

IN BLACK & WHITE

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ASSOCIATION MAIL

With the recent move of NSWCUA offices from Moore to Sydney Olympic Park, the Association has had to update our mailing address.

Our new post office box is:

PO Box 3630

Rhodes

NSW 2138

We have arranged a forward on the previous Paddington Box, so any mail already sent should still reach us.



Claire Polosak on field at ICC World Cricket League Division 2 in Windhoek, Namibia

Cover Photos: Top Left: Sharad Patel and Rod Porter ahead of U16 City Country Challenge
Top Right: Andrew Hamilton and Ryan Nelson prior to the NSW Premier Cricket Third Grade Final
Bottom: Alan Monaghan and Diana Venter at a Metropolitan Cup Semi Final

Chairman's Welcome



Mark Hughes

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since the incident now referred to as 'sandpapergate'.

Much has changed in Australian cricket since Cape Town and the players found guilty have now served their time.

I have reflected for some time on the incident and many have asked me my thoughts on the goings on in South Africa over a year ago, particularly from an umpiring perspective. My general response that I provide is that, as umpires, we are not able to prevent players from doing the wrong thing.

It is our duty, no matter what level we officiate, to ensure fair play occurs in our matches. By doing so, we can contribute to reducing the risk of scenarios such as occurred in South Africa.

If every umpire was diligent in inspecting the match ball frequently and at irregular intervals as per the Laws of the Game, players seeking to obtain an unfair advantage in altering the condition of the match ball may think twice before acting.

We may not be able to prevent incidents that bring the game into disrepute, but we always can play our part in making sure the game is played in the spirit it is intended.

Enjoy your off-season.



Nathan Whittingham, Simon Grove, Bob McGregor and Phil Rainger ahead of the Fifth Grade Semi Final

Executive Officer Update

Darren Goodger

Dear Members & Affiliated Associations,

Season 2018-19 is behind us. Thank you to all members for what you do for cricket across the State, you have a massive input, and for your support of NSWCUA.

The Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation was well attended with 210 members and guests there to celebrate the season at Bankstown Sports Club. It provided an opportunity to acknowledge so many who have made such a positive contribution from club cricket all the way through to the international scene and the professional game.

There is a genuine positive spirit among our membership and it is heartening to see a group of people so genuinely pleased for others and their achievements. Thank you to Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz for their hard work and organisation behind the scenes to make the night the success it was. They do an exceptional job for the Association.

Nic Bills was a polished MC while Ed Cowan was an excellent guest speaker, pleased to take questions from the floor and answering each with his usual honesty. He possesses a deep understanding and feel for the game and respects the role of the match official.

Congratulations to all the award winners from the night (listed elsewhere in this edition) and thank you to all those members from Affiliated Associations who attended, many of you travelled long distances to support the event which is appreciated. Without the support of our

country members the Association is less than half of what it is today.

We owe much to those members who go about their business in a most humble, dedicated and professional fashion right across the season, serving cricket to the best of their ability. Brian Walker (Wagga Wagga) is one such example. Brian was on hand to receive a certificate for having officiated in his 800th match, a truly remarkable achievement. Brian's passion for sports officiating is in his blood. He has also given wonderful service to Country Rugby League as a referee and administrator in Group 9. Brian is never one to seek recognition or the limelight. He is a fine member who respects his colleagues, the players, stakeholders and the game.

There were many highlights for the Association in 2018-19, the Annual Report will detail these. Opportunity is taken here to highlight some:

- An enjoyable and successful Convention was held in Wagga Wagga. To Dennis Chaplin, Tony Hackett and the team we thank you for being such great hosts. To our members who supported the program and the weekend, thank you. We hope you enjoyed it. An amazing turnout with 177 members attending.
- We had 196 prospective umpires complete Laws of Cricket courses. Thank you to the training team for this amazing effort and to all who organised courses and workshops at the local level. The support of Zone Umpire Representatives and Affiliated Associations make these programs a



reality, without their promotion and organisation the courses don't happen.

- Membership of NSWCUA stands at 1,316 and 43 Affiliated Associations.
- We were pleased to provide two umpires to all matches in NSW Premier Cricket (Men's and Women's) and Sydney Shires Cricket. A vote of thanks is offered to Sydney Shires CUA and Sydney Women's CUA, to the respective Appointment Officers in Stephen Blomfield and John Colwell. Thank you also to all members, without you the Association does not achieve this goal. We really appreciate your commitment.
- Nic Bills made a sterling contribution to NSWCUA as Administration Officer for two years. We were thrilled for Nic to see him offered the opportunity by Cricket NSW to work as a Coaching and Talent Specialist, an opportunity he richly deserved.
- Claire Polosak has performed superbly in the female engagement space as an Umpire Educator employed by Cricket NSW. We now have 139 accredited female umpires in New South Wales and a total of 143 match appointments in SCA competitions (63 in Men's Premier Cricket and 80 in Women's Premier Cricket) were filled by females in season 2018-19. Claire facilitated 16 Community Officiating workshops with a total of 280 participants completing the program across the State.
- NSWCUA welcomed 28 umpires from Affiliated Associations to officiate in NSW Men's Premier Cricket in season 2018-19. These umpires officiated a total of 43 appointments. NSW Premier Cricket is there for all NSWCUA members to experience and enjoy.
- In all, we had a record number of 200 umpires stand in NSW Premier Cricket this season, with 52 umpires receiving the opportunity to officiate in First Grade – this included exchange umpires Chaapa Pelpola (WA) and Craig Seabourne (Tasmania). Congratulations to those NSWCUA members who made their First Grade debut – Mark Frecklington, Jim Harrod, Daniel Moran, David Rodgie and Bede Sajowitz.
- It was fantastic to see members of the Country Umpire Representative Panel receive significant opportunities throughout the season. We commend Bruce Baxter and Graeme Glazebrook on their fine performance in the Plan B Regional T20 Bash Final played at the SCG, along with Graeme Glazebrook and Neil Smith who umpired the NSW Country Championship Final at Wollongong. Both matches were superbly managed and umpired.
- The Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup (KST20 Cup) was another great success culminating in the final being played at the SCG and umpired by Ryan Nelson and Troy Penman who did an excellent job having just returned from the U19 National Championships in Adelaide.

The two finalists, Sutherland and Sydney University, qualified for the inaugural National Premier Cricket T20 Championships played in Adelaide in March, with Sharad Patel and Bede Sajowitz chosen to attend this event as umpires representing New South Wales. The KST20 Cup again saw participating teams from ACT, Central Coast, Greater Illawarra and Newcastle which provided the following umpires the chance to be involved –



James Figallo (Central Coast)
David Cullen (Greater Illawarra)
Neil Findlay (Greater Illawarra)
John Walker (Greater Illawarra)
Gary Crombie (Newcastle)
Anthony Hobson (Newcastle)
Ross McKim (Newcastle)
Daniel Moran (Newcastle)

It is understood each performed strongly and enjoyed the experience.

