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## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

MARK HUGHES

Dear Members,

Welcome to our November edition of **In Black & White** and welcome to another season of cricket, albeit a rain interrupted start for many since the season has commenced.

It has been so encouraging to see so many of you at our annual convention in Tamworth and I trust all members who attended had both an enjoyable time reacquainting with each other after our last two conventions were held online, as well as taking benefit from the quality education sessions provided by our education team, trainers and keynote speakers.

It has been a busy off-season with the changes to the Laws of Cricket and the return to face-to-face training.

I wish to thank all who have contributed to the Annual Convention, as well as to laws of cricket training courses and professional development sessions that have occurred across the state to all of our existing and new members of NSWCUA over the winter.

There are so many opportunities for our members in season 2022-23 and this edition of **In Black and White** will highlight those with many early season appointments.

I wish all our members, especially those who are stepping up a level, whether it be a promotion to officiating in a higher grade of cricket in your local association or a representative debut, the very best in your matches.



Maitland DCUSA dialed into the Law change workshop facilitated by Ben Treloar



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

**TROY PENMAN**

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

The cricket season is well and truly here, and I hope your season has started well. As was the case last season the rain has impacted heavily on the amount of play that has been possible. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say may the forecast for further rain this season be incorrect.

Since the last edition of our Association Journal there has been plenty happening and much to keep members abreast of or updated on.

Errol Cranney was awarded with Life Membership of the Association at a Special General Meeting held prior to the AGM on Wednesday 23 August. Errol became the Association's 55th Life member in its 109-year history. His dedication to officiation on and off field across his time with the Association makes him a worthy recipient and we look forward to his contribution to the Association as an off-field observer in NSW Men's Premier Cricket along with his work as a selector on various committees continuing long into the future.

During the Association's AGM seven members were bestowed with Principal Membership; Dave Cullen, Spencer Harrison, Mark Hughes, Toni Lorraine, Robyn Sanday, Ben Treloar and Bruce Whitehouse, each have made an incredible contribution to NSW CUSA and their local Association. All were worthy of the upgrade and will no doubt continue to make a positive contribution to the Association.

The Association's Convention returned to a face-to-face capacity following two years being delivered in an online capacity due to COVID.



New Life member Errol Cranney and new Principal member Robyn Sanday

The Tamworth District Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association are thanked for their incredible hospitality and warm welcome across the weekend. Led by President Dan O'Connor and a strong Executive Committee, the TDCUSA were represented strongly across the weekend and ensured those in attendance were able to get food and drink at members prices, and put on some nibblies for those who were in town on Friday night. The funding for the nibbles was out of the TDCUSA account. After two false starts it was pleasing to be able to meet in person and for members to be able to socialise on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

In previous editions I've touched on Association spirit and highlighted members who have gone out of their way to assist management or fellow members and I'd like to acknowledge two members who put their hand up to assist with the transport of our guest speakers, Julien Wiener and Mike Graham-Smith. These members being Darren Foster and Michael Meehan.

Those who attended the weekend would have been aware that we were required to adjust the program due to Mike not being able to arrive till mid-morning Saturday. When Mike called on Friday night to say he would be arriving a day later than planned, Michael volunteered to pick up Mike knowing that Management would be flat out facilitating the weekend.



Darren's contribution was also greatly appreciated as he chauffeured Mike and Julien to and from their accommodation as he was staying at the same hotel, this allowed Management to set up and pack up both days without having to leave the venue to transport guests. To Michael and Darren thank you for your efforts, both wonderful examples of Association spirit.

The Education team of Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak planned and provided a highly engaging and educational weekend for those in attendance. Each session provided members with different information to assist with the upcoming season. Plenty of positive feedback was received in relation to the outdoor technique and fieldcraft session and no doubt that will form part of the agenda for next year.

Ben and Claire are thanked for their efforts in the lead up to and across the weekend, not only did they plan the weekend they also presented a number of sessions sharing their knowledge and experiences with all.

Bede Sajowitz is also thanked for his efforts in the lead up to the Convention and across the weekend. Bede assumed the role of Interim Executive Officer whilst I was on Parental Leave and he did a fantastic job in keeping the Association moving forward across the 10 weeks of my leave. He worked long and hard to ensure no items fell behind and members continued to be serviced to an excellent standard.

One of the unsung heroes of each Convention is Merchandise Officer, John Allan Evans, John who turned 76 on November 7, once again enabled members to purchase gear ahead of the season to ensure they are ready to go for round 1. John has again put his hand up to look after our Merchandise in season 2022-23 and we are indebted to John for his efficient handling and management of our stock.

Having spoken with John post-convention he confirmed that attendees spent over \$6,500 across the weekend. John along with Kevin Battishill, Bill Howard and Ray Marshall are thanked for putting members first and missing out on the start of some sessions to serve members across the weekend.

An item mentioned at the Convention in my presentation was that Directors had approved the spending of Association funds on an off-field polo shirt for all members. This is a small way for the Association to say thank you for your continued support and to provide members with an additional benefit. The polo will ensure that all members have a shirt to travel to and from their matches in and provide uniformity when working with colleagues across the state.

We are at the stage where Directors are reviewing and making a decision on the preferred design. Once a decision has been made, we'll circulate a JotForm to all members to allow for the correct sizes to be ordered. Please keep an eye on your emails. We expect that the polos will be ready early in the new year and a way of marking our 110th anniversary.

During the non-playing season Directors have been busy attending affiliated association AGMs. Their attendance is to firstly support the executive of each Association and then to provide an update on NSWCUA matters. Directors highlight membership facts and figures, members selected on representative panels with CA and NSWCUA, Management's work across the past 12 months and a highline summary of achievements by members. By attending these meetings, the Board are across issues that affiliates are dealing with and can answer questions from members. I thank Directors for attending these meetings.

The September OGM saw the announcement of Committees and Office-Bearer appointments for the upcoming season. Volunteers are what keeps the Association strong, and I would like to

acknowledge the contribution of Kevin Battishill to the Examination Committee, Kevin after more than 13 seasons on the Examination Committee has made the decision to step down to focus on his role with the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association.

The first one to volunteer each time we needed someone to oversee an examination at the end of a course, Kevin's contribution has been significant and when you consider the majority of these examinations took place at Moore Park and Kevin resides in Winmalee, a minimum 1-hour trip each way - with no traffic I might add - is nothing to sneeze at. Thank you, Kevin, and best wishes for the role as Vice President of the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association.

Following the September OGM we were still in need of a Social Match Appointments Officer as Life Member Ian Wright had made the decision to step away from the role after 15 years. Having spoken with Ian to get an idea on the level of work that he was undertaking in the role it was clear that the Honorarium that he was provided at the end of each season wasn't really doing justice to the amount of work undertaken. But in true Wrighty style he never complained, never questioned anything and was happy to get in and help the Association.

Michael Schokman is thanked for reaching out to take on the role and he has made a pleasing start in responding to requests and appointing umpires. I wish Michael well for the role and thank Ian for his significant contribution to the Association.

Following the Cricket NSW AGM, CEO, Lee Germon, shared his speech with staff and a paragraph which resonated with me was, "we must continually be looking for ways to do things better and deliver extraordinary experiences through achieving excellence". As the cricket landscape continues to evolve and change, we need to keep reviewing and assessing the services we provide to members, things that have worked in the past may not be the best way to operate now and we need to explore new opportunities.

One of the new initiatives that we have undertaken has been to increase the use of our Zoom account for educational and association matters. I thank Ben Treloar for facilitating the changes to the Laws session on Tuesday 20 September and for engaging with Alan Mantle to deliver his **Introduction to Sports Psychology** session on Monday 24 October.

I'd like to acknowledge the difficulties that members have had and are currently experiencing with PlayHQ and OfficialsHQ, unfortunately the rollout of the system has been riddled with issues that has made the programs frustrating for users to operate. We appreciate that Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia are sympathetic to the issues and understand the strain it has put on volunteers. If members have any feedback they think would be beneficial to share as it could help others, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Bede is thanked for his incredible effort in assisting members with their questions, registration issues and access. It has been a substantial undertaking from scratch, and he has prioritised helping members to ease their burden.



Lauren McGill umpiring Port Kembla v University of Wollongong

The Association's By-Laws continue to be worked on, the sub-committee last met on Wednesday 12 October. Nineteen of the twenty-two sections have now been reviewed. The final section to be reviewed is the duties of Elected Officers, duties of Appointed Officers and duties of other Board Appointees.

Once the final section has been reviewed a changes summation document will be provided to all Directors for their review and consideration. Follow the review any changes will be made before the document is circulated to the membership.

Finally, best wishes to all members for their upcoming fixtures, enjoy your time on-field or in the scorers box.



Toni Lorraine & Ian Wright together at Joe McAleer



Clay Finnemore & Julian Humphrey



## STATE UMPIRING MANAGER UPDATE

### DARREN GOODGER

The 2022-23 cricket season is in full swing and our members are receiving opportunities at all levels even with the start of the season in several competitions being delayed due to heavy rainfall received.

#### New Umps

It was a pleasure and privilege to work recently with 13 new umpires in a PD workshop at Cricket Central. The purpose of our session was to share experience, to learn from each other, with the focus on doing the fundamentals to the best possible standard. It was a diverse group with a variety of cricket backgrounds and experience.

We spent some time discussing these focus questions:

- What has gone well for you?
- What has been your best experience?
- What has been your most challenging experience?
- What have you learnt about yourself?
- What have you learnt about umpiring?

It was fantastic to be in a room with people who were prepared to share authentically and openly in a safe environment. We then focused on the art of umpiring, in particular matters around field craft and technique with the theme of doing the basics to an excellent standard as well as considering the reasons behind these various practices.

