

# IN BLACK & WHITE

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Stumps - 11**

**Garlick First-Class  
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## CHAIR'S WELCOME

MARK HUGHES

Dear Members,

Welcome to the March edition of **In Black and White**.

As we head into Autumn, I hope you have enjoyed your season to date, and congratulate those of you involved in your finals series.

The teams we officiate look forward to matches at the end of the season, and it is appropriate that we also look to step up with premierships on the line. Often final series have slightly different playing conditions to navigate, and we owe it to the players to be across these, as well as ensuring our knowledge of law is not neglected going into these end of season matches.

When was the last time you looked at 'the little blue book'? We are fortunate to be given opportunities to test our knowledge on the Laws of Cricket with the distribution of monthly questions sent by our Education Officer, as well as questions on the Laws which are worked through at our monthly ordinary general meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month.

I'd encourage you all to join online each month for our OGMs if you aren't already doing so, if not just to expand your knowledge but to link in with our membership across the state. The content at our OGMs are designed to benefit all members and not just those officiating in Premier Cricket in Sydney.

Recently a calendar of events was circulated by our Executive Officer. Could I encourage you all to prioritise attending our meetings, either in person or online, to enable you to both stay in touch with our Association and our planned activities, as well as deriving benefit from the quality education sessions provided at each meeting.

Best wishes

Mark



Mark Hughes presents Clive Hitchen with a representative match certificate // Steven K Smith



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

### TROY PENMAN

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

We're at the pointy end of the season not only in Sydney, but across the State. My best wishes to those involved in finals series matches coming up over the next few weekends.

To our unsung heroes, the volunteer Secretaries, Treasurers and Presidents, of our Affiliated Association's thank you for what you do to keep things running on a weekly basis. We look forward to touching base with you in the off season to see how we can support you further.

On Friday 1 March, Peter Garlick became the Association's latest First-Class Scorer. Peter debuted in the fixture between NSW and SA at Cricket Central, in the process becoming the 20th member to debut since scorers were first admitted to the Association in 1997. We trust Peter enjoyed the experience. The appointment to a First-Class match caps off a big season for Peter which saw him also debut at Men's List A, BBL and WBBL level.

Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright are congratulated on their appointment to score the BBL Final which took place at the SCG on January 24. It was wonderful to see so many NSWCUA members involved in the fixture with Gerard Abood on field and Ben Treloar as the 4th umpire. Throughout the BBL it was pleasing to see 4 scorers making their debut at that level. Janelle Carew, Peter Garlick, Harpreet Singh, and David Redden all recorded their first matches in this competition. I thank Janelle Carew for being willing to share with the membership her debut which you can find on page 22.

We have much to look forward to in 2024 - the proposed changes to the Association By-Laws were placed before Directors for their consideration at the Board Meeting on Wednesday 21 February. Directors reviewed the proposed changes and providing their feedback to the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee meet again on Wednesday 13 March to finalise the document. Members will be advised following Board ratification.

These changes will bring the Association into line with current process and up to speed with how things are done at this time whilst holding the Association in good stead going forward. I'd like to thank Andrew Coates, Paul Dilley and Mark Hughes who have been a part of the Sub-Committee.

The Social Committee are thanked for their work in planning several initiatives and events what have either already commenced or are coming up. It is these activities that maintain and enhance the positive spirit that exists within the Association.



Steve Starks receives a guard of honour ahead of his 250th Men's SCA match, at Hurstville Oval // Supplied



The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday 13 April, invitations and the registration forms have been circulated to members. The evening has been revamped based on attendee's feedback and we hope that the streamlined evening will provide for greater socialising for those in attendance. We have much to celebrate in the way of members achievements and milestones from season 2023-24.

Once the season is complete, I'll be leading the process of reviewing and implementing a strategic plan for the Association going forward. The Strategic Plan aims to look at the key areas and processes of the NSWCUA and look at home we can sustain and develop these going forward.

This off-season will also see the end of the sponsorship deal with McDonald's and the manufacturing agreement with Beastwear. We have already commenced discussion with the Commercial department at Cricket NSW ahead of their end of season wrap up with sponsors to ensure we are included in plans going forward. Ideally, we would be able to look in another three-year deal with a sponsor to guarantee the association a different revenue stream that can be put back into items for members.



The panel of umpires at the Toyota Australian Country Championships Women's Division

Something that I have mentioned previously is the need for caution and consideration when posting on Social Media platforms. We live in a time where our movements and our digital footprint can be tracked with remarkable ease. I'd ask members to consider who they represent when posting. You represent yourself first and foremost, but the Association as a member along with any other groups or organisations you are affiliated to.

Roberto Howard is thanked for his efforts as the Education Officer whilst Ben was on leave. Roberto did a fine job of keeping the ship sailing and attend to all tasks in an efficient and effective manner.

Our Annual Convention has been locked in for Port Macquarie over the weekend of August 24 & 25. I thank Appointed Director, Paul Dilley for his assistance with connecting Management with the Westport Club. Management looks forward to providing a highly engaging and educational weekend.

On Friday 1 March a Cricket NSW Organisational Update was provided to all members via email.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Darren on his new role as Chief Premier & Country Cricket Officer. This appointment shows the incredibly high regard Darren is held in by Cricket NSW and Chief Executive, Lee Germon. This is an exciting time for match officials and we have much to look forward to.

Finally, best wishes to everyone for your remaining matches and finish the season well.

## STATE UMPIRING MANAGER UPDATE

### DARREN GOODGER

In a recent session with a CNSW team of staff I was asked to discuss my career, both as a teacher and in cricket administration / umpire coaching. Sharing my story didn't excite me too much, it's quite limited, so I focused the presentation on the best pieces of advice I have been fortunate to receive from others over the years. Thought I would, in a most humble sense, share these with our members in this edition of the NSWCUA journal, and in no particular order ...

-Remain grounded and humble, remember where you come from and those who helped you along the way. In doing so, seek to lift others up.

-We only fail if we give up trying.

-Surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with, question and challenge you.

-Listen with the intent to understand, not with the intent to reply.

-Be very clear on your own purpose and on what drives you ... it always comes from within.

-Nothing great can get done with selfish people. To be great together we have to be selfless.

-Leadership can be difficult, thankless, lonely and sometimes the gains are not immediate. Great leaders have courage. Integrity takes courage, to do the right thing in the face of pressure to do the opposite. To build courage invest in relationships.

-Don't put off working overseas. We so often regret the things we don't do far more than the things we do. Working internationally provides wonderful opportunity and experience.

-Leadership is about people. It is not about being in charge, it's taking care of those in your charge. Managers do things right. Leaders do the right things.

-Speak your truth even if your voice shakes.

-Everything is created twice, first in the mind and then in reality.

-Ability is what we are capable of doing. Motivation determines what we do. Attitude determines how well we do it.

