

IN BLACK & WHITE

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ANNUAL DINNER 2019

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

We look forward to seeing many members in attendance to celebrate the season that was!



Gary Crombie and John Pearce at the toss of the Country Championship match between Central Northern and North Coast

Cover Photos: Top: Chris Cassin gives Devlin Malone a wicket at University Oval
Bottom Left: John Pearce, Ian Thomas & Gary Crombie at the Country Championships
Bottom Right: Greg Davidson & Simon Lightbody enter the field on Day 1 at the SCG



Chairman's Welcome



Mark Hughes

In this, the first issue of *In Black & White* since my election as Board Chair of NSWCUA, I write to introduce myself to members who may not know me.

By way of background, I reside in the greater west of Sydney, married with three children with my youngest playing Under 12s in the Parramatta District Cricket Association. My playing and umpiring career is modest and nowadays with my time on field spent working mainly with new umpires, I hope to pass on what knowledge I can to assist them in progressing their own careers.

By day, I work in the legal, risk and compliance function of an international

bank. I've spent twenty years in various roles with my current employer. I bring together all of my skills, as well as a love and passion for cricket and umpiring to the Board of NSWCUA.

I try my best to serve for the betterment of all umpires across the state. It is my hope in my term as board chair to engage with members across the state and am keen to work along with our staff to make NSWCUA the best umpiring association we can be.

Best wishes to all our members for season 2018-19 which is now well and truly underway.



David Cullen on field in a WBBL trial at North Dalton Park, Wollongong

Executive Officer Update

Darren Goodger

Dear Members & Affiliated Associations,

Approximately 40% of the season across the State has been completed, I hope the season has commenced well for you all and you are enjoying your involvement in cricket.

As an Association we have much to celebrate and be thankful for, with so many of our members achieving excellence and making great progress. We extend congratulations to the following members:

Gerard Abood

Gerard made his One-Day International debut as an umpire in the Australia v South Africa fixture at Adelaide Oval on November 9. He handed in an excellent performance.

Berend du Plessis

Berend was appointed by Cricket Australia to umpire the final of the U17 National Championship played at Allan Border Field on October 11 between ACT / NSW Country and Queensland.

Berend umpired the final with Andrew Crozier, a member of NSWCUA who resides in Canberra and umpires in ACT Premier Cricket as a member of the ACTCA Umpires' and Scorers' Council.

Steve O'Shaughnessy

Steve has been appointed to umpire three first-class Ranji Trophy matches in India as part of the umpire exchange between BCCI and ECB.

- 20-23 November, Indore
Madhya Pradesh v Punjab
- 28 November-1 December, Mysore
Karnataka v Maharashtra
- 6-9 December, New Delhi
Delhi v Andhra

We wish him well.

Claire Polosak

Claire was selected by ICC to umpire at the 2018 Women's World T20 in the West Indies. She umpired four matches performing to a very high standard, being appointed to umpire the semi-final between England and India in Antigua.

Rod Tucker

Rod continues to perform to an exceptional standard as a member of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires. He has enjoyed a busy period standing in seven Test matches in 2018, including umpiring his 60th Test in the England v Pakistan match at Lord's in May.

We are all very proud of his umpiring achievements. There is no better match manager.

Paul Wilson

Paul was selected by ICC to umpire three One-Day Internationals between India and West Indies in October. He stood in matches at Guwahati, Gahunje and Karyavattom.



Umpires appointed to NSW Country Championships

Northern Pool, Inverell, 2-4 November

Bruce Baxter
Gary Crombie
Ross McKim
John Pearce

Southern Pool, Shoalhaven, 9-11 November

James Figallo
Graeme Glazebrook
Anthony Hobson
Neil Smith

Umpires appointed to the Cricket Australia U19 National Championships

We wish all umpires well for the U19 National Championships to be played in Adelaide 3-13 December 2018. We are pleased to be represented by four New South Wales umpires –

Stephen Dionysius (Queensland)
Berend du Plessis (NSW)
Steven Farrell (Queensland)
Simon Fry (SA)
Ryan Nelson (NSW)
Troy Penman (NSW)
Claire Polosak (NSW)
Muhammad Qureshi (Tasmania)
Trent Steenholdt (WA)
David Taylor (Queensland)

In an excellent initiative, Cricket Australia has selected Simon Fry from the National Panel to attend the U19 National Championships as a mentor umpire.

Umpires appointed to Sheffield Shield matches

Gerard Abood

Queensland v Tasmania, Gabba,
16-19 October

Greg Davidson

Western Australia v Tasmania, WACA,
25-28 October
New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG,
5-8 November
New South v Queensland, Manuka Oval,
16-19 November
Victoria v Western Australia, MCG,
7-10 December

Simon Lightbody

Queensland v Tasmania, Gabba,
16-19 October
New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG,
5-8 November
South Australia v Western Australia,
Adelaide Oval, 16-19 November
Queensland v Victoria, Gabba,
27-30 November

Tony Wilds

South Australia v Queensland,
Adelaide Oval, 25-28 October
Tasmania v Victoria, Blundstone Arena,
17-20 October
Queensland v Victoria, Gabba,
27-30 November

Paul Wilson

New South Wales v South Australia, SCG,
7-10 December

Scorers appointed to Sheffield Shield matches

New South Wales v Tasmania, SCG,
5-8 November

Toni Lorraine & Darren Mattison

New South Wales v South Australia, SCG,
7-10 December

Christine Bennison & Ian Wright

Thank You Stephen Blomfield

We offer a vote of thanks to Stephen for acting as Administration Officer following the secondment of Nic Bills to a Coaching and Talent Specialist position with Cricket NSW until 31 May 2019.

Stephen was dedicated and did a fine job in assisting with a smooth start to the NSW Premier Cricket season. The Association made a special presentation to Stephen in appreciation of his contribution at the November Ordinary General Meeting.

Welcome Bede Sajowitz

We warmly welcome Bede as Administration Officer, a contract position with Cricket NSW until 31 May 2019.

Bede has made an excellent start and is a welcome addition to the team. He has a Bachelor of Media (Communications and Journalism) and is a member of the Association, officiating as a NSW Premier Cricket Umpire (Panel 2).

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

This is to clarify the position of Cricket NSW with regards to the WWCC, the below information being supplied by Julie Stafford (Cricket NSW Management).

“Cricket NSW take child safety seriously and are a signatory to Cricket Australia’s Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

*As per Cricket Australia’s Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, Cricket NSW **strongly encourage** umpires who regularly umpire matches involving players under the age of 18 to obtain a Volunteer WWCC.*

However, we are aware that the Office of the Children’s Guardian who administer the WWCC currently exempt umpires from having a WWCC in New South Wales.”

Members are able to apply online for a WWCC through this website – <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

Sponsorship

The Association welcomes McDonald’s as its major sponsor for two seasons and continues its partnership with Beastwear. Thanks are offered to Troy Penman (Administration Manager) for his outstanding work in securing these sponsorships for NSWCUA. Read more about this on page 37.

Mrs B’s Kitchen

Our dedicated Treasurer, Laurie Borg, has entered the catering business. Laurie, and his wife Sue, have opened Mrs B’s Kitchen with meals cooked to order, daily specials, corporate lunches, and an extensive in-restaurant menu. They guarantee great food, great coffee, great service, competitive prices.

Laurie has offered members of NSWCUA a 10% discount upon presentation of their membership card. Mrs B’s Kitchen is located at 4/2 Horwood Place, Parramatta. Phone number: 9687 8887

Appointed Board Directors

Members attending the September Ordinary General Meeting approved the appointment of Andrew Coates and Ben Treloar as Directors to serve in season 2018-19, per the Board’s recommendation.