As Michael Jordan wrote, "Get the fundamentals down and the level of everything you do will rise."

My thanks to all who attended for their time and positive participation, and to Ben Treloar who organised the session.

#### Umpires for Cricket Australia National Championships

Congratulations to the following umpires on their selection to attend Cricket Australia National Championships:

U16 Female | Canberra | 5-12 January

Alicia Humphrey

U17 Male | Hobart | 16-23 January

Mitchell Claydon

U19 Female | Perth | 5-12 December

Daniel Moran

U19 Male | Adelaide | 15-22 December

Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard, Bede Sajowitz

Cricket Australia has selected the 10 umpires for the U19 Male National Championships, we are delighted to have three appointed from New South Wales and wish them the very best.

#### Women's Country Championships

Central Coast Cricket Association hosted the Women's Country Championships at Tuggerah in October, a two-day U16 carnival and a three-day U19 carnival. Congratulations to the umpires who were appointed to these carnivals:

U16

Bill Battese, Katie Collins, John Davidson, Geoff Hoy, Tom Maurer, Graham Moon, Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Rodney Porter, Graham Rose, Kate Rowlands

The U16 final was umpired by Graham Moon (Riverina) and Graham Rose (North Coastal).

## U19

Bill Battese, Katie Collins, John Davidson, Keith Davies, Leon Erich, Elisabeth Houston, Tom Maurer, Graham Moon, Rodney Porter, Graham Rose, Manjinder Sandhu, Stephen Wade

The U19 final was umpired by Rodney Porter (Central Northern) and Graham Rose (North Coastal).



Rod Porter & Bill Battese

We offer Central Coast Cricket Association, Garry Burkinshaw, David Winiata and the team our thanks for being such outstanding hosts. The Women's Country Championships were organised to an exceptional standard.

### Plan B Regional T20 Bash

The following umpires have been appointed to men's Plan B Regional T20 Bash fixtures:

#### Northern NSW Carnival

Dave Chapman, Paul Dilley, Craig Lobegeier, John Pearce

#### Central Coast/Hunter Carnival

John Davidson, Dave Grainger, Andrew Hollingsworth, Paul Olsen, Scott Thomas, Stephen Wade

#### Riverina ACT

Jeff Egan, Geoff Irvine, Murray Le Lievre, Anthony McGettigan

#### Illawarra

Dave Cullen, Peter Murphy

#### Western

John De Lyall, Dwayne Kent

Matches set down for Albury and Wagga Wagga had to be cancelled due to waterlogged venues, but we recognise the appointment of Peter Bridle and Paul Johnson (Albury) and Dennis Chaplin and Murray Le Lievre (Wagga Wagga) to these matches.

The following umpires have been appointed women's Plan B Regional T20 Bash fixtures:

#### Central Coast Carnival

John Davidson, Sue Gregory, Elisabeth Houston, Tom Maurer, Leone Mizzi, Stephen Wade

#### Illawarra Carnival

Dave Cullen, Ian Davidson, Peter Murphy, Manjinder Sandhu, Steve Ward

Congratulations to all umpires on their appointment.

### Men's Country Championships

Congratulations to the following umpires on their appointment to the Men's Country Championships:

#### Northern Pool | Tamworth | 18-20 November

Dave Cullen, Dave Grainger, John Pearce, Phil Rainger

#### Southern Pool | Orange | 25-27 November

John De Lyall, Jeff Egan, Graeme Glazebrook, Brenton Harrison

### Bradman Cup

Congratulations to the following umpires on their appointment to the Bradman Cup pool carnivals:

#### Northern Pool | Kempsey | 3-4 December

Bill Battese, Graham Rose, Chen Tay, Doug Trigg

#### Southern Pool | Greater Illawarra | 3-4 December

Dave Cullen, Ian Davidson, Murray Le Lievre, Peter Murphy

### **Cricket NSW U17 Male State Challenge**

Congratulations and best wishes to the following umpires and scorers on their appointment to the U17 Male State Challenge, these matches will be played at Blacktown International Sports Park on November 15-16:

Umpires | Stephen Blomfield, Clay Finnemore, Nathan Harvey, Bob McGregor, Michael Meehan, Bede Sajowitz, Bruce Whitehouse  
Scorers | Peter Garlick, Robyn Sanday, Sue Woodhouse, Ian Wright

### **Cricket NSW U19 Male State Challenge**

Congratulations and best wishes to the following umpires and scorers on their appointment to the U19 Male State Challenge, these matches will be played at Blacktown International Sports Park on November 8-10:

Umpires | Mitchell Claydon, Darren Foster, Bob McGregor, Marc Nickl, Kedar Oza, Andrew Yarad,  
Scorers | Janelle Carew, Jeff Evans, Peter Garlick, Robyn Sanday, Sue Woodhouse, Ian Wright

### **Member Recognition**

Wish to highlight six members on achieving recent milestones...

#### **Chris Beecher**

Chris Beecher recently made his First Grade umpiring debut in New South Wales Men's Premier Cricket, standing in the Round 3 fixture between Randwick Petersham and Northern District at Petersham Oval with Troy Penman.

Congratulations are offered to Chris on both his elevation to panel 1 this season and on his initial First Grade appointment.

Chris joined the NSWCUSA in 2019 and had an exceptional 2021-22 season with a match average of 4.75 (/5) from second grade captains.

Chris has progressed to this stage of the umpiring pathway in relatively quick time, but on the back of a strong and sincere work ethic, an exemplary attitude, commitment to umpiring and the competition, and consistently good performances. He is a humble young man who displays genuine and positive interest in his colleagues, being a pleasure for all to work with.

Chris is passionate about the game and our Association and has already made a sterling contribution to our education and development programs, including Laws of Cricket training courses and PD workshops, travelling to regional New South Wales as a member of the training team to facilitate programs in the bush where his efforts have been very well received, appreciated and respected.

A First Grade debut is a significant milestone in an umpire's journey, Chris deserved his opportunity.

#### **Greg Davidson**

Greg Davidson umpired his 150th First Grade match in New South Wales Men's Premier Cricket in the Round 1 fixture between Sydney and Western Suburbs at Drummoyne Oval, sharing the match with Troy Penman.

A popular and highly respected member of the NSWCUSA, Davo is a former First Grade captain at Parramatta, a 20 year first-grade player, and in 2002-03 was the recipient of First Grade Captain of the Year.

He has given long, exceptional and distinguished service to the Sydney Cricket Association as a player and umpire. He has also received two Panel 1 medals being the First Grade Umpire of the Year in seasons 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Greg has been a member of the National Umpire Panel since 2014-15, this season being his ninth. He has now stood in 35 first-class matches, including one match in the Plunkett Shield in New Zealand



and two fixtures in the Ranji Trophy in India. Greg has also umpired:

- 11 women's internationals including an Ashes Test in Perth in 2014
- 28 List A men's matches, including four fixtures in the Cricket South Africa One Day Cup in 2019
- 71 Big Bash matches (13 women's and 58 men's)

Davo has always looked to make a positive contribution to the NSWCUA. Whenever he is available he will attend meetings, conventions and Association functions, looking to give back and to share experience with others in the most humble and sincere manner. Davo has never forgotten where it all started for him and he looks to be available to umpire Premier Cricket whenever his Cricket Australia umpiring commitments allow him.

He is passionate about our Association, its people, and the premier cricket competition. He is proud to have umpired nine Belvidere Cup finals, the competition being very special to him. In many ways, he is a wonderful role model for our members.



Greg Davidson during the 2021-22 Belvidere Cup Final // Ian Bird

When you consider almost a decade of service to the NUP, it is incredible that Greg has brought up 150 matches in our top grade. It speaks volume for his humility, commitment and his character.

We thank and acknowledge Davo for his genuine contribution to our Association and his colleagues, the Sydney Cricket Association, our game in general, and offer our congratulations on another umpiring milestone.

### **Daniel Moran**

Daniel made his List A umpiring debut on September 23 in the Women's National Cricket League fixture at North Sydney Oval played between New South Wales and Queensland.

We offer congratulations to Daniel on his elevation to the State Umpire Panel and on his selection to stand in his first List A match. He has now umpired 59 Men's Premier Cricket matches, 45 of which have been in First Grade.

Daniel's selection is merit-based on the back of his commitment, the consistently high quality of his performances, his attitude and teamwork. Daniel's contribution to our State Panel meetings held so far show he will be a valued and authentic member of the team.

Daniel is a former player and umpire in the Newcastle District Cricket Association. He has also made an exemplary contribution to the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association as a member of both the training and selection committees. Daniel is a valued member of the NSWCUA training team.

He shared his debut with Andrew Hamilton (our most capped WNCL umpire), match referee Steve Bernard and scorers Toni Lorraine and Robyn Sanday.

Daniel then went on to make his WBBL debut at Blacktown International Sports Park standing with Roberto Howard in the Thunder v Scorchers fixture

on October 16, the scorers being Peter Garlick and Robyn Sanday.

### **Sharad Patel**

Sharad Patel made his men's List A umpiring debut on September 26 at Allan Border Field in the fixture between Queensland and South Australia. His on-field colleague was Bruce Oxenford, Donovan Koch was the TV Umpire with Kepler Wessels the Cricket Australia match referee.

Sharad joined the NSWCUSA in 2012 at the age of 18 at which time he spent two years working for Cricket NSW as the Match Officials Administration Officer, before moving into employment in the corporate world. At the time he was playing Premier Cricket for the Fairfield-Liverpool club and then went on to play for Parramatta.