Congratulations to all NSW umpires appointed to national finals by Cricket Australia this season:

#### BBL

Gerard Abood (field)

#### One Day Cup

Gerard Abood (TV)

#### Sheffield Shield

Gerard Abood (TV)

#### WBBL

Claire Polosak (field)

Troy Penman (TV)

#### WNCL

Troy Penman (field)

#### U19 Male National Championships

Mitchell Claydon

#### U16 Female National Championships

Lauren McGill

#### National Indigenous Cricket Championships

Nathan Harvey (men's)

Lauren McGill (women's)

Congratulations to all match officials appointed to NSW Premier Cricket finals this season:

#### Men's First Grade

Gerard Abood & Ben Treloar (field)

Mitchell Claydon (reserve)

Neil Findlay (match referee)

#### Men's Second Grade

Sharad Patel & Troy Penman (field)

Andrew Yarad (reserve)

#### Men's Third Grade

Darren Goodger & Roberto Howard (field)

Darren Foster (reserve)

#### Men's Fourth Grade

Andrew Hamilton & Jake Wholohan

#### Men's Fifth Grade

Bob McGregor & Daniel Moran

#### AW Green Shield

Alan Monaghan & Rodney Porter

#### Poidevin-Gray Shield

Jake Wholohan & Andrew Yarad

#### Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup

Troy Penman & Claire Polosak

#### Men's First Grade Limited Overs Cup

Sharad Patel & Troy Penman

#### Women's First Grade

Bob McGregor & David Stewart (field)

Sue Gregory (reserve)

#### Women's Second Grade

Nathan Harvey & Lauren McGill

#### Women's Third Grade

Aldo Cantori & Kevin McFarlane

#### Brewer Shield

Katie Collins & Jim Harrod

Congratulations to the umpires selected for finals in Country Cricket NSW programs since the last edition of In Black and White:

#### U16 City v Country Challenge

Manly Warringah (8/263) defeated

North Coastal Zone (9/240) by 23 runs

Weldon Oval, February 11

Umpires: Alan Monaghan & Rodney Porter

#### Plan B Country Bash (Male)

Greater Illawarra (8/144) defeated by

Riverina (7/156) by 12 runs

Artie Smith Oval, February 18

Umpires: Jeff Egan & Phil Rainger

Match Referee: Neil Findlay

#### Country Plate

Narrabri (10/182) defeated by

Highlands DCA (9/248) by 66 runs

Hurstville Oval, March 10

Umpires: Dennis Chaplin & Graham Moon



Dennis Chaplin and Graham Moon with captains at the Country Plate Final // Bruce Whitehouse



Congratulations to Sam Nogajski who has received the Cricket Australia Umpire Award after an exceptional season at both international and domestic level.

Nogajski umpired in the home men's internationals being appointed for on-field duties during the West Indies Dettol ODI and T20I Series and performed at a high standard throughout each series. His strong performances across domestic formats earned him on-field appointments to all three men's competition finals (KFC BBL, Marsh One-Day Cup and Marsh Sheffield Shield).

In addition to his on field performances, Sam leads by example and offers a high degree of support to his lesser-experienced peers and the broader umpiring community. He was a special guest at the NSWCUA Convention held at Panthers and Cricket Central in August facilitating an outstanding session where he shared advice and experience around preparation, performance and self-assessment. Sam is an exemplary ambassador for Tasmanian and Australian umpiring, a highly deserving winner of the Cricket Australia Umpire Award for the second time being its recipient in season 2022-23.

Thank you to all match officials for your service to cricket in season 2023-24. It has been a packed program with so much cricket played across New South Wales. To our scorers, umpires and match referees we appreciate and respect your contribution. May you all enjoy the Easter long weekend and a break from cricket thereafter. Take the chance to refresh, and to review, reflect, reset. You do a wonderful job in serving our game and its people.

Planning and preparation is already underway for season 2024-25, it will be a massive season in Australian Cricket with a packed international summer the highlights including a women's Ashes series and a five Test series between Australia and India men with the SCG Test to commence on January 3.

## 2024-25 SUMMER OF INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

CommBank Women's T20I Series v New Zealand  
19 September: Great Barrier Reef Arena, Mackay (N)

22 September: Great Barrier Reef Arena, Mackay (N)

24 September: Allan Border Field, Brisbane (N)

CommBank Women's ODI Series v India

5 December: Allan Border Field, Brisbane (D/N)

8 December: Allan Border Field, Brisbane (D)

11 December: WACA Ground, Perth (D/N)

CommBank Women's Ashes ODI Series

12 January: North Sydney Oval, Sydney (D)

14 January: Junction Oval, Melbourne (D)

17 January: Bellerive Oval, Hobart (D)

CommBank Women's Ashes T20I Series

20 January: SCG, Sydney (N)

23 January: Manuka Oval, Canberra (N)

25 January: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (N)

CommBank Women's Ashes Test Match

30 January-2 February: MCG, Melbourne (D/N)

Dettol Men's ODI Series v Pakistan

4 November: MCG, Melbourne (D/N)

8 November: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (D/N)

10 November: Perth Stadium, Perth (D/N)

Dettol Men's T20I Series v Pakistan

14 November: The Gabba, Brisbane (N)

16 November: SCG, Sydney (N)

18 November: Bellerive Oval, Hobart (N)

NRMA Insurance Men's Test Series v India

22-26 November: Perth Stadium, Perth

6-10 December: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (D/N)

14-18 December: The Gabba, Brisbane

26-30 December: MCG, Melbourne

3-7 January: SCG, Sydney

## EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE

### BEN TRELOAR

There has been plenty happening in the education and development space during the last few months, as well as plenty to look forward to during the 2024 non-playing season.

Each month we continue to provide questions and answers on the Laws of Cricket to keep ourselves current with the Laws and their application which focus on, when we can, recent match examples filtering their way through the social media channels from, what seems like, an endless number of games of cricket happening around the world.

The Association has conducted three ordinary general meetings, each in December, February, and March, all of which saw the continued excellent work of the Exam Committee conducting further investigations into the Laws of Cricket through their facilitation of Laws questions.

In addition to the Exam Committee's contributions, in February, we have had the opportunity to hear Roberto Howard discuss his experiences with teamwork and self-assessment which he reinforced the importance of honesty throughout the processes when the goal is to continually learn, grow and improve what we do. To complement this session and in his role as NSWCUA's Education Officer, Roberto delivered an excellent education session focused on SCA captains' comments. Following on from this, another member and SCA Panel 1 umpire Patrick Jackson, provided an insight into his exchange opportunity by sharing his experiences of umpiring in the WACA Premier Cricket competition.

During the March edition, we saw another insight from SCA captains reading through their comments. Those in attendance were challenged with taking at least one thing away from the session for personal reflection and implementation. After this session, the Laws of Cricket questions' answers for February were worked through and discussed.

The month of March has also seen the SCA finals series rules night at Cricket Central attended by those appointed to NSW Men's Premier Cricket finals series matches. A huge thank you to Darren Goodger, Troy Penman, and Bede Sajowitz for facilitating the evening, which was highly engaging and very well attended.

We have also been busy in the training space with NSWCUA's Claire Polosak in her role as Umpire Educator | Female Engagement conducting community officiating two courses at Cricket Central, including a Female only course, as well as travelling to Orange and holding an additional two courses online. In total, Claire has reached and inspired nearly 50 attendees, helping them begin their journey into cricket officiating. Also, during March, we have commenced an online Laws of Cricket course. We have 43 registered for the course and based in NSW, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines which will hopefully see many of them become future members of the Association.

We will soon be coming to the end of another long season of cricket, but with the end it provides us a new beginning and such we will soon be contacting our Affiliate associations to commence planning our winter training program where we offer training and education opportunities in your local environment. This year we will be offering a few different versions of our Level 2 course, Level 1 Community Officiating, Scorers course, and PD workshops which we can tailor to requirements.

The Association's Annual Convention is locked in for Port Macquarie's The Westport Club across the weekend of August 24 and 25.

It will be another great weekend of training and education and we look forward to seeing as many of our members in attendance as we can to best set ourselves up for the 2024-25 season of cricket.

Our regional Conventions are always really well attended, and it provides a great source of collective knowledge and sharing of experiences for all who attend. If it is not already in your calendar, be sure to place this in there as you read this!



Saif Siddiqui and Shane Evans with Women's Premier Cricket Second Grade captains at North Sydney Oval // Sarah Berman



## AUSTRALIAN PAIR CALL STUMPS ON UMPIRING CAREERS

JUSTIN CHADWICK | CRICKET.COM.AU

Veteran umpires Bruce Oxenford and Paul Wilson say the time is right for 'new challenges' after lengthy careers officiating at the top level.

Two of Australia's most respected umpires have announced their retirement from Cricket Australia's (CA) elite panel, with Bruce Oxenford and Paul Wilson officiating one final time together in Round 10 of the Sheffield Shield.

