

IN BLACK & WHITE

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Kedar Oza and Rodney Porter prior to the AW Green Shield Final in front of the Waverley Oval grandstand

Cover Photos: Top: Sharad Patel on field in the Poidevin-Gray Shield Final, the last Premier Cricket match played in 2019-20
Bottom: Tony Wilds and Roberto Howard take to the field for the First Grade Limited Overs Cup Final at Sydney University.



Chairman's Welcome

Mark Hughes

Dear Members,

Welcome to another edition of *In Black and White*.

I trust you are all keeping safe and well during the winter hibernation. It has been a busy off-season with the NSWCUA Annual Awards held online over a week of announcements recognising our milestone members and award winners and the excellent production of our 2019-20 Annual Report recently distributed to members.

I have been greatly encouraged by our Management team as they continue to service our members in a professional manner whilst dealing with the challenges of working from home - as many of us are in response to COVID-19.

In writing to a number of our members congratulating them on their recognition of service, match milestones and awards, so many have replied to me stating how

grateful they are to the Board and management of NSWCUA for the positive impact and influence our Association has on their lives in training and encouraging them in their passion for match officiating.

As we continue to deal with uncertain times, I ask all members to continue to connect and encourage one another. Many are struggling with the impacts of COVID-19, whether that impact is in terms of physical health, emotional wellbeing or financial circumstances as a result of the wide-reaching consequences of the virus. A simple phone call or email reaching out to our friends and colleagues can go a long way.

As the days grow longer and warmer, I'm sure you are like me in looking forward to the opportunity to be involved in season 2020-21 when it arrives – in whatever shape or form it may take as we look forward to managing the new challenges that await in the summer ahead.



Rob Pye and Dennis Chaplin

COVID-19 Update

Troy Penman

The NSWCUSA Board is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and related government restrictions with regard to the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

With reference to the Association's Constitution and advice from Fair Trading NSW, all options are being investigated and considered – including proceeding with a face to face meeting, an online meeting, or a further postponement.

Any decision made at the upcoming Board Meeting on August 12 will be made in the best interests of members with your health and wellbeing at the forefront of considerations.

To confirm, there will be no ballot for the positions of Liaison Officer, Honorary Treasurer and two Elected Board Directors as there were no nominations in excess of the persons required to fill the roles.

Considering the current uncertainty and unpredictability of the pandemic, a decision on the September Ordinary General Meeting will be made closer to

the scheduled date – September 2 - as the situation continues to develop.

Should the meeting not proceed, correspondence from Management and Committees will be distributed to all members via email as was done in place of the April and May OGMs earlier in the year.

As we are unable to gather for our traditional pre-season Convention, the Board have decided a week-long online Convention will take its place for season 2020-21 – with materials to be distributed to all members daily.

A diverse range of materials will be provided to members - including videos and written resources - with live webinars to be highlights of the week.

We thank Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak for their efforts in developing this event to ensure that members will receive high-quality education and development ahead of the 2020-21 season despite these uncertain times.

Executive Officer Update

Troy Penman

Dear Members and Affiliates,

Whilst April to August is considered the cricket off-season, the Association has remained busy and we've been able to continue our recruitment, training and development of both members and prospective members albeit in a slightly different fashion.

We were unable to conduct our Annual Dinner and Awards night due to COVID-19; we therefore recognised significant achievements and announced the various award winners over email to the membership over a week-long period commencing on April 20.

The Annual Dinner and Awards night is a highlight on the Association calendar, and it was disappointing to not be able to celebrate and recognise members in the usual fashion, but the health and safety of all members is paramount. Once announcement emails were sent to the membership the information was also published on our social media channels for the general public.

The Association's 107th Annual Report was produced and circulated to the membership via email on July 1. The document provides a detailed overview of the season including the many achievements of members. This season the production of the report was kept in-house to save membership funds.

Production of hard copies has commenced, non-email members, affiliates and those who have requested a hard copy will be provided with a copy in the coming weeks.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank Bede Sajowitz for the countless hours he spent proof-reading all reports prior to the production which enabled a streamlined final proof prior to distribution. I'd also like to thank Darren Goodger for his assistance with the proof-reading of the final document and the feedback provided throughout.

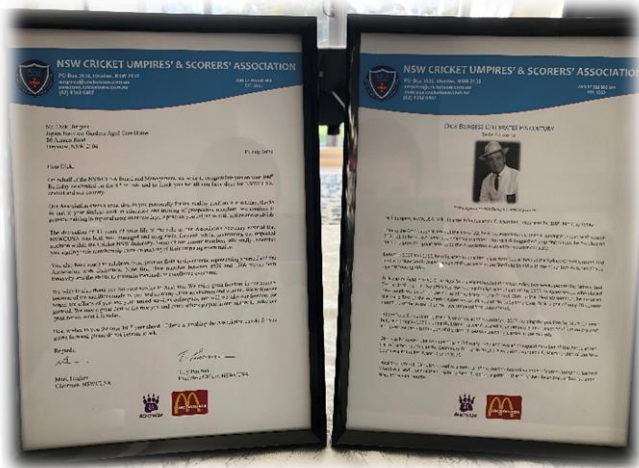
The training team (Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar) have been able to add a significant extra string to our bow in terms of what training we can offer and facilitate. Claire and Ben have taken our umpire training courses and developed them into online sessions that are easy to consume, highly interactive and provide the same level of education that comes from face to face delivery. This has enabled us to continue to provide training courses to the public throughout isolation when other sports and sporting bodies were unable to. Both are excellent educators and their work during this COVID-19 period is appreciated and applauded.

In the April edition of *In Black and White* we advised that NSWCUA Management were currently working from home and this remains the case. Whilst specific Cricket NSW staff have returned to the office to assist with the training of players the majority of staff continue to work from home; members will be advised if this changes.

An amazing milestone was reached on July 9, as Life Member and inaugural Hall of Fame inductee Dick Burgess turned 100. Members were provided with an article showcasing Dick's contribution to



NSWCUSA, cricket and his country. On behalf of the membership Dick was sent a gift basket along with a personal letter signed by the Chairman and Executive Officer.



Membership cards have been ordered and produced. These will be distributed to all members who have renewed for season 2020-21 by late August.

As recently advised, we're currently working on the delivery of an online convention. The training team have again been working hard to firstly put forward a proposal to the NSWCUSA Board and then once approval was given commence work on securing the presenters and resource materials that will be circulated across the week-long event.

It is pleasing that all members will be able to benefit from the education, training and development that is provided across the week free of charge.

More information will be provided in the lead up to the convention and we look forward to the different experience an online convention will bring to the membership.

Preparations have commenced for season 2020-21. We know that cricket will be

played to what extent and how much is still a little in the air, but we will have members ready to go for ball one.

We've received some initial information from the Sydney Cricket Association that NSW Premier Cricket First and Second Grade competitions will commence on September 26 whilst Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade will commence on October 31. Once the schedule for the entire season has been confirmed we will send around a JotForm link to invite members to advise of their availability.

It's with pleasure that we advise McDonald's will again be sponsoring the Association for season 2020-21. In consultation with the Cricket NSW Commercial Department McDonald's has agreed to continue partnering with NSWCUSA. The partnership is only for one season given the current climate that we live in, but it is hoped that a multi-year deal can be agreed upon ahead of the 2021-22 season. The deal at this stage is for \$7,500 + GST which is only half of what we had received in previous seasons but given the current financial climate we believe that it is in the best interest of the Association. There is the potential for the amount to be doubled and fall in line with previous seasons and we will have this finalised in the coming weeks. Revenue from this sponsorship will be used on further education and development of members.

I'd like to finish by thanking Claire, Ben and Bede for their continued hard work and dedication to the Association and its members. COVID-19 has provided its challenges, but they've been able to turn these constraints into positives finding new ways to achieve our goals and targets. I'd also like to thank Darren for his guidance and support throughout these unique times.

State Umpiring Manager Update

Darren Goodger

Keiran Knight

Keiran Knight is acknowledged having chosen to stand down from the NSW State Umpire Panel. He has decided to umpire in the Newcastle District Cricket Association competition (NDCA) in season 2020-21.

Keiran will add tremendous value and cricket experience to the NDCA, having played first grade in Sydney and represented New South Wales at State Second XI level. He also played for Riverina and New South Wales Country.

Keiran has been selected on the Country Umpire Representative Panel (CURP) where he will also work with his colleagues in an on-field coaching and observing capacity, supporting the work of Country Umpire Coach, Neil Findlay.

Keiran is enthusiastic about making a contribution and we offer appreciation for his selflessness and willingness to share experience to benefit others.

Keiran is an outstanding person and umpire, highly respected by first grade captains in NSW Premier Cricket. We are fortunate to have him available for the CURP and for his preparedness to genuinely support other umpires with their development.

Keiran's commitment to the State Panel has been exemplary. His cricket knowledge and intuitive feel for the game, along with his common sense approach to umpiring, his dedication to teamwork, willingness to share and mentor, relaxed disposition and composure, and his warm

sense of humour have all been appreciated by his fellow match officials.

Keiran can be proud of his umpiring achievements, officiating in the WBBL and WNCL, at National Championships (U17 M and U18 F) and in NSW Premier Cricket finals. Above all he can be pleased with his attitude, consistently living his core values and those of Australian Cricket, and what he brought to his teammates. He has been a trusted and respected State Panel colleague.

We thank Keiran for his time on the State Panel and for all he contributed, and wish him well umpiring in the strong NDCA competition and as a member of the CURP.



