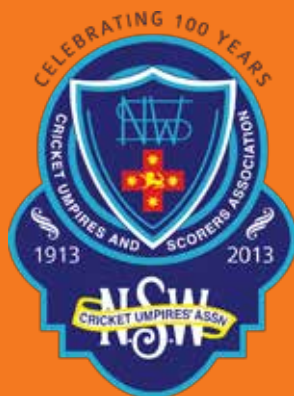
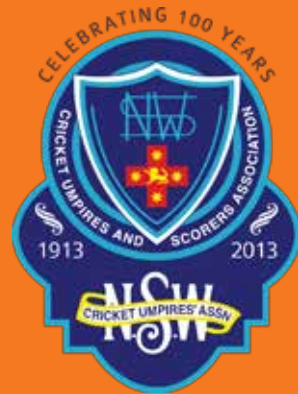
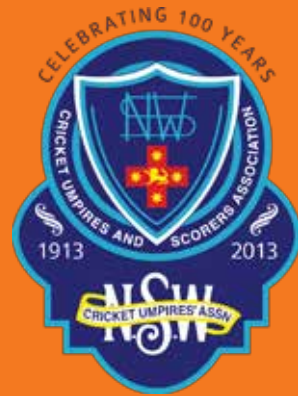




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# Dear Members & Affiliated Associations

It gives the NSWCUA staff great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the Annual Report of your Association that covers its activities during the financial year from 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014.

Complementing the Annual Report are the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 April 2014 and the Statement of Financial Position as at that date.

We continue the format used for previous year's Annual Reports noting that the Annual Report is now placed on line, but is available to be sent in printed form to those members who request same.

In working on this Annual Report I reflect on the wonderful commitment members of this Association make to cricket in the areas of umpiring, scoring, coaching, mentoring, observing, administration – you serve the game in an exemplary fashion from grass roots level in New South Wales to the international arena. The Association is making progress through the positive contribution and dedication of our members.

"Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilisation work" -Vince Lombardi.

I take this opportunity to commend to you the work of the Administration Manager, Troy Penman, and the Administration Officer, Sharad Patel, for the organisation and compilation of this report.

We trust you find the historical records of your Association's 101st year of interest, and we look forward to serving cricket with enthusiasm throughout New South Wales in season 2014/15.

R. D. Goodger  
Executive Officer



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Notice is hereby given that the One Hundredth and First Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated will be held in the Bowlers' Club of New South Wales at 95-99 York Street, Sydney on Wednesday, the second day of July, 2014, commencing at 7pm

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## AGM AGENDA

- Attendance and Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes
- Receipt of the Annual Report and of the Treasurer's Report
- Presentation of Principal Membership to three full members of the Association – Andrew Hamilton, Chris King, Peter Mooney
- Approval of Full Membership applicants
- Election of Patron or Patrons
- Election of Elected Office-Bearers (Treasurer, Liaison Officer) and Elected Directors (3)
- Appointment of Auditors (2)
- Approval of any Honoraria





YEAR	CHAIR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	TREASURER
1913/14	W. H. MITCHELL	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1914/15	W. H. BATES	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1915/16	M. PHEGAN	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1916/17	F. MALONEY	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1917/18	A. W. ANDREWS	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1918/19	P. M. SOLOMON	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1919/20	S. SMITH	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1920/21	REV. G. BERRY	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1921/22	G. J. COOPER	R. CALLAWAY	A. C. JONES
1922/23	W. J. R. BOWES	REV. G. BERRY	A. C. JONES
1923/24	M. CARNEY	REV. G. BERRY	A. C. JONES
1924/25	W. G. FRENCH	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1925/26	E. KENT	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1926/27	A. BURT	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1927/28	S. PARSONS	W. J. R. BOWES	A. C. JONES
1928/29	A. FARROW	W. J. R. BOWES (RESIGNED) H. ARMSTRONG (FROM DECEMBER 5)	A. C. JONES
1929/30	H. PARSONS	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1930/31	G. E. BORWICK	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1931/32	E. CONNELL	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1932/33	C. MARTIN	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1933/34	F. W. J. LYONS	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1934/35	S. PAUL	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1935/36 TO 1938/39	G. E. BORWICK	H. ARMSTRONG	A. C. JONES
1939/40 TO 1945/46	G. E. BORWICK	W. G. FRENCH	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1946/47 TO 1954/55	G. E. BORWICK	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1955/56	A. B. SOLOMON (DECEASED) A. EASTON (APRIL 4)	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1956/57	A. EASTON	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1957/58	C. E. WIGZELL	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1958/59 TO 1961/62	A. A. FALLINS	F. W. J. LYONS	H. A. ELPHINSTON
1962/63 TO 1966/67	A. A. FALLINS	R. F. BURGESS	N. P. N. FRISK
1967/68	E. F. WYKES	R. F. BURGESS	N. P. N. FRISK
1968/69 TO 1975/76	E. F. WYKES	R. F. BURGESS	C. C. DAVIES
1976/77	E. F. WYKES	J. R. WEGNER	C. C. DAVIES
1977/78 TO 1984/85	E. F. WYKES	J. R. WEGNER	A. G. WATSON
1984/85 TO 1988/89	E. F. WYKES	J. R. WEGNER (LEFT AREA) G. R. G. WEARNE (ACTING)	A. G. WATSON
1989/90	A. J. WHEELER	G. R. G. WEARNE	A. G. WATSON
1990/91 TO 1992/93	R. A. FRENCH	G. R. G. WEARNE	A. G. WATSON
1992/93	R. A. FRENCH	G. R. G. WEARNE (RESIGNED) P. F. HUGHES (DEC 1)	A. G. WATSON
1993/94 TO 1998/99	R. A. FRENCH	P. F. HUGHES	A. G. WATSON
1999/00 TO 1999/2000	R. A. FRENCH	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. BRANDON
2000/01	A. G. MARSHALL (DECD)	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. BRANDON
2001/02	D. B. HAIR	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. WISEMAN
2002-2004	J. I. CAMERON	P. F. HUGHES	D. M. WISEMAN
2004-2006	J. I. CAMERON	P. F. HUGHES	E. A. NICHOLAS
2006-2007	T. M. DONAHOO	P. F. HUGHES	E. A. NICHOLAS
2007-2008	T. M. DONAHOO	P. F. HUGHES	L. C. J. BORG
2008-2009	DR. D. F. DILLEY	P. F. HUGHES (RETIRED 29.08.08) D. B. HAIR (FROM 01.09.08)	L. C. J. BORG
2009-2010	DR. D. F. DILLEY	D. B. HAIR	L. C. J. BORG
2010-2011	DR. S. L. POOLE	D. B. HAIR	L. C. J. BORG
2011-2012	DR. S. L. POOLE	D. B. HAIR (DEPARTED 16.11.11) R. D. GOODGER (ACTING FROM 17.11.11 TO 01.04.12) N. CARSON (02.04.12 TO 22.10.12) R. D. GOODGER (ACTING FROM 23.10.12 TO 17.12.12)	L. C. J. BORG
2012-2013	DR. S. L. POOLE (RESIGNED 28 OCTOBER 2013)	R. D. GOODGER (FROM 18.12.12)	L. C. J. BORG
2013 - 2014	G. M. GARLAND (ASSUMED CHAIR ON 29 OCTOBER 2013)	R. D. GOODGER	L. C. J. BORG



Richard Callaway was the first Executive Officer and served NSWCUA in this position from 1913 to 1922.



Peter Hughes served as Executive Officer 1992 to 2008. Peter's efforts were instrumental in the growth of NSWCUA.



Laurie Borg has been the Honorary Treasurer since 2007.



# Section One :

## Governance, Awards and Representative Cricket

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Once again the Association can proudly boast of having two current Test Umpires in Tom Brooks and Reg Ledwidge.

This season, Tom Brooks stood in the Second and Third tests, Australia v Pakistan, and had the honour of officiating the Centenary Test, Australia v England. We were all delighted to learn of Tom's selection by the (U.K) Test and County Cricket Board to umpire in County matches in England during their 1977 season. We wish Tom a most successful and enjoyable season and look forward to hearing about his experiences when he returns.

Following his Test debut in 1975-76, Reg Ledwidge officiated in the Third Test, Australia v Pakistan, in January with Tom Brooks. For the second time in as many years we were honoured to have two of our members officiating together in a Test Match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.







## ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

B. ARMOUR *	H. ARMSTRONG *	W. BARNES *	P. R. BATES *	P. BERRIDGE *
G. E. BORWICK MBE *	W. J. R. BOWES *	T. F. BROOKS OAM *	R. F. BURGESS	A. BURT *
R. CALLAWAY *	M. CARNEY *	G. CHUDLEIGH	V. CRANNEY *	A. DALE *
J DALEY *	C. C. DAVIES *	A. EASTON *	H. A. ELPHINSTON *	A. A. FALLINS *
A. FARROW *	R. A. FRENCH OAM	W. G. FRENCH *	R. D. GOODGER	K. L. GRIFFITHS
D. B. HAIR	R. G. HARRIS*	P. F. HUGHES	L. J. JARMAN *	A. C. JONES *
G. J. LILL	A. LUCAS *	F. W. J. LYONS *	A. G. MARSHALL *	K. G. NORRIS
G. E. REED	S. SMITH *	A. B. SOLOMON *	S. J. A.TAUDEL	E. J. SHAW *
I. S. THOMAS	A. G. WATSON	G. R. G. WEARNE *	A. J. WHEELER *	C. E. WIGZELL BEM *
E. F. WYKES OAM*	A. P. WILLIAMS*			* DECEASED

## ASSOCIATION PRINCIPAL MEMBER

V. C. AUBREY	S. T. BAKER	G. BAMFORD	J. BARNES	W. J. BATTESE
S. BLACK	H. I. BITEL	L. C. J. BORG	D. M. BRANDON	E. G. BROWNING
B. CAMERON	J. I. CAMERON	N. CARSON	R. H. COLLARD MBE	M. A. CONNOLLY
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M. L. PROSSER	K. J. PYE	G. A. RICHARDS	J. H. ROSE	G. A. SMITH
W. R. SMITH	N. B. STANTON	C. H. STEWART	P. J. TATE	N. R. TICKNER
D. TINYOW	D. A. TYSON*	R. K. WATMAN	J. R. WEGNER	C. P. WEIR
B. W. WHITEMAN	A. W. WILLIAMS	J. H. WILLIAMS	D. M. WISEMAN	J. H. WOODING
D. I. WRIGHT	I. E. WRIGHT			

\*DECEASED 2013/14

## ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

GEORGE BORWICK MBE

TOM BROOKS OAM

DICK BURGESS

DICK CALLAWAY

HERB ELPHINSTON

DICK FRENCH OAM

DARRELL HAIR

ALF JONES

FRED LYONS

SIMON TAUFEL

TED WYKES OAM



NSWCUSA Patron and Life Member, Dick French OAM was inducted into the inaugural NSWCUSA Hall of Fame. Credits: Vivek Patel



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Mr. SAM REES – CENTRAL NORTH

Mr. NEIL FINDLAY – ILLAWARRA

Mr. KIM NORRIS – NEWCASTLE

Mr. KEN ROBINSON – NORTH COAST

Mr. PAT KERIN OAM – RIVERINA

Mr. BRUCE WHITEMAN – SOUTHERN

Mr. GREG JONES – WESTERN

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Mr. KEITH GRIFFITHS

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

Mr. SHARAD PATEL

**WEBMASTER:**

Mr. TROY PENMAN

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(CHAIR – EXAMINATION COMMITTEE)Mrs. MERILYN FOWLER  
(CHAIR – SCORERS COMMITTEE)Dr. DAVID DILLEY  
(Ex OFFICIO DIRECTOR)Mr. GEOFF GARLAND  
(CONSULTANT TO THE TECHNICAL  
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Mr. TOMMY ANG

Mr. BEN NICHOLLS

Mr. BILL HOWARD

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Mr. ERROL CRANNEY

Mr. BOB DAVIS

Mr. MARK GRANT

Mr. GRAHAM REED

**DELEGATE NSWCA AND SCA**

Dr. DAVID DILLEY

**CRICKET NSW APPOINTMENTS:**EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ STATE  
DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING

Mr. DARREN GOODGER

**ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**

Mr. TROY PENMAN

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICER**

Mr. SHARAD PATEL

**AUDITORS:**Mr. BRETT McMILLAN  
(BEC CPA)Mr. DAVID WISEMAN  
(BCOM CPA)



# Chairman's Report

Well we have survived the first hundred years, not without a few hiccups but by and large we have a history of which we can be proud.

Our membership is strong. Our on field numbers per week have never been better. We have managed to cover all grade (SCA) and the great majority of all four grades in the Shires competition in the previous season, an unprecedented achievement. This is in no small measure due to our education, development and training programs under the direction of Executive Officer, Darren Goodger.

As our previous chairman, Dr Stephen Poole stated in last year's report – "Education and professional development remain tallest amongst the pillars of this organisation. More than ever, training and education, professional development and review were critical aspects of the Association's activities this year. Darren and his team of trainers have ensured splendid delivery of training courses for both existing and prospective umpires throughout metropolitan Sydney and regional NSW. The quality of these courses and presentations have seen exceptional results and as a consequence growth in membership"

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Dr Stephen Poole as Chairman and Director of this Association over the past four years and previously for his work across all NSW as Liaison Officer. His dedicated leadership and wisdom through a number of delicate issues has seen us emerge from our centenary year as a stable and vibrant organisation.

As usual, many of our members have significant achievements in their umpiring and scoring through 2013-14. They are acknowledged in detail throughout this report, but I would like to highlight a few at the very top level;

- Rod Tucker, as a member of the ICC Elite Umpire Panel, recognised with some outstanding appointments;
- Gerard Abood, selected for the umpire exchange program with New Zealand and now joined on the National Panel by Greg Davidson;
- Tony Wilds confirmed on the emerging National Panel.

The wonderful gala dinner last August at Dockside highlighted our Centenary celebrations with close to 300 in attendance, as the inaugural eleven inductees in the NSWCUA Hall of Fame were announced. The Board commissioned and launched a DVD and a book "No Dazzling Deeds with Bat and Ball" as a tangible commemoration of our first hundred years.

Many volunteers in our Affiliated Associations and our own Committees continue to provide the backbone of umpiring throughout all of NSW. Without their efforts umpiring would be much diminished. These members are the unsung heroes and deserve great credit for their devotion to the tasks at hand. Reports from many of these Committees and Affiliates follow later in this document.

Our Annual Dinner in April at Bankstown was an outstanding success. Our largest attendance ever (220 members and guests) celebrated the success of their colleagues and were entertained by the magical Kerry O'Keeffe – what a night! Andrew Jones, new CEO of Cricket NSW, a wonderful supporter of the association made a number of presentations. He has breathed new life into Cricket NSW with the development of a strong culture leading to the success this year of both the men's and women's teams. It was wonderful to welcome our 3 patrons on the evening together with the many guests who have done so much to support our Association.

Our Management Team of Darren, Troy and Sharad have been outstanding in every way. As State Director of Umpiring, Darren has travelled back and forth across NSW delivering a message of excellence. He has done everything to promote members to national level. His work with our emerging Sydney and Country Panel members has given them a blueprint for success. I know they appreciate his commitment to them.

Finally, my appreciation and gratitude to fellow Board Members. The Board has been required to make some difficult decisions. These have been carefully considered with the best intentions of NSWCUA and its membership in mind. The Board continues to work with integrity and commitment to the Association.

I encourage members to offer themselves for election to the Board and to our Committees. We need to be a continually vibrant Association looking ever forward.

**Geoff Garland**  
**Chairman NSWCUA**









# Association Awards

Troy Penman



LtoR: Adrian Tham, Anthony Wilds, John Colwell, David Went, Kevin Battishill, Kevin Leahy, Adam Davy and Anthony Hobson. Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography

The Association Awards include the George Borwick Memorial Award, the E. F. (Ted) Wykes OAM Association Medal, a Panel award for each of the Sydney Grade Panels, the Alan Marshall Medal for the "rookie" of the year, the Country Umpire of the Year (Kevin Pye Medal) and the Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award.

We acknowledge the valuable ongoing support of the Bradman Foundation and thank them for donating the magnificent trophies for presentation to the Country Umpire of the Year and the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award. The awards were presented at the Annual Dinner. We congratulate individually the following 2013/14 Association Award winners:



Clockwise From Top: Adrian Tham winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award which is sponsored by the Bradman Foundation, Association Life Member and Patron Dick French presents Anthony Hobson one of three awards he won this season, and Association Patron Alan Davidson presents Dr John Colwell with the E.F. Wykes OAM Association Medal. Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography





## George Borwick Memorial Award

The George Borwick Memorial Award was instituted in 1981/82 to perpetuate the memory of our former President and Patron and his outstanding contribution to the Association for more than 55 years. It is made annually to the member who, in the opinion of the Board best exemplifies the spirit of that contribution by his / her efforts both on and off the field during the season. George Borwick umpired twenty four Test Matches between 1931 and 1948 with 22 of those Tests in succession. His debut was in the 2nd Test Match Australia v West Indies at Sydney on 1 January 1931. George Borwick's last match was Australia v India at Adelaide on 23 January 1948.

The Award is calculated on a combination of points for attendance at meetings, at Sydney Cricket Association matches and on the assessment of Captains' Reports in the competition. Past winners of this Award are:

1981/82	A. G. Marshall	1982/83	R. A. French
1983/84	M. Vergano	1984/85	G. E. Reed
1985/86	R. A. French	1986/87	K. D. Wark
1987/88	A. G. Marshall	1988/89	C. R. Cruickshanks
1989/90	T. F. Brooks	1990/91	A. Kelleher
1991/92	A. G. Watson	1992/93	G. Chudleigh
1993/94	A. C. Kingsford-Smith	1994/95	S. J. A. Taufel
1995/96	S. J. A. Taufel	1996/97	S. J. A. Taufel and A. C. Kingsford-Smith
1997/98	S. J. A. Taufel	1998/99	K. J. Duffy
1999/00	D. M. Brandon	2000/01	S. J. A. Taufel
2001/02	J. I. Cameron	2002/03	D. B. Hair
2003/04	R. D. Goodger	2004/05	R. D. Goodger
2005/06	R. D. Goodger	2006/07	R. D. Goodger
2007/08	R. D. Goodger	2008/09	N. J. Wennerbom
2009/10	R. D. Goodger	2010/11	R. D. Goodger
2011/12	W. D. Hendricks	2012/13	B. C. Treloar

The winner of the 2013/14 George Borwick Memorial Award joined the Association in 2012. George Borwick respected commitment, and this year's winner has displayed outstanding commitment by attending the Annual Convention in Cootamundra, the SCA Rules Night, attending every Association Ordinary Meeting between September and March and being available for every SCA round.

Captains have reported on his excellent decision making, his calmness under pressure and superior communication skills. A former respected cricketer who represented NSW Country, the winner this season officiated in two representative matches at U17 level. A member of Panel 2 and, incredibly, in his first season of umpiring having now officiated in 19 SCA matches, including the 5th Grade Grand Final between Manly-Warringah and Penrith at Manly Oval.

The winner of the George Borwick Memorial Award, this Association's highest honour, was Anthony Hobson.

## The E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal

In order to compensate for an anomaly in that the George Borwick Memorial Award, once considered being the 'highest Association Award', was restricted to those umpires officiating in the Sydney Grade competitions, in 2005 the Board introduced an award to a member of an Affiliated Association whom the Executive of that Association consider matches the criteria for the nominee of the George Borwick Memorial Award.

The nomination received from each Affiliated Association is considered by the Board and a single winner chosen. To be eligible for the award the following criteria must be met:

- The nominee must be a member of the NSWCUA
- The nominee must have attended a majority of any meetings the nominating Association has held during the year
- The nominee must have officiated in a majority of matches during the season, and
- The nominee is to be considered by those of authority to be an umpire of high calibre.

Past Winners of the award are:

2004/05	Neville Haywood (Far North Coast)
2005/06	Grahame Dunn (Parramatta District)
2006/07	Pat Kerin (Cootamundra District CUA)
2007/08	Gordon Smith (Sydney Shires CUA)
2008/09	Peter Weston (Mitchell CUA)
2009/10	Graham Moon (Cootamundra DCUA)
2010/11	John Rose (Southern Zone CUA)
2011/12	Mark Templeman (Far North Coast)
2012/13	Peter Friend (Sydney Shires CUA)

The award was originally called the "Association Medal". In 2008 the Board unanimously agreed to rename the award the "E. F. WYKES OAM ASSOCIATION MEDAL" to honour Ted's lifetime of contribution to the Association.

The winner of the E.F Wykes OAM Association Medal joined the Association in 2001. This season he showed total commitment to umpiring and to self-improvement; Ted indeed would be pleased with his dedication.

A former President of the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires Association and currently the Appointments Officer, he serves that Association with distinction both on and off the field. This season he officiated in the Sydney Women's Cricket Association 2nd Grade Grand Final.

A regular attendee at NSWCUA meetings and training courses, he is a truly deserving winner of this award. The winner of the E.F. Wykes OAM Association Medal for 2013/14 was Dr John Colwell.



2012/13 winner, Ben Treloar presents Anthony Hobson with the George Borwick Memorial Award.

Credits: Steven K Smith/  
FAME Photography



The Award to the leading Umpire in each of the Grade Panels was instituted in 1986/87, when medallions were struck for 1st, 2nd and Lower Grade Panels. In the following year, the number of panels was increased to four and a medallion was struck for 3rd Grade. In 1994/95 the Lower Grade Panel was renamed the 4th Panel. The conditions of eligibility are fully detailed in Association By-law 16.

In brief, the winner in each Panel is chosen from members who have officiated in a minimum of ten matches in the Sydney Grade Competition during the season and on the assessments made of their performance by team captains from the Panel in which they were selected.

## SCA Panel One Award



ICC Elite Panel Umpire and Association Member, Rodney Tucker presented the awards to all recipients. The image on the left is with Panel One winner, Anthony Wilds.

Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME

Previous recipients of the Panel 1 Award include:

1986/87	R. A. French	1987/88	R. A. French
1988/89	I. S. Thomas	1989/90	I. S. Thomas
1990/91	D. B. Hair	1991/92	D. B. Hair
1992/93	I. S. Thomas	1993/94	I. S. Thomas
1994/95	I. S. Thomas	1995/96	S. J. A. Taufel
1996/97	I. S. Thomas	1997/98	K. J. Duffy
1998/99	A. J. Morgan	1999/00	J. I. Cameron
2000/01	D. M. Brandon	2001/02	S. J. A. Taufel
2002/03	G. A. Abood	2003/04	R. D. Goodger
2004/05	R. J. Tucker	2005/06	R. J. Tucker
2006/07	R. D. Goodger	2007/08	R. D. Goodger
2008/09	W. D. Hendricks	2009/10	M. G. Kumutat and R. D. Goodger
2010/11	R. D. Goodger	2011/12	G. J. Davidson
2012/13	G. J. Davidson		

Having joined the Association in 2005, the winner of the prestigious Panel 1 Award has had an outstanding season in all respects.

Officiating in the Cricket Australia Futures League and at the U19 National Championships, he has averaged an outstanding 4.5 out of 5 in captains' marks in Grade cricket this season. He made his debut at international level standing in two matches in the Women's Ashes Series and also three U19 One Day Internationals in Darwin.

He is a person with outstanding player management skills and one who is extremely dedicated to umpiring displaying wonderful commitment to preparation on a weekly basis. A member of the Cricket Australia Emerging Umpire Panel, he officiated as a Third Umpire in the Ryobi One Day Cup for the first time and was appointed as the reserve umpire for two BBL matches.

As an Association, we hope first class honours are just around the corner. The winner of the Panel 1 Award for season 2013/14 was Anthony Wilds.

## SCA Panel Two Award



Rodney Tucker presents Kevin Leahy (centre) and Anthony Hobson with the Panel Two awards.

Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography

1986/87	C. R. Hill	1987/88	K. Kelly
1988/89	B. Twining	1989/90	L. D. Brooks
1990/91	L. D. Brooks	1991/92	C. R. Robertson
1992/93	J. A. Barnes	1993/94	A. C. Kingsford-Smith
1994/95	(Ms) S. S. Harman	1995/96	R. H. Bent
1996/97	A. C. Kingsford-Smith	1997/98	C. J. Moore
1998/99	B. W. Goddard	1999/00	L. C. J. Borg
2000/01	J. A. Barnes	2001/02	G. A. Abood
2002/03	G. T. Baldwin	2003/04	P. D. Kite
2004/05	C. J. Wilson	2005/06	J. A. Barnes
2006/07	C. E. Philpott	2007/08	A. R. Hamilton
2008/09	G. Davidson	2009/10	D. F. Berridge
2010/11	G. Roche	2011/12	D. C. Foster
2012/13	G. Forlano		

This award was tightly contested and the captains could not split two members whose average was 4.34 out of 5 – an excellent average.

This meant that for the first time we had joint winners of the Panel 2 Award. One winner is a very experienced umpire who has officiated in 221 SCA matches, including 27 First Grade matches. He has been a member of the Association since 1996 and this season made a return to umpiring in the higher grades after a number of seasons officiating in Panel 4. Highly respected by the players and his peers for his quality decision making and fine match management, he has had a superb season.

The other winner is a new kid on the block, joining the Association in 2012 and umpiring his first season in the SCA, travelling each weekend from Newcastle to umpire. A former first grade player in that district, his positive attitude, humility and willingness to seek advice to improve his umpiring game have been noted by captains and observers. To win a panel award in his first season of umpiring is a significant achievement.

The joint winners of the Panel 2 Award for season 2013/14 were Kevin Leahy and Anthony Hobson.





## SCA Panel Three Award



Rodney Tucker presents Kevin Battishill with the Panel Three award.  
Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography

1987/88	R. H. Collard	1988/89	W. Sadler
1989/90	G. M. Graham	1990/91	J. A. Barnes
1991/92	S. T. Baker	1992/93	A. J. Wheeler
1993/94	P. J. Aynsley	1994/95	J. W. Walter
1995/96	D.M. Dickinson	1996/97	W. P. Ashe
1997/98	G. J. Taber	1998/99	P. T. Rogers
1999/00	G. J. Taber	2000/01	I. F. McIntosh
2001/02	L. J. Buckingham	2002/03	B. A. Wylie
2003/04	C. P. Weir	2004/05	C. E. Philpott
2005/06	P. J. Honeywill	2006/07	W. Rigby
2007/08	G. D. Roche	2008/09	B. C. Treloar
2009/10	B. R. Whitehouse	2010/11	G. Chudleigh
2011/12	G. Irvine	2012/13	D. Martin

Joining the Association in 2005, the winner of the Panel 3 Award stood in his 100th SCA match this season and is also a committed member of the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires Association and a dedicated contributor to the Association's Examination Committee.

Captains were impressed with his effective match management and communication, along with his ability to maintain concentration for long periods of time.

He umpired in all 15 rounds this season and performed consistently throughout.

The winner of the Panel 3 Award was Kevin Battishill.

## SCA Panel Four Award



Rodney Tucker presents Adam Davy with the Panel Four award.  
Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography

1986/87	K. J. Smith	1987/88	G. M. Graham
1988/89	L. D. Brooks	1989/90	T. F. Brooks
1990/91	J. I. Cameron	1991/92	B. Hickey
1992/93	D. M. Brandon	1993/94	K. R. Quaken
1994/95	A. F. Green	1995/96	T. W. Heath
1996/97	C. J. Moore	1997/98	D. B. Voegt
1998/99	H. P. Turner	1999/00	M. Jones
2000/01	G. A. Abood	2001/02	B. J. Ferguson
2002/03	D. J. Palmer	2003/04	P. G. Tasker
2004/05	L. J. Mulligan	2005/06	B. R. Whitehouse
2006/07	G. J. Youell	2007/08	S. J. Black
2008/09	A. R. Charlesworth	2009/10	D. B. Twining
2010/11	D. C. Foster	2011/12	D. Brightwell
2012/13	V. Marwaha		

The winner of the Panel 4 Award has impressed with his enthusiasm and commitment in his first season of umpiring, having joined the Association in 2013.

Captains commented on his effective match management and communication along with his positive attitude to the game.

Having this season umpired a total of 12 SCA matches, the winner of the Panel 4 award was Adam Davy.





## Country Umpire of the Year/ Kevin Pye Medal

In 1992/93 the Executive Committee at the time decided to award a medallion to an umpire from one of our country Affiliated Associations as a means of indicating our on-going commitment to the support and encouragement of the country cricket centres. The Bradman Foundation sponsors this award by donating an annual trophy. NSWCUA is proud to continue this relationship with the Bradman Foundation.

Country Cricket New South Wales upon request from our Association makes the nomination for the recipient, and the Board then ratifies its nominee. Past winners of this award are:

1992/93	W. A. Cameron (Young)	1993/94	K. J. Pye (Mudgee)
1994/95	K. J. Burke (Newcastle)	1995/96	P. J. Gordon (Newcastle)
1996/97	M. P. Jones (Newcastle)	1997/98	G. E. Teasdale (Hunter Valley)
1998/99	S. A. Reed (Newcastle)	1999/00	S. A. Reed (Newcastle)
2000/01	R. D. Goodger (North Coast)	2001/02	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)
2002/03	S. J. Rees (Central North)	2003/04	G. R. Crew (Central North)
2004/05	(Joint winners) N. W. Findlay (Illawarra) and K. G. Norris (Newcastle)		
2005/06	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)	2006/07	R. B. Field (Central North)
2007/08	A. J. Marshall (Central North)	2008/09	K. G. Norris (Newcastle)
2009/10	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)	2010/11	R. B. Field (Central North)
2011/12	R. B. Field (Central North)	2012/13	B. W. Whiteman (Southern Zone)

The Board determined in early 2012 to name the Country Umpire of the Year the Kevin Pye Medal. This was to honour and recognise the outstanding performance and contribution as an active umpire of Mudgee based Kevin Pye. Kevin officiated as a member of the Country Panel between 1991 and 2001 and umpired international matches involving India, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe touring teams. Kevin, following his retirement from umpiring, then undertook the role of Country Umpire Advisor for a period of four years.

The winner of the Kevin Pye Medal joined the Association in 2000 and enjoyed an excellent season in the middle standing in the NSW Country Championship Carnival at Ballina, the SCG Country Cup Finals Series on the South Coast, the Bradman Cup Carnival at Maitland and the Country Colts Carnival at Coffs Harbour.

He also officiated in the Final of the SCG Country Cup for the third time on the Sydney Cricket Ground. An umpire who reached First Grade level in Queensland Cricket, he is totally committed to umpiring in his local competition, the LJ Hooker League on the state's Far North Coast.

The winner of the Kevin Pye Medal, from the North Coastal Cricket Zone, was David Went.

## The Alan Marshall Medal

The Alan Marshall Medal was introduced in 2000/01 in recognition of the work that former President Alan Marshall carried out over his 32 years as a member of the Association and particularly in his role of training and commitment to newer umpires. The medal is awarded to the "rookie" of the year. An umpire who as well as satisfying the requirements of the George Borwick Award in matches officiated, meeting attendance and captains' marks, he is also officiating in his or her first year of Sydney Grade cricket. As a consequence it cannot be won by anyone more than once.

Previous winners of this award are:

2000/01	G. A. Abood	2001/02	M. R. Verran
2002/03	D. J. Palmer	2003/04	W. J. Meehan
2004/05	M. B. Smith	2005/06	P. C. Woodyatt
2006/07	M. R. Meehan	2007/08	M. Qureshi
2008/09	G. Davidson	2009/10	G. Crombie
2010/11	D. Thorpe	2011/12	G. Irvine
2012/13	T. M. Penman		

Alan respected commitment, and this year's winner has displayed outstanding commitment by attending the Annual Convention in Cootamundra, the SCA Rules Night, attending every Association Ordinary Meeting between September and March and being available for every SCA round.

Joining the Association in 2012, the winner had the rare achievement of being appointed to umpire a SCA Grade Grand Final in his very first season of umpiring, standing in the 5th Grade Grand Final between Manly-Warringah and Penrith at Manly Oval.

Captains praised his effective match management and communication, his positive attitude to the game and his ability to maintain concentration.

A former First Grade cricketer in the Newcastle competition, and still a resident of that district, the winner of the Alan Marshall Medal for 2013/14 was Anthony Hobson.





## The Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award

The Scorers Encouragement Award was first awarded in 2006/07 and considered by the Board to be essential to encourage and foster the recruitment and development of Scorer members.

This year, the Association is proud to continue our partnership with The Bradman Foundation. We entered this joint partnership as a means to bring due recognition and acknowledgement to the contribution made by the scorers to the "3rd team" at each and every cricket match.

Past winners of this award are:

2006/07	(Mrs) S. Gane
2007/08	A. D. Morehouse
2008/09	G. F. Rogers
2009/10	S. McClue
2010/11	I. E. Wright
2011/12	(Mrs) C. G. Wilcoxon
2012/13	D. Frede

In 2009 the Board unanimously agreed that the award be renamed "The Malcolm Gorham Scorers Encouragement Award". Malcolm Gorham scored 544 matches for the Western Suburbs Club and went on to score in First Class, Test and ODI matches.

The nominations received from each Club or Affiliated Association are considered by the Board and a single winner chosen. To be eligible for the award the following criteria must be met:

- The nominee must be a member of the NSWCUA
- The nominee is marked on a scale of 1-5 by the nominator on Enthusiasm, Professionalism, Neatness of Work, and Competency, Overall Contribution to their Club and as a member of the "Third Team" plus their Communication Skills.
- Those clubs making the nomination are also invited to support their nomination by making key points as to why their chosen nominee has been selected.

The winner for the 2013/14 season has been described as a huge asset to his club. He is respected for his enthusiasm, professionalism, competency, contribution to his club and his excellent communication skills. He is a valued member of the '3<sup>rd</sup> team' who goes above and beyond the call of duty in assisting club officials on match day.

Joining the Association in 2008, Malcolm Gorham would have approved of this member's efficiency and dedication.

The winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, from the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, was Adrian Tham.



Benjamin Gorham, son of the late Malcolm Gorham, presents Adrian Tham the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, which is sponsored by the Bradman Foundation.

Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography



Association Life Member Keith Griffith presents David Went with the Kevin Pye Country Umpire of the Year, which is sponsored by the Bradman Foundation.

Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography



Anthony Hobson speaks at the Annual Dinner.

Credits: Steven K Smith/FAME Photography



## Umpire Representative Appointments

### Darren Goodger

Details of representative umpire appointments will show there is a significant amount of cricket played which means wonderful opportunities exist for NSWCUA members across the State to perform at the representative level.

The congratulations of the Association are offered to member Gerard Abood who was retained as a member of the National Umpire Panel and contracted directly to Cricket Australia. Gerard performed consistently well throughout the season. He goes from strength to strength as a member of the NUP.

Gerard was appointed to six First Class matches, five in the Bupa Sheffield Shield and one in the Plunket Shield at Hagley Oval, Christchurch, between Canterbury and Northern Districts. Gerard's appointment to umpire a First Class match as part of the umpire exchange program shows how highly he is regarded by Cricket Australia.