The Marsh Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and Queensland at the WACA Ground, starting on 1 February, will be Oxenford and Wilson's last engagement for CA.

Oxenford, a veteran of 70 Tests (including eight women's Tests) and 109 men's and women's ODIs, spent 13 years on the ICC Elite Panel before retiring from international ranks in January 2021.

He continued on with the CA's National Umpiring Panel, and has now officiated in 75 first-class matches, 50 List A matches and 43 KFC BBL games.

The 63-year-old will be fondly remembered for the iconic forearm guard he liked to use to protect himself from balls flying his way.

Wilson, affectionately known as 'Blocker', spent 11 years on the ICC International Panel and officiated in nine men's and women's Tests, 51 ODIs and 27 T20 Internationals.

His 62 first-class matches included four Sheffield Shield finals and 61 List A matches.

Wilson was a well-known figure on the BBL scene, officiating in five finals among his 88 matches.

The 52-year-old, who played one Test and 11 ODIs for Australia, will continue to umpire in various franchise tournaments around the world.

"I am forever grateful to Cricket Australia for signing me to the Project Panel, following in the footsteps of Paul Reiffel and Rod Tucker," Wilson said in a statement.

"This profession has enabled me to travel the world, be a part of some amazing cricket matches and make lifelong friends along the way.

"I'm truly honoured to be able to spend my last first-class match with 'Ox'."

Oxenford said he felt fortunate to have also been able to travel the world as part of his job.

"I am looking forward to whatever new challenges lie ahead off the field," he said.




Oxenford and Wilson together at the WACA Ground // Getty



Career summary

	Bruce Oxenford	Paul Wilson
Tests	70	9
ODIs	109	51
ODI World Cups	Men's: 2011, 2015, 2019	Men's: 2019, 2023   Women's: 2017, 2022
T20Is	35	27
T20 World Cups	Men's: 2012, 2014, 2016	Men's: 2021, 2022
First-class matches	75	62
Sheffield Shield finals	2	4
List A matches	50	61
Big Bash matches	43	88
Big Bash/BBL finals	2	5

Includes men's and women's internationals • Image: Getty 

## FOUR MEMBERS IN DOMESTIC FINALS

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

With both the One-Day Cup and the Women's National Cricket League Finals being played over the weekend of 24-25 February, four NSWCUSA members were appointed to officiate as the domestic titles are decided.

The WNCL Final was played at Blundstone Arena, with Tasmania hosting Queensland as they took out their third consecutive title.

Supplementary Panel umpire Troy Penman was on-field for the match, for what was his second WNCL Final, having previously been on-field in 2020.

He also acted as TV Umpire in 2021 and in 2023, meaning the fixture was his fourth involvement in the same match in the last five years.

Cricket Central in Sydney Olympic Park will host the Men's One-Day Cup Final on Sunday 25 February as New South Wales hosted Western Australia.



Troy Penman with Tasmanian umpire Mike Graham-Smith earlier this season // Getty

National Panel Gerard Abood was TV Umpire for the match, marking the third time he has officiated the Final in the TV Umpire role.

In recent years he has also been involved on-field in the fixture, in the middle for the decider in 2019, 2021 and 2023.

International scorers Toni Lorraine and Adrian Tham were selected to score the Final at Cricket Central.

It was Lorraine's second One-Day Cup Final, having previously recorded the 2021 Final at Bankstown Oval, amongst a total of eight national finals.

For Tham it was his first time scoring a national final, coming in his 68th major representative match.

The Association congratulates all match officials involved in both Finals.

The full match appointments are as follows:

#### **WNCL, Tasmania v Queensland**

Blundstone Arena

Umpires: Stephen Dionysius & Troy Penman

TV Umpire: Drew Crozier

Match Referee: Kent Hannam

Scorers: Luke Meers & Nathan Bester

#### **ODC, New South Wales v Western Australia**

Cricket Central

Umpires: Shawn Craig & Sam Nogajski

TV Umpire: Gerard Abood

Match Referee: Steve Davis

Scorers: Toni Lorraine & Adrian Tham



## GARLICK MAKES FIRST-CLASS DEBUT

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

NSWCUSA member Peter Garlick became the newest Australian first-class scorer on March 1 as he recorded the Round 9 Sheffield Shield match at Cricket Central between New South Wales and South Australia.

Garlick becomes the 20th NSWCUSA member to score first-class match since scorers were first admitted to the Association in 1997.

The debut for Garlick comes in what has been a busy season, which has seen him also make debuts in the Men's One-Day Cup, the BBL and the WBBL.

He scores in NSW Premier Cricket for Parramatta District Cricket Club, being their Men's First Grade scorer last year as they took out the Belvidere Cup.

In his third season as a member of the NSW Representative Scorer Panel, he has scored a total of five men's State Second XI fixtures in that time.

Last season he was also on-duty with Cricket Australia at the Australian Country Cricket Championships held in Canberra.

Off the field, he volunteers as a member of the Association's Scorers' Committee, a role he has held since September 2021.

He is joined in the scorer's box for the match by Sydney Cricket Club scorer Ian Wright, with the pair working with umpires Phil Gillespie and Donovan Koch, and Match Referee David Gilbert.



Ian Wright and Peter Garlick on day one of the Sheffield Shield match

## FOUR MEMBERS ON DUTY FOR BBL|13 FINAL

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

Cricket Australia selected four NSWCUA members as the match officials for the Big Bash League Final at the SCG.

Gerard Abood was one of the on-field umpires, partnered in the middle by Tasmanian Sam Nogajski.

The match was scored by Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright, with fellow member Ben Treloar on duty as Fourth Umpire.

For Abood, who this summer officiated his 100th BBL match, it was his third time on-field for the Big Bash decider.

He is no stranger to domestic finals, with the fixture the 16th time he has been involved in the match officials team for a decider, having been appointed to three women's finals and 12 men's finals.

Having scored this year's New Year's Test between Australia and Pakistan together, it will be the second time Lorraine and Wright will be recording a Big Bash Final, following on from the BBL|10 Final in 2021.

Wright also scored the BBL|09 Final in 2020, with tonight to be his third time scoring the BBL Final.

It was Treloar's first experience of a male domestic national final, having previously umpired two WNCL and one WBBL decider, whilst earlier this summer having made his women's international umpiring debut.

The other match officials selected for the match were Victorian Shawn Craig as TV Umpire, with Kepler Wessels overseeing proceedings as Match Referee.

The match took place at a sold out Sydney Cricket Ground as the Brisbane Heat took out the title.

### BBL|13 FINAL

Umpires: Gerard Abood and Sam Nogajski

TV Umpire: Shawn Craig

Fourth Umpire: Ben Treloar

Scorers: Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright

Match Referee: Kepler Wessels



Toni Lorraine & Ian Wright at the SCG

## ICC CONGRATULATES ERASMUS ON AN OUTSTANDING CAREER

### ICC MEDIA

The International Cricket Council has congratulated Marais Erasmus on an outstanding career, as the South African retires from the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires after the second and final Test between New Zealand and Australia.

Erasmus, who won the David Shepherd Trophy for the ICC Umpire of the Year in 2016, 2017 and 2021, will be standing in his 82nd Men's Test match in Christchurch. He has also officiated in 123 Men's ODIs, 43 Men's T20Is and 18 Women's T20Is.

The 60-year-old was appointed to the Elite panel in 2010, making him – along with Rod Tucker – the longest serving current umpire on the list.

ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice praised Erasmus for a superb career that saw him officiate in several ICC events over the years. "Marais has had an outstanding career as an international umpire. He has officiated in many global ICC tournaments, including World Cup finals, as well as high-profile series all over the world, at all times displaying his skill, calmness and composure, even in the most challenging of situations.

"He has not only been an excellent umpire but also a fine team man who is respected by his colleagues in the ICC and on the Elite panel. On behalf of the ICC, I congratulate Marais on a superb career and wish him all the success in his future pursuits. He still has a lot to give to the game and I am sure he will continue to be involved in cricket in the years to come."