We welcome Andrew and Ben to the NSWCUA Board, confident both will add value as Directors and make a positive difference, and congratulate them on



their appointment. Already their positive energy, enthusiasm and insight has been evident and appreciated.

Brian Walker – Wagga Wagga CUA

There is a written contribution elsewhere in this edition with regard to Brian Walker. To umpire 800 matches is a phenomenal achievement. Brian has made an outstanding contribution to the communities in which he has lived. He has been honoured with four life memberships –

- RSL of Australia
- Group 9 RL Referees' Association
- National Servicemen's Association
- Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires' Association

Congratulations Brian on umpiring 800 cricket matches. We wish you well for your continued involvement in cricket and

thank you for the wonderful service you have provided to the game.

Trust you enjoy this edition of In Black and White. Thank you to all who have made a contribution. May you all continue to enjoy your involvement in cricket. Thank you to each and every member for your support of the Association and the game. Cricket needs good match officials – the commitment of our umpires and scorers is appreciated. I believe standards continue to rise on the back of meticulous preparation from our match officials.

A final thought...

The best competition I have is against myself to become better.

--John Wooden



Roberto Howard in action at the U17 National Championships



Wayne Solomons & Roberto Howard



Keith Griffiths & Keiran Knight



Tony Carr & Andrew Coates



Claire Polosak & Ian Lock



Arthur Watson & Sathish Kumar



Phil Morrison & Pat Kerin OAM



NSWCUSA Scorer Members with Claire Polosak at the 2018 Convention in Wagga Wagga

Convention 2018

Christine Bennison

Another year has gone by so rapidly and once again it's Convention time! Off to Wagga Wagga we go, looking forward with anticipation to a wonderful weekend with our friends and colleagues. Most people travelled on Friday and after settling into our accommodation, a number of scorers and umpires headed to the café and/or bar for socialising and an informal dinner.

Saturday dawned quite cool and after breakfast we set ourselves up for an interesting weekend at Wagga Wagga Rules Club. Registration and greetings to more of our scorer and umpire friends whilst enjoying a morning cuppa and then to our room for the scorers' program to start.

The theme for the scorers was "Get Your Game Brain On".

Following the welcome from Marilyn Fowler and a few brain teasers to (hopefully) get our brains working, Kay Wilcoxon presented us with a practical

scoring exercise in the form of a page from a scorebook which did not balance, and we had to balance the innings. It was somewhat of a challenge particularly since it was scored by another person, or people, and some of the writing was not as clear as we would have liked. A great start to getting us ready to think like a scorer again and this lead into Marilyn's presentation on 'Handling Pressure' which gave us practical tips to help us get through the pressure situations.

Now to relax with morning tea and catch up with more of our umpire friends and then back to our room to welcome Claire Polosak who shared the story of her journey with us after which Alan Mantle presented to us some relaxation techniques.

After lunch Ben Treloar led an interactive Laws session with some interesting videos which generated plenty of discussions. Then more brain teasers before Darren

Mattison led us in 'Technical and Technique Matters'. Following afternoon tea, Darren Goodger joined us for a chat on administration and scorer matters.

These sessions were enjoyed by the scorers and we all gained something from each and every presentation as well as having some fun and quite a few laughs with the presenters. Their willingness to give their time to present to the scorers is very much appreciated.

The dinner on Saturday evening was most enjoyable and gave us another opportunity to socialise in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Sunday dawned very cold and wet, so we were very grateful to be indoors next door to where most of us were staying. The scorers started the day with breakfast together before beginning our first session with a chat with Anthony Wilds which was extremely enjoyable. We then joined the umpires for the presentation by the Guest Speaker Chris Nunn, a coach of Paralympic athletes.

We completed the scorers' part of the convention with a workshop on scoring T20 followed by a practical exercise scoring part of a recorded match which as we so often say "blew out the cobwebs" ready for a new season scoring this wonderful game of cricket. That just left a debriefing session and convention close led by Merylyn, before farewelling our friends and colleagues and heading home.

Our thanks go to Merylyn who gave so much of herself to ensuring we had a successful Convention, spending many hours contacting the presenters, putting together powerpoint presentations and arranging the scorers program for all of us.

We would love to see more of our members attend the convention next year. It is most enjoyable and informative and a wonderful way to prepare yourself for the start the new season and to get to know your colleagues better in a relaxed and setting.



NSWCUSA members in attendance at the 2018 Convention in Wagga Wagga

Technical

Darren Goodger

Playing Condition – Free Hit after any No Ball

The following question was received from a member David Everingham who umpires in the Independent Schools Association competition.

No ball was called in response to there being six fielders on the leg side in a one-day limited overs match (PCs allowing for a maximum of 5 at the instant of delivery). Free hit was signalled, and since the same batsman was on strike there should have been no change to the field. (I bet you can see the problem by now). So, I think technically, we should have insisted that they remain in position and then, on the free hit delivery, call another No ball for more than 5 on the leg side etc. Of course, sanity prevailed, and we let the captain move 1 fielder across to the off side. However, my understanding of the ISA playing conditions does not cover this situation.

Firstly, David and his colleague (Garry White) are applauded for their common-sense handling of a situation that was not covered in the playing conditions.

It has been recommended to the ISA, through David, that their PCs be amended as follows:

Field changes are not permitted for free hit deliveries unless:

- 1. There is a change of striker, or*
- 2. The No ball was the result of a fielding restriction breach, in which case the field may be changed only to the extent of correcting the breach.*

The Cricket Australia Almanac for the JLT One-Day Cup and WNCL has the following useful notes:

Fielders cannot move for the free hit unless there has been change of striker. For clarity, the keeper must stay back or up and not change his/her position unless there has been a change of striker.

Short leg can go off the field if he/she considers staying in his original position is too dangerous.

Keeper and fielders can put on helmets if they feel it is necessary.

If the front foot No ball is called and at the same time there is a fielding infringement that would have been called anyway, the captain is entitled to change his/her field to prevent a further and ongoing fielding infringement.



Tony Wilds and Berend du Plessis

Laws of Cricket Questions

a) A bowler bowls a foot-fault no ball which is a bouncer, the ball glances off the striker's shoulder as she is taking evasive action and not playing at the ball. The ball then goes on to cross the boundary. What shall the umpire signal? How are the runs recorded?

b) List the dismissals that can occur off a Wide ball.

c) The ball loops up in the air after hitting the shoulder of the striker's bat. It was a fairly delivered ball. It appears to be falling towards the wicket. The striker takes one hand off his bat and pushes the ball away with his hand. The ball is caught by a close fielder before touching the ground. There is an appeal. What is your decision?

d) You are the bowler's end umpire, and as the bowler commences her run, the striker has taken her stance as a right-hander. Halfway through the bowler's run-up, the striker switches to a left-hander's guard position. The bowler delivers a fair delivery which the striker attempts to play but misses; the ball pitches outside the original off-stump, and grazes the front pad, making contact just outside the original off-stump; the ball then strikes the back pad in line between wicket and wicket, and in your opinion, would have gone on to hit the wicket. What would your decision be and why?

e) The striker hits a fair delivery towards the boundary and the batsmen have completed one run and have started a second run, but not crossed, when the fielder deliberately kicks the ball over the boundary. How many runs are scored?

See answers on page 35



Sue Woodhouse and Cheryl Brain



Rodger Doughty & Ian James



Darren Mattison & Sue Woodhouse



Charles Howard & Graham Swan



Andrew Hamilton & Graeme Redman



Ken Brooks & Keiran Knight



Bob Davis, Graham Reed & Graham Chudleigh

Female Umpire Engagement

Claire Polosak

August 26th Female Umpire Training Day

This year saw the second annual female umpire training day. Twelve females who are planning on umpiring in various competitions attended the day to receive some professional development as the new season approached.

