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#### **ANNUAL DINNER 2019**

The Association's Annual Dinner will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on April 6, 2019 with MC Nic Bills and special guest Ed Cowan.

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

Please return registration forms to Bede Sajowitz by 29 March 2019.



Bill Battese, Keith Griffiths and Bruce Baxter before a match at the Country Colts carnival

CORRECTION: On page 16 of the November *Black and White*, an image was incorrectly captioned as Margaret Marshall and Mike McKenzie. It was actually Michelle Evans on Mike's left.

Cover Photos:Top: Ryan Nelson oversees Queensland v Northern Territory at the U19 National ChampionshipsBottom: John De Lyall and Ken Brooks with the captains on opening day of the Bradman Cup



# Chairman's Introduction



Mark Hughes

It's hard to believe we are already into March and finals are here.

Finals are a great time of the year for a club cricketer, as it is the culmination of a season's work with what may be a rare chance to snare an elusive premiership.

After playing 200 games for my former club, I only got one opportunity to play in a grand final and the memories of what was a great win will last with me for the rest of my life, as well as the bond I have with the teammates who shared in the result.

As umpires, we owe it to the players to prepare as well as possible - the decisions we make in these games will be remembered for a lifetime.

I vividly recall the decision by an umpire at square leg who gave me the benefit of the doubt on a close run out call where I had the opportunity to continue on with my innings, and the decision for a teammate who inside edged onto pad to be given out leg before and his disappointment in his face walking off the field where he wouldn't be the one to see the team through to victory.

Whilst all of this was over a decade ago, last year I watched my son celebrate an Under 11 premiership like he had won the World Cup Final. He will always remember a no ball called on him which took the top of off-stump and this season he begs me to get to games ten minutes earlier than required by his coach to mark out his run up at both ends so he never experiences that grand final moment again. Decisions in finals are remembered for a lifetime.

To all our umpires around the state involved in finals matches in the next month, whether it be in under 11s or Premier Cricket, I encourage you to prepare well for the players' big day and wish you all the best for the end of season 2018/19.



# Executive Officer Update

#### **Darren Goodger**

Dear Members & Affiliated Associations,

This opportunity is taken to thank you for your commitment to cricket across New South Wales in the 2018-19 season. Our highly successful convention in Wagga Wagga seems a long time ago.

Finals time is upon us, and to those umpires who have been (and are to be) appointed we offer our congratulations and best wishes. Finals cricket is like no other, the challenge of it is to be enjoyed. It is a privilege to be selected to umpire in March, the best month of the cricket season. The players in the various competitions deserve to have the best available umpires attitudes with positive who have thoroughly prepared with regard to laws and playing conditions.

Last week the umpires selected for the NSW Premier Cricket and Metropolitan Cup finals series had a meeting at Cricket NSW. Berend du Plessis facilitated an excellent workshop around the key playing conditions, providing useful resources and a playing conditions questionnaire to benefit his colleagues.

Additional thoughts were shared with NSW Premier Cricket umpires. The opportunity is taken here to share some of this information with members across the State who will be involved in upcoming finals, in the hope it will be of use – "Thank you for attending, your commitment and for being available. Congratulations on being selected for the Qualifying Finals.

To those here for the first time – well done. You get what you deserve, not what you wish for.

To those who've bounced back – well done to you too. There are examples of you here tonight. I am very pleased for you. You have turned disappointment into opportunity.

There is a level of commitment required in the finals series. For 14 umpires you will be umpiring for three weekends straight. For those working full time, you will possibly be involved in your employment and umpiring for something like 33 out of 34 days. Maintaining balance is important, some of you will be travelling long distances to umpire as well. We commend you all for what you do.

The selectors, when determining the umpires to be selected for the finals series, took into account the ability of each umpire to get the job done to the highest possible standard in what is a pressurised environment. They look for umpires who are secure in the basics – counting, routines, law and playing condition knowledge and application. If you are surprised by any of the umpire appointments, keep in mind there is almost always a WHY in the selectors' reasoning. What is best for each fixture in each grade is considered.



Captains' assessments, observer reports, and feedback from trusted, knowledgeable and respected sources were all considered and discussed.

Umpires are encouraged to keep things in perspective. As John Wooden wrote, "All of life is peaks and valleys. Don't let the peaks get too high and the valleys too low."

If you are disappointed with your appointment, then please keep in mind that your colleague isn't interested in your disappointment. He/she has a job to do and wishes to enjoy the challenge without having to listen to someone complain. Your colleague deserves your best teamwork and attitude, and the players deserve your best effort.

In New South Wales we have a teamfirst culture and we are pleased for the success of others. We also have a selection process that is undertaken on merit.

With regard to preparation for the weekend, there is some recommended reading –

- PCs
- PCs around Laws 41.6 and 41.7
- PCs around fielder absent or leaving the field
- Laws 29-40; 28.3; 41; 9.1; 25.5-25.7
- Code of Conduct

Keep an eye on the following –

 Consistency with pitch handovers, challenge players who are on the pitch when they shouldn't be.

- Changing the condition of the match ball.
- Time wasting.
- Striker in protected area.
- Law 41.19 is there to be applied if required.
- Weather forecast, be prepared for wet weather. Rain may well be a factor.
- Application of Laws 2.8 and 2.9
- All participants in every match are to strive to maximise opportunities to play. Both teams are to assist with covers if required.
- The umpires need to be decisive and try to maximise playing time, without compromising player safety. Umpires are the sole judges of the fitness of GWL for play.
- Be aware of potential gamesmanship. Captains and teams will be wanting what is best for them, perfectly natural at this time of the season. Be strong and stick together. Apply the Laws with fairness and impartiality.
- Remain humble and know our place in the game. It is about the players.
- LBW regulation balls being used in all grades. Consider what the ball has done before the point of impact.
- Reserve umpires anticipate a need. Be game aware and selfaware. You are a crucial part of

the match officials team. If you weren't, then we wouldn't have you at the ground.

I take this opportunity to wish you well for the weekend. Our common objective is to make this game the best one we have umpired yet. We need to stay in the moment and not finish a few steps short. Focus on simple and consistent process and maintaining self-belief. Put all issues to one side and umpire with the purpose of doing your best for the person in the mirror, the players, and the match officials team. Strong routines keep you in the moment. Treat every ball with respect, the one we fail to respect can teach us a lesson. Enjoy the match and the challenge."

#### Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation

We hope to see as many members as possible at this year's dinner. It will be a great celebration of the season. We will recognise years of service, match milestones, representative umpires and scorers, and those who have achieved excellence.

We will welcome sponsors, life members and special guests from Cricket NSW, Sydney Cricket Association and Country Cricket NSW. Ed Cowan promises to be an engaging guest speaker, I know he is looking forward to the gig and spending the evening with us.

#### First Grade Limited Overs Cup Final – NSW Premier Cricket 2018-19

The NSW Premier Cricket First Grade Limited Overs Cup Final was played at Drummoyne Oval on 3 March.

Congratulations to Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar on their appointment to umpire the final. Sydney (6/293) defeated Sydney University (8/289) by four wickets with AJ Mosca (Sydney) receiving the Michael Bevan Medal for being named player of the final. He scored 134 runs off 110 balls.



Ben Treloar & Simon Lightbody with the captains at the toss

*Poidevin-Gray Shield Final 2018-19* The Poidevin-Gray Shield Final was played at Joe McAleer on 10 March.

Congratulations to Vince Calabro and Roberto Howard on their appointment to umpire the final.

Mosman (4/263) defeated Blacktown (82) as Will Buttleman (Mosman) received the Shane Lee Medal for being named player of the final. He scored 121 runs off 152 balls.

#### AW Green Shield Final 2018-19

The AW Green Shield Final was played at Manly Oval on 26 January.

Congratulations to Vince Calabro and Sharad Patel on their appointment to umpire the final.