Erasmus reflected on his time on the panel and thanked his colleagues for supporting him over the years. "I have had a wonderful time on the Elite Panel, officiating in some top-class matches around the world and in global ICC events.

"I am very fortunate to have continued my association with the game after my time as a cricketer in South Africa and have enjoyed every moment.

"While I will miss being on the Elite Panel and the challenges that come with it, I feel it is time for me to step away and look to contribute to the game in some other way.

"I thank the ICC, CSA and my colleagues on the panel for their backing over the years. I also want to thank my wife Adèle, boys Chris and Geo, and all our relatives and friends for their support and encouragement."

Umpire Rod Tucker thanked Erasmus on behalf of the Elite Panel and wished him all the best for the future. "Marais epitomises what the Elite Panel is supposed to be. He is the type of person that immediately makes you feel welcome in his presence. His personality off the field is what you see on the field. He can calm everyone, and you feel at ease in his company.

"I think the greatest compliment I could give Marais is that he would be mentioned in the same breath as the great David Shepherd, both so calm but very strong and so well respected by all those in the game.

"I have been very good friends with Marais since we first met in 2009 during an umpires' exchange programme and been privileged to have been inducted on the Elite Panel along with him in 2010.

"It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Marais as he will not be part of our panel moving forward."

Marais Erasmus in global ICC Tournaments:

- 4 ICC Men's Cricket World Cups - 2011, 2015, 2019, 2023, including the 2019 final at Lord's between England and New Zealand
- 2 ICC Men's Champions Trophy tournaments - 2013 and 2017, including the 2017 final between India and Pakistan at The Oval

- 7 ICC Men's T20 World Cups - 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2021 and 2022, including the 2021 final between Australia and New Zealand and the 2022 final between England and Pakistan
- 3 ICC Women's T20 World Cups: 2010, 2012, 2014, standing in the finals of all three.



Marais Erasmus during a Test match // Getty



## FEMALE MATCH REFEREE PATHWAY

### CRICKET AUSTRALIA COMMUNICATIONS

Cricket Australia (CA) has announced the three new members of the Female Match Referee Talent Pathway Program.

Joanne Broadbent (QLD), Sarah Elliott (Vic) and Janine Stainer (NSW) were the successful applicants and will join our Match Referee Program for the duration of the summer and throughout the 2024-25 season.

The Female Match Referee Talent Pathway Program is part of CA's commitment to providing greater opportunities for women in various roles across Australian Cricket.

Broadbent and Elliott are both former Australian players and Stainer is a leading administrator, and they will bring with them a wealth of experience at all levels of the game.

As part of the program, they will be mentored by a current Match Referee in the remaining months of this season before receiving more training over the off-season and into season 2024-25.

Sarah Elliott, Australian Test player and Female Match Referee Talent Pathway Program member said, "I'm really pleased to be part of the program and looking forward to learning more about the role with a view to joining the panel. It is important that women are given opportunities to contribute to all areas of the game and I'm really glad this program will give three of us the chance to use our experience to benefit cricket."

Luke O'Brien, CA Match Officials Manager said, "Joanne, Sarah and Janine already have a wonderful standing in the game, and we were



Sammy-Jo Johnson & Janine Stainer // [StumptoStump](#)

delighted to have women of their calibre apply for the program. They all come with strong cricket pedigrees and from a range of different backgrounds, and I'm confident they will enhance match officiating in this country and inspire more women to participate in this area of the game."

**Joanne Broadbent OAM:** Had a distinguished playing career for South Australia, Queensland and Australia playing 10 Tests and 60 ODIs and was the first Australian woman to score a Test match double hundred when she hit 200 against England in Guildford in 1998. She has had an extensive coaching career in Australia and New Zealand and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours for service to cricket.

**Sarah Elliott:** Represented Australia in three Tests, 22 ODIs and 14 T20Is and was a member of the successful 2010 World Cup team and several Ashes campaigns including 2013 when she scored a century against England at Wormsley. She will combine match refereeing with her roles as a Pediatric Physiotherapist and Head of Cricket at Melbourne's Caulfield Grammar.

**Janine Stainer:** An experienced cricket administrator, Stainer was the Australian and Australia U21 team manager from 2000-2009, was a Victoria and NSW selector and was a member of the Cricket NSW Women's Advisory Committee. She undertook the Cricket Australia Female Match Referee Scholarship in 2018 and works for SSI, a not-for-profit organisation that settles and supports refugees.

## NSWCUSA STRONGLY REPRESENTED AT TACC

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

The opening days of 2024 saw some of Australia's best regional cricketers converge on Newcastle for the Toyota Australian Country Championships – with 15 NSWCUSA members involved as match officials.

Seven umpires officiated across both the men's and women's divisions of the tournament, with a majority being NSWCUSA members.

The umpire panel that oversaw the men's competition featured Country Panel members Dave Cullen, Graeme Glazebrook, Murray Le Lievre, Phil Rainger; NSW Premier Cricket umpire Rod Porter; Western Australian-based NSWCUSA member Gary Crombie.

The women's competition panel included regionally-based umpires Lauren McGill and Kate Rowlands, NSW Premier Cricket umpires Katie Collins, Sue Gregory, Leone Mizzi and Elizabeth O'Dwyer.

The panels were rounded out with two Queensland-based umpires travelling to officiate, with Trevor Drury and Melina Luther both on duty across the carnival in the men's and women's divisions respectively.

Two NSWCUSA scorer members were scorers for the NSW teams, with Allison Brockley travelling with the Bush Breakers and David Redden the Bush Blues.

Life member Kim Norris was the Tournament Referee for the duration of the carnival.

The Final of the Women's Division was overseen by Lauren McGill and Elizabeth O'Dwyer, whilst the Men's Division was a round-robin format which saw Queensland the eventual winners of both divisions on an exciting final day.



Kate Rowlands and Elizabeth O'Dwyer with Victorian and Queensland captains

## **PETER MOORE AWARDED AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS**

### **BEDE SAJOWITZ**

NSWCUSA member Peter Moore has been recognised in the 2024 Australia Day Honours for his contribution to cricket and the community.

Moore was one of the 503 individuals across the country awarded Medals in the General Division (OAM).

His involvement in cricket began as a player in the 70s playing for Cabra Vale Diggers Cricket Club and has continued into roles as an umpire as well as volunteer administrator.

Moore has been a member of NSWCUSA since 2007, in which time he has umpired in the Districts Cricket Association, the Sydney Cricket Association, the Cricket NSW Youth Championships and in the Fairfield Liverpool District Cricket Association.

He has also been President of the Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Association since 2011 and was awarded Life membership of the association in 2013, having also been its Treasurer since 2008.

He was acknowledged in State Parliament by Member for Liverpool, Charishma Kaliyanda MP, "It is my great pleasure to congratulate Peter Moore, who was recently awarded the OAM for his services to local cricket.

"Peter is the longest serving President of the Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Association, and was previously the longest serving secretary of the FLCA.

"I don't think I would be remiss in saying that generations of local cricketers to come will thank Peter for his efforts."

Moore is a founder and currently the President of the Hoxton Park Tigers Cricket Club, whilst in 2020 he took on the role of President of the Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires' Association, having served a year as Treasurer in 2001.

He was amongst three volunteers recognised for their service to cricket in New South Wales, acknowledged by Cricket NSW CEO Lee Germon, "On behalf of the NSW cricket community I'd like to congratulate Peter Moore, William Willis and Richard Mills on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

"They have all been pillars of their respective communities and have contributed greatly to the game of cricket.

"Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our sport and all three of these men have inspired more people to play and love cricket."

He has previously been recognised as a Member of the Order of Liverpool in 2020, and Fairfield City Council's Volunteer of the Year in 2014.

