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## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

MARK HUGHES

Dear Members,

Welcome to our June edition of **In Black & White**. I hope you are enjoying your off-season.

Our Association enjoyed our end of season celebration at our Annual Dinner and Awards Night at Bankstown Sports Club in April. There was an excellent turnout with 150 members and guests in attendance and the spirit in the room was evident as we congratulated our award winners for season 2021-22.

Our award winners and those achieving milestone matches and years of service will be highlighted throughout this edition of **In Black & White**.

The season ahead brings another set of changes to the Laws of Cricket and our education team will be rolling out face to face training for the first time since the pandemic.

I encourage you all to take the opportunity to get familiar with the changes to the laws which will come into effect for next season by attending either a training course on the laws of cricket, a professional development session which will cover the changes to the laws and our Annual Convention to be held in Tamworth on the last weekend of August.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when we come together in Tamworth for what should be a great weekend.

All the best,  
Mark



In-person training returns over the coming months

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

### TROY PENMAN

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

As we enter the non-playing season it is time for us all to reflect on what was achieved in season 2021-22 and look ahead to what we want to achieve in season 2022-23. Upon reflection we have again overcome several challenges; COVID-19 heavily impacted the commencement of the season whilst the final preliminary rounds along with many finals series matches were impacted by wet weather. NSWCUA members were again at the forefront in ensuring matches played across the season were done so in COVIDsafe fashion to enable all stakeholders to have an enjoyable experience. I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts and contribution.

The SCA and Country Cricket Committees of Management are thanked for their efforts in facilitating matches for players to play, umpires to umpire and scorers to score. The efforts of both committees leading up to and during the season were incredible and greatly appreciated by the Association.

The Cricket NSW Competitions staff led by Bruce Whitehouse are acknowledged for their work in organising matches for all participants. The Competitions Team were presented with a number of challenges this season and at every turn they continued to ensure matches we played in a COVIDsafe environment.

This season saw 136 members reach a Years of Service milestone, we appreciate the commitment and loyalty of these members. Special acknowledgement to David Frede for reaching 55 years as a member and Jim Counsel, Michael Counsel, Ian Emerson, Jim Finn, Neville Foord and Brian Ovington who all reached 45 years of service to NSWCUA.

Several significant on-field milestones were reached during the season, which highlights the commitment and dedication of these members to the Association. All have made significant contributions to the Association and we are grateful for this. Members make the Association tick.

- Peter Mooney – 500 Matches (SCA)
- Kevin McFarlane – 450 Matches (Sydney Women's)
- Brian Ferguson – 400 Matches (SCA)
- Lawrie Yeomans – 400 Matches (Sydney Women's)
- Ken Buckland – 350 Matches (SCA)
- Rob Pye – 350 Matches (North Coast)

The work of the office-bearers in our affiliated associations is very much appreciated. The Association remains committed to all affiliates and to assisting with general administration, umpire education and development, and with training courses for prospective umpires. If our affiliates can build the interest, we will commit to providing the services.



Lawrie Yeomans walks off the field after his 400th match // St George-Sutherland



Our volunteer committee members are thanked for their efforts throughout a challenging season. The Exam Committee have done a sterling job providing education to members on a monthly basis. Thank you to Andrew Coates for his leadership of the committee. Their excellent review of our Laws of Cricket database was paramount in the rollout of the online Laws of Cricket Quiz section of our website.

The Scorers' Committee under the leadership of Adrian Tham have had another busy season. We've seen a large uptake of new scorer members through the number of training courses that have been facilitated.

Darren Goodger and Claire Polosak are thanked for their contribution to the Representative Scorer Selection Committee this season. Numerous Zoom meetings and emails were required given the changing nature of the cricket schedule. Our representative scorers are thanked for their understanding and patience with the late notices that came through these schedule changes.

Our office-bearers have also been very busy, including John Evans who has again done an outstanding job in delivering the role of Merchandise Officer in the COVID environment. We know John is excited and looking forward to this year's Convention being in-person.

Our Zone Representatives have again worked positively in their local areas to build spirit and ensure that matches are covered. We look forward to the winter months and holding a number of training sessions in each zone.

Ian Wright is thanked for his work with the Social Match Appointments, many requests were received particularly after Christmas and were managed with aplomb.

Neil Findlay is thanked for providing excellent support to our affiliated associations throughout a

challenging season and Stephen Blomfield as Honorary Statistician has again provided excellent support to the Management Team to ensure milestones are appropriately recognised.

Directors are thanked for their continued support, assistance, and guidance of the Management Team.

Once again, we have been able to achieve 100% coverage of all matches in SCA competitions. No mean feat given the flexibility required throughout the season. The SCA observers are thanked for their hard work and support of the umpires throughout 2021-22.

237 reports were completed on 129 umpires by the team of Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Berend du Plessis and Rupert Mathews. In addition, Graham Reed returned after Christmas to aid the observing team, and we are grateful for his dedication and expertise. The observer's work is appreciated by all and provides great service and feedback to the umpires.

As we look forward to season 2022-23, I'd encourage members to make the most of the Association resources that are available. Tips and documents on a number of cricket related topics can be provided for your benefit so please reach out. A recent addition to members resources is the Online Laws of Cricket Quiz section of the website. We've seen plenty of members undertaking the quizzes since its launch in March. I'd encourage members to make the most of the resource and don't shy away from making a mistake as it's better to do so in training than on game day.

I'm a strong believer that you learn more when you don't achieve 100%, think about that for a moment, how much more can we learn from a 7, 8 or 9 out of 10 compared to a 10 out of 10. The latter is reinforcing what we know whereas the former allows us to learn and get better.

I'm shortly commencing Parental Leave and looking forward to spending this period of leave with my family. I thank Members and Affiliated Associations for their continued support of the Association. My leave will be from Tuesday 14 June to Friday 19 August inclusive.

Bede Sajowitz has been appointed to the role of Interim Executive Officer for this period. Since commencing with the Association in 2018, Bede has shown his ability to innovate, develop relationships with members and provide outstanding service to the membership. He is ready for this opportunity and will lead the Association with distinction.

Principal member, Stephen Blomfield will assist Bede with the administration of the Association during his time as Interim Executive Officer. Stephen brings vast administrative experience to the role with 20 years of service as Secretary of the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association. Stephen will work three days a week.

The non-playing season will see the return of face-to-face training in the form of Level 2 Laws of Cricket Courses, Professional Development workshops and Cricket Australia Level 1 Community Officiating Courses. Courses have been scheduled across the state and I thank Zone Representatives and affiliated association secretaries for wasting no time in making these bookings.

I look forward to seeing many members in attendance at the Annual Convention in Tamworth over the weekend of 27-28 August.

Once again thank you to each and every member for their efforts across season 2021-22, you have all gone above and beyond to deliver for our key stakeholders. Enjoy some time off and no doubt season 2022-23 will be bigger than ever.



Paul Wilson and Chris Beecher // Steven Smith



Chinmay Mehta and Lee Germon // Steven Smith

# STATE UMPIRING MANAGER UPDATE

## DARREN GOODGER

Cricket Australia has selected and announced the umpire panels for season 2022-23. Congratulations and best wishes to all umpires who have been selected.

### International Umpire Panel

- Phil Gillespie
- Donovan Koch
- Sam Nogajski
- Paul Wilson

### National Umpire Panel

- Gerard Abood
- Shawn Craig
- Greg Davidson
- Phil Gillespie
- Mike Graham-Smith
- Nathan Johnstone
- Donovan Koch
- Simon Lightbody
- Sam Nogajski
- Bruce Oxenford
- Ben Treloar
- Paul Wilson

### Supplementary Umpire Panel

- Stephen Dionysius
- Sharad Patel
- Troy Penman
- Claire Polosak
- Eloise Sheridan
- David Taylor

Tony Wilds has retired and is thanked for his outstanding contribution to New South Wales and Australian umpiring.

He has been a selfless team member, respected for his ability, match management and people skills, his preparation, composure and his willingness to share experience to benefit others.

Tony may be proud of his career and achievements:

- 7 women's ODIs
- 9 women's T20Is
- 5 WNCL matches, including the final in 2011-12 and 2015-16
- 20 WBBL matches
- 23 first-class matches
- 15 men's List A matches
- 52 BBL matches
- 6 U19 ODIs
- 4 Belvidere Cup finals
- 5 First Grade Limited Overs Cup finals

It is the humble, strong and unselfish manner in which Tony has gone about his work which has earned him such respect among his colleagues. We acknowledge Tony, his exceptional contribution and wish him the very best, hoping he will choose to remain involved in cricket in some capacity.

Congratulations to Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar on their elevation to the National Umpire Panel. Outstanding news and deserved recognition for both. Simon and Ben have worked so hard to earn this promotion and we wish them well. It takes a long time to become an overnight success.

Congratulations to Sharad Patel who has been offered a position on the Supplementary Umpire Panel for season 2022-23 following his commitment to excellence, dedication and strong performances in recent seasons, including umpiring the final of the 2021-22 U19 Male National Championships. Sharad deserves this opportunity. We thank Sharad for his exemplary contribution as a member of the New South Wales State Umpire Panel.

His elevation will provide opportunity for someone else to come forward onto the State Panel which will be selected and announced prior to July 1.

NSWCUSA will be well represented in the coming season and we may be proud of our members on their selection, they are wonderful ambassadors for New South Wales umpiring, our Association and CNSW. Gerard Abood (NUP), Greg Davidson (NUP), Troy Penman (SUP), Claire Polosak (SUP), Paul Wilson (IUP / NUP) all continue as umpires contracted to Cricket Australia and we wish them the very best.

David Taylor has returned to Sydney after umpiring Queensland Premier Cricket for the past six seasons. Dave continues as a member of the Supplementary Panel and he will be umpiring in our men's premier cricket competition in season 2022-23. We are pleased to have Dave come home and look forward to his involvement.

### Neil Smith

Neil Smith has made the decision to retire from the Country Umpire Representative Panel. Neil joined the panel in season 2017-18. He has been a highly respected member of the team, on and off the field.