Country Umpire Representative Panel

It is a pleasure to confirm the Country Umpire Representative Panel for season 2020-21

- Bruce Baxter
(North Coastal)
- Ken Brooks
(Riverina)
- Gary Crombie
(Central Northern / Newcastle)
- David Cullen
(Greater Illawarra)
- John De Lyall
(Western)
- Graeme Glazebrook
(Western)
- Tony Hackett
(Riverina)
- Brenton Harrison
(Riverina)
- Keiran Knight
(Newcastle)
- Ross McKim
(Newcastle)
- Phil Rainger
(North Coastal / Newcastle)
- Neil Smith
(Riverina)

Congratulations to all umpires who have been selected, we wish you the very best for the coming season.

This is a wonderful panel of representative umpires who serve bush cricket with distinction. We appreciate your professionalism, commitment and the contribution you make to Country Cricket NSW programs and CNSW programs such as the Youth Championships and State Challenges. There is a genuine spirit of goodwill and high performance among this group, completely ego-free and excuse-free, encouraging, supportive and positive toward their colleagues. This extends beyond the cricket field.

The panel is a pleasure to work with and as a group has a proud record of performing extremely well in the carnivals to which they are appointed. The panel is encouraged to continue leading by example, being fine role models for all country umpires and giving them a panel to which they can aspire to belong.

Neil Findlay has been reappointed Country Umpire Coach for season 2020-21 by the NSWCUSA Board. Neil does an excellent job in working with the panel in terms of preparation, planning, performance and the self-review process. He is an outstanding umpire observer and coach.

We thank Neil for his commitment to the role, to the umpires as people and their development.

At the request of the State Umpiring Manager, the NSWCUSA Board has appointed a Country Umpire Selection Committee to select the CURP for 2021-22.

The selectors will be the State Umpiring Manager (Chair), Graham Chudleigh, Neil Findlay and Keith Griffiths. All selectors will view the performances of country umpires during the coming season. Feedback will be provided in order to acknowledge strengths and identify areas for



Graeme Glazebrook and Bruce Baxter on the SCG ahead of the Plan B Regional Bash Final

improvement. The selectors will meet to determine the 2021-22 panel in June next year.

We look forward to all panel members umpiring a First Grade match in NSW Premier Cricket and to providing this group with as many opportunities as possible.

To the umpires, congratulations again on your selection and best wishes for 2020-21. We appreciate you and what you do.

Cricket Australia Umpire Panels

Cricket Australia has announced the umpire panels for season 2020-21. Congratulations and best wishes to all umpires who have been selected. Our members represent themselves, NSWCUA and CNSW in professional cricket with excellence.

NATIONAL UMPIRE PANEL

- Gerard Abood (New South Wales)
- Darren Close (Tasmania)
- Shawn Craig (Victoria)
- Greg Davidson (New South Wales)
- Phil Gillespie (Victoria)
- Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania)
- Donovan Koch (Queensland)
- Sam Nogajski (Tasmania)
- Tony Wilds (New South Wales)
- Paul Wilson (New South Wales)

SUPPLEMENTARY PANEL

- Nathan Johnstone (Western Australia)
- Simon Lightbody (New South Wales)
- Troy Penman (New South Wales)
- Claire Polosak (New South Wales)
- David Taylor (Queensland)
- Ben Treloar (New South Wales)

NSW STATE UMPIRE PANEL

The State Umpire Panel for season 2020-21 will be selected in September, once the precise opportunities for these umpires to officiate in Cricket Australia competitions becomes clear.

Rod Tucker – Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires

Rod Tucker continues as a member of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires. He is an outstanding umpire and advocate for umpiring having been a member of the Elite Panel since 2010. We hope to see Rod umpiring Test cricket at home this summer in the Australia v India series. Rod has now umpired 71 Tests, 84 ODIs and 25 T20I matches.

The only change made by the ICC to the Elite Panel sees Nitin Menon (India) selected to replace Nigel Llong (England).

CNSW Leadership

We offer a sincere vote of thanks to Lee Germon (CEO) and John Knox (NSW Cricket Board Chair) for their outstanding leadership of CNSW.

They have been strong, decisive, professional and consistent in their messages throughout a challenging period. CNSW has made decisions that will continue to strengthen cricket in the State and allow the game to grow in order to deliver on its purpose which is to inspire everyone to love cricket.

The support of CNSW for match officials and NSWCUA has been exceptional.

Competitions & Programs in Season 2020-21

CNSW is continuing to work with all levels of Government to enable the return of professional and community cricket. We have much to look forward to in season 2020-21. As details of competitions and programs become clear this information will be communicated to NSWCUA members as soon as possible.

NSWCUSA Management

I wish to commend the team who serve and lead match officials at CNSW:

- Troy Penman
Executive Officer, NSWCUSA
- Bede Sajowitz
Administrator, NSWCUSA
- Ben Treloar
Education Officer, NSWCUSA
- Claire Polosak
Umpire Educator /
Female Engagement, CNSW

Each has been outstanding in their respective role.

Troy and Bede worked together to produce an excellent Annual Report which is a comprehensive record of season 2019-20.

Ben and Claire have set the standard with the development and delivery of online training courses and resource materials for prospective umpires at the community and representative officiating levels. This has been willingly shared with all states and territories. Through their work, commitment and enthusiasm NSWCUSA is a recognised world leader in the area of umpire education and development. Their efforts have been widely acknowledged and warmly praised.

Cricket Australia Review

Cricket Australia has published a review into match official selection, performance and capabilities with a detailed report.

Areas covered by the review:

- Selection of umpires and match referees
- Performance and competencies
- On and off field performance
- Performance of the current processes and procedures
- Required standards of performance and levels of competency; measurement of those standards; recognising good

performance and addressing poor performance

- Umpire and match referee feedback loops, assessments, review meetings, mid and full season reviews and coaching conversations
- Capabilities of umpires and match referees

Should any member wish to read the review then please do contact me and it will be forwarded to you.

Vale Alan McCarthy

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we advise of the passing of Alan McCarthy, president of the Victorian Cricket Association Umpires' and Scorers' Association (VCAUSA).



From the many wonderful and warm tributes paid, Alan was obviously a most outstanding person and a genuine advocate for match officials and the VCAUSA.

It is clear Alan leaves a legacy of tireless work, distinguished leadership, friendship, selflessness, advocacy and good will.

At NSWCUSA and Cricket NSW we join with the VCAUSA members in mourning Alan's passing, celebrating his life and recognising his significant contribution to cricket and the VCAUSA.

May Alan rest in peace and his spirit live on in the VCAUSA.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers Alan, his family and the VCAUSA members as we express our sincere condolence and deepest sympathy to all concerned who grieve his passing.

Neale Daniher – When all is said and done

Neale Daniher has written a wonderful book with so many outstanding messages.

One of the chapters is around Trust and a short piece is shared with you here:

“For all the importance of leadership, teamwork and honesty in a team

environment, they all lack punch in the absence of trust. Trust is the oil that greases the engine to get things done. Trust is at the core of our relationships at a personal, organisational and societal level. With trust comes confidence; without it, there is suspicion, which can destroy momentum in any team environment. When trust exists, things happen, but when there’s a lack of trust, pretty soon everything slows down. We earn trust day by day, week by week and month by month, but we can lose it in an instant.”

Thought

“Our example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing” - Albert Schweitzer



Manjinder Sandhu and Geoff Hoy ahead of the toss at the U15 Women's Country Championships

Education Officer Update

Ben Treloar

Online Laws Course

The Education and Development team have been busy adapting our face to face Umpire Training Course – Level II accreditation to the current climate, developing an online version being delivered via the Zoom platform.

We have focused the training on prospective members, with smaller groups of around 20 people. May, June and July have all seen courses held with another planned for August. These have been very well received and the positive feedback is validating the incredible work being carried out by the NSWCUA training team.

A special mention to the following members; Laurie Borg, Andrew Coates, James Figallo, Roberto Howard, Kim Norris, Claire Polosak and Bede Sajowitz; who have all contributed to the initial and continued development of the online course. To all those who have provided feedback, thank you. By offering this, it allows us to continually improve the online experience.

Laws of Cricket Questions

Another edition of the Laws of Cricket questions has been shared with the membership since the last edition of *In Black and White*.

These continue to be well received, meaning we are opening the law book and engaging with and strengthening our law application in preparation for the upcoming season.

July saw the addition of video links to a few questions. Future editions will continue to incorporate videos, providing a visual context supporting the written scenarios.

If you would like to see questions on a particular aspect of law, suggestions are more than welcome – please send these to ben.treloar@cricketnsw.com.au

Convention

Planning for the Convention is underway. This year, we will be utilising the online environment to deliver the convention with our focus being education and development of our members heading into the 2020-21 season. Stay tuned for more updates prior to the event.

Winter Training Courses

The NSWCUA training team will be busy over the winter months heading into the new season. We will be visiting our Affiliated Associations to deliver the Laws of Cricket training courses. Thank you to all those who have assisted with the organisation, both participants and suitable venues.

Our focus will be, as always, welcoming and training prospective members in addition to connecting with existing NSWCUA members for valuable revision of the Laws of Cricket. Courses are confirmed for the following locations, subject to COVID-19 restrictions: Lismore, Newcastle, Orange, Camden, Armidale, Maitland, Central Coast, and Parramatta.

NSWCUSA Annual Awards Wrap

David Gavin

Cricket NSW Media

The NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Annual Award winners were sequentially announced through email over the course of a week after the cancellation of their Annual Dinner.

Starting on Tuesday 21 April, umpires from across the state were recognised for their years of service and national finals umpired during the season, progressively acknowledging all other award recipients with the major award winners announced on the Friday night.

The George Borwick Memorial Award is the highest honour for any member umpire of the Association, and it was the third time in four seasons Ben Treloar had won the award.

Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association umpire Dave Cullen was awarded the E.F. Wykes OAM Medal, the highest honour for an Affiliated Association member.

Notably, Bathurst umpire Graeme Glazebrook was awarded the Kevin Pye Medal winner as Country Umpire of the Year for a record fifth time.

Darren Goodger was named the NSW Premier Cricket Panel 1 Award winner for an unprecedented fifth consecutive season and Elizabeth O'Dwyer became the first female umpire to ever win the Panel 4 Award.

She was also the second female umpire to win a Premier Cricket Panel Award.



The Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award was won by UTS North Sydney Cricket Club scorer Sarah Berman.

The George Borwick Memorial Award is presented annually to the member who exemplifies the spirit of Mr. Borwick's contribution by their efforts both on and off the field during the season.

Ben Treloar was again a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire Panel this season.

He made his List A debut in Adelaide during October and was appointed to both the WBBL and WNCL Finals, where he stood alongside NSW officials Claire Polosak and Troy Penman.

A highly respected official, Treloar was also appointed to five matches during the England Lions' tour of Australia this season and umpired the NSW Premier Cricket Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Final at Drummoyne Oval.

The E.F. Wykes OAM Association Medal was named in honour of the late Mr. Ted Wykes, who was a Test umpire, President and Patron of the NSWCUSA and long-serving Vice-President of the New South Wales Cricket Association.

Dave Cullen has been a member of the NSW Country Umpire Representative Panel for the past four seasons and this season was appointed to the Under 15 and Under 18 Female Country Championships Finals.

Most significantly, he was appointed to officiate the inaugural Final of the NSW Women's T20 Regional Bash under the lights of the SCG in January.

During the season, Claire Polosak was appointed to her second Women's T20 World Cup semi-final, between India and England, which was unfortunately abandoned due to rain with India progressing to the Final.

NSW umpire Gerard Abood officiated his first One-Day Domestic Final between Queensland and victors Western Australia in Brisbane.

Alongside former Australian Test fast bowler and NSWCUSA umpire Paul Wilson, Abood also umpired the BBL|09 Final between the Sydney Sixers and Melbourne Stars at the SCG won by the home side.

Wilson was also awarded the Cricket Australia Umpire Award, for the third successive year, in late March.

Scorers Christine Bennison and Ian Wright were selected to score the BBL|09 Final.

Association Awards

George Borwick Memorial Award

Ben Treloar

The top 6 in the George Borwick Memorial Award –

- Berend du Plessis
- Clay Finnemore
- Geoff Garland
- Kedar Oza
- Sharad Patel
- Ben Treloar

Ted Wykes Medal – Affiliated Association Award

Dave Cullen - Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association

Kevin Pye Medal – Country Umpire of the Year

Graeme Glazebrook

Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award

Sarah Berman (UTS North Sydney – NSW Premier Cricket)

Alan Marshall Medal – Most Outstanding First Year Umpire

Mohit Uppal

NSW Premier Cricket Panel Awards

The Umpire of the Year in each Grade was determined by the marks allocated by captains in each match.

Panel 1

Darren Goodger

Panel 2

Mitchell Claydon

Panel 3

Geoff Garland and Julian Humphrey

Panel 4

Elizabeth O'Dwyer



2019-20 Award Winners Respond

Had the Annual Dinner been held as per previous years, award winners would have been afforded the opportunity to accept their awards with a speech on the night.

In lieu of this, each winner was offered the chance to pen a piece of acceptance for this edition of *In Black and White* for distribution to their fellow members.

2019-20 George Borwick Memorial Award Ben Treloar

It's an honour to receive this. To be associated with George Borwick and the names on this award is a truly humbling experience.



To all award winners from the season, congratulations. You've all had a great year and committed to self-improvement, bettering yourselves and the game of cricket in the process. You all richly deserve the recognition.

Thank you NSWCUSA– without the Association and everyone involved in it, the achievements of the individuals would not be possible. To the management, Board and our volunteers whose only goal is to make our Association better each day, thank you. NSWCUSA and CA, thank you for your continual support and the opportunities that were offered during the season – both in an officiating and development sense.

We're only as good as the team so, to all my teammates during season 2019-20, thank you for making the weekends so enjoyable,

these are lifelong memories to be cherished. Each day is a new experience, full of learning opportunities and it's a pleasure to stand with you.

The scorers, thank you for your time, commitment and dedication that you put into your craft, and especially for not leaving me on one leg for too long!

The SCA, CNSW, and the Premier clubs – both their respective management and committee members, thank you for continuing to provide such a high-quality competition at all levels. Each week is a challenge but, always a lot of fun.

SSCUA where it all began– thank you for the opportunities and the continual support. A very proud member.

A big thank you to my family for your unwavering support and the sacrifices you continue to make.

Stay safe everyone, looking forward to seeing you during 2020-21.

2019-20 E.F. Wykes OAM Association Medal Dave Cullen

It is an honour and privilege to win this prestigious award albeit feeling a little humble.

We umpire in a wonderful organisation of Cricket NSW where on the umpiring side a small, dedicated and skilled team headed by Darren and Troy provide high level training and development.

The training, development and support we receive is second to none with a very supportive culture where teamwork and

continuous improvement are critical and part of our behaviours. Thank You.

I am very privileged to receive many opportunities to umpire across the state with great umpires as part of improving my skills and bringing these back to my local organisation.

In addition I want to thank the following:

All the umpires I have stood with in the season just gone, a part of this award goes to you.

Cricket NSW and Country Cricket NSW for running excellent competitions to umpire in

Cricket Illawarra for running an excellent competition to umpire in.

My local association the Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association for their strong leadership and support, namely President Morgan Prosser, Secretary/Treasurer Barry Moir and Training and Development Officer Neil Findlay, who all do a power of work to keep the association running well, going in a forward direction and aligning to our core culture.

And last but not least my wife and family for their support and understanding during the cricket season.

Thanks again.

2019-20 Kevin Pye Medal
Graeme Glazebrook

Fellow members of NSWCUSA,

Thank you all for messages of congratulations and support and thanks to all for being part of this wonderful sport.

To receive any end of season award is an honour and I am truly humbled to receive the Kevin Pye Medal. Kevin's dedication and foresight in assisting in the establishment and development of the NSW Country Umpire Representative Panel has afforded me and my fellow panel members the opportunity to officiate at the best grounds in NSW Country and to witness the best country cricketers from the best seat in the house.

Thank you, Kevin, for your foresight and thank you to all panel members for your friendship, comradery and assistance during my time on the panel.

Thanks also to Darren Goodger and the staff of NSWCUSA for all your hard work in the education, training and development of Country Umpires. Your efforts are appreciated by all.

Thanks to all the respective cricketing bodies within NSW Country Cricket, Western Zone and Mitchell Cricket for all your assistance and encouragement.

The past season has been a testing one and we are all uncertain what season 2021 will present us with - let's prepare well, stay healthy and support our families and one another in these testing times.



Graeme Glazebrook and Dave Cullen

2019-20 Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award Sarah Berman

I was delighted, and rather surprised, to receive this year's Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award. I say surprised because I've only



been involved in the game in NSW for two seasons – and that I was even considered for the award says a huge amount about NSWCUA and the culture I've already experienced of providing opportunities to those who show potential.

I moved to Sydney just under three years ago and my involvement with UTS North Sydney started with an enquiry to the club website. I'd scored in the UK, mostly when I was much younger, but I'd picked it up again over the previous couple of years after giving up playing, and it felt like a good way to meet people in a new place. I chose the Bears simply because I live two blocks from the North Sydney Oval – I had no idea that they'd lost their previous First Grade scorer less than a week earlier so was unprepared to be asked, "How do you feel about doing First Grade?"

Over the intervening couple of years, I've gone from being cagey about a regular commitment to planning my holidays around the fixture list and taking Mondays off work for half the year to have some time to myself after cricket weekends and keep the club social media up to date - suffice to say I'm enjoying it!

I've a huge amount to thank the club for – not just for nominating me for this award but the community that has made all the difference as I settled halfway around the world from my family.

The other community that's played a huge role in my enjoyment and my development are the umpires and scorers, whose company, support and encouragement have been brilliant, both at matches and last year's convention. In particular, I'd like to thank Sue Woodhouse and Janelle Carew, who I had the good fortune to sit beside in my first grade and representative games respectively and have looked out for me from the start.

2019-20 Alan Marshall Medal Mohit Uppal

I am very glad to receive this Alan Marshall Award, to be considered for this award is a great honour for me.



I would like to give special thanks to:

- NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association
- Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association
- Darren Goodger, for teaching me all about the Laws of Cricket
- Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz for giving me the opportunities to work with the organisation.
- All my umpiring colleagues, especially Arthur Watson, Ben Treloar and Roberto Howard, they have all given me a lot of useful advice about umpiring. I learnt so many umpiring techniques when I umpired with them, which were very helpful for me during the season.

I really enjoyed my first season and look forward to the next.

2019-20 Panel One Medal *Darren Goodger*

Thank you to the Association for the opportunity to respond in receipt of the Panel One Award for season 2019-20. I sincerely thank:



- the colleagues I was fortunate to umpire with; working with such good people and umpires was the season highlight for me. Your humility, teamwork, goodwill, company, commitment to and passion for umpiring made Saturdays really enjoyable. I was able to learn from each of you and have a great time while doing so. We have wonderful people and talent in our ranks who lead by their actions. Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing.

- the Association for all the opportunities it has afforded me over many years. I owe NSWCUA so much.

- all those in the Association who have coached me. So many of you have given me time, honest feedback and advice. I am grateful as it has helped me improve as an umpire.