Gerard also umpired three matches in the Ryobi One Day Cup, including the semi final match between NSW and Victoria in which he stood with Geoff Joshua. Additionally, Gerard umpired seven KFC T20 Big Bash League matches, including the semi final at the MCG between Melbourne Stars and Hobart Hurricanes.

The Ryobi One Day Cup saw all matches in the competition played in Sydney at five different venues (Bankstown Oval, BISP 1, Drummoyne Oval, Hurstville Oval, North Sydney Oval) between 29 September and 27 October. North Sydney Oval hosted the Final in which Queensland defeated NSW by five wickets. The Final was umpired by Simon Fry and John Ward, both members of the ICC International Panel.

Greg Davidson made his List A debut standing in the Ryobi One Day Cup match at BISP1 between Tasmania and Western Australia while he and Anthony Wilds officiated in one match each as TV Umpires.

The NSW State Panel comprised Greg Davidson, Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds with all receiving appointments from Cricket Australia.

The Cricket Australia Emerging Umpire Panel comprised Shawn Craig (Victoria), Greg Davidson, Richard Patterson (Victoria) and Anthony Wilds.

Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds were selected to umpire at U19 One Day International level, each receiving appointments to the Tri Series played in Darwin in June and July.

The Australia v England Women's Ashes Series saw Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds involved in a total of five matches between them.

Greg umpired the Women's Ashes Test match at the WACA Ground with Ian Lock. Greg also made his First Class debut, becoming the 79th member of NSWCUA to umpire at First Class level, when he umpired the Round 6 Bupa Sheffield Shield match at Blundstone Arena, Hobart, between Tasmania and Western Australia.

The Futures League is an important part of the umpire pathway to the professional game and NSWCUA members Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody, David Taylor and Anthony Wilds umpired one match each. This was David Taylor's first appointment to a Futures League match and he performed with distinction.

The Futures League match umpired by Greg Davidson was between Western Australia and Tasmania at Richardson Park in Perth while Craig Hoffman from Queensland umpired at a Futures League match at BISP1 between NSW and South Australia with Simon Lightbody. This was part of a program introduced by Cricket Australia this season which saw one umpire from each State umpire a Futures League match in a state other than their own.

Keiran Knight and Ben Treloar umpired the State 2nd XI four day match between NSW and Victoria. For both this was a debut at State 2nd XI level.

David Taylor represented NSW at the Under 17 National Championships held in Adelaide while Hobart hosted the Under 19 National Championships with Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds appointed by Cricket Australia to officiate at this series.

The WNCL provided opportunity for Mark Hughes, Keiran Knight, Marc Nickl, Muhammad Qureshi, David Went and Bruce Whiteman to umpire in a Cricket Australia program. It was pleasing to see a return to the representative arena for Marc Nickl.

The WT20 saw Gary Crombie, Andrew Hamilton, Mark Hughes and Simon Lightbody appointed.

Greg Davidson (NSW v ACT) and Anthony Wilds (Victoria v Queensland) were appointed to officiate in the WT20 semi finals, while the Final of the Cricket Australia Under 15 Female National Championships between NSW and Victoria was umpired by Neil Findlay and Roberto Howard. It was pleasing to see NSW Country representative umpires in Keiran Knight David Went and Bruce Whiteman officiating in representative matches played in the Cricket Australia programs. All performed well and it is hoped that more opportunities will be available for country umpires to officiate in such programs in the future.

Ricky Field, a member of the NSW Country Representative Panel, officiated at the Imparja Cup at Alice Springs.

Gerard Abood and Simon Lightbody umpired the Tour Match between the Prime Minister's XI and England at Manuka Oval, the first time two NSWCUA members have officiated together in this prestigious match. England crushed the Prime Minister's XI by 172 runs.





School Sports Australia organised and hosted in NSW an International Under 16 Tri-Series involving Australia, India and West Indies.

Simon Lightbody and Bruce Whiteman umpired the Final played at Bradman Oval, Bowral, between Australia and West Indies.

The following members officiated in matches in the preliminary rounds of the International Under 16 Tri Series:

Gary Crombie, Berend du Plessis, James Figallo, Darren Goodger, Andrew Hamilton, Mark Hughes, Alan Monaghan, Zaheer Nazir, Marc Nickl, Troy Penman, Muhammad Qureshi, Glen Stubbings, Chris Taylor and Aaron Vella.

Neil Findlay and Ben Nicholls umpired the T20 Final played at University of Wollongong, again between Australia and West Indies.

This Tri-Series provided a wonderful opportunity for NSWCUA members to umpire youth cricket at representative level and was superbly hosted by the Bradman Foundation. Congratulations, and a vote of thanks, are offered to Rina Hore and her organising team from the Bradman Foundation.

The following umpires were appointed to officiate in the preliminary round matches of the Cricket Australia Under 15 Female Championships held in Sydney:

Kevin Battishill, Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, John Evans, Brian Ferguson, Mark Hughes, Rupert Mathews, Gary McAulley, Glenn Roche, Bob Shield, Chris Taylor, Sarah Thamm (South Australia), Lachlan Walker, Arthur Watson, Chris Weir, Karl Wentzel and Brian Wiseman.

The following umpires were appointed to officiate in the preliminary round matches of the NSW Combined High Schools (Male) Carnival held in Sydney:

Kevin Battishill, Jason Brady, Mal Campbell, Geoff Garland, Bill Glacken, Geoff Hasler, Malli Iyer, Lindsay Kain, Tony Kingsford-Smith, Rupert Mathews, Stephen McAppion, Trevor Parker, Homer Paxton, Jim Shellens, Bob Shield, Chris Taylor, Geoff Taylor, Juris Turmanis, Arthur Watson, Chris Weir, Karl Wentzel and Kevin Whitaker.

Kevin Battishill and Bob Shield officiated in the Final of the NSW Combined High Schools (Male) Carnival played at Mark Taylor Oval between Sydney East and Sydney South West.

The following umpires were appointed to officiate in the NSW Schoolboys Cricket Championships held in Sydney:

Kevin Battishill, Tony Clough, John Evans, Brian Ferguson, Helmut Gerlach, Darren Goodger, Spencer Harrison, Charles Howard, Roberto Howard, Lindsay Kain, Davern Lewis, Rupert Mathews, Stephen McAppion, Trevor Parker, Troy Penman, Colin Sherwood, Chris Taylor, Geoff Verco, Arthur Watson, and Karl Wentzel.

Darren Goodger and Anthony Hobson umpired the NSW Schoolboys v ACT U17 representative match played at the SCG in December.

The thanks of the Association are offered to all members who made themselves available and umpired at representative level across the State throughout the season.

NSWCUSA Social Appointments Officer, Ian Wright, is sincerely thanked for the outstanding job he does in coordinating umpire appointments to various matches, including junior representative carnivals and Cricket NSW Academy matches, male and female.

#### Present financial members who have umpired at First Class level

G.A. Abood
D.M. Brandon
R.F. Burgess (L)
J.I. Cameron
C.R. Cruickshanks
G.J. Davidson
N.S.D. Fowler
D. Frede
R.A. French * (L)
R.D. Goodger (L)
D.M. Graham
D.B. Hair * (L)
G.J. Lill (L)
A. J. Morgan
G.E. Reed (L)
S.J.A. Taufel * (L)
R.J. Tucker *
I.S. Thomas (L)
A.G. Watson (L)

\* Denotes Test Umpires (Male)

Season 2013/14 was extremely busy for our umpires at the representative level. A list of representative umpire appointments can be found in the following pages.





Umpire	Format	Match Details
Gerard Abood	Ashes Tour Match	Prime Minister's XI v England, Manuka Oval, 14 January
	Bupa Sheffield Shield – First Class	Victoria v Western Australia, MCG, 30 October-2 November
		Queensland v Tasmania, Allan Border Field (Brisbane), 6-9 November
		Western Australia v Queensland, WACA Ground, 29 November-2 December
		Queensland v South Australia, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 12-15 February
		NSW v Western Australia, Manuka Oval, 11-14 March
	Plunket Shield – First Class	Canterbury v Northern Districts, Hagley Oval (Christchurch), 12-15 December
	Ryobi One Day Cup – List A	Tasmania v Victoria, Bankstown Oval, 1 October
		Queensland v South Australia, North Sydney Oval, 19 October
		NSW v Victoria (semi final), North Sydney Oval, 24 October
	KFC T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Thunder, SCG, 21 December
		Heat v Hurricanes, Brisbane Cricket Ground, 28 December
		Thunder v Stars, ANZ Stadium, 1 January
		Sixers v Scorchers, SCG, 10 January
		Hurricanes v Heat, Blundstone Arena (Hobart), 23 January
Stars v Scorchers, MCG, 27 January		
Stars v Hurricanes (semi final), MCG, 4 February		
Kevin Battishill	NSW Combined High Schools Carnival	Final: Sydney East v Sydney South West, Mark Taylor Oval, 13 February
Laurie Borg	State Challenge	North Sydney v Western Zone, SCG, 29 November
Daniel Brightwell	High Performance	U19 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 2 November
		U19 State Challenge, Raby, 25 September
Michael Connolly	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 24-26 September
	Women's Place of Origin	City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 29 September
Gary Crombie	Women's Twenty20 Competition	NSW v South Australia, Drummoyne Oval, 22 December
	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 25 September
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v India (T20), Bowral, 18 November
		Australia v West Indies, Bowral, 24 November
Greg Davidson	Bupa Sheffield Shield – First Class	Tasmania v Western Australia, Blundstone Arena (Hobart), 8-10 December
	Ryobi One Day Cup – List A	Tasmania v Western Australia, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 19 October
	Toyota Futures League	Western Australia v Tasmania, Richardson Park (Perth), 18-20 November
	Place of Origin – Ivor Ewin Trophy	City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 21 September
	U19 One Day Internationals	Australia v New Zealand, Darwin, 30 June
		Australia v New Zealand, Darwin, 6 July
	Country Cricket	U19 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 2 November
	Ashes Series – Women's	Test Match: Australia v England, WACA Ground, 10-14 January
		One Day International: Australia v England, MCG, 23 January
		Twenty20 International: Australia v England, Blundstone Arena (Hobart), 29 January
Women's Twenty20 Competition	Semi Final: NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 5 February	
Paul Dilley	U14 State Challenge	Manly-Warringah v Newcastle, SCG, 9 February
	Women's Twenty20	Country v City, Port Macquarie, 6 October
		Country v City, Port Macquarie, 7 October
Berend du Plessis	U16 International Tri-Series	India v West Indies, Bowral, 28 November
John Evans	High Performance	U17 Country v City, Bowral, 11 November
Ricky Field	Imparja Cup	Imparja Cup, Alice Springs, 10-15 February





Umpire	Format	Match Details
James Figallo	High Performance	U19 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 1 October
	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 26 September
	U16 International Tri-Series	India v West Indies, Bowral, 25 November
Neil Findlay	State Challenge	North Sydney v Western Zone, SCG, 29 November
	High Performance	U17 Country v City, Bowral, 11 November
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v West Indies (T20 Final), Wollongong, 20 November
	U15 Female National Championships	Final: Victoria v NSW, Raby 1, 3 December
Darren Goodger	U16 International Tri-Series	India v West Indies, Bowral, 28 November 2013
	High Performance	NSW Schoolboys vs ACT U17, SCG, 2 December 2013
Andrew Hamilton	Women's Twenty20 Competition	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 8 November
		NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 10 November
		NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 6 December
		NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 8 December
		NSW v South Australia, SCG, 21 December
	U16 International Tri-Series	India v West Indies (T20), Bowral, 19 November
		Australia v West Indies (T20), Bowral, 19 November
Greg Heys	State Challenge U16	Australia v West Indies, Bowral, 24 November
		Bankstown v North Coast, SCG, 9 February
Anthony Hobson	High Performance	U17 NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 25 November
		NSW Schoolboys v ACT U17, SCG, 2 December
Roberto Howard	U15 Female National Championships	
		Final: Victoria v NSW, Raby 1, 3 December
Mark Hughes	Women's National Cricket League	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 9 November
	Women's Twenty20 Competition	NSW v South Australia, Drummoyne Oval, 22 December
	High Performance	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 24 September
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v India, Bowral, 23 November
Keiran Knight	State Second XI	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 17-20 February
	Women's National Cricket League	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 9 November
	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 24-26 September
Craig Lees	High Performance	U17 Country v City, Bowral, 10 November
Davern Lewis	High Performance	U16 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 12 April
Simon Lightbody	Ashes Tour Match	Prime Minister's XI v England, Manuka Oval, 14 January
	Toyota Futures League	NSW v South Australia, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 27-30 January
	Twenty20 Super League	Sydney Green v Sydney Pink, Drummoyne Oval, 26 November
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v West Indies (Final), Bowral, 29 November
	Women's Twenty20 Competition	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 8 November
		NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 10 November
		NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 6 December
		NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 8 December
Gary McAulley	High Performance	NSW v South Australia, SCG, 21 December
		U16 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 12 April
Cameron McGinn	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 26 September
Alan Monaghan	High Performance	U17 NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 7-8 January
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v West Indies, Bowral, 27 November
Peter Moore	U14 State Challenge	Manly-Warringah v Newcastle, SCG, 9 February



Umpire	Format	Match Details
Zaheer Nazir	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v India (T20), Bowral, 18 November
		U16 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 13 April
Ben Nicholls	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v West Indies (T20 Final), Wollongong, 20 November
Marc Nickl	Women's National Cricket League	NSW v South Australia, Drummoyne Oval, 20 December
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v India, Bowral, 23 November
Kim Norris	Women's Place of Origin	City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 29 September
Troy Penman	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v India, Bowral, 26 November
	U16 State Challenge	Bankstown v North Coast, SCG, 9 February
Claire Polosak	U18 Female National Championships	Final: Victoria v NSW, Eastern Oval, Ballarat, 21 January
Muhammad Qureshi	Women's National Cricket League	NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 7 December
	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 24 September
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v West Indies, Bowral, 27 November
	High Performance	U16 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 13 April
Ken Robinson	Women's Twenty20	Country v City, Port Macquarie, 6 October
		Country v City, Port Macquarie, 7 October
Glenn Roche	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 24 September
Bob Shield	NSW Combined High Schools Carnival	Final: Sydney East v Sydney South West, Mark Taylor Oval, 13 February
Jim Shellens	High Performance	U17 Country v City, Bowral, 10 November
Glen Stubbings	U16 International Tri-Series	India v West Indies (T20), Bowral, 19 November
		Australia v West Indies (T20), Bowral, 19 November
Chris Taylor	U16 International Tri-Series	India v West Indies, Bowral, 25 November
David Taylor	Toyota Futures League	NSW v Tasmania, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 10-14 February
	Twenty20 Super League	Sydney Green v Sydney Pink, Drummoyne Oval, 26 November
	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 26 September
	High Performance	U19 City v Country, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 1 October
		U17 NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 25 November
		U17 NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 7-8 January
Mark Templeman	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 24-26 September
Ben Treloar	State Second XI	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 17-20 February
	State Challenge	U19 State Challenge, Raby, 25 September
		U19 NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 25 November
Aaron Vella	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v India, Bowral, 26 November
David Went	Women's National Cricket League	NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 7 December
Bruce Whiteman	Women's National Cricket League	NSW v South Australia, Drummoyne Oval, 20 December
	U16 International Tri-Series	Australia v West Indies (Final), Bowral, 29 November





Umpire	Format	Match Details
Anthony Wilds	Toyota Futures League	NSW v Tasmania, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 10-14 February
	U19 One Day Internationals	Australia v New Zealand, Darwin, 30 June
		Australia v India, Darwin, 2 July
		India v New Zealand, 4 July
	High Performance	U19 NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 25 November
	Ashes Series – Women's	One Day International: Australia v England, Blundstone Arena (Hobart), 26 January
		Twenty20 International: Australia v England, ANZ Stadium, 2 February
	Women's Twenty20 Competition	Semi Final: Victoria v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 5 February



Umpires Greg Davidson (L) and Gerard Abood (R) watch on as Sydney University CC captain, Greg Mail, tosses the coin for the First Grade LO Final

Credits: Ian Bird Photography

## Scorer Representative Appointments

### Darren Goodger

The selection committee responsible for appointing scorers to representative matches comprised Marilyn Fowler, Darren Goodger (Chair) and Narelle Johnston. The contribution of Mrs Fowler and Mrs Johnston to the selection process is very much appreciated by the Association. As former international cricket scorers both have a rich understanding of scoring.

Our scorer members had a busy season officiating in representative matches from international to grass roots level. The congratulations of the Association are extended to Christine Bennison and Adam Morehouse who officiated in the Australia v England 5th Ashes Test Match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. This is the pinnacle in the career of a representative scorer. Mrs Bennison and Mr Morehouse were joined in scoring matches at First Class level by Toni Lorraine, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright.

Congratulations are offered to Ian Wright and Chris McLeod. Mr Wright made his First Class debut as a scorer this season in the Round 6 Bupa Sheffield Shield

match between NSW and South Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground in December. Mr McLeod made his List A debut as a scorer this season in the Ryobi One Day Cup match between South Australia and NSW at Drummoyne Oval in October.

We offer a sincere vote of thanks to all scorer members for their contribution to the Association and for their commitment and dedication to their craft.

Present financial members who have scored at First Class level are:

Christine Bennison, Marilyn Fowler, Narelle Johnston, Laurel Kirton, David Lemon, Toni Lorraine, Adam Morehouse, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright.

The following scorers officiated at the Cricket Australia U15 Female National Championships held in Sydney:

Cheryl Brain, Christine Byrnes, David Frede, Chris McLeod, Kay Wilcoxon, Ian Wright and Sue Woodhouse

Details of the representative scorer appointments follow on the next few pages.



Scorer	Format	Match Details
Christine Bennison	Test Match	Australia v England, SCG, 3-7 January
	One Day International	Australia v England, SCG, 19 January
	Bupa Sheffield Shield – First Class	NSW v Tasmania, BISPI, 30 October-2 November
		NSW v Western Australia, Manuka Oval, 11-14 March
		Final: NSW v Western Australia, Manuka Oval, 21-25 March
	Ryobi One Day Cup – List A	Tasmania v Victoria, Bankstown Oval, 1 October
		South Australia v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 9 October
		Western Australia v NSW, Hurstville Oval, 13 October
		Queensland v Tasmania, Hurstville Oval, 15 October
		NSW v Queensland, North Sydney Oval, 17 October
		Tasmania v Western Australia, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 19 October
		South Australia v NSW, Drummoyne Oval, 22 October
		Semi Final: NSW v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 24 October
		Final: Queensland v NSW, North Sydney Oval, 27 October
KFC Twenty20 Big Bash League		Sixers v Stars, SCG, 29 December
	Thunder v Sixers, ANZ Stadium, 25 January	
	Semi Final: Sixers v Scorchers, SCG, 5 February	
Toni Lorraine	Twenty20 International	Australia v England, ANZ Stadium, 2 February
	Women's Twenty20 International	Australia v England, ANZ Stadium, 2 February
	Bupa Sheffield Shield – First Class	NSW v Queensland, SCG, 22-25 November
		NSW v Victoria, SCG 12-15 February
	Ryobi One Day Cup	NSW v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 29 September
		NSW v Victoria, Bankstown Oval, 7 October
		South Australia v Western Australia, Drummoyne Oval, 17 October
		Tasmania v Western Australia, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 19 October
	KFC Twenty20 Big Bash League	NSW v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 20 October
		Thunder v Sixers, ANZ Stadium, 27 December
		Thunder v Stars, ANZ Stadium, 1 January
		Sixers v Hurricanes, SCG, 15 January
Darren Mattison	KFC Twenty20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Sixers, ANZ Stadium, 25 January
	Women's National Cricket League	Final: NSW v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 16 February
Chris McLeod	Ryobi One Day Cup	South Australia v NSW, Drummoyne Oval, 22 October
	Toyota Futures League	NSW v Tasmania, Blacktown INTL Sports Park No. 2, 10-13 February
	Twenty20 Super League	Sydney Green v Sydney Pink, Drummoyne Oval, 26 November
	Women's National Cricket League	Final: NSW v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 16 February
	Women's Twenty20 Competition	NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 8 November
		NSW v Victoria, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 10 November
		NSW v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 8 December
		NSW v South Australia, Drummoyne Oval, 22 December
		Semi Final: NSW v ACT, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 5 February
		Semi Final: Victoria v Queensland, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 5 February
Adam Morehouse	Test Match	Australia v England, SCG, 3-7 January
	One Day International	Australia v England, SCG, 19 January
	Bupa Sheffield Shield – First Class	NSW v Queensland, SCG, 22-25 November
	Ryobi One Day Cup	NSW v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval, 29 September
		Tasmania v South Australia, Bankstown Oval, 12 October
		Queensland v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 13 October
		Queensland v South Australia, North Sydney Oval, 19 October
		NSW v Victoria, North Sydney Oval, 20 October
	KFC Twenty20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Hurricanes, SCG, 15 January
Geoff Rogers	Tovota Futures League	NSW v South Australia, Blacktown INTL Sports Park, 27-30 January









# International Umpiring

Darren Goodger

The Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires  
for season 2013/14

Aleem Dar (Pakistan)

Steve Davis (Australia)

Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka)

Marais Erasmus (South Africa)

Ian Gould (England)

Tony Hill (New Zealand)

Richard Illingworth (England)

Richard Kettleborough (England)

Nigel Llong (England)

Bruce Oxenford (Australia)

Paul Reiffel (Australia)

Rodney Tucker (Australia)

The Australian umpires on the ICC International Panel are Simon Fry, John Ward, Mick Martell and Paul Wilson with all now having officiated in international cricket. During the 2013/14 season John Ward and Mick Martell made their respective debuts at One Day International level while Paul Wilson made his debut at International T20 level.

The Association is very proud of the achievements and performances of Rodney Tucker as a member of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires.

Rodney was appointed to umpire the Final of the Champions Trophy between England and India at Edgbaston in June. He also umpired the Champions League Twenty20 Final at Delhi between Mumbai and Rajasthan. It was a busy year for Rodney in which he umpired 4 Test matches and 18 One Day International matches. He was also selected to umpire 7 IPL matches including the first and second preliminary final, both matches being played in Delhi.

Rodney has now supervised 29 Tests, 45 One Day Internationals and 23 T20 Internationals. Rodney can look forward to many more matches at international level in the years to come as his best umpiring years are ahead him.

Rodney has been a member of NSWCUA for 10 years and was presented with his 10 year membership badge at the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation on 12 April at Bankstown Sports Club.



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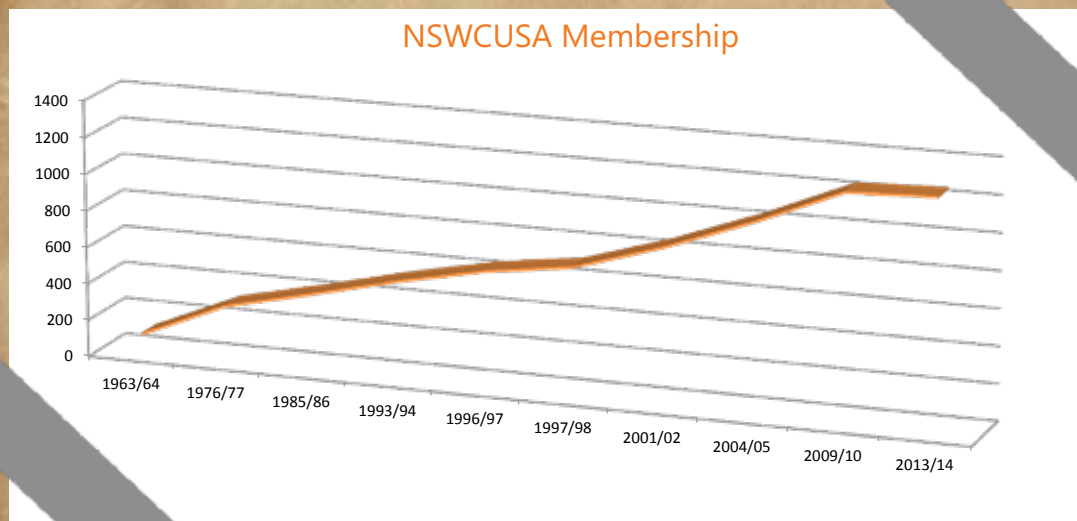
Umpire	Format	Match Details
Rodney Tucker	Test Matches	Pakistan v South Africa, Abu Dhabi, 14-18 October
		Pakistan v South Africa, Dubai, 23-27 October
		South Africa v India, Johannesburg, 18-22 December
		South Africa v India, Durban, 26-30 December
	Champions Trophy – One Day Internationals	New Zealand v Sri Lanka, Cardiff, 9 June
		South Africa v West Indies, Cardiff, 14 June
		England v New Zealand, Cardiff, 16 June
		Semi Final: England v South Africa, Kennington, 19 June
		Final: England v India, Birmingham, 23 June
	One Day Internationals	Sri Lanka v South Africa, Pallekele, 28 July
		India v West Indies, Kochi, 21 November
		India v West Indies, Visakhapatnam, 24 November
		India v West Indies, Kanpur, 27 November
		New Zealand v India, Napier, 19 January
		New Zealand v India, Hamilton, 22 January
		New Zealand v India, Auckland, 25 January
		New Zealand v India, Hamilton, 28 January
		New Zealand v India, Wellington, 31 January
		Bangladesh v Sri Lanka, Mirpur, 17 February
		Bangladesh v Sri Lanka, Mirpur, 20 February
		Bangladesh v Sri Lanka, Mirpur, 22 February
		West Indies v England, North Sound, 2 March
	International Twenty20 Matches – ICC World Twenty20	Hong Kong v Nepal, Chittagong, 16 March
		Bangladesh v Nepal, Chittagong, 18 March
		Bangladesh v Hong Kong, Chittagong, 20 March
		South Africa v Sri Lanka, Chittagong, 22 March
		Netherlands v Sri Lanka, Chittagong, 24 March
		England v Sri Lanka, Chittagong, 27 March
		England v South Africa, Chittagong, 29 March
		New Zealand v Sri Lanka, Chittagong, 31 March
		Semi Final: Sri Lanka v West Indies, Mirpur, 3 April
	Twenty20 Matches – Indian Premier League	Rajasthan v Pune Warriors, Jaipur, 5 May
		Rajasthan v Delhi, Jaipur, 7 May
		Punjab v Hyderabad, Mohali, 11 May
		Chennai v Delhi, Chennai, 14 May
		Bangalore v Chennai, Bangalore, 18 May
		1st preliminary final: Chennai v Mumbai, Delhi, 21 May
	Twenty20 Matches – Champions League	2nd preliminary final: Rajasthan v Hyderabad, Delhi, 22 May
		Rajasthan Royals v Mumbai Indians, Jaipur, 21 September
		Sunrisers v Trinidad and Tobago, Mohali, 24 September
		Chennai Super Kings v Sunrisers, Ranchi, 26 September
		Brisbane Heat v Chennai Super Kings, Ranchi, 28 September
		Titans v Trinidad and Tobago, Ahmedabad, 30 September
		Semi Final: Mumbai Indians v Trinidad and Tobago, Delhi, 5 October
		Final: Mumbai Indians v Rajasthan Royals, Delhi, 6 October





# Section Two :

# Administration









# Membership

This season saw a slight increase in membership to 1247, which is 12 up on last season. This result was achieved through a reduction in non-renewals to 64 a drop of 32 from last year, which whilst an improvement is not ideal as we wish to retain 100% of members each year.

The 64 non-renewals were overridden by 80 new members being welcomed into the Association. Having 80 new members come into the Association is a sign that the education and training program run by Darren Goodger and his trainers is performing outstandingly well.

Unfortunately for the Association and its members we had the passing of Principal Members Ray Cox and Doug Tyson and Member Peter Hooper. All three contributed to the Association in a positive manner and they have been recognised in the obituaries.

Last year we made retention of members a focus and, whilst pleasing that the non-renewals have decreased significantly this season, we will continue to work on lowering that number again next season.

I would like to thank Sharad Patel for his efforts in processing renewals throughout the year and for keeping an accurate record of those who have or haven't renewed.

Below is a breakdown of the memberships within the Association; the largest increase was ten extra Full Umpire members. All other categories remained steady and only varied slightly. Membership statistics for this year are:

2013/14	
Life Members	13
Principal Members	57
Full Member – Umpire	468
Full Member – Scorer	11
Ordinary Member	613
Scorer Member	36
Junior Member	5
Honorary Members	4
Affiliated Associations	40
TOTAL	1247

A highlight for membership this year was the 39 new members who were welcomed at the September Ordinary Meeting.

In previous years we have shown how the membership has grown over the past 10 years, this year we will be looking back at how the membership has increased since its Golden Jubilee in 1963 and pin point particular milestones for the Association.

Troy Penman



Patience does not mean waiting and doing nothing. Patience involves productive activity. It means doing your very best with the resources available to you, while understanding that the results you seek are worth the required time and effort, and not available elsewhere for any less time and effort.

In other words, patience is the ability to keep a good attitude while working hard on the activities and goals that bring you happiness.

Ultimately, the two hardest tests on the road to personal growth are the patience to wait for what you want and the courage not to be disappointed when it doesn't arrive as soon as you had expected. Patience can be bitter, but the seeds you plant now will bear sweet fruit. And these fruits are worth waiting for. There's no point in hurrying through life and never tasting their sweetness.

- Marc Chernoff





## Obituary Darren Goodger

The Association has recorded with deep regret the death of members Ray Cox, Peter Hooper and Doug Tyson. The New South Wales Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association wishes to pass on sincere condolences to the families of the members mentioned above and to any of our other members who have suffered bereavement and loss of family or friends during the course of the year.



### Ray Cox

Ray joined the Association on 3 July 1962 and was upgraded to Principal Member status in 1991 for his outstanding service to the Association in a number of roles.

From his early days with the Association, Ray was keen to become involved with Association activities. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 1966 to 1971 and served the Association as Vice President in 1971.

On field, Ray showed that he was an umpire of real quality as he was selected for 3 First Class matches during the 1971/72 season.

The Association received a letter from Ray's daughter last year advising that he was very moved to receive his 50 years of service badge from the Association, she stated that he had enjoyed every minute of his time with NSWCUA.

May Ray Cox rest in peace.



### Peter Hooper

Peter joined the Association in 1999 and was a very popular member. He loved cricket, he loved umpiring and he loved life.

Peter, a Cricket Australia Level 2 Accredited Umpire, was highly respected by the players around the SCA clubs. He umpired 195 SCA matches of which two were in 1st Grade and 90 were in 2nd Grade.

He passed away on 9 July 2013 after a short battle with cancer.

Peter is survived by his loved partner, Viv. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Viv and the extended family at this time.

Peter, with his great sense of humour and passion for cricket, was respected by his colleagues and he will be sadly missed.

May Peter Hooper rest in peace.



### Doug Tyson

Doug joined our Association in 1977 and was upgraded to Principal Member status in 2000 as a result of his exemplary service to the SCA as an umpire and his contribution as an administrator and umpire to the affiliated Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires Association (FLCUA).

Doug was a committed and proud member of NSWCUA – a regular attendee at Association meetings and functions, and a regular top 6 finalist in the George Borwick Memorial Award over the years.

Doug officiated in SCA matches across five different decades – standing in a total of 433 matches (45 in 1st Grade and a massive 280 in 2nd Grade).

Doug, who was a life member of both the FLCUA and the Fairfield Liverpool Junior Cricket Association, was the current President of FLCUA. He was a great worker for cricket in the Fairfield Liverpool district and highly respected for his good will and his knowledge of the game. Doug loved cricket, loved umpiring and made a significant contribution, as the SCA's Roy Formica commented this morning, "433 matches is extraordinary."

Fellow Principal Member and SCA umpire observer, Bob Davis, in paying tribute to Doug today, wrote, "Doug was a great bloke to umpire with, and I found he was a strong and eloquent supporter of the observers and their role. I will certainly miss him, as I'm sure we all will."

Fellow SCA umpire, Paul Johnson, also paid tribute to Doug, writing today, "It is with great sorrow I read about the sudden death of Doug. I was lucky to stand with Doug a number of times last year. I learnt so much from Doug and was honoured to call him a friend. I am a better umpire for having stood with Doug. Our ranks have lost a true gentleman and the sport of cricket is at a great loss."

May Doug Tyson rest in peace.





## Membership Awards

At the Annual General Meeting in July 2013 the members in attendance approved the 28 Ordinary Umpire Members who had applied successfully for upgrading to Full Umpire membership. This was a down turn from the 37 upgrades last year. Full Membership status is required to be eligible to nominate for committee positions as well as office bearers. Full membership is also required to progress on to higher levels of umpiring and scoring.

Ordinary and Scorer Members who wish to obtain Full Membership status are reminded that the Board only deals with these applications once a year – in time for the Annual General Meeting. Scorer Members who are required to satisfactorily complete a further assessment paper under examination conditions prior to applying for Full Scorer status were sent a reminder notice of this requirement in sufficient time to comply. The details of Full Membership requirements for Ordinary Umpire Members and the method of application have been sent via circular to all Ordinary Umpire Members.

In recognition of their significant contribution to the Association, Principal Membership of the Association was awarded to:

Bill Battese
Michael Connolly
Errol Cranney
Neil Findlay
Merilyn Fowler

Honorary Membership was once again bestowed upon Dean Bennison for his assistance in the establishment and upkeep of the scorers section of the Association's website. Mr. Alan Davidson AM MBE also receives Honorary Membership as Co-Patron of the Association, Faiz Ali Dero was given Honorary Membership for his work in providing graphical assistance with Association publications. Finally David Gilbert received Honorary Membership for his outstanding career as Chief Executive of Cricket NSW and for his support and counsel to the Association throughout his 11 years with Cricket NSW.

Many members achieved milestones in their years of Association membership, not the least being Dick Burgess who has achieved 60 years of service. Tony Kingsford-Smith also received acknowledgement for 50 years of service to the Association. In recognition of their individual milestones each member received badges indicating the years of membership.

Those in attendance at the Annual Dinner were presented with their badge by Life Member Graham Reed. The following members are congratulated and thanked for their ongoing support.

