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Keiran Knight and Tim Gumbleton embracing the COVID Supplement Playing Conditions at Manly Oval

Cover Photos: Top: Peter McNamara watches Daniel Fallins take a catch at Glenn McGrath Oval
Bottom: Dan Moran answers an appeal from Steve O'Keefe at Manly Oval



Chairman's Welcome

Mark Hughes

Dear Members,

The off-season has been a long and arduous one. I'm sure many of you are enjoying being back on the field of play, I know for some, the delay to the start of the season was a source of frustration.

The NSWCUA staff and management team have performed with distinction over the course of the off-season, producing our Annual Report for members, celebrating our end of season awards via email, facilitating our Annual General Meeting and first three Ordinary General Meetings online and running numerous education sessions on the laws of cricket for new members as well as producing our first ever online convention.

Many of these activities were experienced for the first time by a large number of our members who through the tyranny of distance have not been able to participate in a number of our activities.

To Troy, Ben, Claire and Bede, a special thank you to you all for the way in which you have been able to keep our members engaged in what has been a difficult off season for many.

Can I encourage all members to prepare well for the season of cricket that lies ahead. The majority of the convention sessions remain available for download on our webpage and I would recommend

everyone to take advantage of these resources if you haven't already done so.

Playing conditions have been significantly altered to ensure all participants are safe and ensuring cricket can continue to be played. Please be diligent in your preparation and ensure playing conditions are adhered to. It is no different to enforcing these playing condition changes for the safety of participants, similar to ensuring a batsman is protected from dangerous or short pitched bowling or maintaining the danger area is protected to ensure the integrity of the pitch is maintained.

Best wishes to all for season 2020/21.



Bruce Baxter and Rob Pye ahead of a Breakers pre-season match in Coffs Harbour

Executive Officer Update

Troy Penman

Dear Members and Affiliates

How good is it to have cricket being played! Whilst the off-season provided great challenges as an Association we have continued to prosper. We've been able to continue our recruitment, training and development of both members and prospective members. Association meetings have continued to be conducted via electronic means. Sponsorship of the Association has been secured again and we have so much to look forward to as we progress through the season.

Members continue to represent the Association with distinction at all levels. It has been wonderful to see Rod Tucker back in Australia officiating in the Sheffield Shield and we look forward to seeing Rod along with Gerard Abood and Paul Wilson involved on field in international fixtures this season. We have 21 members currently involved with the WBBL. An incredible number and it highlights the strength of the Association. The BBL will commence on December 10 and no doubt the Association will again be heavily represented.

The Country Representative Program is extensive, and we wish all members well for the upcoming season. We know that members will travel far and wide to officiate these matches and know they will represent the Association with aplomb. Matches in the Plan B Regional T20 Bash and the Women's Regional Bash commenced over the weekend of 24 – 25 October with matches in the NSW Country Championships to commence on Friday 20 November.

The Association's 107th Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 2 September. For the first time in the Association's history the meeting was conducted via electronic means. It was pleasing to see over 170 members dial in and join the meeting.

Special guests who dialled in were:

- NSW Cricket Board Deputy Chairman, Kevin Greene.
- Cricket NSW Chief Executive, Lee Germon.
- Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management Member and Chairman, Graham Gorrie and Committee of Management member Brian Freedman.
- NSW Premier Cricket Manager, Roy Formica and Manager NSW Pathway Competitions, Bruce Whitehouse.

The support of Cricket NSW throughout COVID-19 and the leadership shown by Lee Germon and Board Chair John Knox has been outstanding, strong and decisive. As an Association we're very lucky to have both men and Cricket NSW as supports.

Upgrades to Principal Membership were bestowed on nine full members, each have made an incredible contribution to NSWCUA and their local Association.

Peter Done (Greater Illawarra), Ivan Holland (Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association), Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina), Graham Moon (Riverina), Drew Morrow (SCA/GPS), Dan O'Connor (Central Northern), John Oliver (Greater Illawarra), Rod Tucker, and Lindsay Wood OAM (Central Northern).



Applications to be upgraded to Full Member were received from 30 members. The applications were reviewed by management and the Board recommended the following members be upgraded to Full Member. The applications were approved by members on the call.

Bill Bannon, Christopher Beecher, Geoffrey Beer, Sarah Berman, Timothy Creamer, Steven Craggs, Dominic Credentino, Jeff Egan, Ian Fletcher, Santosh Gangula, Saurabh Ganguly, Nathan Harvey, Kim Hunter, Craig Kelly, Bhola Kumar, Ayanavo Lahiri, Zulfikar Malik, Andrew Milligan, Lal Natarajan, Lalit Rishi, Michael Schokman, Saif Siddiqui, Sachin Solanki, Vivek Solanki, Ian Strudwick, Scott Thomas, Steven Tiberti, Daksh Trivedi, Mohit Uppal, Andrew Yarad.

The Board resolved to continue with the appointment of Co-Patrons. The Association Patrons for season 2020-21 are;

- Brian Booth MBE
- Alan Davidson AM MBE
- Dick French OAM
- Graham Reed

We thank Graham Reed for speaking on behalf of the Patrons during the AGM.

We're blessed as an Association to have these four individuals as figureheads and we thank them for their positive contribution to the Association.

The Board of Directors for season 2020-21 will comprise:

- Elected Directors – Graham Chudleigh, Andrew Coates, Geoff Garland, Mark Hughes and Claire Polosak.
- Honorary Treasurer – Laurie Borg.
- Liaison Officer – Neil Findlay.
- Executive Officer – Troy Penman.
- Appointed Directors – Darren Goodger and Ben Treloar.

In the August edition of In Black & White we advised that NSWCUSA Management were still working from home and this remains the case. Whilst specific Cricket NSW staff have returned to the office to assist with the training of players the majority of staff continue to work remotely, and members will be advised if this changes.

The training team (Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar) continue to deliver world class umpire training and education. Both have developed our training courses and adapted them into online sessions that are easy to consume, highly interactive and provide the same level of education that comes from face to face delivery. In the past three months we have welcomed 148 new members, and this is a direct result of the excellent training and education that is being provided.

We received 238 expressions of interest from members to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket for season 2020-21. Availability ranging from members being available for one round through to members who are available for all 15 rounds (23 days of cricket). On average, umpires are available for 19 days of cricket. The Board and Management Team are pleased to see the high level of interest in umpiring NSW Premier Cricket, but with this interest comes the challenge of balancing umpire appointments and managing umpires' expectations. A selection strategy document for NSW Premier Cricket has been circulated to all Sydney Cricket Association umpires to provide clarity around the process of appointments, the order of appointments and who appoints to what competitions.

The NSW Premier Cricket Observer team of Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Berend du Plessis,



Rupert Mathews have commenced their season and already the team has completed 90 observations. The feedback provided to umpires will help set them up for the remainder of the season. We thank the team for their efforts and wish them well for the remainder of the season.

We thank the Cricket NSW Competitions staff Stephen Blomfield, Roy Formica, Jess McMahon, Sean Mantle and Bruce Whitehouse, for their respective efforts in administering a number of competitions that we officiate in. We know that the competitions will run smoothly with your commitment to ensuring a successful competition.

The Association's website continues to provide a wealth of knowledge to members and the general public. Links to presentations, changing the structure of the site and refreshing the homepage. The homepage has moved away from a text-heavy page to a more aesthetic and user-friendly experience. All key content has been retained with additional information added to the website for the public and members. We're looking at implementing a new initiative in the new year where laws of cricket questions are accessible via the website for the development and education of all members.

Due to COVID-19 and Government restrictions the September, October and November Ordinary General Meetings have been conducted via electronic means (Zoom). I'd like to thank Ben Treloar and the Examination Committee for their presentations during the meetings. The presentations have been highly education and of great benefit to the membership. I'd like to also thank Darren Goodger for providing a State Umpiring Manager report for each meeting. It is hoped that the December Ordinary General Meeting can

take place in a face to face capacity and an appropriate venue is being sourced. Correspondence will be provided to all members about the meeting the week starting Monday 16 November.

I'd like to thank fellow Representative Scorers' Selection committee members Merilyn Fowler, Darren Goodger, Narelle Johnston for their work during what has been a busy period. The WBBL tournament will see 59 matches being played in Sydney and therefore 118 scorer appointments have been required. On top of the WBBL there are seven matches during the Indian tour that have required NSWCUA members to be appointed.

It's pleasing to see over 85% of members and 75% of Affiliated Associations have renewed their membership with the Association for season 2020-21. A reminder that the due date for renewals has now passed and to ensure that you remain up to date with what is happening with the Association please renew at your earliest convenience. Once you have renewed you will receive your membership card along with a microfibre cloth which can be used to clean your glasses.

I'd like to thank Bede Sajowitz for his excellent administration work on a number of fronts. Working remotely has provided significant challenges when needing to provide physical items to members that cannot be sent via email. Bede has continued to find ways to ensure members are not missing out on services and being kept up to date with the Association.

An email was circulated to all members on Wednesday 14 October advertising the creation of the NSWCUA Business Directory. This year has been difficult for many and as an Association we are looking



for ways to support each other throughout season 2020-21, and beyond.

Following discussion at a Board Meeting, Directors were supportive of establishing an NSWCUSA Business Directory as a way of assisting members. The creation of an NSWCUSA Business Directory will provide members with the opportunity to utilise the services of another member, ahead of someone in the general public. Thus, continuing to build on our positive Association spirit.

This Directory is provided in this journal and will be published on our website to

provide constant awareness of the products and services offered by NSWCUSA members. I thank all members who submitted details of their business into the Directory and for taking the time to be a part of this initiative.