Northern District (1/117) defeated Manly-Warringah (116) by nine wickets. William Coffey (Northern District) with 53 runs from 94 balls faced was awarded the Kevin Cunningham Medal for being player of the final.



#### U16 City-Country Challenge Trophy 2018-19

The U16 City-Country Challenge Trophy match was played at Baker Park on 17 February.

Congratulations to Sharad Patel and Rodney Porter on their appointment to umpire this representative fixture.

Northern District (5/120) defeated Central Coast (119) with Jayden Camp with 5/16 off 10 overs being the pick of the Northern District bowlers.

#### Plan B Regional T20 Bash Final 2018-19

The Plan B Regional T20 Bash Final was played at the SCG on 5 February.

Congratulations to Bruce Baxter (North Coast) and Graeme Glazebrook (Western) on their appointment to umpire the final.

Central Coast Rush (4/152) defeated ACT Aces (128) with Ben Cohen (Central Coast) being named player of the match scoring 44 runs off 31 balls.



Graeme Glazebrook, Match Referee Neil Findlay and Bruce Baxter with the Plan B Regional Bash Trophy ahead of the Final

#### NSW Country Championship Final 2018-19

The NSW Country Championship Final was played at North Dalton Park on 10

February. Congratulations to Graeme Glazebrook (Western) and Neil Smith (Riverina), who umpired the final.

#### Article by David Gavin (Cricket NSW Media)

ACT Southern Districts batsman John Rogers has scored a remarkable unbeaten century that proved decisive in his team claiming its first McDonald's NSW Country Championships title as a zone on Sunday.

The former First-Class batsman for Tasmania and Western Australia made more than half the runs posted by ACT Southern Districts during the 24-run Grand Final victory over Central Coast at North Dalton Park in Wollongong. He hit 175 not out from 155 balls in a total of 9/276 from the allotted 50 overs.

In reply, Central Coast was dismissed for 252, in the final over, highlighted by a valiant century to captain Peter Gallichan who did his utmost to claim the trophy for his team. He scored 107 from 130 balls faced.

During a little more than three hours at the crease, Rogers smashed seven sixes and 10 fours. The innings was made all the more extraordinary by the fact the next best score for ACT Southern Districts was just 20 scored by middleorder batsman Owen Chivers.

Like Rogers, Gallichan similarly held the innings together for Central Coast batting at No. 3. The next best score for his side was wicketkeeper Harry Woodhead who made 32 from 25 balls down the order.

In a beaten side, paceman Scott Burkinshaw returned best figures for the match with 4-56 from 10 overs.



This ends a successful year for the new Zone, with two competition titles, being the Under 15 McDonald's Women's Country Championship, along with this one.

# Congratulations – Umpires Appointed to National Finals in 2019

We offer congratulations to the following members who were appointed by Cricket Australia to umpire national finals –

#### Gerard Abood

 BBL Renegades v Stars Marvel Stadium – 17 February

#### Vince Calabro

 U15 Male National Championships Queensland v NSW Magenta Kev Hackney Oval – 14 February

#### Graeme Glazebrook

 Australian Country Cricket Championships T20 | New South Wales v Queensland Mooroopna Recreation Reserve -5 January ODD | Western Australia v Victoria Mooroopna Recreation Reserve -11 January

#### Daniel Moran

 National Indigenous Cricket Championships Men's Division | New South Wales v Queensland Albrecht Oval – 11 February

#### Claire Polosak

 WBBL | TV Umpire Sixers v Heat
 Drummoyne Oval – 26 January

#### Diana Venter

 U15 Female National Championships NSW Metro v ACT NSW Country Phillip Oval – 26 February



Reuben Garlett and Daniel Moran with the captains as the coin is tossed at the NICC Men's Final

# Congratulations – Scorers Appointed to National Finals in 2019

We offer congratulations to the following members who were appointed by Cricket NSW to score national finals –

Christine Bennison & Kay Wilcoxon

- WBBL
  Sixers v Heat
  Drummoyne Oval 26 January
- WNCL New South Wales v Queensland North Sydney Oval – 9 February

# Sheffield Shield Round 10 – 20-23 March 2019

At the time of writing three members (Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson and Paul Wilson) are preparing to umpire crucial matches in round 10 of the Sheffield Shield. We congratulate them all on their appointments and wish them well. Each continues to represent himself and the Association with distinction.

- Tasmania v New South Wales
  Blundstone Arena
  Umpires Sam Nogajski & Paul Wilson
- South Australia v Victoria Karen Rolton Oval Umpires Gerard Abood & Shawn Craig
- Western Australia v Queensland
  WACA Ground
  Umpires Greg Davidson & Phil Gillespie





#### Umpire Exchange – Cricket Australia and Cricket South Africa

Congratulations to Greg Davidson who was selected for the umpire exchange by Cricket Australia. He umpired five List A matches in South Africa this month as part of the Momentum One Day Cup. No doubt Greg had a wonderful experience. We look forward to hearing of his adventures and about the matches in which he officiated.

#### Thank You

As the season draws rapidly to a close, a sincere vote of thanks is offered to –

- Umpiring staff at Cricket NSW Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Bede Sajowitz. Bede has a been an outstanding addition to the team in 2018-19, an exceptional young man possessing a strong work ethic. He consistently goes the extra mile to assist colleagues and members.
- Stephen Blomfield, who has assisted at various stages this season as a member of staff while members of our team have been on leave. He has done a great job.
- All office-bearers, volunteers and committee members (Examination, Scorers, Social, Technical).
- Zone Umpire Representatives. Your work for NSWCUSA in regional areas is acknowledged and appreciated.
- Board Directors.

#### Thought

Here is an extract from a piece written by Angel Chernoff on 4 January which I thought was worth sharing:

> With 2019 now in full swing, let me share a short story with you and give you something important to think about...

19 years ago, I was all dressed up and sitting at a fancy restaurant waiting on my blind date to arrive. He never showed up. This made me feel ugly and unworthy. I thought my date may have seen me from a distance and bailed. Then, as I left the restaurant alone, I heard a little boy ask his mum if I was a princess. Overhearing this made me smile and made me think.

As wild as it may sound, that little boy's words changed my life. Because from that day forward I changed the way I thought about myself. I started thinking about myself more respectfully and treating myself accordingly. And today, as we head into the thick of 2019, I want to encourage you to do the same.

It's January after all—the beginning of a banner year! So, here's a positive TO-DO list for 2019—key things to start doing for yourself:

Start embracing your humanness and giving yourself more credit. -"Human" is the only real label we are born with, yet we forget so easily. To become attached to an opinionated label of depressed, divorced, diseased, rejected, or poor, is to be like the rain, that doesn't know it is also the clouds ... or the ice, that forgets it is water. For we are far more than the shape we're currently in. And we, like the wind, water, and sky, will change forms many times in our lives, while forever remaining beautifully human.

Start making your own happiness a priority. – Your needs matter. If you don't value yourself, look out for yourself, and stick up for yourself, you're sabotaging yourself. Remember, it is absolutely possible to take care of your own needs while simultaneously caring for those around you. And once your needs are met, you will likely be far more capable of helping those you love who need you most.

Start putting your heart and soul into the things you do. – There's a big difference between empty fatigue and gratifying exhaustion. Life is short. Invest daily in meaningful activities.

Start taking more deep breaths, so you can mindfully collect more lessons for the long run. – It's incredibly easy to overestimate the significance of a single decision, outcome, or event in the heat of the moment. But you must remind yourself to take a deep breath when things don't go your way. Your results in the long run—good or bad—are always the by-product of many small decisions, outcomes, and events over time. The truth is we all fail sometimes. The greater truth is that no single failure ever defines us.