**Troy Penman**

## Years of Service

60 years	Dick Burgess		
50 years	Tony Kingsford-Smith		
40 years	George Lunt	Rick Wegner	Doug Wright
30 years	Ross Anderson	Graeme Bamford	Malcolm Campbell
	Geoff Denyer	Ian Duffy	John Macnamara
25 years	Neville Bradbury	Clive Cruickshanks	Doug Crump
	David Dickinson	Alan Griffin	William Gunderson
	Peter Hughes	Tom Icton	Peter Komander
	Peter Luke	Warwick Marks	Drew Morrow
	John Tierney	Bruce Webster	
20 years	Roy Bent	Wayne Bradley OAM	William Croese
	Peter Davis	Geoff De Mesquita	David Dobinson
	Craig Dyball	Jeff Gittings	Darren Goodger
	Ian James	Phillip Leonard	Greg Morrissey
	Keith Morton	Paul Nicholas	Stephen Poole
	Morgan Prosser	Tim Ralston	John Reynolds
	Owen Ridge	Ken Thorpe	Stephen Wall
	Graham Watson		
15 years	Graham Borg	Leigh Buckingham	David Burrill
	Philip Carroll	Tony Clough	David Cooper
	Chris Davies	Toby Fletcher	Nick Fowler
	Adrianne Harris	David Hartley	Toni Lorraine
	Terrence MacDonald	Craig Nicholas	Dan O'Connor
	Gary O'Reilly	Ray Pike	Lee Reid
	Roger Ridgway	Ken Robinson	Erica Sainsbury
	Ken Shaw	Wayne Solomons	Andrew Summers
	Alex Terry	John Thompson	Juris Turmanis
	Peter Walsh	Nick Wennerbom	Warwick Wheeldon
	David Wilson	Brett Wylie	
10 Years	Chris Abbott	Rick Becquet	Cuthbert Berenger
	Glen Berg	Ken Birdsey	Mark Bush
	Laurie Byrne	Barry Casey	Chris Cassin
	Stephen Chappell	David Cuthbertson	Alan Dawes
	Bryan Dawson	Paul Dille	Ian Dinham
	Brian Druery	James Figallo	Peter Garlick
	John Goodwin	Tony Hackett	Spencer Harrison
	Brett Jones	Graham Kent	Pat Kerin OAM
	Darren King	Peter Kirby	Darryl Koglin
	Balvinder Kumar	Michael Kumutat	Evan Lane
	Steve Loudoun	Craig McTavish	William Meehan
	Graham Moon	Copper Pike	Stephen Poidevin
	Elankeeran Ramakrishnan	Peter Richardson	Trevor Schokman
	Ian Slate	Murray Smith	Mark Tabor
	Chris Taylor	Howard Thompson	Robert Thompson
	Roger Thompson	Rodney Tucker	Don Tyson
	Michael Wren		





# Meetings

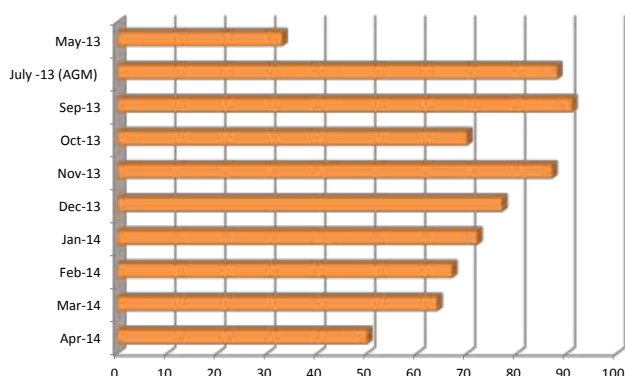
With the exception of January the Ordinary Meetings of the Association continued to be held on the first Wednesday of each month between the months of September and May commencing at 7.30 p.m. with the Annual General Meeting being held on the first Wednesday in July. A special meeting was once again called for the second Wednesday in January as the first Wednesday of January was New Years Day. The meeting also acts as a half way mark for the cricket season and the Education and Development session conducted by Executive Officer Darren Goodger provides an exceptional amount of information for the members. The December meeting was held at Bankstown Oval.

The Bowlers' Club of NSW in York Street, Sydney is the permanent meeting venue for the Association. An average of 70 members attended the 8 scheduled Ordinary meetings, the January Special Meeting and the AGM. The average attendance increased by 6 members on last year which is a credit to the members who see the benefits in attending meetings as there is a large amount of information distributed at the meetings. It was also encouraging to see the increased attendance as qualification for the George Borwick Memorial Award and the Alan Marshall Medal are in part based on meeting attendance. The September meeting was the highest attended meeting with 91 members in attendance, the lowest again being the May meeting with only 33 members in attendance.

For each Monthly Meeting the Association aims to deliver an agenda for the members, which provides them with information on representative appointments, material of a technical nature and education and development sessions. On top of these items, Finance, Administration and Committee reports are also given each meeting. Valuable information can be gleaned from attendance at general meetings and all members are urged to attend if at all possible.

The September pre-season SCA Rules Meeting is becoming essential for those umpires available to umpire in the SCA Grade Competition to be well prepared as is the Annual Convention which is considered crucial for officiating members and new or first year members.

At the Annual General Meeting in July 2013 there were 88 members in attendance.



No ballot was required this year with returning Directors Graham Chudleigh and Dr David Dilley elected unopposed.

There was only one nomination for the position of Honorary Treasurer and Laurie Borg was elected for the year 2013/14.

There was also only one nomination for Liaison Officer and Neil Findlay was elected for the year 2013/14.

In line with the Constitution the new Board appointed members from nominations received to the Examination, Scorer and Social Committees as well as the Office-bearer positions of Social Appointments Officer, Merchandise Officer, Public Relations Officer and the Secretary (Training). Confirmation of these appointments was given by the members attending the September Ordinary Meeting. A number of country resident members attended meetings during the year and while it is readily accepted that they are not able to attend monthly meetings on a regular basis, if they are in Sydney when a meeting falls due, their presence will always be noted and welcomed.

Troy Penman

## Membership Fees

At the April Ordinary Meeting Association Treasurer, Laurie Borg, recommended to members attending the meeting that the various categories of membership fees remain the same for the 2014/15 season. The members moved that the membership fees remain the same.

Members are therefore reminded that fees set for the 2014/15 season are now due and are payable on or before the 31 August. Affiliated Associations who are incorporated may wish to note that their fees, payable by 30 September, include the cost of the Public Liability Insurance as required by the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs.

Members and Affiliated Associations are also reminded that if fees are not paid by the due date they will be considered un-financial and their names will be automatically removed from the Registers of the Association. This can impact on not only umpiring appointments but also insurance cover. Reinstatement may be granted by the Board on receipt of a written application for reinstatement within one year of becoming un-financial and payment of subscription at the rate which may be applicable on or after 1 September for members and 1 October for Affiliated Associations.

The basic fee due including the GST component is shown below:

Principal/Scorer/Junior/Full-Scorer Members	\$27.50
Ordinary / Full-Umpire Members	\$55.00
Affiliated Association Subscription Renewals	\$55.00

Troy Penman



## Staffing **Darren Goodger**

Three staff are employed at Cricket NSW to serve NSWCUA:

Administration Manager	Troy Penman
Administration Officer	Sharad Patel
Executive Officer	Darren Goodger

The Executive Officer is also the State Director of Umpiring and assumes responsibility for the education and development function within the Association.

Troy Penman is acknowledged here for an outstanding year having been promoted to the position of Administration Manager. His work ethic and support of the staff, Board and members is exemplary. His efforts are very much appreciated by all stakeholders. Troy energetically takes on additional responsibilities and he displays an attitude of putting the Association first. During the 2013/14 season Troy assumed responsibility for umpire appointments to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade matches in the SCA competitions and was responsible for the organisation of a successful NSWCUA Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation. He liaised professionally on a round by round basis with the Appointments Officer of the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association. Troy goes about his work with great energy and positively engages with members and all involved in the game. His contribution should not be underestimated in what was a successful season for the Association.

Sharad Patel resigned his position on 2 May 2014 and his last day working at Cricket NSW was 30 May 2014. Sharad accepted an Executive Assistant role with Sydney Trains, a position he won on merit. The Association thanks Sharad for his outstanding contribution and his commitment to excellence. He is congratulated on his new appointment with Sydney Trains and the Association offers him every best wish for a successful future. Sharad's exemplary work ethic will stand him in good stead.

The position of Administration Officer was advertised and applications closed on 27 May 2014. At the time of writing the position had yet to be filled. The position will continue to report to the Administration Manager.

Stephen Blomfield's work as Secretary and Appointments Officer, in an honorary capacity, of the affiliated Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association is substantial. Stephen goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve members to a high standard. Stephen was the NSWCUA Honorary Statistician in 2013/14 and is responsible for the record keeping of matches officiated by members in the Grade and Shires competitions. The presentation and organisation of these statistics is first-class.

The honorary Zone Representatives in each of the eight country cricket zones together with Keith Griffiths as the Country Umpire Advisor have continued to deliver each country member access to opportunities for advancement to a level appropriate to their skill regardless of their location.

Darren Goodger (Chair), Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed were appointed by the Board to form the NSWCUA Coaching Panel. The Coaching Panel undertook the task of selecting the various Grade panels and also selected umpires for the Grade Grand Finals. Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant and Graham Reed were off field umpire observers for matches in the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition. The addition of Mark Grant to the Observer Panel was beneficial to the Association. A former cricketer and captain at the Bankstown District Cricket Club, Mark's contribution was first-rate. His considered and thorough reports of his observations were appreciated by the umpires. Principal member Gordon Smith was the sole observer for matches in the Sydney Cricket Association Shires competition. All observers did a fine job and their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated. It is a significant commitment on their part to the development of umpiring.

The Umpires Sub-committee of NSW Country Cricket Association (NSWCCA) comprised Bob Myatt (Chair) from North Coastal Cricket Zone along with Keith Griffiths and Darren Goodger. Bruce Whitehouse, Country Cricket Programs Manager, served as Secretary to the Umpires Sub-committee. The Umpires Sub-committee selected the umpires on the 2013/14 Country Representative Panel and Supplementary Panel and appointed the umpires to the representative matches within the NSWCCA programs.

Merchandise Officer John Evans did an accomplished job with the ordering and distribution of stock to members. John displays a true commitment to excellence in this role and he is superbly organised. All active members benefit from John's contribution to the Association. Colin Philpott and Muhammad Qureshi were both appointed to the position of Honorary Secretary Training. Colin assisted with Convention preparation and organisation while Muhammad performed duties as the Training Course Administrator.

Life member Graham Reed continued as a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire High Performance Panel. Graham was match referee for the NSW v Tasmania Futures League match, the NSW v Victoria State 2nd XI match, for three matches in the Women's National Cricket League and for seven matches in the WT20 competition including the semi final between Victoria and Queensland. The positive and constructive feedback offered by Graham was appreciated by the officiating umpires.

The Association is grateful to all office bearers, committee members and volunteers for their continuing efforts in carrying out their duties and responsibilities in such a diligent, competent and selfless manner.

The current and future success of this Association is in no small part due to the support by Cricket NSW which shows significant faith in NSWCUA to recruit and develop umpires in NSW. Umpiring is mentioned in the Cricket NSW strategic plan under Pillar 2 "Produce the best teams, players and officials in the world" as it strives to be the number one producer of talent in Australian cricket. The support shown to NSWCUA by Cricket NSW Chief Executive, Andrew Jones, and Board Chairman, John Warn, is acknowledged and appreciated.





## Functions Troy Penman

The Annual Dinner is the major function on the Association calendar and was held again this year at the Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 12 April. A total of 220 people attended, made up of members, partners and special guests including CEO of Cricket NSW Andrew Jones. Attendance was up 25 people more than last year's Annual Dinner, making this year's dinner the highest attended in Association history. The attendance of members from country and regional centres was very pleasing with over 21% travelling lengthy distances for the occasion.

The Board invited all Office-bearers and Committee Members to the Dinner as Association guests as a gesture for their dedication and work throughout the year. Australian Test Cricket and NSW Blues Sheffield Shield winning player Trent Copeland was the MC for the evening and did an excellent job. He interacted well with all attendees and really added to the evening. Entertainment for the evening came from Australian Test Cricketer turned radio personality Kerry O'Keeffe. Kerry was simply outstanding. He had the crowd intrigued throughout (when they weren't in fits of laughter) and mingled with attendees during breaks. We thank both Trent and Kerry for their work on the night.

We extend our appreciation to Ms Rina Hore Company Secretary of the Bradman Foundation for supplying magnificent trophies for the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award as well as the Country Umpire of the Year Award. Thank you to our Co-Patrons, various Life Members and special guests who assisted with the presentation of awards and certificates.

The Scorers Award named in memory of Malcolm Gorham was presented by Malcolm's son, Ben Gorham. SCA Panel Awards were presented by ICC Elite Panel umpire and NSWCUSA member Rod Tucker, the George Borwick Memorial Award was presented by last year's winner Ben Treloar and we were delighted to have Co-Patron Alan Davidson AM MBE present the E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal to Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires Association umpire John Colwell.

The Tom Brooks Golf Day was held on August 4 at the Royal Bowral Golf Club, there were eighteen participants including ICC Umpire and Training Performance Manager and NSWCUSA Life Member Simon Taufel. Simon was the winner on the day so congratulations to him and thank you to all who turned up and took part. Knowledge of local playing conditions must have come in handy as Simon lives only five minutes from the course. Home track advantage anyone!

Last, but not least, a big thank you to the Social Committee for their efforts not only for the Annual Dinner raffle, but for their hard work throughout the year with monthly meeting raffles.





# NSWCUSA Hall of Fame

The NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (NSWCUSA) will celebrate its 100th birthday this evening by announcing the 11 inaugural inductees into its Hall of Fame during a Gala Dinner hosted in Darling Harbour.

Founded on 15 August 1913, the NSWCUSA is the second oldest State umpiring association in Australia, just behind the South Australian Cricket Umpires Association. It has grown from humble beginnings to over 1200 members in 2012/13, with 40 affiliate organisations throughout NSW.

In the last 100 years, the NSWCUSA has produced 84 First Class umpires and 13 Test Umpires, the last of which was former NSW and Tasmanian cricketer, Rod Tucker. It is also the only State-based association in the world to have had three members appointed to the ICC Elite Panel since its inception in 2003, those being Darrell Hair, Simon Taufel and Rod Tucker.

Selection of the inductees was based on the significance of their contribution to umpiring and scoring, and to the NSWCUSA through the Association's first century.

Compilation of the initial inductees was based on nominations from the NSWCUSA Centenary Committee, background research on the candidates by the authors of the Association's history, and reference to the Chairman of the NSWCUSA, with final oversight provided by the Board of Directors of the NSWCUSA.

## The 2013 Hall of Fame inductees

George Borwick MBE

Tom Brooks OAM

Dick Burgess

Dick Callaway

Herb Elphinston

Dick French OAM

Darrell Hair

Alf Jones

Fred Lyons

Simon Taufel

Ted Wykes OAM

All 11 inductees have umpired First Class cricket, with Borwick, Brooks, Callaway, Elphinston, French, Hair, Jones, Taufel and Wykes going on to stand in Test matches. Burgess, Hair, French and Taufel are the only current living Hall of Fame inductees.

NSWCUSA Chairman, Dr Stephen Poole, said the announcement of the Hall of Fame was a wonderful way to celebrate the Association's Centenary.

"The NSWCUSA has a rich history and we are extremely proud of what our members have achieved. The men inducted into the Hall of Fame have earned their place based on their outstanding careers, and the marvellous

contribution they have made to the development of Association," he said.

Cricket NSW Chairman, John Warn, congratulated the NSWCUSA on reaching their centenary, and thanked the members for their invaluable service to the game.

"The NSWCUSA has made an enormous contribution to the growth and development of umpiring and scoring in NSW, especially in recent times through their innovative training and education programs. Umpires and scorers are often referred to as the 'third team' in a game of cricket and are a crucial part of our sport at all levels. We are extremely grateful to all of these officials for their efforts," said Warn.

"The creation of a Hall of Fame is a wonderful initiative to recognise the achievements of some outstanding members. These men have set a high standard for all current and future members and I am certain that their legacies will help maintain the NSWCUSA's status as one of the leading professional associations in cricket," he added.

To commemorate the Centenary of the NSWCUSA, a book titled "No Dazzling Deeds with Bat or Ball" has been produced. Written by Ronald Cardwell and David Jenkins of The Cricket Publishing Company, the book chronicles the rise, growth and development of umpiring and scoring in NSW from the events that led to the formation of the Association in 1913, right through to today.

## 2013 NSWCUSA Hall of Fame Inductees

**George Borwick MBE (Born: 2 April 1896, Pyrmont; Died 1 August 1981, Hornsby)**

George Borwick umpired 24 Tests between 1931 and 1948, as well as 59 First Class matches. He was President of the Association from 1935 until 1955.

**Tom Brooks OAM (Born 28 March 1919, Paddington; 16 July 2007, Springwood)**

A Life Member of the NSWCUSA, Tom Brooks umpired 23 Tests between 1970 and 1978 and 52 First Class matches. He umpired in the United Kingdom in 1975 and officiated in the Centenary Test.

**Dick Burgess (Born: 1 July 1919, Pambula)**

Dick Burgess served as Secretary of the NSWCUSA for 14 years and was also made a Life Member. He umpired in eight First Class matches during his career.

**Dick Callaway (Born: 2 August 1860, Sydney; Died: 19 March 1935, North Bondi)**

Dick Callaway was the first Secretary of the NSWCUSA, holding the position for nine years. Dick stood in 26 First Class matches and three Tests prior to the formation of the NSWCUSA, and two First Class games after its formation.

**Herb Elphinston (Born 25 February 1905, Leichhardt; Died 8 July 1966, Forestville)**

NSWCUSA Life Member, Herb Elphinston, umpired 10 Test matches between 1948 and 1953, as well as 35 First Class matches.





**Dick French OAM (Born: 7 August 1938, Randwick)**

Dick French umpired 19 Tests between 1977 and 1987, as well as 37 First Class matches. A Life Member, he also served as President of the Association and is a current Patron.

**Darrell Hair (Born: 30 September 1952, Mudgee)**

Darrell Hair officiated in 78 Tests between 1992 and 2008, and 88 First Class matches. He is a Life Member of the NSWCUA and a former Executive Officer.

**Alf Jones (Born: Sydney, 6 June 1859, Died: 10 February 1949, Paddington)**

Alf Jones umpired seven Test matches prior to the formation of the NSWCUA. He also stood in 26 First Class matches prior to its formation, and 34 First Class games post formation. Jones was also the NSWCUA's inaugural Treasurer, holding the position for 26 years.

**Fred Lyons (Born: 1 March 1884, Redfern; Died: 16 March 1966, Croydon)**

A Life Member, Fred Lyons was the Secretary of the NSWCUA for 16 years and President for one year. He officiated in 11 First Class matches during his career.

**Simon Taufel (Born 21 January 1971, St Leonards)**

Simon Taufel stood in 74 Test matches between 2000 and 2012, as well as 31 First Class fixtures. A NSWCUA Life Member and multiple winner of the ICC Umpire of the Year award, Simon now works for the ICC as the Umpire High Performance Manager.

**Ted Wykes OAM (Born: 28 April 1921, Little Brighton, Northampton, UK; Died 22 November 2008, Wollongong)**

Ted Wykes umpired in one Test match and 70 First Class games at the SCG. In fact, the Umpires' Room at the famous ground is named after him. Wykes was a President and Patron of the Association, and was also made a Life Member.



Above: Simon Taufel addresses the audience after being inducted. Below: Tom Brooks's daughter, Anne Ratcliffe, accepts the Hall of Fame induction on behalf of Tom. Left: Association Patron and Life Member, Dick French OAM, accepts his induction.  
Credits: Vivek Patel

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## Communication Troy Penman

The Communication for the Association has become more electronic than ever before, especially with the use of Facebook. On Facebook the advertising of courses and members achievements take up the majority of the news feed. While on a regular basis videos and trivia questions are placed on the page. For all those on Facebook who have not yet liked the page head to <http://www.facebook.com/#!/NSWCUSA>

The webpage has undergone an update with more pictures and stories than ever before. Over twenty stories were placed on the webpage from March 10 to April 3 in regards to umpiring appointments from across the state. MyCricket which we use for hosting our webpage has recently changed its template and so this has seen a new look webpage. During the winter months the website will continue to be improved in time for the new season. To view the website head to <http://nswcusa.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

The Association is looking to reach further with its communication. Throughout the winter months we will spend time locating different avenues to advertise and promote the Association.

Email is still the most common form of communication for the Association with only a small portion of the Association still not online, it must be noted that members not on email do not miss out on any services. The Association's Official Journal 'In Black and White' continues to be the main means of distributing information and editions are sent out regularly via email. The popular e-newsletters are also used to update members of key umpire appointments and other items of interest. Other circulars such as notification of nomination for office, membership renewals and upgrade applications are also sent via email.

Members may continue to access their details via the website to alter personal and contact details, to pay membership subscriptions, purchase merchandise and undertake refresher examinations.

The Association aims to increase its communication with members to provide as much information as possible in regards to Law changes, training courses, changes to the Association and important events for the Association.

## Cricket NSW Values

When Andrew Jones commenced as Chief Executive of Cricket NSW on 1 July 2013 he immediately set about what he described as "professionalising Cricket NSW". This is about culture change and his desired values (the "5 Es"):

### Excellence

Being your best, improving constantly, taking responsibility, doing things to a high standard – the standard expected of elite athletes (whether you are one or not).

### Ethics

Being honest at all times and applying the "Golden Rule" and "SMH Test" at all times.

### Energy

Attacking opportunities, issues and challenges with enthusiasm, vigour and positive intent.

### Engagement

Actively working with and engaging all our stakeholders: fans, volunteers, players, past players.

### Enjoyment

A positive culture based on engagement and enjoyment will create much better long-term results than a negative culture based on fear. The key is that it is in addition to excellence, not an alternative to it.





## NSWCUSA Board Troy Penman

The Board of Directors, elected Constitutionally at the Annual General Meeting, met on 11 occasions during the year under review (May 2013 – April 2014). Meetings were held in the Board Room and Trophy Room of Cricket NSW at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Following the elections announced at the 2013 Annual General Meeting Graham Chudleigh and David Dilley were re-elected. Liaison Officer Neil Findlay was re-elected to that position, and Laurie Borg was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. These Directors joined elected Board Directors, Geoff Garland, Colin Philpott, Stephen Poole and Darren Goodger as Executive Officer to form the 8 member Board.

The Elected Directors and Committees have a wealth of knowledge that ensures the Association is well served with decision making regarding policies and procedures. They have been well supported by various committee members responsible for day to day operations of merchandise, newsletters, training, education and examinations.

The Centenary year of NSWCUSA has proven to be challenging on a number of fronts, the Board has had the added items of a Centenary Book, Centenary merchandise, a Centenary Dinner and a number of Centenary functions to oversee, each item has brought its share of issues and dramas, but never once has the Board shied away from doing what is best for the membership.

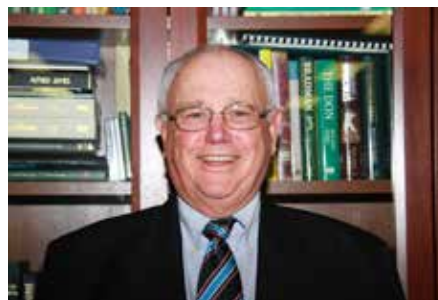
The resignation of Chairman Stephen Poole in November saw the Board elect Geoff Garland unopposed as the new Chairman. Accordingly, it was necessary to elect another member to the Board at the December Ordinary meeting.

Members were advised that an interim Board Director would be elected from the floor at the December meeting. Nominations were called for by Chairman Geoff Garland and three nominations along with seconders were received. A ballot was then conducted, with Board Member Dr David Dilley, Patron Dick French and Administration Manager Troy Penman acting as scrutineers. It was then announced that Muhammad Qureshi was the interim Board Director until the AGM in July 2014.

The Board has the responsibility of determining the future direction of the Association and implementing changes to our Constitution and By Laws as considered necessary. Therefore a subcommittee of Laurie Borg, Dr David Dilley, Geoff Garland, and Colin Philpott has been set up to review the Association's constitution over the coming months.

Full details of matters for consideration and decision at Board Meetings are reported to members at the immediately following Monthly Ordinary Meeting of the Association.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member for their ongoing contribution to Cricket and for their support of the Association. Without your contribution and commitment over the years the Association wouldn't be where it is today.



Geoffrey Garland  
Elected Director & Chairman  
Ex-Officio - Scorers Committee  
Consultant to the Technical Committee  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Coaching Panel  
Grade panel observer  
Active SCA Grade Umpire

Laurie Borg JP  
Honorary Treasurer  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Active SCA Grade Umpire



Graham Chudleigh  
Elected Director  
Ex-Officio - Examination Committee  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Coaching Panel  
Grade panel observer  
ASC Mentor  
Active SCA Grade Umpire

Dr David Dilley  
Elected Director  
Director - NSW Cricket Board  
Delegate - Sydney Cricket Association  
Ex-Officio - Technical Committee  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Grade panel observer  
Active SCA Grade Umpire



Neil Findlay  
Liaison Officer  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Active member of Illawarra CUA  
Country Panel Umpire

Colin Philpott  
Elected Director  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Honorary Secretary (Training)



Muhammad Qureshi  
Elected Director  
Accredited Umpire Trainer  
Honorary Secretary (Training)  
Member - Examination Committee  
Active SCA Grade and WNCL Umpire



# Section Three :

## Committees

### *Eighty-third Annual Report 1995/96*

Overall membership for the season 1995-96 increased by a further 2.5% over the previous year, with the total individual membership just falling short of the 600 figure.

Life Members	9
Senior Members	6
Full Members	297
Ordinary Members	274
Junior Members	7
Honorary Members	3
Total	596

Items on the agenda from a Sydney Cricket Association meeting with the NSWCUA included:

- Earlier starting/finishing time, with the SCA agreeing to implement an over rate penalty to reduce late finishes, and to have a defined close of play on the first day of 7.00pm
- Increase in Match fees. The SCA agreed to take this to the NSW Cricket Board with their recommendation which ultimately saw the increase to \$60.00 per day.







# Technical Committee

"In any walk of life, where a person has to adjudicate on the actions of others, that person must know the rules by which such adjudications have to be made. And so it is with cricket umpiring. Knowledge of the Laws is paramount to an umpire's ability to maintain order during a match. A full knowledge of the laws and how to administer them will stand the umpire in good stead at any level of cricket. It is a fallacy to claim that the lower the level of the game the less the umpire needs to know. All matches should have the benefit of umpires who are fully trained in their art."  
Tom Smith's New Cricket Umpiring and Scoring.

Season 2013/14 brought about its challenges for the Association in training umpires around NSW with regard to the alterations the MCC decided to make to the Laws of Cricket. The challenges were energetically accepted by the team of Accredited Trainers.

The changes came into effect on 1 October 2013 as part of the Laws of Cricket 2000 Code 5th Edition 2013.

The MCC advised that some of the changes made in the 5th Edition were significant and materially altered the outcome from the 4th Edition. Others are simply aimed at creating more clarity or consistency with other Laws, rather than involving a change in policy.

An explanation of the more significant changes, together with some reasoning for them and a guide for their interpretation and application, can be found in this link.

<http://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/law-changes-2013-explained/>

The most noteworthy changes were as follows:

- A new No ball Law (24.6) making it a No ball if the bowler breaks the wicket during his delivery stride. (See Law 24)
- A batsman with a runner is now protected if he is 'stumped' off a No ball. Previously, he would have been out run out. (See Law 2.8)
- The moment at which a batsman can be out Handled the ball has been limited to when he is playing the ball or its immediate aftermath, i.e. when defending his wicket. Consequently, only the striker can be out this way. Any subsequent handling by either batsman will be subject to Obstructing the Field. (See Laws 33 and 37)
- Hit the ball twice – it is no longer possible for a batsman to score any runs after making a lawful second strike (in defence of his wicket). Previously, runs could be taken after a lawful second strike only after an overthrow had occurred, but this option of run scoring has been removed completely. (See Law 34)
- Practice on the field – players are now allowed to bowl a ball to a fielder as a loosener, even if it bounces on the ground, as long as it does not waste time or is not being done to damage the ball. (See Law 17)

The MCC produced a 20 question quiz based entirely on the latest changes to the Laws and this quiz can be accessed using this link:

<http://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/law-changes-2013-explained/law-changes-quiz-questions/>

The quiz is an excellent resource for active umpires who are encouraged to attempt the quiz prior to the start of a new season.

During the season the Technical Committee dealt with a number of questions which were posed with relation to the Laws of Cricket.

Seven of those questions appear below:

1. If the umpire at the striker's end feels that a ball is out of the reach of the striker by its height above the striker, can he call it a "wide ball"?

No.

Under the Laws of Cricket the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball for any delivery which, after pitching, passes or would have passed over head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.

2. I was umpiring a two day match and the prescribed number of overs had been bowled with the old ball and a change of ball was to be taken. The fielding captain wished to use a ball that was 10 overs old. Should we, the umpires, have allowed the captain to use this ball?

No.

Law 5.4 states the captain of the fielding side may demand a new ball after the prescribed number of overs.

3. The striker plays a ball into the outfield and sets off for a run. Whilst running, the ball is returned by a fielder and lodges in the clothes of the running striker after having crossed for his third run. The batsmen keep running and the fielding side appeals for obstruction. What is the decision of the umpire? If any runs are scored how many?

Answer the appeal Not out. To be out Obstructing the Field the action has to be wilful. The ball becomes dead when it lodges in the clothing of a batsman. Having crossed on the third run, three runs are scored.

4. I was umpiring at the striker's end and, on appeal, gave the non-striker out Run Out taking the fourth run. My umpiring colleague then signalled "short run" to the scorers. How many runs are scored?

2 runs are scored.





5. The wicketkeeper (for whatever reason) removes his box and lays it on the ground behind him. The ball, having been hit into the field of play, is returned to the striker's end by a fielder which subsequently hits the box lying on the ground. Can you please clarify the ruling in this scenario?

The technical committee recommends the following:

- Instruct the 'keeper that he is not to place the box on the ground on the field of play.

- If he ignored that instruction, or if he placed it there without the umpire knowing, and providing the ball touched the box while it was in play then the ball becomes dead as soon as it touches the box and 5 penalty runs are awarded to the fielding side per Law 41.3 (treating it the same as a protective helmet belonging to the fielding side).

The MCC open learning manual states the following:  
If the ball accidentally touches an item of clothing which has been consciously taken off or a helmet, irrespective of how it has been removed the ball has been unfairly fielded within the terms of Law 41.3. The ball becomes dead, a 5 run penalty is awarded but no report is to be made. Clothing is defined in appendix D.

Anything that a player is wearing, including such items as spectacles or jewellery, that is not classed as external protective equipment is classed as clothing, even though he may be wearing some items of apparel, which are not visible, for protection. A bat being carried by a batsman does not come within this definition of clothing.

Important to note that under Law 41.3 this ball shall count as one of the over if it had been fairly delivered.

6. The batsman on strike hits the second ball of the over along the ground and the batsmen run. As the ball crosses the boundary line the batsmen have crossed on, but not completed, their fifth run. How many runs are scored and who will face the next delivery?

The batting side shall be awarded whichever is the greater of the allowance for the boundary or the runs completed by the batsmen together with the run if progress if they had already crossed at the instant the boundary is scored. In this instance five runs are scored and the non-striker will face the next delivery.

7. I called and signalled No Ball at the striker's end due to the position of the wicket-keeper and him breaching Law 40.3. My umpiring colleague called and signalled a Wide ball from the same delivery. What should have happened then?

A call of No Ball shall over-ride the call of Wide ball at any time. The umpire at the bowler's end shall, when the ball is finally settled, revoke last signal and then signal No Ball to the scorers.

All active members are encouraged to read the Laws of Cricket regularly. We owe it to the players, and all stakeholders, to have a secure knowledge of the Laws. It is a key component of our match preparation.

"The greatest thing we can do is prepare properly and play flat out and let the rest look after itself." Wayne Bennett.

I would like to thank the members of the Technical Committee (Graham Swan, Marilyn Fowler and Dr David Dilley), Graham Chudleigh and Geoff Garland for their counsel, support and contribution to the committee this season.

## Darren Goodger





# Examination Committee

Your Examination Committee members for the 2013/2014 season were:

Messrs Graham Chudleigh (Life Member and Ex-Officio Board Member), Kevin Battishill, Mark Hughes, Muhammad Qureshi, Graham Swan (Chairman) and David Taylor.

The Committee has been active this past season (as always) producing questionnaire's on the Laws of Cricket, the Playing Conditions the Sydney Cricket Association competitions for the current season together with the Playing Conditions for the Final Series played from 22nd March through to 6th April 2014.

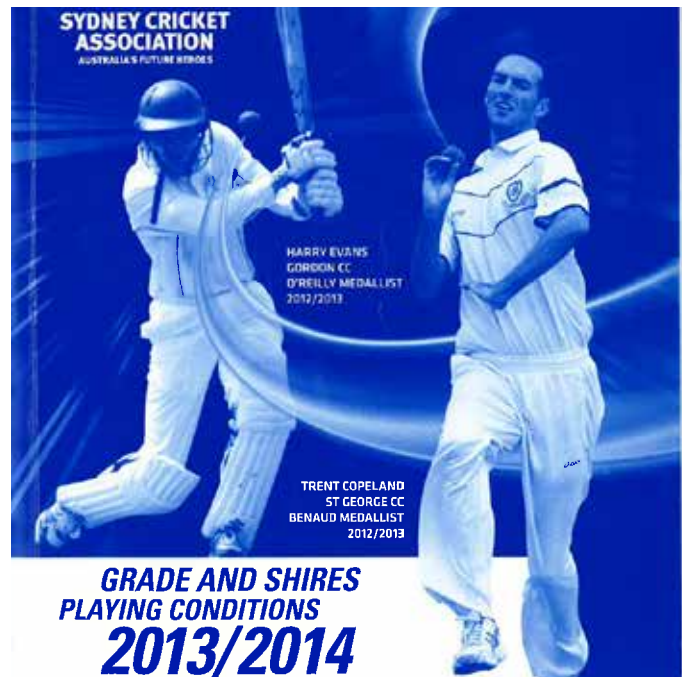
The production of these papers takes considered thought and consultation and a concerted team effort is required. Your Committee was diligent in producing quality outcomes in questions and answers. Both a closed book examination of the Laws of the game and an open book review of Playing Conditions have been developed. These Examinations are intended to test not only for the newly qualified Umpire but also the experienced professional.

The wide ranging match formats from 2 day, 1 day Limited Overs, Twenty20, Poidevin-Gray and Green Shield Cricket matches with differing Rules require consideration by every Umpire. Anything the committee can do to assist with refreshing his/her knowledge base, will improve the standards exhibited in every match umpired by members of the NSWCUA.

Your Committee is diligent and if members have any thoughts on further development of the processes then please speak to any one of the Committee members.

Best wishes for the 2014/2015 season ahead.

**Graham Swan**





# Scorers Committee

WOW ... what a year it's been!! I'm sure everyone has enjoyed all the Centenary celebrations over the past months with the highlight being the Centenary Dinner on 15 August. Now it's time to look toward the future and embrace the beginning of our next 100 years.

Our committee remained the same this year with Christine Bennison, Kay Wilcoxon, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright again dedicating their time to represent our scorer members.

The committee begins its role each year with the Convention and this year we were fortunate to spend the weekend in the lovely country town of Cootamundra. All the members who spoke to me reported that they had a great time – both educationally and socially. Once again our little group was extremely lucky to be addressed by some great guest speakers who included Darren Goodger, Alan Mantle, Kim Norris, Bob Parry, Troy Penman, Stephen Poole, Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds. All of these gentlemen imparted lots of knowledge and made our time at the Convention enjoyable whilst being an excellent learning experience at the same time. It's always lovely to speak with our guests afterwards and hear that they enjoyed their time with the scorers as much as we enjoyed having them speak with us. Thank you all for your time, knowledge and senses of humour!