He commenced umpiring as a member of panel 4 winning the Alan Marshall Medal in season 2015-16. Sharad has also won the George Borwick Memorial Award on two occasions, the Association's highest honour for an active umpire. I never had the privilege of meeting George Borwick, but do believe he would approve of Sharad's dedication, teamwork and ability.

Sharad made his First Grade umpiring debut in Men's Premier Cricket in November 2017 at Howell Oval in the fixture between Penrith and Randwick Petersham. He immediately impressed observers with his composure and the quality of his decision making.

He has now umpired 118 matches across the grades, with 71 being in first grade. He was selected on the NSW State Umpire Panel in season 2019-20 and has performed strongly in Men's Premier Cricket and in Cricket Australia programs over the past three years. In April this year he was selected to attend the U19 Male National Championships for the second time, on this occasion in Mackay, and was appointed to umpire the final prior to being elevated to the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire Panel.

Sharad has also umpired WBBL, WNCL and men's State Second XI fixtures, and enjoyed the experience and privilege of being 4th Umpire in the BBL. In Men's Premier Cricket he has umpired three finals, including the Second Grade final in seasons 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Sharad has made a real contribution to the NSWCUSA, not only as Administration Officer and as an umpire, but also as a member of the Social and Training committees. He is always looking to give back. In recent years he has joined the training team in facilitating Laws of Cricket courses and PD workshops for members and prospective umpires all around our State.

Sharad is an outstanding match official. He umpires with humility, and with strength. He is an exemplary team player, highly valued and widely respected for who he is, his character and his umpiring. Players not only respect Sharad, they trust him and his preparation, ability, attitude and approach. You will never be a better umpire than you are a person, Sharad is an equally outstanding person. To earn respect one must show it, Sharad respects all and sundry and this is evident by the way he treats and engages with others.

Sharad's debut in the men's One Day Cup is a significant milestone on his umpiring journey. It is an opportunity he has worked for and deserved. He is aware that to perform to the best of his ability is not only what the game expects, but it is also his responsibility, as such he left no stone unturned in his preparation. He appeared to really enjoy the experience and to perform well.

Congratulations are offered to Sharad.



### **Peter Tate**

Peter Tate umpired his 200th Men's Premier Cricket First Grade match on October 1 and 8, standing in the fixture at University No. 1 Oval between Sydney University and University of New South Wales.

This is an outstanding umpiring milestone. Peter becomes just the 11th umpire in our 109 year history to stand in 200 first grade matches. He shared the match with Daniel Moran, an umpiring colleague from the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association (NDCUA).

Peter has a rich history in cricket umpiring, with many highlights during his time as an umpire since 1985:

- 2 Women's ODIs
- 2 Women's T20Is
- 4 WNCL matches, including the WNCL Final between New South Wales and Victoria at the SCG in 2008-09
- 3 WT20 matches
- 4 appointments as TV Umpire in the Cricket Australia Men's One Day Cup
- 2 appointments as TV Umpire in the T20 Big Bash
- 1 appointment as TV Umpire in the 2008-09 ICC Women's World Cup (Australia v New Zealand)
- 7 Men's Second XI fixtures
- 7 Futures League T20 fixtures
- Australian Country Cricket Championships (Men's) 1992-93
- 4 Men's Premier Cricket Finals

He has also given fine service to the NDCUA (of which Peter is a Life member) and the NSWCUA, Peter being a proud principal member. For several years he served on the Examination Committee, being a dedicated member and committee chair.

Peter has always been one to accept an appointment anywhere at any time to assist the Association and the game, being so selfless in this regard. He has also been an active member of the NSWCUA training team in facilitating Laws of Cricket courses and one who has been available to mentor umpires and share his experience.

200 First Grade matches is an awesome achievement. Congratulations are offered to Peter.

### **Rod Tucker**

Congratulations to Rod Tucker who in the current ICC Men's T20 World Cup umpired his 50th men's International T20 match in the fixture between Bangladesh and South Africa at the SCG. Rod has been a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires for 12 years and is an outstanding match official and ambassador for the NSWCUA. It is a measure of the esteem in which Rod is held by the ICC that he was appointed, alongside Marais Erasmus, to umpire the India v Pakistan T20 World Cup fixture at the MCG. The teamwork and composure under pressure at all times being a highlight of the umpires' performance.

### **Paul Wilson**

Congratulations to Paul Wilson, a member of the ICC International Panel of Umpires, on his appointment to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Paul umpired five preliminary round fixtures and has now officiated 26 International T20 matches. He is a great supporter of our Association and has performed at a consistently high standard in international cricket over several seasons.

### **Convention**

The Annual Convention held at Tamworth, based on member survey feedback, was an outstanding success.



Thank you to the Tamworth District Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association for being such exemplary hosts. To President Dan O'Connor, and members, we appreciate you being so welcoming. We also offer a vote of thanks to our special guests Mike Graham-Smith and Julien Wiener who brought so much to the weekend.

To our staff – Bede, Ben, Claire and Troy ... we all appreciate the excellent work done in bringing the Convention together for our members. It was superbly organised and enjoyed by those who attended.

To our members who attended, so many travelling to the beautiful northern inland of our State, thank you for supporting the Convention and we hope you took something away for your tool kit to improve your umpiring.

To our members who facilitated sessions, a sincere vote of thanks for your preparation and for being prepared to share your experience to benefit others.



Julien Wiener presents in Tamworth

### **Men's Premier Cricket Umpire Observers**

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

Thank you to our umpire observers for the quality of their reports and feedback to umpires so far this season. They take a great deal of time to provide honest feedback that is specific and meaningful.

When you want to help people you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself you tell

them what they want to hear. Our observers provide constructive feedback to benefit umpires.

Tom Ortiz, former First Grade player with Sydney and St George, has joined the umpire observer team for Men's Premier Cricket and will commence duties in Round 5. Tom is an outstanding young man, recently retired player, it is great to have him on board. He will bring wonderful character, a different and fresh perspective to supplement an already excellent team.

### **Staying at the Top – Ric Charlesworth**

Ric Charlesworth in his outstanding book, *Staying at the Top*, dedicates a chapter to discussing how mistakes are friends.

There has been so much written and said over the years about mistakes and making them. None of us like making them, but why should we fear doing so? It is from mistakes that we learn. I have umpired with so many outstanding umpires over the years. The best umpires have so many common traits, but one of them is they umpire cricket matches in a really relaxed manner, and they do not place undue pressure on themselves, which does nothing for the challenges we face as match officials, nor does it aid our performance.

Being relaxed helps them to be in the present moment for every ball, and that's the best place for a match official to be. They accept mistakes will occur, we are human so they are inevitable, the best umpires in the world make them (although the likes of Michael Gough, Richard Kettleborough Rod Tucker don't make too many), and they are not frightened of them. They possess capacity to acknowledge mistakes, to recover quickly and work out effectively what may be learned from them. The ability, and process used, to recover quickly from decision making errors is an entire education piece on its own.

We want a culture in New South Wales where our match officials will embrace mistakes and the positives that may be taken from them.

Mistakes should not cause us to give up on ourselves. They don't define our performance, nor do they define who we are.

I encourage all of us to focus on the process, not the outcome, and to be wary of measuring our success based simply on perceptions of our decision making. So many times over the years I have asked umpires, how was your game and what did you take from it? On many occasions the response has been forthcoming, "Well the captains didn't raise or question any of my decisions post match so I'm pleased with that".

Decision making and listening to feedback around it is important, but only one aspect of what we do – attitude, teamwork, preparation, match and people management, communication and concentration are other aspects of umpiring that benefit from our reflection. Long after we finish umpiring, it will be who we are as a person, as opposed to an umpire, that will see us remembered and respected.

Perspective around mistakes is everything. Alan Mantle has reminded us many times over the years that it is only a game. While we have the highest expectation of ourselves in terms of correct application of Laws and playing conditions, and we aim to respect every ball to the best of our ability through strong routines, don't be disheartened by decision making errors.

Success is never final, and failure is never fatal. A mistake is an opportunity to learn a lesson and to show your strength in recovering. Mistakes are proof that we are having a go. They do not make us less capable. Let's give ourselves permission to be human, and to enjoy the process of learning.

As Neale Daniher writes in *When all is said and done*, "It's a good thing to keep in mind that, whatever the situation, it's never as good or as bad as the picture some others might paint".

Why make life all about vanity and ego? If ego is prevalent, then we may be tempted to sit around and ponder whether long-passed phases of our lives were successes or failures. What's the point? What has happened has happened, it can't be changed. We are far better off moving on and looking through the windscreen, not the rear-view mirror.

Once we identify an opportunity, we can work towards it with an optimistic and positive attitude. We can then call on the characteristics of resilience and persistence to turn our hope into something, rather than giving up when we hit a hurdle. Hope is not only about the present, it is about the future. Whether we think there's opportunity or we think there's none, either way we will be right.

### **Observations 2022-23**

I wish to share some observations from the season so far.