Moore relocated from Sydney to Bomaderry in 2016 and oversaw the Association's 100th anniversary last season.



Bruce Wood and Peter Moore pictured together in 2018



## MY BBL DEBUT EXPERIENCE

### JANELLE CAREW

On 15 November 2023 Troy Penman sent out a Representative Scorer Appointments email for upcoming BBL appointments. As usual I opened the attachment to read who had been allocated and was shocked, surprised and excited to see my name against a little, quiet game at the SCG between Sydney 6ers and Sydney Thunder on Friday, 12 January 2024. I was allocated to score with Adrian Tham. I quickly put in my application for leave from work for the afternoon!

My previous experiences of scoring at the SCG go back to the 2011-2012 season when my now 28yo son, Dayle, was a member of the St George winning AW Green Shield side that played the winners of the Bradman Cup at the SCG for the U16s State Championship and I scored up in the 3rd umpire's room. I also recently scored a trial BBL game in the same room with Sarah Berman.

So, no pressure, small game, only 41,027 recorded as being in attendance, David Warner making his arrival at the ground by helicopter from this brother's wedding up in the Hunter Valley and at a location at the ground I had no idea where to go to!

I arrived in my usual early fashion, only an hour earlier than I would normally, and found a very nice SCG Security person to assist me to find where I was going as he had to deliver a box to the same location. Found my seat and began my set up, taking time to breathe and ensure everything that needed to be written on the scorecards was done without rushing.



Janelle Carew and Adrian Tham at the SCG before the Sydney Smash

The gates opened and people started to fill the seats in a great array of hot pink and lime green splattered around the ground.

The game started on time at 7.15pm and first ball saw Steve Smith out for a golden duck. I don't know who was more shocked, him or me! Busy filling in all the bits and pieces we need to do on the scorecards from the first ball – was this how this game was going to go – fast and furious?

Thankfully, things settled, and Adrian and I agreed on runs scored at the end of each over, and quickly ran through wicket details when a breath was taken between overs.

The crowd had a great time with beach balls, Mexican waves and paper planes. The scorers were kept busy and my night went quickly and without scoring issues – no ball went uncounted, run count added up without a run missing, 2 + 2 equaled 4 etc all night, I couldn't believe it all went so smoothly.

I loved every minute of it! Thank you to Adrian Tham – we worked really well together and made my BBL debut experience thoroughly enjoyable.



## **FOUR NSW SCORERS DEBUT IN BBL|13**

### **BEDE SAJOWITZ**

BBL|13 saw four NSW CUSA members appointed to make their men's domestic T20 debuts, with Janelle Carew, Peter Garlick, Harpreet Singh, and David Redden all recording their first matches at the level.

Peter Garlick was the first of the quartet to debut – recording the Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers fixture at the SCG on 22 December, partnered with one of the scorers from the recent New Year's Test, Ian Wright.

Singh made his debut on 30 December, also with Ian Wright as they scored the Sydney Thunder v Sixers match at Sydney Showgrounds.

Redden debuted on the road in Coffs Harbour, together with experienced men's international scorer Darren Mattison, scoring the Sixers v Brisbane Heat match on 3 January.

Janelle Carew debuted in the second Sydney Smash last Friday at the Sydney Cricket Ground, joined in the scorer's box by Adrian Tham, who was one of the appointed scorers at last summer's Men's T20 World Cup.

NSW CUSA Executive Officer Troy Penman said of the opportunities provided, "Janelle, Peter, Harpreet and David are all excellent scorers in their own right and deserved their appointments to this level.

"We congratulate each of them on reaching this level and look forward to them all scoring more matches in the BBL in the seasons ahead."

Each brings with them significant scoring experience, both at club level and other levels of representative fixtures.

Redden scores for Stockton & Northern Districts CC, which play in the Newcastle District Cricket Association competition and earlier this year scored his first WBBL match, whilst he has been Team Scorer for the NSW Bush Blues since 2015.

Carew, Garlick and Singh all score regularly in NSW Men's Premier Cricket – Carew for UNSW CC, Garlick for Parramatta DCC and Singh for Sydney CC – and have previously scored Men's Second XI, WBBL and WNCL fixtures in recent seasons.

## HISTORIC MARTIN SHIELD FINAL

### BILL HOWARD

The 2023-24 Martin Shield Final was played on Sunday 18 February 2024 at Tonkin Oval, between Sutherland & Nepean, umpired by NSWCUA members Mark Kraljevic & Bill Howard.

For those who may not know, the Martin Shield is an open-age representative competition for affiliates of the NSW Districts Cricket Association (formerly the NSW Junior Cricket Union).

The toss was won by Nepean Captain Rydall Govender who chose to bat.

They were off to a bad start and after 7.3 overs the score was 4/17 before a fifth wicket partnership of 43 took the score to 60. Then the skipper Rydall Govender arrived at the crease & played an entertaining innings of 65 which included 8 fours & 4 sixes. When his wicket fell the score was 9/153.

The 10th wicket managed a 32-run partnership before they were dismissed for 185 off 37.5 overs. After the luncheon break Sutherland commenced their innings & had an opening partnership of 58 then lost their 2nd wicket at 64. A third wicket partnership of 38 saw them at 3/102. Further wickets were lost at 126 & 132.

Another 36-run partnership was recorded for the 6th wicket to leave Sutherland at 6/168 when opener Joey Simpson was dismissed for a well compiled 75. The equation was 18 runs to win off 4 overs with 4 wickets in hand.

In the 49th over Bryan Morris (Nepean) came to the bowling crease for the first time. With his first delivery came a wicket & another with the 5th to have Sutherland reeling at 8/184.

Two runs were required off the last over bowled by Nepean skipper (Rydall Govender) with 2 wickets in hand for the win. A single was taken off the 4th ball. One to win off 2 balls & still 2 wickets in hand.

Second last ball brings a wicket (bowled). Last man comes to the wicket to face the last ball of the match & is also bowled. Sutherland all out for 185 and the match is a tie.

The first Martin Shield Final to finish in a tie in 120 years of competition with the teams awarded joint premiers.

In 1927-28, North Sydney & South Sydney played a tie in the Telegraph Shield (U23) with both sides scoring 87runs, then in 1970-71 St George & Newcastle tied in the Durham Shield (U19).

After the completion of the match the umpires had a most difficult choice to choose a Player of the Final. Joey Simpson from Sutherland took 4 catches while wicket keeping & scored 70 runs, while Rydall Govender from Nepean scored 65runs & took 3/12 off 4 overs.

In the end it was awarded to Rydall Govender who sealed the historic tie with the last 2 wickets from the final 2 balls.



Bill Howard and Mark Kraljevic with captains at the Final

## CHEATLE SHARES IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CRICKETERS

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Having twice been diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 25, the left-arm quick has urged other cricketers to undergo regular checks

Test quick Lauren Cheatle has detailed her desire to rebound from the anguish of a second skin cancer diagnosis, while hoping it acts as a wake-up call for cricketers.

One month after making her Test debut in India in December, Cheatle's summer was ended early when doctors discovered a melanoma on the 25-year-old's neck.

The diagnosis came as a shock to Cheatle, who had only gone in for a check on a mark on her thigh before white halo was spotted around the mole on her neck.

The melanoma has since been removed without any of the cancer spreading with Cheatle now waiting for the wound to heal before bowling again.

"I was pretty surprised, a bit shocked. Pretty upset at the time as well," Cheatle told AAP.

"I had no idea, it had none of the normal signs that I would have been looking at for myself before going to see them.

"Professionally, it was pretty upsetting and disappointing.

"But at the same time my health is paramount especially with my history in skin cancers."

Previously diagnosed with an early-stage skin cancer in her leg in 2021, Cheatle's most-recent prognosis couldn't have come at a more frustrating time.

A debutant for Australia at age 17 in 2016, the left-armer has previously admitted she thought her international career was over amid a slew of shoulder operations.

