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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

MARK HUGHES

Dear Members,

Welcome to our March edition of **In Black & White**.

It seems a season doesn't go by these days without a climatic event affecting our season. The floods across our state in the last month have not only impacted on the current cricket season, but also to devastating effect across a number of local communities. My thoughts and prayers are with our members who have been impacted in recent times. Please feel free to reach out directly to me or our directors or management team if you have been affected.

The end of the 2021-22 is rapidly approaching and I wish all members the very best in their upcoming finals and grand finals across the state. Treat each match with the respect it deserves. For some cricketers this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to win a coveted premiership and as match officials we need to prepare thoroughly and give our best to the players for these matches.

Our 2022 Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation is less than a month away. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Bankstown Sports Club for what will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another and celebrate the achievements of so many of our members after another challenging season.

Good luck also to the members who have signed up for the NRL and AFL tipping competitions organised by the Social Committee for the off-season ahead. The 'Tipping Squirrel' looks forward to taking you all on across both codes!



Kedar Oza and Andrew Yarad together ahead of the Poidevin-Gray Shield Conference Final between Sutherland and UNSW

EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

TROY PENMAN

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

As we near April, cricket on-field has come to an end, we can reflect on a season that was once again full of challenges. From a delayed start to the season due to COVID, weekends heavily affected by COVID positive members needing to pull out, right through to back-to-back weekends where ovals became pools and lakes, but once again where there is cricket being played - there are members either scoring or umpiring.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on the best wishes of all members to those colleagues who have been impacted by the recent flooding across the state. The Association is aware of several members who have been impacted from the North Coast down to Manly and the Hawkesbury. Our thoughts are with those impacted. The Association will be reaching out to members to gauge who has been impacted and to what extent.

During the online Convention in August, I outlined a number of initiatives that we going to be our primary focus for the next 12 months, as we have now past the six-month mark, I'd provide the following update for members:

An exciting initiative in linking with the Cricket NSW Foundation to provide opportunities and assistance to members and prospective members.

The Cricket NSW Foundation is the charitable arm of Cricket NSW and exists to inspire everyone to play and love cricket. Through the Cricket NSW Foundation, the aim is to raise philanthropic funds to enhance life through cricket.

The Cricket NSW Foundation focuses on three key areas:

- Thriving Cricket Communities: to improve well-being across our cricket communities
- Basil Sellers Scholarship Program: to holistically develop our pathway coaches and players
- Cricket NSW Helping Hand: to give back to communities in which we operate

The Cricket NSW Foundation granted the Association \$10,000 for the 2021-22 season - as agreed, the funds are to be used for the following projects:

- **Subsidising fees for regional umpire accreditation courses**

Aim: To reduce any financial barriers to people undertaking a NSWCUA Umpire Training Course

Activity: NSWCUA Laws of Cricket Courses to be run across regional NSW where participants have their registration fee subsidised by the Cricket NSW Foundation to the tune of \$25.

Outcome: Increase in number of accredited umpires in each regional area where a Laws of Cricket umpire training course is facilitated. An increase in matches covered by accredited umpires leading to a richer cricketing experience for players.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 there was no regional Level 2 training course that took place prior to the 2021-22 season. In speaking with the Foundation, the funds are available to be rolled over to this non-playing season and we will again be able to provide training for prospective members at just \$15.

- **Enabling an experience in Premier Cricket for regional cricket umpires**

Aim: To provide development opportunities to regional NSWCUA members in NSW Premier Cricket.

Activity: 16 NSWCUA regional members to be invited to Sydney to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket. Members will be reimbursed for accommodation, mileage and provided with an observer report post-match.

Outcome: Enhanced match officials that return to their local areas to share their experiences with others. Providing feedback, they received to their colleagues for their development. Increasing the standard of umpiring in regional areas.

Once again due to COVID-19 we haven't been able to have members from across the state officiate in NSW Men's Premier Cricket to the level that we had hoped for, but in saying this we have been able to welcome nine members to Sydney to benefit the competition and their umpiring.

- **Providing additional opportunities for female umpires from regional NSW**

Aim: To provide development opportunities to regional female NSWCUA members in NSW Premier Cricket.

Activity: 8 female NSWCUA regional members to be invited to Sydney to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket. Members will be reimbursed for accommodation, mileage and provided with an observer report post-match.

Outcome: Enhanced match officials that return to their local areas to share their experiences with others. Providing feedback, they received to their colleagues for their development. Increasing the standard of umpiring in regional areas.

As outlined in initiative two we haven't been able to complete this project due to COVID-19. Like initiative one we will look to provide these opportunities in season 2022-23.

Establishing an online Laws of Cricket Quiz

The initiative has been completed and the quiz was launched at the March Ordinary General Meeting with members provided with all information via email on Thursday 4 March.

The online Laws of Cricket Quiz section has been created and developed by Administrator, Bede Sajowitz and he is thanked for his time and efforts in bringing this initiative to life for the benefit of members. The Examination Committee have spent countless hours reviewing Laws of Cricket questions to ensure they are in line with the 2019 edition of the Laws prior to the launch. Their hard work in a volunteer capacity is greatly appreciated and I know that it was no small task. The committee have ensured that the quiz section will be a valuable resource for all members.

The quiz section of the website will continue to be developed and enhanced to make it a positive and beneficial experience for all. Regular reminders will be provided to members about the resource.



Update the Associations By-Laws

A Board sub-committee consisting of Board Chair Mark Hughes and Directors Andrew Coates, Troy Penman and Ben Treloar have had regular correspondence since forming the sub-committee at the September Board Meeting and have scheduled meetings now in a face-to-face capacity between Board meetings to keep progressing the update.

Mark, Andrew, and Ben are thanked for their efforts on the By-Laws thus far, there have been a number of items that have been reviewed and will be adjusted, moved, removed or changed.

Consolidation of the items that we have implemented over the past 12 months.

Items that we have maintained over the past 12 months include Monthly Laws of Cricket questions, Laws of Cricket questions at each Ordinary General Meeting, Online Umpire Training and Ordinary General Meeting taking place via online and an in-person capacity where possible. These items will continue to occur moving forward as they provide benefit to all members.

A key element of the Association's development of match officials is the role of observers and carnival referees who provide feedback to umpires from beyond the field of play. These observations allow members to work on areas where there may be room for improvement. I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our observers in NSW Men's Premier Cricket and carnival referees in the Representative Country Program. The NSW Men's Premier Cricket Observer team of Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Berend du Plessis, Rupert Mathews, and Graham Reed observed over 90% of umpires who have officiated a match this season in NSW Men's Premier Cricket. A remarkable effort and the level and quality of reports provided to members is of a high standard.



Dennis Chaplin and Pat Holt together in Dubbo at the State Challenge carnival

The carnival referees who have overseen matches in the Country Representative Program this season are as follows; Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Neil Findlay, Darren Goodger, Keith Griffiths, Kim Norris and Ian Thomas, each have dedicated significant time to providing feedback to members that they have observed at different carnivals thus ensuring that members leave these carnivals not only with the experience of officiating high-quality matches, but with feedback and areas to work on when they head back to their local competitions. I thank all for their efforts this season.

On Friday 18 February, an Apparel Guidelines document was circulated to all members. This document was required due to a number of occasions early in the season where apparel issues had been witnessed or observed across the state.

As a state officiating body we have to maintain our standards and take pride in our appearance and dress. These matters had been raised at Ordinary General Meetings, education sessions and written about, but unfortunately, they didn't appear to be sinking in.

"The standard you walk past is the standard you accept" - Lieutenant-General David Morrison, Australian Chief of Army.

We could no longer walk past this issue.

The document provided clarity to members as to what is required to be worn along with answering some FAQs that we are regularly asked to answer and provide guidance on. Should members have any questions please contact management staff at any stage.

Our Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation will take place on Saturday 23 April with Phil Cass as our entertainment for the evening with Jay Lenton returning as our Master of Ceremonies. We look forward to a night of recognising members' achievements and milestones along with a wonderful social opportunity for members to spend time with our colleagues.

As we come to the end of the season, I'd like to thank a number of Committees and members who have worked hard for the Association and dedicated significant time for the benefit of all.

The executive committees of our affiliated associations are thanked for the incredible amount of time they devote to administrative matters across the season. Week in, week out appointments are required, and this does take significant time to complete when you factor in seeking availability and considering who umpires have officiated in previous weeks to avoid too many back-to-back appointments to the same team.

The Social Committee are thanked for their efforts in setting up and facilitating two tipping competitions this year. These will no doubt keep members engaged across the winter months and provide for some friendly banter between members.

The Representative Scorer Selection Committee are thanked for their work across the season, in particular when appointments were required at short notice due to changes to the location of matches to avoid COVID-19. Darren Goodger and Claire Polosak are acknowledged for their efforts.