- Congratulations to the umpires who were appointed to NSW Premier Cricket Finals –

First Grade: Sydney University v Penrith at Bankstown Oval
Greg Davidson and Tony Wilds

Second Grade: Sydney University v Parramatta at University Oval
Marc Nickl and Ben Treloar

Third Grade: Sydney University v Eastern Suburbs at Coogee Oval
Andrew Hamilton and Ryan Nelson

Fourth Grade: St George v Manly-Warringah at Hurstville Oval
Berend du Plessis and Darren Goodger

Fifth Grade: Sutherland v UNSW at Glenn McGrath Oval
Roberto Howard and Sharad Patel

Poidevin-Gray Shield: Blacktown v Mosman at Joe McAleer
Vince Calabro and Roberto Howard

AW Green Shield: Manly-Warringah v Northern District at Manly Oval
Vince Calabro and Sharad Patel

We also offer congratulations to all umpires across the State on your

appointment to umpire finals series cricket in your respective competitions.

- The Annual Report will list the milestone matches of many members achieved during the 2018-19 season, but we wish to highlight Peter Mooney (450 matches) and John Evans (400 matches). Both have given exemplary service over so many seasons to achieve their respective milestones. Thank you to Peter and John, two selfless members.
- Gerard Abood continued as a member of the International Panel of ICC Umpires making his ODI debut in the Australia v South Africa fixture in Adelaide in November. He became the 45th Australian to stand in a men's ODI and performed strongly.

Sometimes it takes years for a person to become an overnight success. Gerard has been a member of the National Panel for a decade. He has worked hard and overcome various challenges to achieve this milestone. It was great to see him perform so well on the international stage and we look forward to his next opportunity.

- Greg Davidson enjoyed a wonderful opportunity as part of the umpire exchange between Cricket Australia and Cricket South Africa. Greg umpired five One Day Domestic matches in South Africa.

He is dedicated to self-improvement and deserved the opportunity. Whenever and wherever he can, he looks to give back to the Association and its' members by sharing his experience.



- Claire Polosak had a wonderful season being involved in programs with the International Cricket Council. Claire is a member of the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires. She umpired a Semi Final (England v India) of the Women's World T20 in Antigua, the final of the World Cricket League Division Two (Namibia v Oman) at Windhoek, and at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup East Asia Pacific Qualifying tournament held in Japan.

The final of the WCLD2 tournament was awarded ODI status so Claire became the 46th Australian umpire to stand in a men's ODI.

- Cricket Australia introduced a Futures League T20 competition which provided opportunity and invaluable experience for Berend du Plessis, Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard, Ryan Nelson, Marc Nickl, Sharad Patel, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar.
- Our scorers continued to perform with distinction, the Representative Scorer Panel for season 2018-19 comprised of –

Christine Bennison, Cheryl Brain, Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, Adam Morehouse, Geoff Rogers, Robyn Sanday, Adrian Tham, Kay Wilcoxon, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright.

Congratulations to Kay Wilcoxon who made her Test debut and Ian Wright on making his T20 International debut.

- Rod Tucker and Paul Wilson have been selected by the ICC to umpire at the ongoing Cricket World Cup in England and Wales. Wonderful news for both. They are outstanding umpires and

ambassadors for umpiring. We wish them every success.



Paul Wilson and Rod Tucker at the Cricket World Cup.
Getty Images

- Congratulations to the New South Wales umpires who officiated on field in national finals in 2018-19 –

JLT Sheffield Shield

Paul Wilson

JLT One Day Domestic Cup

Paul Wilson

KFC T20 Big Bash League

Gerard Abood

U19 Male National Championships

Troy Penman

U17 Male National Championships

Berend du Plessis

U15 Male National Championships

Vince Calabro

U15 Female National Championships

Diana Venter

Australian Country Cricket Championships

(T20) Graeme Glazebrook

Australian Country Cricket Championships

(50 Over) Graeme Glazebrook

National Indigenous Cricket Championships

Daniel Moran

We are pleased for and proud of all these members.

- Cricket Australia has released its' umpire panels for season 2019-20 –

National Panel

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

Supplementary Panel

Darren Close (Tasmania)
 Nathan Johnstone (Western Australia)
 Simon Lightbody (New South Wales)
 Troy Penman (New South Wales)
 Claire Polosak (New South Wales)
 Ben Treloar (New South Wales)

Congratulations are offered to Troy Penman on his elevation. We offer our best wishes to all umpires on the Cricket Australia panels.

- Troy Penman and Ben Treloar have been selected by Cricket Australia to umpire two matches each in the Australia v New Zealand U19 ODI Series to be played in Brisbane in July. We congratulate both and wish them well. The match appointments are –

Match 1 & 2 – 6 & 7 July
 Umpires David Taylor & Ben Treloar

Match 3 & 4 – 10 & 12 July
 Umpires Darren Close & Troy Penman

- A Special General Meeting will be held on 3 July at 6.45pm at Bowlers' Club of New South Wales, the sole purpose of which is to honour Ian Wright with Life Membership of the Association.

Ian has given dedicated service to NSWCUSA as an umpire, scorer, office-bearer and committee member. He richly deserves this significant honour.

- The NSWCUSA Annual General Meeting will be held on July 3 at 7pm at Bowlers' Club of New South Wales. During the meeting we will acknowledge four members with an upgrade to Principal Membership – Ken Buckland, Alan Hollebrandse (Armidale), Brett McMillan and Brian Walker (Wagga Wagga).

All have given outstanding service to cricket umpiring over many years. Following the AGM refreshments will be served, an opportunity for us all to celebrate with Ian Wright and our newly upgraded Principal Members.

It has been an exceptional year for the Association, made possible by our members. The Annual Report will provide a comprehensive overview of the season.

To all members – thank you. We hope you enjoyed your season and are keen to come back again in 2019-20 to extend yourself and make a positive contribution to cricket.

“A team is not a group of people who work together. A team is a group of people who trust each other.” Simon Sinek.

Darren Goodger
 Executive Officer





Left: Dick French and Andrew Yarad
Below: Stephen Blomfield and Simon Dodwell



Above: Rick Crocono, Ian Bowman and Ian Pryde
Right: Dennis Chaplin and Ian Thomas



Technical

Darren Goodger

Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has announced several minor corrections and clarifications from the 2017 new Code of Laws, which came into force on 1 April 2019.

The alterations to the Laws of Cricket in October 2017 were the most significant that have been made for almost two decades. The Code has been well received and has had a positive impact on cricket all over the world, but some issues have emerged and as such, the second Edition aims for clarification.

Most of the changes are minor, but there are several significant changes:

- A reworking of Law 41.7, which relates to full-pitch deliveries over waist height (known colloquially as ‘beamers’). MCC listened to significant feedback and has handed more control to umpires to determine whether or not a delivery is dangerous.

Also relevant to that Law, and at the behest of umpires, MCC has, for the first time, put into the Laws a definition of the waist – something that has long been a point of contention, particularly in the recreational game.

- There is a slight change to Law 41.16, which should further confirm the principle, established in the 2017 Code, that it is the non-striker’s duty to remain in their ground until the bowler has released the ball.