- the SCA for the privilege of umpiring in the best competition in the world. Thanks to all concerned, in particular the wonderful volunteers at the clubs who do an amazing job in supporting cricket and to our players without whom we don't have a game to umpire. I commend the players for the positive spirit in which the game is played in matches I had the pleasure of umpiring.

- CNSW for its exceptional leadership of cricket, its continued support of match

officials and for placing its people and the continued growth and good of the game at the forefront of its thinking. We owe Lee Germon and John Knox a significant vote of thanks for their strength of leadership and their character. I express my deep gratitude to both. They have given cricket in New South Wales hope and much to look forward to.

- the NSWCUA Management Team, who work tirelessly to support the membership, for their commitment, professionalism and preparedness to innovate.

- my Mum for all she has done for me.

2019-20 Panel Two Medal *Mitchell Claydon*

Firstly, I would like to say I hope everyone is safe and well back home.



Never did I think joining the dark side would have been so enjoyable and such a great way to be involved with the game that has given me so much over the years.

I would like to thank every single partner I stood with during the summer, your feedback and support both in the middle and off the pitch has helped me in so many ways. If there's one thing I have learned in my time, umpiring is about WE not I.

I would like to say thank you to everyone involved at NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association. The training and support we all receive is brilliant and after my first Under 15s National Championships carnival, in talking to people from other states, I have realised (in my opinion) we

have the best training and support network in the country.

I am very privileged to receive this award; it is an honour to be involved with NSWCUA and I am already so excited about getting back home and getting out in the middle again.

I would like to congratulate everyone else on their awards and look forward to catching up with everyone when the season starts.

2019-20 Panel Three Medal (shared)
Geoff Garland

Thank you to all my colleagues who stood with me this year - you ensured I learned something in every game!

Congratulations to Darren and Mitch on their truly outstanding marks and to Elizabeth O'Dwyer on her ground-breaking performance. To share the award with Julian so early in his career is a credit to his ability and dedication.

After 27 years on-field, I can reflect on the value of experience that allows you to better cover up the errors you have probably made!

I was selected on First Panel way too early and took another five years to get back there – but in the last decade or so I have seen NSWCUA grow in numbers and ability so much so that our reputation and standing with CNSW and clubs has been incredibly enhanced.



We need to appreciate our place in cricket and remember the words of Oscar Wilde - “seek perfection and you will find excellence”

2019-20 Panel Three Medal (shared)
Julian Humphrey

It is somewhat unusual to have to pen a response as joint recipient of the Panel 3 Medal. My umpiring journey has, to date, been relatively short with this being my third full season umpiring Premier Cricket.



And what a different season it was. I umpired in the Youth Championships early in the season and had a personal milestone of being able to umpire with my daughter for the first time. Then there was the extreme heat, the smoke of January and finally the premature end to the season as a result of COVID-19.

I must acknowledge the support, advice, and guidance from each and every member that I have umpired with. From those experienced umpires that made themselves available to umpire in Fifth Grade with a new umpire (Graham Swan and Arthur Watson were my first two partners) to the seriously good and experienced umpires I've partnered with in Second and Third Grade. There have been very few times I've umpired with a less experienced umpire and each and every game has been an opportunity to learn from others.

Special mention too must go to Bob Davis and Errol Cranney who have observed me numerous times and provided valuable feedback, as well as those members

involved in the ongoing education and the organisation of the Annual Convention. I must also thank the fantastic NSWCUSA staff who provide such wonderful support to the members.

Most importantly, I want to thank my wife and family. Spending all day Saturday and occasionally Sunday umpiring certainly has its impacts, however they have only ever encouraged me to pursue this passion. Finally, my congratulations to the other winners, two of whom I had the pleasure of umpiring with this season.

I am very much looking forward to the coming season and sincerely hope that, whilst some aspects of cricket may have changed, we see a return to some semblance of normality. Stay safe and I'll see you on the park.

2019-20 Panel Four Medal Elizabeth O'Dwyer

For me, cricket is so much more than just a game between two teams of 11 or more players and is a true example of how many people can work together in a team to achieve a common goal. To that end, I would like to simply thank the following people:

- Cricket NSW, the Sydney Cricket Association and also the Board of this

Association for organising the 2019-20 season.

- Darren Goodger and Troy Penman for each and every umpiring opportunity given to me

- Claire Polosak and Dee Venter for providing feedback on the self-assessment forms that I completed after each game and also graciously replying to my emails and text messages at all hours with questions about the PCs and Laws!

- each of the 10 gentlemen with whom I had the honour of standing this season for tolerating my numerous questions and generally making it so much fun to be out there on the field, but also for making me look better than at times I perhaps deserved

- every member of this Association for being so welcoming to, but also willing to help, not only a female umpire but also one who had no practical experience with the game of cricket before taking up umpiring

- finally to my husband, Grant, for being the present parent on each Saturday and Sunday throughout the season so I could go out and do what I love.

Whilst I may be the Panel 4 Award winner for the 2019-20 season, I certainly could not have done it without all of your help and there is a small part of the award that belongs to each of you - in my mind it was very much a team effort. Thank you.



Nitin Menon Included in Elite Panel for 2020-21

ICC Media Release

India's Nitin Menon has been included in the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires for the season 2020-21 following the annual review and selection process conducted by the International Cricket Council.

The 36-year-old, who has officiated in three Tests, 24 ODIs and 16 T20Is, replaces England's Nigel Llong and is the third from his country to make the prestigious panel after Srinivas Venkatraghavan and Sundaram Ravi.

A selection panel consisting of ICC General Manager - Cricket, Geoff Allardice (Chairman), former player and commentator Sanjay Manjrekar, and match referees Ranjan Madugalle and David Boon, picked Menon, who was earlier part of the Emirates ICC International Panel of Umpires.

Nitin Menon: "It's a great honour and matter of pride for me to be named in the Elite panel. To be officiating regularly along with the leading umpires and referees of the world is something that I always dreamt of and the feeling has yet to sink in.

"Having already officiated in Tests, ODIs and T20Is as well as in ICC events, I understand the great responsibility that comes with the job. I look forward to the challenges and will do my best at every opportunity I get. I also feel this is a responsibility on me to take Indian umpires forward and help them by sharing my experiences.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association, BCCI and ICC for their support and believing in my ability over the years. I would also like to thank my family for their sacrifices and unconditional support throughout my career."

Adrian Griffith, ICC Senior Manager – Umpires and Referees: "Nitin has come through our pathway system with very consistent performances. I congratulate him for being selected to the Elite panel and wish him continued success."

The full Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires for 2020-21 is as follows:

- Aleem Dar (Pakistan)
- Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka)
- Marais Erasmus (South Africa)
- Chris Gaffaney (New Zealand)
- Michael Gough (England)
- Richard Illingworth (England)
- Richard Kettleborough (England)
- Nitin Menon (India)
- Bruce Oxenford (Australia)
- Paul Reiffel (Australia)
- Rod Tucker (Australia)
- Joel Wilson (West Indies)



NSWCUSA member Rod Tucker remains on the panel for 2020-21



Eight NSWCUSA Members on 2020-21 CA Umpire Panels

Bede Sajowitz

Cricket Australia have confirmed their contracted umpires for season 2020-21, with eight NSWCUSA members selected on the National and Supplementary Umpire Panels for the upcoming summer.

Despite the decrease from twelve to ten umpires, the four NSWCUSA members on the National Panel have been retained – Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Tony Wilds and Paul Wilson.

Three changes have been made to the panel from last season; including the elevation of Tasmanian umpire Darren Close who last season returned to first-class cricket 27 years after his last appearance at that level.

He replaces Victorian umpire Geoff Joshua on the panel.

South Australian Simon Fry and Victorian John Ward retired at the conclusion of the summer after extensive careers and have not been replaced, leading to the ten-man panel.

With the retirement of Fry and Ward, Gerard Abood is now the longest-serving umpire on the panel, having joined ahead of the 2009-10 season.

2019-20 was a successful season for NSWCUSA's National Panel representatives – Gerard Abood officiated the BBL and One-Day Cup Finals with Paul



Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar ahead of a WBBL Semi-Final at Allan Border Field

Wilson partnering him for the rain affected BBL Final.

Tony Wilds was also appointed to the Women's T20 International Tri-Series Final.

NSWCUSA members Simon Lightbody, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar will all continue on the Supplementary Panel, as well as West Australian Nathan Johnstone.

They will be joined by Queensland umpire David Taylor who has been elevated to fill the vacancy left by Close.

Penman, Polosak and Treloar were all on-field for domestic finals last year, with Polosak and Treloar overseeing the WBBL Final whilst Penman and Treloar officiated the WNCL decider.

Treloar also made his List A debut in the One-Day Cup last season, umpiring the fixture between South Australia and Tasmania in Adelaide.

The four Australian members of the International Panel of ICC Umpires will remain unchanged for the upcoming summer.

The full Cricket Australia Panels for the 2020-21 season are as follows:

2020-21 National Umpire Panel

Gerard Abood (New South Wales)

Darren Close (Tasmania)

Shawn Craig (Victoria)

Greg Davidson (New South Wales)

Phil Gillespie (Victoria)

Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania)

Donovan Koch (Queensland)

Sam Nogajski (Tasmania)

Tony Wilds (New South Wales)

Paul Wilson (New South Wales)

2020-21 Supplementary Umpire Panel

Nathan Johnstone (Western Australia)

Simon Lightbody (New South Wales)

Troy Penman (New South Wales)

Claire Polosak (New South Wales)

David Taylor (Queensland)

Ben Treloar (New South Wales)

2020-21 International Umpire Panel

Gerard Abood (New South Wales)

Shawn Craig (Victoria)

Sam Nogajski (Tasmania)

Paul Wilson (New South Wales)



Greg Davidson and Simon Lightbody at the SCG prior to a Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Western Australia

Vale Bob Moore

Church Cricket NSW Umpires' Association Geoff Mansfield

It was with a sense of dismay and devastating loss that we learnt of the untimely death of our beloved colleague Bob Moore.