The best are brilliant at the basics, and one of our mantras for many years has been doing the basics to an excellent standard, so here are 10 little things I have observed so far this season:

- During an interval where the players and umpires leave the field of play, or there is an interruption to play, bails are required to be removed from both sets of wickets
- After giving the batter on strike guard, it is best practice hold your ground til the striker has finished marking their guard before moving to the popping crease to indicate mode of delivery
- Wait until the ball is finally settled before calling Over
- When standing at the striker's end be aware of and committed to watching for the possibility of Hit wicket ... if the batter plays forward and

the 'keeper is standing up watch for a stumping, if the batter plays back then always be aware of the possibility of Hit wicket, try to avoid being a ball watcher and wait until the batter has moved away from the wicket before turning to watch a ball played into the outfield

- When signalling new ball this should be done to the scorers
- Before signalling Bye or Leg bye to the scorers wait until the ball is finally settled
- When realigning a wicket that has been disturbed or broken, stand to the side of the stumps to give your colleague a clear view
- There is no need to crouch or bend when giving guard and signalling Dead ball, both may be given standing upright
- It is recommended to check with the scorers following any interval, including drinks, before calling Play
- Try to avoid looking at your counter while the ball is in play ... distractions can lead to disasters

One further point ... At every interval / interruption be sure to write down:

- who is to face the next delivery following the break
- who bowled the last over
- from which end play is to resume
- time at the start of the break
- number of overs bowled at the start of the break

Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.

**"It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen."** John Wooden

### **NSWCUSA November OGM**

I thought the recent monthly members' meeting was a fine example of teamwork. All the team were away, yet it was very well organised and

professionally delivered. To see Bede, Ben, Claire and Troy all on umpiring duties with CA at this time is an immense source of pride for our Association.

They are outstanding ambassadors for umpiring, the NSWCUSA and Cricket NSW. Their work, on and off the field, helps Cricket NSW deliver on its purpose, vision and strategy. They inspire our members to work, improve and to do better things through their leadership, performance and the way they make others feel. Time and shared experience are such a precious commodities, they are all generous with both to our people.

To all who stepped up and presented at the November OGM, thank you and well done:

- Laurie Borg
- Mark Hughes
- Sathish Kumar
- Michael Meehan
- Michael Schokman

Thank you to Andrew Coates for ensuring our IT was working well so the 80+ members who joined online via Zoom were able to do so.

There is a wonderful spirit of teamwork evident in our Association.

### **Thank You**

Wishing all members the very best. Thanks to everyone for all the positive contributions being made State-wide to cricket and serving our game.

To our members in areas affected by heavy rainfall and flood, our hearts and thoughts are with you. If there is any support or assistance we may provide, then please don't hesitate to reach out to the Association.

Take care everyone, enjoy your cricket (there is so much being played) in the lead up to Christmas.

## EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE

### BEN TRELOAR

We'll start with the most recent event, the Association's Annual Convention. Thanks to all members who attended and contributed to a successful and enjoyable weekend in Tamworth – without you, the Convention just doesn't take place. Please allow me to acknowledge them here in this report.

In their role as members of the Convention Planning Committee:

- Chris Beecher
- Neil Findlay
- Roberto Howard

Our presenters:

- Gerrard Abood
- Chris Beecher
- Greg Davidson
- Darren Goodger
- Sue Gregory
- Mark Hughes
- Troy Penman
- Claire Polosak
- Bede Sajowitz
- Simon Taufel

Outdoor Leaders

- Tim Gumbleton
- Ian Davidson
- Mark Frecklington
- Dan Moran
- Tim Donahoo
- John De Lyall
- Dave Cullen
- Michael Meehan
- Phil Rainger
- Laurie Borg
- Mitch Claydon

- Darren Foster
- Kim Norris
- Bob McGregor
- Andrew Coates
- Elizabeth O'Dwyer

To those who contributed to our Scorers' Convention:

- Marilyn Fowler
- Adrian Tham
- Sue Woodhouse
- Ian Wright

And finally, to our Team of:

- Claire Polosak
- Bede Sajowitz
- Darren Goodger
- Troy Penman

Thanks for your continued support, belief, and confidence in what we're doing. You each work tirelessly in your roles - I get to see this firsthand every day, but you always do it with so much energy, purpose, and a positive attitude - always putting members first.

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback via the survey and through emails. We now look forward to actioning your thoughts to make next year's Convention an even better experience.

Prior to the Convention taking place during May the Country Umpire Panel, Country Umpire Coach, and selection committee, along with our Zone Reps, NSWCUA Management and guests came together in Scone for the Country Umpire training and development workshop. It was an engaging weekend, and we thank everyone who contributed to its success.

Throughout the non-playing season, the training team has been incredibly busy conducting numerous Law courses and PD Workshops across our State. In addition to metro centres, places we visited include Albury, Lismore, Newcastle, Oak Flats, Tenterfield, Cootamundra, the Central Coast, Tocumwal, Orange, Scone, and Wollongong.



The commitment of the Association to our regions is never more evident – we truly are a State-wide body. To our country members and affiliates – you fly the flag of the association in the bush. Thank you for all that you do for umpiring and the game of cricket in your regions.

Thanks to all of our trainers – it is a big commitment made with significant time spent away from family and friends travelling and facilitating courses for the benefit of others – your efforts are sincerely appreciated. The fruits of your labour are no more obvious than during our September OGM when we welcomed 71 new members to the Association.

Prior to the season commencing we saw our first new umpire workshop for the season which was held at the new offices at Cricket Central. Following on from this we saw the SCA Rules night being held at Bankstown Sports Club. The following week the management ran an online a session covering the new laws of cricket which came into effect at the beginning of the season.

A second new umpire workshop was also held in September for those involved in NSW Men's Premier Cricket where we had in-depth discussions of the Game 3 PCs. The aim of the night was ensuring our new umpires left feeling supported and confident heading into Round 1.

Following this, during October umpires got together at Cricket Central to discuss their initial experiences from the beginning of the season and had the opportunity discuss a wide range of shared experience. A follow-up session is scheduled for December.

Thanks are offered to Alan Mantle who provided the membership with an opportunity to experience a session titled **An Introduction to Sports Psychology**. The session was well attended with participants engaged throughout. We look forward to offering further educational sessions throughout the season with more sessions planned for November and December – watch this space.

On behalf of the Education and Training team we trust everyone has enjoyed the start of the season.

All the very best for and enjoyable and successful 2022-23.

Members and prospective members in attendance at a Laws course facilitated in Scone



## CRANNEY BECOMES LIFE MEMBER #55

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

Long-serving member Errol Cranney became the Association's 55th Life member at a Special General Meeting in August, recognising 30 years of exceptional and outstanding service to NSWCUA. Errol first joined the Association in 1991, umpiring locally in the Manly-Warringah District Cricket Association competition for five seasons before first umpiring in Sydney Grade Cricket.

He officiated in the grade competition for ten seasons, overseeing 168 matches in that time, with 110 coming in First Grade.

He was appointed to two WNCL matches and a number of minor representative fixtures in his umpiring career, which he drew to a close in 2006.

The very next season, he joined the Association's panel of off-field observers, providing in-depth and high-quality feedback to umpires around the grounds of NSW Men's Premier Cricket – this coming season will be his 17th as an observer.

Errol is a dedicated member of the Premier Cricket observing group, rarely missing a Saturday during the season – over the past three seasons alone he has completed in excess of 100 observations which sees him compile reports for the benefit of umpires as well as providing verbal feedback during intervals, interruptions and after play.

Using his observations, knowledge of the game, and of the umpiring craft, he has also served the Association as a Selector, of both the Finals Series Selection Committee and the Panel Selection Committee.

Through his participation in these processes, he plays a crucial role in our endeavour to maintain a merit-based umpiring pathway where umpires deserving of opportunities are recognised and provided with them.

At the 2013 Annual General Meeting, Errol was upgraded to Principal membership in recognition of his contributions to the Association both on and off the field.

In receiving Life membership, Errol joins his esteemed grandfather Vincent Cranney, with the Cranneys becoming the first family to have two Life members of NSWCUA.

Chair of the Board Mark Hughes spoke to the nomination, whilst fellow Manly-Warringah umpire Marty Edgell shared some memories of their time together in seconding Errol's Life membership.



Life member Errol Cranney presents Dave Cullen with Principal membership

## MORAN DEBUTS AS STATE PANEL UMPIRE

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

Daniel Moran made his Women's List A debut, on September 23, umpiring his first match as a member of the NSW State Panel when the WNCL season began at North Sydney Oval.

Moran is entering his fifth season umpiring NSW Premier Cricket, making his First Grade debut in 2018-19, having now overseen 42 matches in the grade, as well as two Fifth Grade Finals.

He spent several seasons umpiring with the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association before moving to Premier Cricket, having been in the middle for 60 NDCA First Grade matches including four finals.

Moran represented NSW at the 2019-20 U18 Female National Championships in Tasmania and the 2018-19 National Indigenous Cricket Championships at Alice Springs, where he was appointed to the Men's Division Final.

Off the field, he has been involved with the NDCUA on their appointment and training committees and is now involved with NSW/CUSA as a trainer, which has seen him facilitate Laws of Cricket courses and present at Annual Conventions.

He was joined on-field by Andrew Hamilton for the day/night match between New South Wales and Queensland, with NSW/CUSA members Toni Lorraine and Robyn Sanday scoring the fixture.

Moran joins the four-strong State Panel for the 2022-23 season, replacing Sharad Patel who has been elevated to Cricket Australia's Supplementary Umpire Panel.

He will join returning umpires Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard and Bede Sajowitz on the panel which will be involved in WBBL, WNCL, Second XI and CA National Underage Championships.



Andrew Hamilton & Dan Moran walk onto North Sydney Oval



## PATEL MAKES MEN'S LIST A DEBUT

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Cricket Australia (CA) Supplementary Umpire Panel (SUP) member Sharad Patel made his List-A umpiring debut in the Marsh One Day Cup match between Queensland and South Australia at Allan Border Field in Brisbane on September 26.

Patel began umpiring began a decade ago when he joined the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (NSWCUSA) and stood in the New South Wales Premier Cricket and Shires competitions. Patel then progressed through the grades and made his First Grade debut in November 2017 in the New South Wales Premier Cricket competition.