Merchandise Officer, John Evans is thanked for his efforts in ensuring that the posting and fulfilment of merchandise orders is completed in a timely fashion. John does a remarkable job, and we thank him for his continued efforts to serve the members.

Finally, to all members thank you for the support and dedication to the Association over the past 12 months, we know that through the second lockdown it was a difficult time for everyone, and we are glad that members were there looking out for each other. Members are the lifeblood of the Association and without you we don't exist. Best wishes to all for an enjoyable off-season. Take care and stay safe.



Dave Grainger and John De Lyall on the Central Coast for the Country Championships carnival



Sarah Berman and Robyn Sanday together at Hurstville Oval

STATE UMPIRING MANAGER UPDATE

DARREN GOODGER

As I write for this edition of 'In Black and White' finals series cricket is being played across New South Wales. No doubt we will read of finals appointments from various associations via our Liaison Officer, Neil Findlay, in the next edition. Congratulations to all our umpires and scorers, and to the players and their clubs, who are involved. It's a wonderful time of the season to be participating in our game.

For match officials it is a privilege. I wish everyone well for enjoyable and successful experiences. As one of our members wrote to me recently, there is nothing quite like the energy of finals cricket.

The CNSW minor representative season is ending and wish to acknowledge and congratulate those umpires appointed to the following fixtures/carnivals:

CNSW State Challenge

U14 Male | Dubbo

- Bill Battese
- Bruce Baxter
- Dennis Chaplin
- Pat Holt
- Ian James
- Graham Moon
- Stephen Poidevin
- Graham Rose

U17 Male | Dubbo

- Chris Beecher
- John De Lyall
- Jeff Egan
- Murray Le Lievre

U19 Female | Dubbo

- Graeme Glazebrook
- Sue Gregory
- Alicia Humphrey
- Neil Smith

U19 Male | Raby

- Andrew Coates
- Dave Cullen
- Ian Davidson
- Dave Grainger
- Roberto Howard
- Bob McGregor
- Peter McNamara
- Daniel Moran
- Paul Olsen
- Sharad Patel
- Bruce Whitehouse
- Andrew Yarad

NSW Country Championship Final (Men's)

Graeme Glazebrook and Keiran Knight umpired the Country Championship Final in which Newcastle 151 defeated ACT Southern Districts 149 by 2 runs at Bradman Oval, Bowral.



Ian Davidson and Bruce Whitehouse

Plan B Regional T20 Bash (Women's)**North Sydney Oval**

Semi Finals

Coffs Coast Chargers 6/106 defeated

Newcastle Blasters 88

Umpires: Dave Grainger & Bede Sajowitz

Riverina Bullets 4/132 defeated

Illawarra Flames 8/76

Umpires: Ian Davidson & Sue Gregory

Final

Riverina Bullets 6/103 defeated

Coffs Coast Chargers 7/82

Umpires: Elizabeth O'Dwyer & Phil Rainger



Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Graham Chudleigh and Phil Rainger

Plan B Regional T20 Bash (Men's)**Sydney Cricket Ground**

Semi Finals

Lake Mac Attack 5/204 defeated

Northern Inland Bolters 95

Umpires: Jeff Egan & Brenton Harrison

ACT Aces 4/94 defeated

Central West Wranglers 91

Umpires: Dave Cullen & John De Lyall

Final

ACT Aces 7/146 defeated

Lake Mac Attack 5/113

Umpires: Bruce Baxter & Graeme Glazebrook

Cricket Australia National Championships

Congratulations to our umpires who have been selected by Cricket Australia to attend upcoming national championships.

U19 Male | Mackay | 7-14 April

Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard and Sharad Patel have been selected.

U19 Female | Adelaide | 7-14 April

Bede Sajowitz has been selected.

So pleased to see our entire State Umpire Panel appointed to national champs in a season of relatively limited opportunity. Each has been preparing thoroughly and we wish them the very best for an enjoyable experience.

NSWCUSA members Dinusha Bandara (U19F), Drew Crozier (U19M) and Muhammad Qureshi (U19M) have also been selected. Dinusha and Drew representing Cricket ACT and Muhammad representing Cricket Tasmania. Congratulations and best wishes to each umpire.

National Second XI Competition

Andrew Hamilton and Sharad Patel were selected by Cricket Australia to umpire the four-day men's second XI match between NSW Metropolitan and ACT NSW Country at Rosedale Oval. Congratulations and to Andrew and Sharad on their appointment. They worked with match referee David Johnston (Tasmania) and local representative scorers Janelle Carew and Ian Wright.

Women's National Cricket League

Congratulations to Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar on their appointment to umpire the WNCL Final at Blundstone Arena in which Tasmania defeated South Australia by 9 wickets. Wonderful to see two New South Wales umpires officiating in the final both of whom have enjoyed excellent representative seasons on the back of their attitude, commitment and genuine hard work.

ICC Women's World Cup

The twelfth ICC Women's World Cup is being played in New Zealand with the tournament down to the semi final stage. Three Australian umpires have been involved – Eloise Sheridan (South Australia), and our own Claire Polosak and Paul Wilson. Each standing in five preliminary round fixtures. We offer our congratulations to each on their World Cup selection, it is a wonderful honour.

Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association

Ken Brooks has recently been honoured with life membership of Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association. Ken has been an outstanding servant to cricket and umpiring in Cricket Albury Wodonga competitions. A former MBCUA secretary and member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel (cap no. 51), Ken is highly respected by his colleagues for his teamwork and ability. A more sincere and composed person you would travel a long way to meet. Ken has been such a selfless and dedicated contributor to our game, his life membership is richly deserved, so pleasing to see his peers honour him in this manner for his excellent administration and on field service. Ken is moving to Adelaide later this year and plans to apply to umpire with the SACA. He will be an asset to South Australian cricket and umpiring. We wish him the very best.



Kim Norris presents Ken with CURP cap no. 51 in 2018-19

Cricket Albury Wodonga

On Saturday I was able to tune in and watch the Cricket Albury Wodonga Provincial First Grade Final via All In Sports. It was tremendous coverage of a high quality fixture in which North Albury (213) defeated Albury (201). The match was umpired by

NSWCUSA members Paul Johnson and Neil Smith, congratulations and well done to both on their appointment to umpire this final.

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Final

Congratulations to Troy Penman and Ben Treloar on their appointment to umpire the final of the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup. It was a gripping low scoring contest in which Randwick Petersham (114) defeated Sydney University (83). Troy and Ben were superb in their performance, representing themselves and the NSWCUSA with distinction.

Poidevin-Gray Shield Final

Sutherland 9/214 defeated Penrith 98 to win the Poidevin-Gray Shield at Glenn McGrath Oval. Congratulations to Bede Sajowitz and Andrew Yarad on their appointment to umpire this final.

AW Green Shield Final

St George defeated Northern District by 3 wickets to win the AW Green Shield Final at Hurstville Oval. Congratulations to Bede Sajowitz and Bruce Whitehouse on their appointment to umpire this final.

BBL Debut | Troy Penman

We were delighted and proud to see our Executive Officer, Troy Penman, deservedly make his BBL on field umpiring debut. Troy umpired four BBL matches this season and he acquitted himself very well. His debut came at Carrara Oval on January 4 in the Scorchers v Sixers fixture which he shared with Gerard Abood. Congratulations Troy, we hope it will be the first of many BBL matches.

Tony Wilds | 50 BBL Matches

Wish to extend my congratulations to Tony Wilds on reaching the significant milestone of umpiring 50 BBL matches. A member of the national umpire panel, Tony is respected for his ability, preparation and teamwork. One of our most positive match officials and a pleasure to umpire with, for Tony it is always about the team. Tony has never forgotten where he came from and whenever he can makes a genuine contribution to the NSWCUSA and our training and development programs.

He has enjoyed an exceptional career so far with Cricket Australia:

- 7 Women's ODIs
- 9 Women's T20Is
- 23 Sheffield Shield matches
- 15 One Day Cup matches (men's List A)
- 52 BBL matches
- 5 WNCL matches (women's List A) including the 2011-12 and 2015-16 national finals
- 20 WBBL matches
- 6 U19 ODIs

NSWCUSA Team

To our staff who serve and lead our people – Troy, Bede, Ben and Claire – thank you for your commitment, leadership, and for keeping the Association progressing in such a challenging season, your dedication, enthusiasm and goodness are inspirational – well done.

Our Members

To all members and active match officials – your commitment to cricket has been remarkable. Thank you for all you have done to help deliver the game across New South Wales in season 2021-22.

Thought

"All great accomplishments start with a dream. Dreams fuel your enthusiasm and vision. They give you a burning desire to get up in the morning and achieve."