Start entering new relationships for the right reasons. – Enter new relationships with dependable, honest people who reflect the person you are and the person you want to be. Choose friends you are proud to know, people you admire, who show you love and respect people who reciprocate your kindness and commitment. And pay attention to what people do, because a person's actions are much more important than their words or how others represent them.

Start forgiving yourself and others.

We've all been hurt by our own decisions and by others. And while the pain of these experiences is normal, sometimes it lingers for too long. We relive the pain over and over and have a hard time letting go. Forgiveness is the remedy. It doesn't mean you're erasing the past, or forgetting what happened. It means you're letting go of the resentment and pain, and instead choosing to learn from the incident and move on with your life.

#### Next steps...

Today really is the beginning. Let there be no excuses, no explanations, and no regrets in 2019. You can make adjustments starting NOW that will help you feel better, think more clearly, and live a year free of needless headaches and heartache.

Truly, when you THINK BETTER about yourself and your present opportunities, you LIVE BETTER despite the challenges you face.

Angel Chernoff

One of the many messages we can take from this piece is how handling and managing disappointment can lead to opportunity. It is a choice.

# Postcard from Singapore

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#### **Peter Garlick**

Greetings to my Fellow Members from the Lion City, Singapore.

Kim and I have been here just over a year now on a working assignment and have been enjoying the many highlights of Singapore and the surrounding countries of South East Asia.

Singapore is an Associate Cricketing Nation and is very proud of its' national teams. The Singapore Cricket Association (SCA) is very healthy and its Executive Officer, Sarika Siva Prasad, is very organised and uses social media to communicate with all umpires and scorers – most commonly using WhatsApp. He's also a very fine onfield umpire – a pleasure to score with!

The Association comprises of many leagues catering for expat communities from Great Britain, the sub-continent, and Australasia. At the highest levels, the clubs league is comprised of the Premier Division, and Divisions 1 to 6 below it. There is also a Corporates League of 2 Divisions, as well as Masters' and Social Cricket structures, in addition to some other Private Leagues.

That's a lot of clubs and a lot of teams for an Island Nation that is only 31km x 27km, with only 3 turf pitches and 5 other artificial turf grounds available to the SCA.

Their solution?

- Premier Division: 50 Overs
- Division 1 & 2: 40 Overs
- Division 3-6: 30 Overs.

# PAR AVION

Games can start as early as 7:30am on both Saturday and Sunday mornings (remember, this is the tropics – not a temperate Sydney) and the season stretches from January to November each year – a very short off-season indeed!

Scoring over here is a little different to NSW Premier Cricket – members are appointed by the Association to score games: one paper scorer and one online scorer.

After scoring Premier Cricket with Mosman and Manly-Warringah over the past seasons and being an umpire member since 2003, I was very keen to get involved in the Singapore Cricket Association, and I was encouraged by the Executive at Mosman to hook up with the Singapore Cricket Club (SCC). Logic behind this was that the SCC Captain, Dene Border, played for Mosman and is still very well regarded.



One of the three turf pitches available to the SCA



My development objective is to keep my paper scoring skills up to speed and improve my processes while we are working here in Singapore to ensure a smooth re-integration back into NSW Premier Cricket upon our return. This is also important here as the games usually are much faster with the much shorter runups and overrate pressures to squeeze at least 2 games per day on each ground.

The Games here are significantly impacted by local climate conditions:

- Most days are between 32°C and 34°C with 80% humidity with a high chance of rain and thunderstorms
- Some grounds are surrounded by heavily wooded areas which players are warned not to go in after any balls lost in the scrub due to Black Spitting Cobras and Monitor Lizards, and any of the other 57 local species of snakes – Whalan comes to mind!
- There aren't any playing conditions to manage lightning in place.

• And play doesn't stop for regular pitch invasions from otter families.

In the 2018 Season, I scored 60 Games ranging from Division 2 to 6, Masters' and Social Games, including 4 T20 Games in one weekend!

This Season, I've been assigned by SCC's Head Scorer, Lorraine Meyer, to score all Division 2 Games for the SCC Cheetahs and other games as I am available.

Our current plan is to return to Australia at the end of this calendar year which coincides with the end of the Singapore Cricket Association 2019 season – after another 60 games.

Wishing all members an enjoyable and smooth finish to your season.



One of the frequent pitch invasions from local otter families



Peter Garlick in action in Singapore



## Two Days at the Over 50s World Cup

#### Pat Kerin

When I commenced umpiring sixteen summers ago, I never thought I would be given the opportunity to officiate in a World Cup match.

But that is exactly what happened on the last day of Spring 2018.

I was to stand with Raf Patel at Old Kings with South Africa playing Canada and on the following day I was appointed with good mate Tim Gumbleton to stand at Bradman Oval in Bowral as England were drawn to play New Zealand.

Eight countries were participating in the tournament- Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Wales. All sides played each other with the top four sides at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds to play for the cup and the four sides finishing fifth to eighth, playing for the plate.

I was very excited about the appointments and contacted my cousins in South Granville for accommodation on the night of Tuesday 27 November. Anne and Michael welcomed me with open arms. From their place to Old Kings Oval the following day was about a 30 to 40 minutes' drive considering I was driving in peak hour.

On Monday night, Stephen Blomfield who was in charge of the umpire appointments, advised me that there was a change in the appointments and I was now required to stand with Gary Crombie at Mark Taylor Oval in Waitara as Australia was to play Pakistan.

I said to my friends I had been upgraded as Australia and Pakistan were currently running one and two, while South Africa and Canada were seventh and eighth.

With thunder and rain showing their presence around 5.00am, I was not surprised that Stephen Blomfield sent a text message out at 6.46 am saying that round five was abandoned.

Later that morning Stephen Blomfield rang me to say that the organising committee were considering moving round six back a day to Friday, and was I available if this was to happen? Yes, was the quick reply! Tim said he would be right; he had to juggle a few appointments.

Therefore, instead of driving to Mark Taylor Oval, I had a leisurely morning at Anne and Michael's place and ventured off to Bowral around lunchtime.

With the forecast showing the weather on the improve, later that day, we were advised that all round six matches would be played on Friday 30 November.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Bowral had received just under a 100ml of rain. On Wednesday afternoon, many parts of the Bradman Oval outfield were under water.

After lunch on Thursday, with the weather finally clearing, Josh Woodcock, the curator at Bradman Oval, was able to remove the covers and recommence the preparation for Friday's match.

Earlier in the afternoon, I took the short drive to the historic village of Berrima, 125km south of Sydney. I had a drink in the Surveyor General Inn. This licensed establishment has had a continuous licence since 1834, which is an Australian record.



Despite all the rain, Bradman Oval was in pristine condition and ready for play at 11.00am. Knowing that the pitch had been covered for nearly two days, New Zealand captain Nigel Fletcher won the toss and sent England in.

England got away to real flyer with first drop batsman Simon Myles putting in a master-class performance. Myles smashed his way to 97 from 85 balls – his innings included 15 fours and one six. He was caught at square leg reverse sweeping. Myles mentioned later that he played firstclass cricket with Sussex. England finished with a competitive score of 8/232 from their 45 overs.

With the lunch break being 45 minutes, cricketers, umpires and officials dined out on lasagne, chips and salad. Tim and I enjoyed our lunch in the Bradman library. With the backdrop being Mt. Gibraltar, we had quite a view.

New Zealand got away to a solid start through an 88-run partnership between openers Richard Petrie (64) and Mason Robinson (32). Petrie showed the class

which led to him playing 56 first-class matches and 12 ODIs for New Zealand.

The England bowlers really bowled tightly but none bowled better than their seamer Stephen Foster who captured 6/30 from seven overs. Foster finished as the leading wicket taker in the tournament with 18

wickets at an average of 7.7.

When New Zealand fielded, two of their players suffered groin injuries with the worst being Peter Escott who batted with a runner. New Zealand was all out in the 41<sup>st</sup> over for 173.