The day was planned out much like a NSWCUA Convention, with a variety of sessions throughout the day hosted by some very qualified quest speakers including Alan Mantle, Sharad Patel, Nicola Mepstead (NSW Breakers Head Physiotherapist) and Lisa Sthalekar (former Australian Captain and now renowned media commentator).

The day was kicked off with a couple of activities designed to warm everyone up and to start breaking down any potential barriers that there were. All those in attendance were broken into teams and given the challenge to create a 'Leaning Tower of Feetza'. This activity was shown to me by ICC Umpire Coach David Levens and required participants to create a tower with their shoes and the highest free-standing tower won warm fuzzy feelings.

After this we got stuck into a Laws session to brush off the cobwebs and to turn our cricket brains on. We were also lucky to have Alan Mantle along for a session with the umpires about distraction control and how to centre ourselves on the cricket field to be the best that we can be.

Sharad Patel was very kind to give us nearly an hour of his time (on a Sunday!) to share with the group his experiences as a newer umpire and also the routines that he has around his umpiring, both on and off field.

Nicola Mepstead also spent some time sharing her extensive knowledge with the group. The first part was in the Boardroom, where she outlined the benefits of regular exercise for not only umpiring, but also leading a generally healthier lifestyle and the benefits of doing so. Nicola then lead the umpires to the CNSW gym and the group got to run through some exercises that they can easily do at home during the week.



Female umpires being put through their paces in the CNSW gym

Next, we had Lisa Sthelakar present about a different perspective on umpiring, that of the players. She was very entertaining as she has many a story about umpires from not only her playing days, but also about current umpires from her commentary experience. Lisa highlighted the importance of not only correct decisions, but also preparation, the value of taking on feedback and the power of building relationships with all stakeholders in the game.

After this, we then headed into the nets with a cricket team that were happy to get some extra practice. Here the umpires got to either practice for the first time standing in the nets with bowlers and batters or begin to act on feedback they had received last season and work on their routines at the bowler's end.

The net bowlers were very good at deliberately bowling no balls and wides, not to mention appealing for almost anything to provide the umpires with the opportunity to make decisions and offer explanations as such.



And in the nets too!

All in all, it was a great day with a lot of enthusiasm evident in the room. You could see that the umpires were ready and raring to get out in the middle for either their first game in their career or their first game of the season!

Thank you to all who ensured the day went ahead and that it was so incredibly useful for those that were in attendance. To the presenters, who were all generous in giving up their free time on a Sunday to share their knowledge and experience with the umpires and also to the umpires for being willing to get stuck and be involved during the day.

Female Umpires in Premier Cricket

Welcome to both the new and returning female umpires for Premier Cricket this season, in both the Men's and Women's competitions:

Heidi Cheadle
Katie Collins
Michelle Evans
Sue Gregory
Annette Mackenzie
Margaret Marshall
Mae Mora
Elizabeth O'Dwyer
Manjinder Sandhu
Abbey Sim
Diana Venter

All the very best for this season!

U15 and U18 Female Country Championships

Early October saw both the U15 and U18 Female NSW Country Championships held alongside each other throughout Raymond Terrace in the Hunter region.

Congratulations to the umpires appointed to the carnivals, who were: Elisabeth Houston, Rob Pye, Katie Collins, Chris King, Michelle Evans, Graham Moon, Mike McKenzie, Margaret Marshall and Elisabeth O'Dwyer. Michelle Evans and Graham Moon umpired the finals for both the U15s and the U18s tournaments.

The umpiring team encountered an incredible amount of rain over the 4 days, and in many respects were very lucky to get any play on at all. The team were praised for their flexibility, positive attitude and willingness to get as much play as possible.

Thanks to Darren Goodger and Bruce Whitehouse for providing these opportunities of umpiring away from home for these umpires.



Michelle Evans and Mike McKenzie



The group listening to Lisa Sthelakar

The 50th Life Member

Bede Sajowitz

On October 3, the Association paid tribute to one of its most dedicated members by bestowing Life Membership of the Association upon Marilyn Fowler.

Marilyn became the Association's 50th Life Member and in doing so she became the first scorer and first woman to receive the prestigious honour. At the same time, she was also inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame – becoming the 12th member.

Marilyn's record as a representative level scorer is unparalleled. She has recorded ten Test matches (including an Ashes Test at Lord's in 2009), 28 One Day Internationals and 31 First Class matches. Away from the score books she has demonstrated an incredible willingness to pass on the benefits of her knowledge and experience to others.



Merilyn Fowler with Dick French

As a scorer trainer, Marilyn has defined the manner in which the techniques and skills of scoring are trained and developed. She was instrumental in preparing training manuals, related material and designing training courses for scoring when none of these, now expected, resources were available.

A desire to continually revise and improve the manner in which scorers at all levels are trained has driven Marilyn to ensure that NSWCUA remains a world leader in cricket scoring. She continues as a mentor, coach and selector despite the demands of raising a young family.

In many respects, she became the public face of scoring within this State and rightly earned an outstanding reputation within the media for the manner in which she carried herself in promoting the cause of scoring and its important place in our sport.

Being a foundation member of the Scorers' Committee and having served the Committee for 17 years and as a Board Director for three, Marilyn has devoted countless hours to aligning the activities of the scorers with the Association's strategic objectives, representing the Association inside and out of the cricket community at a distinguished level of professionalism.

Since Marilyn joined the Association in 1997, she has demonstrated a level of sustained performance, expertise, commitment to excellence and sacrifice – she is undoubtedly a deserving recipient of Life Membership.

My Debut Convention

Abbey Sim

Given that this will be my first summer on field, the 2018 NSWCUA Convention in Wagga Wagga was the first I have attended.

It was very exciting to arrive on Friday evening and meet with other members, some of whom I had met before at training courses and other events. There was a very friendly atmosphere which made me feel welcome.

Saturday morning arrived and a fabulous day beckoned which was to include a mix of Laws revision, advice on fieldcraft and technique and sessions detailing other areas relevant to umpires which wouldn't have immediately sprung to mind. I sat at a table with other female umpires and umpires of all levels of experiences were very forthcoming with their knowledge.

On Sunday, I had the privilege of attending a New Umpire session. This provided me with invaluable skills which I have put into practice on field. It was also helpful to be

able to consider a player's perspective. As somebody with limited cricket-playing experience, these insights expanded my knowledge.

The Convention was also a wonderful social event. It reaffirmed to me that cricket umpires and scorers are kind and friendly people. This was particularly evident during the Saturday night dinner. Furthermore, there were plenty of other opportunities to chat and learn from other umpires throughout the weekend.

I would like to thank everybody involved with organising the Convention. Particularly, the program put together by Claire Polosak and Marilyn Fowler which was outstanding. It surpassed any and all expectations which I might have had. The staff at the Rules Club in Wagga Wagga were also helpful hosts. The Convention was a wonderful weekend away and I look forward to next meeting together, to learn, in 2019.



Manjinder Sandhu, Abbey Sim, Diana Venter, Elizabeth O'Dwyer & Margaret Marshall at the 2018 Convention

Perth Umpire Exchange

Vince Calabro

One night in September, I received a phone call from Darren Goodger who asked if I was interested in going to Perth for the WA Umpire Exchange. I didn't hesitate to accept as I considered this an honour and great opportunity.

I flew to Perth on Friday 12th October and was met at the airport by Matthew Hall, the Western Australia Cricket Association Umpire Manager. He was kind enough to show me around the WACA. I was taken through both players' rooms, the umpires room and the common areas and even met Adam Voges, before walking onto the ground and taking in the stadium from the centre. The ground was being prepared for the upcoming Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and Victoria. It was a great experience being out in the middle and seeing this iconic venue.



The WACA Ground ahead of a Sheffield Shield fixture

After this, I was dropped off at my hotel in the city and went for a walk before having a relaxing evening getting ready for the weekend of cricket.