The 2017-18 season became a significant year for Patel. Aside from his NSW First Grade debut, he travelled to Hobart on exchange to stand in Tasmania's Premier Cricket First Grade competition. Patel finished the season officiating in his state's Premier Cricket Finals and capped the season by taking out the NSWCUSA's Panel 2 Medal and the prestigious George Borwick Medal for the first time.

The following season, Patel was appointed by CA to officiate in the Under 15 Male National Championships on the Sunshine Coast. Prior to the 2019-20 season, Patel was appointed to the New South Wales State Umpire Panel and was duly appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships in Mackay, Queensland. In the same season, Patel was appointed to the Under 19 Male National Championships in Perth, a rare achievement. That season became another significant summer in Patel's umpiring pathway with further appointments to his first WBBL and WNCL matches.



Donovan Koch, Kepler Wessels, Sharad Patel and Bruce Oxenford ahead of the Queensland v South Australia match // Getty

Patel continued his progression in the 2020-21 season standing in his first Toyota Second XI four-day match whilst fulfilling a full New South Wales Premier Cricket calendar. He has gone on to stand in 67 First XI matches. Patel's contribution was again recognised when he was awarded the George Borwick Medal for the second time.

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

Off the field, Sharad has been Chair of the NSWCUSA Social Committee and regularly facilitates learning and development sessions for NSW umpires.

Patel was joined by CA National Umpire Panel members Bruce Oxenford (on field), Donovan Koch (third umpire) and National Match Referee Panel member Kepler Wessels in forming the Playing Control Team.



## EGAN ELEVATED TO COUNTRY PANEL

### BEDE SAJOWITZ

Jeff Egan will become the 56th capped member of the Country Representative Umpire Panel, elevated to the group of eight selected by NSWCUA ahead of the 2022-23 season.

Hailing from the Riverina, Egan umpires in the Wagga Wagga District Cricket Association competition and last season umpired his 100th match since debuting as a match official.

In state representative competitions, he has officiated the Bradman Cup and Country Colts carnivals as well as at various State Challenge carnivals and umpired Men's First Grade in NSW Premier Cricket.

Earlier this year saw Egan officiate on the SCG for the first time, taking to the middle with Riverina colleague Brenton Harrison for the Plan B Regional Bash Sixers Conference Final on February 14.

State Umpiring Manager Darren Goodger said of the elevation, "Jeff was particularly impressive in season 2021-22 at the three representative carnivals he attended.



"He deserves this opportunity after several seasons of commitment and consistently strong performances in country cricket programs and we wish him well as he joins the panel for the first time."

Goodger also paid tribute to Neil Smith, who retires from the panel after five seasons as a member of the group, a period which saw him officiate three consecutive Country Championships Finals.

"Neil can be proud of his contribution to the team. He brought wonderful enthusiasm for cricket and umpiring to the panel, he was reliable and well prepared, and he was one to always have the back of his colleague.

"Neil possesses outstanding people management skills and as such it is no exaggeration to say he was loved and respected by the players. We wish him the very best and hope to see him remain involved in cricket and umpiring."

The panel services Country Cricket NSW representative programs at both a senior and junior level, including the men's and women's Regional Bash competitions.

The full panel for season 2022-23 is:

- Graeme Glazebrook (Western Zone) - #43
- Bruce Baxter (North Coastal Zone) - #46
- John De Lyall (Western Zone) - #53
- Jeff Egan (Riverina Zone) - #56
- Dave Cullen (Greater Illawarra Zone) - #44
- Brenton Harrison (Riverina Zone) - #54
- Keiran Knight (Newcastle Zone) - #55
- Phil Rainger (Newcastle Zone) - #42

Jeff Egan and Brenton Harrison together at the Sydney Cricket Ground in February // Ben Churcher

## BADMINTON AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

### YOGEN BHATNAGAR

It was an honour to have been appointed as the Referee for the 11-day event of badminton (28 July to 7 August 2022) at the 22nd Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, the largest multi-sport international event after the Olympics.

I was responsible for organising the Teams Event (145 round robin matches) and Individual Events (176 matches) in the competition with 500 athletes from 72 nations. To do this I was leading a team of 30 umpires and 150 technical and software officials.

As the overall lead of the tournament... my role was one of leadership, managing relationships and interactions with the technical officials team, players, coaches, media and the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee. The event was well-run like a well-oiled machine, with me playing a central role.

Naturally there were occasions where I needed to make critical technical decisions and judgements related to on-court situations or answer questions from players, technical officials, coaches and team managers (requiring thorough knowledge of laws and regulations of Badminton).

However, my people management skills (aided by my professional engineering experience in managing the World Bank projects) were usually a bigger contributor to the overall success of the tournament. This is starkly similar to what makes a good cricket umpire!

It was a spectacular, challenging, gruelling but memorable experience to say the least! My experience of more than 100 international tournaments since the Sydney Olympics certainly helped.



NSWCUSA member Yogen Bhatnagar at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham

## CRICKET AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (& THE HUNDRED)

CLAIRE POLOSAK

July and August proved to be very busy for me - a different sort of busy to a normal winter. The back end of July, and start of August, there was the Commonwealth Games, held in Birmingham, which was followed by a short stint in the ECB Women's Hundred.

To be involved in a Commonwealth Games was a very special experience. While the cricket within the boundary was the same as other tournaments we have been involved in, everything outside the boundary was just a little bit different. It was the first time that the umpiring team consisted of only females. In addition to Eloise Sheridan and myself from Australia, there was Lauren Agenbag (South Africa), Kim Cotton (New Zealand), Jaqueline William (West Indies), Sue Redfern (England), Vrinda Rathi (India) and Shivani Mishra (Qatar). There were also two Match Referees, GS Lakshmi (India) and Shandre Fritz (South Africa). Karl Hurter (South Africa) was the umpire coach on duty for the tournament.



Being able to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies were special occasions - Sue Redfern was chosen out of all the Technical Officials to undertake the oath, alongside a coach and an athlete. I've never been to an event or show like it - lots of dancers, and an amazingly large mechanical bull!

Accommodation was different to what we would expect, while we were not in the village as such, we were located in Student accommodation on the Birmingham University campus. We also were staying with the Hockey and Squash officials, which was really interesting and allowed for good conversations over breakfast and also in common areas.

There were eight teams - Australia, Barbados, Pakistan, India, South Africa, Sri Lanka, England and New Zealand. Double headers were played every day, with the same umpiring team involved in both games. What was different to other tournaments though, is that the day was split into two sessions, with the stadium being cleared out and cleaned between the sessions. We were not allowed to leave though and would often spend our time between games napping in the away changeroom at Edgbaston!

The group matches and the Semi Finals were played on a hybrid pitch, with 95% natural turf, and 5% synthetic. It plays fairly similarly to a natural turf pitch however it holds together for a little longer and is easier to prepare with a quicker turnaround.

The Medal matches on the last day were played on a natural turf pitch though to the naked eye, you wouldn't have thought that there was any synthetic in the pitch!

Most games were well supported by the crowd. I was umpiring the group that had England and South Africa and all of which these games were close to sell outs.



These matches were the largest crowds that I had been a part of! I was still able to trust my routines - I concentrate very hard on the tapping of the striker's bat for each delivery (Thanks DG!)



On days off, we were able to head to other sports - my family were also over for this tournament, and there was a fellow Goulburn girl that my parents taught, Ellen Ryan, who was competing in the lawn bowls so we watched her semi finals (she ended up winning gold!) and also a day at the Men's Rugby 7s Semi Finals which was also a great spectacle.

The Commonwealth games was a unique experience, and it was really exciting to see T20 cricket involved in a multi-sport tournament.

After my involvement in the Commonwealth Games, I was fortunate to be able to be involved in the Women's 100, as part of an exchange program between the England and Wales Cricket Board, and Cricket Australia. I was appointed to four games in total, one as Fourth Umpire and then three on-field.

Fourth Umpire in The Hundred is different to how the role operates in ICC and Cricket Australia competitions. In The Hundred, the TV Umpire is operating a replay system called 'Smart Replay' which means that they sit in a truck in the broadcast compound, without any vision to the ground.

The Fourth Umpire is sitting in what would be the Third Umpire room with the Match Referee, and completing the 'normal' Third umpire tasks, without the tv decisions - over-rate calculations, penalty time for players leaving the field, etc.

It was a very whirlwind trip - the grounds that I was appointed to were The Ageas Bowl in Southampton (August 12), Sophia Gardens in Cardiff (August 13), Headingley in Leeds (August 14) and then back to Edgbaston in Birmingham (August 15).





The Women's games that I was appointed to were held in the afternoon, and so my husband Evan and I would drive to the next venue afterwards.

It was fortunate that Evan was there - not only was it great to be able to share the experience with him, but I would not have been able to drive the 800km and umpire on consecutive days!

My partners were all very good and made me feel very welcomed into the environment, and for a couple of games I had Steve O'Shaughnessy as our third umpire for two games - who would be familiar to a number of members in Sydney.

There were some differences between a standard T20 game, and The Hundred. Mainly that there were no overs, rather five-ball sets. Two sets were bowled at one end at a time. A bowler could also bowl 2 consecutive sets, either from the same end, or from both ends.

Teams also only had 65mins to complete their innings and warnings under 41.6 and 41.7 also accumulate with each other. Here in NSW, and Cricket Australia, and ICC the warning processes under these clauses are independent of each other.

It was a great experience to be a part of The Hundred, with the different Playing Conditions, the different grounds, players and partners, I was able to learn a lot.