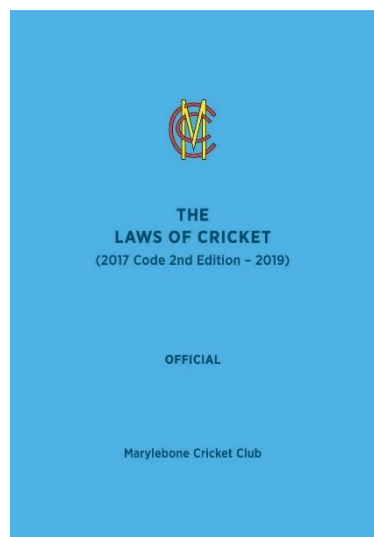
- The other most notable alterations come in Laws 34 and 37, where the scenarios of hitting the ball twice, and obstructing a catch, after a delivery has been called a no ball, have been addressed.

One change removes a whole clause (the previous Law 41.19) because, after changes to Law 41.2, the clause was simply duplication.

The other changes (there are 22 in total) are not as significant, but can be viewed at this link –

<https://www.lords.org/lords/news-stories/mcc-announce-changes-to-the-new-code-of-laws-from>

A full copy of the amended Laws can also be downloaded from the link.



The Association will provide all members upon renewal, at no cost, with a new book of the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition – 2019).

An order has been placed with Cricket Australia.

Female Umpire Engagement

Claire Polosak

Thanks to the NSW ICC T20 World Cup 2020 Cricket Legacy Fund and the Board of the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (NSWCUSA) for approval of a scholarship and development program for female umpires.

Background

The NSW ICC T20 World Cup 2020 Cricket Legacy Fund is an initiative established by the NSW Government to be administered in the lead up to the ICC T20 World Cup tournament in 2020.

NSWCUSA was successful in obtaining funding for the objective of improving female participation and pathways. The approved funding is to develop female umpires who are umpiring in the Cricket NSW system as well as to encourage more females to take up umpiring and to be involved in the game in avenues other than playing.

About the Scholarship

The NSWCUSA Female Umpire Scholarship program will have two components:

- The opportunity for individuals to access funds and resources to progress their development as an umpire.
- Access for all female umpires in NSW to professional development sessions to enhance their development.

There were three scholarships available for 2019 and then there will be another three available for 2020. Each scholarship is worth \$1000. There will be a separate application process for each 12 months.

There were several strong applicants for the scholarships. The three successful recipients for 2019 are:

- Sue Gregory
- Margaret Marshall
- Elizabeth O'Dwyer

The three applicants provided a strong professional development program for the following twelve months.

I look forward to working with Sue, Margaret and Elizabeth, as well as the wider group of females for the other funding that is available for the wider group of female umpires across the winter and 2019-20 season.



Secrets of Our Success

Troy Penman

When people think about successful seasons, one of the first that comes to mind is the 2016-17 A-League campaign of Sydney FC. In a 27-match season they won 20 times, with six draws and just one loss.

A while ago I stumbled across an article titled “Secrets of Our Success”, authored by Sydney FC midfielder Brandon O’Neill. He provides a wonderful insight into the secrets of their success from that season.

Although it was written a while ago, their success has continued, and the messages are still useful.

The original website is no longer active, but an archived version is available at: <http://bit.ly/2IoWSjn>

The key messages for me were around goals, self-improvement and routines. I’ve picked out some of the key messages and added a commentary to tie-in with umpiring.

Goals

“That goal wasn’t just mentioned once and never brought up again. From day one we heard it every day, not only by the coaching staff but from the seniors all the way down to the youth team which trained with us. “Three trophies boys, three!”

Repetition of what your goals are, or constant reminders help them to stick and sink in.

“It’s amazing what you can achieve when you get the right people working together”

Surrounding yourself with good people can help improve how you perform.

“The people in the club were not only great footballers, but they were bloody good people”

Surrounding yourself with good people can help improve how you perform.

“As a group and as individuals we set goals for the season ahead. It was an extremely positive experience”

When Sydney FC were beaten for the first and only time, they had one of their best training weeks and they were hungry to respond in the best way possible. It’s clear that they were looking to get back to what had been working and understanding that one slip up wasn’t going to have an impact on the whole season.

Self-improvement

“I also wanted to improve as a player. As a young lad, you want to test yourself against the best players, not only in your team, but across the league”

“A 4-0 win. It wasn’t the score, it was the way we went about it”
Relates to when you have a decision free day or one decision marked correct from one appeal, how did you perform beyond the score card?

“After the match we believed that if we could improve on that performance, no one would touch us for the rest of the year”

Still striving to improve even after a comprehensive performance.

“From here on in training sessions were as intense as the games we played. Everyone wanted to get better and no one was letting anyone slack off. No one accepted poor standards and mediocrity”



“When it came to match day the belief was strong, not only in yourself, but also in your team. This wasn’t happening by fluke and we knew it. It was from the hard work we had put in, day in, day out”

“There were many chances we didn’t take and there were decisions made that were out of our control”
We can only control ourselves and not what comes our way, knowing this helped Brandon and Sydney FC place everything into perspective.

When Sydney FC were confirmed as minor premiers there was some light celebrations, but it was business as usual the next day. The premiership wasn’t the end for them. Instead it spurred them on to finish the job
This relates to getting an appointment then focusing on getting the job done as the appointment isn’t the key it’s performing at that level.

Routines

“On Grand Final day, my routine didn’t stray from the norm. I was 100% ready”

“I look really relaxed; I even had time to tuck my shirt in. Little did everyone know; I was absolutely breaking it inside”
Remaining calm on the outside, even if you feel quite different on the inside.

“At the time, as much as my stomach was in knots, my mind was in a strong space. I didn’t have thousands of scenarios running through my head, just the one. It’s all about finding your spot and then repetition. It’s weird, if you do something over and over and

over again, you start to become quite good at it. It becomes second nature. That was our edge. As soon as I had the ball in my hand it all clicked. I knew how many steps I had to take back, and how I had to strike the ball. I knew that if I did all of that, the rest was left to whatever God is up there. If the keeper pulls off a great save, you have to take off your hat to them as you’ve done everything humanly possible”

An incredible insight and something that I think everyone can relate to, by having things embedded and basically second nature to you it makes it so much easier when faced with a pressure situation.

A Final Thought

“When you’re enjoying something you often do it to the best of your ability, as a team last season we enjoyed playing football. It was the key factor to our success”



Sydney FC midfielder Brandon O’Neill defends the ball from Arsenal’s Mesut Özil in a friendly

National Indigenous Cricket Championships

Margaret Marshall

The National Indigenous Cricket Championships were held in Alice Springs from 3 February – 11 February 2019.

The tournament provided an exciting opportunity for Daniel Moran and myself to immerse ourselves in such an important cultural experience, extending beyond the cricket field.

Our off-field activities included attending the opening ceremony and a Welcome to Country. We were also privy to an advance screening of *Walkabout Wickets* – a documentary which explores the development of indigenous cricket in Australia, from the 1868 Indigenous tour of England – the first team to represent Australia through to the Men's and Women's Indigenous Tour of England last

year. Aired on the Seven Network later in February, it will be released on streaming platform Netflix later in the year and is highly recommended.