Matthew picked me up from the hotel on Saturday morning and we drove to Breckler Park for our match between Mount Lawley and Perth. The forecast for the day was for some rain in the morning and early afternoon and then clearing later.

Upon arriving at the ground, the weather was holding so we were hopeful to start on time. I met both captains – Michael Klinger from Mount Lawley and Luke Jury from Perth.

Matthew and I inspected the pitch, which was ready for play but the edge of the square had a very wet area that posed a risk to player safety. We delayed the start of play by 30 minutes, which led to a reduction of overs as there is no unaffected playing time in WA Premier Cricket Playing Conditions. As we were about to head out to start play, the rain commenced so the covers had to be re-laid until the rain stopped.



A sorry state of affairs at Breckler Park

Unfortunately, when the covers were removed, a lot of the water from the covers ended up in the area that was affected earlier. This led to a much longer

delay so this area could dry, with a further reduction in overs. Once again, we were ready to start play and the rain came again, meaning the covers were re-laid once again. After this short delay, the covers were removed with only minimal water in the previous affected area. This was quickly dried allowing play to finally commence.

The match was reduced to a 31 over per side game. Perth batted first and made 7 for 156 with Tom Scollay top scoring with a run a ball 52 late in the innings. Justin Kandiah and Liam Purdy both picked up 3 wickets for Mount Lawley. In the run chase Mount Lawley opening bat James Newnham top scored with 66 but they lost regular wickets during the innings and were bowled out for 149 in the last over. Alex Calmy was the pick of the bowlers for Perth with 3 for 25.

That evening a few of the umpires met at the Grosvenor Hotel in the city for dinner and drinks. We talked about our matches and cricket in general. Coming from country Victoria it was good to catch up on the AFL news without having to talk about rugby as well (sorry all, I just can't get into it).

The next morning, I was greeted to wet and very windy conditions but as per the previous day, this was meant to clear for a fine afternoon. I was picked up by my umpiring partner James Hewitt and we drove out to Richardson Park for the match between South Perth and Gosnells. When we arrived at the ground, we were a bit concerned as the pitch was not covered

and there were not many players or ground staff around. As we walked out to the middle we were greeted with the wettest, greenest pitch I have seen.



Might do a bit early at Richardson

The ground staff informed us the covers blew off overnight and they had to collect them against the trees past the boundary this morning. With more rain starting to fall, the match was abandoned.

James checked the other games and all but two of the eight games had been called off, so we headed out to Fletcher Park to see some of the Perth v Subiaco Floreat match. There was still some rain around, but this match was able to start and we watched most of the first innings.

I was dropped back off in the city later that afternoon and had a quiet evening. I flew back to Sydney on Monday grateful for the experience of umpiring in Perth. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and the hospitality shown to me by the WA umpires and players.

Around the Zones

Neil Findlay

Affiliated Associations 2018 AGMs

BLACKTOWN CITY & DISTRICTS CUA

Blacktown Workers Club,

5 June

Items of interest include:

- The elected Executive for 2018-19 is Peter McDonald (President), Brian Dick (Vice President), John Jordan (Secretary), Peter Ashton, Allen Green, Melroy Farquharson and Annette McKenzie (Executive Committee).
- Other appointed officers are John Jordan and Brett McMillan (Examination Committee) Brian Dick, Paul Dick and Gordon Jackson and (Appointments Committee) Brian Dick (BC & DCA Delegate).
- Fees for the coming season to remain the same as last season.
- Captains' meeting to be held on 5th September.
- Members reported that a variety of coloured footwear was worn in Semi-Final and Final matches.
- A question was asked about how insurance might be affected by Playing Conditions overriding the Laws of Cricket.

HORNSBY, KURINGAI AND HILLS DISTRICT CUA

Asquith Bowling and Recreation Club,

14 June

Items of interest include:

- There were 9 members in attendance at the meeting.
- Executive for 2018-19 is Scott Reid (President), Craig Easy (Vice President), Simon Moore (Secretary), Jason Fletcher

(Assistant Secretary) and Tim Davidson (Treasurer). No elections were necessary for any position.

- Other appointed officers are Barry McDonald (Training Officer), Geoff Hasler and John McQuillan (Examination Committee) Steve Hill (Sponsorship and Functions Co-ordinator) and Jason Fletcher and Raj Mohan (Delegates).
- Patrons for the Association are Darren Goodger, Geoff Hasler, Barry McDonald and John McQuillan.
- Asquith Bowling Club provides the Association with a sponsorship of \$1000.00 in return for its meetings and social functions being held at the Club.
- Umpire match payments were discussed, and it was agreed that they remain unchanged at \$23.00 per hour for one umpire and \$20.00 per hour for two umpires.
- Interest was expressed in having a Laws of Cricket training course possibly together with neighbouring Affiliates.

MID NORTH COAST CUSA

Laurieton,

24 June

Items of interest include:

- Executive for 2018-19 is Greg Taylor (President), Phil Rainger (Vice President), Paul Dilley (Secretary) and David Lowe (Treasurer).
- Other appointed officers are Paul Dilley (Training Officer), Geoff Barrie, David Chapman, Paul Nicholas and Denis Silcock (Committee Members), Phil Rainger (Delegate to Mid North



Coast Cricket Council) and Paul Dilley (Delegate to North Coastal Cricket Zone).

- President, Greg Taylor, felt the Mid North Coast McDonald's Premier Cricket League which commenced in 2017-18 was innovative and a great opportunity for umpires across the region. He thanked all umpires for their enthusiasm and involvement. The PL saw umpires and teams from three affiliated associations involved – Macleay Valley CA, Hastings River DCA, Manning River DCA – in a nine-team competition. Greg paid homage to Paul Dilley for his general work behind the scenes and his work in progress on the new MNCCUSA Constitution.
- The President also raised a serious Code of Conduct breach from season 2017-18 and indicated a lack of support for the reporting umpires from the tribunal. MNCCUSA to make representations about this matter to Mid North Coast Cricket Council.
- Treasurer, Paul Dilley, reported a balance of \$674.13.
- Annual affiliation subscription was confirmed at \$75 per branch.
- Umpires' payments – confirmed that two umpires be appointed to each PL fixture in season 2018-19 and be paid \$110 each.
- Paul Dilley also referred to the successful training course on the 2017 Laws facilitated at Kempsey by Laurie Borg. There is now need for additional training and professional development for umpires as a follow up to that course.

CHURCH CRICKET NSW CUA

Ryde-Eastwood RSL Club,
2 July

Items of interest include:

- The meeting observed a minute's silence to acknowledge the passing of former Association Secretary, Ted Hilton.
- The Executive for 2018-19 is Geoff Mansfield (President), Ron White (Vice President), Peter Smart (Secretary), David Findlay (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer).
- Other elected office bearers are David Findlay and Peter Smart (Appointments Committee), David Findlay, Graham Parsons and Peter Smart (Reference Committee), David Findlay, Geoff Mansfield and Peter Smart (Delegates).
- The Chairman welcomed Bill Hendricks to the meeting and expressed his appreciation the Bill was in attendance.
- The Salvation Army Carnival will be held in Sydney this season.
- The Australian Churches Carnival will be held in Wangaratta 26th December – 1st January.

BANKSTOWN DISTRICT CUA

Bankstown Sports Club,
10 July

Items of interest for NSWCUA include:

- There were 14 members in attendance at the meeting.
- There was no need for a ballot for any position.
- The Executive for 2018-19 is Dave Waugh (President), Victor Gauci (Vice President), Graeme Ayling (Secretary), Bradley Bristow (Treasurer).
- Other elected office bearers are Victor Gauci and Andrew Honey (Training Officers).
- The Financial Statement indicated a current balance of \$2128.55.
- No Annual Report was tabled.