Bob was a passenger on the Ruby Princess and contracted coronavirus whilst on board. Bob passed away at Westmead Hospital over the first weekend of April as a result of the virus.

Bob joined what then was known as the Churches Cricket Umpires' League in September 1981. In 1992 he retired for work related reasons for a period of four years then resumed his association with the League in 1994.

He continued umpiring in the Churches Competitions, apart from a short absence from October 2008 until January 2009 due to illness, until the time of his death - a period spanning some thirty-nine years.

Over the years of his service Bob stood in many Interstate Carnival matches. He also umpired for the Marist Brothers Colleges Mid-Week Competition as well as the Underage Championships for the Inner West Harbour Association.

A gentle, but determined, man he was greatly respected and held in the highest regard by players and his fellow umpires alike. He had a great knowledge of the game and its Laws and any game of cricket that Bob was involved in was better for his presence.

Bob will be sadly missed by all those who were fortunate enough to officiate with him as he set the benchmark and was a great example to us all.

God bless you Bob, you made a tremendous contribution to our Association and the world of cricket in general. You will be sadly missed.

The View from the Box

Claire Polosak

The role of the third umpire has evolved greatly, even in the five years since my first appointment to a game. It is vastly different skillset to that of being an on-field umpire - whilst we've developed our on-field routines over many seasons, when taking on the third umpire role, we are starting from scratch.

It is a role I thoroughly enjoy, as it is so different to on field umpiring. The purpose of this article is to share my experiences and to shed some light on what else goes on unseen in the Third Umpire room when we are watching the game from the comfort of our lounge rooms.

Just like anything to do with umpiring, preparation is crucial. To prepare for decision making as a third umpire, we run through many video clips with our coaches. Here the coach plays the role of Director, and we tell the 'director' the angles that we want to see in order to make the decision.

This is run over Skype, and I try and complete a session every three to four weeks throughout the year, to keep the routines fresh in my mind. Leading up to a tournament, I'll do a few more practice simulations as well as a session the day before, or even the morning of, the match in the third umpire room at the ground.

While these simulations are good, in order to enhance the 'real game' feel, we are now also starting to add a third person into the simulations, a peer who is able to provide additional feedback, and add the little extra bit of pressure to the session.

I physically cringe when I think of the first set of video simulations that I went

through. It is only through practice and strengthening these routines with as many different scenarios that could occur, that we will improve. Especially with live to air communications, where what we say in the box is now played - not only to everyone at home, but also everyone at the ground - being confident in our routines is incredibly important.

When a decision does get sent to you from the on-field umpires, your heart quickly jumps into your throat. It's very different to having to make a decision on field, knowing that you have access to as many angles and replays as you need to assist with making your decision.

In a DRS match, your routine consists of starting your stopwatch, counting down from 15 and acknowledging your partner when the players decide to refer the decision, checking the fairness of delivery before working through the process of using the technology that you have available is all a part of your routine. No amounts of simulations will ever prepare you for the real deal, but they are doing a good job at the moment.



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The above link is a clip of a player's referral DRS decision that I had to work through. I didn't need to use all of the technology, but that's just the way it goes- like a box of chocolates!

You may have noticed a slight slip of the tongue towards the end - even though there was a slip up, being confident and comfortable in my routines meant I was able to gather myself and finish the process for my on-field colleague in a tidy fashion.



While decisions as the third umpire are important, decision-making may not even be required in every game we officiate.

That doesn't mean we are sitting there reading the newspaper or having an ice cream mid-match (which may or may not have happened on a 40-degree day in Adelaide!)

There is plenty of paperwork aspects to the third umpire role being done to assist our on-field colleagues to ensure the match runs as smoothly as possible.

During the course of a match, the third umpire is:

- ball counting, in case the on-field umpires need assistance.

- making note of start and finish times of every over, to calculate the fielding team's over-rate.

- noting the time that any players are off the field and calculating any penalty time that may need to be served.

- keeping a record of any bouncers that are recognised by the on-field umpires as above the shoulder and also any warnings that are given to the players.

- communicating with the TV Director, to ensure that there is no play when the broadcast is an ad break (I think of this as being like a traffic cop, directing play).

- in the event of a rain delay, it is primarily up to the third umpire to calculate any changes in the match parameters.

In the recent Women's T20 World Cup in Australia, the third umpire was also calling No balls. On-field umpires were instructed NOT to call anything until they had been informed of the overstep, which I believe will become much more prevalent in international cricket.

The TV Director can also ask questions that the commentators may have regarding what is happening on the field of play, if any clarification needed about playing conditions, or their interpretation.

Sometimes Team Managers will enter the room wanting clarification about something that has happened on field.

Safe to say there is a lot to do as a third umpire!

Routines, as always, are incredibly important. I think I have been lucky, as the ICC events (outside of World Cups) I have been involved in have had a third umpire, however, without the broadcast aspect.

As mentioned before, in this year's Women's T20 World Cup, the third umpire role was a little different to previous tournaments. We were responsible for the calling of no balls. Below is a screenshot of the screen that the third umpire has in International cricket.

DATE: _____														
BOWLING SIDE														
Over No	Start	Finish	Ball by Ball									Time \leftarrow / mins	Captain Told	Comments
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
1	1409	1414	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1413
2	1415	1417	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1417
3	1419	1422	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1421
4	1423	1425	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1425
5	1427	1430	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+ 2		1428 30
6	1431	1434	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1432 34
7	1435	1438	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1438
8	1439	1442	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1442
9	1443	1446	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1446
10	1447	1449	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-		1449
11	1449	1453	-		1453
12	1453	1455	-		1457
13	1457	1459	+ 2		1501
14	1500	1502	-		1505
15	1503	1504	+ 4		1504

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Time Allowances				
Reason	Source	Start	Stop	Time
TV	0	1409	1410	1
TV	0	1419	1419	.5
Out of Range		1427	1425	.25

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UE Live

UltraEdge Pending

HAWK-EYE

Innings	Score	Overs	Fast Time
SL	127-7	20	6.35 14.4
NZ	70-2	12.3	5.60 —

NZ need 58 from 45 balls
Required Rate: 7.73
Original Rate: 6.40

After 12.3 Overs
SL 93-2
NZ 70-2

Batsmen	Runs	Balls	4s	6s	S/Rate	Miss
Devine	38	38	3	0	100.0	47
*Green	10	8	1	0	125.0	6

Partnership: 12 (18)
Baker & Athipathin & Dilhari 43 (17)

Bowlers	Overs	Balls	Runs	Wkts	Econ
Dilhari (L/R)	1.3	3	10	1	6.87
Athipathin (P/R)	1	3	6	0	6.00

F.A.W. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

THIS OVER
1 0 4

8 fours, 0 sixes

Bowlers Used
Dilhari 1-1 (1) 6.87 (1) 1-1
Athipathin 0-1 (1) 6.00 (1) 0-1 (1)
Kohonen 0-1 (1) 6.00 (1) 0-1 (1)
Foster 0-1 (1) 6.00 (1) 0-1 (1)

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In the third umpire's room, we aren't by ourselves - the Match Referee is there, and sometimes our umpire coach as well.

In International matches, there is also a DRS technician who ensures the technical side of our audio communications are

<https://bit.ly/3ftoH2B>

The link above is a clip of the new practice in action, showing how fast the front foot vision comes up for the third umpire with thanks to the DRS Hawkeye technician - Jacob was the TV Director for the game.

In addition to this No ball responsibility, we were also using a Hawkeye Overrate Calculator that allowed overrates to be displayed on the big screen at the ground, as well broadcast to viewers at home.

The interface of the program we used is in the below picture. Initially this had been set up for matches longer than the T20 format, which is why there is an allowance for drinks and a 2min allowance for a wicket.

This screen is where we were recording allowances as well, using the “add time” button. When there was a decision that the players had the opportunity to review, the third umpire hits the white DRS button, which starts counting down on the big screen and the televisions at home.

I still used my paper ‘running’ sheet as well, just in case the technology stopped working, and for any future opportunities, I will still need to remain in my original ‘paperwork’ routine for now. I’m pleased to say that my numbers and figures matched the computer!

While the roles of the on-field umpires and the third umpire are very different, there are some very key similarities – having strong routines and being able to communicate with a variety of people, sometimes very quickly, to provide them with important information is key.

With this extra knowledge of what may be happening in the third umpire’s room, remember to be nice to the third umpire when watching the games on tv!



Self-Assessment

Roberto Howard

The 2019-20 season was the first year where I was fully committed to the self-assessment process and I have personally found that I have improved as an umpire and person because of this process.

Self-assessment, I believe, is a good way in order to improve and develop us as match officials and as people. It allows you to critically look back at your match and the preceding week to identify positives but also areas for improvement.

I know that with my day job as a high school teacher, I reflect more now on my daily lessons but also when marking my students work to try and work out how I could have improved.

Throughout this piece, I am not advocating for any particular way to do it because everyone is different and has their own thoughts on self-assessment.

The important thing for us as umpires is to use self-assessment and also make it work for our own circumstances. As I said, I am a teacher so I prefer to write my thoughts down on a document and save it on my laptop so I can access it at any time.

One of the main things that I have learnt from self-assessment is the need for honesty. If you aren't going to be honest with yourself on a decision error or a mistake in law or PC, you won't improve.