I'd like to finish by thanking Claire, Ben and Bede for their continued hard work and dedication to the Association and its members. All continue to work tirelessly to benefit members and ensure that the Association and officiating in NSW continues to progress and move forward. I'd also like to thank Darren Goodger for his guidance and support.



Dave Cullen watches Dan Fallins bowl against UNSW at Glenn McGrath Oval

Photo: Malcolm Trees/Sutherland DCC

State Umpiring Manager Update

Darren Goodger

Congratulations Dennis Chaplin

We offer congratulations to Dennis Chaplin on his elevation to life membership of Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires' Association (WWCUA). Dennis has been a member of NSWCUA for 11 years and president of WWCUA for nine years. Dennis has umpired over 300 matches and officiated in CNSW and country representative programs. Dennis was honoured with life membership of WWCUA at the AGM on September 30.

Congratulations Bill Croese

Bill Croese was made a life member of Highlands District Cricket Umpires' Association having served the Association for more than 25 years as an umpire and in various administration and leadership positions, including President. Bill has contributed a significant amount to cricket in the highlands. He continues to umpire in the senior district competition to this day and is a most respected match official. Bill has always supported NSWCUA training programs held in the highlands. We offer congratulations to Bill and thank him for his commitment to cricket and umpiring.

Congratulations Rupert Mathews

Rupert Mathews was made a life member of the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association at its AGM held on September 9. Rupert has been an outstanding member of the SSCUA for 14 years.

He has officiated in 263 matches and has also made a significant contribution to Masters, Classics and Vintage cricket competitions as an umpire.

Rupert has been a great supporter of the SSCUA with a meeting attendance rate of

96% in his time as a member. Rupert has always been generous with the time and dedication he has for the Association. When not allocated to Shires First Grade he willingly offered his support standing with lesser experienced umpires in lower grades and imparting his experience and knowledge to those newer members. Last season Rupert was unable to umpire on field, but instead made a significant contribution to SCA competitions by making himself available as an off-field observer in Premier Cricket. There is no doubt that many newer umpires in those competitions learned a lot from Rupert's match observations and appreciated his genuine feedback.

Rupert has contributed significantly towards the smooth running of the SSCUA, being a dedicated Honorary Auditor for the last 12 seasons.

Congratulations are offered to Rupert, we look forward to his contribution as an umpire observer for many years to come.

Congratulations Ross McKim

Ross McKim has been honoured with life membership of Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association. A respected member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel, Ross has given exceptional service to the NDCUA as an active umpire, board member and Treasurer. As Treasurer he has devoted countless hours to raising funds for the NDCUA, the Association's financial strength being attributed to Ross. Ross is a most selfless and community-minded person. In August this year he led a fund-raising drive which saw \$2,500 raised which



was used to purchase a full team cricket kit for five local schools in the Newcastle District, typical of Ross always thinking about what he may do to assist others.

Ross was selected on the Country Panel in season 2016-17 and has now umpired 249 matches, 168 of them in the Newcastle District Cricket Association first grade competition. Ross has stood in 20 NDCA finals and is recognised for being a great support to his fellow members. He is highly regarded for his mentoring skills and the time he gives his colleagues to help them develop as match officials.

Congratulations Norm Ryder

We offer congratulations to Norm Ryder on being elected a life member of Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (FNCCUSA) at the AGM held on August 30. Norm has been a dedicated servant to cricket administration and umpiring in Lismore and on the far north coast. He served on the Lismore District Cricket Association (LDCA) for 21 years; 16 years as secretary and five years as treasurer. Norm was also the first secretary/treasurer of the LJ Hooker League serving in this role for five seasons. He is a distinguished life member of LDCA and Far North Coast Cricket Council. Norm has been umpiring since 1986, is a principal member of NSWCUA, and in all forms of cricket has umpired more than 800 matches. He has made an outstanding contribution to the annual U12 boys' carnival hosted in Lismore and to Marist Cricket Carnivals played on the far north coast.

Congratulations Norm Stanton

Norm Stanton was made a life member of Highlands District Cricket Umpires' Association having served the Association for more than 25 years as an umpire. Norm is the current Treasurer and a member of

the executive. Norm also served for many years as secretary of Southern Zone Cricket Umpires' Association prior to the zone restructure by NSW Country Cricket Association. He has been a wonderful servant to cricket and the southern highlands community across several organisations, not only sporting.

Norm was the founder, and has been the driver, of Southern Highlands Vets' Cricket. He has been an inspiration to many in this space. Norm Stanton is a person of outstanding character, selfless and dedicated to all he undertakes. He is a worthy principal member of NSWCUA and now a life member of HDCUA. Norm organised many a training course for umpires in the Highlands District and Southern Zone, always being a wonderful host over the years. The link below contains a tribute to Norm for his work on behalf of the Southern Highlands Vets' Cricket group, this shows the high regard and level of respect for Norm.

<https://www.facebook.com/VCNSW/videos/tribute-to-norm-stanton/297769820891620/>

Congratulations David Went

We offer congratulations to David Went on his elevation to life membership of FNCCUSA at the AGM held on August 30. David has made an immense positive contribution to cricket on the far north coast. He was a long serving treasurer of LDCA and is a life member of the Lismore Association. There have been so many highlights to David's service to umpiring and the game. David has been honoured with principal membership of NSWCUA, was twice the recipient of the Kevin Pye Medal (NSW Country Umpire of the Year), umpired three WNCL matches played in Sydney, a BBL trial fixture in Coffs Harbour, at two Australian Country Cricket Championships, and 14 LJ Hooker League



two-day finals. He has served as a dedicated member of the FNCCUSA executive as secretary, treasurer and as a valued and knowledgeable member of the training committee.

Congratulations Colin Wood

We offer congratulations to Colin Wood, a member of NSWCUA since 1984, who was honoured with life membership of NSW Country Cricket Association at the AGM on September 6. Colin has given outstanding service to cricket in Western Zone. He has been an administrator, zone and country selector, and team manager, one who always selflessly served cricket and set the highest of professional standards in his work. Col's life membership of Country Cricket is richly deserved and great recognition for his exceptional service.

CNSW Match Official Appointments

Congratulations to the many members who have been appointed to pre and early season representative fixtures. The most recent appointments have been:

WBBL Trial

Sixers v Thunder

North Sydney Oval (October 15)

Umpires: Roberto Howard & Sharad Patel

Scorers: Sarah Berman & Robyn Sanday



Tim Gumbleton watches Lachie Trewartha deliver
in a Poidevin-Gray Shield match at Manly Oval

Photo: Ian Bird/MWDCC

U19 Male / Transition Squad / NSW Blues Trial

Rosedale Oval (November 5)

Umpires: Julian Humphrey & Bob

McGregor

Scorers: Sue Woodhouse & Ian Wright

Email to Premier Cricket Umpires / Season Start

This message was sent to all PC umpires on the eve of the season. It may be of interest to members across the State.

Dear Umps,

Good morning to you all on the eve of the Premier Cricket season, it is great to have cricket here. We have seen changes and experienced challenges since March, but the Association has adapted and progressed on the back of the leadership, innovation, positivity and good will of its management team with support from the NSWCUA Board. To Troy, Bede, Ben and Claire it is a message of congratulations, appreciation, thank you and well done. We are well prepared to start the season having received high quality input and information.

To Bruce Whitehouse and all in the Comps Team – thank you for all your support of our match officials. The resource materials produced and shared for Premier Cricket are excellent and will assist how the game is played and managed. This involved much work and collaboration. Job very well done. Thanks also to Richard Patterson at CA for his counsel as we were writing COVID supplement PCs. Richard was a good sounding board more than once.

To CNSW we extend our thanks to CEO Lee Germon and Chairman John Knox for their support and encouragement of match officials and for their leadership. They have acted in the best interests of cricket and the New South Wales cricket community during

a most challenging period. It has taken strength of character and purpose to do so. It is said character is exhibited in a crisis, the leadership of CNSW is a fine example of this in action. It has provided hope and optimism in season 2020-21.

To the SCA Committee of Management we express our gratitude for the strong relationship and the opportunities provided to our umpires to experience being part of the best competition in the world. To Chairman Graham Gorrie and the CoM, we wish you all well for a successful season. Competition Manager Roy Formica is acknowledged with thanks for his unconditional support of umpires and his administration of the competition. We also thank in advance the many exceptional and committed volunteers, club officials and scorers we will work with during the season – we wish them all a great cricket season.

We commence the season with six umpire observers: Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Berend du Plessis and Rupert Mathews. We are fortunate to have them available to provide feedback and share experience, and appreciate their dedication. We acknowledge and thank Graham Reed for his 29 years' service as an umpire observer. Graham has chosen to stand down from the observer panel having made an outstanding contribution. We will celebrate with Graham his amazing service, among his fellow members, when the opportunity arises. We warmly welcome Berend du Plessis to the observer panel in the knowledge he will be sincere, committed and make a difference to those with whom he works.

To our umpires, the season is here. We wish you the very best and much enjoyment. Our Premier Cricket umpires are genuinely respected for what we do in the cricket community. CNSW constantly reinforces its

support and appreciation. We take this assurance into the season with us.