As to be expected, the Alice Springs climate produced several days of very high temperatures, with low humidity.

A special ball was produced by Kookaburra for the tournament. It featured wording from the Arrernte language which translated to 'laughing flying bird' - see below.

The carnival was a privilege to attend. Daniel and I both umpired Semi Finals on the second last day and Daniel can be congratulated for his selection to umpire the Men's Final.



Umpires at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships with NSWCUA representatives; Daniel Moran (left) and Margaret Marshall (second from left)



The specially produced NICC ball featuring Arrernte inscription



Left: Margaret Marshall and Gerard Abood
Below: Diana Venter and Cricket NSW CEO Lee Germon



Above: Sue Woodhouse and Merilyn Fowler
Right: Peter Ashton, Kevin Battishill and Paul Farrell



Tony Hackett Reaches 500 Matches

Courtney Rees

Wagga Daily Advertiser

Wagga Wagga umpire Tony Hackett officiated in his 500th match in the Wagga Wagga District Cricket Association Final (WWDCA) on 23-24 March.

The 63-year-old could not have picked many bigger moments to bring up the feat, but the achievement caught him by surprise. "To think I'm clocking up 500 is just crazy," Hackett said, "if someone had told me when I first started I was going to do 500 I would have said they had rocks in their head".

Hackett is no stranger to grand finals and when he strides out to the middle, it will be the 10th time he has been in the hot seat in a WWDCA decider.

He started umpiring son Cameron's Under 13s matches in the 2002-03 season and soon realised it was something he wanted to do. "I thought geez this is alright and I asked about it and was told there's a course next week and the rest is history", Hackett said.

His love for the game has taken him to representative carnivals across the state, including the Australian Country Championships; he has been a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel since 2014-15 and has 12 First Grade matches in Sydney to his name, far surpassing his ambition when starting out.

"When I started in December 2002 I had two goals - I wanted to make it to First Grade in Wagga and umpire a regional O'Farrell Cup game", Hackett said.

"Now I've done 12 First Grade games in Sydney, which is a pretty big thing for a boy from the country".

The Grand Final was his 40th match of the season and Hackett thanked wife Lynn for allowing him so much time to spend in the sport and he has no plans to give it away.

"It's my hobby and something I love doing," he said. "I love the game of cricket, my camaraderie with my fellow umpires and trying to manage so many personalities".

Tony's work off the field is first class. In the 2008-09 season, Tony became Secretary/Treasurer of the Wagga Wagga District Cricket Umpires' Association. Over the past eleven seasons Tony has shown his professionalism by streamlining the local Association's administration and his financial reports are very well documented.



Tony Hackett and Dennis Chaplin ahead of the 2018-19 WWDCA First Grade Final



Around the Zones – Finals Appointments

Neil Findlay

ACT

- **First Grade**
Ginninderra v Weston Creek Molonglo
Andrew Crozier & Andrew Scotford
- **Second Grade**
Western District-UC v ANU
Terry Keel & Kumar Jeyakkumar
- **Third Grade**
Ginninderra v ANU
Stuart Grocock & Andrew Miller
- **Fourth Grade**
Queanbeyan v ANU
Paul Wright & Aaron Barrett
- **Fifth Grade**
Queanbeyan v Ginninderra Black
Ramakrishnan Venkitachalam &
Russell Noy
- **Lynne O'Meara Cup**
Western District-UC v North Canberra-
Gungahlin
Tim Chakrapani & Peta Guy
- **Ugadhi Cup**
Telugmates v Challengers
R. Noy & P. Wright

Ardlethan Barellan

- Coolamon Crickets v Coolamon Rovers
Jason Malone & Graeme Male

Bathurst

- **First Grade**
City Colts v St Pats Old Boys
Graeme Glazebrook & Mark Waldren
- **Second Grade**
St Pats Old Boys Blue v Bathurst City
Matt Chirgwin & Gary McAulley
- **Presidents' Cup**
Centennials Bulls v ORC
Darrin Masters & Jahid Reza
- **Third Grade**
Perthville v Bathurst City
Muhammad Islam & Jim Wood

Blue Mountains

- **First Grade**
Leura v Hazlebrook
Craig Kelly & Tony Gasparre
- **Second Grade**
Katoomba v Faulconbridge
Ian Fletcher
- **Third Grade**
Faulconbridge v Gloria Park
Craig Kelly & Timothy Legge

CAW Hume

- Rand v Walbundrie
Wayne Allan & Scott Barrett

Central Coast

- **First Grade**
Wyong v Northern Power
Bill Cobram & James Figallo
- **Second Grade**
The Entrance v Northern Power
David Grainger & Mark Ronson
- **Third Grade**
Kincumber v Lisarow
John Davidson & Thomas Maurer
- **Fourth Grade**
The Entrance v Warnervale
Tony Booth & Hamish Millen
- **Fifth Grade**
Lisarow v North Warnervale
G. Dowden & Malcolm Emerson
- **Sixth Grade**
Northern Power v Kincumber
Lyle Fry & Geoffrey Peebles
- **Seventh Grade**
Terrigal v Lisarow
Darryl Long
- **Eighth Grade**
Narara v Southern Spirit White
Elisabeth Houston & Beverly
Mylchreest



Church Cricket

- **A Grade** (joint competition with Moore Park South Eastern)
Ron White
- **B Grade**
Peter Smart & Graham Parsons
- **C Grade**
David Finlay & Bob Moore

Clarence River District

- **Firsts**
Brothers v Tucabia Copmanhurst
David Honeybrook & Tony Blanch
- **Thirds**
Brothers v Tucabia Copmanhurst
Paul Ensby

Coffs Harbour

- **Second Grade**
Sawtell v Northern Districts
Ted Bailey & Garry Campbell
- **Third Grade**
Nana Glen Blue v Northern Districts
Len Gear & Alan McFadyen
- **Fourth Grade**
Sawtell Blue v Coffs Colts Red
Matt Campbell

Cowra

- **Lachlan Premier League** (involving teams from Canowindra, Cowra & Parkes)
Royal Colts v Cambridge Cats
Glen Pepper & Mark Ryan

Dubbo

- **First Grade (Whitney Cup)**
Newtown v RSL Colts
John De Lyall & Matthew Knudsen
- **Second Grade (Pinnington Cup)**
RSL Colts v Rugby
Dave Carruthers & Colin Harper
- **Third Grade (Kelly Cup)**
Newtown Black v RSL Colts
Coolbaggie
Noel Phoebe & Doug Sandry

- **Fourth Grade (Dawson Cup)**
Newtown Gold v CYMS White
Nathan Astri & Phil Angus Ridge
- **Brewery Shield (McDonald's Megahit)**
Amaroo Hotel Tigers v Bob Berry
Blasters
Matthew Knudsen & Glenn Shepherd

Far North Coast

- **LJ Hooker**
Lennox Head v Cudgen
David Went & Graham Rose
- **Coastal League**
Lennox Head v Byron Bay
Kevin Ayres & Peter Tyrrell