The first stage is to acknowledge what you did and then try and understand what caused it. For example, you make a decision error on a caught behind

decision. In your self-assessment you may ask yourself guiding questions like:

- Where was my focus when the bowler was running in?
- Did you get caught up in something that had happened previously in the over?
- Did something gather your attention when the appeal occurred?

Understanding why you may have made an error ultimately allows you as an umpire to reflect on your process behind the error and come up with ways and strategies on how to make sure you improve in your next match.

Feedback is a great tool in which we as umpires can use shape our umpiring. Feedback can be gathered from all different perspectives:

- Umpiring Colleague
- Observers
- Captains

Feedback is great to receive however if we dismiss it, then we don't have a growth mindset to improve. If we have a growth mindset and an appetite to learn, feedback can be extremely beneficial. A growth mindset allows us to want to improve and I believe is a choice that one must make.

If a person wants to achieve success, they will choose to do everything they can to do so. Just like having a growth mindset, having an appetite to learn is also a choice we must make. Do we want to learn? Do we want to improve? Are you willing to accept feedback and try and implement things into your umpiring? These are just a



few questions that I personally asked myself at the start of the season.

In Simon Taufel's book, *Finding the Gaps*, chapter 2 is titled 'The game begins before the game begins'. This title reflects the importance that preparation plays in our roles as match officials and in particular in Simon's umpiring career.

Taufel explains that the fundamental areas of self-assessment are keep doing, stop doing and start doing. These three areas have been influential in me improving throughout the season.

Keep doing focuses on consolidating and building upon what you are already doing;

stop doing focuses on planning to address processes and performances that did not work and start doing is areas in which you can try to do to increase performance.

If you haven't already read his book, I would encourage all members to do so.

Self-assessment is a tool in which any match official can critically reflect to improve. It can be accessed by everyone and can be as simple as writing down what you should keep doing, stop doing and start doing. Whichever way that self-assessment works for you, then do it.

Have an open mind and give it a go next season!



Roberto Howard on field during last season's First Grade Limited Overs Cup Final between Sydney University and Randwick Petersham

Get to Know Your Bush Umpires

Bruce Whitehouse

As part of a Country Cricket NSW Facebook series, we're getting to know the players and umpires at the forefront of cricket in the bush – the Bush Blues, the Bush Breakers and the members of the Country Umpire Representative Panel.

The first umpires to feature are Neil Smith and Graeme Glazebrook.

Name: Neil 'Smiffie' Smith

CURP Cap Number: 50

Home Association:

Cricket Albury Wodonga

Zone: Riverina

Did you play the game before you took up umpiring? Who did you play with?

I commenced playing the game, like most people as a junior in Bega, NSW. I started playing senior cricket with Angledale Cricket Club in 1981 in the Far South Coast Cricket Association before moving to Wollongong for work and played with Albion Park Cricket Club in the South Coast Competition. There I played with Dave Cullen's (a fellow Country Panel member) twin brother John and Paul Welsford, who played First Grade in Melbourne, and Dennis Cranston. There would not be many people that this audience would know!

When and where did you start umpiring?

I moved to Toowoomba in Queensland and started umpiring in 1998. With work I could not afford the time to train so hence I decided to get the best seat in the house and be an umpire.

What does it mean to you being part of the NSW Country Representative Panel?

Being a member of the representative umpire panel is great. You get to umpire juniors through to seniors and mix with a group of fellows that have the same interest as you. The country carnivals are fantastic - great cricket, good umpires and blokes and all having a great time. The comradery amongst the group is second to none and you get to see some quality cricket. You witness great batting and bowling from a close proximity. The support from NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association and NSW Country Cricket is excellent.

In your opinion, who is the best Country player you have umpired?

Having umpired in Queensland Country and NSW Country I have seen some fantastic players, for both NSW and Queensland. Brian May from Toowoomba scored plenty of runs and averaged over 60 at the Toyota Australian Country Cricket Championships (TACCC) and was selected in the Australian Country team many times. From an NSW perspective, I witnessed two great hundreds last year with Nathan Price scoring one in the Country Championship final in Wollongong and Kerrod White scoring a hundred against Queensland at the TACCC. All three of them had time to play their shots.

Best umpire you have stood with?

From my early days a mentor of mine was Graeme Stewart in Toowoomba. He helped me with my early development. In NSW I have umpired with a lot of fantastic people

and enjoy umpiring with any one of the Country Panel at the other end. I have umpired in Sydney Premier Cricket. I know I am beating around the 'bush' and need to decide! It is hard to name one. Darren Goodger in Sydney and Graeme Glazebrook in the Country. I umpired with Goodge in an Under 19 game in Campbelltown. I first umpired with Graeme in a Country Plate semi-final in Harden in 2010-11. Since that day Graeme and I always enjoyed a beer and a punt. The traits of all three is that they never appear rushed, keep a good control of the game and do not get flustered when put under pressure.

Who is the most annoying roommate?

I would probably be the most annoying, I never had an annoying roommate!

Why should someone take up umpiring?

I found it a great way to keep involved in the game and watch cricket from the best spot on the ground. I just love the game and the competitive nature of bat against ball. The real highlight is that I have many friendships and acquaintances stemming from cricket and being involved in the game.

Name: Graeme 'Chook' Glazebrook

CURP Cap Number: 43

Home Association: Bathurst

Zone: Western

Did you play the game before you took up umpiring? Who did you play with?

I played my entire cricketing career with my hometown team - Portland. We played in the Lithgow District Competition, starting in Third Grade and ending up in First Grade. I opened the batting with moderate success and was a specialist fine leg to fine leg fieldsmen. The friendship and comradery that developed within our club was something that I will never forget.

When and where did you start umpiring?

I started umpiring in Bathurst in 2007 making my debut in a Second Grade match at George Park 2. I have umpired in the Bathurst competition since and have been extremely fortunate to have the likes of Tony Wilds and Greg Jones among our umpiring ranks. Both have had a great influence on my umpiring career being readily available for a chat in the good times and not so good times. One of my biggest regrets was not taking up umpiring immediately I finished playing – I wasted ten years of doing something that I really enjoy.

What does it mean to you being part of the NSW Country Representative Panel?

The NSW Country Panel has been a great part of my umpiring career. To travel to the best country cricket grounds, watch the best country cricketers and officiate with a group of umpires who share the same values and passion for the game is something that I value highly. Every member has a mutual respect for one another, and I'm truly honoured to be part of NSW Country Cricket.

In your opinion, who is the best Country player you have umpired?

Very difficult question. Nathan Price is the first player that comes to mind - his innings in last season's Country Championship Final would have to be the best innings that I have witnessed. His timing was impeccable, and his level of concentration had to be admired. Within the Western Zone Tim Cox, Nick Berry and Jameel Querishi also rate highly. All played the game hard and had both individual skill levels and leadership qualities that I admire greatly.



Best umpire you have stood with?

Again a difficult question. During my umpiring career I have been fortunate to stand with some fine umpires- Darren Goodger, Tony Wilds and Simon Lightbody are three that come to mind. Each have special umpiring traits that I admire including their poise, great knowledge of the Laws and exceptional decision making.

Within the NSW Country ranks it has been an honour to stand with every fellow umpire. Everyone has their little idiosyncrasies and I have learnt so much from so many individuals that I wouldn't like to nominate anyone as the best that I have stood with.

Two umpires that I would like to mention are Neil Smith and the late Bruce Whiteman. Both have been integral in my development as an umpire and a person. I umpired my first NSW Country match with Smiffie in Harden many seasons ago and we have been in regular contact since, exchanging stories about not only cricket

but also about our other interests – a punt and a beer.

I stood with Bruce in my first NSW Country Championships match at Exies Oval in Griffith. The encouragement and advice Bruce gave me prior to, during, and after that match will long be remembered.

Who is the most annoying roommate?

No one readily comes to mind. I have probably annoyed most with my early morning pre-match rituals. Neil Findlay and I shared a room in Cowra many years ago and I often reflect back on that as my initiation to NSW Country Cricket – the room was ordinary, but the company was good!

Why should someone take up umpiring?

Umpiring gives everyone the opportunity to share in the delights of the great game of cricket. It doesn't discriminate and provides an excellent recreational activity for one and all. Umpiring does give you the best seat in the house.



Graeme and Neil together ahead of the 2019-20 NSW Country Championship Final

Teamwork

Claire Polosak

Teamwork. The elusive beast that ensures sports officials a smoother ride. Like most aspects to umpiring and officiating, work you put in before the game starts ensures that the game will (hopefully) be more straightforward to manage.

Some people are naturally more inclined to be effective team members, teamwork is often an invisible aspect to our own personality and character. Like anything else in life, teamwork is a skill that can be improved through consistent practice and mindfulness.

For me, the first aspect of teamwork is to check your ego at the door. The old saying, of “there is no ‘I’ in team” is so true when looking at the role of the sports official and how we go about our business. When you step out onto the field, you want to know that your partner has got your back no matter what happens. This leads to a deep, sometimes unsaid understanding that you will both do what you can to ensure you BOTH have a good day.

In cricket, fortunately under the Laws, we are meant to work with someone. While in some competitions, umpires do officiate by themselves, there is no doubt that umpiring with another person is much more effective than going it solo.

In umpiring, particularly club cricket, teamwork starts well before you arrive at the ground. It is customary to phone your partner a couple of days before the match to discuss a variety of logistical arrangements for the weekend.

Things like:

- Time of match.
- Time of arrival.
- The type of game (One Day, Two Day, T20) you will be involved with.
- If you know of any particular characteristics of players in the team/s.
- What shirt you are planning on wearing, both to the ground as well as on field.
- Anything else that may be relevant to the game, for example do you know of any sneaky carparking sports at the ground you are heading to.