As we commence the season please keep in mind:

- The cricket season provides us all with hope and enjoyment, in particular our primary beneficiaries – the players. Continue to treat them with respect and be encouraging of their participation and efforts. Our relationship with captains is crucial in these times. Set the standard with clear, consistent messaging, and concise communication. Be prepared to advise as players come to terms with new playing conditions to assist with keeping us all safe.
- Umpire with empathy and patience in the light of the many changes required due to the virus. Things won't be perfect and we will learn from our experiences along the way. We need to be adaptable, approachable and to umpire with common sense.
- Our role is to facilitate the game of cricket so all participants can compete hard and fairly, and derive as much enjoyment as possible. The players are the centre of attention. Consider making enjoyment a match goal every time we umpire this season. Our positivity will be appreciated by all involved.
- Aim for our commitment to teamwork and to each other to be the best it has ever been. Be a sounding board if needed and be ready to support. This will continue to build spirit and community. We are in a great place, but we keep working on it and never take it for granted. As Tony Wilds alluded to in his convention presentation, we are viewed as a team, we are assessed as



a team, and at all times we are to be a team.

- Commit to being the best we can be, by way of our positive attitude, approach and preparation. We aim to show respect for every ball, to stay in the moment and place the needs of the players ahead of our own.
- Be prepared to share our experiences with the new playing conditions, along with the lessons we learn, to benefit the wider group. None of us is as smart as all of us. If we need to make change, then we will.

Thank you for what you do, the game needs good umpires, we have them in NSW Premier Cricket. Wishing you only the best for tomorrow and the season ahead.

Enjoy.

Enthusiasm is not a random mood; it's a daily choice.

First Grade Umpiring Debuts | NSW Premier Cricket

Andrew Coates and Sathish Kumar made their first grade umpiring debut in NSW Premier Cricket Round 5 (November 7). Congratulations to both umpires.

Andrew Coates

Andrew joined the Association in 2015 and has umpired 71 SCA matches, 40 of which have been in second grade. He has commenced the season in great form according to the captains with a current match average of 4.77 (out of 5). Andrew shared his first grade debut with Bruce Whitehouse in the Sutherland v St George fixture at Glenn McGrath Oval.

Sathish Kumar

Sat joined the Association in 2014 and has umpired 77 SCA matches, 52 of which have been in second grade. Sat has performed consistently well for a number of seasons and his 2020-21 match average is 4.70. Bob McGregor stood with Sat in his first grade debut in the match at Chatswood Oval between Gordon and Mosman.

Andrew and Sat have performed beyond the benchmark set in recent seasons for a first grade debut. Both display a genuine commitment to excellence and deserved the opportunity. Our second grade captains have expressed their faith and trust in them to umpire at the next level. They are experienced and positive match officials who have earned the respect of the players and their peers.

They will have represented themselves and NSWCUA to the best of their ability and we hope they enjoyed the experience.



Andrew Hamilton oversees Sydney University v Gordon at University Oval in Premier Cricket
Photo: Gordon DCC

Sheffield Shield / Umpire Appointments

The following umpires were selected for the first four Sheffield Shield rounds:

- Gerard Abood
(New South Wales)
- Darren Close
(Tasmania)
- Shawn Craig
(Victoria)
- Phil Gillespie
(Victoria)
- Mike Graham-Smith
(Tasmania)
- Donovan Koch
(Queensland)
- Sam Nogajski
(Tasmania)
- Bruce Oxenford
(Queensland)
- Rod Tucker
(New South Wales)
- Paul Wilson
(New South Wales)

Umpire Appointments

Round 1

QLD v TAS –

Darren Close & Bruce Oxenford

SA v WA –

Mike Graham-Smith & Donovan Koch

Round 2

WA v QLD –

Darren Close & Phil Gillespie

SA v TAS –

Gerard Abood & Sam Nogajski

Round 3

SA v VIC –

Shawn Craig & Rod Tucker

WA v TAS –

Gerard Abood & Phil Gillespie

NSW v QLD –

Donovan Koch & Sam Nogajski

Round 4

SA v QLD –

Phil Gillespie & Rod Tucker

TAS v NSW –

Shawn Craig & Bruce Oxenford

VIC v WA –

Gerard Abood & Sam Nogajski

Congratulations to all umpires who were selected for these matches, all of which were being played in Adelaide.

WBBL|06

Much has been written and said about WBBL|06. It will be a wonderful series, generate substantial interest among our cricket community and bring new fans to our game.

Supporting the players and competition will be a band of match officials – umpires, scorers and referees. They will make a significant positive contribution to the success of WBBL|06 through their management of the fixtures.

The scorers involved have been selected by an NSWCUA sub-committee on behalf of CNSW. We acknowledge, offer congratulations and wish them all well:

- Sarah Berman
(UTS North Sydney)
- Janelle Carew
(UNSW)
- Toni Lorraine
(Mosman)
- Robyn Sanday
(Northern District)
- Harpreet Singh
(Sydney)
- Adrian Tham
(Eastern Suburbs)
- Kay Wilcoxon
(Fairfield-Liverpool)
- Sue Woodhouse
(Blacktown Mounties)



- Ian Wright
(Sydney)

The match referees have been selected by CA and are members of the National Match Referee Panel:

- Steve Bernard
(New South Wales)
- David Gilbert
(New South Wales)
- Kent Hannam
(Victoria)
- David Johnston
(Tasmania)

David Gilbert is an honorary member of NSWCUA, a former international cricketer and CEO of CNSW.

The umpiring team has been selected by CA, and broken into two groups.

Group 1 will service the first 28 matches:

- Greg Davidson
(New South Wales)
- Stephen Dionysius
(Queensland)
- Roberto Howard
(New South Wales)
- Nathan Johnstone
(Western Australia)
- Simon Lightbody
(New South Wales)
- Jerry Matibiri
(Tasmania)
- Muhammad Qureshi
(Tasmania)
- Bede Sajowitz
(New South Wales)
- David Taylor
(Queensland)
- Tony Wilds
(New South Wales)

Muhammad Qureshi and David Taylor commenced their umpiring in New South

Wales in our Men's Premier Cricket competition and moved interstate to seek further representative opportunities, both have been successful.

Group 2 will service the remaining 28 matches and the finals series:

- Drew Crozier
(Australian Capital Territory)
- Greg Davidson
(New South Wales)
- Steven Farrell
(Queensland)
- Sharad Patel
(New South Wales)
- Troy Penman
(New South Wales)
- Claire Polosak
(New South Wales)
- Eloise Sheridan
(South Australia)
- Ben Treloar
(New South Wales)
- Mattis van Eck
(Victoria)
- Tony Wilds
(New South Wales)

Drew Crozier, a member of NSWCUA, resides in Canberra and is a member of the Cricket ACT Representative Umpire Panel, but chooses to umpire Men's Premier Cricket in Sydney seeking to umpire the highest standard of cricket possible in the best available competition.

The number of New South Wales umpires selected is endorsement of them and their ability, the training and coaching offered by NSWCUA, the genuine support provided by CNSW to servicing match officials, and the Premier Cricket system which has helped produce them. Each umpire makes a sincere contribution to cricket and to assisting with the development of their umpiring colleagues. Each is there because they deserve to be

there, each defines themselves by way of their character, chemistry, commitment and performance.

Our umpires will have energetically, humbly and thoroughly prepared to service the competition to the highest possible standard, respecting each opportunity and placing the needs of the players ahead of their own.

From a match officials perspective, if you don't stand out or get noticed in a tournament then you have been successful.

We offer congratulations and best wishes to our match officials, hoping they enjoy the experience and learn much about themselves and their umpiring in this environment.

Plan B Regional T20 Bash

Congratulations and best wishes to the umpires selected for the Plan B Regional T20 Bash:

Women's

Sixers Pool 1 (October 24)
Coffs Coast Chargers v Newcastle Blasters
– Port Macquarie
Paul Dilley & Phil Rainger

Sixers Pool 2 (November 1)
Northern Inland Bolters v Central Coast
Rush – Scone
Steve Eccles & Ian James

Thunder Pool 1 (November 29)
Orana Outlaws v Illawarra Flames -
Bathurst
Greg Jones & Gary McAulley

Thunder Pool 2 (November 8)
Border Bullets v ACT Aces – Wagga Wagga
Pat Kerin & Graham Moon

Men's

Sixers Pool 1 (October 25)
Coffs Coast Chargers v Northern Rivers
Rock – Port Macquarie
Bruce Baxter & Craig Lobegeier

Macquarie Coast Stingers v Newcastle
Blasters – Port Macquarie
Paul Dilley & Phil Rainger

Newcastle Blasters v Coffs Coast Chargers
– Port Macquarie
Bruce Baxter & Phil Rainger

Sixers Pool 2 (November 1)
Northern Inland Bolters v Hunter Hitmen –
Scone
Ian James & Rod Porter

Central Coast Rush v Lake Mac Attack –
Scone
Steve Eccles & Peter Smith

Northern Inland Bolters v Lake Mac Attack
– Scone
Rod Porter & Peter Smith

Thunder Pool 1 (November 1)
South Coast Crew v Illawarra Flames –
Albion Park Rail
Dave Cullen & Stephen Poidevin

Central West Wranglers v Orana Outlaws –
Orange
John De Lyall & Graeme Glazebrook

(November 29)
Orana Outlaws v Illawarra Flames –
Bathurst
Mark Frecklington & Graeme Glazebrook

Thunder Pool 2 (November 8)
ACT Aces v Murrumbidgee Rangers –
Wagga Wagga
Dennis Chaplin & Tony Hackett



Border Bullets v Wagga Wagga Sloggers –
Wagga Wagga
Jeff Egan & Murray Le Lievre

Wagga Wagga Sloggers v ACT Aces –
Wagga Wagga
Jeff Egan & Murray Le Lievre

McDonald's NSW Country Championships
Congratulations and best wishes to the
umpires selected for the McDonald's NSW
Country Championships:

**Southern Pool Carnival – Goulburn (20-22
November)**

Dave Cullen
Ken Brooks
Graeme Glazebrook
Neil Smith

**Northern Pool Carnival – Central Coast (27-
29 November)**

Bruce Baxter
John De Lyall
Keiran Knight
Phil Rainger

Country Umpire Coach, Neil Findlay, will
attend both carnivals.