Sincere thanks to CA and the ECB for agreeing to the exchange opportunity and then also to Ben Treloar and Darren Goodger for the additional time away from my day-job for the experience.



## NO BALL, FREE HIT EXPLAINED: THE RULES THAT SEALED INDIAN VICTORY

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An over-the-waist no ball and three byes off the subsequent free hit helped India claim a remarkable final ball victory over Pakistan in front of 90,000 fans at the MCG.

India supporters were in delirium at their T20 World Cup win, but those of a Pakistani persuasion were left to mull two umpiring calls in the final over.

A no ball call for a spinner's full toss above the waist, and then runs taken despite Virat Kohli's stumps being rattled off the subsequent free hit had some scratching their head and diving for the rule book.

On the fourth ball of the final over of the match, delivered by Pakistan's Mohammad Nawaz, Virat Kohli smashed a full toss over the square leg boundary and immediately put his arm out to signal no ball.

It was incredible presence of mind and clarity in a high-pressure moment from the India maestro in the midst of what he would later describe as his best innings in the format.

Standing at square leg, the decision to adjudicate on height fell to the highly experienced and respected South Africa umpire Marais Erasmus.

He initially turned and watched Kohli's shot sail towards the boundary, where Asif Ali made an unsuccessful attempt to keep it in the field of play, and initially missed Kohli's call for a no ball.



After the six was confirmed, Erasmus indicated that the delivery was above the waist, and standing umpire Rod Tucker signalled a no ball.

Clause 41.7.1 of the Laws of Cricket, and the ICC's T20 World Cup playing conditions, confirm: "Any delivery, which passes or would have passed, without pitching, above waist height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease, is to be deemed to be unfair."

The Laws were updated in 2017 to remove the distinction between fast and slow bowling – previously slow bowlers were no-balled only for full tosses above shoulder height.

Although the interpretation of whether the ball was above waist height or not remains subjective and at the discretion of the square leg umpire.

The incident was similar to a captivating Australia v India women's ODI in September last year, when a no ball was called for a waist high full toss that allowed the Aussies to escape with a win.

On that occasion the third umpire made a decisive intervention to review the call, allowed because Australia allrounder Nicola Carey had been caught off the full toss.

As Kohli's shot went for six, there was no scope under the ICC's playing conditions to review the no ball decision.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam was in an animated discussion with Tucker before Erasmus came over from square leg to clarify, which seemed to placate the situation.

The equation was now six runs from three balls for India, with a free hit to come, and Nawaz, under pressure, delivered a wide.

Nawaz then delivered an inch-perfect yorker that beat Kohli's bat as he aimed a slog sweep and cannoned into his stumps.

Unfortunately for Pakistan, it was still a free hit, and for the fielding side confusion reigned.

Nawaz appeared to initially celebrate the wicket, Pakistan keeper Mohammad Rizwan screamed for a dead ball, arms aloft. Shaheen Shah Afridi initially watched what was happening at the crease before turning to give chase, costing valuable seconds. With the stumps broken, Rizwan grabbed a stump out of the ground as the throw came in.

Experienced Indian commentator Harsha Bhogle on broadcast seemed to suggest it might be a dead ball. "They take the run, but surely, because it's hit the stumps...." he said during his call.

All the while, the 90,000-plus spectators that had filled the MCG roared in delight or anguish.

There was a similar incident the week prior in the Weber WBBL, when Perth's Piepa Cleary missed a scoop attempt on a free hit, was 'bowled' by Annabel Sutherland and the ball raced off to the boundary for four byes to the Scorchers.

Rizwan and Babar pleaded their case to the umpires, and amid such scenes and high stakes, Tucker and Erasmus conferred briefly before Tucker signalled byes, and Nawaz threw the ball into the pitch in despair.

Clause 21.19.2 of the playing conditions is clear: "For any free hit, the striker can be dismissed only under the circumstances that apply for a no ball".

In other words, the only way a batter can get out on a free hit is either by being run out, for obstructing the field, or hitting the ball twice.

So although Kohli was 'bowled' he was not dismissed, meaning the ball remained in play and not dead.

A dead ball can be called by umpires for a number of reasons – a wicket, a boundary, once it settles in the gloves of the 'keeper or is returned to the bowler among the most common – but none of those applied here.

And with the ball ricocheting off the stumps and past Shaheen in the gully down towards the boundary, India were able to scamper through for three byes.

Needing two off two, Rizwan was able to stump Dinesh Karthik, swooping on a ball that came off the batter's pads after being angled down the leg side.

Nawaz fired down leg again to the new batter, but Ravichandran Ashwin calmly watched it slide past behind him for a wide to level the scores, before bunting the final ball over mid-off for the match-winning runs.

The final over took more than 12 minutes to bowl, but with drama and excitement like that, nobody was complaining.



## HIGH PERFORMANCE CRICKET AUSTRALIA UMPIRING COURSE

### ROBERTO HOWARD

It was an honour to be invited to attend the Cricket Australia Level 3 High Performance Accreditation course that was held at the National Cricket Centre over the last weekend of August. This course had been delayed for a year due to COVID travel restrictions. Cricket Australia were extremely positive about running this course face-to-face because it allowed the invitees to build a strong rapport as a group.

The invitees for the course were:

- Sharad Patel (NSW)
- Roberto Howard (NSW)
- Andrew Hamilton (NSW)
- Mattis Van Eck (Vic)
- Daryl Brigham (Vic)
- Chris Grant (Vic)
- Lisa McCabe (Vic)
- Drew Crozier (ACT)
- Dinusha Bandara (ACT)
- Steve Dionysius (Qld)
- Eloise Sheridan (SA)
- Harry Singh (SA)
- Ashlee Gibbons (WA)
- Trent Steenholdt (WA)
- Muhammad Qureshi (Tas)
- Jerry Matibiri (Tas)

The focus of the program was to prepare the attendees for matches in the High Performance level with Cricket Australia. The program exposed the group to challenging match scenarios, Decision Review System umpiring and processes, the ins and outs of TV umpiring, the importance of having a season plan, the importance of having a relationship with a coach/mentor, Code of Conduct scenarios as well as sessions of nutrition and sports psychology.

The program was run by Ian Lock, Cricket Australia Umpire Coach, and Richard Patterson, Cricket Australia Umpire Educator as well as National Umpire Panel member Phil Gillespie, with specific sessions run by Warren Kennaugh, a renowned sports psychologist, and Sylvia Pfeffer, QLD Cricket nutritionist. Each of the facilitators shared their vast experience with the group and challenged the group of many things.

My favourite session of the program was run by Warren Kennaugh. He challenged all the attendees when dealing with match scenarios where players and officials don't see eye to eye, to try and find a common ground that we all agree upon.

Utilising "we" can be extremely useful to turn a situation from butting heads into one where everyone is working together.

The three key takeaways from this course for me that I think everyone could benefit from were:

1. The importance of being honest with yourself to improve. This statement rings true especially for me. The only way to improve is to be vulnerable and accept that you may have got things wrong. This is the first step to getting better for your next opportunity. This vulnerability can be shared with a close few people whom you have explicit trust in. I would encourage all members to make a note of things you did well and things you could improve on next time. We all make mistakes or errors! It is human nature.

2. An excellent mindset approach for each game – "There are no such thing as big games". Having a statement like this in your preparation can help you stay grounded and make sure you don't become overwhelmed by occasion. Whether it is your first premier cricket match, or your first grade in a higher grade, it is important in my opinion to stay as calm as possible to ensure you can stay in the present.



3. The importance of being in the moment for each ball – This sounds like an easy thing to say but it is much harder to ensure that it happens. Each ball is our chance as umpires to be in the moment and give the players our best. You can do this with triggers such as specific routines before every ball or by saying short mantras or statements to yourself.

One thing that I took away from the program that I will implement in my umpiring this season is to engage in conversations with my coach and trusted fellow umpires in the areas of self-assessment and continual improvement.

Having people that I can talk to honestly about my performances as well as my life outside of cricket will help develop me into a more well-rounded person and umpire. It allows me to get more than one perspective and another set of eyes can open myself up to an awareness of new things.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to read this piece. I would encourage each member of our association to accept the challenge of receiving feedback to get better each and every time we step out onto the field. Every game that you do, whether it be in Premier Cricket, Shires Cricket, Youth Championships or in your local association, is an opportunity for you to learn and get better. I know that I learn things each match.

Our colleagues that we stand with can be the source of feedback that we do not utilise as often as we should. Don't be afraid to have a conversation with your partner after the conclusion of your match and ask three simple questions:

**1. What did we do well as a team today?**

**2. What could we have done differently?**

**3. What did I learn in this match and how can I use this learning in my next match?**

In finishing, I would like to thank the NSWCUA membership for their time in reading this article, Cricket NSW and NSWCUA board for the opportunity to stand in matches in NSW Premier Cricket, Darren Goodger for his continual support and coaching and to all my colleagues for your camaraderie and support.

I wish you all well for the season ahead!



Roberto Howard and Bede Sajowitz before a match between Randwick Petersham and an Ireland XI

## HISTORY IN NEWCASTLE

### NEWCASTLE DCUA

Early in the Newcastle District Cricket Association competition, the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association Appointment Committee were able to appoint two female umpires to an NDCA match for the first time in the competitions' history.

The Second Grade match between Charlestown and Waratah Mayfield at Charlestown Oval on 15 October was officiated by NSWCUA members Elisabeth Houston and Sophia Richards.

Houston is being welcomed to the NDCUA for her first season this summer, after years of umpiring with the Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association, she umpired her first match with the NDCUA at this match.

Sophia is now in her second season of umpiring with the NDCUA and has gained the respect of players and her colleagues alike in that time.