Neil Smith with Sue Gregory in Dubbo in January 2022 // Darren Goodger

There were many on-field highlights for Neil, including his appointment to umpire three men's NSW Country Championship Finals and at the 2020 Australian Country Cricket Championships in Toowoomba, including the WT20 final between East Asia Pacific and South Australia.

Neil umpired 10 matches in NSW Men's Premier Cricket, always acquitting himself well. Eight of these matches were in First Grade. He was also appointed to umpire at U19 Female and Male State Challenge carnivals played at Dubbo and Raby respectively.

In terms of his contribution to the team, Neil can be proud. He brought wonderful enthusiasm for cricket and umpiring to the panel, he was reliable and well prepared, and he was one to always have the back of his colleague. Neil possesses outstanding people management skills and as such it is no exaggeration to say he was loved and respected by the players. He also has a great sense of humour, and this was enjoyed by his colleagues on so many occasions. Neil was a trusted member of the team, a sounding board and source of support for many colleagues in the time of his involvement.

I umpired with Neil, it is a pleasure to share a day's cricket with someone who has teamwork and enjoyment as their focus. Neil was such a selfless colleague.

Thank you, Neil, for your contribution to NSW Country Cricket representative programs and CNSW pathways as a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel. Wishing you the very best for your future endeavours and hope to see you remain involved in cricket and umpiring.



## **Cricket NSW Strategy ... How NSWCUSA Can Contribute**

Cricket NSW has adopted a strategic plan (2021-25) encompassing the wildly important goal of doubling the number of 5-12 year olds playing cricket by 2025 in line with its purpose to inspire everyone to play and love cricket.

Our vision is that cricket will be New South Wales' most loved and successful sport and regarded as a world class organisation. We have, as an organisation, adopted four values: Humility, Excellence, Imagination, Relationships.

### Humility

- We act for the good of the team.
- We stay coachable.
- We help each other thrive.

### Excellence

- We always look for ways to get better.
- We deliver extraordinary experiences.

### Imagination

- We can do things we haven't done before, to create amazing experiences.
- We create bold new ideas.
- We break new ground.
- We ignite brilliant possibilities.

### Relationships

- We are open, friendly, and easy to work with.
- We make sure we stay connected to and add value to what matters in our colleagues' and customers' lives.
- We seek to understand.

NSWCUSA has a key part to play in supporting Cricket NSW deliver on its key strategic objectives by producing the best umpires to make New South Wales and Australian Cricket as strong as possible.

In sustaining peak performance, we aim to develop our people and talent to thrive and reach their potential. We will get there by creating the best high-performance environment and experience in world cricket.

We can also contribute to improving participation experiences and growing the passion and consumption of cricket.

At the international level we may be proud of NSWCUSA members:

### **Rodney Tucker**

Continued as a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires standing in four men's Ashes Tests and six matches at the Men's T20 World Cup held in the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

### **Paul Wilson**

Continued as a member of the ICC International Panel of Umpires standing in three men's Ashes Tests, five matches at the Men's T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates and Oman and five matches at the Women's World Cup played in New Zealand.

### **Claire Polosak**

Continued as a member of the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires standing in five matches in the women's Ashes Series, including making her Test debut, and six matches at the Women's World Cup played in New Zealand including the semi-final between England and South Africa.

At the national level NSWCUSA was represented on the National Umpire Panel by Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Tony Wilds and Paul Wilson.

### **Gerard Abood**

Umpired four Sheffield Shield matches, two One-Day Cup matches and 14 BBL matches including the qualifier between the Scorchers and the Sixers in Melbourne.

**Greg Davidson**

Umpired four Sheffield Shield matches, four One-Day Cup matches and seven BBL matches.

**Tony Wilds**

Umpired three Sheffield Shield matches, three One-Day Cup matches and 10 BBL matches.

Due to his international commitments, Paul Wilson did not umpire any matches in Cricket Australia competitions.

Also at the national level NSWCUA was represented on the Supplementary Umpire Panel by Simon Lightbody, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar.

**Simon Lightbody**

Umpired one Sheffield match, one One-Day Cup match, five BBL matches, 13 WBBL matches, including the final between the Scorchers and the Strikers played in Perth, and five WNCL matches including the final between Tasmania and South Australia played in Hobart.

**Troy Penman**

Made his BBL debut in the match between the Scorchers and the Sixers played at Carrara, umpiring a total of four preliminary round fixtures.

**Claire Polosak**

Umpired nine WBBL matches including the eliminator between the Strikers and the Heat in Adelaide.

**Ben Treloar**

Umpired two Sheffield Shield matches and two One-Day Cup matches. Made his BBL debut in the match between the Strikers and the Renegades in Adelaide, umpiring a total of seven preliminary round fixtures. Umpired two WNCL matches including the final between Tasmania and South Australia played in Hobart.

The New South Wales State Umpire Panel comprised Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard, Sharad Patel and Bede Sajowitz. All received limited opportunities to umpire in Cricket Australia programs due to the pandemic, but the highlights for our State Panel were:

**U19 Female National Championships**

Bede Sajowitz

**U19 Male National Championships**

Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard, Sharad Patel  
Sharad Patel being appointed to umpire the final between Queensland Metro and New South Wales Metro

**WNCL**

Andrew Hamilton (3 matches)

Roberto Howard (1 match)

Sharad Patel (1 match)

Bede Sajowitz (4 matches)

**WBBL**

Roberto Howard (8 matches)

**Men's Second XI**

Andrew Hamilton (1 match)

Roberto Howard (1 match)

Sharad Patel (1 match)

I commend our State Panel umpires for their performance, patience, commitment to excellence, and their fine example during the season. Being a member of the State Panel comes with responsibility. These umpires live it.



Roberto Howard on-field during WBBL // Getty

Cricket Australia has determined holistic objectives to focus on positive behaviours of its contracted and pathway umpires. These were shared with State Umpiring Managers at a recent workshop in Melbourne. The key aspects of the objectives being:

#### **ENJOYMENT**

- Optimistic, Positive and Grateful
- Umpires who demonstrate a sense of gratitude and adopt an optimistic and positive approach to all aspects of umpiring, on and off field

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

- Considerate, polite and represents Cricket Australia with pride
- Punctual and respectful, representing the umpiring team well in all situations

#### **COMMUNICATION**

- Listens, contributes and values the views of others
- Always possesses a high level of communication, interpersonal and people management skills, and prepared to add value to conversations in a respectful manner

#### **TEAM-FIRST**

- Embraces the concept of teamwork and looks for opportunities to assist team members on and off the field
- Values team success above individual success

#### **REBOUND**

- Maturity to accept mistakes and learn from them
- Understands and accepts that errors are part of umpiring and can be great learning opportunities, catastrophising errors is counter-productive
- Shows persistence and self-control when things aren't going their way and the courage to back themselves through adverse conditions

#### **COMMITTED**

- Reliable, available and responsive
- Is reliable, attitudinally strong and focused on contributing to a high-performance environment
- Highly engaged and responsive to communications

#### **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

- Is knowledgeable, willing to assess new information and wants to be a partner in a learning environment
- Recognises opportunities, offers ideas and solutions
- Provides valuable, appropriate and constructive feedback to peers in a respectful manner

#### **COACHABLE ATTITUDE**

- Possesses a coachable work ethic
- Actively seeks and accepts feedback

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- Empathetic, positive and respectful
- Consistent and even temperament
- Leads by example and actions

#### **PREPARED**

- Is well prepared and understands the physical and mental requirements of their umpiring game
- Has achieved home/work/life balance to ensure there are no distractions
- Comprehensive knowledge of Laws and Playing Conditions
- Has established contact pre-game with colleagues

### **Members from Affiliated Associations Umpiring in NSW Premier Cricket**

We were very pleased to offer members from NSWCUA country affiliates the opportunity to umpire in New South Wales Men's Premier Cricket.

We thank the following umpires for accepting appointment in 2021-22:

- Dennis Chaplin (Wagga Wagga)
- Drew Crozier (ACTCAU&SC)
- Dave Cullen (Illawarra)
- Ian Davidson (South Coast)
- Steve Eccles (Upper Hunter)
- Dave Grainger (Central Coast)
- Graham Moon (Wagga Wagga)
- Glenn Pepper (Lachlan Cricket Council)
- Chen Tay (Far North Coast)
- Matt Whitty (Murray Valley)

The umpires are commended for making themselves available. It takes them out of their comfort zone, they learn and benefit from the experience, they add value to New South Wales Men's Premier Cricket when they umpire in the competition, and they can take any lessons learned back to their local competition which will benefit cricket. Their umpiring colleagues will also profit from the shared experience.

We warmly thank the Sydney Cricket Association for supporting this program, it is crucial to the ongoing development of umpires in our affiliates, particularly in the New South Wales Country Zones.

NSWCUSA can be proud as it is a truly state-wide Association, with a genuine commitment to providing development opportunities to umpires in its affiliates.

### **Premier Cricket Umpire Observers**

- Laurie Borg
- Graham Chudleigh
- Errol Cranney
- Bob Davis
- Berend du Plessis
- Rupert Mathews
- Graham Reed

Some general comments re the Observer Team:

- The commitment of the team is noted and appreciated.
- Graham Reed returning to the team added experience and depth of knowledge.
- Bob Davis does an outstanding job coordinating and keeping the team updated on progress with targets and strategy.
- The content quality of the reports from all observers is excellent, highlighting umpires' strengths and areas for improvement.
- They do a fine job providing thought-provoking, individual, and detailed feedback aimed at assisting umpires to achieve their goals and to aid the improvement of umpiring standards across New South Wales. Positive and constructive feedback helps umpires focus and to raise the bar.

### **Australian Country Cricket Invitational Tournament**

The ACCIT was superbly hosted by Cricket Albury Wodonga in April. We offer a vote of thanks and congratulations to Michael Erdeljac and the CAW team on their outstanding organisation and hospitality. Congratulations to the umpires who were selected and to our Country Umpire Coach, Neil Findlay, who was the Tournament Referee.