Training was again a focus for the committee this year and we facilitated numerous courses in the metropolitan area as well as in country regions including Armidale and Tamworth. Our dedicated band of accredited scorer trainers is always so willing and able to help whenever I send out the call for assistance. We are extremely privileged to have so many experienced scorers happy to volunteer their services. For more information on scorers training courses, which are available state-wide, or to book a course in your area either contact Darren Goodger or email me at [nswscorers@gmail.com](mailto:nswscorers@gmail.com)

Although the Scorers Committee has no bearing on representative scorer selections, I pass on our congratulations to all our scorer members who represented our Association throughout the season. Particular mention should be made about Ian Wright on making his Sheffield Shield scoring debut and Christopher McLeod on making his Ryobi Cup scoring debut, both of whom richly deserve these opportunities. I am also thrilled to congratulate the Board appointed winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, Adrian Tham of the Eastern Suburbs Club in the Sydney Grade Competition. Adrian is popular amongst his peers and an excellent scorer. Well done to you all!

We again had our Annual Scorers Luncheon in May at the Eastwood Rugby Club. The luncheon is always a great opportunity to catch up with our scoring colleagues and Board members during the non-playing season.

Our timetable for the upcoming Convention is already organised and I encourage our scorer members to come along, improve your knowledge and have a great time along the way. We have some excellent guest speakers booked in and this is a great opportunity to learn in a non threatening environment whilst socialising with your fellow scorers. As I say, "Don't just join ... join in"!

In closing I thank the following people:

- The Committee for their contributions and help this year;
- The NSWCUA Board (including Geoff Garland as our ex officio Director member) for their continued support of the scorers;
- My husband, Nick, for his tolerance of the number of hours I spend on Association work!
- Last, but no means least, Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Sharad Patel for their incredible dedication to our Association as a whole and (along with Nick) whose continued patience, support and assistance to me personally mean I can continue in the role of Chairperson of this Committee ... a heartfelt thank you!

"Because scorers count ..."

With my very best wishes,

Merilyn Fowler





## Social Committee

WOW.....What a busy year we had celebrating.

It is with great pleasure I can report to you that the "Tom Brooks Memorial Golf Day" was held at "Royal Bowral Golf Club".

We had 18 players. Congratulations to our winner Simon Taufel.

We have enjoyed a very busy year with our monthly and annual conference raffles being highlighted by our "Experience Raffle".

This was the biggest raffle we had ever attempted.

Congratulations to our winner Greg Davidson.

Thank you to all members who have supported our efforts during the past year.

The Annual Dinner Raffle had some wonderful prizes on offer. Well done to the prize winners:

1st	P&O Getaway cruise voucher valued at \$1000	Dr JN Parikh
2nd	Helicopter flight over Sydney for two	Alan McFadyen
3rd	Soniq 40" FullHD LED LCD TV	Muhammad Qureshi
4th	Hamper Gift Pack valued at \$200	Craig Lees
5th	Signed NSW Blues 2013/14 season cricket bat	Pat Kerin
6th	Skywalk Sydney Tower for two	Ed Howitt

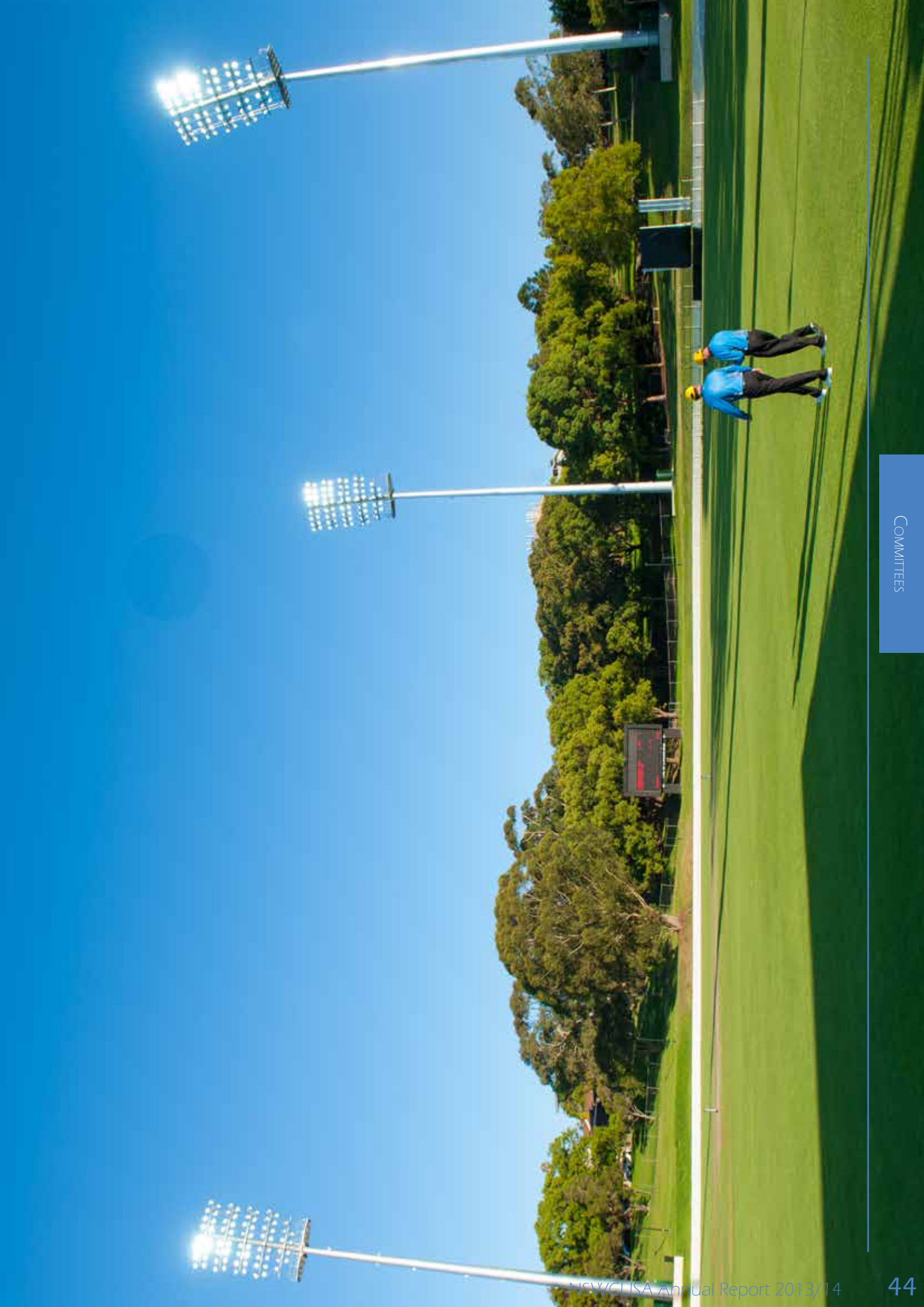
In conclusion thanks must go to my support crew, Tommy Ang, Bill Howard and Ben Nicholls. To the Board of Directors and the Mahogany row of 3 your continued support is appreciated.

See you in "the middle",

Brian Ferguson









# Section Four :

# Reports

## *Eighty-Ninth Annual Report 2001/02*

Life Members 10
Conferred Senior Members 38
Full Members 335
Ordinary Members 412
Scorer Members 36
Junior Members 15
Honorary Members 4
Membership 850

All members were advised of a special Meeting called for in February that was convened to consider and vote on changes to the Constitution. These changes were to have "and Scorers" included into the name of the Association and to abolish the January Ordinary Meeting. The name change was agreed unanimously with the majority voting in favour of not having a January meeting .







# Education and Development

It has been my pleasure to serve NSWCUSA in the area of education and development in season 2013-14.

The Association offered training courses on the Laws of Cricket for prospective umpires around NSW:

Central Coast	Cowra	Cricket NSW (Moore Park)
Camden	Hornsby	Newcastle
Nowra	Parramatta	Singleton
Tamworth	Wagga Wagga	

The numbers were excellent across the state thanks to the hard work on the ground by local volunteer officials. It was a wonderful effort on the part of the NSWCUSA training team to facilitate these Laws of Cricket courses for the benefit of prospective umpires. A total of 154 people, across NSW, passed the NSWCUSA assessment on the Laws of Cricket. The commitment and dedication of the training team to recruiting umpires for cricket competitions throughout NSW is outstanding and appreciated.

Professional development programs were again offered during the season to members officiating in Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) competitions. These sessions were often attended by more than 20 members indicating there is interest for ongoing education and development regarding umpiring.

Alan Mantle, from 'Enhance Mind Performance', is an excellent resource for our Association. Alan facilitated sessions for new umpires, for country representative umpires and those umpires on the State and Emerging Panels.

To quote Alan,

- "The most potent weapon an athlete can possess in their armoury is a powerful, unquenchable belief in the themselves. It can single handedly overcome a competitor with a superior ability, technique and physical strength – all because it originates from the subconscious mind, the control center of all human movement."
- "So often you see a fabulous athlete with all the talent in the world, yet because they lack the belief in their own ability, they don't perform when it counts most. This is one of the tragic realities (and most common) in sport throughout the world."

"Self belief is arguably the most crucial factor in sporting success. The bodies are roughly equal, the training is similar, the techniques can be copied. What separates the achievers is nothing as tangible as spilt times or kilograms. It is the iron in the mind, not the supplements, that wins medals." Sir Steve Redgrave.

Alan focuses on using the subconscious to improve performance and life and on providing mind training tips for umpires. His sessions were of genuine value for our

Time was spent in education and development at each monthly meeting of the Association and during the special meeting held on 8 January. These sessions are viewed as important by both the Board and the training team for the ongoing education and development of active members.

It was fantastic to have life member Simon Taufel attend the December Ordinary Meeting of the Association. Simon delivered excellent messages about attitude, preparation, the need for umpires to commit to continuous improvement and putting the team first. Simon was pleased to take many questions from the floor from members. His humility and honesty during the session is to be admired and was appreciated by those who attended.

Simon's work as ICC Umpire Performance and Training Manager continues as he aims to build an accreditation system for umpires at the elite and professional levels of the game. This Association wishes Simon the best in his role and offers thanks for his willingness to share resources and ideas to benefit NSWCUSA members.

The Association's professional development programs and umpiring resources can be delivered on request to Affiliates in both the Sydney metropolitan area and the NSW country zones.

Members of the Country Panel, Supplementary Panel and the Zone Umpire Representatives attended a professional development seminar in Scone on 3-4 August. This is a great opportunity for the representative country umpires to gather and prepare for the coming season. Input was provided by:

Jeff Cook	Greg Davidson	Darren Goodger
Keith Griffiths	Alan Mantle	Troy Penman
Ian Thomas		

Jeff Cook gave a polished presentation about the key attributes players are looking for in good umpires. Jeff gave some excellent pieces of advice for the group to consider:

- Umpiring is 80% communication and 20% the rest – umpires gain respect through good communication and people skills.
- If you prepare well you will do well – know your Laws, know your playing conditions, know your players – communicate with other umpires in the lead up to a match so you can learn about the players in the game you are about to umpire.
- If you don't seek feedback you will not learn or get better.
- Stay firm under pressure and stick by your decisions.
- Review your performance – be honest with yourself – you can be your own constructive critic.
- Manage disputes calmly – don't inflame them – don't get involved in disputes and be careful not to dive in too early. You are often dealing with players who are emotional and place themselves under pressure.





Jeff spoke of the importance of umpires enjoying their work and enjoying the efforts of the players. A former first class cricketer with Northamptonshire, Jeff is the current first grade captain at Western Suburbs, the current NSW Imparja Cup captain and a former captain of NSW Country and Central North Zone.

All umpires were given an opportunity to meet one-on-one with Alan Mantle at Scone with the great majority taking up the opportunity to do so. My personal thanks are offered to all presenters for their efforts at Scone. Their preparation ensured a quality workshop experience for the umpires and Zone Representatives.

SCA umpires were provided with two playing condition quiz papers to assist with improving their knowledge and understanding of match regulations. Those who took up the opportunity to complete the quiz papers received their result and advice on areas of the playing conditions they would benefit from more thoroughly. The second quiz related specifically to the playing conditions for SCA finals matches. The thanks of the Association are offered to Graham Swan and the Examination Committee for their work in preparing and marking these papers.

Two education sessions were conducted at Cricket NSW for students in the junior secondary years from SHORE School at the request of teacher Mark Sellen. The boys concerned umpire cricket as part of their involvement in and commitment to the school's community service program. They were all eager to learn more about umpiring, the Laws and their application as well as to consider some practical field techniques.

It was pleasing to facilitate a workshop for the affiliated Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Umpires Association at the request of President Geoff Hasler. The session was well attended and those who did so were a pleasure to work with. The HKHDCUA is a very professionally administered Association and I commend Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Steve Wilson, Tim Davidson and Barry McDonald for the excellent work they undertake. Numbers are healthy, and the umpires are respected by the Cricket Association and players.

Professional development workshops were held at Albury (Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association), Kempsey (Mid North Coast Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association), Tamworth (Tamworth District Cricket Association) and Wollongong (Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association). The organisation at the local level by Ken Brooks, Paul Dille, Kathy Barber, Richard and Hayley Bullock, and Neil Findlay is acknowledged and appreciated. There is a thirst for ongoing education and discussion among umpires in our Affiliates and these workshops were beneficial and well attended.

Regular workshops were held during the season for the new umpires, with particular thanks offered to Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh and Geoff Garland for their support of our new umpires through attending these workshops and offering input. Support for new umpires is vital if we are

going to retain active umpires in the Sydney Cricket Association competitions.

A workshop was conducted for the umpires appointed to officiate in the Cricket Australia U15 Female Championships which were held in Sydney.

The Coaching Panel met pre-season to select the Grade umpire panels, in January to review and discuss performances of umpires and again in March to determine umpires to be appointed for the Grade qualifying finals.

I was pleased to attend the Country Plate Carnival held at Cootamundra in between Christmas and New Year as umpire observer and carnival referee. Umpires Wayne Allan, Tony Hackett, Neil Smith and Darren Sutherland were appointed and all can be well pleased with their performance and contribution to this important program on the Country Cricket NSW calendar. The Country Plate Final was won by Cootamundra over Albion Park with Neil Smith and Darren Sutherland officiating in the Final at Albert Park.



2013/14 was a busy period for the NSWCUA trainers. The fruits of their hard work was seen throughout the season with many new members joining. Here are a few members, picture with Geoff Garland, who joined the Association following a successful summer training course which was facilitated at the SCG.





The Association was represented on the Country Cricket NSW Umpire Sub Committee by Keith Griffiths and Darren Goodger with both attending the quarterly meetings held in June, September, December and March. Reports from NSWCUA were tabled at each meeting and made available to the members of the NSW Country Cricket Association Committee of Management.

Rupert Mathews of the affiliated Sydney Shires CUA, Geoff Hasler and Bruce Wood (both HKHDCUA), along with 17 members from regional umpire associations, umpired matches in the SCA Grade competition as part of their ongoing education and development. Feedback was that the experience was beneficial for all umpires. We will look to offer similar opportunities in 2014-15 to members from Affiliated Associations.

The annual State Director of Umpiring workshop was held at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane in May with the key outcomes from the workshop summarised under these headings:

Education and training framework
Community officiating – recruitment
Umpire coaching
Assessment and reporting
Building the capacity
Female engagement
Goals and targets

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their advice, assistance and support in the area of education and development in the 2013-14 season:

- The NSWCUA Board of Directors – all Directors contribute positively to and strongly support the Association's education and development initiatives.
- Cricket Australia for the provision of the Umpire Service Grant which contributes significantly to education and development programs.
- Sydney Shires CUA Secretary Stephen Blomfield for his administrative support and assistance with the umpire appointments to the Grade competition during the season. Stephen provides outstanding service to SSCUA members and his cooperation with NSWCUA staff is appreciated.
- Laurie Borg in his capacity of Honorary Treasurer.
- Neil Findlay in his capacity of Liaison Officer.
- Accredited trainers who facilitated the Laws of Cricket courses, and the various other training programs, held across NSW during the year. Our trainers do a great job and their efforts are valued as they undertake this work for the Association on a volunteer basis.

- The country Zone Umpire Representatives who do a fantastic job promoting umpiring in their zone and for their organisation of the various courses held in the past year. They promote the benefits of being a member of NSWCUA.

- Affiliated umpire associations which hosted training courses during the year.

- Country Umpire Advisor Keith Griffiths.

- David Townsend (Communications Manager) and Sudesh Arudpragasam (Corporate Communications and Digital Advisor) at Cricket NSW, for publicising umpiring at any available opportunity through the Cricket NSW web page.

- Ben Cuevas, Digital Media Officer at Cricket NSW, for publicising the metropolitan umpire training courses.

- Lauren Boyle, Events Manager at Cricket NSW, for coordinating the use of the Cricket NSW Auditorium for umpire training courses and development programs.

- Chair of the Country Cricket NSW Umpire Sub Committee Bob Myatt. Bob was tower of strength to me in many ways in the past season and I thank him for his counsel and guidance. His commitment to overseeing a smooth relationship between Country Cricket NSW and NSWCUA is appreciated as is his commitment to the Umpire Sub Committee. Bob's professionalism and considered views are valued.

- Marilyn Fowler and Ian Wright for their assistance during the season in appointing scorers and umpires for various minor representative matches. They do much good work for NSWCUA and provide opportunities for our members to develop through experience.

- Honorary Secretary Training Colin Philpott for his energy, enthusiasm and assistance with the organisation of the Annual Convention.

- Honorary Secretary Training Muhammad Qureshi for his passion and involvement in the Association's training courses as the Course Administrator. Muhammad has energetically collected and edited many video resources to benefit umpire education and development sessions. Both Colin and Muhammad are committed to excellence and doing their best for the Association.

- Administration Manager Troy Penman whose commitment, dedication and professionalism is to be commended and admired. The Association owes Troy a great deal for his support of education and development initiatives.

- Administration Officer Sharad Patel for his support with the organisation of all education and development programs and for professionalising our resource material. Sharad has been an excellent asset to NSWCUA and we wish him well in the future and in his new role as an EA at Sydney Trains.





- Members of the Examination Committee, Scorers Committee, Social Committee and Technical Committee for their work on behalf of the Association.
  - All members who have acted as mentors for others during the season. Sharing experience to benefit others can lead to growth and be a source of personal satisfaction.
  - The Coaching Panel of Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed – their commitment to the role has been appreciated. Their feedback and support of the umpires assists with their growth and development.
  - The SCA observers in Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, David Dilley, Geoff Garland, Mark Grant, Lindsay Kain, Graham Reed and Chris Taylor. They are committed to providing umpires with useful and considered feedback.
  - Graham Reed for performing match referee duties in the State Second XI, Futures League, Women's National Cricket League and WT20 as a member of the Umpire High Performance Supplementary Panel.
  - David Dilley for facilitating the Rules Night for the Grade panel umpires.
  - Members of the Association who assisted at different stages throughout the season. There are too many to mention here, but to those who served and supported the Association in an education and development capacity a vote of sincere thanks is offered. Where would we be without the support of our volunteers?
- In an education and development sense, the Association remains committed to delivering high quality training for prospective umpires and scorers and existing members. I look forward to working with the training team in delivering sessions that will engage, educate and assist our members in their development in the 2014/15 season and beyond.
- It is an exciting time in the Association's history and we are blessed at the top level to have some wonderful emerging talent who will push hard for representative selection in Cricket Australia programs in the years to come:
- Gerard Abood is well established on the National Umpire Panel.
  - Greg Davidson has been added to the National Umpire Panel.
  - Anthony Wilds has performed consistently well as a member of the Emerging Umpire Panel and is respected for his ability and diligent preparation.
  - Andrew Hamilton, Simon Lightbody, David Taylor, Ben Treloar are all presently pushing for higher honours and under the radar of the UHPP.

All make a positive contribution to the Association and are committed to self improvement. Each understands that the secret to getting ahead is getting started and then working hard.

Assisting these, and all umpires to achieve their goals is a challenge to which I am committed.

The non-playing season is a great opportunity for reflection on the season just finished. I encourage all members to do that in assessing their overall performance. Some areas for review and reflection are:

- Positives
- Areas for improvement
- Key observations / incidents / milestones
- Expectations / goals for 2014-15
- What am I going to keep doing?
- What am I going to stop doing?
- What am I going to start doing?
- General comments

Self reflection or self assessment will be, in many cases, the best way to achieve ongoing performance enhancement. In that reflection process, if you consider there to be ways in which the Association can better serve or assist you with your development as an umpire or scorer, then you are encouraged to let the Executive Officer know.

Continual improvement is an unending journey. The challenge is there for us all to make our next game our best game, to prepare as well as possible for each match and to look to constantly improve so we can be the best match official possible. As an Association, we search for new talent and better ways of doing things. Let's aim to maintain and build on the high standards of those who have laid the foundation for NSWCUA to be the recognised Association it is today.

One of the great strengths of our membership is their commitment to preparation, learning and improving. Our best umpires learn from their mistakes. They recognise if you are not making mistakes you are not learning.

John Wooden argued that if you are not making mistakes then you are not doing anything. He was positive that a doer makes mistakes.

"Just as our mistakes can teach us, so can our successes. Just as other sports and areas of endeavour can teach us, so can we conceptualise and imagine improvements and change. The search for progress and development must never cease." Ric Charlesworth.





One of the very good things about umpiring, and about competition in sport, is that it teaches us about success and failure in a non-hostile environment. The capacity to put things in perspective, to enjoy our game and to move on is crucial.

Justin Langer wrote, "Always seek to lengthen and strengthen your own line, rather than shorten your opponent's. If you put all your attention into your own improvement, you will have no time to worry about things that may be outside your control and distracting you from what you need to do or where you want to go." The work you put in away from the field has a major influence.

"If you train hard and think right, you can be as good as you want to be." Jack Gibson.

Steve Waugh, in 'The Meaning of Luck', writes, "We (the Australian cricket team) had an underlying creed to never be complacent. We always trained and prepared as if we were the No. 2 team in the world, to ensure we remained focused and grounded."

In closing this report I will finish with some thoughts shared by Bob Parry at the Annual Convention:

- We can always achieve more than me
- Your biggest allies are your colleagues
- If one of your partners has a bad day, you have all had a bad day
- Support each other and put the team first
- Work hard to help each other
- Celebrate success together
- Everyone is accountable and responsible
- Stick together – Grow together – Succeed together
- Teamwork makes it easier

It is amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.

Best wishes to all members for a relaxing non-playing season. We hope to see as many as possible at the Convention at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort, on 13-14 September, recharged and ready to go for 2014/15.

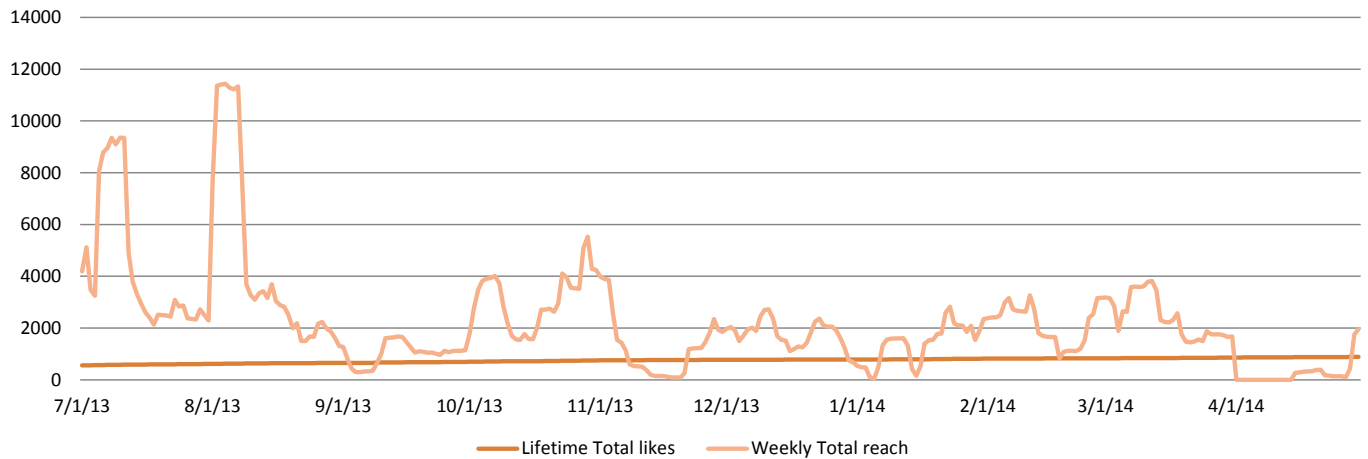
Thank you to all for the interest in and support of our education and development initiatives and may all members enjoy the season ahead and your involvement in cricket.

## Darren Goodger

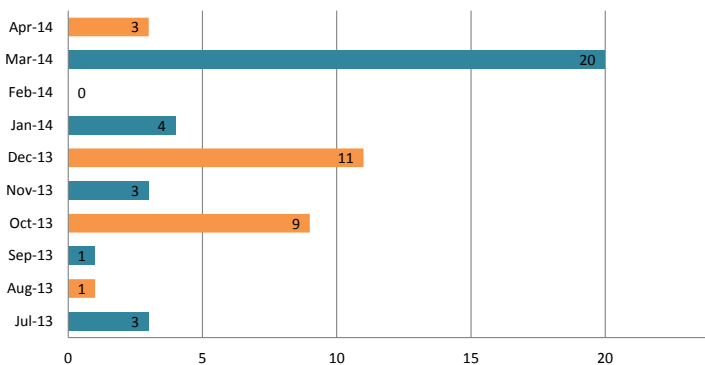




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# Social Appointments Officer

Once again, 2013/2014 has been a busy season with many requests for umpires to be provided for Social Games, School cricket and other matches outside of the usual Grade, Shires, Women's Cricket and Masters competitions.

Appointments were made to in excess of 340 matches during the season. Fortunately all of the major carnivals were not impacted heavily by wet weather, but a number of games during the year did have to be cancelled or rescheduled.

Generally matches were either Twenty/20 format or 50 over limited overs formats. However a small number of 2 day fixtures were held.

The Thunder Nations Cup was an initiative this year by the Sydney Thunder Big Bash franchise. Matches were held to encourage participation in the game by a range of ethnic groups, with matches held in Sydney's greater West. Several preliminary rounds were played. The final was held at ANZ Stadium, Homebush to precede one of the Sydney Thunder Big Bash matches.

The season began with a large number of pre-season practice matches for Grade and Shires clubs. We were able to meet nearly all of the requests for umpires for the three weeks leading up to the season's commencement. These matches allow many of our members to have the opportunity to get some valuable match practice before the season proper commenced.

The NSW Academy / Emerging Blues competition, Womens' matches, Emerging Breakers and a range of corporate, schoolboy and social matches kept our umpires busy. We also provided umpires for some NSW Districts Cricket juniors inter-association matches and some semi-finals and finals appointments. In particular, South East Juniors and the Northern District and Northern Suburbs Associations had umpires assisting with their finals.

The Cricket Australia Womens Under 15s carnival was again held in Sydney, in the western and south-western suburbs. This carnival has been held in Sydney for several seasons now, and it is yet to be decided if Sydney will again host these matches next season. Cricket Australia appointed Sarah Thamm from South Australia to this carnival, and we were pleased to appoint her to several matches.

Both the CHS Boys (Northern Sydney) and NSW Schools carnivals (mostly GPS school grounds) were held in Sydney and we supplied umpires for all of these games. Umpires were provided for the Rawson Cup Sydney Uni Colleges carnival, Pharmacy Cricket, Primary Club matches, SCG XI games and Sydney Buses carnivals. Appointments were also made to a

number of Saturday Combined Associated Schools matches and to the City and Suburban Association finals games.

It is usually difficult to find umpires to fulfil requests for umpires on Saturdays, as many of our members are already committed to Grade or Shires matches. My thanks to Troy Penman who advised me of umpires not umpiring on Saturdays when all these other matches were filled. I also appreciated the help of Dr John Colwell, who assisted with advising details of umpires not already appointed to Womens matches.

I encourage any members to volunteer for social match appointments, particularly our newer members, and those that are not umpiring in the Grade or Shires Competitions. From time to time I am able to appoint umpires to matches on prestigious grounds including the S.C.G., Bradman Oval, Bowral, A.N.Z. Stadium and Blacktown International Sports Park.

Contact with umpires by email was regularly used, and it provides a very convenient means of communication to notify games, and to accept appointments. I would encourage all umpires to establish an email address. Any members who are not on my email list, please send me your email address and I will add you. Any member who is no longer umpiring or does not wish to be offered games other than their grade or shires appointments, please send me an email to request your deletion from my list.

To the organisers of matches, please allow at least a few days, preferably a week, to organise the appointment of umpires. Whilst we are usually able to organise umpires at short notice the more time available, the better chance of finding someone for your matches. If at all possible, it is preferred that payment be made on the day of the match.

The recommended fees for Social Matches continued at \$120 per umpire this season.

My thanks to all umpires and scorers who accepted appointments to the various games throughout the season.

Ian Wright





## Liaison Officer

At the beginning of the season, each Affiliated Association was invited to report on its activities to the Board and to the wider membership of the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scores Association. It is disappointing to report that once again less than half of the Affiliates responded to this invitation. The NSWCUSA is interested in what is happening in all of the Affiliate Associations and hopefully next season more Affiliates will be able to report on their activities. A common theme in the reports received has been the number of long serving umpires in the various Affiliates. These dedicated servants of the game are to be commended on the long-standing contribution they have made to each of their Associations. Of particular note are the four members of the Blacktown City and Districts CUA who have umpired regularly for the best part of 25 years and the nine current members of the Newcastle City and Suburban CUA who have umpired in excess of 650 matches.

As in previous years, the NSWCUSA was represented at the majority of the Annual General Meetings of the Affiliated Associations. Board Directors, Zone Umpire Representative Ken Robinson and Administration Manager Troy Penman attended twenty AGM's in total. These visits are important opportunities for direct two-way communication whereby the Board representatives can disseminate significant information about NSWCUSA activities and the Affiliates are able to raise any matters of concern. It is essential that early notice of the dates of Annual General Meetings be given to Troy Penman so that Directors can be allocated to attend as many meetings as possible.

The Executive and Office Bearers of the Affiliated Associations continue to manage their affairs diligently and play a significant role in the growth of umpiring in both metropolitan and regional areas. In particular, their support of the excellent training and development courses offered by NSWCUSA has been significant. During the autumn-winter "off season" of 2013, a number of these courses was conducted across the State at venues as widely apart as Albury, Cowra, Erina, Kempsey, Newcastle, Nowra, Singleton, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong.

The Zone Umpire Representatives who co-ordinate umpiring in Country New South Wales on behalf of Country Cricket NSW and NSWCUSA should also be acknowledged. Apart from coordinating training courses and supervising Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation, they identify suitable candidates for Zone Umpiring Panels and for further Country pathways and make appointments to Zone Carnivals and SCG Country Cup, Country Shield and Country Plate matches. For some, with vast areas of the State to administer, this can at times be an onerous task. The Zone Umpire Representatives for 2013/2014 were – Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina), Don Maisey (Central Coast), Kim Norris (Newcastle), Stephen Poole / Greg Jones (Western), Sam Rees (Central North), Ken Robinson (North Coast) and Bruce Whiteman (Southern). Unfortunately, mid-way through the season, long-serving Western Zone Umpire Representative, Dr. Stephen Poole, resigned and was replaced by Greg Jones. Dr. Poole made a significant contribution to umpiring and to

cricket in general in Western Zone over many years and he is to be congratulated and thanked for his outstanding efforts.

Principal Membership of the NSWCUSA was awarded to three members of Affiliated Associations in July at the 2013 Annual General Meeting. Congratulations are extended to Bill Battese (Tweed District CUSA), Michael Connolly (Newcastle District CUA) and Neil Findlay (Illawarra CUA) on this fitting recognition. Each recipient of this award has been a member of the NSWCUSA for more than fifteen years and in this time has made significant contributions to his respective Association both as an umpire and as an administrator.

At the beginning of August 2013, the annual professional development seminar was held in Scone for members of the Country Panel and the Country Supplementary Panel and for Zone Umpire Representatives. The seminar was again funded by the NSWCUSA and the program included excellent presentations by Jeff Cook, Greg Davidson, Keith Griffiths, Alan Mantle, Troy Penman, Ian Thomas and Darren Goodger. The weekend was invaluable in preparing the Country representative umpires for the 2013/2014 Season and further enhanced the camaraderie that exists in country umpiring.

In September 2013, the Annual NSWCUSA Convention was held for the first time in Cootamundra. As usual, the program developed by Darren Goodger was outstanding and the various presentations were excellent. With the Convention being held in the Riverina, it was pleasing that numerous members of Country Affiliated Associations were able to attend and experience both the professional development on offer and the social interaction with fellow NSWCUSA members.

Once again, NSW Country Cricket conducted several major competitions across the State with matches being umpired by Country Panel Umpires and, in some cases, by selected Zone Umpires. The Zone umpires acquitted themselves well and each appreciated the opportunity of officiating at Country level. The Country Championships were held in Ballina and Orange in November and the Final, umpired by Neil Findlay and Greg Heys, was played in Newcastle shortly afterwards. The SCG Country Cup Carnival was conducted on the South Coast after Christmas and subsequently David Went and Bruce Whiteman again umpired the Final at the SCG. Also just after Christmas, the Country Shield Final 4 competition was conducted in Cowra with Graeme Glazebrook (Western) and Keiran Knight umpiring the Final. At the same time, the Country Plate Final 4 competition was held in Cootamundra and the umpires for the Final were Neil Smith (Riverina) and Darren Sutherland (Illawarra). Lastly, the Country Colts Carnival was held in Coffs Harbour in February with Paul Dille and Kim Norris standing in the Final. Country Umpires Adviser Keith Griffiths, former First Class umpire Ian Thomas and State Director of Umpiring Darren Goodger, acted as umpire observers at these various competitions and offered invaluable support to those officiating.



The Annual NSWCUSA Dinner held at Bankstown in April was again well attended by members of the Affiliated Associations, with a good number from Country areas present. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of two prestigious awards to members of Affiliated Associations. David Went (North Coast) won the Country Umpire of the Year Award while Dr. John Colwell (Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires Association) received the EF Wykes OAM Association Medal for his outstanding contribution to his Association during the 2013/2014 Season.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to all Affiliated Associations for their continued involvement with the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scores Association. I would also like to express my appreciation for the continued support of the NSWCUSA Board of Directors and the efforts of the hard-working team of Darren Goodger (Executive Officer and State Director of Umpiring), Troy Penman (Administration Manager) and Sharad Patel (Administration Officer). Their genuine interest in the affairs of the Affiliated Associations has been encouraging and their assistance has been invaluable.

Neil Findlay

## Merchandise Officer

Another season has come and gone with the Merchandising department enjoying a busy opportunity with the celebration of the Association's Centenary Year.

The Association has been fortunate to have on board this season Kingsgrove Sports Store. Harry Solomons and his staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the NSWCUSA Centenary celebrations went off without a hitch in that they supplied the Centenary Field Shirts and Centenary Polo's for distribution to our members and also presented the Board with a cheque in support of the Association. Harry also donated two pieces of memorabilia for our use valued at approximately \$3000. We thank Harry for his contribution and hope that this support can be ongoing.