A full Weber WBBL|09 campaign helped her win a Baggy Green this summer, before the latest skin cancer diagnosis ruled her out of the WACA Test against South Africa.

"I was hopeful to be in and around the squad selection. So to not be available was disappointing," Cheatle said.

"And then off the back of that the WPL (in India) and (this month's) Bangladesh tour ... it sucked.

"I've got to try my best to put my name up for selection now. To see (fit-again fellow-quick) Tayla (Vlaeminck) back is super exciting. I'm chuffed for her.

"The best thing I can do is enjoy my cricket and have a really good pre-season and set myself up for our domestic season.

"If Australian selection follows that, so be it. If it doesn't, (I want to) just start playing real consistently, and being on the park for as long as possible."

Cheatle will be back bowling by the pre-season and is available to be drafted in The Hundred.

But the Bowral junior has conceded she will now not be picked for October's T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.

Beyond that, though, Cheatle can see a real-life lesson.

All Cricket NSW players still in Sydney underwent skin and eye checks, in a new initiative by the state.

Cheatle is also now having full-body imaging once every four months and hopes her story encourages others to be regularly checked.

"I've had two skin cancers by age 25. We live in a country where it's so prevalent, two-in-three get it. And our job is in the sun," Cheatle said.

"It's nice now that you can see the girls change behaviours around choosing to wear a long sleeve or everyone putting on sunscreen at the same time.

"The messaging around getting checked every year and the early diagnosis is so important. I've been lucky both times are early enough."



Lauren Cheatle during her time with the Australian squad recently // Getty



# TECHNICAL

## BEN TRELOAR

1. During a limited-overs match the bowler delivers a ball down the leg side and is duly called Wide by the bowler's end umpire. When collecting the ball, the wicket-keeper encroaches and takes it in front of the wicket before attempting to stump the striker who has dragged her back-foot and is out of her ground as the stumps are broken.

What's the decision and action of the striker's end umpire? What is required of the bowler's end umpire?

2. The scheduled close of play is 5pm. At 1.10pm a batter is dismissed. The next batter does not appear, and at 1.16pm the umpires call Time and leave the field to investigate the reason for the non-appearance. The umpires establish that there is a wholly acceptable reason for the absence, and that this situation does not represent a refusal to play by the batting side. They advise the captains that the match will resume at 1.25pm.

What effect does this situation have on the scheduled time for the close of play?

3. The striker advances down the pitch, missing the ball. The wicket-keeper fumbles the ball which then lodges in his pad. With the striker out of his ground, the wicket-keeper breaks the wicket with the same knee the ball is lodged against. There's an appeal.

What's the decision of the striker's end umpire?

4. Please watch this video to answer the question below: <https://youtu.be/xk-MDbvegPM>

A No ball is played at and missed by the striker before it hits his thigh-pad and rolls into the outfield. The batters have crossed on their first run when the wicket-keeper removes a glove and throws it at the ball. The glove stops the ball and prevents it from going to the boundary.

What happens now?

5. Please watch this video to answer the question below: [https://youtu.be/fQ\\_POvzc2g4](https://youtu.be/fQ_POvzc2g4)

A fair delivery rears up contacting the striker's helmet and knocking it off. The helmet falls to the ground before going on to break the wicket. There is an appeal from a member of the fielding side.

Which umpire answers the appeal and what is their decision?

You can find the answers to the above questions on the following page.

# TECHNICAL ANSWERS

## BEN TRELOAR

Below are the answers to the Laws questions found on the previous page.

1. Striker's end umpire shall call and signal No ball and answer the appeal, not out. The bowler's end umpire shall revoke the Wide and then signal No ball. Laws 21.14 & 27.3

2. The scheduled time for stumps on that day will be extended by 12 minutes.

The time taken from the expiry of the three minutes after the fall of the wicket until the resumption of play shall be the amount of time added to the scheduled close of play for that day. Laws 16.3 and 40.1.2.

3. Answer the appeal, not out. The wicket has not been broken correctly. Law 29.1 states that the wicket is broken by a fielder with their hand or arm, providing that the ball is held in the hand or hands so used, or in the hand of the arm so used. Law 29.1.1.4

4. Either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball. Seven runs are scored to the side batting; one No ball, one Leg bye and 5 Penalty runs. The ball shall not count as one of the over with the non-striker facing the next delivery. The umpires shall together report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending side and to any Governing Body responsible for the match. Law 28.2.3

The wicket-keeper has willfully discarded a glove and used this to field the ball in breach of Law 28.2.

5. The striker's end umpire shall answer the appeal, not out. Law 29.2.1.4 and Appendix A.2.3

The striker is protected from being out Hit wicket should his/her helmet, grille or neck guard detach and break the wicket.

## FEMALE ENGAGEMENT

### CLAIRE POLOSAK

Since the previous publication of In Black and White, female umpires across New South Wales have been notably active.

The spotlight shone on a key event held on February 8, a mid-season training session for female umpires, which embraced a hybrid format. Held both at Cricket Central and online, this innovative approach catered to a dynamic group of 11 umpires.

The session featured Virginia Lette, who delivered an insightful presentation on effective interpersonal communication skills. Emphasizing the importance of quick and clear decision-making, Lette's guidance is invaluable in the realm of officiating.

The training session distilled several pivotal pieces of advice for umpires:

- Know your Audience
- Be Clear, Concise, Succinct
- Be Timely and Responsive
- Be consistent and Aligned
- Be Respectful and Empathetic
- Be Confident and Assertive

Amidst these enriching experiences, the Australian Country Championships was held in Newcastle from January 4 – 10 and marked a significant highlight in the umpiring calendar.

The Women's Division benefitted from the expertise of a dedicated panel of seven umpires throughout the tournament. Remarkably, six out of the seven umpires used hailed from NSW, underscoring the state's substantial contribution to the officiating ranks.

The distinguished panel included Katie Collins, Sue Gregory, Lauren McGill, Leone Mizzi, Elizabeth O'Dwyer, and Kate Rowlands.

Demonstrating their exceptional skills, Lauren McGill and Elizabeth O'Dwyer were selected to umpire the final match between Queensland and Victoria, which saw Queensland securing a victory by 5 wickets.

In other exciting developments, Lauren McGill has made significant strides by participating in two national championships since December.



Virginia Lette presents to female umpires at Cricket Central

McGill showcased her skills at the Cricket Australia U16 Female National Championships in Hobart from January 18-25, where her strong tournament resulted with an appointment to the final between NSW Metropolitan and Victoria Metropolitan- a match that saw Victoria clinch victory by one wicket, with 5 overs to spare.

In February, McGill's journey continued to Alice Springs at the National Indigenous Championships, where she officiated in the Women's Division final, witnessing NSW secure a commanding win over Queensland by 42 runs.

The involvement of female umpires extends beyond the national stage, permeating club competitions across the state. Currently there are 25 active female umpires who have collectively filled 548 appointments in a diverse array of competitions. This marks a significant contribution to the sport, highlighting the growing presence and impact of female officials in cricket.

As the season winds down, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the journey of female umpires throughout.

The strides we've made and the successes we've celebrated are a testament to the collaborative effort of our community— fellow umpires, and the broader NSWCUA, and CNSW family. Your encouragement, guidance, and belief in the importance of inclusivity and diversity within the sport have been instrumental in breaking new ground and fostering an environment where female umpires can thrive and excel.

We look forward to continuing this journey together, building on the solid foundation we've established this season. Thank you for being an integral part of this transformative movement in cricket.



Lauren McGill at the U16 Female National Championships // Cricket Australia



## **CRICKET CENTRAL STAGE TWO UNDERWAY**

### **CRICKET NSW MEDIA**

The next stage in the development of the home of cricket in NSW, Cricket Central, has commenced with the turning of the first sod for the construction of a Community Oval.