This match was a quality game of cricket. We saw a batsman just miss a century, while a fellow teammate captured six wickets and some very accurate bowlers with only two wides in 85 overs.

At the post-match presentation, Stephen Foster was awarded the man of the match, while the Umpires' Spirit of Cricket was awarded to the New Zealand wicket keeper and opening batsman Mason Robinson. The talented cricketer had a great World Cup scoring 268 runs at 68.

Tim and I felt very honoured, not only to be appointed to matches in the World Cup, but also to be appointed to a match at Bradman Oval which was something out of the box, and so rich in history. The New Zealanders players said the venue was the highlight of the tour.



Pat Kerin and Tim Gumbleton with the England and New Zealand captains at Bradman Oval

# Technical

#### Darren Goodger

In this edition we are pleased to provide six questions on the Laws –

- The sixth valid ball of an over is delivered, and the umpire calls 'Over'. What is the latest time that an appeal for LBW can be considered?
- 2. An injured striker has a runner. After the ball is hit, all three batsmen run. A fielder throws the ball and removes a bail from the wicket at the wicketkeeper's end, while all three batsmen are out of their ground. The runner and the non-striker have crossed, but both are short of their ground.

Who is out?

3. In which of the following situations is the wicket <u>not</u> put down?

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 his hand.

C – Holding the ball in his right hand, a fielder removes the bails with his right arm between the elbow and shoulder.

4. Which one of the following actions is the wicket-keeper allowed to make?

A – Taking initial position outside the off-stump and moving to the leg-side before the release of the ball when the striker does not change his/her position.

B – Taking initial position outside the off-stump and moving to the leg-side before the release of the ball in response to a striker moving to switch-hit position before the release of the ball.

C – Standing back from the wicket, the wicket-keeper takes three steps forward immediately after the bowler commences his/her run-up.

5. The striker has adopted a stance close to the protected area, but not in it. His/her first step in receiving the delivery is encroaching the protected area. What shall happen now?



6. In which of the following situations would the striker <u>not</u> be out Hit wicket from a fair delivery when the wicket is put down either by his/her bat or his/her person?

A – In the course of any action taken by the striker in preparing to receive or in receiving a delivery after the bowler has entered his/her delivery stride. B – In setting off for his first run immediately after playing or playing at the ball.

C – In lawfully making a second stroke for the purpose of guarding his wicket.

D – In the course of any action taken by the striker in preparing to receive or in receiving a delivery before the bowler has entered his/her delivery stride.



Sharad Patel with Tasmanian Jerry Matibiri ahead of the National Premier T20 semi-final between Sutherland and Carlton in Adelaide Photo: Roy Formica



### Discourse

#### **Kevin Pye**

So you want to talk of Cricket and you ask what I like best, then I'll tell you what I reckon, if you'll sit and be my guest. Perhaps I might indulge awhile since I've played it once or twice and I think that I could lead you with a bit of sound advice.

Real cricketers have style you know, for they play with sound technique; good batsmen use their feet to move, in attack they're seldom meek. They pick the line and length real quick and they have a range of shots to keep the scoreboard adding up, as their runs outnumber dots.

A front foot cover drive with grace or a back foot hook for four, when purely played will earn applause and add value to a score. With guile a tweaker loops his spin while a paceman uses swing, his fingers down along the seam to make it talk and sing.

A reflex catch or a diving save by a fieldsman at his best, a run out by a rocket arm, might all change an Ashes test. I can only read of legends like Don Bradman and his team; the stats of those "Invincibles" always rise up like pure cream.

Miller, Lindwall, Davo, Lillee, used the seam and shiny side, like McGrath in times so recent, who dismantled batsmen's pride. Will there ever be another, just like Warne with spin and flight which could mesmerise immortals if they dared to stand and fight?

There was Grout and Marsh and Healey in the keepers' brotherhood and the entertainer Gilly who was also rather good. The Chappells, Waughs and Ponting too were easy on the eye when Australia led the rankings and our standard was so high.

Where has the concentration gone in the batsmen that we choose? Just like other armchair critics, I am biased in my views.Ah---I muse about the best ones who have worn the green and gold and I'd like to write a chapter on the batsmen that I'VE rolled.

The "Iron Horse" has some memories that have motored through the gears and they're always getting better now I'm getting on in years. As a teacher, coach and mentor for some equally engrossed, I look back with satisfaction if I'm called upon to boast.

Then I stood there as an Umpire to uphold the mighty game, on the field with men and women, some well noted for their fame. I'll watch any game of Cricket if enjoyment is for real and good spirit is the winner every time upon appeal.

No doubt Packer changed the climate when tradition was derailed; the commercial world has prospered, constant change has now prevailed. Twenty twenty and one-dayers satisfy a modern crowd but the tensions of a Test match sort the skilful and the proud.



# Cricket Illawarra Umpire Exchange

#### **Andrew Coates**

On 2 February, two SCA umpires were invited to stand in Wollongong for the first umpire exchange between the Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association and NSWCUSA. I was appointed to stand with Neil Findlay for the first-grade fixture between University and Balgownie at the lovely University No. 1 Oval.

With a couple of weeks to prepare, the first order of business was to study the playing conditions. Cricket Illawarra have a set of common PCs which apply across all grades, and then a specific set depending on game type and grade.

Many of the PCs were similar to those used in Premier Cricket, but there were some differences around lost playing time and spell lengths for underaged bowlers.

I cruised down to Wollongong on the Saturday morning, hoping to leave the damp weather behind. With an 11:30am start scheduled, it made for a very civilized departure time, even going to Wollongong.

I was relieved to see that although there was mist on the escarpment, no rain seemed to be falling at the ground. This was to be a common feature throughout the day, the skies threatened, but we lost no play.

Meeting Neil at the ground, and we inspected the outfield, pitch and surroundings. It's great having someone with local knowledge when doing this, as many of the idiosyncrasies of a venue only make themselves obvious over time, like an area of the ground Neil pointed out where we would be likely to lose a ball. We also took the opportunity to meet with the scorers, including the 2016/17 winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award, Margaret Pemberton.

University won the toss and elected to bat. After early wickets, they needed a 4<sup>th</sup> wicket stand got them near 100. They then lost another clump of wickets and finished 10/133 having only faced 41.1 of their allocated 50 overs.

After a short innings break during which I met the ICUA president, Morgan Prosser, Balgownie set about chasing down the fairly modest total. At 5/110 with a couple of batsmen set and requiring only about 2.5 per over they looked to have the game well and truly in hand. University didn't give up, broke the partnership and ran through the last 5 wickets for just 14 runs, the last 4 of which fell for just 2 runs, leaving Balgownie all out for 124, 9 runs short.

The game was played in excellent spirit and I was made to feel most welcome by both the players and officials and I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to officiate in another competition.

I extend my sincere thanks to ICUA for their participation in this exchange. On a personal level, thank you to Neil Findlay for being a gracious and welcoming partner as well as providing me with excellent, actionable feedback on my day's performance. My thanks also to Darren Goodger and the board of NSWCUSA.



# Female Umpire Engagement



Amy Perrett in front of the female umpiring group on December 18

#### Claire Polosak

#### Female Appointments

So far this season, there have been 203 appointments filled by females in a variety of competitions:

- SCA's NSW Premier Cricket (Men's and Women's competitions)
- Cricket NSW Pathway matches
- NSW Country Cricket Tournaments
- Regional competitions- including Central Coast, Tamworth and Albury

There are currently fourteen female umpires officiating around the state.

Thank you to the associations and members who are always so encouraging and supportive of these umpires, many of whom are in their first season of umpiring.

Special congratulations are offered to:

- Michelle Evans stood in both the U15 and U18 Female Country Championships Finals.
- Michelle Evans was also appointed to the SCA NSW Premier Cricket Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade One Day Final.
- Margaret Marshall was selected to attend the National Indigenous Cricket

Championship held in Allice Springs in February. She performed strongly and was appointed to the 2 v 3 Women's Semi Final.