Gerard Price Receives his OAM Award

Gerard Price is a highly respected member
of the cricket community through his work
as a member of the CNSW staff and his
exceptional contribution as a player and
administrator with the Burwood Briars
Cricket Club.

Gerard was awarded the Order of the
Medal of Australia in 2020 for service to
cricket and the community, a richly
deserved honour. Gerard is known to many
NSWCUSA members.

This piece has been taken from the Briars
Sports website, lovely recognition of

Gerard's outstanding contribution. It was
published on October 22.

*This past week we celebrated the
achievements of Gerard Price who was
awarded his OAM on Tuesday. The
announcement of Gerard Price's OAM award
(Medal of the Order of Australia) was made
in the Queen's Birthday honours list.*

*Gerard has selflessly dedicated his life to the
promotion and development of cricket.
Gerard joined Briars Sports as a junior player
in 1980. He immediately excelled as a player
and captain and in 1989 volunteered for the
role of Briars Cricket Chairman, a position he
has since filled with distinction for some 31
years. His inspirational leadership has been
instrumental in attracting many youngsters
to Briars Sports and more generally to the
sport of cricket.*

*Gerard leads by example. His amazing
leadership style, drive, dedication, sense of
fairness and respect for all makes him an
ideal role model. The only reward Gerard has
ever sought is the satisfaction of seeing the
successful development of the many young
male and female cricketers who have been
attracted to the game.*

*He is held in high esteem by the entire
Sydney-wide cricket community due to his
selfless contribution to the sport. In 2013
Gerard was inducted into the Shires Cricket
Hall of Fame.*

*Since taking over as cricket chairman Gerard
has moulded the Burwood Briars Cricket
Club into the most successful Shires club in
history and across those 31 years the Briars
have won 18 Club Championships (the next
most successful club has won 3) and an
amazing 40 premierships.*

*Gerard has also played a pivotal role in the
introduction, growth and overseeing of*



some 42 junior male and female cricket teams at the club. Our Briars Cricket juniors are the envy of many other clubs and associations.

These successes are primarily attributable to Gerard's tireless work in attracting young players to the sport through strategic planning, schools programmes and numerous other initiatives. The team building culture that Gerard has created ensures that all new players are then provided individual attention, coaching and support that make the Briars the unique club it is.

Gerard's voluntary service to the sport as cricket chairman of Briars is complemented by his work with Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW where he makes a direct and valuable impact on the community in the Southern Sydney region.

Gerard joined Cricket NSW as Cricket Manager in 2013 after a number of years working with Cricket Australia in a similar capacity. In his role he leads, inspires and supports communities to unite, through cricket. Gerard works closely with associations, clubs, 150 schools and all levels of government in the large and growing multicultural region of Southern Sydney.

His work has also included promoting best practice cricket administration, embedding Cricket Australia Junior formats within competitions, education of coaches and supporting clubs to seek funding grants to upgrade facilities.

In summary, Gerard Price is an extraordinary leader within the Sydney-wide cricket community. Although only in his mid-fifties, he is a person who has provided distinguished service to the cricketing community for thirty years.

In addition to his enormous leadership in the sport for the benefit of others, Gerard has excelled as a player having played for 40 seasons with Burwood Briars, he has amassed almost 8,000 runs, taken over 1,200 wickets and has won 8 premierships as a player.

Family have always played a major role in Gerard's life and he has enjoyed wonderful support from his wife Jane and children Damian (who plays for the Briars too), Bethany and Erin.

In addition, Gerard has participated in a number of major cancer fundraising events conducted by the Unicorn Foundation, the main events involving cycling from Sydney to Melbourne and separately from Melbourne to Adelaide raising \$68,000 in total.

Gerard's tenacity and ability to deal with adversity is an inspiration to all who know him.

Gerard Price is more than just a cricket legend, he is an incredible person, we at the Briars are so proud of him and we are honoured to have him leading our great club.

Congratulations Gerard Price OAM.

As our principal member Gerard Abood said recently, "There are very few people who have had such a positive influence over so many others."

How true!

We offer our congratulations to Gerard Price OAM, acknowledge and thank him for his selfless contribution to cricket and its people.



Vale Ian Findlay

The Orange Cricket Community, and the many umpires in Western Zone and NSW Country Cricket who have stood with Ian Findlay, mourn his passing.



Affectionately known as “Finners”, Ian was a highly respected person in Orange District Cricket Association, Mitchell Cricket Council and Western Zone.

Ian served the game with distinction as an umpire and administrator making a remarkable contribution. He re-joined NSWCUA in 2017 and in that time has umpired State Challenge carnivals in Dubbo being a valued member of the match officials team.

Ian was the winner of the Peter Weston Medal in 2014-15 as Mitchell Cricket Council Umpire of the Year. He has been a long serving chairman of the Orange Branch of Mitchell Cricket Umpires’ Association being a wonderful host of many NSWCUA training courses held in Orange over the past decade.

Ian possessed a genuine commitment to excellence, a thirst for knowledge and self-improvement. He was a man of impeccable character.

Ian officiated at representative level in Mitchell Cricket Council and Western Zone

fixtures. He also served as president of Orange City Cricket Club.

The Central Western Daily paid tribute to Ian Findlay on October 26 as a man who brought fairness, skill and business acumen to cricket in Orange. We offer our deepest sympathy, condolence and sincere respect to Ian’s family and all who grieve his passing. Vale Ian Findlay, may he rest in peace.

Balance

To read Seeing the Sunrise by Justin Langer is a privilege. Opportunity is taken to share four paragraphs from this excellent book which may be relevant for many at this time...

Balance is as critical to me as a person as it is for me as a professional athlete. I try to smell those roses when I can, and when I’m not I remind myself of the story of the famous monk who was relaxing with his disciples outside his hut, laughing and joking.

As the monk sat and laughed, a hunter came by and expressed surprise at what he was seeing. The hunter’s perception of a holy monk was of a quiet man, always deep in prayer or meditation, not of a chirpy individual lazing about, laughing with his friends. The monk said to the hunter, ‘Bend your bow and shoot an arrow.’ After the hunter did this, the monk asked him to do so again... and again... and again.

Eventually the hunter objected, saying, ‘If I keep my bow always stretched, it will break.’

The monk smiled, ‘The same is true of us,’ he said. ‘If we do not relax from time to time, we too will break.’

Thought

There is nothing noble in being superior to others. True nobility lies in being superior to your former self.

Indian Proverb

Self-reflection questions

(Adapted from a piece by Angel Chernoff)

At the cusp of new beginnings many of us take time to reflect on our lives by looking back over the past and ahead into the future. We ponder the successes, failures and standout events that are slowly scripting our life's story. This process of self-reflection helps maintain a conscious awareness of where we've been and where we intend to go. It is pertinent to the organisation and preservation of our dreams, goals and desires.

Reflection is a key to development, improvement and progression.

If you choose to maximise the benefits of self-reflection here are questions to consider when you have some quiet time to think.

- What did I learn last week?
- What was my greatest accomplishment over the past week?
- Which moment from last week was the most memorable and why?
- What's the #1 thing I need to accomplish this week?
- What can I do right now to make the week less stressful?
- What have I struggled with in the past that might also affect the upcoming week?
- What was last week's biggest time sink?
- Am I carrying any excess baggage into the week that can be dropped?

- What have I been avoiding that needs to get done?
- What opportunities are still on the table?
- Is there anyone I've been meaning to talk to?
- Is there anyone that deserves a big 'Thank You'?
- How can I help someone else this coming week?
- What are my top three goals for the next three years?
- Have any of my recent actions moved me closer to my goals?
- What's the next step for each goal?
- What am I looking forward to during the upcoming week?
- What are my fears?
- What am I most grateful for?
- If I knew I only had one week to live, who would I spend my time with? (this is a helpful reminder ... life is short. Spend more time with the people we care about.)

Vote of Thanks

Thank you to our management team for the outstanding work that has been undertaken in recent months. Troy and Bede have done an excellent job in administering and managing the Association and in servicing our members and affiliated umpire associations. Ben and Claire have been phenomenal in the variety of education, development and training opportunities offered to members and prospective members.

Thank you to committee members and office-bearers who do a wonderful job for the Association.



Thank you to the board for supporting the management team.

Cricket is being played right across New South Wales, our members are managing fixtures with empathy and common sense and displaying effective teamwork. May we all continue to enjoy our involvement and make the best contribution to cricket we can. We are making a difference. The match official who shows respect to every

ball by staying in the moment, remains composed, goes unnoticed and does not stand out is well and truly on the road to success.

Thank you to all members of the Association for your support and positive approach. An enthusiastic heart finds opportunities everywhere.



Bob McGregor officiates at Bankstown Oval

Photo: Ian Bird/MWDCC

Well Played

Darren Goodger

Opportunity is taken to provide members with information from Australian Cricket's Playing Policies and Guidelines.

There are various codes of behaviour contained in the document, all of which are based on the Australian Sports Commission codes and have been adapted to reflect the principles and Spirit of Cricket in Australia.

The codes ensure that participants develop good sporting behaviours and an inherently positive cricket experience, which encourages them to remain involved in cricket throughout their lives. The following codes of behaviour identify a selection of key principles upon which umpires and parents should base their cricket involvement.