The selected umpires were:

#### **Female Division**

- Peter Bridle
- Ken Brooks
- Dennis Chaplin
- Dave Cullen

- Ian Davidson
- Graeme Glazebrook
- Paul Johnson
- Murray Le Lievre
- Norm Maclure
- Anthony McGettigan
- Graham Moon
- Neil Smith

#### **Male Division**

- Dennis Chaplin
- Dave Cullen
- Ian Davidson
- Graeme Glazebrook
- Keiran Knight
- Murray Le Lievre
- Neil Smith

Thank you to Bruce Whitehouse who did an excellent job organising the ACCIT ensuring an exceptional experience for players, coaches and match officials.

#### **Workshop for Country Umpire Representative Panel, Zone Umpire Representatives, Country Umpire Selectors**

We facilitated a professional development workshop for the country panel umpires, zone representatives and country umpire selectors in Scone on the weekend of May 28-29.

Thank you to the NSWCUSA Team. Bede, Ben, Claire and Troy did a great job organising and hosting the weekend and our participants brought with them a positive attitude. There was some excellent discussion as we considered:

- Laws of Cricket changes and their application
- Season 2021-22 / what went well ... challenges ... how do we get better? ... core values
- Cricket Australia Umpire Accreditation
- An update from our Executive Officer
- Teamwork / content of pre-match conversations
- Video analysis
- Overview of the Country Panel / development strategies; observations

- Challenging match situations
- Key elements of match management
- Shared experience

Thank you to all who presented or led a session: Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Neil Findlay, Graeme Glazebrook, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Bede Sajowitz and Ben Treloar.

The weekend was a wonderful opportunity for review, reflection and conversation about where we're at, where we're going, what we're doing well and where our gaps are in country umpiring.

#### **Convention 2022**

Planning is underway. It will be fantastic to gather in Tamworth to prepare for the new season and enjoy the company of our colleagues. We look forward to seeing many members there.

#### **Congratulations Michael Meehan**

Congratulations to Michael on an outstanding season in NSW Men's Premier Cricket. To receive the Panel 2 Award and the George Borwick Memorial Award in the same season is an outstanding achievement and indicates a commitment to excellence, strong performance and commitment.



Michael Meehan accepts the George Borwick Memorial Award // Steven Smith



### Affirmations

Angel Chernoff is an excellent coach and writer, I thought this piece by her to be a great share with our members:

1. On an average day, most of your stress comes from the way you respond, not the way life is. Adjust your response and all that extra stress is gone. Truly, **inner calmness among chaos is a superpower** that frees you to focus more effectively on the few things that actually matter.

2. If you worry too much about what might be, or what might have been, you will ignore and overlook what is. Remember this. **Worrying is a misuse of your vast present potential, and your incredible creative energy.** So do your best to focus mindfully on what's in front of you today.

3. Don't think outside the box. Think like there is no box. No holding back. **Show up like you are blessed.** Talk like you are blessed. Walk like you are blessed. Work like you are blessed. And you will be.

4. The most practical changes happen when you choose to take control of what you do have power over, instead of craving control of what you don't. It's about letting go. Remind yourself that you can't always calm the storm. What you can do is **calm yourself, and the storm will eventually pass.**

5. Forget popularity; **focus on sincerity today. Do what you do, not for an applause, but because it is what is right for you.** Practice respecting yourself, caring for yourself, and becoming a reliable part of your own support system.



Members and guests at the Annual Dinner // Steven Smith

## EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE

### BEN TRELOAR

The non-playing season is already in full swing with the footy codes taking over our television screens, but this hasn't prevented the education and training team from hitting the ground running. We have delivered two professional development workshops in Macksville and Taree respectively as well as having visited Scone for the Country Umpire Representative Panel Workshop. Thanks to all who contributed to organising and delivering each of the respective workshops.

This winter will see a long-awaited return to in-person umpire training with 15 Laws of Cricket courses scheduled across regional New South Wales and metropolitan Sydney from Tenterfield to Albury and everywhere in between.

With the 2022 Law changes set to be introduced next season it's the perfect time to introduce yourself to the changes and get a refresher on Laws that will remain the same.

Each course is run over two days with a full day on Saturday and half-day on Sunday, with an optional assessment in the afternoon for prospective umpires to achieve a Level Two accreditation.

The course will cover the Laws and their 2022 changes in detail leaving you well-placed to begin the season with the confidence you have prepared thoroughly, taking away a greater knowledge of the Laws and their application.

Qualified trainers will provide an in-depth education with high-quality examples of the Laws in action and are well-equipped to answer any and all burning questions you may have.

All NSWCUA members are entitled to attend any education sessions held across the state free of charge, included in their membership of the Association.

The full calendar for upcoming Laws of Cricket training courses is:

- 2 & 3 July – Illawarra
- 9 & 10 July – Tenterfield
- 9 & 10 July – Parramatta
- 16 & 17 July – Cootamundra
- 23 & 24 July – Central Coast
- 23 & 24 July – Inverell
- 30 & 31 July – Tocumwal
- 30 & 31 July – Orange
- 6 & 7 August – Scone
- 13 & 14 August – Bankstown
- 14 & 14 August – Camden
- 10 & 11 September – Newcastle
- 10 & 11 September – Lismore
- 17 & 18 September – Albury

If you're interested in attending any of these courses, or have any questions, please [click here](#).

In addition to the above we have locked in a mid-week five-night training course at Bankstown Sports Club for sessions from 6.30-9.30pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday July 5
- Thursday July 7
- Tuesday July 12
- Thursday July 14
- Tuesday July 19
- Thursday July 21 (Exam)

To register, please [click here](#).

You can also contact me directly at [ben.treloar@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:ben.treloar@cricketnsw.com.au) or on 0414 504 236.

## POLOSAK ON-FIELD IN WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

The ICC appointments for the Women's Cricket World Cup Semi Finals saw Claire Polosak on-field for the second-semi-final, between South Africa and England .

The match was Polosak's first Women's Cricket World Cup semi-final, having previously been appointed to semi-finals at the two most recent edition of the Women's T20 World Cup – in 2018 and 2020.

Throughout the group stage of the tournament, she has been involved in ten matches – with five matches on-field, two in the Third Umpire's chair and three as Fourth Umpire.

It was her 10th match on-field in Women's World Cups, having also officiated at the 2017 tournament held in England.

Polosak will be joined in the middle by fellow Australian umpire, Eloise Sheridan – a colleague on both the ICC's International Panel of ICC Development Umpires and Cricket Australia's Supplementary Umpire Panel.

NSW State Umpiring Manager Darren Goodger said of the appointment, "Claire is a wonderful ambassador for match officials, for the NSWCUA and for CNSW; she has performed strongly during the World Cup, she is deserving of this opportunity and ready to give her best.

"We offer congratulations and our very best wishes to Claire and to Eloise. They have worked together several times and are a terrific team. Thursday's semi final is in good hands."

The match was her 26th Women's ODI in the middle, in addition to one Women's Test match and 35 Women's T20s.

Polosak was involved in each of Australia's multi-format series against India and England during the 21-22 summer, which saw her make her Test debut and officiate three ODIs and three T20s across both series.

Earlier in the tournament, Polosak was on-field for the group stage match between the same two sides at Bay Oval on 14 March, which saw South Africa win by three wickets.

Polosak and Sheridan were joined by Third Umpire Jacqueline Williams from the West Indies and Fourth Umpire, Zimbabwean Langton Rusere, whilst India's G. S. Lakshmi was Match Referee.



Polosak with South Africa's Sune Luus during the semi-final // Getty

## DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR MEEHAN

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

Michael Meehan has taken out NSWCUA's highest honour for the first time at the Association's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation held in Bankstown on April 27.

Meehan was presented with both the George Borwick Memorial Award and the Panel 2 Medal on the night, celebrating a season which saw him make his Men's First Grade debut – in the Round 14 match at Pratten Park between Western Suburbs and eventual premiers Mosman.

The award recognises excellence on-field and commitment to the Association off the field – Michael achieved an average captain's mark of 4.8 out of 5, attended every NSWCUA meeting over the summer and was available to umpire every weekend.

The E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal – the equivalent award for affiliated associations – was awarded to Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association's Simon Dodwell recognising his contribution to the SSCUA on and off the field during the 2021-22 season.

Keiran Knight won the Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year for the first time – in what was his second season on the Country Umpire Panel which saw him officiate his first Country Championships Final.

Sydney Cricket Club's Harpreet Singh received the Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award recognising his contribution to the club and the high standard of his scoring craft which has seen him score WBBL, WNCL and Second XI in recent seasons.

The Alan Marshall Medal – with the same criteria as the Borwick, for first-season umpires – was presented to Ram Tadepalli, who attended a majority of NSWCUA meetings and averaged 4.17 from his 12 matches.

Darren Goodger was presented the Panel One Medal for a 12th time – and seventh consecutive season – with a match average of 5 out of 5 from Men's First Grade captains.

Aldo Cantori became the inaugural winner of the Women's Panel One medal, officiating in 12 matches as a member of the panel and achieving a match average of 3.85.

Having won the Panel 4 Medal last season, Nathan Harvey won the Panel 3 Medal in his first season on the panel, averaging 4.70 across the summer. In his second season umpiring in Sydney, bringing with him extensive experience in the UK – Andy Storey took out the Panel 4 Medal with a match average of 4.54.

The Association also recognised the contribution of former SCA Code of Conduct Commissioner John McGruther, making a special presentation to him for his support of match officials across his 20 years in the role.

Recently elected Life member Bob Davis was presented with his Life Member blazer – having been awarded the honour at an Ordinary General Meeting held online in August.



Sharad Patel presents Michael Meehan with the George Borwick Award // Steven Smith



## LOOKING BACK ON A WET 'N' WILD FIRST SEASON

### DEARNE JEFFREE

My introduction to cricket started like most others... in the backyard with my brother. My love for the game started there. After playing indoor cricket with my dad and brother, I eventually found Women's cricket. I played for close to 15 years with Bankstown Sports Club and enjoyed every minute. If I wasn't fielding, I would be at square leg or scoring and even umpiring when required. I just wanted to be involved in the game.