Lou Holtz

Promise Yourself (by Christian D Larson)

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind

To take health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

To think only the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticise others

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words but great deeds

To live in faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you



Roberto Howard and Dave Cullen at the U19 State Challenge



Sue Woodhouse and Janelle Carew in action at Raby

EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE

BEN TRELOAR

Since the last edition of 'In Black & White' we have seen quite a few training and education opportunities offered to members and prospective umpires alike. Thanks are offered to all who have contributed to what has been a successful and engaging few months.

The Exam Committee, led by Andrew Coates, produce, present and facilitate questions and answers on the Laws of Cricket at each Ordinary General Meeting of the membership. These are highly engaging and thought-provoking and a great way to keep up to date with law application. In addition to this, the education and training team produce for all members and affiliates questions to work through with answers provided the following week.

Thanks to all who have been in contact and shared their real-life scenarios. Most of the time we can include these in future editions of the monthly questions for the benefit of all. Please continue to share your experiences and questions with us as they contribute significantly to each month's edition.

December was a busy time for the team with SCA panel umpires invited to attend two education workshops. The sessions covered captains' feedback, both positive and constructive, as well as observations from our off-field observers. The feedback from stakeholders had identified areas for focus such as consistency of wides, fast short-pitched bowling, and ball management.

December also saw the commencement of the country carnivals calendar. A rules night was held for those officiating with the focus of the evening on consistency in application of the playing conditions. It was a wonderful night, and thanks are offered to all in attendance and to those who contributed to its success by engaging with the content along with their willingness to share experience and ask questions.



Leon Erich and Sue Gregory ahead of the U19
Female Country Championships Final

February and March have seen another edition of the Association's online Level II umpire training course, the biggest yet with 80 current and prospective umpires registered. The course commenced with an overview workshop on February 15 and concluded with an online exam, facilitated by members of the Exam Committee, on March 24.

It's been a wonderful experience for all involved and sincere thanks is offered to the following for being willing and able to contribute to its success: Chris Beecher, Laurie Borg, Andrew Coates, Darren Foster, Sue Gregory, Roberto Howard, Michael Meehan, Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Sharad Patel, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Bede Sajowitz and Andrew Yarad.

We also conducted a new umpire session during March which was expertly facilitated by Darren Goodger. The night's focus was on observations from the year so whilst also encouraging those on

the call to share their experiences for the benefit of others. There was also time to reflect by asking questions like... what two things you have learnt this season, why have you chosen umpiring and what are the qualities and traits of a good umpire.

A rules night has been held for umpires involved in the men's NSW Premier Cricket competition finals series. This covered Game 5 for 1st Grade matches as well as the introduction of Game 6 for Grades 2-5 due to their season being played entirely of one-day fixtures. The SCA has introduced this season, via an additional playing condition supplement document, a reserve day for matches played under Game 6.

As always at this time of year planning will commence for the NSWCUSA Annual Convention. We're really excited about the prospect of being able to meet in person finally after the last two years being held online via Zoom due to the pandemic. We know it will be a great experience and look forward to seeing as many members as possible in attendance across the weekend. Please keep an eye out for correspondence on how to register for the event once our venue and dates have been confirmed.

As we come to the end of the season, we can start to plan our winter training program for 2022. This winter we are looking to offer Level I and II umpire training courses as well as scorer training and professional development workshops.

We are planning for these to be facilitated in person after having nearly two full off-seasons with limited face-to-face training opportunities. In preparation, the training, education and management teams will shortly commence updating Association resources and learning materials as we integrate the new edition of the 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket - 3rd Ed. We look forward to delivering this new edition in the lead up to the season 2022-23 and encourage as many members as possible to attend a course in your local area.

Wishing everyone well for the remainder of the season and we hope to see you all very soon.



Dave Cullen and Brenton Harrison taking to the field for a match during the Southern Pool of the Country Championships // Bruce Whitehouse

POLOSAK AND WILSON OFFICIATING WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

BEDE SAJOWITZ

The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup is in progress in New Zealand, with NSWCUA members Claire Polosak and Paul Wilson involved as part of the tournament's group of match officials.

For both, it is their second time officiating the competition, having attended the 2017 edition held in England where each were appointed on-field for four matches.

The appointment come after busy international seasons for the pair with Polosak involved in the Women's Ashes and the Australia v India series, whilst Wilson was involved in the Men's T20 World Cup as well as the Men's Ashes series.

Polosak has been appointed on-field for five matches whilst she will be TV umpire for two and 4th Umpire for three, whilst Wilson will also stand in five matches, two as TV Umpire and two as 4th Umpire.

For Polosak it is her fifth Women's ICC World Cup – with three coming in the T20 format alongside the 2017 one-day tournament. In the two most recent Women's T20 World Cups she has been appointed to a semi-final between England and India – one in Antigua and the other on home soil at the SCG.

Wilson has attended two Men's World Cups – the 2019 one-day tournament and last year's T20 tournament held in the UAE and Oman.

Polosak currently umpires as a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire Panel and International Panel of ICC Development Umpires, which she has been involved with since 2018.

Wilson has been on Cricket Australia's National Umpire Panel since the 2010-11 season and is also on the ICC's International Panel of Umpires.

The pair are joined in New Zealand by fellow Australian umpire Eloise Sheridan, also a member of the CA Supplementary Umpire Panel and the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires.

Polosak, Sheridan and Wilson are part of a group of 12 umpires from around the world overseeing the tournament, with three Match Referees appointed – the full Match Officials are as follows:

- Lauren Agenbag – South Africa
- Kim Cotton – New Zealand
- Ahmad Shah Pakteen – Afghanistan
- Ruchira Palliyaguruge – Sri Lanka
- **Claire Polosak – Australia**
- Suzanne Redfern – England
- Langton Rusere – Zimbabwe
- Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid – Bangladesh
- Eloise Sheridan – Australia
- Alexander Wharf – England
- Jacqueline Williams – West Indies
- **Paul Wilson – Australia**

ICC Women's World Cup Match Referees

- Gary Baxter – New Zealand
- GS Lakshmi – India
- Shandre Fritz – South Africa



Wilson, GS Lakshmi and Polosak together during the national anthems ahead of the New Zealand v Bangladesh match // Getty

TROY PENMAN | KFC BIG BASH UMPIRING DEBUT

CHRIS GRANT | CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Cricket Australia (CA) Supplementary Umpire Panel (SUP) member Troy Penman made his KFC BBL Umpiring Debut this season when the Perth Scorchers played the Sydney Sixers at Metricon Stadium on January 4.

Penman's cricket umpiring journey began when he joined the Cricket New South Wales Premier Cricket umpiring panel. Penman made his First-Grade debut in January 2015 and has gone on to stand in 80 First-Grade matches with a total of 131 matches in all grades.

Penman has progressed through the CA Umpire pathway officiating at each major underage tournament standing in the Final at each along the way. The 2016-17 season was a busy year for Penman from a representative perspective. Penman was elevated to the NSW State Umpire Panel and made his respective debuts in the WNCL and what was the then Futures League competitions - now known as the National Second XI competition.

Leading into the 2017-18 season, Penman travelled to Brisbane to complete the invite-only CA High Performance Officiating program.

In December of that year, Penman made his WBBL debut, then travelled to Melbourne to officiate two matches in the Under 19 One-Day International Series between Australia and Pakistan.



Troy Penman on-field during a men's List A match // Getty

Prior to the 2019-20 season, Penman was elevated to the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire Panel for the first time and went on to stand in the WNCL Final between New South Wales and Western Australia at North Sydney Oval.

Last season, Penman made his men's List-A debut in the Marsh One Day Cup match between New South Wales and Victoria at North Sydney Oval. Off the field,

Troy's contribution to officiating extends to his professional life where he is the Executive Officer of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires and Scorers' Association, a role he has held since September 2019. Before then, Penman has worked in the Cricket NSW match officials' department dating back to 2008.

Penman was joined on-field by CA National Umpire Panel member and fellow NSWCUA member Gerard Abood with fellow SUP member David Taylor fulfilling Third Umpire duties. Queensland State Umpire Panellist Steve Farrell was appointed Fourth Umpire with CA National Match Referee Kepler Wessels overseeing proceedings.

50 KFC BBL MATCHES FOR TONY WILDS

CHRIS GRANT | CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Cricket Australia (CA) National Umpire Panel (NUP) member Tony Wilds brought up the 50 KFC BBL match milestone this season when he officiated the match between the Melbourne Stars and the Brisbane Heat at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Wilds began umpiring career in Bathurst, country New South Wales and spent several years umpiring in the Bathurst and Orange region, during which time he was appointed to the New South Wales Country Representative Panel.

Wilds then began umpiring in the Sydney Grade competition where his consistent performances were duly recognised with appointment to the State Umpire Panel. Wilds has gone on to stand in over 170 First Grade games over the last decade including multiple First-Grade Grand Finals.