I travelled down the freeway with a truckload of merchandise to Cootamundra. Upon arrival I was greeted by a band of willing and helpful members who assisted me in unloading the van and taking all the merchandise up to the merchandise room designated by the RSL Club. To all who assisted a huge thank you as many hands make light work.

Over the weekend I sold approximately \$8000 worth of stock, of which the Centenary merchandise certainly boosted sales figures. I was ably assisted by Brian Ferguson, Karl Wentzel, Marty Edgel and Tommy Ang. I have probably missed a few members and this is what happens when you try to name all concerned. To those whom I have overlooked – thank you.

Throughout the season I have been kept busy with the issuing of merchandise to our members both country and city and I wish to thank my wife Rosemary who has assisted me throughout the year. I would also like to thank all of my suppliers: Pyramids Badges, Kingsgrove Sports, Westend Printing and TAG Proactive Marketing. To Stephen Poole, Geoff Garland and the Board, please accept my gratitude for your understanding and support throughout the season.

To Darren Goodger for his continued support and his wonderful guidance I say thank you. Your assistance towards me has been tremendous and I greatly appreciate your support. Laurie Borg has been a pillar (sic) of strength and I thank him and Brett McMillan for conducting the stocktake at home. I hope that you enjoyed the pizzas.

Troy Penman and Sharad Patel - I am in awe of their tremendous amount of enthusiasm shown towards me and in the role of merchandising and to the Association. We are certainly blessed to have these two on board. The lads came out to my home to photograph the merchandise in order to update the website and to benefit members by ensuring a seamless path when placing orders in the future – well done lads.

Overall it has been a rewarding season offering our members a service that they deserve. I am only too willing to carry on with this position next season.

Hoping to seeing most of you at the Convention and remember, bring your "credit card".

John Evans





# Observer Panel

Throughout the 2013/14 season, four off-field observers (Graham Reed, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis and Mark Grant) have been visiting cricket fields throughout Sydney, to see the umpires officiating at SCA grade matches. Over 300 observations were made, and reports prepared during the season, for umpires in all four SCA grade panels during the season. Reports are sent to the State Director of Umpiring, who reads every one before forwarding them to the umpires. In most cases, the observers discuss their comments with the umpires at the end of a session or of the day's play.

Observers provide four main services, with the objective of helping umpires to be the best they can be:

- Provide encouragement and support to match officials
- Inform umpires of any incorrect application of the Laws of Cricket, or of the playing conditions. These are rare occurrences, primarily due to the extensive training provided by our Education and Development team.
- Bring to the umpire's attention anything that is unusual or unexpected in their technique or action. Often an umpire's response is "I didn't realize I was doing that"; you have to know that you're doing something before you can correct or adjust your technique.
- Suggest alternatives to any actions that could be improved, or just done differently, and present the reasons for doing so. The suggestions of the Education and Development team, as presented at our monthly meetings, are sometimes explained and reinforced.

We are pleased to report the high levels of preparation, teamwork and communication; these characteristics are essential and evident at the higher grades, and over the season newer umpires have clearly been working at improving their skills.

Umpires are generally well-prepared and knowledgeable about the Laws and the relevant Playing Conditions, especially when rain is about and interruptions to play are anticipated. Signalling between umpires is usually unobtrusive but reliable. Teamwork and cooperation is an area where newer umpires sometimes need guidance to ensure their individual and collective success. Match management is also an important aspect of umpiring: whenever we see a difficult or unusual situation handled well, or pre-empted, by an umpire, we make a point of acknowledging and encouraging the umpire concerned.

Some of the more common things mentioned to umpires, especially those gaining experience, include:

- Always watch the play until after the ball has gone dead before looking at your counter; the number on the counter is always less important than a possible run-out.
- Likewise, always wait until after the ball has gone dead before signalling to the scorers.

- Stand still while considering an appeal, and when giving the decision, and even for a moment or two afterwards. Any movement forwards or backwards may give the perception of uncertainty to players and spectators, and "finger speed" is critical – not too fast, not too slow. When giving not-out, a slight shake of the head ensures that all players and spectators are aware of your decision. Don't look at your counter until well after the decision has been made. (The exception to this occurs if you give a batsman not out LBW and a run is in progress: you must get into position for a possible run-out as quickly as possible).

- If an explanation for a decision is sought by a player, provide a concise response: an excellent decision can be ruined by a poor explanation. Never offer an explanation unless asked.

- When talking with captains, always do so together, and without other players or officials present; let the captains tell their teammates about any decisions made. A united presentation by the umpires gives the strong impression that we are a coherent team.

- When at the bowler's end, and the batsmen start to run, walk briskly to a position square of the pitch, in line with the batting crease. Aim to be there, and with your head still, to check for a short run or run-out.

- Be careful not to give ambiguous signals to your partner when at the striker's end: stand with your hands beside or behind you; hands in front could be inadvertently interpreted by your partner as an indication that the batsman had hit the ball with his bat.

- Always be ready to help your partner: regular eye contact during each over, unambiguous and reliable signals for all common events, present the appearance of teamwork when talking to captains and players.

It is rewarding to observers when we hear that the information provided has been helpful to an umpire, and suggestions have been considered and implemented where appropriate. We are always pleased when an umpire gets the opportunity to officiate his/her first match at a higher grade.

Thank you to all the umpires in Sydney Grade Cricket for the spirit in which the observers' activities have been received. We are grateful for your understanding of our role, and appreciate your support throughout the season. Our gratitude goes also to the State Director of Umpiring, Darren Goodger, and the administration team (Troy and Sharad), for their support and encouragement.

## Bob Davis





# Section Five :

## Association Reports

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Life Members 12
Principal members 45
Full Members – Umpire 411
Full Members – Scorers 13
Ordinary Members 596
Scorer Members 43
Junior Members 1
Honorary Members 3
Affiliated Associations 39
Membership 1163

Following a substantial software upgrade, members are now able to log on and complete a refresher examination after going to the member's only section. Here you will find the functionality to update personal information i.e. phone numbers, email addresses, occupation etc. and after 1st July you will be able to renew your membership online.







# Around The Zones

## Central Coast

Another season has drawn to an end and accordingly I submit my report for the Central Coast Cricket Umpires Association. Season 2013/2014 started out on a high with an increase in membership and availability of Umpires during the rounds. The Association gained 4 new members and regained the services of one member who rejoined after many years in the wilderness. With little loss from the previous season, the number of on-field Umpires looked good for the start of the season.

However, during the season, we lost the services of Ian James, who has moved to Tamworth. For many years Ian was the Secretary of the Association and served in that role with distinction. Ian is a well respected Umpire and his loss will no doubt be Tamworth's gain. We all wish Ian and Lynn the best for the future and hope that they can put in a cameo appearance on the Coast from time-to-time.

At the end of last season, the Umpires' Presentation evening was held at the CCCA Presentation night. The Allan Reynolds Memorial Trophy for services to Cricket was awarded to Don Maisey (and no, I did not get a say in that). I was also most surprised and honoured to be awarded the Malcolm Chalmers Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Services to the Central Coast Cricket Association. Each competition round, the Umpires allocate points to the Premier League Captains, based on their on-field captaincy skills, communication, team management and personal performance. The winner receives the Alf Debnam Memorial Trophy for the Outstanding Captain of the year. It was a pleasure to present the trophy to Andy Ryan from the Narara Club for the second year running.

Our AGM was held in June last year with Ian James stepping down as Secretary due to his impending move to Tamworth. I was re-elected President, Michael Sherwood was elected Secretary, Bryan Woolford re-elected as Treasurer and Gary Russell elected Vice President. Michael Sherwood, Gary Russell and I were elected to the Umpire Appointments Committee. Congratulations to all and thank you for your work and commitment during the season.

Match certificates for last season were awarded at the AGM to the following umpires:

50 matches	Gary Russell.
100 matches	Michael Sherwood.

Pre-season training for new umpires on the Laws of Cricket was conducted by NSWCUA. This proved to be very successful with most of the participants passing the exam and as mentioned previously, an increase in active membership. A big thank you must go to the trainers who made a very intense weekend an enjoyable and memorable one for the participants.

Match certificates for this season are now awarded on a monthly basis. These were awarded to the following umpires during the season:

50 Matches	Malcolm Emerson.
100 Matches	Barry Lever.
150 Matches	Ian Moore.
350 Matches	Don Maisey.
450 Matches	Bryan Woolford.

Congratulations to all award recipients.

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The format of competition this season was reduced from 10 teams per division to 8 teams per division, with all Clubs vying for places in each division. Teams are promoted or relegated based on their position at the end of the season. Prior to the start of the season, Gosford and Mountains-Kariong amalgamated to become Brisbane Water CC. Doyalson-Wyee and Toukley also amalgamated to become Northern Power CC. This brings the number of clubs down to 11, with more amalgamations predicted for the future. These new clubs are much stronger and all bodes well for their future success.

The SCG Country Cup and Country Shield preliminary rounds were mostly combined with grade rounds in our local competition. Congratulations to those who were selected to officiate in these competitions: Brian Baudinette, Tony Booth, Aidan Cuddington, Ian James, Barry Lever, Don Maisey, Ian Moore, Michael Sherwood and Bryan Woolford.

The Premier League Grand Final was played between Narara and Kincumber. In a low scoring game, Kincumber prevailed before the storms hit. I officiated with Brian Baudinette in his first Premier League grand final. Congratulations to all those who officiated in the Finals series.

The U19 Final was postponed twice due to weather before being played the weekend after the Grand Final. It was played between Brisbane Water and The Entrance, with Brisbane Water being the victor. Warren O'Rourke and Malcolm Clifflands, in only his first season, officiated in this match.

A big thank you goes to all those Umpires who gave up their Saturdays and Sundays to make this season a success. Your efforts are much appreciated.





The NSW Primary School Sports Association held their Boys State Carnival on the Central Coast in March. In spite of it being held mid-week, and in spite of the weather, the CCCUA was able to supply 14 Umpires each day and every match had a result on the field, even with late ground changes. This was a great effort, with some Umpires taking holidays to officiate. Thanks to everyone who participated in the carnival and made it a great success.

Well, that's the end of the good news. Despite all the good stuff above, this has really been the season from hell. Most of it revolving around judiciary matters, but there were other problems that were equally disturbing.

The CCCUA Executive has had to meet three times during the season for disciplinary matters. It is bad enough when we have to report players, but to have to discipline our own members is very distressing.

The on-line system of Captains reports on Umpires that was introduced in the previous season has not been the success that it was hoped to be, with only 18% of expected reports received. Most of those reports just took the default answers and some were suspected of not having been filled out by the Captain. The CCCA have the power to impose penalties on clubs for not filling in the reports but have continued to do nothing. Without their support, the Appointments Committee is effectively running blind.

One club in particular has continually attacked both the Umpires and the Cricket Association all season. It has tried to use bullying tactics to get its own way and has shown that it will try intimidation in attempts to get repeat offenders off serious charges. The fact that it condones the offenders' behaviour disgusts me greatly. I have also had a senior member of this club threaten me and tell me who can and cannot officiate in its matches. I had another senior member of this club demand answers to several questions that have no relevance to him nor his club and, in writing, insinuate that the umpires are cheating by giving more LBW's to teams other than his. And the reaction from the CCCA? Sit back and see if I do anything about it.

Many years ago, I and a number of senior players and officials, including those with a legal background, produced a Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct was to be used so that everyone knew what penalty you would get for each offence. The idea was to avoid the Judiciary having to meet each week to hear cases. If the offender took the early plea, then he got the penalty specified in the Code of Conduct. If he chose to appeal to the Judiciary and lost, the sentence was doubled. This was clearly expressed in the Code of Conduct. It was in black and white. For the first season or two, this system worked, until players found that if they appealed to the Judiciary, they could get a lesser sentence or even let off with a warning. Players were successfully appealing on the severity of the sentence even though the CoC clearly stated what the sentence was. This has now resulted in nearly every player going to the Judiciary and successfully challenging the Code of Conduct with most receiving a suspended sentence or just a warning.

I noticed that general player behaviour this season had deteriorated to the point that the Umpires were being challenged at every decision they made. This was not only for "out/not out" decisions, but for decisions to leave the field or not leave the field for weather/lightning, etc., even disagreeing with the umpires for taking tea early when the last wicket fell within 30 mins of the time for tea. Consequently, there were more players reported than ever, with most being let off. In Round 1, a player was reported for smashing the stumps down after he was caught at mid-on. The result was a suspended sentence, but with no sentence specified, just a "stern warning". Needless to say, this same player was later reported for disputing an umpires decision and swearing at an umpire and loudly swearing so that all spectators could hear. He was found not guilty of the "Offensive Language" charge and still got half the sentence for disputing an umpires decision as a "suspended sentence".

In December, the clubs voted to water down the By-Laws so that the Judiciary and the CoC Commissioner can basically throw away the Code of Conduct and let offenders off. This was of grave concern to the Umpires Association and a letter was sent requesting a meeting with the CCCA Executive about this. In this meeting, the CCCA Executive continually defended their position, stating that they could not have mandatory sentencing even though that was the idea of the Code of Conduct. We were even told that it is now okay to swear at an Umpire because "these words are now in common use and are therefore not offensive".

It is plainly clear that the CCCA Executive are only interested in due process and have completely lost the concept of the Spirit of Cricket. There are some who will say that umpires should just report players and not worry about the outcome, but when a player says "F\*\*\* You!" to an umpire and is allowed to play next week, with the same umpires present, one has to wonder if those Umpires will be back next season.

Taking all this into account, together with an extremely unsavoury incident in the Semi-Final that brought me to tears and the disgraceful player behaviour in the Grand Final, I have decided that I can no longer umpire grade cricket on the Central Coast. I will also be stepping down as President of the CCCUA at the AGM as I no longer have any faith in the CCCA upholding the spirit and traditions of the game.

I came across a quotation that really made sense to me at this time:

"There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. Surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living."

**Don Maisey**



## Central North

2013/14 turned out to a very busy season for Central North umpires with club, district and zone matches plus a good representation at Country week.

In the Northern Inland, the War Veterans Cup and Connelly Cup was again contested. There were umpires available in all matches during the season and it is pleasing to see some new faces among the ranks including Eric Higgins, Ray Nyland, Graham Hall and Paul Purdy.

The seasoned vets of John Thompson Mark Mitchell, Pete Smith, Allan Hollebrandse, Geoff Hoy, Dan O'Connor, Arthur Yates, Mike Porter and Adam Marshall committed to make a valued contribution. Good to see Adam making time to enjoy some time in the middle despite his busy schedule.

Country Panel member Phil Rainger has had a busy season on the field and has been of great assistance in organising umpires during the season as well.

I missed my old mate (KWW) Kevin Wicks who has had some bad health. I have missed his input this season and wish him good health and hope to see him back soon. Phil Rainger has done an excellent job in Kevin's absence.

In the Hunter Valley, there has been an excellent representation on the field in John Bull Shield, Hunter Valley Cup and Macquarie Generation Cup along with the Country Cup, Shield and Plate matches with most matches having two umpires. Along with Country Panel member Ricky Field, Rick Carr, Graham Goldsmith, Peter Attwell, Steve Eccles, Rebecca Houston, David Wicks, Phil Frost, Glen Crew, Lindsay Wood, Nathan Mitchell, George Kuszelyk and Bruce Knight all made contributions to a good season with no dramas.

Gary Crombie has not only maintained his position on the First Panel in Sydney Grade Cricket, he has also been available to umpire John Bull Shield and has been of great assistance to myself throughout the season.

The Hunter and North has been drought stricken for the whole season with only the odd day interrupted by weather until the Coal Board Cup was due to be played, once again this year it was washed out. I think that's three years in a row.



Maitland	Glen Crew	Nathan Mitchell
Cessnock	Rick Carr	Peter Attwell
Tamworth		
First Grade	Phil Rainger	Ricky Field
Second Grade	Mark Mitchell	Paul Purdy
Third Grade	Dan O'Connor	Leon Erich
Fourth Grade	Peter Coote	Simon Hood
Gunnedah	Geoff Hoy	Wayne Solomons
Ron George Final	Geoff Hoy	Wayne Solomons
Singleton	Dave Wicks	Steve Eccles
Quirindi	Steve Lalor	Noel Cook

As this is my last Central North Zone Representative report I would take this opportunity to thank the many helpers and contributors to the smooth running of umpiring in the Zone.

Over the time I have been in the position you have made the job very enjoyable and any little issues have been resolved without fuss. I wish everyone the best in their umpiring endeavours and hopefully we can spend some time on a cricket field umpiring together, or just catch up around the traps real soon.

## Sam Rees



Above: Steve Eccles (Central North) stands with on field partner Dennis Chaplin (Right) at the Kookaburra Cup in Newcastle. Left: Phil Rainger (Right) stands with Ross McKim at the Bradman Cup Final in Maitland







## Illawarra

The annual NSWCUA pre-season training seminar was held on 10th August with 17 participants from Illawarra and Southern Zone in attendance. The seminar was facilitated by Laurie Borg, John Evans and Muhammad Qureshi and began with a short quiz on the Laws of Cricket. Informative sessions then followed on Laws of Cricket 2.5, 2.7 and 2.8; changes to the Laws of Cricket to be implemented from October 2013; dealing with conflict situations and a video analysis of incidents in international matches. A similar pre-season seminar is planned for 30th August 2014.

Throughout the season, training continued in the form of quizzes emailed out to members before each monthly Association meeting. The questions provoked spirited discussion at the meetings and significantly improved the members' understanding of both the Laws of Cricket and local Playing Conditions. During the meetings, training sessions were also conducted on pitches (their different types and their preparation), One-Day wides and the Spirit of the Game. Further, two candidates attempted the local examination of the Laws of Cricket, which has been modeled on the NSWCUA examination. Darryl Hampson and Luis Roman both achieved the 75% "local pass mark" and so qualified to officiate in matches in Illawarra.

The first Round of the SCG Country Cup was played in October as a part of the scheduled Illawarra competition. Unfortunately, subsequent rounds in November and December were not played between Illawarra and Southern Zone teams as has been the practice in the past and so it was not possible to conduct the much-valued umpiring exchange between the two Zones. With Rounds 2-4 being played exclusively between Illawarra teams, the officiating umpires were Frank Ciocci, David Cullen, Peter Ferguson, Neil Findlay, Mark Simula and Darren Sutherland.

The annual Twenty20 matches between the Illawarra representative team and Sydney Grade clubs, Bankstown and Sutherland, were again played under lights at North Dalton Park in October. David Cullen and Neil Findlay umpired the Illawarra v. Sutherland match while the umpires for the Illawarra v. Bankstown match were Frank Ciocci and David Dobinson. This season, these matches had added importance as they offered valuable practice for the Illawarra team, who along with Newcastle, was invited to participate in the Sydney Grade T20 competition. Illawarra and Newcastle umpires were also invited to officiate in this T20 competition and accordingly Neil Findlay umpired in each of the Round matches and a Quarter Final while Mark Simula umpired one Round match.

The Illawarra Twenty20 Competition was again played in all four Grades as part of the weekly competition. Five rounds and Semi-finals were played prior to the Finals

that were held at the beginning of February. The Finals matches in all Grades were played at North Dalton Park and the surrounding precinct with the officiating umpires being:

- 1st Grade: Corrimal v. Keira – Neil Findlay and Darren Sutherland
- 2nd Grade: Keira v. Northern Districts – Frank Ciocci and David Dobinson
- 3rd Grade: Northern Districts v. Wollongong – Brian Druery and Peter Ferguson
- 4th Grade: Keira Red v. Port Kembla – Denis Veronese

The Phil Jaques under 21 One Day competition was conducted over three Sundays in December and January with Chris Adams, Peter Ferguson, Barry Moir, Mark Simula, Darren Sutherland and Ray Trindall umpiring. Unfortunately, the competition was badly affected by rain and the eventually the Final between Corrimal and Keira had to be abandoned, having been washed out on two separate occasions. The umpires appointed to the Final were Chris Adams and Peter Ferguson.

Just prior to the conclusion of the senior competition the local junior Finals were conducted and umpires were appointed to all matches. Those appointed were – Barry Moir and Ray Trindall (Under 12), Charles Brockley and Chris Adams (Under 14A), Peter Ferguson and Darryl Hampson (Under 14B) and Evan Lane and Wal Smith (Under 16A).

The season eventually culminated at the end of March with the Two Day Finals in 1st and 2nd Grade and the limited overs One Day Finals in 3rd and 4th Grade. The umpires appointed for these Finals were:

- 1st Grade: Keira v. University – David Dobinson and Neil Findlay
- 2nd Grade: Keira v. University – David Cullen and Darren Sutherland
- 3rd Grade: Dapto v. Wests-Illawarra – Peter Ferguson and Steve Saye
- 4th Grade: Corrimal Red v. University Gold – John Cauduro and Evan Lane





Unfortunately, there was heavy rain in Wollongong during the week before the Finals and all matches were rain affected. Play was only possible in the 1st Grade Final on Day 2 while the 2nd Grade Final was completely washed out. The 3rd and 4th Grade Finals went ahead a day late with David Cullen replacing Steve Saye as an umpire in 3rd Grade match because of Steve's unavailability.

At NSW Country level, Neil Findlay was again appointed to the Country Umpires Representative Panel. In mid-November he travelled to Orange for the Southern Country Carnival and then two weeks later stood in the Country Championship Final in Newcastle. In November, he stood briefly at the SCG in the State Challenge match between Western Zone and North Sydney (washed out after 3 overs) and in December umpired the Australian Under 15 Women's Final between New South Wales and Victoria played at Campbelltown. As well, after Christmas, he umpired a Quarter Final and a Semi-final of the SCG Country Cup in Albion Park and in January, along with several other members of the Country Panels, he accepted an invitation to umpire in the Sydney 1st Grade Competition. Further, it is pleasing to note that four other Illawarra umpires were also afforded the opportunity of umpiring at Country level. David Cullen stood in the Country U17 Carnival held in Raymond Terrace in October; David Dobinson umpired a 1/4 Final of the SCG Country Cup; Darren Sutherland travelled to Cootamundra after Christmas to umpire a Semi-final and the Final of the Country Plate and in January, Frank Ciocci officiated in the Bradman Cup Carnival in Maitland.

This season's Illawarra Zone Development Panel Zone, designed as a pathway for those aspiring to umpire at Country level, consisted of Frank Ciocci, Mark Simula and Darren Sutherland. In addition an Illawarra Zone Representative Panel was formed consisting of experienced umpires, Dave Cullen, David Dobinson and Peter Ferguson. Unfortunately, with few senior representative matches being played in Illawarra this season the opportunities for these two Zone Panels were limited to the SCG Country Cup and Illawarra's Trial T20 matches. David Cullen did however stand in a Sydney 2nd Grade match in January.

During October and November, several umpires once again stood in NSW Junior DCA Inter-Association Shield Competition. The appointed officials for the Illawarra teams participating in this competition were – Chris Adams (Under 12), Ray Trindall (Under 13), Brian Druery (Under 14), Barry Moir (under 15) and Charles Brockley (Under 16).

Finally, an umpire exchange program was initiated between the Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUA. To initiate this exchange, Charlie Brockley travelled to New Zealand in early February to officiate in a match between Marlborough and Canterbury Country in Blenheim. This match was a preliminary round of the Hawke Cup, a New Zealand wide competition for Districts teams (a competition similar to the SCG Country Cup) and was played as a two-day fixture of 110 overs per day. A return visit to Illawarra by a New Zealand umpire is planned for early next season.

The overall membership of the Association in 2013/2014 remained steady. At the beginning of the season, numbers increased with new umpires, Darryl Hampson, Ean Martin and Chris Salisbury, joining the Association; Mark Simula returning from umpiring in the Sydney Grade Competition and Craig Whyte, a Sydney Shires umpire, moving into the district. Unfortunately, on the other hand the services of four umpires were lost – Evan Smith before the season began because of work commitments and, mid-season, Chris Salisbury, Mark Simula and Craig Whyte because of family and personal reasons. With numbers therefore essentially remaining unchanged, it was still possible to appoint umpires to all matches in 1st and 2nd Grade each round and to the majority of 3rd Grade fixtures.

The 2013/2014 "Wal Smith" Umpire of the Year Award was won by Neil Findlay and was presented at the Cricket Illawarra Presentation Night on 11th April. All umpires who officiated in two thirds of the matches played during the season were eligible for the award and its criteria were marks awarded by captains in their match reports and attendance at monthly Association meetings and training seminars. Also of note this season has been the consistent umpiring of experienced umpires David Cullen, David Dobinson and Peter Ferguson and the continued development of newer umpires John Cauduro and Darren Sutherland.

In closing, the tireless efforts throughout the season of the office bearers of the Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association are to be acknowledged. President, Morgan Prosser, has continued to lead the Association wholeheartedly and has been ably assisted by hard-working Secretary-Treasurer, Barry Moir. The Association has also greatly appreciated the continuing support of the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association, notably in the area of training, and it was pleasing to have had both Graham Chudleigh and Darren Goodger, a member of the Illawarra CUA, represent the NSW CUSA at this season's Annual General Meeting. The Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association looks forward to maintaining this close relationship with the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association for many seasons to come.

## Neil Findlay





## Newcastle

A very busy season for Newcastle Cricket has again come and gone with Board and Committee 'volunteers' making outstanding contributions during the season just ended. The Zone individual members are: – Newcastle District Cricket Association, The City and Suburban Cricket Association, Newcastle Junior Cricket Association, City & Suburban Umpires Association and the Newcastle District Cricket Umpires Association – Coaches and Development Managers from CCNSW and Zone Umpire Representative from NSWCUA are also invited guests.

The members of the Zone continue to meet and are working to increase the development of cricket in Newcastle. It is pleasing to note that recently members have agreed to nominate one representative from each association to form a review group to make recommendations for a way forward to form just the one body to 'govern' cricket and its ongoing development for all administrators, officials and participants. I sense a real desire for the majority to make this happen sooner rather than later. I stress though change can only happen where all parties have a common goal and willingness for such change to occur. After all, the reward is the development and progress of Cricket in Newcastle and surrounds for the benefit of all in the community.

One governing body will also provide one voice when placing ideas before the respective Councils etc and arguing for Cricket's rightful place and use of ovals in the summer calendar. Both Umpires Associations continue to support and were actively involved in a number of matches within the Country Program conducted locally and immediate districts including the NDCA U15's T20 competition which is gaining in popularity. During the season umpires within the Zone were involved and / or stood in the following competitions:-

District Cricket Competition, City and suburban Competition as well as the following: 50 Over limited overs, T20 (1st, Lower Grade & U15's), SCG Cup, Country Cup, Country Championships, Under 19 State Challenge, Under 17 Country Carnival, Under 16 Bradman cup, U14 Kookaburra Cup, Rep Matches –V- ACT, State Women's Trial, SCA Appointment (1st Grade & T20) & The Special Olympics in Newcastle.

### Grounds:

As is the case each season some grounds presented their usual challenges to be in a condition suitable for play. The winter sports certainly take their toll. The competition between sports doesn't provide any 'rest time' for the ovals to breathe and the workload on some ovals causes significant delays for cricket.

The groundsmen (Voluntary, Paid and Council staff) do a great job. They work hard to have grounds ready as soon as possible. Their commitment and dedication to have most grounds ready for play is applauded. Thank you!

No 1 Sports Ground looks great. It has been a credit to the Council Grounds Staff who enjoy what they do and work hard to have pitches and grounds ready for play, often battling weather conditions, some extreme. Visiting teams and staff during the season praised the presentation of Newcastle's premier ground.

### Umpires:

The desire for self-development and the willingness of umpires to challenge themselves during the season was gratifying. Some umpires during the season were called upon to step out of their comfort zone due to shortages in some rounds for any number of reasons. Many umpires have learnt from their exposure at a higher level and it is great to see them respond so well.

The ongoing support of the Zone and in particular the NDCUA Board in inviting me to their Board Meetings is acknowledged and their cooperation and license is greatly appreciated.

Creating a depth in the First Grade Panel for the NDCUA has been a challenge. Availability versus work or family commitments has caused some issues. This will be an ongoing challenge in the current environment we live in. Captains have appreciated the efforts of umpires to step up and I have received several positive constructive comments regarding their enthusiasm and overall manner. I have particularly noted the comments from lower grade captains. I have also managed to make contact with a number of captains this past season – this activity has been a very rewarding.

### Player Behaviour:

This is always a topic each year. This year I just want to be brief and to the point.

The majority enjoy their cricket – There is a small element in our game who continue to be obnoxious both on and off the field. Their attitude to the game, their own team and to umpires is disgraceful. This behaviour affects participation at player and umpire levels.

It is not rocket science, simply we need to remove this element from our game and I don't care who they are! To achieve this I see it to be just a 2 point plan:-

1. The clubs themselves to take a hard line and impose their own justice (Look at the clubs who have already acted and the subsequent change within)
2. The Judiciary to do their job. Come down hard and send a clear message. Suspended sentences are a cop out. It is a sports tribunal and no if it happened, then the player does time on the sideline i.e. Short term pain for change.

Some of this 'element's' behaviour has been disgusting and in poor taste and most of it directed at umpires. It must stop!





Final – NSW Country Championships – Newcastle No 1 Sportsground – 1st December 2013:

Although receiving in some areas 4 to 5 inches of rain during the week and the week leading up to the Final, Newcastle's No 1 Sportsground looked a picture with the curator presenting a great pitch suitable for the one day tussle between Illawarra and Newcastle. The council staff did a great job.

Both teams lost early wickets with Illawarra posting a respectable score of 189 with the assistance of the mid to lower order and then handed the chase over to Newcastle side who were in all sorts of trouble at the start. Several players were expected to contribute but the top order too soon were under the shower back in the pavilion. The lower order were called upon to make a contribution and they responded with determination and slowly pegged back the runs with thought, looking for the opportunities. As is always with cricket you must be ready and take the chances afforded you. Several near misses, a dropped catch or two, a missed stumping and balls in the air just out of reach all helped create a close finish. With one over to spare and 9 wickets down Newcastle managed to guide the ball to backward point to reach the target which at one point, looked unattainable – but cricket is a funny game and the 'fat lady' kept on delaying her encore!!!

Due to an injury in the only match played on Saturday the day before, Joey Price was called into the Newcastle side as a last minute replacement. The normally no nonsense 'Kookaburra' from Toronto settled in well and took charge gradually in his innings to guide his side to a nervous victory over the never say die Illawarra team. As a result he was crowned Player of the Match.

The Final was played in good spirits, hard but fair and well controlled by the umpires on the day – Neil Findlay and Greg Heys. It has been said before but – Cricket was the winner on the day!

The Finals: (NDCA)

The NDCA 1st Grade Final was played in stormy weather over two (2) days. As was last year, this year saw again a low scoring final over two innings each between the Hamilton-Wickham and Merewether District Cricket Clubs. There was a good role up of support for both clubs. Umpires being – Michael Connolly and Kim Norris.

With the inclement weather during the week and on the day it was really a Toss to lose. Hamilton-Wickham (HW) won the Toss and elected to bat. In trouble early HW could manage only 73 having no real answer to Merewether's (M) Mark Cameron & Sam Gilmour bowling attack.

Battle Honours: NDCA –

Club Championship	Merewether
1st Grade Premiers	Merewether
Player of the Final	Sam Gilmour
Tom Locker – Limited Over	Merewether 7 for 258 defeated Charlestown 145
Player of Match	Josh Geary (Merewether)
U21's Limited Overs Winners	Merewether 162 defeated Wallsend 102
1st Grade T20 Winners	Merewether
Dennis Broad OAM Cup T20	Hamilton-Wickham
Under 15's T20	Toronto Workers
SCG Country Cup Winners	Hamilton-Wickham 3 for 167 defeated Tamworth 163 at the SCG Jan 12 2014

Congratulations to the following Lower Grade Final Winners:-

Second Grade: Merewether winners over Newcastle City

Third Grade: Wests winners over Belmont

Fourth Grade: Cardiff-Boolaroo winners over Newcastle City

The Newcastle City and Suburban Cricket Association: (C&S)

A Grade Umpires - Reg Andruschak and Phillip Northey

B1 Grade Umpires - Bryan Cameron and Stuart Kaiser

The NDCUA Inc. ended the season with the following statistics:

- Total Membership is 48 (No Increase from Last Season)  
41 Active (Increase of 2 from Last Season)  
Non Active (decrease of 2 Last Season)
- Average Appointments per Grade Round were approx: 23 – this is a slight decrease on the previous season.





## NDCUA MATCH MILESTONES

Michael Connolly	561
Pete Davis	141
Bryan Lambert	101
Cyril Manning	454
Lance Manning	570
Royce McCormack	431
Cameron McGinn	180
Ross McKim	132
Bruce Muddle	108
Tony Mulroy	107
Kim Norris	269
Darryl Price	333
John Roberts	183
Peter Tate	140
Joe Thomson	204
Ray Younger	243

### Training:

A training weekend for early August 2013 was held for new umpires in Newcastle. We were fortunate to have Trainers from the NSWCUA conduct a very successful course. Every one enjoyed the interactive sessions on the Laws of Cricket. Certainly a great achievement indeed. The course was conducted in the usual professional manner. The enthusiastic approach was warmly welcomed by the participants who greatly enjoyed the two days. We had 10 new Umpires in all who passed the set standards of the NSWCUA and / or the NDCUA.

The new recruits have adapted well and have been well accepted by the players and captains. I would particularly like to thank, Darren Goodger & Graham Chudleigh (Trainer - NSWCUA) for their time and dedication. Your assistance is greatly appreciated gentlemen.

### Visits to Clubs:

Requests were sent out to clubs prior to the start of the season to offer the NDCUA Training Committee as a source of training and to allow players to quiz trainers on the Laws and their interpretations. It was also strategic considering the recent changes to the Laws with the purpose to educate as many players as possible.

Several clubs accepted the offer and appreciated the informal 'chat' between players and umpires. It also assisted in breaking down the barriers which was seen as a positive from club executives.

### Seminar:

No 'Local' Seminar was undertaken this past season due to a number of other initiatives implemented. This coming year I would like to organise a Local Development Squad to help fast track respective umpires for higher grade appointments. The aim is to cement an increased number in 1st Grade to achieve improved stability and then review 2nd grade umpires.

Observations continued during the season and I was able to review and discuss individual performances and provide feedback. The umpires certainly saw the benefit in this exercise and were keen to discuss their performance(s).

On field match assessments are now part of the development and are now expected by the newer umpires as they are keen to improve their umpiring.

### NSWCUSA - Convention 2013:

A terrific Convention was held at Cootamundra. Anthony Hobson and Kim Norris attended from NDCUA. The hospitality and the organisation were outstanding. Everyone had a great time. The fellowship and sharing amongst those attending was excellent. Those who attended benefited and travelled home better umpires.

Congratulations to the organising team through the NSWCUA Inc. A special mention must go to Pat Kerin OAM. Pat and his 'Coota' team were outstanding.

The many, many hours that goes into a weekend such as this is enormous - well done to all! I know it is appreciated by the members - Thank you!