I relocated for work and there was no female cricket. Having not played for at least 10 years, I really missed the game. A conversation about cricket with a colleague and wanting to umpire is what started my umpiring journey. I was put in touch with Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association President Doug Trigg and found out what I had to do to become an umpire.

I was also put in touch with Claire Polosak which I thought was an absolute privilege. Claire set me on my way with which courses to undertake.

Whilst undertaking the umpires course online, Claire Polosak had organised a number of training sessions targeting female engagement. The sessions were invaluable for a brand-new umpire with tips and tricks passed on from experienced umpires. I wanted to do well in the umpires exam with my aim of achieving a score that would allow me to be a member of NSWCSUA - no pressure... but I am now a proud member.

The gents at FNCCUSA were extremely welcoming and excited to have a new member. I attended a FNCCUSA training day where Darren Goodger attended.

The knowledge of Darren and those in FNCCUSA was remarkable. I knew I was in good hands with the gents at FNCCUSA. Pat Holt assigned himself as my mentor, and I could not have asked for better or more. I was keen to learn and organised some practical umpiring exercises as if it had been so long since I played. I wasn't even sure what I was supposed to do to start the game as an umpire.

The start of the season saw a lot of games washed out. Pat organised a Third Grade warm up game for us as my first unofficial game. I remember from the training sessions with Claire that there was a real difference between being a player and umpire and wow - how true is that!

I remember standing at square leg and the ball coming towards me. I had to remind myself that I was an umpire and not a player (even though my left leg moved as if to take off!)

Pat and I umpired some Third Grade and Second Grade games together where I'm sure I asked far too many questions about the game and how I could improve my movement, positioning, rules, playing conditions, my notes, etc. I didn't want to disappoint myself or Pat.

Pat was always encouraging, never negative and quick with a witty comeback. I was appointed to my first game as a single umpire. I was nervous and read the playing conditions a thousand times, whilst praying the game didn't have any rain interruptions as the revised target method of 80/20 was daunting.



Pat Holt and Dee Jeffree with Youth Championships teams



Some of the grounds I found myself at were extremely well looked after. I felt very privileged to be out there at times. Whilst I was in awe of some grounds, the weather was not so kind.

There were several games washed out, some rain interrupted and delayed starts due to weather. Whilst not ideal, it allowed me to gain confidence by working out new start times and reduced overs.

I found communication with the captains was key to getting the game moving, being on time with overs and the overall experience. I found the

overall behaviour and sportsmanship of the players was good. It was only in the finals I asked one captain to speak to his side about comments they were making.

I was fortunate enough to be appointed by Cricket NSW to umpire two Youth Championships games with Pat. The experience was more than I expected and has left me wanting to do more rep games.

Thanks to Claire, Pat and FNCCSUA.

I am already looking forward to next season.



Pat and Dee collect the stumps after play on the Far North Coast

## NEUTRAL UMPIRES RETURN TO MEN'S TEST CRICKET

**DARREN GOODGER**

Neutral umpires will return to stand in Test cricket, as countries have started to relax the travel restrictions that were imposed with the onset of COVID-19 pandemic from 2020.

The ICC has ratified the recommendation of its Cricket Committee to "utilise" more neutral umpires in international cricket, but also decided to have home umpires officiate in both ODIs and T20s.

Accordingly, for the 2022-23 period, the ICC has decided that three of the five match officials in Test cricket will be neutral: the on-field umpire, match referee and the third umpire. The remaining two match officials - second on-field umpire and the fourth umpire - will be non-neutral.

Before the pandemic, both the on-field umpires, match referee as well as the third umpire were neutral officials. But since June 2020, faced with the logistical challenges posed by the pandemic, the ICC had decided to have non-neutral match officials in bilateral series.

The success of the non-neutral umpires over the last two years has given the ICC the confidence to have no neutral presence in men's limited-overs cricket. Going forward, all the five match officials, including the match referee, will be non-neutral in bilateral ODIs and T20s.

Prior to the pandemic regulations, in ODIs, one of the on-field umpires along with the third umpire and the match referee were neutral. There were two home officials: one on-field umpire and the fourth umpire. In T20 cricket, prior to the pandemic, only the match referee was a neutral official, who now will be from the home board.

The non-neutral match officials will mostly be drawn from the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires, with opportunities presented to International Panel of ICC Umpires members on merit in addition to their duties as non-neutral home officials.



Michael Gough and Richard Illingworth officiating the West Indies // Getty

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKET THANKS TONY WILDS

CRICKET AUSTRALIA | CHRIS GRANT

Australian Cricket thanks Cricket Australia (CA) National Umpire Panel (NUP) member Tony Wilds for his significant contribution to the game.

Wilds commenced his cricket umpiring journey in Bathurst, country New South Wales and spent several years umpiring in the region. Wilds took a significant step in his development when he was appointed to the New South Wales Country Representative Panel in 2008-09. Wilds then began umpiring in the Sydney Grade competition where his consistent performances were duly recognised with appointment to the State Umpire Panel (STUP). Whilst on New South Wales' STUP, Wilds officiated in CA competition matches in the Toyota Second XI, WNCL and underage Championships.

Wilds was appointed by CA to the then Development Umpire Panel (now Supplementary Umpire Panel or SUP) and went on to make his List-A debut when Tasmania played Victoria at Allan Border Field, Brisbane in October 2014. Wilds then made his First-Class debut in February 2015 in the Sheffield Shield fixture between New South Wales and Western Australia in Newcastle. Wilds ended the 2015-16 season by being appointed on-field in the WNCL Final.

A KFC Big Bash League on-field debut was to follow for Wilds at the Sydney Cricket Ground in January 2017 when the Sydney Sixers played the Melbourne Renegades in front of over 30,000 fans. Prior to the 2017/18 season, Wilds was elevated to the CA NUP.

On the International front, Wilds made his Women's One Day International debut in January 2014 when Australia played England at Blundstone



Arena in Hobart and has gone on to stand in seven Women's One Day Internationals. Wilds also has nine Women's T20 Internationals to his name since debuting in that same Ashes series of 2013-14. In May 2017, Wilds travelled to Japan to stand in the ICC Women's Twenty20 East Asia Pacific Qualifying tournament, an appointment that came at short notice.

In his time on the various CA umpiring panels, Wilds stood in a total of 23 First-Class, 16 List-A and 52 KFC BBL matches. Wilds has also officiated on-field in 20 Weber WBBL matches including four Semi-Finals and was the Third Umpire's for last season's Final at North Sydney Oval. Wilds brought up his 50th KFC BBL match in January 2022 and in doing so, became just the eleventh umpire to stand in 50 Australian domestic T20 matches.

Wilds contribution to New South Wales Premier Cricket is just as significant, standing in over 170 First Grade games over the last decade including multiple First-Grade Grand Finals. His overall game tally in Sydney Premier Cricket is approaching the 200-game mark, a substantial contribution given his CA commitments over that time. Wilds has shown great commitment to his Premier Cricket umpiring making the regular journey from Bathurst to Sydney to officiate.

Wilds was named New South Wales Premier Cricket Panel 1 Umpire of the Year twice, going back-to-back in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons. Wilds is also an active member of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires & Scorers' Association where he is a 15-year member and contributes to the education of umpires in New South Wales.