Tony Wilds takes to the Adelaide Oval during BBL|11 // Getty

Through the years, Tony has shown great commitment to his Premier Cricket umpiring making the regular journey from Bathurst to Sydney to officiate. Wilds has been named NSW Premier Panel 1 Umpire of the Year twice, going back-to-back in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons

Wilds was appointed by Cricket Australia to the then Development Umpire Panel and went on to make his men's List-A debut when Tasmania played Victoria at Allan Border Field, Brisbane in October 2014.

He went on to make his First-Class debut in February 2015 in a Sheffield Shield fixture between New South Wales and Western Australia in Newcastle. Since that time, Wilds has stood in 14 List-A game and 21 First-Class matches. Prior to the beginning of the 2017-18 season, Wilds was elevated to the Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel

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 addition to his 50 BBL matches, Wilds has stood in 20 WBBL matches including four Semi-Finals and was in the Third Umpire's chair for last season's WBBL Final. Wilds made his Big Bash League debut on-field at the Sydney Cricket Ground in January 2017 when the Sydney Sixers played the Melbourne Renegades in front of over 30,000 fans. Wilds also has a further 17 appointments as third umpire. Wilds becomes just the eleventh umpire to stand in 50 Australian men's domestic T20 matches.

GLAZEBROOK & KNIGHT UMPIRE COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL

BEDE SAJOWITZ

Graeme Glazebrook and Keiran Knight were last month appointed to their second consecutive McDonald's Country Championships Final – taking place at Bradman Oval on Sunday 13 February.

The pair oversaw the match between Newcastle and ACT Southern Districts as the Novocastrians secured their third title in as many seasons, defeating the southern side by two runs.

Glazebrook and Knight are both members of the Country Umpire Representative Panel – with Glazebrook in his eighth season and Knight his second with the group.

For the Bathurst-based Glazebrook, it was the seventh Country Championships Final that he has officiated on-field.

He was also on-field for the Final of the Plan B Regional T20 Bash which took place at the SCG the next day.

Last season he received his sixth Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year – becoming the only person to win the award in six consecutive seasons.

Previously a member of the NSW State Umpire Panel, Knight has officiated six WNCL and four WBBL matches in addition to 59 First Grade NSW Men's Premier Cricket matches.

He is now in his second season of umpiring in the Newcastle District Cricket Association competition.

Throughout the preliminary rounds of the Championship, Knight umpired at the Northern Pool carnival held in Tuggerah in late January.

Country Umpire Coach Neil Findlay was the Match Referee for the fixture.



Knight, Findlay and Glazebrook pictured together // Bruce Whitehouse

MCC ANNOUNCES NEW LAWS FROM 1 OCTOBER

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The MCC has announced its new Code of Laws for 2022, which will come into force from 1 October.

The alterations to the Laws of Cricket in October 2017 were the most significant that have been made for almost two decades.

The code was well received and has had a positive impact on cricket all over the world, but even in the five years since publication, the game has evolved and the MCC Laws sub-committee has suggested several changes for the 2022 Code, which were subsequently approved at the Club's Main Committee meeting last week.

Whilst the amendments are being announced now, they will not come into force until October. However, in the intervening time the relevant materials will be updated by MCC to assist with umpire and official training on a global basis. The changes are intended to shape the game of cricket as it should be played.

There are several notable changes, as below:

Law 1 – Replacement players

The introduction of a new clause, Law 1.3, explains that replacements are to be treated as if they were the player they replaced, inheriting any sanctions or dismissals that player has done in that match.

Law 18 – Batters returning when Caught

First trialled by the ECB in The Hundred at the suggestion of MCC, Law 18.11 has now been changed so that, when a batter is out Caught, the new batter shall come in at the end the striker was at, i.e. to face the next ball (unless it is the end of an over).

Law 20.4.2.12 – Dead ball

The new edition sees several changes to the Dead ball Law, the most significant of which is the calling of Dead ball if either side is disadvantaged by a person, animal or other object within the field of play.

From a pitch invader to a dog running onto the field, sometimes there is outside interference – if this is the case, and it has a material impact on the game, the umpires will call and signal Dead ball.



Law 21.4 – Bowler throwing towards striker's end before delivery

If a bowler throws the ball in an attempt to run out the striker before entering their delivery stride, it will now be Dead ball. This is an extremely rare scenario, which has until now been called as a No ball.

Law 22.1 – Judging a Wide

In the modern game, batters are, more than ever, moving laterally around the crease before the ball is bowled.

It was felt unfair that a delivery might be called 'Wide' if it passes where the batter had stood as the bowler entered his/her delivery stride. Therefore, Law 22.1 has been amended so that a Wide will apply to where the batter is standing, where the striker has stood at any point since the bowler began their run up, and which would also have passed wide of the striker in a normal batting position.

Law 25.8 – striker's right to play the ball

If the ball should land away from the pitch, the new Law 25.8 allows the striker to play the ball so long as some part of their bat or person remains within the pitch. Should they venture beyond that, the umpire will call and signal Dead ball. As recompense to the batter, any ball which would force them to leave the pitch will also be called No ball.

Laws 27.4 and 28.6 – Unfair movement by the fielding side

Until now, any member of the fielding side who moved unfairly, was punished only with a 'Dead ball' – potentially cancelling a perfectly good shot by the batter. Given the action is both unfair and deliberate, it will now see the batting side awarded 5 Penalty runs.

Law 38.3 – moving the running out of the non-striker

Law 41.16 – running out the non-striker – has been moved from Law 41 (Unfair play) to Law 38 (Run out). The wording of the Law remains the same.

Law 41.3 – No saliva

When cricket resumed following the onset of COVID-19, playing conditions were written in most forms of the game stating that applying saliva to the ball was no longer permitted. MCC's research found that this had little or no impact on the amount of swing the bowlers were getting.

Players were using sweat to polish the ball, and this was equally effective. The new Laws will not permit the use of saliva on the ball, which also removes any grey areas of fielders eating sugary sweets to alter their saliva to apply to the ball. Using saliva will be treated the same way as any other unfair methods of changing the condition of the ball.

Fraser Stewart, MCC Laws Manager, said: "Since the publication of the 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket, the game has changed in numerous ways. The 2nd edition of that Code, published in 2019, was mostly clarification and minor amendments, but the 2022 Code makes some rather bigger changes, from the way we talk about cricket to the way it's played.

"It is important that we announce these changes now as part of the Club's global commitment to the game, giving officials from all over the world the chance to learn under the new Code ahead of the Laws coming into force in October."

For the full version of the new 2022 Code of Laws changes, please click [here](#) - a document with a full explanation of all Law changes can be viewed [here](#).

NSWCUSA will be running all winter training based on the 2022 edition of the Laws of Cricket, which will be free of charge for members - more information will follow in the coming weeks.



GETTING TO KNOW THE AFFILIATES

NEIL FINDLAY

This season the New South Wales Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association has 44 affiliate associations, the majority of which are located in Country New South Wales. There is also an affiliate based in the ACT and one on the Gold Coast. The locations of all of the affiliates are listed below.

Country NSW: 26

- North Coastal – 7
- Riverina – 5
- Central Northern – 4
- Greater Illawarra – 3
- ACT/Southern Districts – 2
- Newcastle – 2
- Western – 2
- Central Coast – 1

Metropolitan Sydney: 17

Gold Coast, Qld.: 1

Some of the Affiliates have provided snapshot reports of their activities.

Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Hills District CUA:

A total of 22 members, with 16 also being NSWCUA members.

Competitions to which umpires are appointed.

- During the season – Grades A / A2 / B / B2.
- Finals – all 10 Grades: A / A2 / B / B2 / C1 / C2 / C3 / C4 / D / D2.
- District Junior matches.
- Representative matches.
- CNSW Youth Championships.

Individual umpire milestones – season 2020-21:

- Geoff Hasler: 450 matches.
- Simon Moore: 400 matches.
- Ian Lewis: 200 matches.
- Craig Easy: 100 matches.

Mid North Coast CUSA:

A total of 41 members (21 NSWCUA and 7 non active) consisting of:

- Hastings River – 17 members (15 NSWCUA).
- Macleay Valley – 9 members (2 NSWCUA).
- Manning River – 15 members (3 NSWCUA).

Currently in re-building period with 4 non-accredited 4 non-active umpires.

Competition(s) to which umpires are appointed.

- Local competitions – Hastings River, Macleay Valley, Manning River.
- Mid North Coast Junior Cricket u12/u14/u16 Competitions held periodically on Sundays.
- Mid North Cricket Council Premier League cancelled this season due to Covid.
- In its place, Mid North Cricket T20 Competition established on a franchise basis rather than a club basis.
 - Extremely high interest with 100 plus players seeking to play in the 6-team competition.
 - Competition conducted during 7th-28th November with mid-week matches 'under lights' and 'double headers' on a few Sundays.
 - Teams provided with Colour uniforms.
 - Umpires provided with shirts for these Competitions.
 - Live streaming used with several sponsors involved.