- There was discussion about Laws of Cricket courses and the umpire shirt policy.

MURRAY VALLEY CUA

Cobram Hotel,
16 July

Items of interest include:

- There were 8 members in attendance at the meeting.
- There was no need for a ballot for any position.
- The Executive for 2018-19 is Arthur Owen (President), Matt Whitty (Secretary), Col Smith (Treasurer).
- Other appointed office bearer is Matt Whitty (Appointments Officers).
- The Financial Statement indicated a current balance of \$3485.00.
- Retiring Secretary, Mark Oliver, was congratulated on his 9 years of service for the Association.
- The meeting agreed to continue their affiliation with NSWCUA.
- After a lot of discussion and debate, it was agreed that the fees remain the same as last season: Premier League \$150, Division One, \$120 and Division Two \$110.

ILLAWARRA CUA

Builders Club, Wollongong,
18 July

Items of interest include:

- There were 18 members in attendance at the meeting.
- There was no need for a ballot for any position.
- The Executive for 2018-19 is Morgan Prosser (President) and Barry Moir (Secretary / Treasurer).
- Other appointed office bearers are Neil Findlay (Training Officer and Captains' Reports), Dave Cullen,

David Dobinson, Peter Ferguson and John Walker (Technical Committee), Morgan Prosser (Umpire Appointments and Association History), Barry Moir (Sponsorship).

- The Financial Statement indicated a current balance of \$967.47.
- Life Membership of the Association was awarded to David Cullen and Peter Ferguson.
- It was agreed to retain Association membership fees at \$40.00.
- Match fees for 2018-2019 will be First & Second Grade - \$110 or \$150 (one umpire); Third & Fourth Grade - \$60 or \$110 (one umpire); T20 (all Grades) - \$50 or \$80 (one umpire).

SUTHERLAND SHIRE CUA

Club East, Sutherland,
25 July

Items of interest include:

- There were 26 members in attendance at the meeting.
- There were no ballots required for the election of officers and the following will serve for 2018-19: Sid Edwards, Peter Howlett and Jim Lynch (Patrons), Bob Gorry (President), Col Hobman (Vice President), Lawrie Daly (Secretary), Wayne Triggell (Assistant Secretary), Lance Taylor (Treasurer) and Ray Brennan (Auditor).
- The annual report was presented to the meeting and enthusiastically received. An impressive document from one of our bigger Affiliates.
- The financial position of the association is very sound with assets of \$14,318.00.
- Life Membership was conferred on tireless worker David Robinson who gave an impressive acceptance speech.



- The meeting congratulated Lance Taylor on his impressive 27 years of continuous service as Treasurer.
- The Exam Committee and lecturers are to be chosen in August and the Association does not require any training courses.

SYDNEY SHIRES CUA

Club Redfern,
1 August

Items of interest for include:

- The elected Executive for 2018-19 is David Goodman (President), Stephen Clements (Vice President), Stephen Bloomfield (Secretary) and Trevor Schokman (Treasurer).
- The elected Committee of Management for 2018-2019 is Ken Buckland, Rick Crocono, Cameron Duff, Glen Hanshaw and Patrick Smellie.
- Ivan Holland was recognised for achieving 300 matches in the Sydney Shires Cricket Competition.

FAIRFIELD-LIVERPOOL CUA

Cabra-Vale Diggers Club,
3 July

Items of interest for NSWCUA include:

- A small group of enthusiastic members.
- Executive for 2018-19 is Darren Foster (President) and Arthur Watson (Secretary).
- The Association appears to struggle so it was suggested that contact be made with NSWCUA to gain access to some resources.

PARAMATTA DCUA

Ted Burge, South Wentworthville
10 July

Items of interest include:

- The meeting was well attended.
- The re-elected Executive for 2018-19 is Doug D'Arney (President), Ken Bakon (Secretary) and Terry Heath (Treasurer).
- A good number of active umpires.
- Good relationship with the local cricket association and no real behaviour issues with players.
- Training course to be conducted in August by Laurie Borg, Geoff Garland and Sharad Patel.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CUA

Central Charlestown Club,
25 July

Items of interest include:

- The meeting was extremely well attended.
- The re-elected Executive for 2018-19 is Royce McCormack (President), Kim Norris (Vice President), Bruce Muddle (Secretary) and Ross McKim (Treasurer).
- A well organised association who look to continue to recruit members.
- Sponsorship arrangements have been made with the Leagues Club and a local hotel.
- Kim Norris is very active in offering training to members.
- The association is appreciative of the support given by NSWCUA and the opportunities for members to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket.

GEORGES RIVER-ST GEORGE CU LEAGUE

Club Rivers, Riverwood,
21 August

Items of interest include:

- There were 9 members in attendance at the meeting.
- There was no need for a ballot for any position and the Executive for 2018-19 is Roger Spindler (President),



Damian McGovern (Vice President), Roger Ridgeway (Secretary) and John Kirkness (Treasurer).

- Warren Saunders is again Patron for the Association while Brian Booth, Kevin Greene and Morris Iemma are all Honorary Vice Presidents.
- All reports were discussed and accepted with the Annual Report showing a season of solid performance for this Affiliate and the enthusiasm of the umpiring fraternity being strong.
- The financial report indicated a surplus of \$405.00 for the season. Assets remain strong at over \$3077.00.
- The Association's appointed auditor is Geoff Williams.
- The Association's membership fee was kept at \$10.

SOUTHERN ZONE CUA

Bradman Museum, Bowral,
28 August

Items of interest include:

- There were 10 members in attendance at the meeting.
- The redrawn Greater Illawarra and ACT-Southern Zones were explained.
- The meeting approved the alteration of the constitution to allow members to vote on the dissolution of the Southern Zone CUA and the meeting then voted to dissolve the Association.
- The \$4800.00 held in the Association's account is to be split

between its four affiliates – Goulburn, Highlands, Shoalhaven and South Coast.

- The four affiliates were encouraged to now affiliate directly with NSWCUA.

GRIFFITH DISTRICT CUA

Exies Sports Club, Griffith,
4 September

Items of interest for NSWCUA include:

- There were 13 members in attendance at the meeting.
- The elected office bearers for 2018-2019 are: Don Coleman (President), Joe Catanzariti (Secretary/Treasurer), Gordon Browne, Don Coleman, Doug Cattanach (Appointments Officers)
- Graeme Bamford, Secretary/Treasurer since 2005, stood down. His sterling service to the Association was recognised by warm applause.
- The Association is not yet incorporated. Pat Kerin offered to liaise with Joe Catanzariti to source a suitable constitution for adoption.
- There was a long discussion about umpire fees. Members agreed to an increase in fees from \$80 to \$90. Umpiring representative matches were also increased from \$115 to \$130.
- All umpires are to rotate through the Grades and they are to receive travel money [\$40] to officiate at Coleambally.



Stephen Blomfield & Mark Hughes



Ray Marshall & Bill Howard



Ryan Nelson & Tony Wilds



Kim Norris & Ben Treloar



Laurie Borg & Kevin Battishill



Gordon Browne & Tony Hackett

Brian Walker – 800 not out

Pat Kerin OAM

Ever popular Wagga Wagga CUA member Brian Walker, officiated in his 800th match on November 10 as he took the field at Robertson Oval for the first grade match between St. Michaels' and Kooringal Colts.

Despite usually standing in the lower grades, he was asked would he be interested in standing in first grade for his milestone match.

Suffice to say, Brian was rapt to be elevated to the day/night match to be played under lights with the match starting at 4pm.



Brian Walker with Pat Kerin OAM

Brian, who is 71, first entered into the Wagga Wagga umpiring ranks in 1990. Four years later, he became a member of NSWCUA.