# AFFILIATES FINALS APPOINTMENTS

COMPILED BY NEIL FINDLAY

## ACT Cricket

### First Grade: Queanbeyan v Tuggeranong

Chris Cassin and Kumar Jeyakkumar

### Second Grade: Queanbeyan v Weston Creek

Dinusha Bandara and Paul Wright

### Third Grade: Queanbeyan v Ginninderra

Ashley Mooney and Suranga Lekamaracchhi

### Fourth Grade: Queanbeyan v Western District

James Healey and Ramakrishnan Venkitachalam

### Fifth Grade: WCMCC v Queanbeyan

Trim Chakrapani and Paul Miller

### Stage 3 Juniors: North Canberra v Gungahlin Blues

John McNichol and Syed Humayun

## Ballina

### Third Grade: Lennox v Tintenbar

Wayne Garrad and Tom Yagar

### Fourth Grade: Lennox v Byron Bay

Cecil Keep and David Steinway

## Bathurst-Orange Inter-District Cricket

### First Grade: Cavaliers v St Pat's Old Boys

Graeme Glazebrook and Greg Jones

## Blacktown

### First Grade: Kellyville Ridge v Rooty Hill RSL

Brian Dick and Gordon Jackson

### Second Grade: Bungaribee v SKLPS

Paul Dick

### Third Grade: Blacktown Workers v Bidwill Hotel

Steve Ellery

### Fourth Grade: Doonside v SKLPS

Paul Gow

### Fifth Grade: Clydesdale Farm v Rooty Hill RSL

Alan Green

### Sixth Grade: Super Sikhs Sports and Cultural v Rooty Hill RSL

Melroy Farquharson

### Seventh Grade: Kellyville Ridge v Lankan Islanders

Rob McLachlan

### Eighth Grade: Schofields v Super Sikhs

James Dumas

### Ninth Grade: Glenwood Redbacks v Schofields

Gavan Mallawartchy

### Tenth Grade: Blacktown City Blue v Blacktown City Gold

Sirapathmasri Doraisamy

### 11th Grade: Galungara v The Ponds

Jason Blanchard

### 12th Grade: Doonside v Galungara

Srini Sathya

### 13th Grade: Blacktown Workers Seniors v Blacktown City

Brett Hanshaw

### 14th Grade: Galungara v Clydesdale Farm

John Watterson

### 15th Grade: Blacktown City v Bidwill Hotel

John Chown

## Canterbury and Western Suburbs

### First Grade: Kingsgrove v Brighton Lakes

Peter McGrath and Khurram Mahmood

### Second Grade: Panania East Hills RSL v Belmore Diggers

Bill Howard and Lindsay Le Bas

### Third Grade: Summer Hill Seniors v Marrickville

Victor Gauci and Ray Marshall

### Fourth Grade: Kingsgrove Blue v Kingsgrove St George

Dale Arnall and Kane Thorburn

### Fifth Grade: Newtown Blue Bags v Belmore Diggers

Robin Smith and Dom Credentino/Christian Harvey

### Sixth Grade: Ashfield Catholic Club v Moore Bank Sports

Steve Lavender and Syed Razvi Masood

### Seventh Grade: Earlwood Wanderers v Summer Hill

Andrew Honey

### Eighth Grade: Revesby Workers Club v Dobroyd Point

Sam Nguyen

### Ninth Grade: Panania East Hills RSL v Summer Hill Seniors

John Griffin

**Central Coast****First Grade: Kincumber v Terrigal**

John Davidson and David Grainger

**Second Grade: Kincumber v Terrigal**

Tom Maurer and Mark Ronson

**Third Grade: Kincumber v Narara**

Alex Brown and Mark Ronson

**Fourth Grade: Kincumber v Terrigal**

Elisabeth Houston and Hamish Millen

**Fifth Grade: Northern Power v Narara**

Robert Bowen and Lyle Fry

**Sixth Grade: Northern Power v Wyong**

Darryl Webb

**Seventh Grade: Northern Power v The Entrance Blue**

umpires not listed

**Eighth Grade: Southern Spirit v Wyong**

Lyle Fry and Hamish Millen

**Ninth Grade: The Entrance White v Wyong**

Malcolm Cliftlands

**Women's First Grade: Terrigal v Lisarow Black**

Stuart Owen

**Women's Second Grade: Northern Power Orange v Lisarow Black**

Elisabeth Houston and Hamish Millen

**Central Western Cricket Council****Rod Hartas Trophy: Bathurst v Molong**

Chris King and Andrew Whale

**Clarence River****First Grade: Tucabia Copmanhurst v South****Services**

Bruce Baxter and Tony Blanch

**Coffs Harbour****First Grade: Nana Glen v Diggers**

Ted Bailey and Garry Campbell

**Dubbo****First Grade T20 Cup: RSL Colts v Dubbo CYMS Cougars**

Colin Harper and Andrew McKittrick

**First Grade Whitney Cup: Dubbo CYMS Cougars v RSL Colts**

John De Lyall and Dwayne Kent

**Second Grade Pinnington Cup: RSL Colts v Narromine**

Nathan Astri and Colin Harper

**Third Grade Kelly Cup: Newtown Rhinos v Macquarie CC White**

Andrew McKittrick and Angus Ridge

**Gilgandra****Gidgee v Breealong**

Doug Low

**Far North Coast****LJ Hooker League: Cudgen v Goonellabah**

Graham Rose and Doug Trigg

**Coastal League: Byron Bay v Lennox**

Chen Tay and Peter Kent

**Fairfield Liverpool CUA****First Grade: Dave Browne and Peter Moore****Second Grade: Peter Roberts and Geoff Schiebs****Third Grade: Scott Fraser and Frank Jenkins****Fourth Grade: Peter Murray and Paul Norton****Fifth Grade: David Labeledzki and Arthur Watson****Sixth Grade: Nitin****Seventh Grade: Prakash Chaudhray****Griffith****First Grade: Hanwood v Coro Club Cougars**