Forbes

- Home Timber & Hardware v Golfie Tigers
Robert Ryan

Goulburn

- **First Grade**
Workers Stags v Hibo Green
Stuart Wearne & Peter Wyche
- **Second Grade**
Railway Bowlo v Hibo Colts
Stuart Wearne & Brad Ehrke

Griffith

- **First Grade**
Diggers v Exies
Joe Catanzariti & Brenton Harrison
- **Second Grade**
Exeis v Leagues
Peter Davis & Garry Tucker
- **Third Grade**
Exeis v Coro Cougars
Richie Alvaro & Liam Warren
- **Fourth Grade**
Exeis v Leagues
Richie Alvaro & Peter Davis

Gundagai / Tumut

- **Elders Cup**
Coolac v Junee
Wayne Carthew & Michael Rusconi



Illawarra

- **First Grade**
Keira v Balgownie
Frank Ciocci & Neil Findlay
- **Second Grade**
Wollongong v University
David Cullen & Barry Ferguson
- **Third Grade:**
Northern Districts v University Grey
Brian Druery & Andrew Still
- **Fourth Grade**
Wollongong Black v Northern Districts
Sky
Evan Lane & Matt Ryan
- **Under 16A**
Charles Brockley & David Dobinson
- **Under 14A**
Brian Whitehouse
- **Under 14B**
Ray Trindall
- **Under 12**
Neale Benson

Leeton

- **A Grade**
Leeton Soldiers Club Colts v Yanco
Hotel
Brian Rotheram & Richard Smith

Lower Clarence

- **First Grade**
MacLean United v Iluka
Rob Pye & David Whitby
- **Second Grade**
Harwood v Iluka
Kevin Eames & Bill McCarron
- **Third Grade**
Iluka v Yamba
Steve Cameron

Murray Border

- **Provincial First Grade**
(best of 3 matches)
Lavington v North Albury
Norm Maclure & Neil Smith
- **District First Grade**
Yackandandah v Kiewa
Anthony Holmes & Michael Transom

- **Provincial Second Grade**
St Patricks v Lavington
Raj Kapor & Brendon Wood
- **District Second Grade**
Kiewa v Mount Beauty
Peter Bridle & Russell Murray
- **C Grade Division 1**
Wodonga Maroon v North Albury
R. Burns & T. Hanlon
- **C Grade Division 2**
North Albury Green v Albury
Rex Forrest & Paul Johnson
- **C Grade Division 3**
Albury Umpires White v Dederang
Jock Campbell & Brendon Lawrence

Murray Valley

- **Premier Division**
Cobram v Deniliquin Rhinos
Colin Smith & Matt Whitty
- **Division 1**
Finley v Katunga
Allan Hadrell & Neil Graham
- **Division 2**
Barooga v Katamatite
Artie Owen & Lindsay Reidell

Nambucca Valley

- **Nambucca Hotel v Scotts Head**
Chris Kearney

Newcastle

- **First Grade**
Hamilton-Wickham v Toronto
Workers DC
Gary Crombie & Kim Norris
- **Second Grade**
Wallsend v Merewether
Anthony Hobson & Ross McKim
- **Third Grade**
Charleston v Merewether
Steven Cooper & Paul Olsen
- **Fourth Grade**
Waratah Mayfield v Newcastle City
Glenn Benton & Stephen Wade



Newcastle City & Suburban

- **A Grade**
The Journeymen v Waratah
Alf Ellevsen & Phillip Northey

Northern Coast Cricket Council

- **Premier Grade**
Sawtell v Harwood
Bruce Baxter & John Pearce

Orange

- **First Grade**
Cavaliers v Orange City
Matt Tabbernor & Steve Warrington
- **Second Grade**
Cavaliers v Orange City
Scott Larsen & Scott McLean
- **Third Grade**
Gladstone v Orange City
Allan Hubbard & Chris King
- **Centenary Cup**
Kinross Blue v Orange City
Nick Cooper & Liam Dillon
- **Bonnor Cup**
Orange City v St Pat's Old Boys
Allan Hubbard & Matt Tabbernor

Parkes

- **Coolabah Cup**
Reedy Creek Raptors v Reedy Creek
Trevor Chatman & Glen Pepper
- **Radiola Cup**
Star Hotel v Parkes Hotel Pythons
Greg Morrissey

Parramatta

- **A Grade**
Guildford Leagues v Kings Langley
K. Bakon & R. Dryburgh
- **A Reserve Grade**
Hills Barbarians v Guildford Leagues
T. Heath & G. Lambert
- **B1 Grade**
Baulkham Hills Maroon v
AKA Crusaders
D. Everton & G. Serrao

- **B2 Grade**
Guildford Leagues v Seven Hills-
Toongabbie RSL
D. Henry & S. Jimulia
- **B3 Grade**
Cheetah Sports v Kings Langley
F. Pitt & V. Beknaliker
- **B4 Grade**
Guildford Leagues v Baulkham Hills
P. Wilson-Mosey & D. Vella
- **B5 Grade**
Baulkham Hills v Parramatta
Telugu Warriors
L. Visvanathan & V. Sada
- **B6 Grade**
NSW Tamils v Sydney Supersonics
M. Sandhu
- **B7 Grade**
Cheetah Sports v
Wentworthville Leagues
S. Surana
- **B8 Grade**
Rouse Hill Rams v Hills Barbarians
L. Costaganna
- **B9 Grade**
Winston Hills v Cheetah Sports
D. Kahlon
- **B10 Grade**
Winston Hills v Baulkham Hills
H. Murali
- **B11 Grade**
Cheetah Sports v Kings Langley
C. Lenard
- **B12 Grade**
Spartan XI v Sydney Supersonics
A. Lahiri
- **B13 Grade**
Western Legends Cricket Club v
Winston Hills
M. Dave
- **B14 Grade**
Greystanes v Parramatta
Telugu Warriors
S. Swaminathan
- **U16/1**
Hills Barbarians v
Wentworthville Leagues
C. Everton & U. Wigesinghe



- **U15/1**
Kings Langley v Seven Hills-
Toongabbie RSL
D. Henry & G. Lambert
- **U15/2**
Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL v
AKA Crusaders
D. Kahlon
- **U14/1**
Hills Barbarians v Baulkham Hills
C. Laurie
- **U14/2**
Kings Langley v Greystanes
S. Chellaney
- **U13/1**
Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL v
Winston Hills
D. Vella
- **U13/2**
Wentworthville Leagues v
Wenty Waratahs
M. Alagarraja
- **U12/1**
Wentworthville Leagues v
Baulkham Hills
M. Sandhu
- **U12/2**
Pendle Hills Colts v
Wentworthville Leagues
H. Murali
- **U12/3**
Auburn v Baulkham Hills Gold
R. Dryburgh

Shoalhaven

- **First Grade**
Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's v North
Nowra-Cambewarra
Peter Done & David Schofield
- **Second Grade**
Berry-Shoalhaven Heads v Sussex Inlet
Graham Lowbridge & Cathy Russell
- **Third Grade**
Bateman's Bay v Nowra
David Craft & Steven Woolley
- **Fourth Grade**
Bomaderry v Shoalhaven Heads
Ian Davidson & Mark Horsfall