### Level 2 Accreditation:

The value of Level 2 Accreditation goes without saying. The program develops umpires who complete the additional study and work. Upon completion it assists enhance the overall performance both on and off the field.

There were no new participants to register this season however I completed a number of umpires re-registration forms.

### Country Colts Merit Squad Named:

Well done to the following Newcastle players who were named in the squad which included Daniel Arms, Ben Balcomb, Bailly McGill and Jacob Montgomery

The Special Olympics 2013 Asia Pacific Games, December 2013. The Opening Ceremony heralded the start of the inaugural Special Olympics Asia Pacific Games which was staged in Newcastle the first week of December. It was the biggest event in regional Australia in 2013. 29 Nations, 2500 athletes and 3500 volunteers at a glance were part of the Games which included cricket.

The cricket teams were represented by India, Bangladesh and Australia and included both Special Olympians and Unified teams. Sri Lanka also qualified for the Games however late visa issues meant they could not compete. An objective of the Olympic Committee is to have teams from New Zealand, PNG and other Pacific Islands for the next Games.





To be noted is the performance of the NDCUA Umpires; Graeme Bruce, Pete Davis, Anthony Hobson, Michael Johns, Ross McKim, Bruce Muddle, John Roberts and Joe Thomson. Excellent feedback was received on the games and the performance of the NDCUA umpires involved.

#### NDCUA Finals Appointments

1st Grade Final	Michael Connolly and Kim Norris
2nd Grade Final	Ross McKim and Darryl Price
3rd Grade Final	Terry Collins and Tony Mulroy
4th Grade Final	Glenn Benton and Graeme Bruce
Tom Locker Cup – L/O Final	Kim Norris and Darryl Price
Under 21's Final	Michael Connolly and Royce McCormack
1st Grade T20 Final	Pete Davis and Bruce Muddle
Denis Broad OAM Cup	Robert Irvin and Joe Thomson
Under 15's T20 Final	Graeme Bruce and John Porcheron

#### Representative Acknowledgements (Country Matches):

##### SCG Cup (Newcastle Matches)

Michael Connolly	Darryl Price
Ross McKim	Alex Scaron
Bruce Muddle	Pete Davis
Tony Mulroy	Kim Norris
Peter Tate	Terry Collins
John Porcheron	Royce McCormack
Glenn Benton	

SCG Cup – QF Shell Harbour	Michael Connolly
Country Colts – Coffs Harbour	Michael Connolly and Kim Norris
Country Colts FINAL – Coffs Harbour	Kim Norris
Country Championships Orange	Kim Norris
Under 19's State Challenge – Campbelltown (Raby)	Michael Connolly
U17's Country Carnival – Raymond Terrace	Michael Connolly and Ross McKim
U16's Bradman Cup Carnival – Raymond Terrace	Michael Connolly and Ross McKim
U14's Kookaburra Cup Carnival – Newcastle	Ross McKim and Bruce Muddle

#### Representative Matches (Newcastle)

Newcastle v ACT (50 over match)	Pete Davis and Bruce Muddle
Newcastle v ACT (T20)	Pete Davis and Wayne Ford

#### Representative Matches (Cricket NSW)

State Women's Trial – NSW Country Vs NSW City BISP	Michael Connolly and Kim Norris
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#### Sydney SCA Appointments:

Michael Connolly	
1st Grade	Gordon Vs St George (Chatswood Oval)
	St George Vs Sydney (Hurstville Oval)
	UNSW Vs Mosman (Village Green)
	UNSW Vs N'th Districts (Village Green)
1st Grade – T20	Sydney University Vs Newcastle (Drummoyne Oval)
	N'th Sydney Vs N'thn Districts (N'th Sydney Oval)
	Campbelltown-Camden Vs Gordon (Raby Oval – Semi Final)
PG's – Colts (T20)	N'th Sydney Vs N'thn Districts (N'th Sydney Oval)

#### Ross McKim:

1st Grade	Parramatta Vs Fairfield-Liverpool (Old Kings)
1st Grade – T20	Sydney Vs Newcastle (Drummoyne Oval)

BAR TV: Many T20 1st Grade matches were Video Taped and shown in Local Drinking holes when offer taken up by a District club. This created increased interest amongst players and supporters. A good NDCA promotion initiative.





A huge congratulations to Anthony Hobson from Newcastle Zone:

In his first year umpiring in the SCA Competition Anthony came away with the following Recognitions/Awards:

1. Alan Marshall Medal – Rookie of the Year
2. Panel 2 Umpire of the Year (Joint Winner)
3. George Borwick Memorial Award

A truly outstanding achievement – Best wishes for the future Anthony.



Conclusion:

The Local District Cricket Umpires Association and the C & S Cricket Umpires Association continue to work together in providing umpires for various matches and Carnivals during the season. Their efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated. In this regard it was pleasing and gratifying to see the NDCUA Appointments Committee actually use 21 different umpires for appointments to the various Semi-Finals and Finals at the end of season. This is a terrific achievement and a testament to the growing depth amongst the ranks and the cooperation of both umpire associations! I remain honoured to be the Zone Umpires Representative in Newcastle Zone on behalf of the NSWCUA Inc.

Next Season's Action Plan: (Subject to Change)

1. Plan Training Course for July 2014 with NSWCU&SA to be held in Newcastle with the aim of incorporating both Umpire Associations in the development of new umpires. Follow NDCUA Course August / September 2014.

2. Pre-season local training catch up in September/October incorporating on field training and trial matches and also to look at a session around completing match reports involving player behaviour.

3. Liaise with Clubs, Cricket associations and the C & S Umpires Association. Confirm my availability to attend meetings to discuss the Laws and meet the players/umpires.

4. Continue with Match Observations & Reviews for 'On Field' performance and feedback.

5. Look to plan for a development day for 1st Grade Umpires – Newcastle Zone 2014/15.

6. Invite new participants for Level 2 Accreditation Training Course.

7. Review options for a Training Course for Scorers via NSWCUA Inc.

7. Provide feedback to individual umpires via examinations completed last season – Discuss and Coach as appropriate with each member.

9. Set training schedule as appropriate.

10. Encourage umpires in the Newcastle Zone to attend the NSWCUA Convention in 2014.

11. Liaise with the NDCA and the NDCUA in the review and development of a refreshed Captains and Umpires Report.

12. Assist NDCA in reviewing the current judiciary process to incorporate a more streamlined approach with greater efficiencies and results.

Kim Norris



## North Coast

The season has been very successful for cricket on the North Coast with the Zone winners in the Bradman Cup and Country Colts Carnivals as well as the improved performance by the team which participated in the Northern NSW Open Carnival.

I feel that the team performances are partially attributed to improved umpire standards across the Zone over the last few seasons and the appointment, to representative matches, of umpires who are willing to participate in ongoing education and re-examination each season. This is assisted by the commitment of the executive of the Far North Coast, North Coast and Mid North Coast Cricket Umpire & Scorer Associations respectively to enforce this directive.

Plans are already underway to develop more umpires with NSW Training Courses organised for Lismore (FNCCUSA) on 1st June and Coffs Harbour (NCCUSA) on 23 August 2014. It is an unfortunate fact of life that cricketers continue their playing career to an older age in country cricket resulting in a lower participation rate for umpires under the age of 35 in our competitions. However, we continue to identify candidates for further development.

Four umpires from the Zone were chosen to stand on the NSW Country Panel or the Supplementary Representative Panel during the season. It was also rewarding to see several other members given an opportunity to officiate at NSW Country Cricket Carnivals held on the North Coast.

David Went and Kevin Fraser continue to impress on the Country Panel and receive appointments to key fixtures. It was most pleasing to see Paul Dilley provided with another opportunity on the Supplementary Panel after a short absence. Unfortunately Mark Templeman had to withdraw from several appointments due to a recurrence of a serious illness affecting his daughter.

Bruce Baxter, Jeff Hackett and Rob Pye all performed well when given opportunities at the NSW Country under 17 and/or NSW Country Colts Carnivals during the season. Umpires from the Mid North Coast CUSA and North Coast CUSA officiated at the NSW Women's under 15 and Open Championship held at Taree and Port Macquarie. The majority of the NSW Breakers squad were involved in two Women's City v Country T20 matches officiated by Paul Dilley and Ken Robinson held at Port Macquarie following the aforementioned championships.

On behalf of all members on the North Coast I would like to thank Darren Goodger for his ongoing education and support. Thanks to Troy and Sharad for ensuring that we are kept up to date with all communications.

### Ken Robinson



## Riverina

A dry summer across the Riverina saw plenty of cricket, which ensured umpires were given a plethora of opportunities to officiate.

The highlight of the winter was Cootamundra hosting the Annual convention on 7 and 8 September at the Cootamundra Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Memorial Club. 134 members and guests attended the convention.

Some members travelled long distances including members and guests from the northern parts of NSW notably Maclean and Lismore, which is well over a 2200kms round trip.

With nearly two thirds of those attending making their first visit to Cootamundra, many of those visitors were full of praise of Cootamundra's facilities, especially the tidy parks and gardens, the attractive retail sector and friendliness of the local people.

The action packed program commenced on Saturday morning with the Executive Officer of NSW CUSA Darren Goodger welcoming everyone to Cootamundra.

The theme for the convention was "Gaining the edge." The guest presenters were Richard Widows who is the State Director of Umpiring in Tasmania, Bob Parry who is the Cricket Australia Umpire Educator and a former international umpire and Alan Mantle from Enhance Mind Performance.

Saturday closed with a short stroll to Captains' Walk for a presentation by local identity and NSW CUSA member Pat Kerin. Pat mentioned in his welcome that Captain's Walk features bronze sculptures of Australian's 42 Test captains along with Unaarrimim better known as Johnny Mullagh who was the leading aboriginal player on Australia's first tour of England in 1868.

The visitors were very impressed with the tranquil setting of Captains' Walk while the Board of Directors of the Cootamundra Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Memorial Club volunteered their time to serve beverages and food.

Members and guests commented on what a great way to end day one of the convention.

The following members presented sessions which were very informative; Laurie C J Borg, Greg Davidson, Marilyn Fowler, Muhammad Qureshi, and Anthony Wilds.

Finally Darren Goodger wrapped up the Convention on Sunday and thanked all those members who attended. Darren made special mention of Cootamundra saying, "Cootamundra is a great little town."

The fact that the Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association, with just five members, was able to host this convention was incredible.



Darren thanked the members who volunteered their time to work at the convention. He also thanked the huge number of Life Members of NSWCUSA [eight in attendance] who regularly attend the Convention and help where required.

Co- Patron of NSWCUSA Dick French OAM closed the convention and said "Cootamundra is a dynamic little town the birthplace of Bradman." This was the first time that the Convention was held in the Riverina.

Earlier in the winter, two training courses were held in the Riverina. On Sunday June 16, a professional development course was held in Albury, which was attended by 15 members of the MBCUA. The workshop was facilitated by Dr Stephen Poole and Darren Goodger, both Cricket Australia Accredited Trainers. The workshop covered many aspects including the Laws of Cricket, health, and safety, building umpire and player relationships, video analysis and how to improve concentration.

A Laws of Cricket training course was held in Wagga on the weekend of 20-21 July. The course was an outstanding success with 23 attending on Saturday and 19 on Sunday. On the Sunday, 18 umpires or former players attempted the assessment exam with 16 achieving a pass mark of 85%. In fact, those who attempted the assessment saw an average mark of 91%. Those who attended came from Albury, Cootamundra, Corryong, Canberra, Lockhart, Mount Beauty, Wodonga, and Wagga. The course will boost umpiring ranks in Cricket/Albury Wodonga and Wagga. Darren Goodger and John Evans facilitated the course.

A Cricket Australia Level 1 course scheduled for Cootamundra in December was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. We are rescheduling this course in either August or September.

The Riverina Cricket Zone wishes to congratulate Keiran Knight from the Murray Border CUA who received a number of significant umpiring appointments during the season.

The highlight for Keiran was standing with Ben Treloar, as NSW hosted Victoria in a State Second XI fixture at Blacktown International Sportspark No.2 in February. This four-day match was played under the Sheffield Shield playing conditions. Other highlights in a busy season of umpiring were him being appointed to the Under 19 State Challenge at Raby [Campbelltown] in September and where he impressed all the umpire observers. Appointed by Cricket Australia to the WNCL match between NSW and Victoria at BISP on 9 November 2013. Keiran stood with Mark Hughes, a member of SCA Panel 1. After Christmas, he stood in the semi-final of the Country Shield at Cowra, Robertson Burrawang vs. Ballina and Final Ballina vs Cowra. Both matches were with Bathurst umpire Graeme Glazebrook. In January, Keiran officiated for the first time in the Sydney Grade cricket, a First Grade clash at Pratten Park with Greg Davidson as Wests welcomed Sutherland.

A number of other Riverina umpires were given the opportunity to stand at a number of Country carnivals.

Wayne Allan: [Murray Border CUA] officiated in the Country under 17 carnival at Raymond Terrace. Semi-final of the Country Plate at Harden where Albion Park defeated Lower Clarence and a Semi-final of the Country Shield at Cowra with the hosts defeating Brisbane Water.

Dennis Chaplin: [Wagga CUA] officiated in the Kookaburra Cup at Newcastle.

Tony Hackett: [Wagga CUA] stood in the Country Plate Semi-final at Harden where Albion Park defeated Lower Clarence and the Country Shield Semi-final at Cowra where Cowra defeated Brisbane Water. Tony also stood in the Kookaburra Cup carnival at Newcastle including the Final where Newcastle defeated Western.

Stephen Poidevin: [Yass] stood in the Kookaburra Cup carnival at Newcastle including the Final with Tony Hackett where Newcastle defeated Western.

Neil Smith: [Murray Border CUA] was appointed to the Country under 17 carnival at Raymond Terrace. Also appointed to the Country Plate finals at Cootamundra with the hosts Cootamundra defeating Forbes and the Final where Cootamundra defeated Albion Park.

SCG Country Cup appointments: Keiran Knight and Wayne Allan [Murray Border CUA].

Country Shield appointments: Gerry Gavel and Mark Oliver [Murray Valley CUA] Peter Davis and Gary Tucker [Griffith CUA].

Country Plate appointments: Ric Becquet, Pat Kerin and Graham Moon [Cootamundra CUA] Stephen Poidevin [Yass] Neil Smith, Ken Brooks and Norm Maclure [Murray Border CUA] Brian Rotherham [Leeton] Brett Strong [Holbrook] Alex Maitland [West Wyalong] Tony Hackett, Dennis Chaplin, Graeme Hackett, and Phil Henderson [Wagga CUA].

Six Riverina umpires took the opportunity to officiate in the Sydney Cricket Association during the season. Kieran Knight, Wayne Allan, and Neil Smith from the [Murray Border CUA], Pat Kerin from [Cootamundra CUA], Graeme and Tony Hackett from the [Wagga CUA.] All the umpires appreciated the experience gained to officiate at a higher level.

In capping off a great season for Riverina umpires, five members attended the NSWCUSA Annual Dinner at Bankstown, those being Dennis Chaplin, Tony and Graeme Hackett, Pat Kerin and Keiran Knight.

Two courses are scheduled for the winter. Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association will be conducting CA Level 2 course in Albury on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15, while a Laws of Cricket training course will be held in Griffith on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29.





In closing, I wish to thank Arthur Owen from the Murray Valley Umpires Association for his assistance in providing umpires for our Zone carnivals and Tony Hackett from the Wagga Umpires Association for his help in providing umpires for the Country Plate and the Northern Riverina junior finals.

Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association: With the retirement of Mark Elia, the smallest affiliate in NSWCUA was down to just five members, with only three of those members being active.

The three active members Ric Becquet, Pat Kerin, and Graham Moon were kept busy with plenty of cricket spread across numerous competitions. An obvious highlight before the season commenced for Ric, Pat, and Graham was attending the convention.

The trio stood in a total 89 matches. Pat Kerin led the way with 40 matches, Ric Becquet 31 and Graham Moon 18.

Pat, Ric, and Graham appreciated the formation of the South West Fuel Cup competition involving Cootamundra and Temora teams. Our small association was able to provide at least one umpire for all preliminary matches and two umpires for the three finals.

Pat, Ric, and Graham officiated in Country Plate matches at Cootamundra and Tumut, while the Stribley Shield saw Pat and Ric stand at matches in Gundagai and Cootamundra.

At the CDCA annual presentation night, Pat Kerin was awarded the Umpire of the Year, while Graham Moon was the recipient of the prestigious Frank Smith award for services to Cootamundra cricket.

South West Fuel Cup First Final: Pat Kerin and Graham Moon

South West Fuel Cup Second Final: Ric Becquet and Graham Moon

Sparre Cup Grand Final: Ric Becquet and Pat Kerin

GM Scott T20 Final: Ric Becquet and Pat Kerin

The Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association just completed 10 years as an affiliate member of NSWCUA.

Griffith District Cricket Umpires Association: Only one washed out round this season although it was touch and go whether the grand finals would happen. Fortunately, some canny curator has organised covers before the steady soaking rain on Thursday April 3 could effect any of the pitches.

There were 192 appointments made during the season to local grade, the Friday night T/20 competition, and representative fixtures. A reduction of one competition match per weekend meant that all matches were covered in first and second grade but again club support was needed so that third games had an umpire. Once again, there were 10 regular umpires for the season. Special mention to Paul Stanton, 31 appointments and Peter Davis 27. These two made up a little over a quarter of the total number for the season. Other regulars were unavailable at different times because of work and family commitments.

Member milestones include 100: appointments for Gordon Browne, Don Coleman exceeded the 400 mark, Paul Stanton 100 games in 3 seasons, Peter Davis exceeded 50 games in 2 seasons, and Stan Penrith passed 200 games and Joe Catanzariti 250. Ken Cunningham stood in the Suncorp Cup under 14 carnival at Hay, while Garry Tucker and Peter Davis stood in both Country Shield matches at Exies number one, where the hosts defeated Leeton and Murray Valley.

#### Finals appointments were

First grade	Don Coleman and Peter Davis
Second grade	Paul Stanton and Stan Penrith
Third grade	Gordon Browne and Doug Cattanaach

Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association: It has been a very long, hot summer, which concluded with wet weather on the 2nd day of the Provincial Grade grand finals.

Our 24 members stood in 293 matches throughout the season.

From the previous season, 10 members had retired or moved from the area due to work commitments. The current season saw 24 members stand in all competitions, including CAW; Vic Region 6 Junior Country Week; MCC Matches - including Des Kennedy Shield and various schoolboy matches.

Members have attended the following seminars/courses/ meetings conducted in our region this season:

- 15 members attended a NSWCUA's Seminar in June in Albury;
- 7 members (resulting in 6 new NSWCUA Members) attended the Laws of Cricket course conducted in Wagga in July;
- 4 members attended the NSWCUA Convention at Cootamundra in September.
- 5 members represented MBCUA at VCCL "Suspect Bowling Action" Seminar conducted in Albury; and
- The MBCUA ran 13 training meetings, two of which were outdoor practical training sessions where the average attendance was 15.8.





Cricket Albury Wodonga honoured two of our life members this year:

- Joe Wooding was inducted into the Cricket Albury Wodonga's Hall of Fame for his outstanding contribution to cricket in the area as both a player and umpire.
- Don Dennis became the first Cricket Albury Wodonga Cricket Patron. At the presentation, Don announced his retirement from senior umpiring after 60 years. Two remarkable men; we wish them both all the best for years to come.

Cricket Albury Wodonga Grand Final Appointments:

- Provincial A Grade - Wayne Allan & Neil Smith (Kieran Knight 3rd Umpire)
- District A Grade - Norm Maclure & Ken Brooks (John Boyd 3rd Umpire)
- Provincial B Grade - Lawrie Packer & Bobby Allan
- District B Grade - Wayne Cook & Stew Lancaster

Murray Valley Cricket Umpires Association: Firstly, the MVCUA would like to congratulate the NSWCUA on their Centenary in 2013.

It has been a busy year for the MVCUA. Along with our normal MVCA season, we appointed umpires to the NSW Primary School Girls Carnival, Barooga Masters, and McPherson Shield, Victoria Junior Country Week, and Southern Riverina representative games. Most of the carnival cricket was played in mid-January when the weather was around the 40-degree mark. It was a great effort by all concerned.

We managed to recruit six new umpires, which brought our ranks to 14. However, we lost a few due to retirement and injury. As all umpire associations know, recruiting umpires is hard but retaining them is sometimes harder.

Our season kicked off with two games of Twenty/20 for premiership points in early October then followed a full round of One Day matches which took us up until Christmas with the One Day final where Colin Smith and Paul Hyde officiated. It is a great effort by Paul who is in his 2nd year of umpiring. After Christmas the 2-day games started. In late March, the Finals were held and the following umpires were appointed.

- Premier Final: Col Smith and Vince Calabro
- Premier Plate: Mark Oliver and Paul Hyde
- Division One: Arthur Owen and Craig Opray
- Division Two: Mick Bennett and Kevin Thelwis

On the 9th of March, the MVCUA held their presentation night where all Semi-final and Final umpires were announced. The following umpire received the following awards.

Len Koschell Award	Colin Smith
Most Improved Umpire	Gerry Gavel
Best 1st Year Umpire	Kevin Thewlis

In all a successful 2013/14 season was had by the MVCUA and all our current umpires have indicated that they will saddle up again next season. As always, we have some prospective recruits to follow up on.

Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association: The number of umpires standing in Wagga is still at an all-time high. Wagga has 22 financial members with 20 umpiring on a weekly basis. These numbers are very pleasing as at the end of last season we were down to 14 umpires.

With a healthy bank balance, we were able to spend \$351.78 on advertising, \$435.60 on catering and \$385.00 on course fees. We received \$480.00 in course fees to offset some of our expenditure. The cost of the course finished being \$692.38 net. Money well spent. This is the main reason that we have a Powerball Fundraiser. Most of the funds raised will always be put back into training and education. It is hoped that all umpires in WWCUA will take part in future winter training courses.

Umpires appointed to Grand Finals were as follows:

First Grade	Greg Hanigan and Dennis Chaplin
Second Grade	Graeme Hackett and Lee Barclay
Third Grade	Jack Jolley and Mick Marien
Fourth Grade	Murray Le Lievre and Brendon Hollis

WWCUA would also like to acknowledge the help, advice, and assistance provided by Riverina Zone Umpires Representative Pat Kerin OAM. Pat is always only a phone call away and is very happy to assist.

**Pat Kerin OAM**





## Southern

Following my retirement from the workforce in July 2013 I approached the 2013/14 cricket season in a very relaxed manner. After living every cricket tragic's dream of a trip to the Ashes in the Old Dart I felt a new enthusiasm for getting out into the middle. The experience of Test Matches at Lords and Old Trafford was something that will long stay with me, especially the day that a ticketing mishap saw me separated from my AST tour group and seated smack bang in the middle of the Barmy Army. The green and gold tour shirt I was wearing was like a bullseye to a dart player. I copped plenty of good natured (and not so good natured) banter all that day. After the 5-0 return series in Australia I wish I could find some of those 'Barmys' now for a bit of payback.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing assistance I receive each and every year from the officials of Southern Zone Cricket and Southern Zone Cricket Umpires Association. In particular I would like to acknowledge the support from Southern Zone Administrator Graeme Creighton, Southern Zone President Terry Chatterton and Southern Zone Cricket Umpires Association (SZCUA) officials Norm Stanton, Kevin Hogg and Peter Done as well as the umpires within our Zone who freely give of their weekends during the summer months.

I must also thank my liaison officers from within each of the Cricket Umpires Associations within the Zone who assist greatly with umpire appointments, dissemination of information and organisation and running of training courses for umpires as follows:

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Richard Arbon (Far South Coast)

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Charlie Saul (Eurobodalla)

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Kevin Hogg (Goulburn/Crookwell)

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Chris Philbrick (Monaro)

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Peter Done (Shoalhaven)

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Norm Stanton (Highlands)

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These gentlemen greatly assist in reducing the logistical difficulties of operating within this very large zone. Sadly we seem to have little input from our Southern Associations these days where cricket appears to be struggling while the Northern Associations continue to thrive. I know that Southern Zone Cricket is aware of this situation and hopefully we can have an injection of enthusiasm to turn things around in the near future.

The Southern Zone CUA Annual General Meeting was again held at the Goulburn Workers Club On 22 July 2013 in the absence of the President who was swanning around Europe at the time. Bruce Whiteman, Kevin Hogg and Norm Stanton were returned as President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer respectively. The Executive Committee of Peter Done, Russell Mills and Lachlan Walker was also returned. Peter Done was elected as our Association's Delegate to Southern Zone Cricket Inc.

The meeting was addressed by NSWCUA representative Neil Findlay who updated our members on a number of issues including NSWCUA staffing, elite level umpire appointments, country umpires standing in Sydney Grade matches, NSWCU&SA Centenary celebrations, NSW Country Umpire Panels and new Cricket NSW Chief Executive Andrew Jones.

Once again we were privileged to have the NSWCU&SA Training Committee active in our Zone with the world's premier trainer of umpires Darren Goodger and his offsider and former South African first class cricketer Billy Hendricks providing an entertaining course over 31 August and 1 September at the Shoalhaven Ex Services Club. Our Zone appreciates your ongoing support.

Incumbent Bruce Whiteman was included on the 2013/14 NSW Country Umpires Panel for a sixteenth term. Former Illawarra and Sydney Grade umpire Greg Heys was also elected to the NSW Country Umpires Panel as a Southern Zone umpire after making the move south of the Windang bridge for logistical reasons. His arrival to bolster the Southern Zone ranks was obviously welcomed. Peter Done, John Oliver, Lachlan Walker, John Burgoyne, Darryl Koglin, Gerry Mann and Norm Stanton made up the Southern Zone Development Panel which officiated in the major matches under Southern Zone jurisdiction. Unfortunately we lost the services of Lachlan Walker mid-season when he took up an option to join the Sydney Grade ranks to further his umpiring horizons. We sincerely wish him all the best with these ambitions and thank him for his contribution to umpiring in Southern Zone..

As part of the NSW Country Panel Bruce Whiteman had a hectic list of appointments officiating at the Ivor Ewin Trophy City-Country Origin fixture at Bankstown International Sports Park, the Southern Country Championship series at Orange, the WNCL Twenty/20 between New South Wales and South Australia at Drummoyne Oval, the SCG Country Cup Quarter Final and Semi-final at South Coast and final at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the Under 16 Tri-Series limited overs Final between West Indies and Australia at Bradman Oval and the CHS Girls State Championship Final at Nowra. Greg Heys was appointed to the Southern Country Championship series at Orange and the Final between Illawarra and Newcastle at Newcastle, the SCG Country Cup Quarter Final at South Coast and the Under 16 State Challenge at the Sydney Cricket Ground. John Oliver was appointed to the SCG Country Cup quarter final at South Coast.

Other Southern Zone umpires who officiated at major fixtures during the past season were John Rose and Gerry Mann who officiated in the Final of the time honoured Interdistrict Under 20 Jeffrey Cup where South Coast prevailed in a fairly comfortable win over Shoalhaven at Geoff Shaw Oval.



Lachlan Walker and John Oliver stood in the Final of the senior Inter-district Burns Cup competition held at the Berry Sporting Complex where the South Coast side wore down Goulburn/Highlands after posting over 300 runs from their 50 overs. Regular wickets to the South Coast bowlers never gave their opponents a realistic chance of chasing down the formidable total.

The SCG Country Cup and Country Plate competitions were conducted throughout the State again this season. Southern Zone umpires who stood in the local preliminary rounds of the SCG Country Cup were John Oliver, Darryl Koglin, John Rose, Greg Heys, Gary Paget and Bruce Whiteman. Southern Zone umpires who officiated in Country Plate qualifying rounds were John Oliver, Ian Mein, John Rose, John Norwell, Bill Croese and Gary Paget. Southern Zone umpires also officiated in the Country Shield competition with umpires Lachlan Walker, John Burgoyne, Norm Stanton and George Lunt officiating in the qualifying rounds.

The Southern Zone Junior Representative finals saw Brad Herbert (in his rookie year) and Paul Kitson handling officiating duties at the Under 12s, John Oliver and Darryl Koglin at the Under 14s and Colin Badrock and Dave Carroll at the Under 16s. The under 12 Final was played this year on Bradman Oval at Bowral which was no doubt a thrill for both players and officials.

## Bruce Whiteman



## Western

2013/14 provided a busy schedule for umpires in Western Zone, with many umpires regularly officiating in both club (Saturday) and representative (Sunday) matches. Many Zone representative finals, including the Western Premier League Final (completed at the third attempt) and the Final of the Mitchell Cricket Council's President's cup (abandoned without a ball being bowled twice) were badly affected by rain. I haven't heard any complaints, however, as the rain has been desperately needed out west. There was even rain in Burke but, at the time of writing, more follow up rain is needed across the region.

In the bush, attracting officials can be a problem. Many of our umpires, often our "better" ones, are either still playing, have sons playing in representative teams, are involved in the coaching and development side of cricket, or all three! This makes it difficult to provide umpires with the experiences that will help them develop. In the last couple of seasons, we have maintained a focus on umpire training and development, aiming to recruit new umpires and provide professional development for existing members. In recent seasons there were training courses on the Laws conducted in Orange and Mudgee, and Dubbo hosted a Laws course and simultaneously a Professional Development Seminar for existing umpires. In the Lachlan council region, a number of umpires completed a Laws of Cricket course in June 2013 in Cowra. Courses and professional development for the coming off-season were not finalised at the time of writing.

It is my hope that, in the coming season, I will be able to get out and about and see a lot more of our Western Zone umpires in action – both for "talent identification" and development. It is vital that we facilitate the improvement of the standard of all umpires who are keen to learn (new and "old"), so that players can gain maximum enjoyment from the game, regardless of the level at which they play!

2013/14 season saw the continuation of the Western Zone based "Development Panel" of umpires. This season had Mark Waldren and Graeme Glazebrook (Bathurst) appointed to this panel. As is usual there is an expectation that these umpires are appointed to as many Zone matches as possible with a view to advancement towards the Country Panels. One focus in the pre-season and early season for 2014/15 will be identification of talent to be included on this Panel. With many senior representative fixtures in addition to the early rounds of the SCG Cup, Plate and Shield, there is a need for a clearly identifiable group of outstanding umpires.



Former Western umpire Anthony Wilds continues his successful career in SCA Grade and beyond. Tony's experiences will doubtless be chronicled elsewhere but I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work he continues to do in Bathurst, in particular, in training and developing local umpires.

Significant appointments during the season include: SCG Shield Final in Cowra (Graeme Glazebrook). Graeme also made his SCA 1st Grade debut during the season. Zone final of SCG Cup (Graeme Glazebrook and John De Lyall). Zone Final of SCG Shield (Mark Frecklington and Darrin Masters). Zone Final of SCG Plate (Doug Sandry and Robert Ryan). Mark Waldren and Graeme Glazebrook were appointed to the Western Premier League final twice (washed out both times) which was ultimately umpired by John De Lyall and Mark Frecklington at the third attempt. Mark Frecklington was also appointed with Mark Hastings to the Mitchell Presidents Cup final. A number of umpires officiated in early rounds of the SCG Cup, Shield, and Plate, including Mal Campbell, Gary Cole, John De Lyall, Mark Frecklington, Gordon Fredericks, Graeme Glazebrook, Darrin Masters, Garry O'Reilly, Noel Phoebe, Robert Ryan, Doug Sandry, Alan Seis, Mark Waldren, Steve Warrington. Congratulations also to the following umpires who officiated in local First Grade Grand Finals: Graeme Glazebrook and Mark Waldren (Bathurst), Mark Hastings (Blue Mountains), John De Lyall and Doug Sandry (Dubbo), Noel Phoebe (Gilgandra and Wellington), Alan Seis and Garry O'Reilly (Gulgong and Mudgee), Mark Frecklington and Peter Kirby (Orange).

As can be seen, Western Zone umpires often umpire solo, even in Finals matches. Congratulations must go to all Western umpires for their commitment (in terms of distance travelled as well as time) throughout the year and particularly those rewarded with Finals appointments.

My thanks must go to all umpires in Western Zone and to the executive members of our Affiliated Associations Macquarie Valley CUA and Mitchell CUA

(including member branches). In particular, I would like to acknowledge Doug Sandry, Greg Morrissey, Gordon Fredericks, and Steve Warrington for their assistance with representative appointments.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work, completed over a number of years, by the previous Western Zone Umpire Representative, Dr Stephen Poole. He dedicated an enormous amount of energy to Western Zone cricket and umpiring.

**Greg Jones**





# Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

The Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association experienced a rare year of change at Executive level with last year's Ted Wykes medal winner, Peter Friend, standing down after five years of Presidency of our Association. Peter continued on as a general member of the Association Executive. He has left a legacy of his Presidency that has provided our Association with a healthy membership base of over 80 members, an excellent relationship with the Shires cricket community, and a strong base for us to continue promoting umpiring in Shires cricket as a viable alternative to other competitions. Opportunities are provided for former Shires players to remain involved in the game, with a strong mentoring program for new umpires. Also there are opportunities for those who wish to transition to the Sydney Grade competition where they can experience a high standard of cricket and further develop their umpiring.

With a number of our experienced members moving on from umpiring in the Shires competition at the end of last season, this provided an opportunity for our association to work closely with NSWCUA. The executive requested direct assistance from NSWCUA in providing higher grade panel umpires to appointments in First and Second Grade Shires. This provided our members with invaluable experience and opportunities to develop their personal performance by standing with some of the best umpires in the State. We acknowledge the efforts of Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Sharad Patel who provided amazing support to our Association in appointing Grade Panel umpires to higher grade shires matches as well as directing the overflow of Grade umpires to Shires matches. This resulted in the highest rate of appointments of umpires to Shires Cricket in our Association's history, along with every match covered in First to Third Grades for the entire season, and 92% of Fourth Grade matches, every match in eight rounds was covered by umpires. This is something NSWCUA, SSCUA and the Sydney Cricket Association can be rightly proud of.

We acknowledge with many thanks the work of Darren, Troy and Sharad at NSWCUA who continue to provide referrals to our Association from their successful umpires training courses. Without their assistance that we would not be able to provide the level of support to the Shires community that we are able to offer without their ongoing support and hours of time they offer to our Association in appointments, referrals and assistance. We also acknowledge Muhammad Qureshi for his attendance at one of our regular member meetings this season where he presented education session on changes to the Laws of Cricket introduced at the start of this season.

As is often the case each season, we celebrated important milestones of a number of our members in season 2013/14. The following members were acknowledged at meetings throughout the season;

250 Matches	Jim Shellens
250 Matches	Peter Friend
150 Matches	Trevor Schokman
150 Matches	Rupert Mathews
150 Matches	Peter Mooney
100 Matches	Trevor Parker
100 Matches	Bruce Whitehouse
50 Matches	Kim Hunter
50 Matches	Gerard Riley
50 Matches	Mano Singham
50 Matches	Stephen Clements

All of these members were awarded an Association Polo Shirt with the number of games milestone sewn under the Association emblem.