Umpires Code of Behaviour

- Compliment and encourage all participants;
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants;
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors;
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable;
- Be a good sport yourself - actions speak louder than words;
- Keep up-to-date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people;

- You set the example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive;
- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents Code of Behaviour

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket;
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours;
- Encourage your child to play by the rules;
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing;
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game;
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise;
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Australian Cricket's Playing Policies and Community Guidelines can be read in full at: community.cricket.com.au



Education Officer Update

Ben Treloar

What a busy few months we have had since the last edition of *In Black and White*. We've seen our first ever virtual Convention through to hosting multiple ordinary general meetings, Laws of Cricket (level II) and CA Community Officiating courses, SCA rules nights as well as a new umpire workshop, all online.

September saw the Association's first ever online Convention. The current environment has thrown up significant challenges, though, has also created opportunities to futureproof and expand the Association's reach and capabilities.

The challenge was to provide the membership with the same quality of training, education and development as we have seen in previous seasons. There was a significant amount of work behind the scenes – the management, education and training teams, NSWCUA members and special guests who prepared presentations for the benefit of others. Special thanks are offered to the following:

- Panel discussion –
Gerard Abood, Mel Jones, Claire Polosak and Paul Wilson
 - <https://youtu.be/AbuPtEksY-U>
- The Resilience Project –
Hugh Van Cuylenburg
- Nutrition –
Sally Anderson
 - <https://youtu.be/6yxONTS8e3E>
- Preparation & Self-assessment, Teamwork, and Decision Making –
Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody and Tony Wilds
 - <https://youtu.be/gnZo2ENpBjl>
- Leadership –
Simon Taufel

- Scorer sessions –
Claire Polosak and Ian Wright, Christine Bennison and Narelle Johnston
 - <https://youtu.be/jUAch-qZoSo>
 - <https://youtu.be/WOf7o4Ebb6A>
- Country Umpire Representative Panel
 - https://youtu.be/k7BoxAs4_Jo
- Chris Nunn
- Tom West
 - https://youtu.be/godc_BsDqaQ
- Premier Cricket Observers
 - <https://youtu.be/J9HiGyolAdA>
- Law Sessions – Scorer & Umpire
 - <https://youtu.be/3QD4ps3QrBM>
 - <https://youtu.be/3cm1PpXYbyo>

Supplementing the Convention, we have held SCA Rules Nights for Panels 1, 2, 3 and 4. With the staggered commencement of the NSW Premier Cricket season we saw separate rules nights catered for Panel 1 and 2 then, Panel 3 and 4 respectively. In preparation, umpires were supplied with a Google form which provided access to videos relating to Game 3 playing condition's application of wides, fast short-pitched and non-pitching deliveries. Their application was discussed during the virtual sessions to assist with uniform application across the panels. Game 3 was the focus for both rules nights, as all Grades would commence the season with limited overs cricket.

On top of this, the COVID Supplement PCs were also looked at and we thank all those members who asked questions and queried their application. Through this process, there have already been changes and additions to ensure the health and safety of all involved is paramount. Troy Penman took us through the additions and changes to the SCA Policies as well as the COVID Umpire Checklist.



We are encouraging members to share their experiences so that we can all learn from each other – please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Also, during the pre-season we saw the onboarding of our new members. They had their own rules night focusing on Game 3 PCs as well as separate session covering Association matters, tips for new umpires, routine and processes and advice from a recent new umpire to NSW Premier Cricket hosted by Andrew Coates, Darren Goodger and Troy Penman.

Thank you to all members who joined us for these sessions and to those who prepared and assisted with all pre-season education and training sessions. The smooth and professional running of each is down to the

tireless and committed work of Andrew Coates, Darren Goodger, Mark Hughes, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Bede Sajowitz.

Moving forward into the season we will continue to see education and training sessions held at each Ordinary General Meeting incorporating the excellent work by the Exam Committee lead by Andrew Coates covering laws and playing conditions as well as monthly law questions and answers distributed to the membership.

Sincere thanks from NSWCUSA Education and Training team to all involved and we wish all members a successful and enjoyable season 2020-21.



The Panel Discussion hosted by Mel Jones was the first live session of the Online Convention

2020 Principal Membership Recipients Respond

Had the Annual General Meeting have been held as per previous years, those upgraded to Principal Membership would have been afforded the opportunity to accept their upgrade with a speech on the night.

In lieu of this, similar to last season's Annual Dinner award winners, each member was offered the chance to pen a piece of acceptance for this edition of *In Black and White* for distribution to their fellow members.

Peter Done

In acknowledging my upgrade to Principal Membership of NSWCUA, I would like to thank the following in my development and encouragement for umpiring.

My local association, Shoalhaven District Cricket Umpires Association, the old Southern Zone Cricket Umpires Association executive and the many members who I have stood with at various cricket carnivals over the past 20 years.

I feel privileged to have been nominated and approved by State Manager Cricket Umpiring, Darren Goodger and the members of NSWCU&SA at the recent AGM.



Ivan Holland

This honour has come as a complete surprise to me. However I am very honoured and humbled. I joined the SSCUA in season 2000/01.

I have umpired close to four hundred games with them. I have enjoyed every game I have umpired. I have also made many friends with fellow umpires, players and club officials.

I would like to thank Steve Bloomfield, Darren Goodger, George Richards and many other fellow umpires.

I also wish to thank all those involved in bestowing this honour on me.

Best wishes

Pat Kerin OAM

I am very honoured and thrilled. In fact, I am absolutely stoked to receive Principal Membership of NSWCUA.

Moving into umpiring seemed to be a natural progression to keep involved with cricket after playing senior cricket for 36 years.

After not being selected for the first game of the 2003-04 season, I immediately retired from playing and for last 17 seasons



I have - for the most part - enjoyed my time in the middle.

I wish to thank Jack Mission and Jack Jolley from Wagga who conducted the Laws of Cricket training nights in Cootamundra in 2003.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Darren Goodger for his encouragement over the years and to all those umpires who I have officiated with, thank you your friendship and support.

Graham Moon

I would like to thank the NSWCUA Board of Directors for the honour of Principal Membership.



I am also grateful for the opportunities I have received to umpire with great people in all forms of the game both across the state and locally in the Cootamundra and Wagga Wagga area.

The NSWCUA are lucky to have great training opportunities provided by Darren Goodger and his team.

A special thanks goes to my wife Sue for her encouragement and support over my umpiring time.

It appears that receiving the award must have been a bit much as I had a heart attack the following week. All has turned out OK and I am back to full health!

Drew Morrow

I'd like to thank the membership of the Association for voting to upgrade my membership to that of Principal Member at the recent AGM.



I joined the Association in 1988 having already been a regular umpiring member of the Hornsby Kuring-Gai & Hills District Cricket Umpires Association for some years and upon strong encouragement of fellow umpiring mates in Hornsby who had already joined the Sydney Grade Cricket umpiring ranks.

Thanks to them and their contacts, I have established long-term friendships both on and off the field with many other Association members with whom I've enjoyed both umpiring and socialising, particularly at our traditional quarterly and Christmas luncheons at City Tattersalls Club over the years.

At the risk of omission, I recognise regulars past and present including Tom Brooks, Charlie Aubrey, Phil Bovey, John Reisman, John Thompson, Chris Weir, John Yates, John Barnes, Tony Kingsford-Smith, Lindsay Kain and Bruce Parfett.

I am particularly privileged to have been officially and socially involved with Association Hall of Fame legend Tom Brooks with whom I umpired exclusively over many seasons in the GPS competition. Needless to say, I learned a lot from Tom in that time we had together as umpires before he sadly passed away in 2007 at the grand age of 88.

I value my elevation to Principal Membership and intend to continue to

represent the Association in the GPS competition for many years to come.

Dan O'Connor

I started my umpiring career as a result of breaking my collarbone in a Second Grade Final in the 1994-95 season in the Tamworth District Cricket Association competition. There were only 8 umpires in the TDCU&SA at that time and I was encouraged to continue my love of cricket by joining the “dark side”.



The key to my longevity in umpiring has been the mentors and characters I have met that have ensured I remained keen and loyal - and above all enjoyed, listened and learnt. I qualified for the local badge in 1996-97 and passed the NSWCUA exam in 1998 and have been a member of both organisations since that time.

I have had a number of roles in the TDCU&SA including four years as Secretary/Treasurer, 10 years as a selector/training officer and six years as President. My highlights include five First Grade Grand finals and appearances in all other grade grand finals over the years. Other officiating has included two War Veterans Cup Finals, Bradman Cup Finals and NRMA carnivals at Scone and Raymond Terrace. Last season I also officiated with a TDCU&SA Life member, John Thompson, in the England vs Northern NSW Over 60s match which reinforced the good things about cricket and accepting the “umpire’s decision”.

As noted previously, supportive, competent and loyal colleagues have been the key to my remaining in the game and

still enjoying the vagaries of this great game.

John Oliver

I was truly humbled to receive this award but honestly, I think I owe cricket so much. It has given me countless hours of enjoyment.

I have also met some of the nicest and selfless people through cricket. I have also met some of the finest young men and women you could ever wish for. The game itself has taught me character building and helped me on and off the field.

I truly think that watching and participating in this magnificent game has made me a better person. I really love the game of cricket and almost all of my 800 plus games have been a joy to be there!



Rod Tucker

It was a nice surprise and an honour to be awarded Principal Membership.