South Coast

- **First Grade**
Oak Flats v Lake Illawarra
Scott Greenwood & John Oliver
- **Second Grade**
Shellharbour v Jamberoo
Jackson Surman & Frank Ulcigrai
- **Third Grade**
Lake Illawarra v Kookas
Paul Kitson & Steve O'Meara
- **Fourth Grade**
Lake Illawarra v Albion Park
Evan Lane & John Norwell

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

- **Division 1**
Temora v Cootamundra
Dennis Elphick & Jeff White
- **Dunk Insurance Cup**
Criterion Hotel v Burrangong
Ray Wells

St George District CA

- **First Grade**
Illawarra Catholic Club Gold v
Kingsgrove
Graeme Fleming & Peter Smith
- **Second Grade**
Rockdale RSL v South Hurstville /
Carss Park
Joe Vitale & Craig Rudolph
- **Third Grade**
Ramsgate RSL v Kingsgrove Green
Ian Newsom & Kevin Felton
- **Fourth Grade**
Kingsgrove v Penshurst West
Roger Ridgway & Steve Tiberti

Sutherland

- **A1**
Gymea Bay v Illawong-Menai 1
Phil Alterator & Andrew Vasey
- **A2**
Como-Jannali 3 v Bangor Comets 1
Gordon Johnston & David McCarty



- **B1**
Gymea Bay 2 v Caringbah Inn Sports 1
Nathan Harvey & Wayne Trigell
- **B2**
Gymea Bay 3 v St. Patrick's 4
Adrian Fisher & John McGrath
- **B3**
Gymea Bay 4 v Bangor Tavern 1
Matt McKeon & Mario Racomelara
- **B4**
Sylvania 1 v St. John Bosco 1
Greg Almond & V. Ponzio
- **B5**
Loftus 1 v Miranda Magpies 2
Bill Butler & James White
- **B6**
Caringbah Inn Sports 5 v
Como-Jannali 5
Clement Fong, Laurie Taylor &
Adam Young
- **C1**
St. Patrick's 10 v Bangor Comets 3
Ross Bowra & Rob Cordery
- **16A**
Laurie Taylor & Nathan Harvey
- **16B**
Phil Alterator & Ross Bowra
- **16C**
Bill Butler & Coll Hobman
- **14A**
Gordon Johnston & Craig Lardner
- **14B**
David McCarty & Sam McCarty
- **14C**
Clement Fong & Adam Young
- **14D**
Bob Gorrey & Matt McKeon
- **12A1**
Martin Mood
- **12A2**
Wayne Trigell

Sydney Shires

- **First Grade**
Mount Pritchard-Southern Districts v
Warringah
Simon Dodwell & Anthony Raymond

- **Second Grade**
Burwood v Auburn
Stephen Bloomfield &
Michael Wheeler
- **Third Grade**
Strathfield v Burwood
Cameron Duff & Tim Overland
- **Fourth Grade**
Burwood v Strathfield
Andrew Steindler & Geoff Wheeler
- **Frank Grey Shield**
Georges River v Burwood
Simon Dodwell & Anthony Raymond

NSW Women's Premier Cricket

- **First Grade**
Campbelltown-Camden v Gordon
Claire Polosak & Diana Venter
- **Second Grade**
Northern District v St George-
Sutherland
John Colwell & Russell Miles
- **Third Grade**
St George-Sutherland v Gordon
Kevin McFarlane & Michelle Evans
- **U18 Brewer Shield**
Bankstown v Parramatta
Kevin Battishill & Paul Farrell

Tamworth

- **First Grade**
Old Boys v West Tamworth
Leon Elrich & Mark Mitchell
- **Second Grade**
Old Boys v North Tamworth
Ian Furner & Paul Purdy
- **Third Grade**
Bective East v North Tamworth
Simon Hood & Wayne Solomons
- **Fourth Grade**
City United v Bective East
Aaron Follington & Geoff Hoy

Tumbarumba

- All Stars v Jingellic
Jack Jolley & Steve Carracher



Wagga Wagga

- **First Grade**
Wagga City v South Wagga
Denis Chaplin & Tony Hackett
- **Second Grade**
Lake Albert v Wagga City
Lee Barclay & Graham Moon
- **Third Grade**
Wagga City v Koorringal Vikings
Mick Marien & Anthony McGettigan

- **Fourth Grade**
Wagga RSL v Lake Albert Maroon
Paul Habel & Pat Kerin

West Wyalong

- Tallimba v Aria Park
David Probestel & Jamie Allen



Frank Ciocchi oversees the Illawarra DCA First Grade Final between Balgownie and Keira at North Dalton Park
Picture: Robert Peet / *Illawarra Mercury*

Canterbury & District CUA

Ray Marshall

The Canterbury & District Cricket Umpires Association Inc. has reached a very significant milestone this season, marking the centenary of the Association.

Now named the CDCUA, in the early days of the early 20th century it was known as the Canterbury & District Cricket Umpires League.

The Association has continuously umpired in the Canterbury District non-stop since its' foundation, not stopping during any of the global scale conflicts that have occurred in the period. This has assisted to

keep the great game of cricket alive and well in the district.

Current membership of the Association stands at 16 members with four being NSWCUA members with other members looking to achieve their State ticket.

There is much research still to do to get a fuller picture of the Association's storied history with some very well-known umpires wearing the black and white throughout the 100 years of the Association operating in Canterbury.



The CDCUA logo as sown onto field gear

2019 NSWCUSA Annual Dinner Wrap

Bede Sajowitz

Ben Treloar won NSWCUSA's highest honour for the third time as he took home the George Borwick Memorial Award on Saturday night at the 2018-19 Annual Dinner and Awards Night in Bankstown.

Treloar won the award for the second time in three summers on the back of an impressive season, averaging 4.72 from First Grade captains alongside perfect attendance and availability for Saturdays throughout the NSW Premier Cricket season.

With 210 in attendance, NSWCUSA celebrated the 2018-19 summer, with key highlights including having ten umpires appointed to national finals and one umpire and two scorers making international debuts.

Gerard Abood made his ODI debut in the match between Australia and South Africa at the Adelaide Oval in November, whilst Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright made their Test match and T20I debuts in the respective Australia v India matches at the SCG.

Special presentations were made to Claire Polosak for her appointment to the England v India semi-final of the ICC Women's World T20 in Antigua and to Wagga Wagga's Brian Walker, who stood in his 800th match during the 2018-19 season.

The E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal, the Borwick equivalent for NSWCUSA Affiliated Associations, was presented to the North Coast's Rob Pye. Pye beat an outstanding selection of nominees from

around the State to win the award for the first time.

Also the pick of an impressive field of nominees, Brothers Cricket Club scorer Judy Disson took out the Malcolm Gorham Scorer's Award. Disson scores in the GDSC Premier League conducted by the Clarence River Cricket Association.

Keith Shannon was awarded the Alan Marshall Medal for rookie umpire of the year, capping off a memorable first season in Premier Cricket - which featured a Third Grade debut on the back of an average captain's mark of 4.38.