- Diana Venter and Sue Gregory were both appointed to the U15 Female National Championships in Canberra in late February.
- Diana Venter being appointed to the Final on 26 February between NSW Metropolitan and ACT NSW Country.



Diana Venter and Sue Gregory in Canberra at the U15 Female National Championships



#### Female Umpire Training Sessions

The 2018-19 female umpire training program has been in full swing with another session on December 18. The special guest presenter was Amy Perrett, an active Rugby Union referee, currently contracted to the Australian Rugby Union.

Amy presented about the decision-making processes for rugby referees. As the workshop progressed, everyone realised the number of similarities between making decisions between the two different sports.

Darren Goodger then presented on the same theme, narrowing down on the decision-making processes specifically for cricket as well as the importance of having good, strong routines which provide a foundation for good, strong decision making.

Out of the goodness of her heart Manjinder Sandhu provided dinner for the group, serving up probably the best butter chicken I have ever had! It was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Another session took place on 12 February with Darren again presenting. This time the LBW law was in the spotlight, looking at the intricacies of Law 36 and what umpires need to be looking for when appealed to by the fielding team. Feedback from attendees have said that it was both informative and enjoyable.

#### NSW Government ICC T20 World Cup Cricket Legacy Fund

With thanks to both the NSW Government as well as the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorer's Association Board, Cricket NSW was successful in obtaining funding for the further development of female officials in NSW. This money is going to be split across to different programs in NSW - there will be an Individual Scholarship program as well as a group development program.

Applicants for the Individual Scholarship can either already be umpiring, or are intending to commit to umpiring next season, in any competition around the state.

If anyone is yet to receive the application form, or would like more information, contact Claire at-

claire.polosak@cricketnsw.com.au

#### Community Officiating Workshops

Over the last eight months, there have been fourteen Community Officiating workshops held around the state. 10 have been in the Metropolitan areas with the other four taking place in Dubbo, Orange, Warialda and Albury. 253 people have completed the Cricket Australia Community Officiating accreditation course in NSW.





#### Upcoming Community Officiating Workshops

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Wentworth Leagues Club.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 - SCG

Please contact Claire to register or for more information.

If your local area is looking towards the winter months and training opportunities for the 2019/2020 cricket season, Community Officiating workshops can occur anywhere in NSW, with a minimum number of eight registered for the workshop to go ahead.

Contact Claire to work toward organising one in your area.

These workshops are suitable for beginner umpires, parents, teachers and players who are also required to assist with umpiring.



Diana Venter, Match Referee Ian Thomas and Victorian Lisa McCabe ahead of the U15 Female National Championships Final Picture: Cricket Australia



## When Cricket Just Doesn't Matter

The Association expresses its sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the families and friends affected by the horrendous mass shootings in Christchurch.

#### **Playing the Game**

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chief executive David White says his organisation is "shocked and appalled" by the mass shootings in mosques in Christchurch on Friday 15 March that have left nearly 50 people who were at prayer, dead. The third Test between New Zealand and Bangladesh, which was scheduled to start on Saturday 16 March at Hagley Oval, not far from where the atrocities took place, was called off by NZC and the Bangladesh Cricket Board. A separate decision had also been made to cancel the two remaining fixtures between a New Zealand development team and Australia's Under-19 women's team that were due to be played over the weekend at Lincoln on the outskirts of Christchurch.

The Christchurch Metropolitan and Christchurch Junior Cricket Associations have also called off all their matches scheduled for Saturday. statement on their website says their "communities are deeply shocked and saddened with the terrible events that have taken place. Our cricketing family includes a significant number of the Muslim community who enjoy the cricket fields of Christchurch and our thoughts are very much with them. The Board and Management wish to pass on condolences to the victims of this violence, and to their families and friends as we all attempt to come to terms with the reality of the attacks on our way of life".

NZC's White said: "We've cancelled the game. I've spoken to my counterpart at Bangladesh cricket - we agree it's

inappropriate to play cricket at this time [and] both teams are deeply affected. As a country we'll have to look at [security of visiting teams]. It seemed to be a safe haven. I'm sure all of New Zealand will take a look at their approach". Bangladesh team members were forced to flee from one of the two mosques where a gunman opened fire on worshippers. NZC said all players and officials from all teams, including Test match referee David Boon and neutral umpires Nigel Llong, Ruchira Palliyaguruge and Paul Reiffel, were safe.

International Cricket Council chief executive David Richardson said in a statement: "Our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to the families and friends of those affected by this horrendous incident in Christchurch. Both teams, staff and match officials are safe and the ICC fully supports the decision to cancel the Test".

It is the first time a Test held in New Zealand has been called off. Two have previously been abandoned due to rain, while overseas three involving New Zealand have been cancelled due to terror attacks. The most recent was a bombing in Karachi in 2002, which saw the second of two Tests against Pakistan cancelled before a ball could be bowled. And it was ten years last week since the attack on the Sri Lankan team and match officials in Lahore, that saw many deaths including the driver of the match officials mini-van, and an umpire seriously injured. At such appalling times playing the game just doesn't matter.



# Around the Zones

#### **Neil Findlay**

#### Blacktown City and District Cricket Umpires' Association

The B.C.D.CU.A. Inc. is a medium-sized umpiring association consisting of some 20 members. On average 12-15 members attend Association meetings – almost 70% of the membership. Of these members, on average, 12 umpire senior matches each weekend whilst three members umpire junior matches only. Appointments for inter-district and President's Cup matches are filled solely from within the district. The Association is able to provide at least one umpire for all matches in the finals of our own local competition.

At least three Grade members also assist with umpiring wherever possible.

All members believe in working to improve both the image and standard of umpiring and in conducting themselves in a professional manner at all times.

#### CAS - Associated Schools of NSW

The CAS was pleased to formally affiliate with NSWCUSA for the first time in 2018-19. Mark Bos is the General Convener of the CAS and Bruce Wood is the Cricket Umpires Co-Ordinator, responsible for recruiting umpires; allocating umpires to CAS 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches and schoolboy representative fixtures; monitoring the umpires' ratings on MyCricket; arranging the umpires' payments; revising the By-laws as required; organising refresher training; and liaison with the six schools (St Aloysius, Barker, Cranbrook, Knox, Trinity and Waverley).

The umpires on the CAS panel are nearly all members of NSWCUSA. The affiliation

provided benefits, several distinct including access to umpires on the Premier Cricket standby list on occasion the CAS is short; access to the blue Beastwear field shirts (although the CAS placed its logo on the front pocket); access to training and advice from the State headquarters in cricket umpiring; and improved visibility in umpiring circles, which increased the opportunity to recruit gualified umpires for the CAS. We would like to thank Troy Penman for facilitating access by the CAS to some standby NSWCUSA umpires as required, including Gerry Forliano, Bill Glacken and Sue Gregory.

The regular umpires on the CAS 1<sup>st</sup> XI panel are Bruce Wood, Dom Credentino, Tim Creamer, Phil Gordon, Jim Sheedy, Brad Cole and Joe Scarcella. Veteran umpire, John Laurie, enjoys officiating 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches each week. The group is supported by various part-time umpires. The school 1<sup>st</sup> XI coaches use MyCricket to report on the umpires' performances after each round. It is pleasing to note that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI panel currently has an overall rating average of 4.59 out of 5, which is indicative of the high standard and professionalism of the panel. Several new initiatives have been introduced in 2018-19 to improve the communication, knowledge and teamwork amongst the regular CAS umpiring panel. A pre-season training night and dinner was held in September 2018; and a WhatsApp group was set up to facilitate easy communication between the umpires, including Toolbox-style refresher training and tips on key aspects of the MCC Laws and CAS Cricket By-laws.