NSWCUSA have been so supportive throughout my umpiring career. Particularly in my early years in grade cricket, the support I received was fantastic. The experience in the ranks to fall back on was so helpful. In those early days, names like Shane Reed, Nick Fowler, Darren Goodger, Jim Cameron, Dick French and Simon Taufel along with all umpiring partners were always available to answer questions and offer advice.

Thank you to all the members for their support.

Lindsay Wood OAM

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to respond to NSWCUA's award of Principal Membership bestowed on me along with eight others at the Association's AGM in September. It was particularly pleasing to have been included with six other regional country umpires, showing the Association's intent to recognise the service of umpires "in the bush", outside of the Sydney metropolitan area.



My interest in umpiring was initially sparked in the 1960s when, as a teacher at Maitland Boys High School, I became involved (1962-79) in coaching U13/14 grade cricket teams that also required umpiring their matches in inter-school competitions. In those High School teams two talented youngsters who "caught my eye" whilst umpiring and coaching were David Johnston and Michael Cox, both of whom went on to play Sheffield Shield cricket for NSW and WA respectively.

From 1965-75 I also coached Black Hill Club's U16 cricket teams and umpired their matches in the Maitland District Junior Cricket Association's competitions on Saturday mornings.

After some thirty years playing with Black Hill, Bolwarra and Northern Suburbs Clubs in the competitions of the Maitland & District Cricket Association, I decided that the time had come "to call it a day" and take up umpiring instead.

That was a decision that after twenty-two years (1994-2016) I have never regretted. Umpiring has given me an opportunity to

continue my love of the game and has led to many friendships formed with players, fellow umpires and cricket officials. It has also provided me with the opportunity to give back to cricket in some part what cricket has given to me.

Over those twenty-two years umpiring involving some 365 matches in the senior Grades of the Maitland District competition there have been some milestones to remember - my debut A Grade match at Hinton Oval at the start of the 1994-95 season; my first First Grade Final at Robins Oval with Glen Crew in March 1998; the MDCA award for Umpire of the Year in 2010-11; and my farewell retirement Fifth Grade Final match at Bill Bobbins Oval in Raymond Terrace in March 2016.

Particularly enjoyable have been officiating ("a real umpire's treat") and organising umpires (a few headaches there sometimes) for the numerous junior cricket Carnivals and Championships held in Maitland, including NSW PSSA Knockout Boys and Girls Finals (2002-18); NSW All Schools Carnivals; NSWCHS Boys and Girls Championships and Davidson Shield KO Finals.

These fixtures bring back quite a few memories - seeing the Blackwell twins, Alex and Kate, and Alyssa Healy playing in some of those early junior matches and officiating at the bowler's end in another match at Maitland Park when Steve Waugh's son, Austin, was bowling and his father, the former Australian Test captain, was standing as a sole figure directly behind on the boundary.

At the other end of the age spectrum it has been a pleasure to umpire veteran cricket matches such as those involving the Australian Old Collegians; former Emu

Club Reunion players; Over 60s NSW Veteran teams and an Auckland Over 60s touring team.

At one stage there was even the unusual and one-off experience of umpiring a Blind Cricket match on the Newcastle No.1 Sportsground.

In receiving this award, I would like to thank some of my early local umpiring mentors who helped me along the way - especially Maitland and Hunter Valley umpires Max Elphick; Rod Ninness; Arthur Hassett and Graham Teasdale.

My thanks also is extended to the NSWCUA for the support that they have given me by way of Training Courses held

in country centres (ones in particular by Darren Goodger in Maitland in 2011 and another by Laurie Borg at Scone in 2017- both very informative and entertaining); by the Annual Conventions (one in particular that I attended at Terrigal in 2000 where Alan Marshall, Dick French and Ted Wykes were speakers; and by the practical umpire guidance information forwarded in the *In Black and White* journals.

Finally my thanks once again to NSWCUA for the unexpected award and to those who were responsible for my nomination. I am indeed privileged and humbled to receive such recognition and to have become a Principal Member of the Association.



Unable to receive his certificate last year, Alan Hollebrandse was presented with his Principal Member certificate by Ian James at the Northern Inland CUSA AGM

Around the Zones

Neil Findlay

A number of Affiliates bestowed Life Membership on members of their Associations at their recent 2020 Annual General Meetings. In each case, this honour was awarded for significant long-standing contributions to the respective Associations both on and off the field.

Each of these Life Members is be congratulated on having been deservedly recognised both for their invaluable service to their particular umpiring body and to the game of cricket in general.

The recipients of these Life Membership awards are:

- **Far North Coast CUSA**
 - Darren Goodger
 - Norm Ryder
 - David Went
- **Highlands District CUA**
 - Bill Croese
 - Norm Stanton
- **Newcastle District CUA**
 - Ross McKim
- **Sydney Shires CUA**
 - Rupert Matthews
- **Wagga Wagga CUA**
 - Dennis Chaplin



Rob Pye with Dennis Chaplin in Dubbo last season
at the State Challenge carnival

India Tour & WBBL Finals Scorers Confirmed

Bede Sajowitz

NSWCUSA is delighted to announce the scorer appointments that have been made for the WBBL Finals Series and the upcoming India tour.

The WBBL Finals will be held over three nights next week (25, 26 & 28 November) all at North Sydney Oval.

The Final will be scored by Toni Lorraine and Kay Wilcoxon. Kay will be recording her second WBBL Final, whilst it will be Toni's first WBBL Final.

Both Toni and Ian Wright will be recording their second semi-final as the pair score the opening semi-final on 25 November.

Robyn Sanday and Adrian Tham will be scoring their first WBBL semi-final as they oversee the second semi-final on 26 November.

Ian Wright will be involved in scoring each international match played at the SCG this summer as India plays Australia in T20s, ODIs and Test matches.

Ian will make his Test debut in the New Years' Test at the SCG, beginning on 7 January – his partner, Toni Lorraine will be scoring her third.

Ian, Toni and Robyn Sanday will be recording the ODI matches played at the

SCG – Toni and Ian scoring the first ODI on 27 November with Robyn and Ian together for the second on 29 November.

Adrian Tham will make his T20 International debut at the SCG on 6 December in the Second T20I, with Ian Wright to be his partner for the match.

Ian and Toni will be together as well for the Third T20I, scheduled for the SCG on 8 December.

Australia A will host Indian sides in two tour matches prior to the Test series commencing in Adelaide on 17 December.

Australia A and India A are scheduled for a three-day match at Drummoyne from 6 December, with Sarah Berman and Robyn Sanday to record.

Australia A will also host an Indian XI in a three-day day-night fixture at the SCG from 11 December, which will be scored by Toni Lorraine and Adrian Tham.

We extend congratulations to all NSWCUSA scorers on their appointments for these upcoming representative fixtures.

Full appointments are as follows:

WBBL/06 Finals Series

Semi Final 1 - Wednesday 25 November
North Sydney Oval

Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright

Semi Final 2 - Thursday 26 November
North Sydney Oval

Robyn Sanday and Adrian Tham

Final - Saturday 28 November
North Sydney Oval

Toni Lorraine and Kay Wilcoxon

India Tour

Dettol Men's ODI Series

First ODI - Friday 27 November
Sydney Cricket Ground

Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright

Second ODI - Sunday 29 November
Sydney Cricket Ground

Robyn Sanday and Ian Wright

Dettol Men's T20 International Series

Second T20I - Sunday 6 December
Sydney Cricket Ground

Adrian Tham and Ian Wright

Third T20I - Tuesday 8 December
Sydney Cricket Ground

Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright

Vodafone Men's Test Series

Third Test - 7-11 January
Sydney Cricket Ground

Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright

Tour Matches

Australia A v India A - 6-8 December
Drummoyne Oval

Sarah Berman and Robyn Sanday

Australia A v Indians - 11-13 December
Sydney Cricket Ground

Toni Lorraine and Adrian Tham



Kay Wilcoxon and Adrian Tham overseeing a Sheffield Shield fixture at the SCG last season

Country Championships Return

Bede Sajowitz

After an off-season like no other, the McDonald's NSW Country Championships returns this weekend with the Southern Pool carnival taking place in Goulburn.

This season marks the second consecutive season the Southern Pool tournament has been held in the Southern Tablelands city.

A panel of four umpires from the Country Umpire Representative Panel have been appointed to oversee the three-day carnival: Ken Brooks, Dave Cullen, Graeme Glazebrook and Neil Smith.

Across the three days, each umpire will stand with each other in matches featuring four of the eight zones of Country Cricket – ACT Southern Districts, Greater Illawarra, Riverina and Western.

The following weekend will see the Northern Pool carnival held on the Central

Coast, also for the second consecutive season.

Another four members of the Country Panel will be involved in this carnival – also to be held over three-days. These umpires will be Bruce Baxter, John De Lyall, Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger.

The remaining four zones will be in attendance on the Central Coast, these being Central Coast, Central Northern, Newcastle and North Coastal.

Due to COVID restrictions, this season there will not be a Country Championships Final held, with the highest placed team across both carnivals being awarded the title.

All fixtures will be one day matches with play beginning at 10am on the first two days and 9.30am on the final days across both carnivals.



Graeme Glazebrook and Neil Smith together ahead of last season's Country Championship Final

Get to Know Your Bush Umpires

Bruce Whitehouse

As part of a Country Cricket NSW Facebook series, we're getting to know the players and umpires at the forefront of cricket in the bush – the Bush Blues, the Bush Breakers and the members of the Country Umpire Representative Panel.

Name: Phillip Rainger

CURP Cap Number: 42

Home Association:

Manning River DCA

Zone: North Coastal/Newcastle

Did you play the game before you took up umpiring? Who did you play with?