Members and guests were entertained by former Australian, NSW and Tasmanian cricketer, and now media personality, Ed Cowan who shared stories about his cricketing journey and umpires he came across throughout his career. Sydney Cricket Club's Nic Bills was a superb MC for the evening, hosting the evening with his trademark quick wit which was appreciated by all.

Bathurst's Graeme Glazebrook was again awarded the Kevin Pye Medal. This is the fourth season in a row that Glazebrook has been recognised as Country Umpire of the Year, capping off a memorable season which featured on field appointments in both the T20 and One-Day National Finals of the Men's Division at the Australian Country Cricket Championships.

The SCA Panel Medals were handed out on the evening, recognising the best umpires in each grade of NSW Premier Cricket – as assessed by the captains. Darren Goodger



The Panel 2 Medal was jointly awarded, for only the second time in history, with Bede Sajowitz and Andrew Yarad unable to be separated with average captain's marks of 4.66 seeing the pair both win their first Panel Medals.

The Panel 4 Medal was won by Greg Carmock, one of NSWCUA's most enthusiastic umpires, with an average mark of 4.48 across the ten matches he umpired in Sydney Cricket Association competitions.





Left: Dave Cullen and Graeme Glazebrook
Below: Keith Griffiths and Anthony Hobson



Above: Greg Davidson and Ben Treloar
Right: Rebecca and Elisabeth Houston



Get to Know Your Eyes

Harvard Medical School

Five truths about protecting your eyes

Of your five senses, which one are you most afraid of losing? If you're like most people, your answer is your ability to see. Because our eyesight is so precious, it's no wonder that myths abound about your eye health, what can damage our eyes - and what can protect them. Here, we debunk five common myths - and tell you how to truly keep your eyes healthy.

Myth: Doing eye exercises will delay the need for glasses.

Fact: Eye exercises will not improve or preserve vision, help your eye health, or reduce the need for glasses. Your vision depends on many factors, including the shape of your eyeball and the health of the eye tissues, neither of which can be significantly altered with eye exercises.

Myth: Reading in dim light will worsen your vision.

Fact: Dim lighting will not damage your eyesight or eye health. However, it will tire your eyes out more quickly. The best way to position a reading light is to have it shine directly onto the page, not over your shoulder. A desk lamp with an opaque shade pointing directly at the reading material is ideal.

Myth: Carrots are the best food for the eyes.

Fact: Carrots, which contain vitamin A, are indeed good for the eyes. But fresh fruits and dark green leafy vegetables, which contain more antioxidant vitamins such as C and E, are even better for eye health.

Antioxidants may even help protect the eyes against cataracts and age-related macular degeneration. Just don't expect them to prevent or correct basic vision problems such as near-sightedness or farsightedness.

Myth: It's best not to wear glasses or contact lenses all the time. Taking a break from them allows your eyes to rest.

Fact: If you need glasses or contacts for distance or reading, use them. Not wearing your glasses will strain your eyes and tire them out instead of resting them. However, it will not worsen your vision or lead to eye disease.

Myth: Staring at a computer screen all day is bad for the eyes.

Fact: Using a computer does not damage the health of your eyes. However, staring at a computer screen all day can contribute to eyestrain or tired eyes. People who stare at a computer screen for long periods tend not to blink as often as usual, which can cause the eyes to feel dry and uncomfortable. To help prevent eyestrain, adjust the lighting so it doesn't create a glare or harsh reflection on the screen, rest your eyes briefly every 20 minutes, and make a conscious effort to blink regularly so that your eyes stay well lubricated.

Warning signs of a serious eye problem

Eyes aren't exempt from the wear and tear of aging. Some of the age-related changes in the eyes are annoying but not serious — for example, it can become difficult to focus on near objects, and eyelashes may



thin out a bit. But other changes can be serious eye problems that threaten vision.

With age, the eyes' ability to stay lubricated starts to wane. This can leave eyes feeling irritated, sticky, dry, or gritty. The lens of the eye can become less elastic.

Night vision may also start to suffer, which can pose problems when driving at night. In contrast, cataracts, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy can rob you of your sight.

How do you know if an eye problem is a nuisance or the start of something serious? The following signs and symptoms warrant a call to your doctor.

Catching serious eye problems early can help preserve your vision. Even non-vision-threatening eye problems can be treated to keep your eyes comfortable and your eyesight as sharp as possible.

Call your doctor if you experience any of the following:

- Change in iris colour
- Crossed eyes
- Dark spot in the centre of your field of vision
- Difficulty focusing on near or distant objects
- Double vision
- Dry eyes with itching or burning
- Episodes of cloudy vision
- Excess discharge or tearing
- Eye pain
- Floaters or flashers
- Growing bump on the eyelid
- Halos (coloured circles around lights) or glare
- Hazy or blurred vision
- Inability to close an eyelid
- Loss of peripheral vision
- Redness around the eye
- Spots in your field of vision
- Sudden loss of vision
- Trouble adjusting to dark rooms
- Unusual sensitivity to light or glare
- Veil obstructing vision
- Wavy or crooked appearance to straight lines



Ben Treloar wearing sunglasses at Drummoine Oval during the First Grade Limited Overs Final

CRIC-O-KU Number 6

Clue: The inventor of the "Googly"

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

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

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

Enjoy!

- The Nightwatchman

CRIC-O-KU No 5: Solution

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June 2019 Merchandise Winner

To claim your prize please call Troy Penman on 0425 201 835.

\$100 Merchandise Voucher

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McDonald's & Beastwear

Troy Penman

Last season saw NSWCUSA undertake two sponsorship agreements; one with global fast food chain McDonald's and the other with custom made sportswear company Beastwear. These two agreements will both continue into the 2019-20 seasons.

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

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

The Association has ordered 700 shirts to allow all umpires in the NSW Premier Cricket competition, Sydney Shires

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

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

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



A banner for the Beastwear website. At the top left is the Beastwear logo, which consists of a blue paw print with a white 'B' inside, followed by the word 'BEASTWEAR' in blue capital letters. Below the logo is the tagline 'Unleash The Beast Within'. To the right of the logo is a navigation bar with links: 'SPORTS', 'PRODUCTS', 'DESIGN', 'INFO', 'NEWS', and a search icon. Above the navigation bar is a green button that says 'FREE SAME DAY QUOTE' and 'CLICK HERE'. Below the navigation bar is a large image of four people wearing blue polo shirts and caps. In the foreground, a woman is smiling. To the left of the image, there is text that says 'Upgrade to our Express Production Service 10 Business Days' and 'That's Australia's best delivery time! Speak to our sales team for more info'. At the bottom right of the image, there are two arrows pointing left and right.