In advance of the match Appointment Committee Chair Keiran Knight said, " We wish Elisabeth and Sophia all the best for the day and look forward to what the future holds for them both."

"We hope that this appointment can play a part in inspiring more female to take up umpiring in Newcastle."

The match was a close fought contest, with Charlestown chasing 149 to win by three wickets.

## FEMALE UMPIRE ENGAGEMENT

### CLAIRE POLOSAK

During the winter months, the NSWCUA has welcomed six new female umpires, these new members are in both metropolitan Sydney, and in regional areas. We wish you all the best for the games you are involved in!

Looking at female umpires on a wider scale, in the Cricket Australia census, there are currently 246 females accredited in Australia, with 123 coming from NSW - 50% of all females accredited across Australia are based in NSW.

This year, with the support of the NSWCUA Board we have reintroduced the Female Umpire Scholarship. This funding can be used for anything that will assist the umpire's development and is to be used during the season.

The successful candidates officiate in a variety of different competitions across the state, this season's scholarship recipients are:

- Alicia Humphrey (Sydney),
- Shannon McEwen (Campbelltown-Camden)
- Kate Rowlands (Far North Coast)
- Sophia Richards (Newcastle)

NSWCUSA's female umpires have had a busy start to the season, with more than 100 appointments already filled.

Alicia Humphrey umpiring at the U19  
Female State Challenge last season

These opportunities have come from a variety of competitions including a Mid North Coast Women's Gala weekend of T20 matches in September that Sue Gregory, Alicia Humphrey and Kate Rowlands were involved with. Thanks to Paul Dilley for this opportunity.

Pathway and women's professional trial matches have also kept female umpires busy. There have been opportunities in the Women's Country Championships, held in Tuggerah on October 3 & 4. Sue Gregory and Elizabeth O'Dwyer have also been involved in a WBBL warm up match between the Sixers and the Thunder.

October 23 saw two females stand together for the first time in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships, with Shannon McKewen and Shekinah Lowe officiating the U13 Boys match played between Camden and North Shore.

On November 4 & 5, Sue Gregory, Elisabeth Houston and Leone Mizzi were each appointed to matches in the Women's Regional Bash played in Tuggerah.

There is a planned training and development session for female umpires to be held in December with a guest speaker, please stay tuned for further details!



# TECHNICAL

## BEN TRELOAR

The long off-season has seen the adoption a new edition of the MCC Laws of Cricket and naturally with this plenty of discussion has been had around their intended application. This is such a positive thing to occur because it gets people talking about laws and cricket. We then tie this in with attending a training course or two during the winter months, and umpires are once again strengthening some key attributes to officiating: broadening their knowledge and increasing self-confidence.

This piece will take a brief look at the additions and alterations regarding Law 20 Dead ball, though specifically clause 20.4.2. It will attempt to provide an awareness and guidance on the Law's application when placed in context using the following references: the 2022 edition of the Laws, the full explanation of the changes by the MCC and the ever-reliable Tom Smith's whilst cross-referencing it with the question we should always ask... "What would the game expect?"

To start with, either umpire may call and signal Dead ball should they identify one of the situations outlined in clause 20.4.2. Specific to clauses 20.4.2.1-14, the ball shall be deemed to have been dead from the instant of identified incident.

If an umpire notices an act of unfair play, say a fielder has deliberately attempted to deceive a batter or we have an example of unacceptable conduct under Law 42, Dead ball shall be called and signalled, though for the latter, the call may be delayed so not to disadvantage the non-offending side. An example could see a batter transgressing as the ball is hit high in the air – we would delay the call of Dead ball to see if a fielder can take the

catch and dismiss the batter before applying any other sanctions under the relevant Law 42 clause.

We generally read and apply the laws in a black and white (excuse the pun) manner – either it is or isn't. Though, as we know in cricket, that's not always the case. Umpires are required to call and signal Dead ball when a possibly serious injury has occurred. To date, there has been a lot of questions and discussion on this specific clause, as there should be.

How should it be applied? A few examples follow. A batter whilst running between the wickets sustains what we think could be a serious leg injury – in this instance we would immediately call and signal Dead ball, saving the batter from being dismissed Run out should the ball have been thrown back in by a fielder after the injury.

However, in contrast to this but another likely scenario, a batter who has been struck by the ball on the glove and subsequently caught by a fielder in the slips cordon, shall remain dismissed even though they may have sustained a broken finger from the same delivery – we would not consider the ball dead the moment it hit the glove being when the injury would have occurred. What about a fielder diving after the ball in the outfield and injuring their shoulder, normally an easy two runs to the batting side without raising a sweat following a long throw from the boundary – what would the game expect?

It would take us a moment to identify the possibly serious injury, and when either umpire has, they shall call and signal Dead ball to ensure nothing further can happen from that delivery.

The reason for the umpire's involvement in identifying the possibly serious injury is to ensure the batting side don't unfairly benefit from the injury nor have the fielding side disadvantaged on the scoresheet by the batters completing more runs than they normally would have. If the call and signal of Dead ball is after the batters had

completed one run and crossed on a second, two runs will be scored to the batting side by applying Law 18.9.

An umpire may have been obstructed by a fielder at the precise moment the wicket was broken at their end with the batter well short of their ground... what follows is the inevitable appeal from an overenthusiastic fielder. That unsighted umpire shall call and signal Dead ball, obtain the match ball and consult with their colleague, who in this instance had a clear view of the wicket being properly broken.

With this confirmed, the umpire with the jurisdiction shall answer the appeal in the affirmative. The umpires are allowed to consult on a point of fact, but before doing so, must call and signal Dead ball to ensure nothing further can happen from that delivery.

Either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball should one or both bails fall from the striker's wicket before the striker has had the chance to play the ball. This situation would obviously disadvantage the fielding side significantly by having the wicket already broken, and thus reducing their chance of a potential dismissal.

If the striker is not ready for a delivery, and has good reason to justify the non-action, and subsequently does not attempt to play at the ball, either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball and the ball shall not count as one of the over. The batter may also have been distracted by something either inside or outside the ground. For e.g., a loud emergency services siren going off just outside the ground, or a close-in fielder sneezing at the most inappropriate time.

If a fielder is attempting to distract a batter whilst they're preparing to receive or up until they receive the delivery, or afterwards where there is an attempt to obstruct a batter, either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball to ensure either batter cannot be dismissed from that delivery.

On either of these occasions we shall apply either Law 41.4 or 41.5 and impose on the fielding side their respective sanctions in addition to a report to the governing body responsible for the match.

A fast bowler comes steaming in from the top of their mark with the ball in the opposite hand than which the normally bowl in an attempt to disguise the shiny side, keeping the striker guessing as to which way the ball will likely swing, and as they transition the ball to the other hand, the ball is dropped before delivery...in this instance, either umpire (generally the striker's end umpire would notice this first) shall call and signal Dead ball. The ball having not been delivered, shall not count as one of the over.

The same fast bowler comes steaming in from the top of the mark, but this time successfully transitions the ball to their bowling hand. The bowler enters their delivery stride and very quickly realises they have overstepped the popping crease and holds onto the ball and does not deliver it. Meanwhile the bowler's end umpire has called and signalled No ball. What happens now? The bowler's end umpire shall revoke the No ball, then call and signal Dead ball.

A new clause is welcomed which provides guidance on the very specific instance of a bowler attempting to Run out the striker before entering their delivery stride. This had always been allowed under previous editions of Law, but has now been removed due to the practice rarely ever taking place.

Now, should there be an attempt, and as soon as an umpire realises what the bowler's intention is, they shall call and signal Dead ball. Umpires should remember that, although the ball has been thrown, there is no enforcement of Law 21.3 as the ball was thrown before the bowler had entered their delivery stride.



A lot of umpires and scorers know that 'lost ball' has been removed from the laws, and there are some of us that didn't even realise that it existed, but its direct descendant now lives as clause 20.4.2.11. In the rare occurrence of a ball being unrecoverable on the field of play, a ball may fall down a hole for a goal post and cannot be reached, either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball to prevent further running by the batters and to not further disadvantage the fielding side. There is no set amount of runs to be scored before Dead ball is called, merely the ball becoming 'lost' shall trigger an umpire's Dead ball response.

Much of our cricket is played at suburban public parks and at times we have members of the public, their pets, or even the scenario of a beach ball being blown onto the field of play. Having this person, animal or object come onto the ground does not automatically mean the ball becomes dead. The call and signal of Dead ball shall occur when either the person, animal, or object disadvantages a member of either side. If a person comes onto the field of play and contacts a ball that was clearly heading to the boundary, umpires are to apply Law 19.2.7.

An addition to this list of clauses is the scenario where a ball, having been delivered, is so wide that the striker cannot reach it without having to completely remove themselves from the area of the pitch. In this instance an umpire shall call and signal No ball and immediately call and signal Dead ball.

The reasoning for the addition of this clause is two-fold. Firstly, it's not how the game should be played, ideally, we want to be using the pitch that has been prepared. Secondly, the safety aspect of the situation. There could be a fielder in close vicinity to the pitch and hence, the striker. There is the real possibility the striker could cause significant injury to a player in immediate proximity as the willow is wielded.

These are just a few of the additions and alterations of the new edition of the Laws. They are a welcoming sight for everyone involved in the game. The changes keep us on our toes, but they also provide the confidence to those playing and officiating cricket matches that the law makers are always looking to improve how the game is played and enjoyed. By continuing to embrace, read, and study the laws and its nuances, we will improve and strengthen our knowledge with the aim to always add value to each match we officiate.