During his time in the middle, he once stood nine consecutive first grade finals as well as numerous other finals throughout his career.

In addition to his remarkable contribution to Wagga Wagga cricket, Brian also stood in the Australian Country Championships at Barooga in 1999 as well as Resch's and Tooheys Cup, plus Grinstead Cup and Stribley Shield matches.

Brian has been a part of the Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association Executive for the past 28 years. In 2013, he stood in his 700th match and was awarded WWCUA Life Membership in 2014.

Speaking to the Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser on the eve of his milestone, Brian said, "I still enjoy it and keep doing it."

"Even when I was a kid when I was playing at school, I always used to go out and umpire."

"Sometimes I wouldn't last long in the middle, so I'd go out and umpire and just happened to keep doing it." Walker said.

Given his fair share of media commitments leading up to the match, in print, radio and TV, the ultimate surprise came on matchday, when the players formed a guard of honour and clapped Brian onto the field.

The match itself was an absolute cracker.

Batting first, Koorungal Colts were bowled out on the last ball of the 40th over for 206. The highlight of their innings by a brilliant third wicket stand of 151 between David Bolton (102) and their skipper Keenan Hanigan (45).

Bolton is a stylish left-hander and wears glasses like his sister Nicole, who has played for Australia.

In reply, St Michael's had to work hard at the death needing 30 from the last three overs, then 21 from two before needing 11 off the last six balls.

With the scores level and only one ball left, new recruit from Cootamundra Brendan Gale (58*) smashed a four through mid-wicket to secure a memorable victory.

It was such an outstanding game, Brian and I awarded five out of five to both sides for their Spirit of Cricket.

Even though the match finished at 9.45pm, Brian did not miss a beat. It was a pleasure to be asked to stand with Brian in his milestone match.

Another of Brian's great passions is rugby league.

He was an active Group 9 referee from 1989 through until 2017, during which he stood in nine Grand Finals, 211 centres and ran the touchlines on over 1000 occasions throughout all the grades.

Brian has stood in nine Grand Finals throughout the grades.

Off the field, Brian has also made a significant contribution to administration. He has served as the Group Nine Referees Treasurer for 20 years.

Brian was also a Board Member and Treasurer at Group Nine level for eleven years.

Unbeknown to many people, Brian spent 369 days serving in Vietnam during 1969-70 and has been Treasurer of the Wagga Wagga Vietnam Veterans for 28 years.

Brian Walker has made an outstanding contribution to not just the sporting community but the city of Wagga Wagga as a whole.



Image: Koorungal Colts Cricket Club

A SACA Saturday

Dennis Chaplin

President Wagga Wagga CUA

Recently I travelled to Adelaide to spend three weeks visiting my father and to play in the National Association of Left Handed Golfers Annual Lefties Australian Championships.

And before you righties moan, yes, we lefties do have our own Association and our own championships.

During my stay I had a couple of Saturdays spare and I could've played some practice golf rounds. I decided though to make enquiries about getting one or two appointments in the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Premier Cricket competition or perhaps in a separate local comp. With that plan in mind, I contacted Goodge and he gave me the name of Sarah Fry, who is the State Umpiring Leader for SACA.

Sarah's role includes appointments not only for the SACA Premier competition but also for the district associations within the greater Adelaide area. Annual appointments extend well into the thousands during the season so I'm sure all of us involved in umpiring can appreciate the efforts of Sarah and her small team.

Fortunately, Sarah was able to give me a SACA West End Men's Premier Cricket Second grade one-day game between Prospect and West Torrens Clubs at Prospect Oval (also the home ground of the North Adelaide Roosters in the SANFL).

My partner for the game was Colin Shearing. Colin's professional profile includes being the CEO of the SA Independent Retailers and also as a business and retail management advisor and trainer. An interesting side note is that Colin acts as a lobbyist for the retail industry.

Our game started at 10:30am with 50 overs per side with Prospect batting first. The innings didn't present Colin or myself with any difficult decisions. In fact, of the ten wickets to fall, eight were from catches and two were bowled. Prospect's top scorer was Shaminda Eranga with 30 runs.

Interestingly enough, Shaminda is a former Sri Lankan international bowler whose career included 19 tests (57 wickets), 19 ODIs (21 wickets) and 3 T20Is (3 wickets). Regrettably, Shaminda's international career was curtailed when in 2016 he was cited by the ICC for a suspect bowling action. Although cleared to resume bowling at that level in 2017, he didn't bowl for Prospect in our game. His batting for Prospect was certainly entertaining and it was obvious that he has been well trained in batting and fielding. Prospect were all out for 110 in the 38th over. For West Torrens Sean O'Dwyer took 3/20 and Patrick Fisher 3/17.

West Torrens commenced their chase after the lunch break and quickly showed their batting was a class above Prospect's. Lach Pointon (51) and Eric Carrington (44*) put on a lengthy third wicket partnership. Both are young and



upcoming SA players and helped steer West Torrens to an easy win in the 26th over. The final score was 3/114 including one stumping and two catches).

I would like to thank Colin for an enjoyable albeit relatively short game.

I would also extend my thanks and appreciation to Sarah. I managed to catch up and have a chat with Sarah when at the

Adelaide Oval where her SACA office is located. SA were playing QLD in a Shield match at that time.

For those visiting Adelaide and perhaps with a spare Saturday during your stay, I would commend you to contact Sarah beforehand and see if you can get an appointment. It has added to my experiences and at testing myself in a different environment.



Colin Shearing with Dennis Chaplin at Prospect Oval

Polosak Creates Another First at Women's World T20

David Gavin

Cricket NSW Media

New South Wales cricket umpire Claire Polosak will become the first female on-field umpire to officiate a final in the history of the Women's World T20.

Polosak has been appointed to the semi-final between England and India in Antigua on Friday morning, Sydney time. It is her first appointment to a final of a major International Cricket Council tournament.

The appointment continues a significant rise through the global umpiring ranks for Polosak that dates back to 2016.

In March of that year, Polosak and New Zealand official and former player Kathy Cross, became the first two women to umpire at a Women's World T20 tournament and the 30-year-old from Goulburn continues to make history.

Last season Polosak became the first female to umpire a one-day domestic match in Australia at Hurstville Oval. She also umpired during the Women's Ashes last season and was appointed to the final of the ICC Women's World T20 Qualifying tournament in the Netherlands during July.

New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Executive Officer,

Darren Goodger said Polosak has had an excellent tournament at the Women's World T20 in the West Indies and deserved her semi-final appointment.



Claire Polosak ahead of a group match at the WWT20

“She is highly respected in the women's professional game and this appointment is on the back of really thorough preparation leading to consistently good decision making,” Goodger said.

When asked what was the most important trait that continues to earn Polosak such appointments on the world stage, Goodger summed it up in one word.

“Composure,” he said.

The match between England and India will follow the other semi-final between Australia and the West Indies.

Gerard Abood Makes ODI Bow

Cate Ryan

Cricket Australia

Congratulations to National Umpire Panel member Gerard Abood who made his One-Day International debut in Adelaide as Australia hosted South Africa on November 9.

Abood's umpiring career spans two states having officiated in both New South Wales and Victorian Premier Cricket competitions. Shortly after making his Sydney First-Grade debut, Abood was nominated for the CA Under 17 National Championships in 2001-02 before attending the CA Under 19 National Championships the following season.

In 2003-04 Abood relocated to Melbourne for work and went on to stand in 54 Cricket Victoria Premier First-Grade fixtures whilst also representing the state at the 2004-05 CA Under 19 Male National Championships.

Abood returned to Sydney for the 2007-08 season and has since taken his tally to a total of 137 games in the Sydney Premier Cricket competition, 94 of which have been in First-Grade.

In November 2008, Abood made his First-Class debut in a New Zealand Tour Match at the SCG. A week later he stood in his first Sheffield Shield fixture at the same venue, where New South Wales hosted Queensland.