On the field, Stephen Blomfield and Bruce Whitehouse were appointed to the First Grade Shires Grand Final played by Warringah and Burwood Briars at Airey Park where Burwood won back to back premierships, after finishing 6th at the end of the regular season. Congratulations are also extended to Peter Mooney and Michael Wheeler (2nd Grade), Peter Friend and Ian Tabrett (3rd Grade), Anthony Raymond and Gerard Riley (4th Grade), Stephen Blomfield and Peter Mooney (Frank Gray Shield).

Our members will celebrate with an end of season dinner in May which has been funded from proceeds of fundraising over the course of the year. My thanks to our Association Secretary, Stephen Blomfield for the tireless efforts in administration that helps to make our Association one in which to take considerable pride.

Mark Hughes









# SYDNEY WOMEN'S CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Season 2013 - 2014 was the twenty second year of our Association. The Association now has 40 financial members (including 9 Life Members) and one active female umpire.

The 2013-2014 management team consisted of Kevin McFarlane - President, Charles Howard - Secretary, Kevin Battishill - Vice President, Norm Tickner - Treasurer, John Colwell - Appointments officer, Roberto Howard - Asst Secretary and Gerry Forlano - Liaison Officer to SCA Women's Sub-Committee.

The Association has been actively recruiting new and experienced umpires, and was able to cover all Women's matches under the Sydney Cricket Association on Saturdays and Sundays. On Sundays approximately half the umpires umpiring Women's cricket had already umpired on Saturday in the Sydney Cricket Associations men's competition.

We welcomed the following new members during the season: Raghavan Aravamudhan, Soren Hughes, Simon Jasper, Bob McGregor, Phil Prakash and Saigal Shyamapanth. All made significant contributions to the on-field standards of our umpiring. We also thank Vince Badalati, Mal Campbell, Graeme Fleming and Alan Smith for helping out on some occasions when our members were unavailable.

All semi finals and finals were covered by umpires from this Association. Congratulations to the following Grand Final umpires for season 2013 - 2014;

1st grade	Steve Black and Gerry Forlano
1st Grade (T20)	Laurie Borg and Gerry Forlano
2nd Grade	John Colwell and Robert McGregor
2nd grade (T20)	Steve Black and Paul Farrell
Brewer Shield	Gordon Smith and Lawrie Yeomans
Brewer Shield (T20)	John Colwell and Kevin McFarlane
3rd grade	Ian Carew and Kevin McFarlane
3rd grade (T20)	Steve Black and Kevin McFarlane

Additionally, Soren Hughes, Laurie Luccitti, Warwick Vyse, Anthony Hudson, Kevin Battishill, Kevin Whitaker, Colin Sherwood and Doug Crump achieved Semi Finals appointments.

All the above umpires earned their appointments, performed well, and were commended for their efforts.

Umpires from this Association were involved in the Women's Junior Representative Season, female City v Country U19 and Emerging Breakers matches. Kevin Battishill umpired in the National U17 Girls Championships; Clare Polosak officiated at the U18 championships while Roberto Howard umpired the final of the U15 championship.

The Association has been actively supporting initiatives to promote Women's cricket and provided umpires for the "Pink Stumps Day" and "Bash for Cash". Several umpires officiated and supported the Universities Women's Cricket Club "Pink Stumps Day" fundraiser, which raised money for the McGrath Foundation. Teams wore various items of pink attire, while umpires had to contend with pink stumps and balls.

Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Sharad Patel at NSWCUA have been a great source of support and information for our Association. It was pleasing to see that many of our members attended Umpire Development, Coaching sessions, Laws of Cricket training and the Annual Convention provided by NSWCUA.

There was further emphasis on training and development, and technique matters at our monthly meetings. Kevin McFarlane, in his role as Training Officer, again organized a comprehensive pre-season 'Rules Night'. During the season we were privileged to have an excellent video presentation on decision making/body language from NSWCUA trainer Muhammad Qureshi.

All our umpires are expected and encouraged to continue to improve themselves and their performance.

Our Association has worked closely with the SCA Women's Sub Committee, through dealings with Kate Evans Costin, Rob Smith and Jessica Henry / Laura Barker from that body. The Sub Committee expressed their support for our Association, and their thanks for the good performances of our umpires during the season.

Relations between umpires, players and Clubs continued to be generally very good.

Two umpire delegates attended the SCA Women's Cricket Forum, providing positive input to assist with future planning of the women's game.

In 2013-14 color photo certificates have again been presented to umpires who umpired the Finals and many of our photos were utilized at the SCA Women's presentation Dinner, and NSWCUA Dinner. Our members again voted throughout the season for the Bob Curtin Memorial Award (Best Player).

Dr John Colwell was nominated for consideration for the NSWCUA Ted Wykes Award.

Charles Howard









# Country Cricket NSW

The 27th Annual General Meeting of NSW Country Cricket Association took place on 17 August 2013 at Gerringong NSW. At the Annual General meeting Chairman Ian Hogg (Illawarra) and Deputy Chairman John Moriarty OAM (Central Coast) were re-elected unopposed. The other members of the Country Committee of Management were Tim Clayton (Riverina), Dennis Cox (Western), Graeme Creighton (Southern), Paul Marjoribanks (Newcastle), Bob Myatt (North Coastal), Terry Psarakis (Central North).

Bruce Whitehouse continued in the role of Country Programs Manager for the season 2013/14, and it was a pleasure to work with him. Bruce Whitehouse is employed by Cricket NSW.

NSWCUSA was represented at the NSWCCA Annual General Meeting by the State Director of Umpiring, Darren Goodger, Board Director, David Dille, and the writer who acted as the proxy delegate for Mr Myatt (North Coastal) who was not available to attend the meeting.

At the NSWCCA Annual Dinner, held at the Mecure Resort in Gerringong NSW, on 18 August 2013, the following were presented with NSWCCA awards :

Josh Bennett	Country Cricketer of the Year
Josh Bennett	Player of the Australian Country Cricket Championships
Sam Reading	Country Colt of the Year
Lily Bardsley	Country Women's Cricketer of the Year
Glenn Rowlands	Country Coach of the year
Gerard Kerin	Country Groundsman of the Year
Andrew Moir	Country Media Award
Sam Reading	BBM Scholarship Winner

The Umpire Representative for each of the Country Cricket Zones was continued and was again a proven asset in the communication process between the NSWCUSA and NSWCCA. Those appointed being :

Neil Findlay	Illawarra
Pat Kerin OAM	Riverina
Don Maisey	Central Coast
Dr Stephen Poole*	Western
Sam Rees	Central North
Ken Robinson	North Coastal
Bruce Whiteman	Southern

\*Dr Stephen Poole resigned as the Western zone umpire representative in November 2013 and Mr Greg Jones (from Bathurst) was appointed to this role.

All Umpire Representatives have worked tirelessly during the season to support cricket in their Zones and to liaise with NSWCCA in relation to the planning and implementation of training and development programs to be conducted in

Members of the Country Sub Committee were Bob Myatt (Chair), Keith Griffiths (Country Umpires Advisor) and Darren Goodger (State Director of Umpiring) with Bruce Whitehouse (Secretary to the Umpires Sub Committee) reporting to the Management Committee of Country Cricket.

Umpires selected on the Country Representative Panel for the 2013/14 were:

Ricky Field	Central North
Neil Findlay	Illawarra
Kevin Fraser	North Coast
Greg Heys	Southern
Kim Norris	Newcastle
Phil Rainger	Central North
David Went	North Coastal
Bruce Whiteman	Southern

Mr Rainger is offered congratulations on being included on the Country Representative Panel for the first time replacing Adam Marshall following his election to State Parliament as the member for Northern Tablelands.

Appointments of the umpires on the Country Representative Panel were:

<b>Ricky Field</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Ballina
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final and Semi Final	South Coast
Bradman Cup Carnival	Singleton
<b>Neil Findlay</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Orange
Country Championship Final	Newcastle
SCG Country Cup Quarter & Semi Finals	South Coast
<b>Kevin Fraser</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Ballina
Bradman Cup Carnival	Maitland
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour
<b>Greg Heys</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Orange
Country Championship Final	Newcastle
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final	South Coast
<b>Kim Norris</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Orange
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour
Country Colts Carnival Final	Coffs Harbour
<b>Phil Rainger</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Ballina
Bradman Cup Carnival	Singleton
Bradman Cup Final	Maitland
Womens Carnival	Port Macquarie





<b>David Went</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Ballina
Bradman Cup Carnival	Maitland
SCG Country Cup Quarter and Semi Final	South Coast
SCG Country Cup Final	SCG
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour
<b>Bruce Whiteman</b>	
Country Championship Carnival	Orange
SCG Country Cup Quarter & Semi Final	South Coast
SCG Country Cup Final	SCG

The appointments by Cricket Australia of Ricky Field, David Went, Bruce Whiteman and Keiran Knight to representative matches continues to be a source of encouragement to all country umpires. Ricky Field was again appointed to officiate in Imparja Cup matches in Alice Springs.

David Went officiated in Womens National Cricket League match at BSIP between NSW Breakers and Qld Fire. Bruce Whiteman officiated in the Womens National Cricket League between NSW and South Australia at BSIP, and the Final of the U/16 ODI between West Indies and Australia played at Bradman Oval.

Keiran Knight was appointed to officiate in the NSW vs Victoria 2nd XI played at BSIP and also the Womens National Cricket League match between NSW Breakers and Victoria Spirit played at BSIP.

A Supplementary Panel of umpires was also selected and members of this panel officiated in matches in NSWCCA representative programs when the opportunities arose. The Supplementary Panel comprised of:

Michael Connolly	Newcastle
Keiran Knight	Riverina
Mark Templeman	North Coastal
Paul Dilley	North Coastal

Appointments of the umpires on the Supplementary Panel were:

<b>Paul Dilley</b>	
Country Colts Carnival & Final	Coffs Harbour
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace
Kookaburra Cup	Newcastle

<b>Michael Connolly</b>	
SCG Country Cup Quarter final	South Coast
Bradman Cup Carnival	Maitland
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour
<b>Keiran Knight</b>	
Country Shield Carnival Semi Final	Cowra
Country Shield Final	Cowra

In preparation for the 2013/14 season members of both panels and the Zone representatives gathered in Scone for a professional development seminar on the weekend of 3-4 August 2013.

The thanks of the Association are extended to all members who attended for their participation and enthusiasm.

Sessions were facilitated by the State Director of Umpiring, Darren Goodger, Alan Mantle from 'Enhance Mind Performance', Jeff Cook (Western Suburbs First Grade Captain), and Keith Griffiths and Dr. Stephen Poole. Unfortunately Mr Myatt was unable to attend the Scone seminar because of illness.

Congratulations are offered to the following NSWCUA country members who also received representative appointments during the season.

<b>Wayne Allan</b>	
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace
Country Shield Semi Final	Cowra
Country Plate Semi Final	Harden
<b>Tom Angus</b>	
Womens Championship	Port Macquarie
<b>Bill Ashe</b>	
Womens Championship	Taree
<b>Bruce Baxter</b>	
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour
<b>Dennis Chaplin</b>	
Kookaburra Cup Carnival	Newcastle
<b>Frank Ciocci</b>	
Bradman Cup Carnival	Maitland



David Cullen		
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace	
David Dobinson		
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final	South Coast	
Steve Eccles		
Bradman Cup Carnival	Singleton	
Kookaburra Cup Carnival	Newcastle	
Graeme Glazebrook		
Country Shield Semi Final	Cowra	
Country Shield Final	Cowra	
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace	
Ben Gleeson		
Womens Carnival	Taree	
Greg Grace		
Womens Carnival	Port Macquarie	
Jeff Hackett		
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour	
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace	
Tony Hackett		
Country Shield Semi Final	Cowra	
Country Plate Semi Final	Harden	
Kookaburra Cup Carnival	Newcastle	
Kookaburra Cup Final	Newcastle	
David Lowe		
Womens Carnival	Port Macquarie	
Peter McGrath		
Womens Carnival	Port Macquarie	
Ross McKim		
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace	
Bradman Cup Final	Maitland	
Kookaburra Cup	Newcastle	
John Minihan		
Womens Carnival	Port Macquarie	
Don Maisey		
Kookaburra Cup Carnival	Newcastle	
Bruce Muddle		
Kookaburra Cup Carnival	Newcastle	
Paul Nicholas		
Womens Carnival	Taree	
John Oliver		
SCG Country Cup Quarter Final	South Coast	
Stephen Poidevin		
Kookaburra Cup Carnival & Final	Newcastle	

Rob Pye		
Womens Carnival	Taree	
Country Colts Carnival	Coffs Harbour	
Sam Rees		
Womens Carnival	Taree	
James Seville		
Womens Carnival	Port Macquarie	
Neil Smith		
Country Plate Semi Final and Final	Cootamundra	
U17 Country Carnival	Raymond Terrace	
Darren Sutherland		
Country Plate Semi Final and Final	Cootamundra	
Chris Welsh		
Womens Carnival	Taree	
David Wicks		
Bradman Cup Carnival	Singleton	





Again it was pleasing to see the State Challenge format continue this season with Bankstown defeating North Coastal in the U16 Bradman State Challenge, and Manly defeating Newcastle in the U14 State Challenge. Unfortunately the Open State Challenge match between North Sydney and Western Zone was washed out after only 3 overs had been bowled.

The State Challenge concept enables umpires from NSWCCA to officiate with umpires from Sydney Cricket Association or NSW Districts Cricket Association.

The Association extends its appreciation to Life Member Ian Thomas for his work as an observer during the season with the country representative umpires. Mr Thomas attended the Country Championship in Orange and the Country Shield Final Series in Cowra. His contribution is appreciated and valued by all the umpires concerned. Mr Thomas also attended the Kookaburra Cup and was match referee for the U14 and U16 State Challenge matches at the SCG.

The Country Umpire Advisor attended the majority of carnivals held across the State and provided written and verbal feedback to umpires he observed. Graham Chudleigh was the match referee for the SCG Country Cup between Hamilton Wickham and Tamworth played at the Sydney Cricket Ground and which was won by the Hamilton Wickham Club.

NSWCUSA extends congratulations to David Went on being named the winner of the Kevin Pye Medal as the Country Umpire of the Year for 2013/14. David who officiates as a member of the Far North Coast CUSA. This is the first time he has received this award.

The various winners of the NSWCCA 2013/14 programs are acknowledged below.

Country Championship	Newcastle
Womens Country Championship	North Coastal
SCG Country Cup	Hamilton Wickham
Brian Gainsford Country Shield	Ballina
Country Plate	Cootamundra
Country Colts Under 17	North Coastal
Bradman Cup	Central North
Kookaburra Cup	North Coastal
	Newcastle

The NSWCUSA wishes to thank Country Umpire Sub Committee Chair Bob Myatt for his ongoing genuine interest and progress of umpires in regional NSW. Mr Myatt brings integrity to the Country Sub Committee and his continued ongoing support of NSWCUSA to umpiring is much appreciated.

The Country Programs Manager Bruce Whitehouse is recognised and thanked for his collaboration during the season. He spends significant time in organising umpire accommodation needs at various carnivals and his attention to this aspect is appreciated. All country umpires who officiated in Finals were presented with a NSWCCA key ring as a keep sake thank you, which is appreciated by umpires involved.

The Association acknowledges Mr Ian Hogg and his Committee of Management of NSWCCA for the opportunities our members receive to officiate in representative cricket played in the bush.

The Association was again pleased during the season to welcome members from Affiliated Associations in country NSW who took the opportunity to officiate in the SCA Grade competition to further their experience. We acknowledge the members and thank them for making themselves available.

NSWCUSA members in country zones are welcome to apply to the State Director of Umpiring to officiate in the SCA Grade competition during the season. Provided you are a financial member of the NSWCUSA you are welcome to apply to officiate in the SCA Grade competition in Sydney, your participation will be a rewarding experience by officiating in the best Grade competition available in Australia. You will be made most welcome.

The Association looks forward to continued involvement with all members in the country zones and to working with NSWCCA Committee of Management and staff in season 2014/15.

The Annual General Meeting of NSWCCA will be held at the Mittagong RSL Club on 23 August 2014 and will be followed by the Annual Dinner at the Bradman Museum.

## Keith Griffiths





# Sydney Cricket Association

## Dr David Dilley

### Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management

Chairman	Andrew Falk.
Deputy Chairman	Craig Hambleton.

### Committee

Evan Atkins	Allan Connolly	Richard Cook
Andrew Frank	Brian Freedman	Joshua Lalor

### Chairman Shires Competition Sub-Committee

Glenn Workman

### NSWCUSA Delegate to the Sydney Cricket Association

Dr David Dilley

This was another steady season for the Sydney Cricket Association. Mr John Warn stepped down as SCA Chairman after he became Chair of the NSW Cricket Board in February 2013. Mr Andrew Falk stepped into the role and was confirmed as SCA Chairman at the Annual General Meeting. Mr Craig Hambleton became SCA Deputy Chairman.

The feather in our cap this year was a 100% appointment of umpires to all five grades for the entire season. In addition there was 100% coverage of Shires Grades 1 to 3. This indeed is something to "crow about". The trick will be to maintain and improve upon this result, and to manage the expectations of our umpires.

The excellent coverage is a tribute to the management, recruitment and training of NSWCUSA and the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association, the two Associations work positively together for the benefit of the Grade and Shires competitions.

Well done to the army of umpires who turn out week after week, to those who have been doing it for years, a sense of satisfaction; and to the "rookies", the benchmark has been set! Next is 100% coverage of all Grade and Shires competitions. The contribution and application of all members is appreciated.

Congratulations to the Sydney University Club in winning an interesting First Grade Grand Final in their 150th year as a club. Being runners up to Sydney University in a match that saw each of the first three innings total under 100, Bankstown came very close to being one of the few clubs to the win A. W. Green Shield, Poidevin Gray, and First Grade Competitions in the same season.

Having the First Grade Grand Final "live streamed" was an outstanding innovation and created significant interest in the premiership decider.

During the year the passing of Mr Bob Brewer (for whom the U17 Girls' competition was named) was noted.

The inclusion of teams from Illawarra and Newcastle in a revamped SCA T20 Cup competition, proudly sponsored by CSG, created much excitement and interest in the

competition with both teams being competitive. Umpires from both zones received appointments in the expanded SCA T20 Cup - Michael Connolly and Ross McKim (Newcastle), and Neil Findlay and Mark Simula (Illawarra), welcomed the opportunity to officiate at the higher level and all performed very well.

We offer congratulations to the Sydney University Cricket Club and the Burwood Briars for their respective successes as Club Champions in the Grade and Shires competitions. We also offer our congratulations to those clubs in the respective competitions which gained premierships in each of the Grades, they being:

Grade	
First Grade (Belvidere Cup)	Sydney University
Second Grade (Albert Cup)	Sydney University
Third Grade (Mitchell Cup)	Northern District
Fourth Grade (Reid Cup)	Eastern Suburbs
Fifth Grade (David Sherwood Cup)	Penrith
First Grade Limited Overs	Northern District
Twenty20 Cup	Randwick Petersham
Poidevin Gray Shield	Bankstown
A.W. Green Shield	Bankstown

Shires	
First Grade (RB Clark Cup)	Burwood Briars
Second Grade (SJ Mayne Trophy)	Burwood Briars
Third Grade (JB Hollander Trophy)	Macquarie University
Fourth Grade (Harry Culbert Trophy)	Georges River
Frank Gray Shield	Warringah

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the teams and volunteers of all clubs for providing our members with the enjoyment of taking part in the game of cricket. The hospitality afforded to umpires at so many clubs is outstanding.

Appointments to SCA Grade Grand Finals were as follows:

First Grade	Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson
Second Grade	David Taylor and Anthony Wilds
Third Grade	Bill Hendricks and Simon Lightbody
Fourth Grade	Michael Kumutai and Ben Treloar
Fifth Grade	Darren Goodger and Anthony Hobson
First Grade Limited Overs	Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson
Twenty20 Cup	Simon Lightbody and David Taylor
Poidevin Gray Shield	Darren Goodger and Bill Hendricks
A.W. Green Shield	Darren Foster and Alan Monaghan





The Association acknowledges here the appointment of Stephen Blomfield and Bruce Whitehouse to umpire the Shires First Grade Grand Final and Steve Black and Gerry Forlano to umpire the Women's First Grade Grand Final. Well done to all concerned on your performances throughout the season.

The selection of the various Grade umpiring panels remained the responsibility of the Coaching Panel which was appointed by the Board and comprised Darren Goodger (Chairman), Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, Geoff Garland and Graham Reed. As in previous years the criteria for panel selection included availability, commitment, perceived fitness and suitability, previous observations, reports from captains' and attendance at necessary meetings. The Coaching Panel also maintained the options to make selections based on their thoughts on potential and ability already displayed. The Coaching Panel ensured that selections to the various panels were made on merit.

There were no panel reserves appointed in 2013/14. The panels contained the following number of umpires:

- First Panel – 23
- Second Panel – 24
- Third Panel – 26
- Fourth Panel – 74

The following experienced members formed part of the on field observer panel:

Nick Carson, Graham Chudleigh, David Dilley, Geoff Garland, Lindsay Kain, Chris Taylor and Arthur Watson.

John Evans stood down from panel one after two rounds offering to umpire in the lower grades to assist less experienced umpires make their way through the pathway. The assistance John gave to the members he stood with was appreciated by the umpires and the Association. Typical of John Evans, this was a truly selfless act on his part. This drew to a close an outstanding career at First Grade level as an umpire for John, of which he can be justifiably proud. He has always put the Association first officiating in 253 First Grade matches. Only Arthur Watson and Greg Lill have umpired more First Grade matches than John. The Association looks forward to John remaining an active member and assisting other umpires through sharing his experience.

The retirement of Michael Kumutat was noted by the Chair of the Board, Geoff Garland, at the NSWCUA Annual Dinner:

*"In closing I make special mention here of Michael Kumutat who has indicated this season will be his last in the SCA as an umpire – Michael can be proud of his career – three domestic one day matches, 177 Grade matches of which 128 were in first grade including the First Grade Grand Final in 2010/11 – we wish Michael well as he chooses to spend more time with his family and thank him for his dedicated service to Sydney Grade cricket. So many members spoke of their enjoyment of standing with Michael over the years of his involvement."*

The post-match meeting in all First and Second Grade matches between captains and umpires continued with the

host club to provide a suitable facilitator. Matters discussed during these meetings included ground, pitch and facility issues, spirit of cricket issues and umpiring issues. It is felt that these meetings provide umpires with an opportunity to receive feedback from captains regarding their performance in the key areas of decision making, communication and match management. "Mistakes are the portals of discovery." James Joyce.

Umpire appointments to the SCA Grade competitions were the responsibility of the Executive Officer and the Administration Manager. The Administration Manager and Administration Officer were responsible for the coordination of umpire payments. The record keeping of Ground Assessments, Spirit of Cricket Assessments and the Player and Captain of the Year awards for Grade, Shires and Women's cricket was again undertaken by SCA staff.

The umpire appointments to both the Shires and Women's competitions were the responsibility of the Appointment Officer within their respective Associations with significant volunteer time being spent by Stephen Blomfield (Shires) and Dr John Colwell (Women's) in professionally completing these duties. The Association records its thanks here to Stephen and John for their dedication and commitment to excellence. Their work is appreciated by the SCA.

NSWCUSA keeps a record of umpire appointments to the SCA Grade matches and presents certificates recognising the number of matches to which umpires have been appointed. These certificates commence at 100 matches and are presented for each 50 matches thereafter. Sincere thanks are offered here to member Stephen Blomfield for the time, on an honorary basis, he has put into ensuring the accuracy of these match statistics. His research and compilation of data has been outstanding and of great assistance to NSWCUA management.

Match certificates to those members who were present, and who qualified for them, were presented at the Annual Dinner. Congratulations to the following members who reached a "milestone" during the 2013/14 season:





700 matches
Arthur Watson
550 matches
Lindsay Kain
500 matches
Chris Weir
350 matches
Geoff Garland
300 matches
Bill Hendricks
250 matches
Stephen Blomfield
Darren Goodger
200 matches
Peter Friend
Jim Shellens
150 matches
Robin Gandevia
Charles Howard
Ben Nicholls
Marc Nickl
Michael Roberts
Glenn Roche
Trevor Schokman
100 matches
Kevin Battishill
Ian Bowman
Paul Coleman
Paul Farrell
Peter McNamara
Alan Monaghan
Zaheer Nazir
Muhammad Qureshi
Michael Wheeler
Anthony Wilds

A total record of match appointments of those individual members who officiated in the SCA Grade competitions during the 2013/14 season is provided in this Annual Report. The statistics, where complete, record Grade and Shire match appointments from the date on which the member joined the Association until the end of the season. The figures do not include appointments to Poidevin Gray Shield, A.W. Green Shield, Frank Gray Shield, or any other heterogeneous competition nor to any representative fixtures, but do include appointment to matches in the First Grade Limited Overs Competition.

Arthur Watson's 711 matches is an all-time SCA record for an umpire and only Greg Lill has umpired more First Grade matches than Arthur who is not only a life member of NSWCUA, but also of the SCA.

Congratulations are extended to Daniel Brightwell, Gerry Forliano and Geoff Irvine from the SCA Grade Panel who all received their initial First Grade appointment this season. Congratulations are also extended to the following members who reached milestones for umpiring First Grade matches:

- Marty Edgell – 100 First Grade matches
- Brian Ferguson – 150 First Grade matches
- Andrew Hamilton – 100 First Grade matches
- Bill Hendricks – 250 First Grade matches
- Marc Nickl – 100 First Grade matches
- Anthony Wilds – 100 First Grade matches

It was pleasing during the season to welcome members from Affiliated Associations who officiated in the SCA Grade competition to further their experience. We acknowledge those 29 members below:

Wayne Allan, Chris Cassin, John Colwell, Michael Connolly, David Cullen, Steve Eccles, Ricky Field, Neil Findlay, Robin Gandevia, Graeme Glazebrook, Stuart Grocock, Graeme Hackett, Tony Hackett, Geoff Hasler, Greg Heys, Geoff Hoy, Pat Kerin, Keiran Knight, Rupert Mathews, Kevin McFarlane, Ross McKim, Phil Rainger, Yohan Ramasundara, Neil Smith, Geoff Verco, David Went, Kevin Whitaker, David Wicks and Bruce Wood.

NSWCUSA members are welcome to apply to the Executive Officer to officiate in the SCA Grade competition. This is a great way for members from our affiliates to experience officiating in the best Grade competition in world cricket. By doing so, you broaden your experience and add value to the Grade competition.

Jamie Mitchell (Tasmanian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association) was a welcome addition to Grade round 7 where, at Bankstown Oval, he umpired the First Grade match between Bankstown and Manly-Warringah, standing with Darren Goodger. Jamie is an experienced match official who as a player represented Australia at under 19 level. He impressed all and sundry at Bankstown Oval with his communication skills, match management and quality decision making. Jamie went on to officiate in his maiden First Grade Grand Final in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League. Whilst visiting Sydney, Jamie was an excellent ambassador for Cricket Tasmania and TCUSA on and off the field. His visit was part of an umpire exchange program between NSWCUA and TCUSA. Simon Lightbody umpired three T20 matches in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League in Hobart this season and his work with Richard Widows (State Director of Umpiring – Tasmania) was valuable for Simon who appreciated the interaction with Richard and the quality of the feedback provided by him.

The number of Code of Conduct reports actioned by the Code of Conduct Commissioner in 2013/14 was as 53, an increase of 51% on last season. It was disappointing to note that 11 of the players were the captain of their team. Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.





NSWCUSA appreciates John McGruther and his work as the Sydney Cricket Association Code of Conduct Commissioner. Mr McGruther acts swiftly in handling matters which are reported and is respected for being the "Sergeant at Arms" for those who report alleged breaches of the Code. He is genuine in his attempt to ensure SCA matches are played within the spirit of the game and encourages umpires to work together and with captains in managing matches in a positive and constructive manner. Mr McGruther offers his services to the game and our umpires in a volunteer capacity. This Association is very grateful for his time, expertise and professionalism.

The Grade Premiers' Dinner was held at Dockside on 9 May 2014 and attended by NSWCUSA Directors Geoff Garland, Graham Chudleigh and Dr David Dilley, as well as Association Treasurer Laurie Borg and NSWCUSA staff in Sharad Patel, Troy Penman and Darren Goodger. Matt De Groot from NovaFM was the MC while Laurie Daley was the special guest entertainer. The Grade Umpire Panel Award winners in Anthony Wilds (Panel 1), Anthony Hobson and Kevin Leahy (Panel 2), Kevin Battishill (Panel 3) and Adam Davy (Panel 4), for whom tickets had been given as part of their awards, were all invited to attend. All, except for Mr Wilds, were able to accept the invitation. Anthony Hobson was re-presented with the George Borwick Memorial Award by Geoff Garland. Anthony spoke humbly in receiving the award paying tribute to his wife Kellie for her wonderful support of his umpiring endeavours. He also spoke of his pride in being a member of NSWCUSA and of his passion for cricket and for umpiring in the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition.

The 2013/14 Sydney Grade Award Winners are listed below and the Association offers congratulations to the following:

- O'Reilly Medal for First Grade Player of the Year – Patrick Jackson (Penrith)
- Spirit of Cricket – Sydney University
- Coach of the Year – Gary Whitaker (Sydney University)
- First Grade Ground of the Year – Hurstville Oval (St George)
- Lower Grade Ground of the Year – Tunks Park (North Sydney)
- First Grade Captain of the Year – Greg Mail (Sydney University)
- Second Grade Captain of the Year – Anthony Brooks (Sydney)
- Third Grade Captain of the Year – Jack Fitzgerald (St George)
- Fourth Grade Captain of the Year – Warren Evans (Manly-Warringah)
- Fifth Grade Captain of the Year – Paul Witherly (St George)
- Benaud Medal for Player of First Grade Grand Final – Mitchell Phelps (Bankstown)
- Michael Bevan Medal for Player of First Grade Limited Overs Grand Final – Chris Green (Northern District)
- Player of Twenty20 Cup Grand Final – Adam Semple (Randwick Petersham)
- Shane Lee Medal for Player of Poidevin Gray Shield Grand Final – Ethan Leten (Bankstown)
- Kevin Cunningham Medal for Player of A.W. Green Shield Grand Final – Alexander Schipp (Bankstown)

The Sydney Cricket Association for the second time chose a Merit XII and this team is listed below:

Patrick Jackson (Penrith – Captain), Nick Larkin (Sydney University), John Di Bartolo (Western Suburbs), Andrew Harriott (Northern District), Matthew Day (Mosman), Scott Henry (Sydney University), Ahillen Beadle (Manly-Warringah), James Allsopp (Bankstown), Nigel Cowell (Sydney University), Tim Ley (Sydney University), Adam Wasyluk (Mosman), Jake Wilson (Randwick Petersham).

The relationship between NSWCUSA and SCA continues to be excellent. We were delighted to be able to provide a 100% coverage of umpires to all SCA Grade matches with a total of 176 members officiating throughout the season. To Andrew Falk and his Committee of Management we express our most sincere gratitude and thanks for their very cooperative interest in our Association. NSWCUSA acknowledges the assistance and cooperation provided by the SCA Secretary Ian Field and the Competitions Manager Roy Formica. Their efforts, and that of Laura Barker and Kath Koschel, are appreciated. The professionalism of the Cricket Operations staff at Cricket NSW is to be commended as is their genuine support of NSWCUSA.

Bruce Whitehouse has assumed the role of Secretary of the SCA following Ian Field and we wish Mr Whitehouse every success and look forward to working positively with him for the benefit of SCA competitions.

The usual behind the scenes work continues in the "non-playing season" and September 2014 will be upon us soon enough! It is anticipated that we will have more new recruits to welcome to umpiring in the SCA competitions. We look forward to the coming SCA season with great energy and enthusiasm.