In addition to umpiring the 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixtures in the CAS Archer Shield competition during



school Terms 4 and 1, the CAS umpires officiated in a few school holiday cricket carnivals, including the Australian Jesuit Schools' Cricket Carnival hosted by St Aloysius College; the Neil Dansie Festival hosted by Knox Grammar; and the Felsted College (UK) tour of Australia, which included matches against Knox.

Bruce Wood and Jim Sheedy were appointed to umpire the Final of the Jesuit Cup in December, which was won by Xavier College (Melbourne) 3/144 over St Ignatius College, Riverview (Sydney) 142 at College Oval, Willoughby.

Bruce Wood and Geoff Hasler were appointed to umpire the Final of the Neil Dansie Festival in January, which was won by St Peter's College (Adelaide) 2/135 over Toowoomba Grammar (QLD) 133 at Curagul Oval, North Turramurra.

With the season nearing completion, Barker College is currently leading the CAS 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition.

Barker won the CAS 1<sup>st</sup> XI T20 competition, defeating Waverley in the Final (139 – 123). Dom Credentino and Tim Creamer were appointed to umpire this T20 Final in February at Hornsby.

The CAS has selected a representative team to play the annual match against the GPS 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Bruce Wood was appointed as one of the umpires for the match on 3 March at Curagul.

Dom Credentino was

appointed to umpire the CAS v GPS U/15 representative match on 3 March at Hordern Oval, Cranbrook.

Northern District CC has run a successful schoolboy cricket knockout competition (ND Cup) since 1977-78, which has now

evolved to the T20 format. Arthur Watson and Bruce Wood were appointed to umpire the Final in February, which was won by Epping Boys HS (3/113) over Knox Grammar (8/112) at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara.

#### Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association

The 2018/19 season has been another busy season for our umpires. Our cricket association undertook five-year strategic meetings that resulted in a number of playing condition changes. Our training program was again a success with 57 attendees at the annual captain's ticket course.

The senior T20 Grand Finals were held on Sunday October 7. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Final, West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook (6/199; Phil Wurth 93, Tobin 3/49) defeated Berowra (9/167; Brad Fiedler 44). Peter Schouten officiated in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Finals, with Roger Friend on field in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Finals.



Bruce Wood (left) and Tim Creamer (right) at Barker College



Our members were provided the opportunity to umpire in a number of Combined Associated Schools (CAS) school holiday cricket carnivals: Australian Jesuit Schools' Cricket Carnival; Felsted College (UK) tour v Knox; and Neil Dansie Festival. We'd like to thank Bruce Wood (CAS Umpires Co-Ordinator) for these opportunities as the exposure to different formats and officiating with different umpires can only enhance your skills and fieldcraft as an umpire.

The 14-week representative cricket season has just completed. Two of our members were selected to officiate in NSWDCA Grand Finals-

Bruce Wood with Victor Gauci (Bankstown) umpired the Under 13 WS Gee Shield Final at Campbell Park on 9 December which saw ACT (8/224) defeat Hawkesbury (135).



Bruce Wood (left) and Victor Gauci (right) at the WS Gee Shield Final

Scott Reid with Peter Smith (St. George) umpired the Under 23 Telegraph Shield Final at Raby 3 on 10 February, with Manly (7/207) defeating Camden (169).



Scott Reid (left) and Peter Schouten (right) at the U13 IDCA Final

Our Under 13 IDCA team hosted Maitland in the Grand Final at Mt. Ku-ring-gai Oval on 17 February. Maitland won in a close tense finish by two wickets in a game played in great spirit with Scott Reid and Peter Schouten officiating.

The following umpires have achieved milestones during the season and are to be congratulated for their significant contribution to cricket in our association-

400 games	Geoff Hasler
350 games	Simon Moore
250 games	Barry McDonald
	(does not include
	appointments from 1988/89 to
	1998/99 when records were
	not kept)

#### Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association

Highlights of the season for the Illawarra CUA have included two umpire exchanges-

On 2 February, a further umpire exchange between the NSWCUSA and Illawarra CUA took place, with two Illawarra umpires travelling to Sydney and two Sydney umpires going the opposite direction.

In Sydney, Frank Ciocci stood with Andrew Yarad in the Parramatta v Sutherland 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade match, while Steve Saye umpired with Bob McGregor in the University of NSW v North Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade fixture.



Whilst in Wollongong, Alan Haynes officiated with David Cullen in the Wollongong v Dapto 1<sup>st</sup> Grade match while Andrew Coates stood with Neil Findlay in the University v Balgownie 1<sup>st</sup> Grade match.

The exchange was highly successful with all exchange umpires benefitting from the experience of umpiring with new partners in unfamiliar cricket competitions. A further exchange is planned for next season.

For the past five seasons, the Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUSA have also participated in an annual umpire exchange. The first leg of this season's exchange took place on 19-20 January with Robert Murphy travelling from New Zealand to umpire in Wollongong with Frank Ciocci. On the Saturday, they umpired the Balgownie v Northern Districts 1<sup>st</sup> Grade match and on the following day they officiated in the Northern Districts v Wollongong T20 Final.

Frank Ciocci then travelled to New Zealand where he umpired at Palmerston North with Robert Murphy in the Marist v Nelson match on 9 February and with James Fuller in the Napier v Marist match on 10 February. Once again, this exchange was



Frank Ciocci (right) with umpiring colleagues on exchange in New Zealand's Central Districts

highly successful, and plans are already in place for next season's exchange.

A further highlight of the season was the Multicultural Tri-Series T20 competition played in Wollongong on 25-26 February. The teams involved represented Melbourne Stars, Melbourne Renegades and Sydney Thunder and had been selected from the BBL Inter-Nations Cup competitions conducted in Melbourne and Sydney.

The Tri-Series had previously been played in Wagga Wagga (2017) and Melbourne (2018). The preliminary matches were umpired by Illawarra CUA umpires Frank Ciocci, David Dobinson, Brian Druery, Barry Ferguson and Steve Saye and South Coast umpire John Oliver. The Final played between Melbourne Renegades and Melbourne Stars was umpired by David Cullen and Neil Findlay, with Melbourne Renegades winning a close contest.



Neil Findlay and Dave Cullen with captains ahead of the Multicultural Tri-Series Final Picture: Melbourne Renegades Twitter

Finally, two significant milestones have been reached by long standing Illawarra umpires-

- On 2 February, Rod Porter umpired his 500<sup>th</sup> match in the Northern Districts v Port Kembla 1<sup>st</sup> Grade match.
- On 9 and 16 February, Ray Trindall umpired his 300<sup>th</sup> Match in the Dapto v Helensburgh 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade match.



Rod Porter (left) and Steve Ward (right) with Northern Districts and Port Kembla captains

Both Rod and Ray are to be congratulated on their individual achievements and thanked for the wonderful contribution they have each made to cricket in the Illawarra over many years.

#### Sutherland Shire Cricket Umpires' Association

2018-19 was the Association's 54<sup>th</sup> season and proved to be enjoyable, busy and successful. Membership stood at 60 with eight new members passing their examinations.

Sutherland Shire CUA regularly provided opportunities for umpires to stand in the local senior and junior Saturday competitions, representative matches conducted by the NSWDCA and the IDCA as well as school fixtures midweek for CHS, Catholic and Independent school competitions.

In all, a total of 73 representative matches and over 150 local competition matches were umpired by our members. In February, Patron, Life Member and our longest serving President, Jim Lynch, passed away. Jim was a member of the association for over 40 years and attended meetings up until recently. Jim kept association records dating back to the 1960s and treasured his time as a member.

Looking ahead to 2019-20, we plan to streamline our method of weekly appointments by better using technology to create a speedier and more efficient processes.