In total, Abood has officiated in 55 First-Class matches, and brought up his half century last year in Vadodara, India. Where he was appointed to the annual umpire exchange opportunity between CA

and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and stood in India's prestigious Ranji Trophy.

Abood has also officiated in New Zealand in the Plunkett Shield, and in South Africa as part of the Sunfoil Series. Last season, Abood reached the pinnacle of the Australian First-Class season when he stood on-field in the Sheffield Shield Final between Queensland and Tasmania at Allan Border Field.

Abood made his List-A debut in a Domestic One-Day Cup fixture in Wangaratta between Victoria and New South Wales in January 2006. In this format, Abood has stood in a total of 46 List-A Matches with a further 21 Matches as TV Umpire.

Last season, Abood made his international men's on-field umpiring debut when he stood in the T20 International match between Australia and England at Blundstone Arena (Hobart). Abood's international summer extended to the highly successful Women's Ashes Series. In November 2017, Abood made his on-field Women's Test debut in the fixture between Australia and England at North Sydney Oval.

In the shortest format, Abood made his T20 domestic men's debut in January 2006 at the Junction Oval in the fixture between Victoria and South Australia. He was appointed on-field in 14 matches of the previously state based competition. Then since the inception of the club based Big Bash League in 2011-12, Abood has



been on-field 42 times and an additional 20 times as TV Umpire. Since joining the National Umpire Panel in 2009, Abood has been exposed to international cricket on numerous occasions, including appointment as Reserve Umpire to four men's Test Matches (the most recent under DRS conditions).

His Women's One-Day International debut came in February 2008 when Australia hosted England at the SCG. In total, he has stood in a nine Women's One-Day Internationals, including appointment to the ICC Women's World Cup in Sydney in 2009. In the shortest format, Abood has stood in 11 T20 INTL women's matches.

Abood made his debut alongside England's Michael Gough. ICC Elite Panel Umpire Aleem Dar is TV Umpire; Paul Wilson is Fourth Umpire and Jeff Crowe (Match Referee) completes the Playing Control Team.

SACA President, Andrew Sinclair, presented Abood with his debut certificate and award on behalf of the Cricket Australia Board, whilst CA National Umpire Panel member Simon Fry and former ICC Elite Panel member (and now CA Match Referee) Daryl Harper also joined the presentation group to recognise and celebrate Abood's achievement.



Aleem Dar, Michael Gough, Gerard Abood, Jeff Crowe and Paul Wilson making a presentation to Gerard ahead of his ODI debut

SCA Milestones

Stephen Blomfield

Congratulations to the following members who have reached milestones so far this season!

- Mark Frecklington – NSW Premier Cricket First Grade debut
- David Rodgie – NSW Premier Cricket First Grade debut
- Bede Sajowitz – NSW Premier Cricket First Grade debut
- Andrew Steindler – 100 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- Stephen Clements – 100 matches in Sydney Shires cricket
- Palitha Ranatunge – 100 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Ian Tabrett – 150 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- Marc Nickl – 150 matches in NSW Premier Cricket First Grade
- Chris Taylor – 200 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- Ian Bowman – 200 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- Tom Cooper – 200 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Rupert Mathews – 250 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- Brian Ferguson – 350 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- John Evans – 400 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association



Sandra and Brian Ferguson with John and Rosemary Evans enjoying lunch in the Raby clubroom at the interval of John's 400th SCA fixture

Laws of Cricket Questions Answers

Darren Goodger

See below for answers to the questions posed on page 12-

- a) No ball followed by leg bye followed by boundary four.
(Law 2.13.2)
Runs are recorded as 1 No ball and 4 leg byes.
(Laws 18.10.2; 21.16; 23.2.1)
- b) Hit wicket.
Obstructing the field.
Run out.
Stumped.
(Law 22.9)
- c) The striker shall be given out Caught.
(Law 33.1)
Whilst also being susceptible to Obstructing the field, being caught is to take precedence.
(Law 33.5)
- d) Not out. The off side does not change with the switch, and it is only the first impact with the pad which is relevant. Here the striker is attempting to play the ball with the bat, with the ball making contact with the pad just outside the off-stump.
(Law 36)
- e) 5 runs. Since the batsmen had not crossed on a second run when the fielder kicked the ball, 4 runs are scored for the boundary and additionally 1 run is scored for the completed run. Wilful act of a fielder is handled in the same manner as an overthrow.
(Law 19.8)



Guess who?

CRIC-O-KU Number 4

Clue: Lewis' partner

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

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

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

Enjoy!

- *The Nightwatchman*

CRIC-O-KU No 3: Solution

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November 2018 Merchandise Winner

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McDonald's & Beastwear

Troy Penman

This season will see NSWCUSA undertake two sponsorship agreements; one with global fast food chain McDonald's and the other with custom made sportswear company Beastwear. These two agreements will run for both the 2018-19 & 2019-20 seasons.

The sponsorship deal with McDonald's will run in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's. The sponsorship will see McDonald's take over the branding on the back of the field shirts. McDonalds will pay \$30,000 + GST to the Association in two \$15,000 + GST amounts, one each season of the agreement for this advertising.

Beastwear will continue to manufacture the field shirts and have their logo on both the sleeves and across the front of the shirts. Beastwear will be supplying \$10,000 worth of sponsorship in the form of contra to the Association.

The Association has ordered 700 shirts to allow all umpires in the NSW Premier

Cricket competition, Sydney Shires competition, the NSW Premier Women's Cricket competition and the Country Cricket NSW representative programs to have access to two shirts each.

The sponsorship with Beastwear does not cover the cost to order 700 shirts which means that members are required to pay \$10 per shirt.

The revenue from the sponsorship deal with McDonald's will be invested in items for members, education and development, offset costs for members and guests to attend Association events and an upgrade to Association products.



60 SECONDS WITH TROY PENMAN

Tim Gumbleton



Laurie Borg



Elizabeth O'Dwyer



60 SECONDS WITH TIM GUMBLETON

Name:	Tim Gumbleton
Background:	I am married to Kylie with three growing boys. My wife and I were lucky enough to have grown up on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River in country NSW in a small town of approximately 650 people which has grown to a metropolis of approximately 1,000 people now! Kylie's family arrived in town when I was seven. For me growing up it was all about sport, cards, board/video games and running around at the pool or the river. I played and watched just about everything but particularly cricket, golf, tennis, footy and basketball. When I worked out I wasn't going to be the next Viv Richards, Greg Norman or Michael Jordan, it was off to Canberra at age 17 for Uni in tandem with Kylie progressing to become Chartered Accountants together and then a move to Wagga Wagga for life as we now know it.
Day Job?	I am a Chartered Accountant specialising in business improvement, restructuring, dispute resolution and insolvency. My role is to fix problems that arise in businesses, act as a facilitator to resolve disputes and assist small to medium sized businesses and their owners to get back on their feet when they get into too much debt.
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	It was a great day, albeit a short one. It was a third grade match on synthetic at Anderson Oval in Wagga. I stood with Jack Jolley and Wagga RSL batting first were all out for 40 odd off about 12 overs with Rod Lambert of Wagga City taking 7. They knocked off the runs promptly before the break so there was nothing left to do but head to the club early. Jack was happy with my work! No one was fired that day, synthetic made it a bit harder. My moment came a few weeks later though in another third grade match with a full ball likely going on to hit middle.
Career officiating highlight (so far)?	Round 12 last season; standing with Keiran Knight at Allan Border Oval. A match between Mosman and Hawkesbury with some inclement weather. Hawkesbury won by one run on first innings after a strong fightback by Mosman who at one stage were about 8-200 chasing about 280 to win with the top order all back in the sheds. Usman Qadir of Hawkesbury took the final wicket with a terrific leg-spinner with some help by a great catch at first slip.