Played with a number of clubs - Coolatai in the Yallaroi Competition, then Golf Club in the Moree Comp then Tatts Hotel in the Narrabri Comp. Was a top-order bat and wicket keeper. Would probably still be playing now if it wasn't for some stern words from Sam Rees about giving up playing and taking up umpiring and giving that a good hard crack?

When and where did you start umpiring?

I started umpiring in Narrabri. We had a course and the then President didn't have enough numbers for the course and asked me to do it. I passed and joined the association in October 2005. First game was a Country Plate game at Walgett against Pilliga. Continued to play for a few years then took up umpiring full-time.

What does it mean to you being part of the NSW Country Representative Panel?

It is the pinnacle of umpiring in country NSW. It's a great privilege to be recognised with the past and present greats that are on our distinguished list.

In your opinion, who is the best Country player you have umpired?

Best I have seen so far is Simon Moore followed closely by Tom Groth.

Best umpire you have stood with?

The best in country cricket would be Sam Rees and Kim Norris. Both had time and would also be happy to part with all their knowledge to help their colleague. In Sydney the best I have stood with is Greg Davidson.

Who is the most annoying roommate?

Haven't had any, however I am probably an annoying roommate as I have caused of some sleepless nights from my room mates from my sleeping habits?

Why should someone take up umpiring?

The best seat in the house to see our wonderful game. There is no better way to give back than umpiring as you will see some great cricket and also meet some great characters that will give you great pleasure.

Name: John de Lyall

CURP Cap Number: 53

Home Association: Dubbo DCA

Zone: Western

Did you play the game before you took up umpiring? Who did you play with?

For 38 years across Wallsend, Warren Rugby, Nevertire Bogan Fleas, Wongarbron and Dubbo Macquarie.





John De Lyall, Keith Griffiths and Ken Brooks

When and where did you start umpiring?

In 2004 in Dubbo.

What does it mean to you being part of the NSW Country Representative Panel?

Part of a great collegiate of mates made up from all walks of life and personalities with a desire to still be contributing to the game.

In your opinion, who is the best Country player you have umpired?

Tim Cox, Australian Country bowler... knew how to set up a batsman.

Jordan Moran, Australian Country batsman... brutal

Tim Berry, Western All Rounder... a great player on his day.

Best umpire you have stood with?

Kim Norris for game management with tough competitors and Andrew Hamilton for working with his partner right across two-day cricket.

However, I believe you can learn something from every umpire you stand

with no matter what the grade or competition.

Who is the most annoying roommate?

Easily Steve Eccles.

Name: Ross McKim

CURP Cap Number: 45

Home Association: Newcastle DCA

Zone: Newcastle

Did you play the game before you took up umpiring? Who did you play with?

Yes, I played till I was 55. Four years with Southern Lakes (now Toronto), 13 years with Merewether and nine years with Wallsend.

When and where did you start umpiring?

I began umpiring in 2005 while still playing, played Saturday and umpired Sundays, before becoming a full-time umpire in 2008-09 season.

What does it mean to you being part of the NSW Country Representative Panel?

My appointment to the CURP is the something that I treasure as an acknowledgement of my umpiring ability and passion for the sport. The comradery between the different members of the panel has been outstanding and has, during my time, been devoid of all egos. Just like-minded people doing what they love. My involvement has certainly enhanced my development as an umpire and more importantly as a person.

In your opinion, who is the best Country player you have umpired?

Batsmen - without doubt the best country cricketer that I have umpired is Simon Moore, hard as nails but very fair, has high expectations of himself and the umpires.

Bowler - Chris Archer from the Central Coast is an outstanding 'leftie'.

Best umpire you have stood with?

Again without doubt the two games I have stood with Darren Goodger have given me more insight into what is required to become a good umpire and were two of the most enjoyable I have experienced.

The umpire that I enjoy standing with the most is Anthony Hobson. Great guy on and off the field and a great umpire.

Who is the most annoying roommate?

Unequivocally Crombie

Why should someone take up umpiring?

The game is not the same without umpires.

It provides a pathway option to become or remain involved in a game which many people love but may not be that good at playing or have passed your playing time.

For anyone who has any interest in the game it is something that provides the greatest of satisfaction together with the greatest of personal challenges in dealing with your own and others' perceptions of your frailties.

Learning to deal with all types of people in all types of situations is something that is extremely rewarding.

Name: Tony Hackett

CURP Cap Number: 35

Home Association: Cricket Wagga Wagga

Zone: Riverina

Did you play the game before you took up umpiring? Who did you play with?

I played the game from a very young age until I was about 45. I played with 3 clubs in Wagga Wagga - Leagues Club, South Wagga and Mount Austin.

When and where did you start umpiring?

Started December 2002 in Wagga Wagga.

What does it mean to you being part of the NSW Country Representative Panel?

It means just about everything. I feel very privileged and honoured.

In your opinion, who is the best Country player you have umpired?

There are so many, and I don't think it would be fair to single anyone out.

Best umpire you have stood with?

Graeme Glazebrook with quite a number very close behind.

Who is the most annoying roommate?

Undoubtedly Steve Eccles, he wins hands down.



Tony Hackett and Peter Kent at the State Challenge carnival in Dubbo

Why should someone take up umpiring?

If you love cricket, try it. It's the best seat in the house (old cliché) but true. I love the interaction with other umpires and players.

Technical

Ben Treloar

Technique and Fieldcraft – Bowler's end



How good is it to have cricket back?!

This 2020-21 season will require umpires to embrace the fact we are playing under supplemented playing conditions whilst still playing the same game of cricket. Yes, it will be a change to the norm but it's important to remember that we continue to focus on building our strengths and look to continually improve our routines, processes and techniques – simple things to an excellent standard.

What does this look like as a bowler's end routine? Doing the same thing every time at the same time.

Reflect on your own routines and processes at the bowler's end. What do you do every delivery? Can you picture this in your mind, can you write it down without thinking about it? If you can, then you have developed a simple yet consistent bowler's end routine. An example could be the following, though, everyone's will be different...

Self-talk, counter, striker, crease, ball, pitch, impact.

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Self-talk, counter, striker, crease, ball, pitch, impact.
Self-talk, counter, striker, crease, ball, pitch, impact.
And repeat...*

If you can't, try writing down what you think you do. You could make this a match goal going forward – focus on an aspect of your bowler's end routine you would like to improve then, implement and reflect.

Some things to consider may be...

- What is my bowler's end routine?
- Am I doing the same thing every delivery?
- When do I click the counter? Is it at the same time each delivery?
- Where is the striker in relation to the popping crease?

The COVID Supplement Playing Conditions describe what can't be placed on the ball – saliva and sweat from the face, neck or arms. Considering this change, our bowler's end routine may need to adapt. The striker's end umpire would normally, and will continue to, follow the ball back to the bowler keeping an eye on its management. Throughout this, the bowler's end umpire would have eye contact with their partner and leave the ball monitoring to them. However, for those umpiring on the own, our focus would be watching the ball back to the bowler.

To assist with keeping participants safe, the umpire at the bowler's end may need to have more of a presence, paying closer attention to the management of the ball

once it goes from cover to mid-off and onto the bowler. Until the bowler gets to the top of their mark, should the bowler's end umpire have eyes on the ball?

Keep in mind the focus here should not be trying to find the fielding team breaching the COVID PCs, but the aim should be to keep the game's participants safe.

Breaches will occur this year. Was it inadvertent or was it a deliberate attempt? Remember, we are trying to alter a fielder's behaviour, a behaviour which is embedded in the sub-conscious due to many years of polishing practice – this will take time and constant reminders to change.

Most, if not all participants, will be doing the right thing to make sure we are playing as much cricket as possible. If there is a breach, can we manage it positively through management, education and a thorough cleaning of the ball? I'm sure we can.



Another aspect of the bowler's end is our movement when the ball is played into the field. There's a lot of limited overs cricket this year and there could be quite a few attempted run outs at the bowler's end from fielders inside the field restriction circle but, also a lot of fielders will be out patrolling the long off and long on boundaries.

Knowing where the fielders are placed will help an umpire move with the pace of the

game. For example, if the ball is played to a fielder at short mid-off and the batsmen take off for a quick single, we know there's a need to quickly get to a position on the popping crease with enough time to be still, and then adjudicate on the potential run out. If we can't get to the popping crease, 45 degrees and stationery is an ideal position.



If the fielder is on the boundary for the same shot and we move at the same fast pace, the perception of the umpire could be that they lack match awareness and composure. For the balls played to long off and on, an umpire can still move with purpose but at a far less breakneck speed, keeping the head up and eyes on the play checking for batsmen running to the side of the pitch, looking for the touch down at the popping crease and where the batsmen are when the ball is released for potential overthrows.

We can anticipate the required effort and subsequent movement by knowing where the fielders are for that delivery. Is checking for fielders part of your pre-delivery routine?

Female Engagement

Claire Polosak

The winter training season proved busy for recruiting new NSWCUA members, particularly female members. We have welcomed 12 new female umpire members since last season.

Name	Suburb
Chloe Atkinson	Oak Flats
Veneta Bailey	Northmead
Kelly Baird	Northmead
Jessica Hankinson	Fairfield West
Beryl McCormack	Gunnedah
Leone Mizzi	Castle Hill
Ash Malalasekera	Annandale
Pratichi Prajapati	Seven Hills
Sophia Richards	Speers Point
Kate Rowlands	Casino
Alice Whelan	Barden Ridge
Catherine Wood	Lowesdale

This pre-season has looked very different to past years, instead of coming together for a day of practical training, there were four online sessions held, along with readings and laws questions to complete, all aimed to prepare the umpires across a variety of subjects and were well received by those in attendance.