#### Western Zone

The Western Zone representative season concluded with the staging of the Western Zone Premier League Final at Victoria Park, Dubbo. Dubbo faced off against old rivals Parkes in a match of fluctuating fortunes.

Dubbo batted first and were all out for 190 in 49.5 overs on a wicket that encouraged all bowlers. Parkes in reply were cruising at 3/139 but a flurry of late wickets saw them bowled out for 169 off 46.3 overs.

During the eight preliminary matches played prior to the final, there were two tied matches – Bathurst v Parkes in Parkes and Orange v Cowra in Orange. All matches were keenly contested with any of the five participating sides capable of winning on any day. Umpires appointed to the Final were John De Lyall (Dubbo) and Graeme Glazebrook (Bathurst).

Two umpires made their Premier League debuts during the season – Mathew Knudsen from Dubbo and Glen Pepper from Parkes, both rewarded for consistent performances in their local competitions. Other umpires that were appointed to Premier League matches during the season were Mark Frecklington and Ian Findlay from Orange, Darrin Masters and Mark



Waldren from Bathurst and Colin Harper from Dubbo.

In the other Zone competitions, Narromine and the Blue Mountains faced off in the Western Zone Plate Final with Doug Sandry (Dubbo) and Mathew Knudsen (Dubbo) the appointed umpires. Blue Mountains emerged victorious notching 8/300 off their 50 overs while restricting Narromine to 9/279.

Interestingly, both the Premier League and Zone Plate finals ended with the same winning margin - 21 runs. Other umpires who were appointed to matches during the season included Mark Munro, Colin Harper and Angus Ridge (Dubbo), Mathew Tabbernor (Orange) and Mark Waldren (Bathurst).

In the Colts Carnival, the Chairman's XI defeated Dubbo by a single run in the Final.

The Chairman's X1 were dismissed for 179 off 47.2 overs and in reply Dubbo were all out off 39.2 overs. The umpires in the Final were Mark Waldren and Mathew Tabbernor (Orange). This competition was staged over a weekend in Orange and also involved teams from Bathurst and Orange who played off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Special thanks to Western Zone for supporting the umpires with accommodation over the weekend. Other umpires who featured in matches on the weekend were Mathew Knudsen, Glen Pepper and Graeme Glazebrook.

All appointed umpires are to be congratulated on their efforts during the season, not only for travelling the many kilometres to respective matches but also for presenting themselves in a professional manner on all occasions.



Bruce Wood, Peter Moore, Mark Kraljevic and Victor Gauci at the Moore and Gee Shield Finals

## WBBL Umpires to Make History

#### **Cricket Network**

History will be made at Adelaide Oval on Sunday when umpires Claire Polosak and Eloise Sheridan step onto the field for the Rebel WBBL match between the Adelaide Strikers and Melbourne Stars.

It will be the first time two female on-field umpires have officiated a professional cricket match in Australia, making the game a significant milestone for Australian cricket.

Polosak, who is a member of Cricket Australia's Supplementary Umpire Panel, is no stranger to making history, having been the first female umpire to officiate in an onfield role in an Australian men's domestic match in 2017.

The 30-year-old recently returned from the 2018 T20 World Cup in the West Indies, where she became the first female on-field

umpire to officiate a final in the history of the tournament.

Sheridan was the first female umpire to be appointed to the South Australian State Umpire Panel, having decided to take up officiating to remain involved in the game after her playing career ended. Last season, she made history when she became the first woman to umpire a SACA first-grade Premier men's match, while her performances across the season saw her umpire the SACA Premier men's T20 Final at Adelaide Oval.

"Claire and Eloise have established themselves as two of Australia's leading female umpires and it's fantastic to see all their hard work continue to pay off," Cricket Australia CEO Kevin Roberts said.

"This is another great step forward for cricket, where we're continuing to strive towards our aspiration of being Australia's leading sport for women and girls.

"On behalf of everyone in Australian Cricket, we wish them the very best for this match and look forward to seeing them on the field."



Eloise Sheridan and Claire Polosak Picture: Cricket Network





## Moonshine Stands in Match No. 450

#### Pat Kerin

Graham Moon, now 72, first commenced umpiring in Cootamundra in the late 1990s. He left the area but returned in 2000 and recommenced umpiring towards the end of the 2001-02 season. In 2003, Graham passed his NSWCUSA Examination, becoming a member in April 2003 and a full member in 2004.

Graham was president of the Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association from when it was re-formed in 2004 until 2014. Graham's outstanding service to Cootamundra umpiring saw him rewarded with Life Membership in 2015.

Graham was the inaugural JDI Cup Umpire of the Year in 2004-05. In 2006-07, 2007-08 and again in 2012-13, Graham was judged as the Merrin Cup Umpire of the Year.

He has also officiated regularly in Country Cricket representative competitions, highlighted by standing in seven Country Plate finals, first in Cootamundra (2008), Temora (2009), Yass (2012 & 2013) and Tamworth (2014 & 2015).

Graham also stood in the 2015 County Cup final at Tamworth with his most recent Country Plate final appointment in Grafton (2016). Graham was the first non-panel or development panel umpire to be appointed to more than one final.

His greatest accolade came in 2009-10 season when he was awarded the E.F. Wykes Association Medal, which recognised Graham's dedication to umpiring on and off the field. Before Christmas 2014, Graham Moon moved to The Rock to live and has umpired in the Wagga Wagga DCA since the second part of the 2014-15 season.

Since the 2016-17 season, Graham has been on the WWCUA selection committee.

During the 2017-18 season, Graham made his debut in NSW Premier cricket, officiating in a second-grade match and a Poidevin-Gray Shield match on one weekend. He has also officiated another second-grade match this season.

Over the past 16 years, Graham Moon has made a significant contribution to both the Cootamundra CUA and the Wagga Wagga CUA.

Currently standing in the Wagga Wagga DCA first-grade competition, Graham stood in his milestone match at McPherson Oval in North Wagga with Dennis Chaplin as Wagga City hosted Lake Albert.



Graham Moon and Dennis Chaplin at McPherson Oval ahead of Graham's 450<sup>th</sup> match



# SCA Milestones

#### **Stephen Blomfield**

Congratulations to the following members who have reached milestones since the last edition of *In Black and White*!

- O Jim Harrod NSW Premier Cricket First Grade debut
- **O** Aidan Hughes 100 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Glen Stubbings 100 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- **O** Berend du Plessis 100 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Troy Penman 100 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Simon Lightbody 100 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Michael Conway 100 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- O Anthony Raymond 100 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- O Brian Breakspear 100 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- **O** Bob McGregor 150 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Kedar Oza 150 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Tony Vasey 150 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Bob Shield 150 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Paul Farrell 150 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Michael Roberts 150 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- O Geoff Wheeler 200 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- O Andrew Hamilton 250 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Ken Buckland 300 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Darren Goodger 350 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- O Stephen Blomfield 450 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket



Geoff Wheeler and Cameron McGinn



## MCC Online Laws Revision

#### **Claire Polosak**

In addition to the NSWCUSA laws questions for review that can be found at <u>nswcusa.cricketnsw.com.au</u>, there is also an online eLearning platform that the MCC have put together on the 2017 Code of Laws.

Whilst the MCC platform is free to use, you will need a valid email address.

To access the program, head to laws.lords.org where you will be prompted to either sign in, or to create an account if you do not already have one.

The online learning has the laws in their written form, as well as videos and animations with contributions from past and present ICC Elite Panel umpires.