While discussing the shirt you are planning on wearing to the ground and on field may appear simple, turning up to the ground in the same attire creates a strong first impression to the two teams playing the game, that there is indeed a third team there to participate for the day. You only get one first impression.

For me, Teamwork can then be split into different segments, depending on the time or aspect of the match. I have split them up below for more targeted discussion.

Before the match

If you arrive at the ground before your partner, do not go out to the middle of the ground before your partner gets there. Even if there is weather around. This is possibly one of the biggest faux pas in umpiring. Just do not do it. We are a team; we head out to the ground as a team.

If you are at the ground before your partner, and a member of the playing team say something about the condition of the



ground, be polite, but firm - “thanks for the information, I’ll have a look when _____ gets here.”

Spend the time you have with your partner to discuss the Playing Conditions that are going to be used. This is the time where if either of you have a difference in understanding that you can check the book without the added stress of captains looking over your shoulder.

Also spend time with your partner working through aspects of the day that will make both of your days better, these may include, but are not limited to:

- Any signals that you are planning on using during the game
- How do you show at square leg that the ball has hit the bat/ body/ missed everything?
- When will you be crossing/not crossing for a L/R hand combination?
- When are you going to update the captain on their overrates during play?
- What are you doing to talk to the captains about during the toss?

After the toss with the captains, don’t forget the other members of the third team- the scorers, particularly if you are lucky enough to have dedicated scorers, as opposed to players who are sharing the scoring duties. Scorers need to know who has won the toss and who is batting/ bowling. It could also be a good idea to also mention any of the breaks/ drinks in play there will be.

During the match

Eye contact between the pair of you is incredibly important, and in many respects can prevent any trouble brewing. Eye contact between each delivery is important and is crucial for communicating with your partner.

If you provide a warning to either team (e.g. a bowler in the protected area), make

sure you pass that information on to not only the fielding captain, but also your partner as the warning applies to both ends- this is important information to share.

Make sure you use the signals you agreed on before the game at the various times during the game.

Never comment to a player about a decision your partner has made. This is never regarded well by either team. A deflection comment may help here - “I’m not in the best position to see.”

In the interval I will often ask partners, particularly partners whom I have not stood with before or very often, if there is anything we would like to do differently for the next session. This allows the opportunity for any changes to be made to ensure the following session of play is even better.

Walk on, and off the field together. If there is any hospitality at the ground (lunch, tea for example) head to the canteen/ clubhouse together.

During Ground, Weather and Light

As cricket is played in summer, we can go for multiple games, or even seasons when our games are not affected by bad weather. When there is bad weather it is time to really be a team and work together when assessing the ground and the suitability or play, always within the Laws and Playing Conditions!

When inspecting the conditions of the ground after rain, always do so together.

When speaking to the captains about any concerns that you have with the ground, the changing parameters of the game, it is easy for the “more experienced” umpire to dominate the conversations with the captains. It may be useful to deliberately

take it in turns in speaking with the captains.

Before you do speak with the captains, working out a 'script' of the message that you are wanting to convey to the captain may assist you when speaking.

After the match

When the day or game is over, spend some time relaxing with your team member- you have (hopefully) just had a great day!

This is a time to debrief with your partner about the day, have a casual chat about how the day went, what could be done differently and how you can both improve for next time.



Some competitions will have an opportunity with the captains, this is can be a valuable opportunity to receive feedback from the captains involved in the game. Listen respectfully to the feedback, no matter what you think *about* the feedback you are receiving.

When providing feedback to your umpiring colleague, ensure that it is done respectfully and from the opinion of improving for both your partner and you.

Remember the point about checking your ego at the door? I personally only share any feedback that I have, if I have been asked by my partner. I also make sure I share positive things they did throughout the day as well as anything constructive that I want to share as well.

For me, teamwork comes down to what sort of person I would want to spend the day with, and I do my best to stick to those values. You will always find other umpires who you don't click with, and possibly wouldn't spend any social time with, however, it is all about being professional at all levels of cricket, to ensure you can both get the job done to the best of your ability.

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Technical

Ben Treloar

In this edition of *In Black and White*, we pose two scenarios – supplemented by visual aids – and walk you through how you may handle the situation if it happened to you!

Scenario 1

The striker hits a fair delivery in the air back towards the bowler. The bowler in his follow through, dives forward to take the ball on the full, controlling it in his hands but releasing it whilst still moving forward. There is an appeal from the fielding side. Is the striker out?



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This is an example of when we would answer the appeal, not out. Why, do I hear you ask? Well, let's break this down from the beginning, because as we will see it was very close to being a fair catch but just not quite.

We started well with the delivery not being a No ball. The replay clearly shows the bowler's landing with some part of the front foot behind the popping crease. The ball, contacting the striker's bat, was taken on the full as the bowler dived forward and, to some degree, has control over the ball. This ticks most of the boxes for a fair

catch, however, there is one more box that needs to be ticked.

When we read Law 33.3, take notice that there are two requirements – control over the ball and control over one's own movement. In the video we see the bowler's lower body continue to move forward and rotating at the same time the ball is released. Though the ball may have been controlled initially, the bowler didn't have control over his own movement until after the ball touched the ground. The act of making a catch is not completed until the bowler's end umpire is satisfied the fielder has both the ball and their own movement under control. Hence, the not out decision.

What else can we take away from this video? Did you notice the bowler's own reaction after the alleged catch? – there was a lack of positivity and plenty of uncertainty. Did the bowler's end umpire call and signal Dead ball prior to going to speak with his partner? We can't say for sure either way but, whenever we consult, ensure you call and signal Dead ball prior as it is a requirement of Law 20.4.2.3, this ensures nothing else can happen from that delivery.

We also see the bowler's end umpire collect the ball before the consultation – this is good practice ensuring nothing untoward can happen to the ball. Ignore the soft-signal process in this video as it is not Law, but a playing condition applied only at the highest levels of the game with television umpires.

What we can consult on are points of fact e.g. “did the ball carry?” The body language from the bowler’s end umpire – walking tall, eye contact with the bowler when collecting the ball, shaking of the head when consulting – was strong in selling the ‘not out’ decision.

Scenario 2

A No ball edged by the striker has been caught by a slip fielder. The striker, failing to hear the No ball call and, thinking she is out, starts to leave her ground. Meanwhile the slip fielder throws the ball and puts the wicket down with the striker out of her ground and not attempting a run. There is an appeal.

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As you can see, there is a bit happening in this video. We have the umpire calling and signalling No ball; we have the striker thinking they’re out, caught; we have the fielder appealing for a run out at the striker’s end – just another uneventful game of cricket for the umpires!

Here we see the striker’s end umpire correctly giving the striker not out, run out – but why? Law 38.1 says that a batsman can be out, run out from a No ball – so why is the striker not out? For this situation we

need to apply Law 31.7 - Batsman leaving under a misapprehension. This clause allows either umpire to call and signal Dead ball if they notice a batsman leaving their wicket thinking they had been dismissed, when in fact, they hadn’t. The call of Dead ball ensured no further action took place from that delivery.

For this example, it was the striker’s end umpire who called and signalled Dead ball. Therefore, he is required to recall the striker and instruct him to resume his innings. Also note the bowler’s end umpire has signalled No ball to the scorers ensuring the one-run penalty is scored to the side batting. Good teamwork would see the umpires re-check the balls remaining in the over.

Law 31.7 also includes the timeframe within which a batsman can be recalled by the umpires if he/she has left the field of play under a misapprehension. The batsman can be recalled by the umpires up until the ball comes into play for the next delivery, even if the next delivery is after an interval or interruption. The call of ‘time’ before an interval or interruption does not prevent the batsman being recalled. However, if the wicket to fall was the last of the innings, the umpires only have until they leave the field of play to recall the batsman.



Female Engagement

Claire Polosak

International Female Umpire Zoom Call

After the success of the first International Female Zoom session held in April, Tuesday July 28 saw a second Zoom call for female umpires from around the world. This second session saw 50 female umpires (up from 34 in April!) from Australia, England, India, New Zealand and South Africa dialling in.

The main topic for this session was preparation. Breakout rooms in Zoom were utilised to enable smaller group discussion. Thanks to Eloise Sheridan and Mary Waldron from South Australia, Lauren Agenbag from South Africa, Kim Cotton from New Zealand and Sue Redfern from England for their assistance with facilitating the discussion.

With clear interest in holding another session, work will begin on another call to be held in the coming months.

Umpire Training

Recently the offer has been extended to other states in Australia for people who are wanting to complete the Cricket Australia Community Officiating Accreditation to 'attend' the online workshops being facilitated by Cricket NSW.

On June 25, a female-only Community Officiating Workshop was held over Zoom, with 19 females in attendance. Amongst the 19 umpires on the call, there were umpires from New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria.

In the NSWCUA Level 2 courses held online to the end of July, there have been nine females complete the training, which represents 10% of the total participants.



A screenshot from the second International Female Umpire Zoom Call

CRIC-O-KU Number 10

Clue: Beamer or bouncer

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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 and numbers, not just 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 9: Solution

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Association Partners

Troy Penman

This coming season will see NSWCUSA continue its sponsorship agreement with global fast food chain McDonald's.

The sponsorship deal with McDonald's is in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's and has been renewed for season 2020-21. McDonald's will continue on the back of the Association's field shirts.

The Association has received \$7,500 + GST initially, with positive discussions for the amount to increase this season and then see the partnership continue in coming years.

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.

In recent years, the Association has hosted a number of events at Bankstown Sports Club. These include Annual Dinners, Annual Conventions and in recent seasons both OGMs and training courses.

On a number of occasions, by way of a grant, the club have covered the cost of the venue hire, freeing up Association funds to be available to be used for the benefit of members. We thank the Club and their Board for their continued support.