Association highlights:

- Tim Gumbleton and Paul Kitson have been welcomed to the Mid North Coast, umpiring locally in the Hastings River competition.
- MNCCUSA has engaged in the "Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle" and in addition the Local Dealer is going to contribute.

North Coast CUSA:

A total of 23 members consisting of:

- Coffs Harbour – 8 members.
- Lower Clarence – 9 members.
- Grafton – 4 members.
- Nambucca Valley – 2 members.

Competition(s) to which umpires are appointed.

- Local Senior Cricket competitions – Coffs Harbour, Clarence River, Nambucca, Lower Clarence.
- North Coast Cricket Council Premier Grade 2-Day, 1-Day and T20 competitions.
- North Coast Cricket Council Junior Inter District u12/u14/u16 Competitions.

Individual umpire milestones:

- John Pearce (Coffs Harbour): 150 matches.

Significant umpire appointments.

Hopefully several NSW CUSA members who are still playing cricket will be involved in matches as fully appointed match umpires.

Association highlights.

- Awarding of Life Membership to inaugural NCCUSA President, Brian Kennedy.
- The reappointment of Bruce Baxter to the Country Umpire Representative Panel.
- A number of umpires appointed to Plan B Regional Bash T20 in Ballina, the Bradman Cup in Sawtell (Coffs Harbour) and Country Youth Championships in Grafton and the Lower Clarence.



NCCUSA members Rob Pye and Bruce Baxter // Darren Goodger

Sydney Shires CUA:

Currently a record high total of 133 members.

Competitions to which umpires are appointed:

- Sydney Shires Cricket 1st to 5th Grades.
- Frank Gray Shield.
- The Chappelow Cup.
- Veterans Cricket:
 - Sydney Masters (over 40s).
 - Sydney Classics (over 50s).
 - Sydney Vintage (over 60s).
- A total of 48 teams across the three age groups.

Individual umpire milestones:

- Ian Tabrett: 200 Games.
- Scott Pryde: 100 Games.
- Brian De Celis: 100 Games.

Upcoming events:

The Association is looking forward to season 2022-23 which will be the Centenary season of the Shires competition.

Sydney Women's CUA:

Approximately 100 members.

Competitions to which umpires are appointed:

- Sydney Women's Cricket 1st to 3rd Grades.
- U18 Brewer Shield.

Significant umpire appointments:

- As part of a strategy to improve the standard of umpires appointed to Women's 1st Grade matches, a 1st Grade Umpire Panel has been formed for the first time.

Association highlights:

- A Training Sub-Committee has been formed to ensure that all umpires are well versed in the Women's Cricket Playing Conditions.
- A number of initiatives are being pursued with the aim of increasing the number of female umpires.

LIGHTBODY AND TRELOAR ON-FIELD FOR WNCL FINAL

BEDE SAJOWITZ

NSWCUSA pair Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar were appointed by Cricket Australia to the WNCL Final played between Tasmania and South Australia at Blundstone Arena on March 27.

Both Lightbody and Treloar are members of Cricket Australia's Supplementary Umpire Panel and have enjoyed busy seasons in CA competitions.

NSW State Umpiring Manager Darren Goodger applauded the pair for their appointment to the match, "We offer our congratulations to Simon and Ben from all at Cricket NSW and the NSWCUSA on their appointment."

For Lightbody, it was be his second national final of the season, having officiated the WBBL final which saw the Perth Scorchers beat the Adelaide Strikers at Perth's Optus Stadium in November.

Throughout the round-robin stage of this season's WNCL, Lightbody was on-field in five matches,

each played in Canberra earlier this month – whilst Treloar was appointed to the New South Wales v ACT match at North Sydney that saw only 11 balls bowled in late February.

The fixture was be Lightbody's ninth Women's List A match, with Treloar overseeing his fourth WNCL fixture – and second final – having been in the middle for the 2019-20 decider between NSW and Western Australia.

This season has seen Lightbody on-field in each of CA's domestic competitions, with one match in both the Sheffield Shield and the One-Day Cup alongside 13 matches standing in the WBBL and five in the men's competition.

Treloar has been in the middle for two matches in both the Sheffield Shield and the One-Day Cup and was in the middle for seven matches throughout BBL|11 after making his debut on December 9.

The pair worked with fellow Supplementary Panel umpire, West Australian Nathan Johnstone in the Third Umpire role; local scorers Nathan Bester and Luke Meers, with David Johnston overseeing the fixture as Match Referee.

Tasmania (1/245) defeated South Australia (8/242) by nine wickets to win the Ruth Preddy Cup for the first time.



Tasmania celebrates its victory over South Australia // AAP | Linda Higginson

BRUCE WOOD OAM

BEDE SAJOWITZ

NSWCUSA member Bruce Wood has been recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours for his contribution to cricket in his local community and across Sydney.

Wood was awarded a Medal in the General Division (OAM) for the volunteer work he has undertaken in cricket in the years since he first volunteered as a junior coach in 1999.

He has been a member of NSWCUSA since he joined the Association in 2002 and umpires regularly in the Combined Associated Schools of NSW (CAS) competition and in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA (HKHDCA) competition.

Wood has spent time as the Assistant Secretary, Secretary and Vice President of the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association as well his time as an active umpire.

He undertook the role of CAS Umpire Coordinator in 2017, a role in which he remains serving the Sydney-wide competition.

In 2010, Wood became the inaugural President of the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), a position he also still holds today.

He has been awarded Life membership of the HKHDCA, the HKHDCCA, Normanhurst-Warrawee Cricket Club and Barker Cricket Club.

Wood was recognised as the Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia Community Match Official of the Year for the 2019-20 season for leading by example and championing inclusive, safe, fair and enjoyable cricket for all.

Between the CAS and HKHDCA competitions and others, he has officiated in over 500 matches at varying levels; from juniors up to NSW Men's Premier Cricket.

The Association congratulates Bruce Wood OAM.



Bruce Wood (left) with captains and coaches from a CAS v GPS 1st XI match, joined by NSWCUSA Principal member Drew Morrow // Supplied

UMPIRE'S CALL EXPLAINED: WHY IS THAT NOT OUT?

JOSH SCHONAFINGER | CRICKET.COM.AU

Cricket can be a complicated sport at times, even for those well-versed in the game. And especially so given the laws and playing conditions are regularly updated and some rules may be in play for one format but not for others.

When the Decision Review System (DRS) was introduced to international cricket 13 years ago in 2009, the phrase "umpire's call" quickly became part of the cricketing vernacular.

But many fans and commentators still don't understand how it works, or disagree with its existence entirely.

In April, the head of the ICC's powerful and influential Cricket Committee, Anil Kumble, attempted to explain why the umpire's call was still seen as a vital aspect of DRS.

"The principle underpinning DRS was to correct clear errors in the game whilst ensuring the role of the umpire as the decision-maker on the field of play was preserved, bearing in mind the element of prediction involved with the technology," Kumble said.

"Umpire's call allows that to happen, which is why it is important it remains."

Given it's here to stay, let's take a closer look at how it works and the role it plays in DRS.

The three zones

When ball tracking technology is used to determine the outcome of a delivery, a three-step process decides the batter's fate.

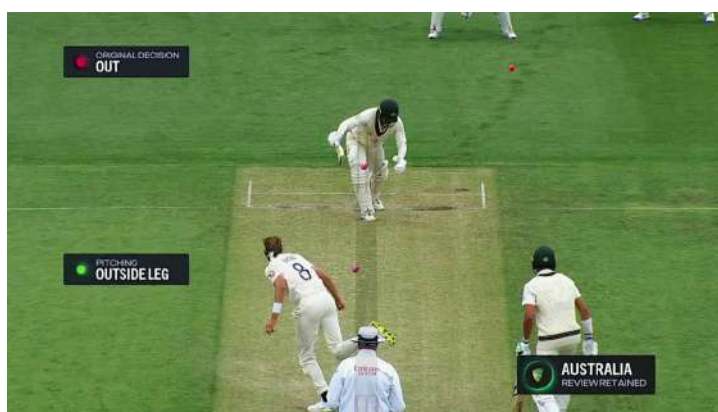
Firstly, there's the **Pitching Zone**. It's the two-dimensional shaded line that runs down the length of the pitch, with its boundaries set at the outer edge of the stumps at each end.

Secondly, there is the **Impact Zone**, where the ball hits the pad (or bat, for some of the really bad reviews we've seen) for the first time. It is a three-dimensional space extending between both sets of stumps, from ground level to an indefinite height vertically. Its horizontal boundaries are the outer edge of leg and off stump.

Finally, the **Wicket Zone** is a two-dimensional area bounded by the stumps, from their base to the top of the bails, and the full width from the outer edge of the off and leg stumps.