David Single and John Witherspoon

**Second Grade: Ex-Servicemen's Club Diggers v Hanwood**

Glen Bock and Joe Catanzariti

**Third Grade: Leagues Club Panthers v Ex-Servicemen's Club Diggers**

Richie Alvaro and Peter Davis

**Fourth Grade: Ex-Servicemen's Club Eagles v Hanwood**

Richie Alvaro and Joe Catanzariti

**Highlands****First Grade: Robertson-Burrawang Bulls v Wingello Tigers**

Mark Coles and Aidan Hughes

**Second Grade: Hill Top Northern Villages v Wingello Tigers**

Bill Croese and Richard McHarg



**Third Grade A: Mittagong v Robertson-Burrawang**

Angus Humphreys

**Third Grade B: Bowral Blue Stags v Moss Vale**

Byron Kaufline and Gyula Borbely

**Tina McPherson Cup: Bowral v Wingello Tigers**

Amber Bugden and Dennis Purcell

**Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District**

**A Grade: Berowra v WPHC**

Simon Moore and Ian Lewis

**A Reserve Grade: WHPC v Berowra**

Steve Redman and Damian Lewis

**B Grade : Berowra v St Ives**

Peter Schouten and Bruce Wood

**B Reserve Grade: Berowra v Castle Hill**

Chaminda Egalla and Craig Easy

**C Grade: Normanhurst-Warrawee v Castle Hill**

Rob Hanich and Peter Lee

**C Reserve Grade: Hornsby District Green v WHPC Blue**

Alf James and Leonard Gregory

**C3 Grade: Beecroft v Castle Hill**

Roger Friend and Varun Arora

**C4 Grade: Beecroft v Castle Hill**

Ben Gussey and David Finlay

**D Grade: St Ives WPHC Blue**

James Fernandez

**D Grade: St Ives WPHC Blue**

Roger Denver and Chris Ebbs

**Illawarra**

**First Grade: Wests-Illawarra v Keira**

Frank Ciocci and Dave Cullen

**Second Grade: Keira v University**

Peter Murphy and John Oliver

**Third Grade: Keira Black v Wollongong Black**

Brian Druery and Steve Saye

**Fourth Grade: Northern Districts Gold v Wollongong Maroon**

Evan Lane and Andrew Still

**First Grade T20 Knock Out**

Dave Cullen and Peter Murphy

**Women's T20 League: Port Panthers**

Ray Trindall and Frankie Ulcigrai

**Inner West Harbour / Churches**

**A Grade: St Phillips Turramurra South v Castle Hill Wesley**

Ron White

**B Grade Pool A: Western Tigers v Artarmon Raptors**

Keith Shannon and Jim Sheedy

**B Grade Pool B: India Avenue Royals v Toongabbie Baptist**

Tony Bergman and Mike Woods

**C Grade Pool A: Concord Briars Maroon v Iron Cove**

Richard Christen

**C Grade Pool B: Ashfield CC v Northmead Anglican**

Anthony McSweeney and Leone Mizzi

**Lower Clarence**

**First Grade: Lawrence v Yamba**

Steve Cameron and Dave Honeybrook

**Macquarie Valley**

**Brewery Shield: Dubbo v Narromine**

Nathan Astri and Dwayne Kent

**Murray Border**

**Provincial A: North v Albury**

Paul Johnson and Neil Smith

**Provincial B: St Patricks v Wodonga Raiders**

Peter Bridle and Norm Maclure

**District A Grade: Yackandandah v Baranduda**

Stuart Lancaster and N Moore

**District B Grade: Yackandandah v Dederang**

Geoff Beer and Glenn Stevenson

**C Grade Division 1: St Patricks Green v Albury Yellow**

John Boyd and Kieran Watson

**C Grade Division 2: St Patricks v Corowa**

Sanjaya Koirala and Bob Allan

**C Grade Division 3: Albury Umpires Blue v Albury**

Beau McIntyre and Andrew Harmer

**Hume A First Grade: Walla Walla v Brocklesby-Burrumbuttock**

Roger Burns and Catherine Wood

**Murray Valley****A Grade: Cobram v Katamatite**

Neil Graham and Matt Whitty

**B Grade: Berrigan v Katamatite**

Matthew Sizer and Lindsay Riedell

**C Grade: Katunga v Finley**

Ian Haddrell and Arthur Owen

**Nambucca Valley****A Grade: Nambucca Heads v Scotts Head**

Chris Kearney and Barry Welch

**Newcastle****First Grade: Stockton Northern Districts v****Hamilton-Wickham**

Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger

**Second Grade: Waratah-Mayfield v University**

Paul Olsen and Scott Thomas

**Third Grade: University v Stockton Northern Districts**

Ross McKim and Stephen Wade

**Fourth Grade: Waratah-Mayfield v Cardiff-Boolaroo**

Andrew Hollingsworth and Alex Seccombe

**Development League: Hamilton-Wickham v Merewether**

Graeme Bruce and Alan Nichols

**Suburban Districts Division 1: Port Stephens****Pythons v Mary Ellen Mudrats**

Terry Collins and Geoff Scully

**Suburban Districts Division 2: Kotara v Warners Bay**

Bill Bannon and Martin Burgman

**Suburban Districts Division 3: Maryland Fletcher v Beach Hotel**

John Canning and Keith Davies

**Suburban Districts Division 4: Edgeworth District v Kotara**

Nathan Burg and Ujjal Sarder

**Suburban Districts Division 5: Kotara v Adamstown Brown Munde**

Greg Briggs and Joshua Robertson

**Suburban Districts Division 6: Beresfield Memorial v Toronto Diggers Mudcrabs**

Phillip Baldwin and Braedyn Deamer

**Newcastle City and Suburban****A Grade: Medowie v Yarntee**

Neil Hayes and Garry Warren

**Northern Coast Cricket Council****Premier Grade: Northern Districts v Sawtell**

John Pearce and Rob Pye

**Premier Grade T20: Sawtell v Lower Clarence**

John Pearce and Rob Pye

**Orange****Second Grade: Kinross First XI v Centrals**

Chris King and Mathew Tabbernor

**Third Grade: CYMS v Orange City**

Liam Dillon and Michael Kopp

**Centenary Cup: Cavaliers v Orange City**

Michael Campbell and David Warburton



Keiran Knight and Paul Olsen during the season

**Parramatta****A Grade: Hills Barbarians v Baulkham Hills**

Ken Bakon and Rob Dryburgh and Gerry Serrao

**A Reserve Grade: Wenty Leagues v Guildford Leagues Maroon**

Derek Everton and Gerry Serrao

**B1 Grade: Guilford Leagues v Winston Hills**

John Kennedy and David Henry

**B2 Grade: Kings Langley v Wenty Leagues**

Daksh Trivedi and Siva Thuraiwamy

**B3 Grade: Hills Barbarians v Cheetahs**

Peter Wilson-Mosey and Denis Vella

**B4 Grade: Kings Langley v Baulkham Hills**

Ayush Gupta and Santosh Gangula

**B5 Grade: Cheetahs v Wenty Leagues**

Chockalinga Pandiaraj and Lal Visvanathan

**B6 Grade: Baulkham Hills v Indian CC**

Naresh Narendiran and Pakajan Narendiran

**B7 Grade: Rouse Hill Rams v Seven Hills RSL**

Vipin Bansal and Manjinder Sandhu

**B8 Grade: Kings Langley v Harris Park**

Bharad Chellapa and Mani Balakrishnan

**B9 Grade: Greystanes v Kellyville Supersonics**

Jaya Jayapragash and Hari Balasubramaniam

**B10 Grade: Kings Langley v Baulkham Hills**

Madan Alagaraja and Frank Pitt

**B11 Grade: Wenty Leagues v VOne Sports**

S Ganesh Ramanathan

**B12 Grade: Harris Park v Hills Barbarians**

Sriram Gopalsami and Hari Dhandapani

**B13 Grade: Winston Hills v Guildford Leagues**

Lou Costaganna

**B14 Grade: Seven Hills RSL v Cheetahs**

Krishna Srestaluri and Sateesh Sethuraj

**B15 Grade: Rouse Hill Rams v Harris Park v VOne Sports**

Giri Shanmuganathan

**Shoalhaven****First Grade: North Nowra-Cambewarra v****Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's**

Jeff Charlesworth and Peter Done

**Second Grade: North Nowra-Cambewarra v****Berry-Shoalhaven Heads**

Greg Behan and Darrell Craft

**Third Grade: North Nowra-Cambewarra v Berry-Shoalhaven Heads**

Malcolm Granger and Peter Johnson

**Fourth Grade: Ulladulla United v Bay and Basin**

Terry Richmond and Ted Street

**South Coast****First Grade: Lake Illawarra v The Rail**

Ian Davidson and Steve Ward

**Second Grade: Lake Illawarra v Albion Park**

Greg Miles and Frankie Ulcigrai

**Third Grade: The Rail v Lake Illawarra**

Greg Miles and Gary Paget

**Fourth Grade: Lake Illawarra v Gerringong**

Evan Lane

**First XI T20 Cup: Lake Illawarra v Kiama**

Ian Davidson and Greg Miles

**Second Grade T20: Shellharbour v Kookas**

Evan Lane

**South West Slopes****Division 1: Young Services Club Blues v****Burrangong CC Bears**

Thomas O'Brien and Jeff White

**Division 2: Stockinbingal CC v Criterion Hotel****Gunners**

Peter Stimson and John Stephens

**Sydney Shires****First Grade: Balmain South Sydney v Burwood Briars**

Simon Dodwell and Anthony Raymond

**Second Grade: Burwood Briars v Auburn**

Stephen Blomfield and Cameron Duff

**Third Grade: North West Sydney v Strathfield**

Cameron McGinn and Geoff Wheeler

**Fourth Grade: Warringah v Mt Pritchard Southern Districts**

John Kirkness and Michael Wheeler

**Fifth Grade: Burwood Briars v Roseville**

David Goodman and Andrew Steindler

**Chappelow Cup: MPSD Gold v Pennant Hills Pumas**

Ian Fletcher and Ian Pryde

**Frank Gray Shield: Warringah v North West Sydney**

Simon Dodwell and Stephen Blomfield

**Sydney Women's****First Grade: Sydney v Penrith**

Nathan Harvey and Bob McGregor

**Second Grade: Parramatta v Bankstown**

Aldo Cantori and Elizabeth O'Dwyer

**Third Grade: St George-Sutherland v Gordon**

John Colwell and Kevin McFarlane

**Brewer Shield: St George-Sutherland v Penrith**

Sue Gregory and Varun Marwaha

**Tamworth****First Grade: Bective-East v South Tamworth**

Ian James and Paul Purdy

**Second Grade: North Tamworth v South Tamworth**

Leon Erich and Ian Furner

**Third Grade: West Tamworth v South Tamworth**

Geoff Hoy and Allan Herbert

**Fourth Grade: North Tamworth v Old Boys**

Matthew Apps and Arthur Yates

**Tumbarumba**

**Tooma v Falcons**

Steve Carracher and Dennis Chaplin

**Tweed**

**Casuarina Crocs v Terranorra Gold**

Kevin Ayers and Bill Battese

**Upper Hunter**

**A Grade: Bellmore Bulls v Rouchel**

Steve Eccles and Ross Maben

**A Reserve Grade: Bushrangers v Aberdeen**

Gavin Newton-Smith and Curtis Strong

**Wagga Wagga**

**First Grade: Wagga Cats v South Wagga Blues**

Jeff Egan and Anthony McGettigan

**Second Grade: Wagga City Cats v Lake Albert Bulls**

Lee Barclay and Brian Robinson

**Third Grade: St Michael's Warriors v St Michael's**

Paul McKelvie and Bob Ward

**Fourth Grade: Wagga Cats v South Wagga Blues**

Jack Jolley and Mick Marien

**Western Zone**

**Western Zone Premier League: Dubbo v Bathurst**

John De Lyall and Greg Jones

**Western Zone Plate: Dubbo v Bathurst**

Graeme Glazebrook and Colin Harper



Peter Bridle and Dennis Chaplin // Bruce Whitehouse

## LIGHTBODY RETURNS TO THE NATIONAL UMPIRE PANEL

CRICKET AUSTRALIA | CHRIS GRANT

Cricket Australia (CA) have announced that Umpire Simon Lightbody has been elevated from the CA Supplementary Umpire Panel (SUP) to the National Umpire Panel (NUP) for season 2022-23.

Lightbody was previously been on CA's NUP spanning the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons. Lightbody has served on the SUP for the last three seasons. Lightbody's umpiring journey along the pathway began in Canberra in 2005-06, making his ACT Premier Cricket First-Grade debut the following season. In season 2011-12 Lightbody started officiating in the New South Wales Premier Cricket competition in Sydney, impressively continuing to fulfil his ACT Premier appointments before joining the Sydney Premier Panel full time in 2012-13.

Throughout his pathway journey, Lightbody was appointed to several CA Underage National Championships. He was appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships in 2008-09, then appointed in five further CA Under 19 tournaments. In 2012, he officiated in five Under 19 International One-Day matches featuring Australia, England, New Zealand and India in Townsville. He was later appointed to an Under 19 International fixture in April 2015, this time between Australia and England at the WACA in a rare four-day fixture played under Test conditions.

In 2015-16, Lightbody was appointed to CA's inaugural Development Umpire Panel (now SUP) and in that time officiated in Toyota Second XI, WBBL and WNCL fixtures around the country. In 2016, Lightbody participated and completed the Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Scholarship program.

In season 2016-17 Lightbody made his List-A debut in a Domestic One-Day Cup match between the Cricket Australia XI and Victoria at North Sydney Oval. Then in February 2017, Lightbody made his First-Class debut in Hobart in the Sheffield Shield match between Tasmania and Western Australia at Blundstone Arena in Hobart. In December 2017, Lightbody made his KFC BBL on-field debut when the Adelaide Strikers played host to the Sydney Thunder at the Adelaide Oval.

To date, Lightbody has stood in 15 First-Class, 11 List-A and 28 KFC BBL matches. And last season, Lightbody completed the impressive double of being appointed on-field in both the Women's professional competitions, the WNCL and Weber WBBL. Lightbody is the first umpire hailing from Canberra to be appointed to the National Umpire Panel in its current form.



Simon Lightbody and David Taylor // Getty



## TRELOAR ELEVATED TO CA NATIONAL UMPIRE PANEL

CRICKET AUSTRALIA | CHRIS GRANT

Cricket Australia (CA) have announced that New South Wales Umpire Ben Treloar has been elevated from the CA Supplementary Umpire Panel (SUP) to the National Umpire Panel (NUP) for season 2022-23.

Treloar commenced his umpiring career in the early 2000s balancing his own playing career for the Manly District and Auburn Cricket Clubs whilst officiating in lower grade Shires matches in Sydney. Treloar was soon to stand in Premier First-Grade matches before joining the New South Wales State Umpire Panel (STUP). Treloar was appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships in 2010-11 and 2012-13 before piecing together a three-year consecutive spell in the Under 19 Male National Championships from 2013-14 to 2015-16. During this time, Treloar took a significant step in his development as an umpire when he partook and completed the Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Scholarship program in 2017.

Treloar was elevated to CA's Development Umpire Panel (now SUP) prior to the 2017-18 season.



During that season, Treloar officiated as Fourth Umpire in the Women's Ashes Series which included the Day Night Test match played at North Sydney Oval. During that same season, Treloar officiated in WBBL, WNCL and Toyota Second XI matches, all whilst fulfilling his NSW Premier Cricket commitments.

Treloar made his on-field List-A debut in October 2019 when South Australia played Tasmania in their Marsh One Day Cup match at Karen Rolton Oval in Adelaide.

Treloar has since added a further three on-field appearances in List-A cricket. The following season, Treloar broke through for his First-Class debut when South Australia played New South Wales in their Marsh Sheffield Shield match at the Adelaide Oval, and has a further two appearances to his name since. And last season, Treloar stood in the first of his seven KFC BBL matches when the Adelaide Strikers played the Melbourne Renegades again at the Adelaide Oval.

Among Treloar's other significant on-field appointments, Treloar stood in the WNCL Finals of 2019-20 and 2021-22, and was also on-field for the WBBL Final in 2019-20.

Off the field, Treloar is an active member of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association where he currently sits on the board. Treloar is four-time a winner of the prestigious George Borwick Memorial Award, the Association's highest honour. And Treloar plays a pivotal role to the education of all umpires in New South Wales in his role as Education Officer with Cricket New South Wales.



## SHARAD PATEL APPOINTED TO SUPPLEMENTARY UMPIRE PANEL

### CRICKET AUSTRALIA | CHRIS GRANT

New South Wales umpire Sharad Patel has been elevated to the Cricket Australia (CA) Supplementary Umpire Panel (SUP) for season 2022-23.

Patel's umpiring journey began a decade ago when he joined the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (NSWCUSA) and stood in the New South Wales Premier Cricket and Shires competitions.