## ONLINE LAWS QUIZ USER GUIDE

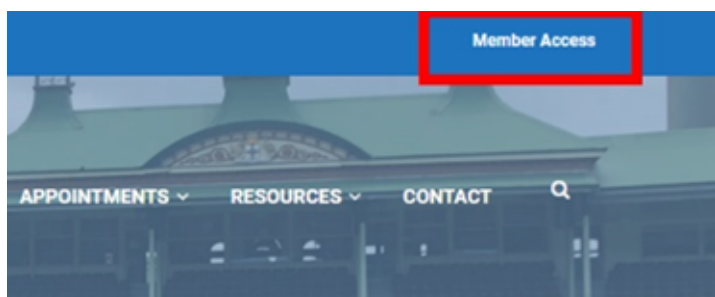
### BEDE SAJOWITZ

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

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

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

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



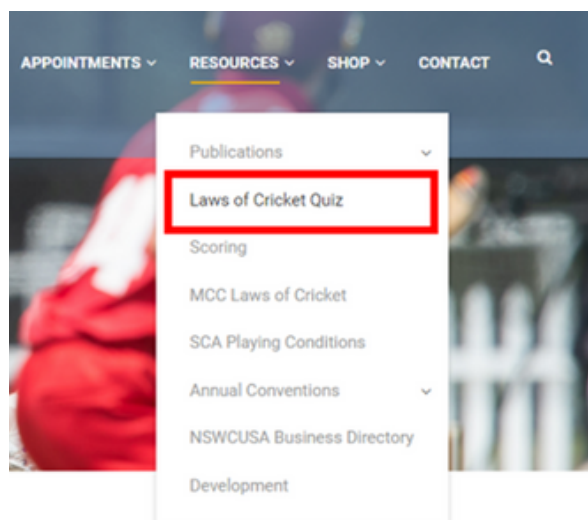
Once you hit 'Start Quiz', navigating the questions is relatively straightforward. Once you choose an answer from the options presented, select the green 'Check Answer' option to receive instant feedback on your answer. You'll then be able to proceed to the next page and be presented with the next question.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

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

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

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

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



# NSWCUSA & MOVEMBER

This year, the Association is pleased to be supporting Movember.

Movember is a charity working in the men's health space, raising awareness and funds for the three biggest health issues facing men: mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Whilst their most visible campaign is men growing moustaches during the month of November, there are other ways to support the charity, including moving 60km during the month, hosting an event or a choose-your-own-adventure challenge.

The Association has created a fundraising team for interested members to join, if you'd like to grow a mo, or fundraise another way, you can join the NSWCUSA team by following the prompts here: <https://au.movember.com/team/2421424>

Anyone wishing to support the fundraising efforts can donate at the above link.

Throughout the month of November, it would be great to see as many members as possible officiating with a moustache across the State – feel free to send through any photos of yourself in action, or with your colleagues!

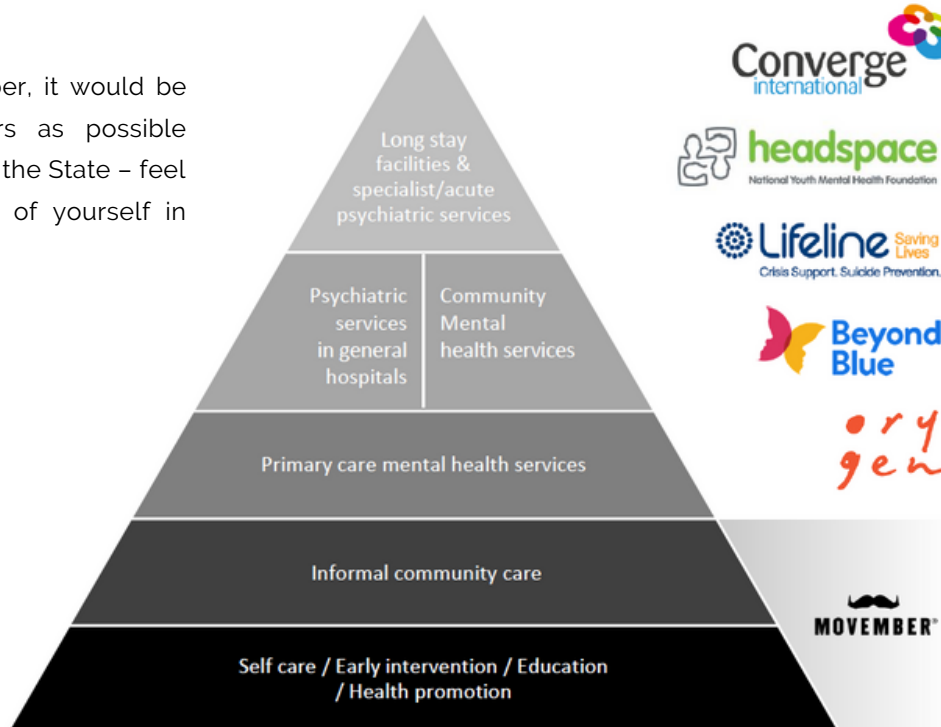


In Australia, men account for three out of every four suicides. Seven men take their own lives every day making suicide the leading cause of death among men aged 15-44. The suicide rate for young Indigenous men (25-29) is among the highest in the world.

One in six Aussie men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer by 85. Survival rates are improving, but what this means is that a growing number of men currently more than 220,000 are living with the effects of prostate cancer.

If you're 50 or above, talk to your doctor about prostate cancer. If you're of African or Caribbean descent or have a family history of prostate cancer have that conversation at 45.

Movember aims to educate to allow for a focus on self-care and prevention to allow for early intervention where necessary to reduce the percentage of men that reach crisis points.



## FROM THE VAULT

### AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS 1992-93 ANNUAL REPORT

Late in the 1991-92 season, the Executive Committee of N.S.W.C.U.A. implemented a proposal to form one Umpires Association within each of the Country Controlling Authorities. Progress in achieving the ultimate objective of twenty-two country affiliated associations within the state of New South Wales has been very pleasing.

However, there is still a number of individual associations which have not yet amalgamated (where amalgamation is necessary) or sought to become incorporated associations. It is important for such associations to be aware that, if an Association is not incorporated, legal rights and obligations are the responsibility of individual members and therefore members, especially committee members of unincorporated bodies face the possibility of being sued as individuals

In broad summary, the position of country Affiliated Associations is as follows:

(a) Associations fully meeting policy requirements total eleven - A. C. T., Barrier District, Far North Coast Gosford, Hunter Valley, Lachlan, Macquarie Valley, Mid North Coast, North Coast, South Coast & Southern Highlands, Western Districts.

(b) Associations requiring incorporation to complete policy requirements total two - Illawarra, Murrumbidgee.

(c) Associations where no action has been advised number four - Murray, North West, Northern Riverina, Northern Tablelands.

It should be noted that there are no known Umpire Associations in four areas - Darling, Far North West, South East and Southern Riverina. It is

known that there are individual umpires resident in those areas and their plight is being investigated.

The area controlled by Newcastle District Cricket Association is not included in the foregoing. The two Umpire Associations there (Newcastle District and Newcastle C. & S.) are each incorporated but refuse to amalgamate, even administratively

Training Officers Seminars were conducted during this past season at Dubbo and Dungog. Coaching Classes were conducted simultaneously at each centre. These proved so successful that the policy implemented by the Executive Committee for future country visits will include Training Officer Seminars for C. U. A. training personnel, Cricket Association coaches and training officers, and Coaching Classes for potential umpires, players, club members and officials.

The programme for 1993 allows for Seminars and Coaching Classes each week-end in August to service the areas in the following sequence

1. North West and Northern Tablelands
2. Murrumbidgee and Southern Riverina
3. Murray and Northern Riverina
4. Illawarra and South Coast & Southern Highlands

In the Sydney Metropolitan area, the Canterbury District and the Blacktown City and District Associations have each applied for incorporation under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act.

No new affiliations were sought during the year, other than those country associations which had re-organised under the new policy. In the Sydney area, the Hornsby Kuring-gai and The Hills District Association did not renew affiliation for 1992-93.

**G. R. G. Wearne**  
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**P. F. Hughes**  
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## CRICKET ARCHIVE PROMO

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Subscribers have access to:

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- Stats for all Australian domestic men and women's cricket, (Second XI), and under-19 state competitions for men and women.
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The platform are offering NSWCUA members a special discount for a year's subscription to the platform and its database, with a **20% discount** available.

To redeem this discount, visit [cricketarchive.com/subscribe](https://cricketarchive.com/subscribe), choose the Annual Plan, and enter the coupon code **TCM20**.

**CRIC-O-KU Number 18**  
*Clue: 45 Runs in two overs*

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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 17: Solution**

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# NOVEMBER 2022 MERCHANDISE VOUCHER WINNER



## ASSOCIATION PARTNERS

### TROY PENMAN

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

Season 2022-23 sees NSWCUSA continue its sponsorship agreement with global fast food chain McDonald's. The sponsorship deal with McDonald's is in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's. McDonald's are continuing on the back of the Association's field shirts.

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

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

In recent years, the Association has hosted a number of events at Bankstown Sports Club. These include Annual Dinners, Annual Conventions and in recent seasons both OGMs and training courses.

On a number of occasions, by way of a grant, the club have covered the cost of the venue hire, freeing up Association funds to be available to be used for the benefit of members. We thank the Club and their Board for their continued support.

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

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

It is a pleasure to be continuing our relationships with each of our partners into season 2022-23. Recent discussions with McDonald's and Cricket NSW saw a three-year deal finalised for CNSW and NSWCUSA. The funds received during the period will be used to improve the experience for all members.



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