Understanding these fixed boundaries is fundamental to correctly understanding how DRS works for lbw reviews. But of course things are never so black and white, and when impact in any of these zones straddle the boundaries of the zones, confusion often arises.

Pitching outside? Broad v Carey



Alex Carey was able to overturn this decision in the Hobart Ashes Test thanks to one of the intricacies of the review system.

Just over half of the ball pitched outside the line of leg stump, meaning Carey should be not out under the lbw law.

However, one thing to note is that there is no umpire's call for where the ball pitches.



For both the second and third steps in the system, impact and wickets, if roughly half the ball is in the zone and half the ball is out, the decision defers back to the umpire's original decision.

The ICC declined to comment on why this is the case, however it is the only stage of the process where ball tracking can say with a high degree of certainty exactly where the ball has landed, and therefore no predictions need to be made.

In the Carey-Broad example, Carey reviewed and managed to overturn the umpire's out decision. However, if the batter was given not out and the bowling side were to review this decision, somewhat harshly they would lose that review.

But what would happen if the ball was exactly 50 per cent in and 50 per cent out of the pitching zone?

According to the ICC, the ball must be more than 50 per cent out to be considered outside the line, so in this example, the decision would rule in the bowler's favour.

Too far down? Lyon v Sohail

Umpire's call will come into play when the impact is a long way from the stumps.

The playing conditions stipulate that if the first

point of interception was 300cm or more from the stumps, then the umpire's call remains.

In this, as the batter gets further from the stumps, the margin of error in the system that predicts the ball's paths increases. There is only so much information that can be gathered from a couple of cameras 100m away.

So while Nathan Lyon's delivery to Haris Sohail is hitting the stumps according to the ball tracking, the benefit of the doubt goes to the umpire - and their original judgement overrules the judgement of the technology.



This rule also comes into play if the batter is more than 250cm or more from the stumps and the distance between the ball pitching and striking the batter is 40cm or less.



So if a batter is outside the crease and the ball 'half-volleys' into their pad, like in the Anderson example above, the decision is going to stay with the umpire as there isn't enough information for ball tracking to predict where the ball is going to go.

Is it hitting the stumps? Ashwin v Starc

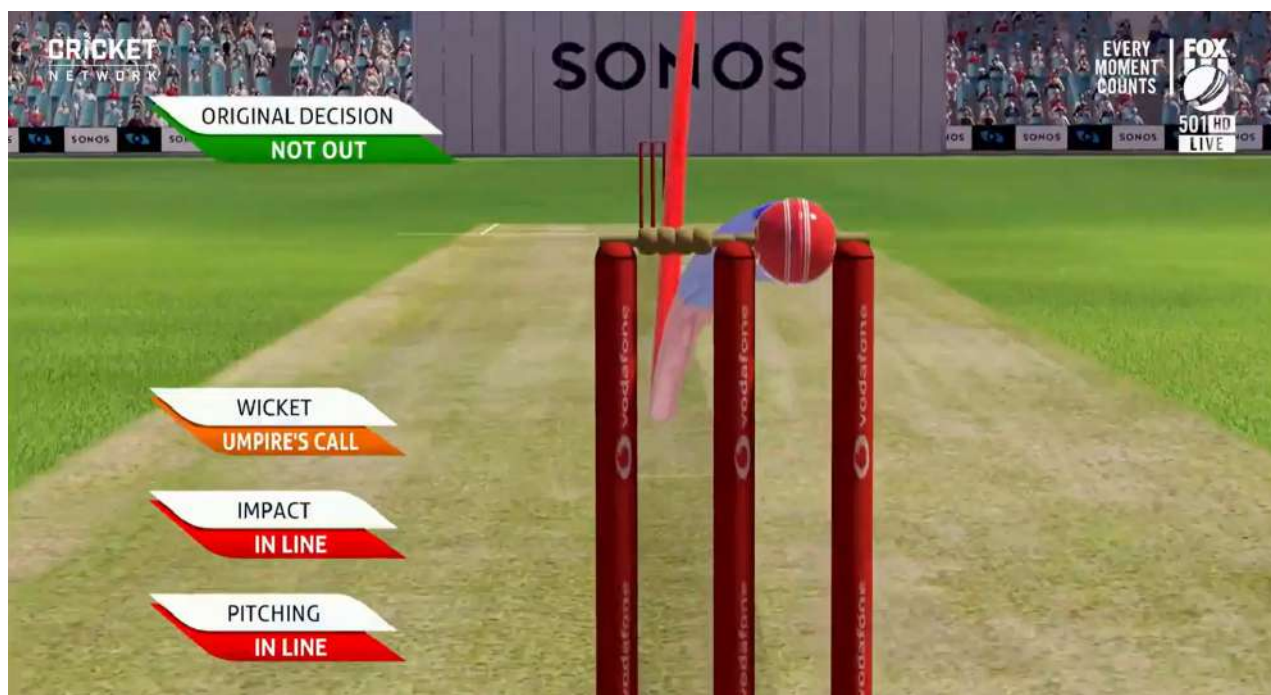
The wickets zone has long been a bone of contention for the system and it has been tweaked on several occasions in the DRS's short history.

As it stands today (March 2022), the wickets zone spans from the base of the stumps, to the outside of the outer stumps, to the top of the stumps.

Confusingly, 'top of the stumps' here includes the bails. Before April 2021, the wickets zone only extended to the bottom of the bails, meaning that

deliveries that were clipping the bails would remain umpire's call, like this Mitchell Starc decision off the bowling of Ravichandran Ashwin from December 2020.

If that same delivery was reviewed in 2022, Starc would see three reds and Ashwin would have his wicket.



MCC'S GLOBAL CONSULTATION INTO SHORT-PITCHED BOWLING

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The MCC would like to update its position on the global consultation that launched last year relating to short-pitched deliveries, and if they are fit for the modern game.

MCC can confirm that after extensive research in the area, the outcome is that there will not be a change in Law. However, the Club will continue to be vigilant on this matter and to educate players and officials on the risks of concussion, notably when remaining on the field after a head strike which could be concussive.

MCC's eLearning portal on concussion, found [here](#) on the Club's website, will continue to educate players and officials of the risks of concussion.

Research into concussion in sport has increased significantly in recent years and it is appropriate that MCC continues to monitor the Laws on short-pitched bowling, as it does with all other Laws. The Laws currently permit short-pitched bowling up to head height. Anything above head height is a No ball under the Laws.

The Club surveyed the attitudes of stakeholders from all levels to ascertain whether any changes should be made to the Laws. With the number of helmet-strikes on the rise compared to pre-helmet days, the safety aspect of such deliveries will continue to be monitored.

There were other important aspects to consider in the consultation, namely the balance between bat and ball; whether or not concussion should be recognised as a different injury to any other

sustained; changes which are specific to particular sectors of the game - e.g. junior cricket; and whether or not lower-order batters should be given further protection than the Laws currently allow.

The results of the consultation suggest that whilst no Law change would be made, the Law as it currently exists – to offer protection to less-skilled batters if deemed necessary – should be exercised if the umpire believes that any batter is at risk of being injured:

The existing Laws not only offer protection for batters of lesser ability, but also impose a penalty of a No ball and the removal of the offending bowler from bowling in that innings should the offence be repeated.

Jamie Cox, MCC Assistant Secretary (Cricket and Operations) said: "As with any potential change in the Laws, the key aspect is to ensure that it is appropriate for all levels of the game. The results of the consultation show that short-pitched bowling, within the Laws, is an important part of the makeup of the sport and in fact, to change it would materially change the game.

"However, given that the Laws allow for umpires to intervene should they believe that there is a safety consideration with the batter on strike, we encourage them to use their discretion and ensure that any risk of injury is minimised.

"We will also continue to educate players and officials about the risks of concussion through our website and eLearning portal, with the aim of the Laws consistently being applied in a safe manner."

The MCC's online eLearning portal on concussion is free to access, with no registration required, and can be found [here](#):

[CONCUSSION EDUCATION PORTAL](#)

U19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO RETURN IN APRIL

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After a two-year absence, the Under-19 National Championships return in April with the country's best teenaged male and female players to don their state colours once again.

The championships had been on hold for the past two seasons due to the COVID-19 pandemic, despite which Australia finished third at this year's male U19 World Cup in the Caribbean.

The first female U19 World Cup will be held next year – having originally been scheduled for 2021 – and this year's national championships will be an important building block to that tournament.

However, Western Australia has withdrawn their sides from the competition this season, citing concerns about quarantine for teenagers.

"If our players tested positive or were deemed a close contact they would have to self-isolate in a hotel room, which could mean they were left by themselves in another state at the end of the competition," WA Cricket CEO Christina Matthews said.

"We didn't want to put our under-age players in that situation."