Patel progressed through the grades and made his First Grade debut in November 2017. The 2017-18 season was a significant year for Patel. In February 2018, he travelled to Hobart on exchange to stand in a Tasmania Premier Cricket First Grade match at Lindisfarne Oval.

Patel finished the season officiating in Premier Cricket Finals and capped the season by taking out the NSWCUSA's prestigious George Borwick Award for the first time. The following season, Patel was appointed by CA to officiate in the Under 15 Male National Championships on the Sunshine Coast.

Prior to the 2019-20 season, Patel was appointed to the New South Wales State Umpire Panel and was duly appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships in Mackay, Queensland.

Patel was then appointed to the Under 19 Male National Championships in Perth. In the same season, Patel stood in the first of his WBBL and WNCL matches.

With the arrival of the global pandemic, opportunities at representative level became limited with the reduction in the amount of cricket being played. However, Patel continued his progression in the 2020-21 season standing in his first Toyota Second XI four-day match and fulfilling his New South Wales Premier Cricket commitments.

Patel's contribution was again recognised by the NSWCUSA when he was awarded the George Borwick Award for the second time.

Last season, Patel was again appointed to the CA Under 19 Male National Championships in Mackay Queensland where he was appointed to the Final between NSW Metro and Queensland Metro.

Off the field, Patel is an active member of the NSWCUSA where he contributes to the training and development of prospective and experienced umpires alike.

Patel joins Steve Dionysius, Claire Polosak, Troy Penman, Eloise Sheridan and David Taylor on the SUP for the 2022-23 season.



Sharad Patel umpiring at the U19 Male National Championships // CA

# FEMALE UMPIRE ENGAGEMENT

**CLAIRE POLOSAK**

## **Female Umpire Engagement**

While season 2021-22 has drawn to a close, there are still opportunities for female umpires to progress their development, to ensure they are ready for the upcoming season.

With thanks to the NSWCUA Board, there are female umpire scholarships available, additionally, with grant funding available from the NSW Government, there are funds available for affiliated associations to assist the recruitment, training and development of female umpires within their association.

Work is in progress on a calendar of female umpire training sessions held in the lead up to the 2022-23 season. Stay tuned for further details!

## **Female Umpire Scholarship**

NSWCUSA is committed to improving female participation and pathways in officiating, with funding dedicated to developing female umpires officiating in Cricket NSW matches and encourage more females to take up umpiring and to be involved in the game as well as or even instead of playing.

The NSWCUA Female Umpire Scholarship program provides the opportunity for individuals to access additional funds and resources to further their development as umpires. For 2022-23, there are four scholarships available, valued at \$500 each.

If any female umpires would like assistance with their application, or affiliated associations would like a copy of the application to share, please send me an email.

## **Funding for NSWCUA Affiliated Associations**

In 2021, Cricket NSW were successful in obtaining funding from the NSW Office of Sport, through the **Her Sport, Her Way** program. Due to restrictions that were imposed last year, funding remains available for affiliated associations to access for the recruitment, training, and development of female umpires within their membership.

Funding can be used for a variety of different projects, including, but not limited to on-field and off-field mentoring or observing of active female umpires, inviting female umpires to complete the Representative Officiating Accreditation program, aiding regional female umpires to travel to NSW Men's and Women's Premier Cricket, to experience a different competition and the benefits that come with officiating a higher standard.

If there are any affiliated associations who are interested in the funding available, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible, to ensure the funding can be in place for the beginning of the season.

## **General Female Umpire Assistance for Affiliated Associations Available**

If any affiliated associations would like assistance with their strategy, or plans to encourage females into the officiating space, I am available to assist as much as I can.

# TECHNICAL

**BEN TRELOAR**

## Law Questions (2022 Edition)

1. On the first day of a four-day match, the umpire calls play, and the opening bowler commences their run-up. Before they reach the stumps, rain is falling heavily and the umpire calls "Dead ball". The players leave the field, and no further play is possible on that day, or on the following day. Play commences on time on the third day. What is the minimum lead required by the side batting first for them to be able to enforce the follow on?
  - a) 75 runs
  - b) 100 runs
  - c) 150 runs
  - d) 200 runs
  
2. The bowler delivers a ball which hits the short-leg fielder on the arm on the full. The ball then lands on the pitch and the striker hits it into the outfield and the batters start to run. What should the umpire do?
  - a) Play on.
  - b) Call and signal Dead Ball.
  - c) Call and signal No Ball and Dead Ball.
  - d) Call and signal No Ball.
  
3. In which one of the following situations where 5 Penalty runs are awarded would the ball count as one in the over?
  - a) Fielder returns without permission and touches the ball.
  - b) Fielder fields the ball illegally with their cap.
  - c) Fielder deliberately distracts the striker whilst they face a delivery.
  - d) Fielder deliberately obstructs a batter as they are running.
  - e) Fielder deliberately damages the pitch.
  
4. In which of the following situations is the wicket **not** broken fairly?
  - a) With both bails on the ground, a fielder removes a stump with one hand, holding the ball in the other, with the ball not touching the stump.
  - b) With one bail on the ground and the other on top of the stumps, a fielder removes the remaining bail with the ball held in their hand.
  - c) Holding the ball in their right hand, a fielder removes the bails with their right arm between the elbow and shoulder.
  
5. An umpire miscounts the number of balls in an over and allows seven deliveries to be bowled: the first six of which are valid balls and the last of which is a No Ball. He then realises his mistake. What should the umpire do now?
  - a) Complete the over and allow only five deliveries in the next.
  - b) Signal No ball to the scorers and call over.
  - c) Call over and tell the scorers to disregard the seventh ball.
  - d) Allow an eighth delivery to be bowled before calling over.

# ONLINE LAWS QUIZ USER GUIDE

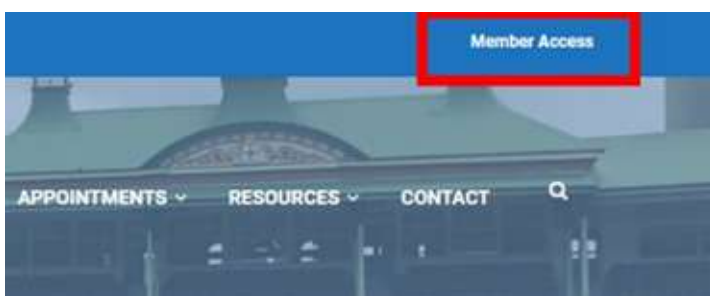
## BEDE SAJOWITZ

Near the conclusion of last season, the Association was delighted launch its online Laws of Cricket Quiz to aid the continued education and development of members. The initial quiz available is made up of ten multiple choice questions, with each question randomly generated from the database of 375 potential available questions, with more to be added in the future.

Whilst designed for use on computers, the quiz is mobile-friendly and can be used on all phones and tablets, both Apple and Android. All attempts and responses are anonymous and are not linked to your website account or your membership.

To access the quiz, you'll need to login to the Member Access section of the site, using your email address as the username – the link to login can be found in the top right corner of your screen. Once logged in the Laws of Cricket Quiz will appear under 'Resources' on the main menu.

Alternatively, you can also use this link: [nswcusa.cricketnsw.com.au/resources/laws-of-cricket-quiz](https://nswcusa.cricketnsw.com.au/resources/laws-of-cricket-quiz) - though you will still need to login using your email and password.

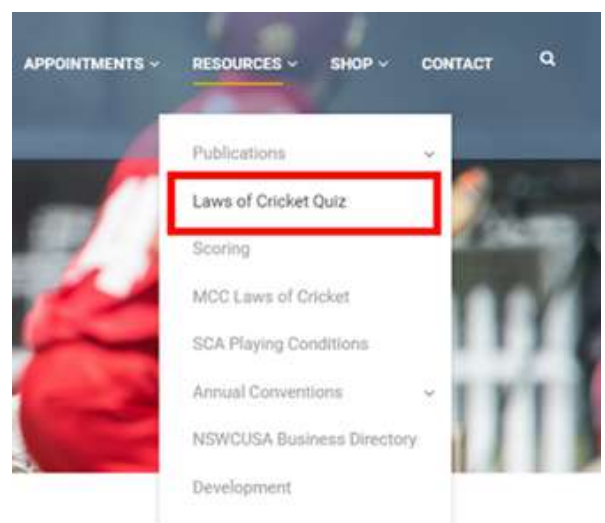


Once you hit 'Start Quiz', navigating the questions is relatively straightforward. Once you choose an answer from the options presented, select the green 'Check Answer' option to receive instant feedback on your answer. You'll then be able to proceed to the next page and be presented with the next question. Once you've completed the set of ten questions, there are two options – to 'Review Answers' or to 'Retake Quiz'.

Choosing to review your answers will provide details of the ten questions that you attempted and will re-present the feedback on each for you to refer to. Selecting 'Retake Quiz' will take you back to Question One of a brand-new set of ten questions for you to attempt.

Thanks to the Association's Examination Committees of recent years for the work that has gone into ensuring the questions and answers are accurate and compliant with the current Laws of Cricket as well as the Board for their support of the project to publish these questions to ensure members are able to access and utilise them.

You can attempt the quiz as often as you like - happy quizzing!





# AROUND THE GROUNDS

As we look back on 2021-22, here are a selection of images of members at SCA finals - we are always on the lookout for more photos of all members in action, so please feel free to share with us!



Ben Treloar and Troy Penman



Nathan Harvey and Bob McGregor with Sydney and Penrith captains



Greg Davidson answers a Chris Green appeal



Reserve Umpire Mitch Claydon, Ben Treloar, Greg Davidson and Match Referee Neil Findlay ahead of the Men's First Grade Final

## FROM THE VAULT

### CONCLUSION

#### 1992-93 ANNUAL REPORT

After 1991-92 season's hectic schedule of World Cup it appeared that 1992-93 may have been a less interesting one. However, with the West Indies touring with a full Test programme and performing with the World Cup champions Pakistan in a triangular competition, it turned out to be a most fulfilling season. Both our National Panel umpires were totally involved. In addition the highly successful N.S.W. team kept our State Panel umpires active.