60 SECONDS WITH...

Mohit Uppal



Brenton Harrison

Peter Done



60 SECONDS WITH MOHIT UPPAL

Day Job?	Workshop Engineer
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	I made my debut in a Shires Fourth Grade match last season and fired someone in that match.
Career officiating highlight (so far)?	Last year was my first season.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Nick Everitt is Fourth Grade player at UNSW, he played a brilliant innings against Bankstown.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	During an NSW Youth Championship match, the other umpire was not present on the field. A team representative was standing at square leg. When a wicket fell in the 27th over I asked him to confirm the overs and told me it was the 29th over. I was very confused and a bit nervous because it was the first time that I was the only umpire. I went to confirm the overs with the scorers at a drink break who were one over ahead of me. It was lucky the team was all out in 38th over! At the end of the innings, the scorers confirmed they were wrong and I was the only one right at the time!
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Arthur Watson, Ben Treloar and Roberto Howard. They gave me a lot of useful advice about umpiring. I learnt so many umpiring techniques from them, which were very helpful for me to complete the season on a high note.
Any superstitions?	None
Any special talents?	Not really, I am a simple person!
Best piece of advice?	Be kind to everyone, remain positive every time
What got you into umpiring?	I always loved the game as a player, and I wanted to stay in the game and thought this was the best way I could remain actively involved in the game.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Sachin Tendulkar Lance Klusener Michael Schumacher

60 SECONDS WITH BRENTON HARRISON

Day/night job?	I am a Detective Senior Constable with the New South Wales Police Force attached to Murrumbidgee Criminal Investigations (Griffith).
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	One Friday night (a few years back now) I was down at the Exies Sports Club in Griffith about to pour a nice cold refreshment down my neck. They needed an umpire for a Second Grade day/night match at the venue. After consuming this beverage, I walked out to the middle for the first time as an umpire. During the match I remember raising the finger to a batsman caught behind down leg side. The batsman (who was also nominated for a Logie) re-enacted what he thought had occurred by indicating the ball hit his thigh pad. Oh well, at least he was able to have an early beer!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Two First Grade Grand Finals in Griffith. Winning the last two Griffith Cricket Umpire of the Year awards. Two First Grade NSW Premier Cricket matches - officiated with two great umpires in Darren Goodger and Greg Davidson. Officiated in the Country Colts, Kookaburra Cup and State Challenge Carnivals and recently became a member of the NSW Country Umpires Panel.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	My first ever Premier Cricket appointment in 2018-19. Had the pleasure to watch David Warner out in the middle hit a lazy 110 runs off 77 balls for Randwick v Penrith at Coogee Oval. It is one thing watching someone like David on TV or sitting in the stands however to be actually out there on the field was a wonderful experience.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	Couple of seasons ago, I was umpiring a First Grade game in Griffith. Light rain, thunder and lightning off in the distance however far enough away for play to continue. I was standing at square leg when a flash of lightning then 'BANG!!!' right above us. I ran off the field that fast I would have chased down Usain Bolt. It's funny now.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Ben Cummins – won us Roosters the NRL Premiership last year. In all seriousness, I do not have any favourites. With my umpiring career so far, the umpires here in Griffith people like Joe Catanzariti, Don Coleman, Peter Davis and Garry Tucker to name a few are outstanding officials and I enjoy working with them most weekends. Then there are those I have umpired with at Country Carnivals and Riverina Trials, majority of those are from the Riverina, umpires like Ken Brooks, Dennis Chaplin, Tony Hackett, Pat Kerin, Murray Le Lievre, Graham Moon, Anthony McGettigan and Neil Smith - fantastic umpires and not just that, great blokes



	off the field too. Finally, Greg Davidson and Darren Goodger with my two First Grade games in Sydney. Absolute privilege to have officiated alongside these two men. No doubt this list will continue to grow.
Any superstitions?	No, I don't believe in superstitions. The shoe I pick up first goes straight on and whatever underwear is sitting on top in the drawer gets pulled on.
Any special talents?	My talent is giving my wife a (small) percentage of my overtime money I earn in return to go away with the boys for a weekend.
Best piece of advice?	Course I did through work – '(ABC) Assume nothing, Believe nothing, Check/Challenge everything' Back in my football days – 'Pain is temporary, Glory is forever' Oh yeah, and from Mrs Harrison – 'Happy wife, happy life'. Ain't that the truth!
What got you into umpiring?	In my later stages as a cricketer, I began to watch cricket umpires more closely locally and on TV. The art of being an umpire - the decision making, the professionalism, being impartial - I just admired. So, I retired from cricket and by then I had already retired from football and discovered this new path as a cricket umpire which as I say to many people, "I love doing".
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Sarah Michelle Gellar Reece Witherspoon Cameron Diaz (all at the same time too).

60 SECONDS WITH PETER DONE

Day job?	Semi-retired, but some casual work (15 hours) as an assistant in the Pro-Shop at Nowra Golf Club.
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	Second Grade Semi-final in 1983 as the team I played for missed the cut.
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Officiated 478 games to date. My first major representative appointments being the NSW Country Cricket Women Carnival (1998) and an U17 Carnival (2001).
Best cricketer you have officiated?	A young Riverina representative – Andrew McDonald at the U17 Carnival.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	A well-known local batsman who took off for run only to find that the cord in his trousers had broken halfway down the pitch with trousers falling down over the top of his pads. He completed the run back missing the second.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	The late Bruce Whiteman who was a great mentor in my early days of umpiring.
Any superstitions?	None
Any special talents?	Occasionally being reminded that I must be deaf and blind.
Best piece of advice?	No matter what you do, always look for the positives no matter what the outcome.
What got you into umpiring?	When playing cricket in the bush where no official umpires being available, players umpired ourselves. Some of the decisions (bush rules!) had me scratching my head. So I undertook to learn the Laws of Cricket. Once I completed playing, I did the transition from whites to black and white.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Mark Ella (retired Rugby Union player) Ian Baker-Finch (Golf commentator and former player) The Great Viv Richards (West Indies cricketer)

NEW MEMBERS

The following members have applied to join the Association since the March Ordinary General Meeting was held and will be placed before members for final approval at the Association's next Ordinary General Meeting.

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Aarjun Kumar	Stanmore	Kashyap Parekh	Seven Hills
Adrian Hicks	Beaumont Hills	Kassapa Manathunga	Kellyville
Akshay Ramaseshan	Westmead	Kate Rowlands	Casino
Alec Röhrs	Sutherland	Kiran Shah	Westmead
Alice Whelan	Barden Ridge	Krishnan Suresh	Zetland
Allan Herbert	Loomberah	Lee Wilson	Cowra
Andrew Kopras	Dunlop	Leon Shiner	Strathfield
Arunkumar Ponnusamy	Epping	Leone Mizzi	Castle Hill
Ash Malalasekera	Annandale	Liam Bristow	Cambridge Park
Ashim Narang	Rhodes	Lindsay Le Bas	Revesby
Ayush Gupta	Northmead	Lorraine Morris	Cambridge Park
Beryl McCormack	Gunnedah	Louise Frendo	Greystanes
Bharadwaj Chellappa	Girraween	Manimaran Balakrishnan	Girraween
Bhavin Parekh	Lindfield	Mason Ruzgas	Parkes
Chen Tay	Ballina	Matthew Staples	Gymea Bay
Chetan Kamath	Lidcombe	Michael Johns	Beaumont Hills
Chloe Atkinson	Oak Flats	Mohammad Mia	St Mary's
Christopher Rayner	Berowra Heights	Mohammed Yousuf	Wiley Park
Craig Bashall	Padstow Heights	Muhammad Rizwan	Lakemba
Damien Batty	Woolooware	Narendra Kulkarni	Kellyville
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Harry Taufel	Burradoo	Sivaprasad Ganeshbapu	Westmead
Harvey McEwen	Iluka	Sivaraman Shankar	North Ryde
Harvey Weir	Kellyville	Sneghan Sasiraj	Haymarket
Hemant Phadtare	Kingswood	Sriramadesikan Gopalsami	Pendle Hill



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Jeff Charlesworth	East Corrimal	Vaibhav Pandey	Parramatta
Jeffery Evans	Waterfall	Veerabhadra Beknalikar	Cambridge Park
Jehan Ignatius	Westmead	Veneta Bailey	Northmead
Jon McEwen	Iluka	Venkata Kalavacharla	Figtree
Joshua Watt	Bateau Bay	Venkata Rathinavelu	Strathfield
Jwalant Patel	Wentworthville	Vikram Hegde	Parramatta
Karthik Aravamudhan	Schofields	William Jacobs	Port Hacking



Members in attendance at last season's Convention at Bankstown Sports Club

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Bruce Oxenford (Aus.)

Rodney Tucker (Aus.)

Paul Reiffel (Aus.)

International Panel of ICC Umpires

Gerard Abood (Aus.)

Shawn Craig (Aus.)

Sam Nogajski (Aus.)

Paul Wilson (Aus.)

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Heath Kearns (Jersey)

Claire Polosak (Aus.)

Eloise Sheridan (Aus.)

CA National Umpire Panel

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Darren Close (Tas.)

Shawn Craig (Vic.)

Greg Davidson

Phil Gillespie (Vic.)

Mike Graham-Smith (Tas.)

Donovan Koch (Qld.)

Sam Nogajski (Tas.)

Tony Wilds

Paul Wilson

CA Supplementary Umpire Panel

Darren Close (Tas.)

Nathan Johnstone (WA)

Simon Lightbody

Troy Penman

Claire Polosak

Ben Treloar

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Examination Committee

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Scorers' Committee

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Social Committee

to be confirmed

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