It means the likes of 17-year-old gun young batter Teague Wyllie, who was named in WA's Marsh Sheffield Shield squad for their current match against NSW and Australia's U19 World Cup captain Cooper Connolly, won't be given the chance to test their skills against many of their teammates from that tournament.

But many of the stars from the side that finished third during their recent trip to the West Indies will be headlining their state teams, with Campbell Kellaway (Victoria Metro), Aidan Cahill (ACT/NSW Country) and William Salzmann (NSW Metro) all poised to feature.

The female tournament is littered with familiar names too, with Sydney Thunder young gun Phoebe Litchfield (ACT/NSW Country) and Melbourne Stars fast bowler Tess Flintoff (Victoria Metro) set to star for their respective sides.

CA Head of National Development Graham Manou said the championships are an integral part of Australian cricket's pathway system.

"The past two years have presented many challenges and it is brilliant that we are now able to bring Australia's most talented young players together to showcase their development in April," he said.

"We thank the State and Territory Associations for their support and collaboration in making the Championships possible and look forward to working with them to ensure a safe and successful finish to the season."

The male championships will be held in Mackay from April 7 to 14, while the female tournament will take place in Adelaide, also from April 7 to 14.

A full National Championships program is expected to return in the 2022-23 season.

NSWCUSA will be represented at the Male U19 championships by Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard and Sharad Patel; with interstate-based members Drew Crozier and Muhammad Qureshi also selected.

NSW State Panel umpire Bede Sajowitz and ACT-based member Dinusha Bandara will be officiating at the U19 Female championships.

TECHNICAL

BEN TRELOAR

Laws 41.14 Batter damaging the pitch & 41.15 Striker in the protected area.

To simplify it, the striker is the only member of the batting side who can breach the protected area law (41.15), but both batters are subject to damaging the pitch and breaching Law 41.14. Depending on when the deliberate or avoidable damage occurs and the timing of the action, shall determine which law has been breached.

It's important that we distinguish between the two laws and keep them separate. The warnings and penalties when applied are for the team during that same innings and not just to the individual. If there is a breach, ensure we advise each incoming batter and the captain of the batting side when possible. As is the same with fielders damaging the pitch and the bowler in the protected area, these warnings do not accumulate with one another – they're kept separate in all circumstances.

When reading the laws, deliberate or avoidable are important terms to be aware of because, if the damage is indeed only accidental or unavoidable, no breach has occurred. During the normal course of play we observe accidental or unavoidable damage to the pitch all the time. When we step in and apply sanctions is determined by the batters and the timing of such deliberate or avoidable actions.

An excerpt from 'Tom Smith's Cricket Umpiring and Scoring' provides an overarching application of laws 41.14 and 41.15 on page 369, focusing on the actions we should be identifying and encouraging - "the striker must get off the pitch as quickly as possible if attempting a run, and if the striker does enter the protected area in playing a shot, must leave it as soon as the shot is complete...Neither 41.14 or 41.15 prevent the striker from stepping down the pitch, and going into the protected area, to play a particular ball."



What does this mean? Well, when the striker dances down the pitch to hit the ball over the boundary or play it through the covers or mid-wicket, they will inevitably be in the protected area. The above excerpt supports that this action is OK, and no breach has occurred. The striker is allowed to be in the protected area to play the ball if they are reacting to where the ball has or will be delivered.

When the focus is on Law 41.15 and the striker in the protected area, we're talking about the time from the moment the striker is getting ready and taking guard up until the moment they play their shot. Usually, the umpire at the striker's end is going to have a clearer and more accurate view of what transpires.

Should the striker mark guard or stand so close or even into the protected area, or in preparing to receive, the striker can be in breach and Dead ball should be called by either umpire if the bowler has not entered their delivery stride. If the ball had been delivered, either umpire shall wait until the ball has become dead before advising the other umpire and striker of what has occurred.

After the ball is played, we are finished with Law 41.15 and transition back to 41.14, batters damaging

the pitch. If the striker is in the protected area to play their shot and then leave it immediately after to run alongside the pitch, we have no breach and it's play on. If, however, the striker remains in the protected area whilst running after playing the shot and has not moved to the side at the first realistic opportunity, there's a breach of law 41.14.

The non-striker can also bring themselves in to strife by running down the protected area or being in there when crossing over the pitch when completing runs.

The bowler cannot play a game of cricket in the protected area, and neither can the striker, however, both can be in there should it be necessary to play the game of cricket i.e. the bowler to field the ball or take a catch in their follow through, and in the case of the striker, whilst playing a shot.



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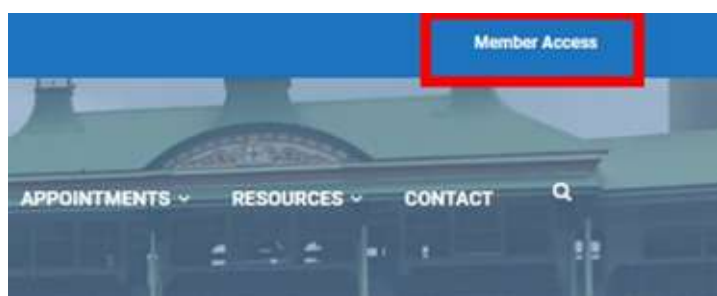
BEDE SAJOWITZ

The Association is delighted to have launched 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 - though you will still need to login using your email and password.

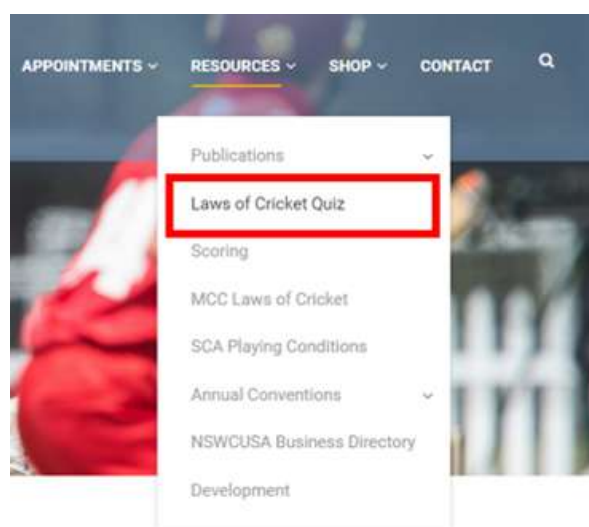


Once you hit 'Start Quiz', navigating the questions is relatively straightforward. Once you choose an answer from the options presented, select the green 'Check Answer' option to receive instant feedback on your answer. You'll then be able to proceed to the next page and be presented with the next question. 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 the season continues, here are a selection of images of members from the summer so far - we are always on the lookout for more photos of all members, please feel free to share with us!



Neil Smith and Sue Gregory



Ian Davidson and John Davidson



Geoff Irvine and Andrew Coates take to Coogee Oval



Graeme Glazebrook and Alicia Humphrey



Lawrie Yeomans walks off after his 400th Women's Premier Cricket match

FROM THE VAULT

ANNUAL CONVENTION 1991-92 ANNUAL REPORT

At least this year's Convention proved that President French does not have a monopoly on good weather. It also proved that the right combination of dedicated preparation, concentrated and untiring effort and thoughtful participation can result in a group of highly motivated, well-trained men and women who are more than ready to take on another cricket season.

Let me expand on the three major components of this very successful mixture.

Dedicated Preparation: A record number of written suggestions were received prior to the June "think tank". The June meeting was well attended and many well considered suggestions were forthcoming. As a result the Convention took a rather radical change in direction. Whilst deciding to retain some of the regular segments, the decision was made to specifically target the field sessions to four practical aspects of the Laws. This necessitated many hours of dedicated preparation by the group leaders. The preparations of all our guests and contributors should also be acknowledged, together with the backstage crews responsible for catering, transport and other logistic support. A special mention here of Darrell Hair who could not attend the Convention but who did a huge amount of research prior to the event.

Concentrated and Untiring Effort: Anyone who can lead field sessions on the same Law on four separate occasions for a total of over six hours is surely worthy of praise for concentrated and untiring effort. A very special thank you to Ian Jackson and Keith Griffiths, Graham Chudleigh and Ken Duffy, Barry Goddard and Clive Cruickshanks

and Graham Reed and Ian Thomas. Under this heading, we must also record our appreciation to:

- John Crampton for an encore presentation on mental preparation
- George Richards for his rather debatable performance
- Chris Swan for showing us the "treatment" we can give
- Sterling Hamman for giving us the treatment
- Paul Jensen and Dan Bomford for their southern wisdom, friendship and camaraderie.