60 SECONDS WITH...

Brian Walker



Sue Gregory

Kedar Oza



60 SECONDS WITH BRIAN WALKER

Name:	Brian Walker
Day Job?	Retired in 2001. Worked 32 years in banking, including two years of National Service Conscription (369 days in Vietnam)
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	Have umpired since I started playing cricket at school. First game as a 'badged umpire' would have been 1990 in local Wagga comp. As far as firing someone, one game in Fourth Grade stands out. Batsman had scored 60 from about 20 balls (he should have been playing First Grade not Fourth Grade) and hit one into his pads while standing back on stumps (plumb). Out! I said you should give someone else a bat so off he went with no complaints!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	The Australian Country Championships at Barooga in 1999.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	From local comp, Neville Jolliffe was an outstanding batsman and a brilliant wicketkeeper. He respected all officials and players. A real gentleman.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	It was in a First Grade game about 20 years ago. The batsman smashed one back to the bowler who attempted to catch the ball but only managed to deflect the ball towards me. Instinct had me raise my arm to protect the head. The ball cannoned off my arm back towards the wicket and removed the bails. The non-striker was well out of his ground. On appeal I signalled OUT. The batsman protested, and the batting side captain came running to the centre from the sheds saying, "how could that be out" as it had struck me. I eventually convinced them both that I was considered invisible and what happened had no influence on the manner being out. Discussed the scenario with the late Jack Misson a little later on who confirmed that I had made the correct decision.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	As umpiring in the bush usually involves only one official for the game, I am going for another sport - Rugby League that always has three involved in a game. My 30 years of refereeing saw many games (both as a centre and a touch judge) but when Bernie Nix from Wagga (refereed 15 First Grade GFs) was the First Grade referee he was always quick into position when required, giving out excellent directions to players and would always rely on his touch judges (me being one) for advice and guidance to ensure correct rulings occurred and that the game was played the way both players and spectators expected.
Any superstitions?	None come to light



Any special talents?	<p>I guess you could say being an ex-banker always got you an admin job in organisations honorary positions in organisations as treasurer etc</p> <p>RSL Australia ex-Treasurer = will have been a member for 50 years in 2020 (Life Member 2004)</p> <p>Vietnam Veterans Wagga Treasurer for past 28 years</p> <p>Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association – Vice President for many years (Life Member 2014)</p> <p>Group 9 Referees Association – Treasurer 28 years (Life Member 1996)</p> <p>Group 9 Rugby League Association – Committee and Treasurer for 12 years (Life Member 2018)</p> <p>Wagga National Servicemen’s Association - Committee, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, QM for 18 years (Life Member 2018)</p>
Best piece of advice?	Go by your initial instincts and be ready to back yourself in anything you do
What got you into umpiring?	<p>Jan 1990 was transferred to Wagga by my bank. I was still playing but being the middle of the season couldn’t get into a team. Saw ad in paper for interests in umpiring. Contacted Dave Tyler and sat the local umpires’ exam. In 1994 I passed the NSWCUA exam.</p> <p>Since then I have umpired in nine straight First Grade Grand Finals in Wagga, many lower grade GFs, Tooheys Cup, Reschs Cup, Grinsted Cup, Stribley Shield, Matterson Shield, Juniors, Konica Cup (Canberra), Riverina Rep games, school games, and GFs in various towns.</p>
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	<p>The CEOs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket Australia • National Rugby League • Country Rugby League

60 SECONDS WITH SUE GREGORY

Name:	Sue Gregory
Day job?	Company Secretariat Manager, Woolworths Group
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	<p>29/09/2018</p> <p>NSW Premier Cricket Round 2</p> <p>Fifth Grade - Parramatta v Campbelltown-Camden</p> <p>I gave a caught behind and no LBWs.</p>
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Umpiring at the U15 Female National Championships in Canberra in February. Metropolitan Cup Quarter Final was



	washed out unfortunately. The opportunity to stand with my colleagues, who are very experienced and willing to give their time to help me improve is absolutely a highlight.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Too difficult to name one. I was impressed by a 15-year-old spinner in Men's Fifth Grade who bowls more than 20 overs consecutively from one end week in and out
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	Batsman calling his partner to a mid-pitch chat during an over– to point out a female walking past in the street (she was a long distance away). Twice within nine days a wide down the leg side hit the helmet on the ground behind the wicket-keeper.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Ben Cummins (NRL referee) as I know him! It is impressive how referees in their 40s can keep up with the speedsters and I admire their composure. My three teenage daughters referee soccer and I really enjoy watching them officiate and seeing their progression
Any superstitions?	Always pack and prepare the night before matches. I check my bag several times before leaving the house to make sure I have everything
Any special talents?	Unfortunately, no, I don't think cross stitch counts! I do have a very loud voice though (great for advising scorers of a change of bowler when playing)
Best piece of advice?	Do what's right, not what's easy (my father)
What got you into umpiring?	Grew up with three older brothers so backyard cricket & watching it on tv. I played cricket as a teenager for my school, State Champs & Women's Grade and continued grade for a few more years. I fielded for my husband's team several times as well. My three daughters all played so I was managing and also coached a team. Given the Laws of the Game changed in 2017, and I am one to read up what the Laws are rather than guessing, piqued my interest. I also umpired my daughters' grand final which had some issues..... and as hard as it is for a very small number of males to understand, a female was correct about Laws of the Game.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My father (deceased) • Bill Clinton • Roger Federer

60 SECONDS WITH KEDAR OZA

Name:	Kedar Oza
Day job?	Database Manager
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	Back in 2008. I don't remember the first one I gave.
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Reaching 150 games in SCA competitions.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Lisa Sthalekar
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	Once, in a Second Grade game, a UNSW player farted loudly at mid-wicket.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Dickie Bird and David Sheperd
Any superstitions?	Far too many to list here!
Any special talents?	First in wish list to have
Best piece of advice?	Be yourself
What got you into umpiring?	A lover and respect for the game
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sachin Tendulkar • Adam Gilchrist • Rafael Nadal

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Nabil Ahmed	Minto	Zulfikar Malik	Baulkham Hills
Fakir Akram	Lakemba	Andrew Milligan	Chippendale
David Brown	Werrington County	Oscar Mufford	Killara
Dominic Credentino	Artarmon	Karthik Padmanabhan	Parramatta
Milind Deshmukh	Westmead	Prathap Pandiyan	Petersham
Santosh Gangula	Parramatta	Siba Panigrahi	Normanhurst
Meekail Haider	The Ponds	Mustafizur Rahman	Wiley Park
Alicia Humphrey	Terry Hills	Eric Rose	Balgowlah Heights
Matthew Hyslop	Mount Riverview	Vikas Shetty	Seven Hills
Byron Kauflin	Bowral	Sachin Solanki	Balmain East
Srinivas Kavuri	Newington	Stuart Stoker	Mortdale
Nitin Khemani	Seven Hills	Mohit Uppal	Seven Hills
Ayanavo Lahiri	Westmead	Tony Van Den Nieuwenhof	Cabarita
Vamsi Lalam	Eastwood	Arthur Vella	Wentworthville
Trent Lobb	Iluka	Akhil Verma	Strathfield
Harrison Long	Turramurra	Anjni Verma	Strathfield
Glenn Lucock	Burradoo	Jed Wesley-Smith	Tempe
Shahzad Malik	Glen Alpine	Kirsten Wraith	North Epping



An influx of new members with Tony Wilds at the May OGM



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