The continued development of the Association has again been most gratifying. The Executive Committee proposed a restructure of the Association with the formation of Technical, Training and Examination Committees to replace the old Examination Board. This together with the positions of Assistant Honorary Treasurer (Merchandise) to control the sale of the Association's merchandise, and a Liaison Officer to oversee the Affiliated Associations, was ratified by the members at a full meeting and the subsequent changes to the Constitution made. A reprint of the Constitution was made and distributed.

The Liaison Officer continues the re-organisation of the Country Cricket Umpire Associations and is readily available to provide support and assistance including visits to country centres as and when required. This assistance includes the visit by our Training Committee members throughout the State for on-going training.

The Honorary Treasurers constant vigilance has ensured the strength of our financial position. This is very clearly evident from a study of the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet which accompany this report.

The Executive Committee exercises careful control over the affairs of the Association and acknowledges the strong support it receives from the other committees.

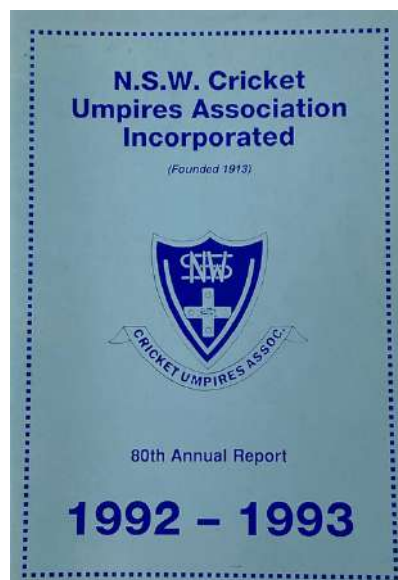
The Association's programme for 1993-94 will include the pre-season coaching classes, to be held for the first time over a weekend at the Cricketers Club, and the mid-season classes. Dates have been set for the Annual Convention at a new venue. A major goal of the Executive will be to improve quality through more inter-personal contact and assistance. The Social Committee will continue to arrange those relaxing social events.

It would be amiss of the Executive if acknowledgement was not made to the retired Hon. Secretary, George Wearne for his past efforts and indeed his continuous co-operation and assistance to the present Secretary.

Your Executive acknowledges with sincere thanks the support of all members, and hopes that as we enter our eighth decade of existence it will be enjoyed by and successful for every one.

**R. A French**  
**President**

**P. F. Hughes**  
**Honorary Secretary**





**CRIC-O-KU Number 17**  
*Clue: We Are The Winners 🎵*

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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!

**CRIC-O-KU No 16: Solution**

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## JUNE 2022 MERCHANDISE VOUCHER WINNER



## ASSOCIATION PARTNERS

### TROY PENMAN

The Association is in a fortunate position where we have strong partnerships and relationships with a number of recognisable brands and companies.

We thank each partner for their assistance and support throughout season 2021-22, it is greatly appreciated by Management and Board.

Season 2021-22 saw NSWCUSA continue its sponsorship agreement with global fast food chain McDonald's. The sponsorship deal with McDonald's will be in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's. McDonald's continued on the back of the Association's field shirts. For this exposure the Association will receive \$15,000 + GST annually.

With the revenue from the sponsorship deal with McDonald's being invested in items for members, education and development, it offsets the cost for members and guests to attend Association events and an upgrade to Association products.

Since 2016, Beastwear has manufactured our merchandise – we are pleased for this association to continue into season 2022-23. The Association looks forward to continuing this partnership into the future and ensuring members are provided with quality on and off field wear.

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.

Another of the Association's partners – the Bradman Foundation – will be continuing its support of the Association and its members in season 2022-23. All members will receive a 10% discount on entry into the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame at Bowral and a 10% discount on all products in their Merchandise Store.

Additionally, they are offering an umpire mug at the special price of \$16 including postage. To reserve one please at the special price, please contact [store@bradman.com.au](mailto:store@bradman.com.au) with your postal address and you will be sent a link for payment.

It is a pleasure to be continuing our relationships with each of our partners into season 2022-23. Discussions with McDonald's and Cricket NSW saw a new three-year deal finalised for CNSW and NSWCUSA. The deal will see \$45,000 + GST come into the Association throughout its duration, with funds to be used to improve the experience for all members.

## 60 SECONDS WITH....

### SIMON DODWELL

#### Day job?

I work for a law firm in the information technology department – I'm one of those tries not to ask "Have you switched it off and on again?"

#### Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?

27 May 2006 and fired someone in my very first game – former Devon County Cricket Club captain, the finger went up too quickly, the ball pitched outside leg but the finger went up anyway. I revoked my decision and the opposition captain ended up on report for dissent and foul language!

#### Career highlights (so far!)

Devon Cricket League (UK) – 2006 to 2011.  
Liverpool and District Cricket Competition (UK) – 2012 to 2015.  
Sydney Shires – 2015 to present.

I have never kept records but I must be up to several hundred games by now as peak season in the UK the matches are played on a Saturday, knockout cup competitions on a Sunday with T20 competitions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

I'm lucky enough to have been appointed to consecutive Shires first grade and Shires Frank Gray finals. In 2021 I was honoured to have umpired NSW U19 female v SA U19 female at Raby.

#### Best cricketer you have officiated?

England's greatest spinner to have never played for England – Gary Keedy. He bowled 15+ overs. Halfway through his spell, he asked me how many overs he'd bowled - he then went on to recite each ball that had been a dot ball or where he had been hit to in the field. When he came out to bat it was fairly obvious why he was never selected for England – I'm not convinced he knew which end of the bat to hold.

#### Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?

There is one game that springs to mind and it includes 10 Australian's all playing under Polish passports in the UK but it includes sledging and foul language so I can't repeat that one here – the game stopped for at least five minutes because everyone was in laughing fits.

Umpiring at a ground in Devon called Cockington Court. A picturesque venue but the field is in a bowl and in the middle of a public park with plenty of dog walkers. During one game a dog managed to get off the leash and chased down a ball that had been hit to the boundary, local regulations apply so it was boundary four, the dog ran off in to the bushes; we never saw the owner or the dog after disappearing in the bushes.

#### Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?

David Moseby from the Devon branch of the England and Wales Cricket Association of Cricket Officials. David was the first official I ever met and was guiding light through my early years of umpiring. Even to this day I think 'What would David do in this situation?'. He was well respected by everyone in the Devon Cricket League. I keep in contact with him all these years later.

**Any superstitions?**

None

**Any special talents?**

Other than annoying my wife? ... I can down a pint of beer in just under 3 seconds.

**Best piece of advice?**

Say it with confidence but don't be too proud to apologise when you've made a mistake.

**What got you into umpiring?**

I had to give up playing cricket for a year due to an injury and didn't want to walk away from the game so I enrolled in the training course – a friend bet me £50 that I wouldn't be umpiring first XI cricket by the end of my first year ... I'm £50 richer and a whole lot more in terms of friends, memories and achievements.

**Three people you would love to have dinner with?**

My nan who sadly passed away earlier this year. David Shepherd (former Test umpire and local Devon boy). Meat Loaf.



Dick French presents Simon Dodwell with the E. F. Wykes Association Medal in April // Steven Smith

## 60 SECONDS WITH....

### RAM TADEPALLI

#### Day job?

National IT Service Desk Manager

#### Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?

A women's Third Grade game on November 13 2021 – my first victim was a run out!

#### Career (to Date) officiating highlights.

Apart from officiating in some of the best grounds around Sydney I had the privilege to meet couple of international players and learn from their experiences – Mike Whitney & Brad Haddin.

#### Best cricketer you have officiated?

- Rieley Dunlop (Manly Warringah - Fifth Grade captain)
- Katie Letcher (Paramatta Women's - Second Grade captain)

#### Funniest thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?

Nothing yet!

#### Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?

Simon Taufel because of his humility. I admire the way he carries himself on and off the field.

#### Any superstitions?

I always enter the cricket field, right foot first.

#### Any special talents?

I believe I am a gifted dancer!

#### Best piece of advice?

Two pieces from my father:

- Try and try until you succeed/reach your goal.
- When you are in a not so good situation, count to ten before you react or respond.

#### What got you into umpiring?

When I was mulling my options whether to continue playing Shire cricket, I decided to explore umpiring as an opportunity as it would be the best way to stay connected and be involved in the game.

#### Three people you would love to have dinner with?

- Rahul Dravid
- Michael Schumacher
- David Attenborough



Ram Tadepalli receives the Alan Marshall Medal from Arthur Watson // Steven Smith

## **2022-23 REPRESENTATIVE PANELS**

### **ELITE PANEL OF ICC UMPIRES**

**RODNEY TUCKER (AUS.)**

PAUL REIFFEL (AUS.)

### **INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF ICC UMPIRES**

PHIL GILLESPIE (AUS.)

DONOVAN KOCH (AUS.)

SAM NOGAJSKI (AUS.)

**PAUL WILSON (AUS.)**

### **DEVELOPMENT PANEL OF ICC UMPIRES**

**HEATH KEARNS (JERSEY)**

**CLAIRE POLOSAK (AUS.)**

ELOISE SHERIDAN (AUS.)

**IAN THOMSON (HONG KONG)**

### **CA NATIONAL UMPIRE PANEL**

**GERARD ABOOD**

SHAWN CRAIG (VIC.)

**GREG DAVIDSON**

PHIL GILLESPIE (VIC.)

MIKE GRAHAM-SMITH (TAS.)

NATHAN JOHNSTONE (WA)

DONOVAN KOCH (QLD.)

**SIMON LIGHTBODY**

SAM NOGAJSKI (TAS.)

BRUCE OXENFORD (QLD.)

**BEN TRELOAR**

**PAUL WILSON**

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STEPHEN DIONYSIUS (QLD.)

**SHARAD PATEL**

**TROY PENMAN**

**CLAIRE POLOSAK**

ELOISE SHERIDAN (SA)

**DAVID TAYLOR**

### **CNSW STATE UMPIRE PANEL**

TO BE CONFIRMED

### **COUNTRY UMPIRE**

**REPRESENTATIVE PANEL**

TO BE CONFIRMED

## **2021-22 NSWCUSA COMMITTEES**

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