The facility is home to international super stars Pat Cummins, Steve Smith and Alyssa Healy as well as the NSW Blues, NSW Breakers, Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers.

Stage 2 will include a comprehensive suite of facilities aimed at boosting community engagement and sports education, including the construction of a Community Oval, CLCC, a berm on the eastern side of the main oval, and the installation of lighting for the main oval and outdoor practice nets.

Once completed, it will provide a home for all levels of cricket in NSW, enabling community cricketers to play and train beside their heroes.

Cricket NSW CEO, Lee Germon, alongside the Minister for Sport, Lord Mayor of Parramatta and representatives the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) and construction partners, celebrated the commencement of construction.

Germon emphasised Cricket NSW's purpose is to inspire everyone to play and love cricket, adding that Stage 2 was an integral part of that.

"Stage 2 of Cricket Central is a testament to our dedication to fostering an inclusive community spirit and promoting cricket at every level. We are setting a benchmark for sports facilities nationwide, not just for elite training but as a hub for community engagement and development."

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said:

"Cricket Central is playing a key role in ensuring NSW continues to produce the best cricketers in the world.

"The NSW Government's \$36.4 million investment in Cricket Central is providing cricketers, coaches and administrators at all levels of the sport, with the best facility in the world to play, train and learn.

"The turning of the first sod on Stage 2 is an exciting milestone in Cricket NSW's journey to provide a facility that bridges the gap between elite and community cricket and brings them together in a shared love of cricket."

Cricket Central Stage 2 has been jointly funded by Cricket NSW and the NSW Government.

Cricket Central is the headquarters for Cricket NSW's 150 coaching and administrative staff. It features an ICC-compliant oval, 15 indoor nets, 43 outdoor cricket lanes, a gym, function facilities and medical rooms.

It also features dedicated multi-purpose community facilities that are used by more than 35,000 club and community cricketers annually. Community Oval

Cricket NSW seeks to provide an appealing active recreational space for local cricket and community members. The Community Oval will enable the use of portable pitches and provide Cricket NSW, local cricket clubs & associations, and schools with access to this space for running programs including Woolworths Cricket Blast, Girls Only Cricket, Blind Blast, Fan Days, the Office of Sport's Dads & Daughters Active & Education Programs as well as Cricket NSW initiatives such as the HomeWorld International Women's Day Islamic School activation via The Welcome Project. There will be a synthetic pitch in the middle of the Oval.

Additionally, the oval will enable the running of multi-sport and recreation school holiday camps to

service demand from local community and workers in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct. The enhancement of green space at Cricket Central will provide the local community with a safe, inclusive, and walkable mixed-use area that can bring people together, enhance well-being and liveability and encourage healthy active lives through sport and physical activity.

### **Cricket Learning & Community Centre**

The Cricket Learning & Community Centre (CLCC) will provide significant value to community users, education partners and cricket participants (including players, umpires and match operations). With multi-functional spaces and change rooms, the CLCC will be able to operate independently of the main Cricket Central building, enabling the delivery of matches, curriculum / further education courses by university partners, club and association meetings and events, coach, scoring and umpire courses, training and education programs, local business forums as well as community meetings.

Importantly, this facility will provide discreet and dedicated meeting spaces that will provide community stakeholders with an attractive space to convene without impacting the core operations being delivered from the main Cricket Central building. The CLCC is an essential space for conducting best-practice and holistic support sessions for cricketers throughout NSW to help develop their knowledge and skillset in aspects such as mental health awareness, road awareness, integrity, gambling awareness, social media awareness, financial education, emotional intelligence, growth mindset, time management and goal setting.

### **Eastern Berm**

An elevated hill located on the eastern side of the main oval to facilitate extra capacity and an enjoyable fan experience for matches on the main oval.

### **Main Oval Lighting**

Australian Standard 2560.2 Class I level lighting, to the International Cricket Council (ICC) compliant cricket oval at 1800 lux, will be installed to the main oval. Australian Standard 2560.2 Class I level lighting will be installed to the outdoor turf practice nets on the northern boundary of the precinct at 1000 lux. Cricket is an evolving sport and has dynamically responded to the desires of consumers and participants. This is acutely reflected in the rise of T20 cricket, and the emergence of 'day-night' Test matches.

The provision of facilities to accommodate cricket's expanding suite of competitions, training and program offerings is crucial for the sport to provide flexible sport/leisure opportunities and maintain its appeal within the community. Floodlighting of sports fields and supporting training facilities provides a central solution to increase programming beyond standard daylight hours, and ensure players are primed for the challenges they may face in key performance situations.

Additionally, lighting unlocks new opportunities for cricket stakeholders, enhancing accessibility to Cricket Central. Blind Cricket squads highlighted the value of lighting, as they do not currently have access to turf training wickets in Greater Sydney and will struggle to access turf facilities without this lighting provision. Similarly, Premier Cricket and Academy Pathway players outlined the necessity to improve their skills under lights, and within an elite-level setting.



## 2024 COWDREY LECTURE

### MCC

Jimmy Anderson, Greg James and Felix White hosted an evening of cricket chat and discussion live from Lord's bringing an entertaining twist to the usual format.

MCC President Mark Nicholas will lead a live Q&A with other cricketing stars from the men's and women's game to be announced soon.

Taking place on Thursday 21 March 2024, the evening welcomed an audience of over 600 people from the MCC membership, as well as a variety of people including fans from across the game of cricket.

This is the first time the Cowdrey Lecture has featured more than one keynote speaker and is inspired by the recent 'Tailenders Live' series, which has enjoyed sellout shows across the country.

The MCC Cowdrey Lecture, often referred to as the "Spirit of Cricket Lecture", has become an annual highlight in the cricketing calendar. It was created in memory of Colin Cowdrey (later Lord Cowdrey), the former England captain who is credited with co-authoring the Spirit of Cricket – an outline for fair play that was later added as the official Preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

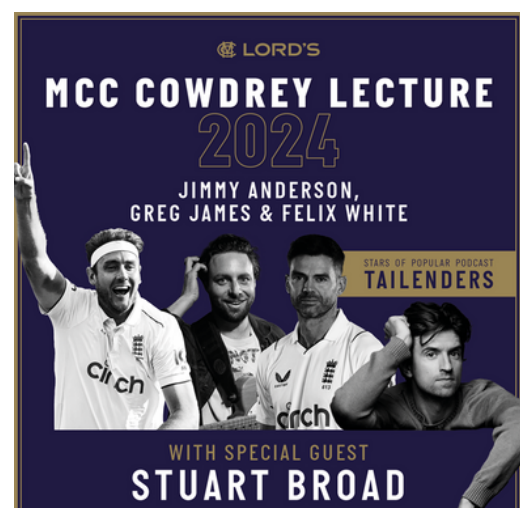
Past lecturers have included Richie Benaud, Clive Lloyd, Imran Khan, Kumar Sangakkara, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Stephen Fry and Andrew Strauss.

The award-winning Tailenders is one of the most successful cricket podcasts and has had over 2.5million listens on BBC Sounds. Its stars have been presenting the show for six years:

- Jimmy Anderson's accolades are well-known, and he is widely regarded as one of the greatest bowlers the game has ever seen. In an astonishing international career spanning over two decades, he has risen to become the leading fast-bowling Test wicket-taker of all time, with his tally currently sitting at 690 Test wickets.
- Greg James is an English radio and television broadcaster and author who rose to fame as a presenter on BBC Radio 1 since 2007, hosting shows including his old drive-time show and the station's flagship breakfast show. He is a keen cricket fan, used to play for Hertfordshire Under-18s and is an ambassador for the Lord's Taverners.
- Felix White is best known as the guitarist of British indie rock bands The Maccabees and 86TVs and has been part of Tailenders since it started in 2017. His bestselling memoir, titled 'It's Always Summer Somewhere' and covering the subjects of cricket, music and loss, was published in 2022. He is also a film composer, most recently having scored the music for 'McEnroe' and 'The Edge'.

