game I have done. |
| Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field? | I took 7fa in a league game in England one season. If you've seen me bowl that will make sense! |
| Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (can be any sport)? Why? | Playing first grade I always felt the standard of umpiring was quite strong. I made sure my teams always respected anyone who stood and in turn always found that NDs were treated well. With that said, there were times when things kicked off a touch, and the confidence and calmness of the Goodgers, Wilds, etc always gave me comfort. |
| Any superstitions? | Left foot on to the field first, always let my partner take the field first and the same pair of white socks since day one probably sum it up! |
| Any special talents? | Did I mention my 7fa? |
| Best piece of advice? | Be yourself. I once read a quote from Simon Taufel I think that went something along the lines of "I got to where I am today because of the mistakes I made". I like that a lot. We all try our best, and for me, as long as you learn from it and become a better person then it was worthwhile. |
| What got you into umpiring? | That's a good question. Davo and Goodge always spoke highly of the gig, and coupled with the fact that I just love the game means that I was probably always destined to try it at some point. |
| Three people you would love to have dinner with? | Family's best mate – only need two – my wife Em and daughter Elke. |

60 Seconds with Ben Treloar

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| Full Name: | Benjamin Clifford Treloar |
| Background: | Ferntree Gully, Victoria 12 th July 1982, We moved to Sydney in 1984 and have been here ever since. |
| Day Job? | Furniture Making Teacher |
| Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone? | 2006 Alan Davidson Oval, South Sydney vs Georges River alongside Gordon Smith. It was a 35-degree day and I insisted that we wear our ties. I do remember firing someone, but it was probably missing another set. |
| Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)? | All of the Grand finals that I have had the privilege of officiating. It's the best time of year to be umpiring. |
| Best cricketer you have officiated? | Simon Katich |
| Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field? | I think it was a 3 rd Grade match at Grahams Reserve at Manly, we had stalker run across the oval. He was not a pretty sight. |
| Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (can be any sport)? Why? | The official that really sticks out in my mind is Bill Harrigan the former Rugby League Referee. Just watching how he handled himself during matches, how he managed the players and the match generally flowed allowing the players to play the game. He commanded the respect of the players because he had earned the respect first. He wasn't concerned with what other people thought of him or how he officiated. He backed his judgement. A great example is when he sent off Gordon Tallis during the State of Origin match in Sydney, 2000. |
| Any superstitions? | Left shoe on first then the right |
| Any special talents? | Not sure if it's a special talent but I can make a rose out of a serviette |
| Best piece of advice? | It was from a movie, Master and Commander, it's not verbatim but this is how I remember it. "The only way to overcome a fear is to keep facing it". |
| What got you into umpiring? | I sat my first exam at 16 years of age when I attended a course with my Dad but it wasn't until about 1998/99 when I was playing lower grades in Shires, the majority of the time we did not have appointed officials so we had to umpire ourselves. So having attempted to open the innings and not troubling the scorers too often, meant I was umpiring 10 over stints for the rest of the day. I really enjoyed being out in the middle umpiring, so this soon became 20-30 over stints. I have loved umpiring ever since then. |
| Three people you would love to have dinner with? | Matt Hall is a third generation pilot, a former Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Fighter Combat (Top Gun) Instructor and the first Australian to be selected to compete in the Red Bull Air Race World Championship Jason Day is an Australian professional golfer and PGA Tour member. He is the current World Number 1 in the World Golf Ranking and won the 2015 PGA Championship Wayne Bennett is an Australian professional rugby league football coach and former player who is the current head coach of the Brisbane Broncos |

NEW MEMBERS

| Surname | First Name | Suburb | Surname | First Name | Suburb |
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| Alvaro | Ritchie | Griffith | Hennessy | Peter | Dubbo |
| Andrews | Graeme | Armidale | Hill | Stephen | Hornsby Heights |
| Baldwin | Bruce | Kanwal | Inman | Timothy | Hornsby Heights |
| Burton | Roger | North Turramurra | Jeyakkumar | Kumar | Paige |
| Collins | Kathryn | Epping | Kerr | Gregory | Narromine |
| Dennis | Michael | Armidale | King | Dacre | Armidale |
| Doughty | Roger | South Tamworth | Leerberg | Nicolai | East Killara |
| Finch | Bernard | Dubbo | Marshall | Robert | Armidale |
| Fitton | Robert | Richmond | Mosely | Raymond | Glenfield |
| Graham | John | Pymble | Parsons | Graham | North Strathfield |
| Harris | Shayne | Westleigh | Sherar | Michael | Armidale |
| Haywood | Michael | Redfern | Walker | David | East Kurrajong |
| Hecimovic | Tony | Bargo | Waterson | Darren | Epping |