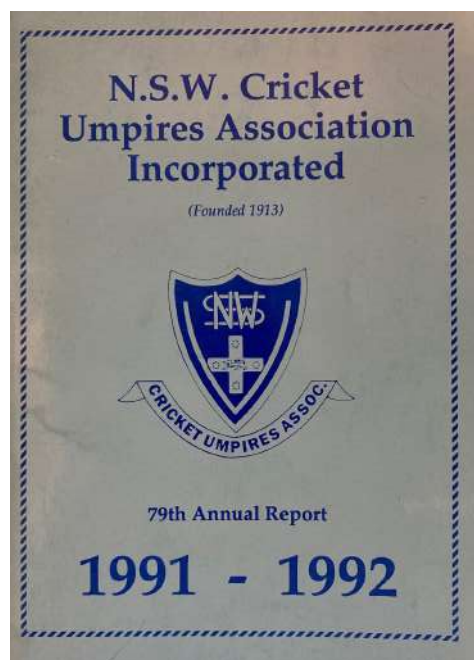
Thoughtful Participation: One-way communications just do not work. Two-way communications do work when messages are given and received in a spirit of mutual benefit. The continuing success of our conventions rests solidly on the foundation of the members.

Thank you for your participation.

Convention 1992 is already at least an idea or a thought in someone's mind. Let us all work together to get the combination just right again this year.

Accept the challenge!

A. G. Marshall, Chairman



CRIC-O-KU Number 16*Clue: Get the covers on!*

	S	R		T	A		O	I
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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 15: Solution

R	T	O	I	H	V	N	G	E
G	I	V	N	E	R	H	T	O
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E	O	T	H	V	N	I	R	G
V	N	I	E	R	G	T	O	H
H	R	G	O	I	T	V	E	N
O	V	E	R	N	I	G	H	T
T	G	N	V	O	H	E	I	R
I	H	R	G	T	E	O	N	V

MARCH 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 2020-21, it is greatly appreciated by Management and Board.

Season 2021-22 sees 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 2021-22. 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 – continued its support of the Association and its members in season 2020-21. All members received 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 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 in season 2021-22. 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....

KATIE COLLINS

Day job?

I work for the New South Wales Rural Fire Service in the Bush Fire Risk Planning Team

Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?

2015 - I can't remember

Best cricketer you have officiated?

I don't think I could nominate one, each week I see some really talented female cricketers.

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

In a First Grade game last year, Lisa Griffith struck Alyssa Healy on the pads in the third over of the innings. There was a huge LBW appeal and Alyssa walked before I gave her out!

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

The late David Shepherd. He always looked like he enjoyed himself on the field, had a great rapport with the players and excellent player management skills. It was also amusing watching him when the score reached 111 or multiples thereof.

Any superstitions?

No

Any special talents?

I'm an accomplished jigsaw puzzler

Best piece of advice?

Focus & keep yourself in the present

What got you into umpiring?

I was not a good watcher at my sons' cricket games so I would volunteer to umpire as I always enjoyed umpiring when I played. I then completed a rules course and started umpiring in the local competition.

Three people you would love to have dinner with?

Angela Merkel

Marie Bashir

Ash Barty



Katie (front row, second from left) with the umpire panel from the 2019-20 U15 Female National Championship

60 SECONDS WITH....

ANDREW HAMILTON

Day job?

Physiotherapist - self-employed providing home based services predominantly to the elderly.

Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?

Sometime in the 90s when I was living in Qld. Can't recall first time I fired someone, but I'm sure there are a lot of grade cricketers in Sydney that would say that I fired them.

Career (to Date) officiating highlights.

First Grade debut at Raby in 2007-08 season between Campbelltown and Mosman.

200th First Grade match this season – was given a guard of honour by the St George and Penrith players prior to the match.

Cricket Australia U18 Female National Championship Finals in 2020 – both T20 and limited-overs finals.

Being selected on the NSW State Panel and being given various opportunities in underage national championships, WNCL, WBBL, Second XI and Fourth Umpire duties in Big Bash

Best cricketer you have officiated?

Been lucky enough to umpire many very good state players as well as Australian and international cricketers – both male and female. Best male player would be Steve Smith, however I have been very fortunate to witness a couple of exhilarating innings from David Warner. Best female player to leave an impression on me was Alex Blackwell – very technically correct batter and wonderful cricket brain.

Funniest thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?

I was on-field, however the incident occurred off field. It was day two of a First Grade match between Sydney Uni and Blacktown at Joe McAleer. Sydney Uni were chasing a decent score and doing so quite easily.

All of a sudden there was a massive commotion in the change rooms. Greg Matthews had arrived late and had bought a rooster with him - had it tethered and decided to let it loose in the change rooms.

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

I loved Bill Harrigan (NRL referee). Players knew where they stood with him – definitely took no crap.

Any superstitions?

On fine days – I like to unpack my bag straight away when I arrive at the ground before I do anything else.

Any special talents?

Doubt it. Some of the younger members on the First Grade panel wonder how I remember odd incidents from games 10 plus years ago. I think Goodge would call it – taking a walk down amnesia lane.



Andrew receiving a guard of honour from St George and Penrith ahead of his 200th First Grade match

Best piece of advice?

Especially for upcoming umpires. Everyone is willing to give advice, take what is useful to you and discard the rest.

Remember to enjoy the game

What got you into umpiring?

One of my High School teachers in Brisbane. He was a former first class umpire. He ran umpiring courses at school. I decided that to be the best cricketer I could be, having an intricate knowledge of the laws could only be of benefit.

Three people you would love to have dinner with?

I could go with wife and family and friends, however the 3 I chose are no longer with us.

The first two were brilliant leaders, - the inner strength and resilience both men showed is quite truly remarkable - Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela.

The other has a cricketing flavour - our own George Borwick - would be great to have got his insights - into the Bodyline series especially.



Andrew on-field at Bankstown Oval as Bankstown host Parramatta

60 SECONDS WITH....

DAVID STEWART

Day job?

Business Manager at Macarthur Anglican School in Cobbitty. A privilege to be able to coach junior and senior cricket teams, and act as a selector for NSW CIS cricket as part of this role.

Will Salzmann (1st Grade) and Tom Patterson (2nd Grade) of Campbelltown-Camden DCC were two of our Year 12 students last year. When Will Salzmann hit Year 10, I handed the coaching reins over to him and told him my sole job for the next three years was to inform him what time the bus was departing.

Officiating Debut?

My officiating debut was when I shared a match with Davern Lewis in October 2016. Davern will attest to the fact that there were multiple firing casualties that day, and that things have not slowed down since! I remember calling no-ball on a fiery bowler because he didn't officially inform me that he was changing from over to around the wicket – if you're going to embark on a career of annoying players, you may as well set the tone in your debut.

Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)

The incredible privilege of being able to officiate a two-day match with Simon Taufel on Bradman Oval in February 2021. I grew up constantly admiring Simon Taufel's expertise as I watched cricket on TV and then many years later I found myself somehow sharing a match with the man himself – an incredibly surreal experience for which I will always be grateful!

Best cricketer you have officiated?

Phoebe Litchfield (NSW Breakers, Sydney Thunder) – an exquisite timer and worker of the ball; poetry in motion out in the middle. A highly talented young player with the world at her feet.

Funniest thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?

When officiating a CDCA 1st Grade match at Birriwa Oval, we had a teenage pitch invader steal one of the stumps during a drinks break. The funniest part was then watching 22 players, of varying levels of fitness, chase the pitch invader up the street (to no avail).

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

You can't go past rugby union referee Nigel Owens – he is decisive, firm, knowledgeable, empathetic and pragmatic. We can all learn a lot from the legacy of Nigel Owens.

Any superstitions?

No superstitions – I've already got enough to focus on for match day, without needing to add superstitions!

Any special talents?

My wife says that my personality can 'clear a room' better than most.

Best piece of advice?

My dad defines integrity as: "doing the right thing, even when nobody is watching" – my dad encouraged me to always act with this level of integrity.

What got you into umpiring?

After retiring from cricket as a player and knowing that my golfing skills presented somewhat of a hazard for the adjacent community, I responded to a call from our local cricket club, where my kids were playing as juniors, to help the club fulfill a senior umpire's appointment on a Saturday afternoon. I immediately loved being "back out in the middle" and haven't looked back since that day.

Three people you would love to have dinner with?

Bobby Simpson
Patty Mills
Winston Churchill



David and Simon Taufel at Bradman Oval in February 2021

NEW MEMBERS

ANDREW HUTCHINSON
BRAEDYN DEAMER
DAVID HOLT
GREGORY BRIGGS
JOSHUA ROBERTSON

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PAKHI SINGH
SAURAV SRIVASTAVA
SELENA VERTH
TOM FROST

THE PONDS
NORTH PARRAMATTA
COPACABANA
HINTON

Welcome!

TO ALL WHO JOINED AT THE FEBRUARY
AND MARCH OGMS

2021-22 REPRESENTATIVE PANELS

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SAM NOGAJSKI (AUS.)

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CLAIRE POLOSAK (AUS.)

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IAN THOMSON (HONG KONG)

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