The sessions were:

- Tuesday October 13:
Cricket Australia Umpiring Fieldcraft and Technique with Ben Treloar and myself
- Thursday October 15:
New Umpire Question and Answer Session with Sue Redfern (England)
- Thursday October 22:
Female-specific nutrition session with advanced sports nutritionist Sally Anderson

- Monday October 26:
Building player and umpire relationships with Irish cricketer and SACA umpire Mary Waldron

The beginning of the season in metropolitan and regional NSW has seen 13 female umpires in action. Congratulations to Veneta, Beryl, Alice, Sophia and Shannon who at the moment have all umpired their very first games. I have heard some very positive reports from your partners!

Congratulations to Sue Gregory and Elizabeth O'Dwyer who after a fantastic season in 2019-20 have been promoted to Panel 3 in Men's Premier Cricket. This year we also welcome back Michelle Evans to umpiring in Premier Cricket.

Many Affiliated Associations have females umpiring in their competitions. Thank you for the support and additional guidance going into the new season, not only for new female umpires, but new umpires in general. There are female umpires officiating in the NSW Women's Premier Cricket, Camden DCA, Central Coast CA, Cricket Albury Wodonga, Newcastle DCA, Tamworth DCA, Gunnedah DCA.

If there are any other Affiliated Associations who have female umpires officiating, please reach out so I can include the umpires in communication and any development opportunities that may arise.

All the very best for the upcoming season, stay well and look after yourselves.



CRIC-O-KU Number 11

Clue: The cricket ball, hopefully

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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 10: Solution

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Association Partners

Troy Penman

This coming season will see 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 and has been renewed for season 2020-21. McDonald's will continue on the back of the Association's field shirts.

The Association has received \$7,500 + GST initially, with positive discussions for the amount to increase this season and then see the partnership continue in coming years.

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

Since 2016, Beastwear has manufactured our merchandise - we are pleased for this association to continue into another season. 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 – are returning to support the Association again for season 2020-21.

All members receive a 10% discount on entry into the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame at Bowral and a 10% discount on all products in their Merchandise Store.

Additionally, they are offering an umpires' 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.



60 SECONDS WITH...

Keiran Knight



Harpreet Singh

Claire Polosak



60 SECONDS WITH KIERAN KNIGHT

Day Job?	Foster carer
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	T20 Matches at Martin Park Wodonga. Same day in a B grade match missed a nick onto his pads and gave him LBW.
Career officiating highlight (so far)?	2 x Provincial First Grade finals in Cricket Albury Wodonga 2 x Premier Cricket Grand finals 1x Thirds 1 x Fourths 2 x Country Championships 2 x National Championships 1x U17 Male 1 x U18 Female 6 x WNCL matches 4 x WBBL matches 2 x conference finals at SCG Border Bash in Albury Sydney Thunder vs Melbourne Stars
Best cricketer you have officiated?	I have been fortunate to umpire some test players over the years but the one player I think the best have seen regularly would be Ben Rohrer.
Strangest/funniest thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	Played in a Fourth Grade game in the late 80s against Gordon. Mark O'Neil was playing after coming back from knee surgery. He smashed a cut shot into our gully fielder's forehead. The ball went in the air to a fielder at backward square who dropped the catch.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Nigel Owens from rugby union - a Welshman who just has the best player management I have ever seen.
Any superstitions?	Must have a large coffee on the way to the ground. Left foot on the field first. Right sock then left sock, left shoe and right shoe.
Any special talents?	I'm pretty good at turning a good drive into terrible iron play on the golf course.
Best piece of advice?	Be yourself no matter what.
What got you into umpiring?	I tried coaching after finishing playing. I was really frustrated at being a spectator really. Then a few phone calls from Don Dennis in Albury to help out with some school games got me addicted to umpiring.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Carl Baron – to steal his jokes Kurt Fearnley – for his inspirational life Phil Mickelson – he could afford to shout us all



60 SECONDS WITH HARPREET SINGH

Day/night job?	I am currently in my 2 nd year at Macquarie university studying a degree in Bachelor of Applied Finance and a Bachelor of Commerce – Professional Accounting. I also work as an Accounting Assistant at IT Next Generation.
Officiating Debut and the first time you recorded a smudge?	<p>After I joined the association in 2016, my first game I was appointed to score was a U16 Male state challenge at Raby with my scoring mentor Ian Wright, which I was really excited about.</p> <p>I started scoring back in 2013 in for my high school side, and I didn't know what a smudge was until 2017, so I cannot say for sure when I first recorded a smudge over. I'm not even sure if I have ever had one even after I was aware of what a smudge over was.</p>
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Probably my second game scoring for Sydney Cricket Club – it was a T20 Cup game against Mosman at Allan Border Oval. Sydney put on a pretty good total of around 180-odd within their 20 overs, even though Johan Botha bowled a spectacular spell taking 5 wickets including a hat-trick!! Botha came out to bat with their side in a little bit of a pickle and hit everything out of the middle, and he ended up scoring a century. It is probably one of the greatest performances I've ever witnessed by a single player to carry the team home.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	<p>There have been a number of really good cricketers that I have officiated such as Morne Morkel, Johan Botha and Joe Denly. But one player that stands out the most for me is Brayden Dilley, who currently plays Fourth Grade for Sydney Uni, and used to be the opening bat for my high school side.</p> <p>He is the one batsman who I can rely on to perform at the final stage of the competition. I still remember a hard fought 73 he scored in the Allan Davidson Shield Final back in 2017 in Bathurst. With our captain, VC and keeper being absent for the finals, Brayden stepped up and played one of his best innings of his life in my opinion, in both the state and comprehensive finals.</p>
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	The funniest thing I have witnessed was back in 2012 when I used to play cricket for Epping YMCA. I was fielding at point when the batter lofted one to long off. Our captain who was fielding at long off, was standing there eating his nails as he admires a few skate boarders passing by. The ball luckily sails over his head and lands behind him, and we all



	start laughing our heads off, as he still had no clue what had happened.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	<p>I grew up watching Billy Bowden umpire many international games, and there was nearly a moment in every game he officiated in that would put a smile on my face. He is just one of those characters that makes everyone laugh.</p> <p>I still remember when he was umpiring an ODI game with Australia going up against the West Indies, and Mitchell Johnson steams in and hits the batsman on the pads. After a huge appeal, Billy Bowden just walks to short mid-wicket, has a good look at the stumps, walks back to his positions and fires the batsman a good 15-20 seconds after the appeal. I thought that was the most hilarious thing I have ever seen during an international match!</p>
Any superstitions?	I don't think I have any superstitions, or none that I am aware of at least.
Any special talents?	I don't think this is a talent, but I always wanted to learn how to play a piano. So, my dad bought me a keyboard and I taught myself to play a number of theme songs of my favourite movies, such as Titanic, Jurassic Park and Lion king just to name a few from watching YouTube tutorial videos. I don't know how to read music sheets, but I remember all the keys I have to play for all the songs I have learnt so far. Which is really surprising as I find it so difficult to remember any of my passwords!
Best piece of advice?	<p>I have a couple that I have learnt throughout my time as a scorer. One, always do a linear sheet as that records the whole game and you can always count on that to find any possible mistakes.</p> <p>Two, never rely on the Live Scoring app, I had many stressful times after it crashed on me, hence always stick my first advice. Lastly, this may depend on the individual but never have a nice warm beverage during a game, you will struggle to stay awake!!</p>
What got you into umpiring?	I never planned on scoring, however there was an announcement one day at my school assembly asking for someone to become the scorer for the First XI. Just starting high school and hated going to class (as any student), I took the opportunity to become the scorer in the hope that I can watch some good cricket and miss a few classes here and there. After scoring a few games, I realised how much I enjoyed it, so I stuck with it and become the full-time scorer for the next 5-6 seasons while I was a student at Epping Boys High School.

Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Winston Churchill Homer – author of <i>The Iliad</i> Julius Caesar
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60 SECONDS WITH CLAIRE POLOSAK

Day job?	Umpire Educator/Female Umpire Engagement at Cricket NSW.
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	Started umpiring in Goulburn in 2006/07. I don't remember the first time I fired someone, however, from that game though, I do remember my dad and brother trying to sneak in to watch the game, but I spotted them straight away!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	I've been very fortunate with the opportunities that I have had. I think the highlight would be - involvement in a home T20 World Cup and being able to share the experience with friends and family.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Being on-field when a world record was set by Alyssa Healy when she hit 148* against Sri Lanka was a special moment, a very talented cricketer there.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	A while ago now, but it was a lower grade game near a train station. A music festival was happening in the city and a group of teenagers were pre-drinking and watching the cricket before going into the city. All of a sudden, we had a stalker in the middle of the ground who did a bit of a twirl and then ran off.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	There are too many to think of just one- but I enjoy watching officials who are able to manage people well and communicate clearly.
Any superstitions?	My lucky undies have become a mainstay now in my pre-match routine. Poached or scrambled eggs on toast for breakfast on the morning of games.
Any special talents?	My toes are very long- I can pick all sorts of things up with them!
Best piece of advice?	Don't be afraid of making mistakes
What got you into umpiring?	Never played cricket, but always enjoyed and loved the game. Introduced to a laws course when I was about 15.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Both my Grandfathers (I never met them and so am counting them as one! 😊) Rosalind Franklin Heath Ledger

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Abhijeet Wagh	Kogarah	Kyle Yager	Goonellabah
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