You can watch the lecture in full here:

[www.youtube.com/live/Vgnax2PvNgk](https://www.youtube.com/live/Vgnax2PvNgk)



## ONLINE LAWS QUIZ USER GUIDE

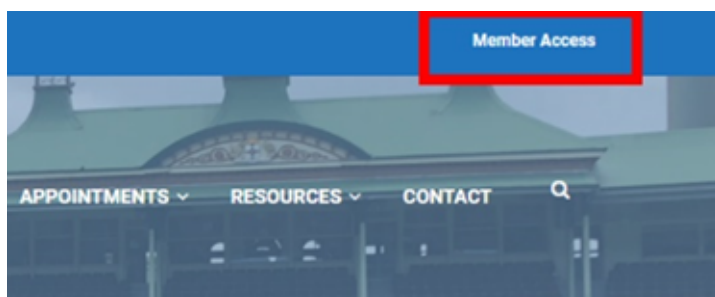
### BEDE SAJOWITZ

The Association is delighted to continue offering 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](http://nswcusa.cricketnsw.com.au/resources/laws-of-cricket-quiz) - though you will still need to login using your email and password.



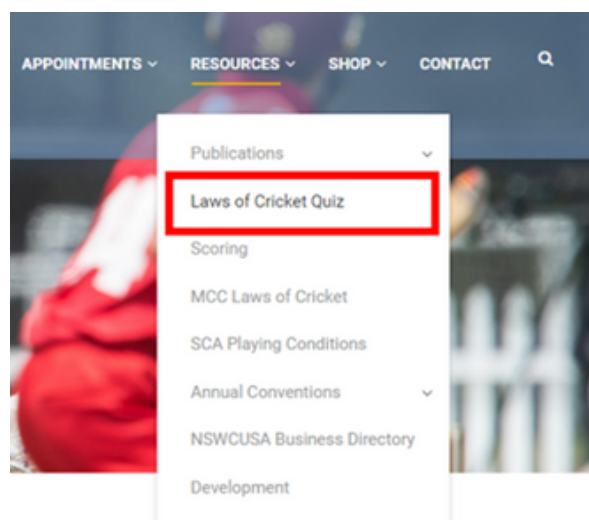
Once you hit 'Start Quiz', navigating the questions is relatively straightforward. Once you choose an answer from the options presented, select the green 'Check Answer' option to receive instant feedback on your answer. You'll then be able to proceed to the next page and be presented with the next question. 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!

**Note. The questions are based on the 2019 edition of the Laws - with work being done to update the database to 2022**





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## FROM THE VAULT

### 2003-04 ANNUAL REPORT | INTRODUCTION

I am writing this epistle the day after the member's overwhelmingly passed the adoption of the new Constitution. It is therefore as the last President of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, that I pen this article. The ramifications of this huge step forward in the structure of the Association are noted elsewhere in this report, but I would like to highlight a fundamental change.

Cricket NSW have now formally recognised that we have the responsibility for all matters regarding cricket umpiring and scoring, in this State. To this end, and now explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, we have a full time, paid, Development and Education Manager; who (amongst other projects) will be working very closely with the Liaison Officer and the Accredited Trainers to develop, even further, umpiring and scoring standards throughout the State.

In my report last year, I spoke about the exciting concept of an International Association of umpiring bodies to be formed on the back of our own National Association. Unfortunately, this concept has not progressed very far in the last year, but it is important that we rekindle the enthusiasm shown last year, over the next 12 months. The State Associations coming together with Cricket Australia's backing, combining the accreditation process for all umpires, should be the catalyst for this.

Cricket Australia's National Umpiring Panels continue to evolve and it is with much pleasure that I congratulate Nick Fowler on his elevation to the Supplementary Panel of Umpires.

Congratulations also to Darren Goodger who has deservedly been included onto the Development Panel. Shane Reed, Rod Tucker, Darrell Hair and Simon Taufel are also to be congratulated for their continued recognition on their respective Panels. It is certainly my belief that Messrs. Fowler, Goodger, Reed and Tucker are certainly all capable of handling the highest representative honours, and along with Darrell and Simon, will represent both themselves and this Association with distinction.

It has been said in some quarters that 'society has changed', 'there is now a more questioning ethos amongst young people', and this has been reflected in sport and therefore the respect for authority is not what it once was.

The 'Spirit of Cricket' statement in the Law book clearly states that respect must be shown to opponents, the Laws and the role of the umpire. It is a fact that the number of officials operating in all sports has fallen in recent years, largely due to lack of respect for their role by players and spectators alike. I believe it is our responsibility as umpires and scorers to ensure the 'Spirit of Cricket' code of behaviour is adhered to by ensuring that clubs and controlling bodies are aware of the standards required by the Laws of our game.

Your Executive Members attended most of the Affiliated Associations Annual General Meetings during the year. The feedback I received from these Associations and visiting interlopers suggests this exercise was very worthwhile, and was a great opportunity issues that affect discuss everybody around the State.

These visits, and the survey conducted during the year, highlight areas of both concern and satisfaction throughout umpiring ranks in NSW. The results of the survey are being analysed and recommendations are being made, and therefore policy direction and emphasis will change to reflect what our members have said.

The Education and Development Manager will be implementing these policies in order to improve ourselves as an organisation, and help our members to be the best they can be.

The Training Committee, under the direction of 'Triple D', (Dr David Dilley) worked hard to produce an outstanding convention in September 2003, with just the right amount of light-hearted banter and valuable information to kick off the season.

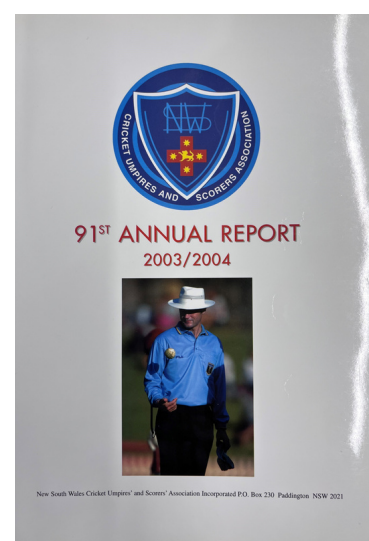
This September, a new style of convention is planned where members nominate the sessions they would like to attend, and what that they feel will give them the most benefit.

Everybody should be aware that the convention is not just for Sydney based umpires, but will benefit all our members wherever they come from.

Finally, I hope everybody enjoys the 'non-playing' season and comes back ready and raring to go in 2004/5.

"May all your snicks be loud ones"

**Jim I. Cameron**  
**President**



Sharad Patel and visiting WA umpire Dennis Smallwood with captains // Sydney Uni

**CRIC-O-KU Number 23**

*Clue: Under-19 player*

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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 word.

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

Enjoy!

**CRIC-O-KU No 22: Solution**

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S	F	H	D	R	A	I	T	E
T	A	I	E	S	H	F	D	R
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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 2023-24, it is greatly appreciated by Management and Board.

Season 2023-24 saw NSWCUSA continue its sponsorship agreement with global fast food chain McDonald's. The sponsorship deal with McDonald's is in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's. McDonald's are continuing on the back of the Association's field shirts.

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 2023-24.

As part of the partnership this year, a polo-shirt was produced for all renewing members to commemorate the Association's 110th year.

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.

It is a pleasure to be continuing our relationships with each of our partners into season 2023-24. Discussions with McDonald's and Cricket NSW before last season saw a three-year deal finalised for CNSW and NSWCUSA. The funds received during the period will be used to improve the experience for all members.



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**RODNEY TUCKER (AUS.)**

PAUL REIFFEL (AUS.)

### ICC INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF UMPIRES

PHIL GILLESPIE (AUS.)

DONOVAN KOCH (AUS.)

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**PAUL WILSON (AUS.)**

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**PAUL WILSON**

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