Best cricketer you have officiated?	Usman Qadir last year was a highlight. I saw a lot of him, 20 plus overs straight on occasion. Usman's variety, particularly the googlies, and his use of the crease were fantastic.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	Perhaps a sign of the times but having to deal with a lingering drone out in the middle standing with Zaheer Nazir at Waverley Oval last season certainly surprised me. On reflection it might have been to get a close up look at Moises Henriques putting on a show with 105 n.o.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Terry Prue. I can't necessarily explain it but whenever I think back to any umpire making a decision it seems to be Terry Prue under lights in a ODI.
Any superstitions?	I am not particularly superstitious. However, I am a firm believer in being wary of the Karma Bus.
Any special talents?	Unfortunately, natural talent and I are still trying to find each other.
Best piece of advice?	To be inquisitive, read widely and never assume anything.
What got you into umpiring?	A love of cricket essentially. I used to watch cricket for days on end as a 5-year-old. My parents were probably worried about me, but I just loved it. I still watch the old highlights on YouTube. Fast forwarding about 30 years I remember sitting in a club and being somewhat sceptical of an LBW decision. It was put to me by a few mates, in the traditional Aussie way, that if it was that easy why wasn't I doing it! I pondered that for a few months and then by coincidence I saw the advertisement that Tony Hackett arranged in the Daily Advertiser promoting a laws of cricket training course in Wagga. Two days of training with Darren Goodger, John Evans and all of the terrific umpires from our region and I knew it was for me.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Imran Khan, Bob Hawke and Bruce McAvaney.

60 SECONDS WITH LAURIE BORG

Name:	Laurence Charles Joseph Borg
Background?	Westie
Day job?	Accountant
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	October 1991
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	To umpire an over on the SCG
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Mark & Steve Waugh
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	My mobile ringing while at square leg in a First Grade match at Bankstown Oval
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Billy Harrigan/Simon Taufel in their sports they were the best at what they did.
Any superstitions?	Too many to list here
Any special talents?	Able to drink a schooner very quickly
Best piece of advice?	If it looks and sounds too good to be true, then it is.
What got you into umpiring?	Thinking I knew the Laws of Cricket as a player
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Winston Churchill, Ghandi and Nicole Kidman

60 SECONDS WITH ELIZABETH O'DWYER

Name:	Elizabeth O'Dwyer
Day job?	Lawyer
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	Women's Third Grade Gordon v Universities Blue, October 2014
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Tough pick - either the Women's Third Grade Semi Final between Gordon & Bankstown in 2017-18; or the Female State Challenge at Raby in April 2018; or Women's U18 Country Championships in Raymond Terrace in October 2018; or Margaret Peden U15 Girls Final in November 2018. I enjoyed each of those games equally!
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Maddy Darke (Australia U19; First/Second Grade Women's Universities)
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	After the ball was bowled, and not hit by the striker, there was a 5 second delay while everyone looked for the ball - it was located lodged between the wicketkeeper's legs.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Carlos Ramos during the 2018 US Women's Singles Open Final between Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka. An impressive display of an official maintaining composure during exceptionally stressful circumstances.
Any superstitions?	"See a penny, pick it up. All the day you'll have good luck"
Any special talents?	I can make a mean Piccalilli (Sweet Mustard Pickle) - I am was a State Finalist in Country Women's Association Land Cookery Competition in that category for the last two years
Best piece of advice?	Laugh often, forgive always and never go to bed angry
What got you into umpiring?	My husband - he did not believe that I would/could sit and pass The Laws exam, let alone umpire a game. At least he can rest easy as I no longer have to pester him with questions about the game!
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Alastair Cook, Darren Gough and Mary Gaudron (former Justice of the High Court of Australia)

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Abbey Sim	Winston Hills	Luke Morrissey	Gregory Hills
Allan Owens	Lewisham	Mae Mora	Kingsford
Allan Tillack	Lane Cove	Mahammad Rafique	Lidcombe
Andrew Hollingsworth	Lorn	Malay Dave	Parramatta
Andrew Miller	Kambah	Manivannann Karuppaiah	Parramatta
Andrew Still	Wollongong	Margaret Marshall	Dunlop
Andrew Turner	Weston Creek	Mark Whitehead	Wollongbar
Anirudda Phatak	Granville	Matthew Rose	Coffs Harbour
Anirudh Muppurala	Harris Park	Michael Regterschot	Goulburn
Atirath Sitamraju	Schofields	Mihir Desai	Westmead
Ben Perkins	Bondi Beach	Mohammad Shafique	Wentworthville
Beverly Mylchreest	Mardi	Motiur Rahaman	Wagga Wagga
Blair Robert	Merewether	Naresh Narendiran	Lidcombe
Catherine Russell	Nowra	Neale Benson	Cordeaux Heights
Chandarasekaran Subramaniam	Parramatta	Nicholas Cremin	North Parramatta
Craig Kelly	Hazelbrook	Pat Rodgers	Gladesville
Damien Duroux	Lethbridge Park	Paul Kehoe	Cameron Park
David Bostridge	Naremburn	Peter Johnson	Shoalhaven Heads
David Honeybrook	Maclean	Peter Lee	Cherrybrook
David Labedzki	Glossodia	Peter Wyche	MacGregor
David McInnes	Narrabri	Premkumar Senrayar	Parramatta
David Schofield	Worrigeer	Rafiqul Islam	Bathurst
David Smith	Rose Bay	Ravi Adabala	Parramatta
David Wallwood	Thornleigh	Richard Bentley	Medowie
Diana Venter	Meadowbank	Ritesh Desai	Parramatta
Elliot Mylchreest	Mardi	Rob Crump	Asquith
Ely Benchoam	Concord	Robert Humphries	Chisholm
Erica Day	Dural	Rohtash Salyan	Goulburn
George Cumming	Orange	Rory Beattie	Wahroonga
Gina Kearns	Jersey	Russell Murray	Thurgoona
Gokulavasan Nandagopal	Strathfield	Sanjeev Shokeen	Caringbah
Grant Keogh	Merimbula	Satish Konduru	Ashfield
Gunaranjan Tadedalli	South Strathfield	Scott Larsen	Orange
Hariharan Balasubramaniam	Ropes Crossing	Shane Halliday	North Nowra
Heidi Cheadle	Turramurra	Shishir Jathar	Westmead
Hiteshkumar Patel	Rooty Hill	Shobhit Garg	Parramatta
Ian Fletcher	Winmalee	Shreedhar Sampath	Waitara
Ian Furner	Manilla	Shripat Surana	Westmead
Ian Strudwick	Faulconbridge	Steven Tiberti	Sylvania Waters
Jahid Reza	Bathurst	Steven Woolley	Berry
Jahirul Islam	Lakemba	Stewart Dunbar	Darlington



James Brownlee	Goonellabah	Subra Shanmugam	St Clair
Jayaratnam Jayapragash	Prospect	Suresh Singh	Waitara
Jeremy Moller	Woolloomooloo	Syed Sibtain	Guildford
John Hansell	King's Lynn	Talha Kidwai	Epping
Joseph Scarcella	Coogee	Tamilselvan Rajendran	Parramatta
Joshua Wearne	Quialigo	Tanmoy Sana	Mayfield
Justin Van Niekerk	Milperra	Tejas Bipinchundra Patel	Harris Park
Kenneth Brewer	Cherrybrook	Umar Masaud	Marsfield
Kishan Sudeep Sudukuli	North Strathfield	Vikas Pandey	Castle Hill
Lachlan Honey	Revesby	Vinay Sada	Strathfield
Lal Natarajan	Westmead	Yegnesh Iyer	West Ryde
Lilli Clifton	Dural		



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