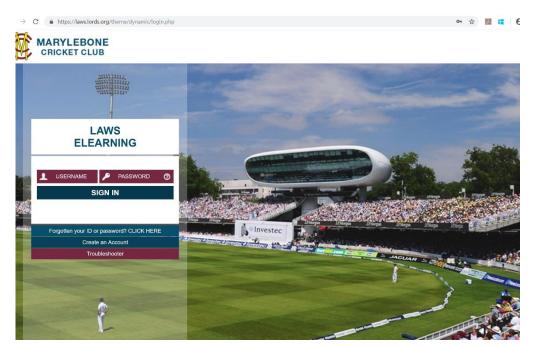
After each law, there are also reflective questions that allow you to check your

understanding as you progress. The program is split into 7 modules, divided into the following categories:

- Spirit of Cricket
- Laws 1 to 12: Setting up the game
- Laws 13 to 16: Innings and result
- Laws 17 to 23: The Over, Scoring Runs, Dead ball and Extras
- Laws 24 to 28: Fielders, Substitutes, Batsmen, Runners, Practice on the field, Wicket Keeper
- Laws 29 to 40: Appeals and Dismissals
- Laws 41 to 42: Unfair Play

Once the modules have been completed, the site also offers an exam that can be taken to check your understanding. The exam is split into two different levels - basic and intermediate.

This is a great platform for revision around the Laws and testing your own knowledge.



# Laws of Cricket Questions Answers

#### Darren Goodger

- 1. Before the new bowler begins his/her run-up for the first ball of the next over. (Law 31.3)
- The injured striker is out Run out, on appeal. (Laws 25.6.5; 29.1.1)
- 3. A.

(Law 29.1)

4. B.

(Law 27.4)

5. The umpire seeing the contravention shall, if the bowler has not entered his/her delivery stride, immediately call and signal Dead ball, otherwise he/she shall wait until the ball is dead and then inform the other umpire of the occurrence. The bowler's end umpire shall then warn the striker that the practice is unfair and indicate that this is a first and final warning. This warning shall apply throughout the innings. The umpire shall so inform the non-striker and each incoming batsman. The umpire shall inform the captain of the fielding side and, as soon as practicable, the captain of the bating side of what has occurred.

(Law 41.15)

6. D.

(Law 35.1)



Scorer members Owen Ridge and Kay Wilcoxon overseeing a NSW Premier Cricket First Grade match



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### March 2019 Merchandise Winner

To claim your prize please call Troy Penman on 8302 6043.





### McDonald's & Beastwear

#### **Troy Penman**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# 60 SECONDS WITH...







Manjinder Sandhu

# Adrian Tham





### **60 SECONDS WITH DANIEL MORAN**

Name:	Daniel Moran				
Day Job?	Work at the Newcastle Wire Mill				
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	October 2014. Got a victim within the first couple of overs.				
Career officiating highlight (so far)?	Umpiring on the Sydney Cricket Ground for sure but the recent National Indigenous Cricket Championships was a great experience.				
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Steve Smith & Shane Watson				
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	In a recent 2nd Grade game at Coogee, the fielding captain was asking his player on the boundary to move in 5 metres to which he was refusing due to a snake on the field. The game was held up for several minutes until someone was game enough to investigate. Turns out it was only a slug!				
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Bill Harrigan (Rugby League) refereed with a great feel for the game.				
Any superstitions?	None				
Any special talents?	Unfortunately, nothing.				
Best piece of advice?	Prepare well and expected the unexpected.				
What got you into umpiring?	My brother. He's the President of my former club and he suggested that I did the umpires course. Worked out well for both of us.				
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Steve Waugh, Benji Marshall and Chris Martin (Coldplay)				



### **60** Seconds with Manjinder Sandhu

Name:	Manjinder Sandhu
Day job?	Self Employed and Contract Language Interpreter with department of Human Services
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	My debut was a Round 12 Brewer Shield game between Bankstown and Gordon on 12 March 2017 at Graeme Thomas Oval, Bankstown with Kevin McFarlane. My first firing, I do not remember as there were too many nerves taking control for the first time!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	The 2017-18 U15 Female State Challenge
Best cricketer you have officiated?	I have not come across many players multiple times but Ben Gorham, who captains 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade for Western Suburbs has excellent skills to manage the youngsters in his team.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	I am trying my best to recall one!
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	I would like to mention Arthur Watson and Gerard Abood. Although every single umpire I have stood with has added to my experience.
Any superstitions?	I do not have one.
Any special talents?	My natural talent is strong determination. I can draw, do embroidery but at present, cooking is now on my priority list, although I do not like to do it, at times I have to.
Best piece of advice?	Be considerate. I remember Darren's advice "distractions lead to disasters" So, the first thing to start with is concentration. Watch the ball.
What got you into umpiring?	I started scoring for juniors and seniors teams in Guildford Leagues Cricket six years ago where my son and my husband were part of the teams. My first cricket mentor who motivated me to balance the score book was Frank Pitt. This led to my umpiring journey where Claire Polosak leads the initiative to introduce more females into umpiring.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	My family, Dennis Lillee and Sachin Tendulkar



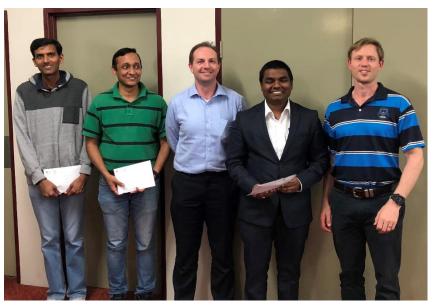
### **60 SECONDS WITH ADRIAN THAM**

Name:	Adrian Tham
Day job?	Geospatial Data Analyst at Insurance Australia Group (NRMA Insurance)
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	I started with some uni mates in Gladesville District. Our team was called "Clowns United" and we rarely had 11 players, so I ended up at fine leg most days. Made my grade debut with Easts at the start of 2007/08. I have to admit I've never paid close attention to the possibility of a smudge, so I'll come back to you after digging through the records!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Easts winning the 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade premiership, scoring my first 4- day Futures match this season, getting back to my roots and scoring under a tree at Tunks with just pen and paper.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	David Warner centuries in Grade/PG were never dull.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	Trying to balance the book amidst thunder and lightning is always fun especially when the rain blows in. Back to Tunks, in the middle of play a dog came onto the field, did its business and strolled off. Guess where the next ball went?
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Bill Harrigan (rugby league) and Pierluigi Collina (soccer). They had a certain calmness and confidence about them that players, colleagues and even some spectators appreciated.
Any superstitions?	Avoiding the number four (tricky when scoring!) and favouring eight
Any special talents?	I have called bingo previously. Does that count?
Best piece of advice?	When we assume it makes an ass out of u and me!
What got you into scoring?	A dear neighbour gave me a board game for Christmas when I was in primary school. Called "Card Cricket", you simply turned over two cards from a regular deck of playing cards and the game board told you what happened for that ball. Of course, the game came with scoresheets!
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Julia Zemiro, Fred Hollows and Ian Turpie

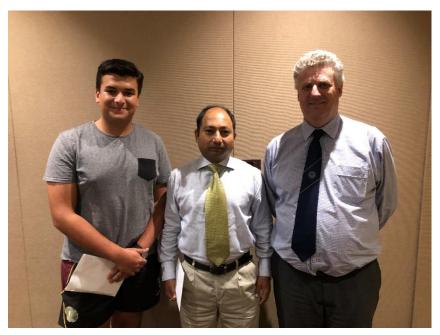


# **NEW MEMBERS**

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Alexander Seccombe	Toronto	Ross Webb	Townsend
Andrew Baldwin	Chain Valley Bay	Sanjeevkumar Undri	Liverpool
Franco Ciocci	Port Kembla	Sarah Berman	Crows Nest
Janine Lindberg	Bexley North	Shayne Sydow	Sandringham
Jordan Gupta	Pendle Hill	Tony Blanch	Grafton
Karunakar Venkatesh	Campsie	Vipin Sharma	Gurgaon, India
Paul Harris	Coffs Harbour	Viren Dholakia	Westmead
Pratik Doshi	Greystanes		



New Members with Ben Treloar at the December OGM



New Members with Mark Hughes at the February OGM





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