# Sydney Cricket Association 200 Club Stephen Blomfield

Umpire	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	Career
WATSON, Arthur	Current	365	53	81	122	70	20	711
KAIN, Lindsay	Current	118	207	96	78	36	23	558
WEIR, Chris	Current	62	93	197	73	36	44	505
LILL, Greg	Current	381	36	28	22	15	5	487
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	Current	52	195	30	34	48	104	463
TYSON, Doug	2013-14	45	280	43	39	10	16	433
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	Current	108	65	80	90	67	18	428
MacNAMARA, John	2011-12	0	1	48	164	135	53	401
BORG, Laurie	Current	146	178	27	11	19	14	395
REISMAN, John	2006-07	64	73	87	85	45	31	385
LIVINGSTON, Bruce	1998-99	75	129	44	34	52	49	383
MOONEY, Peter	Current	66	140	12	14	11	140	383
BARNES, John	Current	66	166	39	39	27	38	375
QUAKEN, Keith	2002-03	139	20	20	35	57	100	371
LALOR, Brian	2012-13	8	133	81	94	43	11	370
WARK, Ken	1999-00	145	67	23	28	50	54	367
WHEELER, Allan	1992-93	187	71	71	28	5	5	367
EMERSON, Ian	1998-99	268	41	14	24	14	4	365
AUBREY, Charlie	1996-97	39	128	50	71	44	27	359
GARLAND, Geoff	Current	124	147	36	17	20	12	356
McAPPION, Stephen	Current	0	0	50	117	116	61	344
EVANS, John	Current	253	27	28	17	11	5	341
GOODARD, Barry	2002-03	133	84	37	43	16	19	332
WILLIAMS, John	Current	0	0	9	94	168	61	332
DONAHOO, Tim	2010-11	208	53	36	18	4	11	330
MARSHALL, Alan	1994-95	262	17	13	24	5	3	324
HENDRICKS, Bill	Current	253	32	14	11	2	5	317
HUGHES, Jack	1997-98	133	31	29	48	31	45	317
CARTER, Murray	1998-99	0	21	76	85	68	58	308
BROOKS, Tom	1993-94	196	12	10	46	12	30	306
WRIGHT, Ian	2000-01	48	126	53	31	17	17	292
FOWLER, Mark	2009-10	0	17	121	86	43	22	289
GRIFFIN, Alan	2008-09	4	120	92	44	16	10	286
FERGUSON, Brian	Current	150	51	21	31	22	10	285
GREEN, Alan	2008-09	26	66	40	27	17	109	285
ARMOUR, Bernie	1986-87	43	166	37	22	2	11	281
WENNERBOM, Nick	Current	110	60	46	35	14	13	278
GUTHRIE, Bob	Current	0	0	32	105	103	36	276
TIMBS, David	2011-12	25	164	17	30	19	15	270
McMILLAN, Brett	2006-07	0	59	35	79	69	27	269
RODEN, Bill	2009-10	188	22	21	17	10	11	269
HEAD, Robert	2005-06	65	61	48	52	26	15	267
DUFFY, Ken	1999-00	186	23	25	14	6	6	260
HICKEY, Brian	1993-94	48	66	46	61	30	9	260
RICHARDS, George	2012-13	0	19	96	29	5	111	260
GOODGER, Darren	Current	195	14	9	9	11	18	256
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	Current	3	1	2	2	4	239	251
HARRIS, Rocky	1988-89	201	22	9	15	1	2	250
CARSON, Nick	Current	42	87	47	27	23	23	249
CAMERON, Jim	2008-09	195	24	5	15	5	4	248
KING, Chris	Current	27	82	103	14	7	8	241
THOMPSON, John	2003-04	0	76	77	60	20	7	240
ELDRIDGE, David	1999-00	135	28	31	15	18	7	234
HAIR, Darrell	2003-04	176	18	11	11	6	9	231
THOMAS, Ian	1997-98	171	17	7	8	6	17	226
GRIFFITHS, Keith	1999-00	87	30	62	18	12	16	225
JONES, Neville	2004-05	0	2	40	86	60	36	224





Umpire	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	Career
FRENCH, Richard (Dick)	1988-89	153	6	18	33	3	10	223
ROGERS, Colin	1998-99	0	1	31	83	67	41	223
TATE, Peter	Current	138	25	24	16	16	4	223
McINTOSH, Ian	2012-13	124	26	15	24	23	10	222
DAVIS, Bob	2010-11	1	93	72	18	15	22	221
FURTNER, Ron	2003-04	114	20	19	38	20	10	221
LEAHY, Kevin	Current	27	75	52	32	21	14	221
BUCKLAND, Ken	Current	52	30	44	18	8	68	220
JACKSON, Ian	1996-97	136	34	13	22	5	7	217
SHELLENS, Jim	Current	0	17	10	4	5	181	217
O'ROURKE, Peter	1998-99	111	25	30	26	12	11	215
BROOKS, Ern	2007-08	101	56	16	19	12	10	214
KELLEHER, Arthur	2002-03	75	42	50	24	10	12	213
BUULTJENS, James	1997-98	2	76	94	34	3	0	209
VOYSEY, Noel	1989-90	51	81	37	21	5	12	207
GRAHAM, Jon	2010-11	0	0	37	80	63	25	206
YATES, John	1993-94	55	49	20	44	9	28	205
FRIEND, Peter	Current	1	0	0	0	1	202	204
TAUFEL, Simon	2005-06	157	18	9	5	9	6	204
MORGAN, Tony	1998-99	156	20	5	10	6	6	203
KEEL, Terry	2012-13	163	22	7	2	5	1	200





# Sydney Cricket Association Umpire Statistics Stephen Blomfield

Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	TOTAL
ABBEY, David	0	0	1	5	5	4	15
ABOOD, Gerard	82	20	2	6	11	4	125
ALLAN, Wayne	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
APPS, Matthew	0	0	1	16	23	5	45
ARORA, Sunil	0	2	10	22	5	35	74
BADALATI, Vince	0	0	0	3	2	2	7
BANODKA, Mahesh	0	0	0	0	2	8	10
BARNES, John	66	166	39	39	27	38	375
BASKAR, Edward	0	0	4	11	22	5	42
BATTSHILL, Kevin	0	1	33	39	20	7	100
BELL, Grahame	0	0	0	4	8	37	49
BERGMAN, Tony	0	0	0	0	0	68	68
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	3	1	2	2	4	239	251
BORG, Laurie	146	178	27	11	19	14	395
BOWMAN, Ian	0	0	0	0	0	104	104
BRADY, Jason	0	0	0	1	6	9	16
BREAKSPEAR, Brian	0	0	6	4	3	57	70
BRIGHTWELL, Daniel	9	13	5	10	4	3	44
BRISTOW, Brad	0	0	0	0	5	5	10
BUCKLAND, Ken	52	30	44	18	8	68	220
BUTT, Ahsan	0	0	0	1	4	5	10
BYANJANKAR, Sachin	0	0	1	31	26	8	66
BYRNE, Laurie	0	0	0	0	1	22	23
CAMPBELL, Malcolm	0	0	0	0	1	27	28
CAMPBELL, Neil	0	0	0	0	1	39	40
CARPINI, Tony	0	0	0	5	7	3	15
CARSON, Nick	42	87	47	27	23	23	249
CASSIN, Chris	12	0	0	0	0	1	13
CEPAK, Mark	0	0	1	10	18	5	34
CHAKRABORTY, Bidhan	0	0	1	4	12	32	49
CHANDRA, Sandeep	0	0	0	0	3	8	11
CHRISTEN, Richard	0	0	0	26	33	99	158
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	108	65	80	90	67	18	428
CLEMENTS, Stephen	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
COLEMAN, Paul	1	19	41	13	4	30	108
COLWELL, John	0	0	1	3	4	5	13
CONNOLLY, Michael	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
CONWAY, Michael	0	0	0	0	2	40	42
COOPER, Tom	5	39	65	19	32	8	168
CROCONO, Rick	0	0	0	0	0	17	17
CROMBIE, Gary	30	31	14	5	4	3	87
CULLEN, David	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
DARCY, John	0	37	98	29	22	10	196
DAVIDSON, Greg	97	13	9	2	1	2	124
DAVIES, Adam	0	0	0	0	1	40	41
DAVIES, Keith	0	0	0	0	0	33	33
DAVIES, Reece	0	0	0	0	1	13	14
DAVY, Adam	0	0	0	6	3	3	12
DESAI, Gaurav	0	0	2	6	10	4	22
DHANDAPANI, Khadhirvelou	0	14	60	34	34	29	171
DILLEY, David	73	43	31	19	18	9	193
DUFF, Cameron	0	0	0	0	0	17	17
DuPLESSIS, Berend	0	5	8	3	0	7	23
ECCLES, Steve	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
EDGEELL, Martin	106	25	9	12	7	9	168
EVANS, John	253	27	28	17	11	5	341
FAIRLIE, Simon	0	0	0	0	0	11	11





Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	TOTAL
FARRELL, Paul	0	1	24	40	34	5	104
FERGUSON, Brian	150	51	21	31	22	10	285
FIELD, Ricky	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
FIGALLO, James	12	18	3	4	2	3	42
FINDLAY, Neil	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
FITZPATRICK, Paul	0	1	15	16	12	2	46
FONSEKA, Jude	0	0	0	0	0	23	23
FORLIANO, Gerry	3	43	82	22	26	6	182
FOSTER, Darren	26	17	3	8	9	3	66
FRIEND, Peter	1	0	0	0	1	202	204
GAL, Michael	0	0	1	17	8	0	26
GANDEVIA, Robin	0	34	42	6	14	56	152
GARLAND, Geoff	124	147	36	17	20	12	356
GARWOOD, Robert	0	0	0	2	4	2	8
GHEEWALA, Sajjad	0	0	1	7	10	4	22
GLACKEN, Bill	0	0	0	0	6	7	13
GLAZEBROOK, Graeme	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
GOODGER, Darren	195	14	9	9	11	18	256
GRIFFITH, Jason	0	0	0	1	3	2	6
GROCOCK, Stu	6	0	1	0	0	0	7
GUTHRIE, Bob	0	0	32	105	103	36	276
HACKETT, Anthony	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
HACKETT, Graeme	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HAMILTON, Andrew	102	39	15	9	2	2	169
HANSHAW, Glen	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
HARRISON, Spencer	0	0	0	0	2	185	187
HASLER, Geoff	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HAVILAND, Chris	0	0	2	54	88	47	191
HENDRICKS, Bill	253	32	14	11	2	5	317
HEYS, Greg	5	42	19	6	6	2	80
HITCHEN, Clive	0	0	0	2	5	1	8
HOBSON, Anthony	0	15	1	0	1	2	19
HOLLAND, Ivan	0	0	0	0	1	181	182
HONEYWOOD, Peter	0	0	1	8	15	3	27
HOWARD, Charles	0	0	42	45	50	15	152
HOWARD, Roberto	0	0	7	23	19	6	55
HOY, Geoff	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
HUGHES, Mark	50	20	7	5	3	42	127
HUNTER, Kim	0	0	0	0	0	47	47
IMAM, Ahmer	0	0	0	2	6	3	11
IRVINE, Geoff	1	24	10	1	9	2	47
IZARD, Daniel	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
JAYATILAKE, Laliith	0	0	0	3	12	12	27
JOBSON, Jon	0	0	1	3	0	0	4
JOHNSON, Paul	0	22	19	10	4	3	58
JONES, Greg	21	23	2	5	2	0	53
KAIN, Lindsay	118	207	96	78	36	23	558
KENNEALLY, Trevor	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
KENT, Neville	0	7	1	4	0	0	12
KERIN, Pat	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
KING, Chris	27	82	103	14	7	8	241
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	52	195	30	34	48	104	463
KNIGHT, Keiran	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
KOSCHEL, Gary	0	0	0	2	3	1	6
KULKARNI, Rahul	0	0	0	1	1	6	8
KUMAR, Balvinder	0	0	1	45	39	8	93
KUMATAT, Michael	128	20	5	11	13	0	177
LAWSON, Stephen	0	0	0	2	0	1	3



Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	TOTAL
LEAHY, Kevin	27	75	52	32	21	14	221
LEES, Craig	0	1	4	4	6	1	16
LEUNG, Ambrose	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
LEWIS, Davern	0	51	28	14	12	4	109
LIGHTBODY, Simon	31	3	1	1	0	0	36
LILL, Greg	381	36	28	22	15	5	487
MacGILLIVRAY, Alan	0	0	21	35	12	3	71
MADAN, Ajit	0	0	0	0	0	37	37
MALONEY, Rob	0	6	15	8	5	43	77
MARTIN, Dean	0	11	28	6	2	16	63
MARWAHA, Varun	0	1	12	16	12	1	42
MASSINGHAM, Bill	3	36	2	6	1	1	49
MATHEWS, Rupert	0	4	0	0	1	120	125
McAPPION, Stephen	0	0	50	117	116	61	344
McAULLEY, Gary	0	14	10	6	2	2	34
McCLELLAND, David	0	0	0	3	4	0	7
McFARLANE, Kevin	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
McGINN, Cameron	0	8	13	4	5	2	32
McGREGOR, Bob	0	16	30	13	11	0	70
McKIM, Ross	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
McMARTIN, Darren	0	4	21	18	22	7	72
McNAMARA, Peter	0	21	24	31	22	4	102
MEHTA, Chinmay	0	0	1	16	16	4	37
MEURANT, Kevin	2	14	11	4	8	0	39
MONAGHAN, Alan	8	41	18	22	9	2	100
MOONEY, Peter	66	140	12	14	11	140	383
MOORE, Peter	0	1	2	6	2	1	12
MOORE, Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
NAZIR, Zaheer	0	29	31	21	21	3	105
NEWSOM, Ian	0	1	4	15	15	25	60
NICHOLLS, Ben	48	30	50	11	10	3	152
NICKL, Marc	101	20	6	10	10	4	151
O'CONNOR, Neil	0	0	1	7	18	2	28
OPPENHEIM, Dennis	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
OZA, Kedar	0	6	57	10	4	4	81
PANDYA, Tejas	0	0	3	11	17	5	36
PARIHAR, Prashant	0	0	0	0	1	8	9
PARKER, Trevor	0	0	0	0	0	89	89
PAXTON, Homer	0	0	0	0	0	31	31
PENMAN, Troy	0	13	4	7	2	1	27
PERRY, Peter	0	0	0	2	5	2	9
PILLAI, Anil	0	18	25	18	12	2	75
PINKERTON, Craig	1	17	17	10	14	2	61
POINTER, Martyn	0	3	0	4	8	11	26
POLOSAK, Claire	0	1	35	14	19	4	73
PONSFORD, Derek	0	0	0	0	0	96	96
PRABHAKAR, Yatin	0	0	0	0	9	13	22
PRAKASH, Phil	0	0	0	0	3	13	16
QURESHI, Muhammad	13	35	22	16	24	3	113
RAHMAN, Ashafur	0	0	1	2	6	15	24
RAINER, Phil	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
RAJAGOPALAN, Ragu	0	0	9	67	70	29	175
RAMAKRISHNAN, Keeran	0	26	11	13	20	38	108
RAMASUNDARA, Yohan	13	1	1	0	0	0	15
RANATUNGE, Palitha	0	0	0	21	38	6	65
RAYMOND, Anthony	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
RILEY, Gerard	0	0	0	0	0	51	51
ROBERTS, Michael	0	1	36	16	23	80	156
ROCHE, Glenn	33	49	32	7	3	31	155





Umpire	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Shires	TOTAL
ROCHE, Glenn	33	49	32	7	3	31	155
SASTRY, Sujay	0	0	1	9	16	3	29
SCHOKMAN, Trevor	0	0	0	1	2	151	154
SCOTT, Ross	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
SHELLENS, Jim	0	17	10	4	5	181	217
SHERWOOD, Colin	0	0	1	15	29	2	47
SHIELD, Bob	0	1	15	7	7	63	93
SHYAMAPANTH, Saigal	0	0	0	1	3	7	11
SINGHAM, Mano	0	0	0	1	1	52	54
SINHA, Devesh	0	0	2	7	18	2	29
SMELLIE, Patrick	0	0	0	0	1	95	96
SMITH, Gordon	0	0	0	1	2	179	182
SMITH, Neil	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
STEINDLER, Andrew	0	0	1	14	14	43	72
STUBBINGS, Glen	0	7	4	1	1	18	31
SWAN , Graham	0	1	38	20	13	2	74
TABRETT, Ian	0	2	0	0	0	62	64
TATE, Peter	138	25	24	16	16	4	223
TAYLOR, Chris	3	9	2	3	5	143	165
TAYLOR, David	50	18	4	5	1	0	78
TAYLOR, Geoff	0	0	0	0	1	140	141
TAYLOR, Lawrie	0	0	0	4	11	0	15
THAIGARAJAN, MK	0	0	29	37	51	13	130
TRELOAR, Ben	64	21	12	15	8	9	129
TRIBOLET, Brett	2	0	0	0	0	76	78
TURMANIS, Juris	0	0	30	51	45	17	143
TURNER, Michael J	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
TURNER, Michael W	0	0	0	2	6	4	12
TWINING, Dean	0	15	9	16	7	1	48
TYSON, Doug	45	280	43	39	10	16	433
VASEY, Andrew	0	9	32	12	22	5	80
VASEY, Tony	0	0	12	38	33	3	86
VELLA, Aaron	4	10	2	0	1	41	58
VERCO, Geoff	0	10	47	21	15	3	96
VYSE, Warick	0	0	20	31	25	4	80
WAGHRAY, Avi	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
WALKER, Lachlan	6	3	2	1	0	1	13
WARD, Malcolm	0	0	0	0	0	77	77
WARD, Steve	0	0	1	5	1	2	9
WATSON, Arthur	365	53	81	122	70	20	711
WEIR, Chris	62	93	197	73	36	44	505
WENNERBOM, Nick	110	60	46	35	14	13	278
WENT, David	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
WENTZEL, Karl	70	45	15	5	13	23	171
WHEELER, Geoff	0	3	0	0	0	90	93
WHEELER, Michael	0	1	0	0	0	105	106
WHITAKER, Kevin	0	30	41	17	6	0	94
WHITE, Graeme	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
WHITEHOUSE, Bruce	0	4	10	6	6	73	99
WICKS, David	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
WILDS, Anthony	103	5	1	2	0	0	111
WILLIAMS, John	0	0	9	94	168	61	332
WISEMAN, Brian	0	0	2	12	4	0	18
WOOD, Bruce	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WOOD, Stuart	0	2	16	7	0	53	78
YASEEN, Bilal	0	0	0	2	8	4	14



# Cricket NSW Dr David Dilley

Cricket NSW Board:		
Chairman	John Warn	
Directors		
Dr David Dilley	The Hon Patricia Forsyth	
Lyall Gorman	Kevin Greene	Ian Hogg
John Knox	Greg Monaghan	Marshall Rosen
NSWCUSA Delegate to the NSW Cricket Association		
Dr David Dilley		

The Annual General Meeting of NSW Cricket Association was held on 2 September 2013. Mr John Warn was elected Chairman. Three Directors eligible for re-election, Messrs. Greg Monaghan, Marshall Rosen, and Dr David Dilley were returned, unopposed, to the Board. Messrs. John Knox and Lyall Gorman were confirmed as Appointed Directors.

The past year has been one of successful consolidation for Cricket NSW both on and off the field. The men's team took out the Bupa Sheffield Shield after topping the table and outplaying Western Australia in the Final. NSW last won the Shield in season 2007/8.

The Ryobi Cup One Day Cup was conducted as a specific "stand alone" tournament in October 2013 and hosted by Cricket NSW at various grounds around Sydney. The format generally met with approval and is likely to be revisited in this format in the coming season. The NSW Blues finished runners up to Queensland.

The NSW Lend Lease Breakers continued on their winning way taking out the Women's National Cricket League title yet again, defeating Victoria in a rain-shortened Final at North Sydney Oval. However they lost a semi final in the T20 competition to a feisty team from the ACT Cricket Association.

The NSW Bush Blues finished third at the Australian Country Cricket Championships NSW. At the Imparja Cup the men's team finished in second place with the women winning the tournament.

Joanne Broadbent has been re-signed as the Breakers coach.

The men's assistant coach Chandika Hathurusingha will take up the role of coach of the Bangladesh team. Chandika has been a boon to the NSW squad and we wish him every success in Bangladesh. "Our loss is their gain."

Off the field a major reorganisation at CNSW has seen the consolidation of various departments into "Cricket Performance", resulting in fewer direct reporting lines to the Chief Executive Officer Mr Andrew Jones.

A key strategic goal of Cricket NSW is to be the No.1 producer of talent in Australian cricket.

This is part of the broader aspiration of Cricket NSW to be the No.1 State for production of Australian players, attendance, fan passion, team success, participation and

attendance, fan passion, team success, participation and investment in the game.

Having reviewed the Cricket NSW elite cricket operations over the period since he started as CEO on 1 July last year, Mr Jones came to the view that elite cricket functions – State Cricket, State Umpiring and Cricket Operations (including Grade Cricket) – will operate more effectively as one department.

He, therefore, decided to merge those 3 departments into 1, to be called NSW Cricket Performance.

This will:

- Bring all aspects of Grade cricket into the same department as the State open age and youth teams, reflecting its crucial linking role in the elite cricket pathway
- Bring all administrative functions relating to elite cricket, for example competition administration and match management, into the same department, allowing improved knowledge sharing and productivity
- Bring umpiring into the department that is also responsible for the development of elite players and coaches, reflecting its importance in the NSW elite pathway

As a consequence of this change, there will be some changes to roles and reporting lines. The most significant are as follows:

- The current roles of GM State Cricket and GM Cricket Operations will no longer exist. They will be replaced by an expanded role of General Manager, NSW Cricket Performance who has yet to be appointed, but the recruitment process is well underway. The position attracted interest from all over the cricketing world.
- The GM NSW Cricket Performance will be responsible for ensuring NSW has the No.1-performing State, county or provincial cricket function in the world, and ultimately the No.1 high performance function in Australian professional sport. The role traverses the men's, women's, coaching and umpiring pathways and the GM will obviously work hand-in-hand with Head Coaches; Talent, Player Development, Pathway and Coach Education Managers; State Director of Umpiring; and the operations team to achieve this.
- A new role of Senior Manager, Cricket Operations will be created, reporting to the GM Cricket Performance and overseeing all administrative elements of elite cricket, including those of our youth pathway programs, country representative cricket, Sydney Grade, the Blues and the Breakers, the cricket elements of the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup and liaison with our Past Players.
- The Executive Officer of NSWCUSA will report to the new GM NSW Cricket Performance, as well as to the NSWCUSA Board.

In light of these changes, Ian Field left Cricket NSW, after long and committed service to the association and its members. Ian deserves thanks for an extraordinary two decades of service. Ian was a passionate worker for cricket in general and Cricket NSW in particular. Over the years Ian had much contact with members of NSWCUSA earning their respect, and in many cases, friendships. Thank you Ian; and health, happiness, and success to you!





David Thompson will undertake the new role of Senior Manager, Cricket Operations, a portfolio which includes all the administrative and operational aspects of elite cricket, the cricket elements of the upcoming Cricket World Cup, the Grade and Country competitions, and the Cricket NSW relationship with the Baggy Blues.

Darren Goodger will continue in his role as State Director of Umpiring, Executive Officer of NSWCUSA, and State Umpire Coach, with a revised reporting line to the GM NSW Cricket Performance. This move is designed to underline the importance of umpiring in the NSW performance pathway.

As always, NSWCUSA extends thanks to the Senior Leadership Team at Cricket NSW, and the NSW Cricket Board, for their support given to our Association and their interest in umpiring and scoring at all levels.





# Section Six :

## Finance

### *Eighty-Fifth Annual Report 1997/98*

Life Members 10
Conferred Senior Members 24
Full Members 291
Ordinary Members 332
Scorer Members 24
Junior Members 15
Honorary Members 5
Membership 701

I am not alone in noting that the national level of appointment of "visiting" umpires to Sheffield Shield matches interstate is unsatisfactory, unnecessary and detrimental to the development of local talent. And whilst it is acknowledged that two of our senior umpires each received three appointments interstate, the undeniable fact is that of twenty two umpiring appointments to Shield, Touring and Mercantile Mutual Cup matches in NSW our local NSW appointments only totalled twelve.







# NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 30 APRIL 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Balance as at 1 May 2013	284,978.51	260,583.59
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(101,190.07)	24,394.92
Balance as at 30 April 2014	<u>183,788.44</u>	<u>284,978.51</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and Deposits		
Cash on Hand - Social Committee	50.00	50.00
Cash on Hand - NSWCUA Office	50.00	50.00
General Account	5,363.91	63,172.32
Welfare Account	10,000.00	-
General Deposits	120,405.11	117,323.83
	<u>135,869.02</u>	<u>180,596.15</u>
Trade Debtors	2,135.00	8,480.00
Merchandise Inventory	50,326.40	61,735.15
Accreditation Kits	-	163.62
Prepayments	495.82	71,100.67 <sup>1</sup>
GST Assets	8,170.34	9,457.90 <sup>2</sup>
Total Current Assets	<u>196,996.58</u>	<u>331,533.49</u>
Property and Equipment		
Administration Equipment	999.00	999.00
Administration Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(999.00)	(999.00)
Total Administration Equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Coaching Equipment	22,718.35	20,983.35
Coaching Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(18,926.49)	(17,482.83)
Total Coaching Equipment	<u>3,791.86</u>	<u>3,500.52</u>
Examination System Software	32,700.00	32,700.00
Examination System Software Accumulated Depreciation	(32,700.00)	(32,700.00)
Total Computer Software	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Trademark	2,544.95	2,544.95
Trademark Depreciation	(2,544.95)	(2,544.95)
Total Trademark	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u>3,791.86</u>	<u>3,500.52</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>200,788.44</b></u>	<u><b>335,034.01</b></u>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>		
Other Current Liabilities	17,000.00	50,055.50 <sup>3</sup>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><b>17,000.00</b></u>	<u><b>50,055.50</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>183,788.44</b></u>	<u><b>284,978.51</b></u>

Notes	1	Prepayment MYOB insurance
	2	Net GST receivable on income and purchases
	3	Legal Costs accrual & Community Service Grant received in advance





**NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS  
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
For the Year Ended 30 April 2014**

	2014 \$	2013 \$	Notes
<b>INCOME</b>			
Sales of Merchandise and Publications	23,836.79	38,912.26	
Less Stock on Hand 1 May 2013	61,898.77	15,127.13	
Purchases	19,711.83	78,482.18	
	81,610.60	93,609.31	
Less Stock on Hand 30 April 2014	50,326.40	61,898.77	
Cost of Goods Sold	31,284.20	31,710.54	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Sales of Merchandise	(7,447.41)	7,201.72	
Membership Fees	56,103.15	55,297.73	
Affiliation Fees	1,550.00	1,850.00	
Interest Received	4,840.73	11,151.41	
Crickets Australia Grant	45,000.00	45,000.00	
Training Registrations	19,569.98	10,774.42	
Examination Registrations	545.56	627.34	
Accreditation Income	420.00	1,119.90	
Sponsorship	300.00	13,990.91	
Bill O'Reilly Awards (Sydney Morning Herald Awards)	909.09	909.09	
Social Appointments Levy	245.47	307.27	
Sundry Income	13.11	-	
Raffle Proceeds Including Centenary	11,255.59	4,495.28	
Centenary Book Sales	4,460.00	-	
Umpires Fees	15,858.45	6,790.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>153,623.72</b>	<b>159,515.07</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration			
Annual Report	6,063.75	7,821.25	
Depreciation	1,443.66	684.12	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,906.49	4,914.48	1
Filing Fees	52.00	51.00	
General Expenses	9,904.95	7,255.36	
Salaries & Related Expenses	4,485.00	37,698.00	
Honoraria	7,900.00	6,700.00	
Post Box Rental	97.27	86.00	
Computer Costs	2,187.90	1,660.46	
Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies	242.88	2,056.08	
Bank Fees	2,349.23	2,041.05	
Venue Rentals	2,971.08	1,601.13	
Centenary Book Costs	33,421.30	-	
Umpires Fees	15,340.00	6,790.00	
Centenary Documentary Costs	81,840.00	-	
Centenary Member Gifts	1,807.27	12,206.00	
	175,012.78	84,774.93	
Examination and Training			
Education & Development	4,717.57	5,440.12	
Training Expenses	10,371.45	13,913.72	
Convention (net)	10,237.37	7,965.53	
Country Seminars	11,440.65	13,174.31	
Accreditation Expenses	195.60	1,908.43	
	36,962.64	42,402.11	
Hospitality			
Centenary Raffle Costs	14,455.41	-	
Annual Dinner (net)	7,020.80	5,712.51	
Functions and Events	3,066.64	2,230.60	
Centenary Dinner (net)	18,295.52	-	
	42,838.37	7,943.11	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>254,813.79</b>	<b>135,120.15</b>	
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(101,190.07)</b>	<b>24,394.92</b>	

These notes form part of the Accounts of NSWCUA

1 Payment of fuel for Vehicle supplied by CNSW to Executive Officer



# Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the year 2013/14. The report contains the Association Statement of Assets and Liabilities together with the Statement of Income and Expenditure of your Association in its 101st year ending 30 April 2014.

This year has been one of celebrating our Centenary year. Some of the significant items with regard to the financial position of NSWCUA are:

- The cost of umpire and scorer training and development throughout NSW this season was \$36,962.64 of which \$45,000 was returned through the Umpire Service Grant;
- Membership subscriptions again increased over the level of 2012/13 by 1.5%, due to the continued outstanding hard work of the EO of the Association and the team of volunteer trainers state wide;
- Support for our merchandise operations was down by 27% which was understandable as kitting up for the Centenary year occurred in 2012/13.

## Statement of Income and Expenditure

The Association's result was a deficit of \$101,190.07. This figure includes:

1. The Umpire Service Grant (USG) from Cricket Australia.
2. Income invoiced not yet received.
3. Expenditure that we know is to be invoiced, however not charged as yet.

Our income totalled \$177,460.51, with main components of income comprising:

- Income from membership and affiliation fees was \$57,653.15. This was an increase of 0.9% over 2012/13;
- Interest received reduced by 56.6%, due to the reduction in interest rates and the funds left on deposit due to Centenary projects that did not return a profit, such as the DVD and Book.; Merchandising sales were \$23,836.79, a reduction of \$15,075.47 over 2012/13. John Evans continues to do a wonderful job servicing the members all over the state. The thanks of the Association are offered to John;
- Raffle income was \$11,256.59, an increase of \$6,761.31 over 2012/13. This was a combination of raffles including the Antarctic raffle.

Expenditure totalled \$254,060.73 for the year – an increase of \$119,003.21 on last year.

Some of the major components were:

## Administration Expenses

- The total cost of the Annual Report decreased by \$1,757.50 on last year to \$6,063.75. The quality of the report has again been outstanding thanks to the work of

Troy Penman and Sharad Patel;

- The print of the Centenary Book was \$33,421.30;
- The cost of "100 Not Out" to the Association was \$81,840.
- Honoraria had an increase of \$1,200 to \$7,900 in recognition of the high standard work of our volunteers;
- The annual contribution made to Cricket NSW, to support staff salaries and office usage, of \$15,000. The reason that only \$4,485 appears in the accounts is due to the negotiation a write-back of \$13,551 over provided in last year's accounts.

## Training Expenses

Expenditure on training continued to be a major part of the Association's operations. Just over \$41,000 of actual expenditure was incurred in this area, of which \$45,000 was funded by the USG:

- The Convention returned a loss of \$10,055.87 at Cootamundra. A great Convention again was delivered by Darren Goodger and the willing volunteers. Employees of the Cootamundra Ex-Servicemen's and Citizens' Memorial Club are thanked for their help and support; I would also like to thank Richard Widows, Bob Parry and Alan Mantle for their efforts and support during the Convention;
- The continued concentration on the training and development of country umpires was shown with the number of country umpires umpiring in the Sydney Cricket Association. Expenses for members of the Country Panel on these weekends was met by this Association as part of its ongoing commitment to developing our representative country umpires;
- The members of the Country and Supplementary Panels, and Zone Representatives engaged in a professional development program in Scone to aid members in their preparation for the 2013/14 season. This weekend was again a success;
- The focus on training and development continued in 2013/14 with Education and Development programs by our EO. Darren spends countless hours in preparing and presenting training programs and materials second to none with his team of trainers;
- The training programs are assisting umpires to progress through the Cricket Australia pathway to national level.

## Hospitality

The importance of the social occasion cannot be underestimated in the Association as it allows us to get together with our fellow members in a completely different environment. In particular, the Social Committee is to be congratulated on their efforts for organising these events and particularly the way they manage to extract money from each of us to support their raffles.





A total of \$11,255.59 was raised in revenue from all raffles conducted during the year. Well done to Brian Ferguson and his committee.

- The Annual Dinner was again held at Bankstown Sports Club for what was a very enjoyable evening. A loss of \$7,020.80 was incurred. There was an increase from 195 to 220 guests attending. I wish to ask those of you that attended to keep spreading the word of the enjoyment of this evening and to encourage more members to attend. I wish to thank Kerry O'Keeffe who joined us this year as our guest entertainer and Trent Copeland who was an excellent master of ceremonies.

- The birthday bash on 15 August at Dockside was a fitting way to celebrate the NSWCUA turning 100 years old. Thank you to all who attended, including the many guests from the SCA Grade clubs, for their support of what was a wonderful event. The highlights of the evening were the entertainment provided by Billy Birmingham and Bill Massingham, and the induction of 11 into the Umpires' Hall of Fame. This function had a deficit of \$18,295.52, money well spent as everyone had a great time, and the Board had budgeted to heavily subsidise this Centenary event for members and guests.

#### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Total cash and deposits as at 30 April 2014 amounted to \$135,869.02 which is a decrease of \$44,727.13 on the previous year. This balance meets the requirement of the Board to be able to meet the contribution to Cricket NSW for the Umpires Department into the future.

#### Acknowledgements

The position of Treasurer involves support from many people without whose assistance the job would be extremely difficult. I would like to thank the following in this regard:

- Administration Manager Troy Penman and Administration Officer Sharad Patel for their assistance in handling the many receipts which pass through the NSWCUA office and for their dedication and hard work;
- The Merchandise Officer John Evans, and his wife Rosemary, for their work in filling the merchandise orders and maintaining control over the merchandise stock. I include here John's assistants who ran the Convention sales;
- Our Social Committee for their efforts in revenue raising, and especially Brian Ferguson as Chair;
- Board Chairmen, Dr. Stephen Poole and Geoff Garland, and the Board Directors for their guidance;
- Executive Officer Darren Goodger.

The following are thanked for their support of NSWCUA:

- Cricket NSW Chief Executive Andrew Jones, Chief Financial Officer Michael Dalton, and the Cricket NSW Senior Leadership team;

- NSW Country Cricket Association – Chairman Ian Hogg, the Committee of Management and Programs Manager Bruce Whitehouse;

- Sydney Cricket Association – Chairman Andrew Falk, the Committee of Management and staff in Ian Field, Roy Formica, Kath Koschel and Laura Barker;

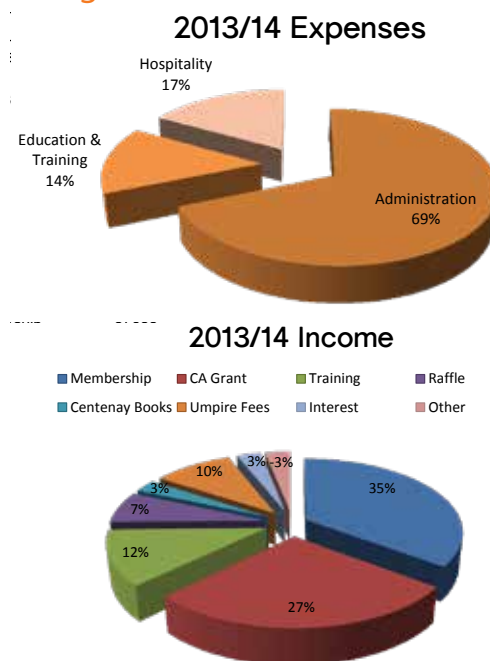
- Cricket Australia Match Officials Manager Sean Easey, Cricket Services Officer Cate Ryan and Umpire Educator Bob Parry;

- Major sponsor – Kingsgrove Sports – the generosity of Harry and Rohini Solomons is genuine and appreciated.

The financial year sees the Association continuing in a sound financial position. The deficit of \$101,190.07 enabled our members to celebrate the Association's 100th birthday together. In 2014/15 there will be continued focus on training and developing umpires and scorers at all levels in NSW while being a year of financial consolidation. The ongoing support of all members is required and appreciated.

I would like to thank all members for their support during my seventh term as your Treasurer and wish you all the very best for season 2014/15.

#### Laurie Borg



## Audit Opinion

The financial statements and associated records of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated have been submitted for audit. In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated as at 30 April 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

**Brett S McMillan BEc CPA**  
**David M Wiseman BCom CPA**



# Comments and Conclusion

Season 2013-14 saw Australia host England in men's and women's matches at international level.

Australia regained the Ashes with a 5-0 series victory. The SCG Test Match, the fifth in the series, saw Australia win by 281 runs inside three days with Ryan Harris taking eight wickets in the match to win the Player of the Match Award. The SCG Test Match saw NSWCUA members Christine Bennison and Adam Morehouse officiating as the scorers while the umpires were Aleem Dar and Marais Erasmus.

Australia won the ODI series 4-1 and the T20 International series 3-0. It was a comprehensive victory for the hosts in all three forms of the game against England.

England defeated the Prime Minister's XI by 172 runs at Manuka Oval, the tour match being umpired by NSWCUA members Gerard Abood and Simon Lightbody.

England won the women's Ashes series, including the Test Match at the WACA Ground by 61 runs which was umpired by NSWCUA member Greg Davidson and Ian Lock from Western Australia.

Anthony Wilds was also involved in umpiring two matches in the women's Ashes series, one ODI and one T20 International.

At the domestic level the NSW Blues won the Sheffield Shield for the 46th time. The drawn Final against Western Australia was played at Manuka Oval, and umpired by ICC International Panel members Simon Fry and John Ward. NSWCUA was well represented by reserve umpire Simon Lightbody and scorers Christine Bennison and Kay Wilcoxon. The Final will long be remembered for the brilliant first innings century of Moises Henriques who scored 140.

The NSW Blues also contested the Final of the Ryobi One Day Cup going down to Queensland by five wickets at North Sydney Oval. The umpires were Simon Fry and John Ward and the scorers were Christine Bennison and Kay Wilcoxon.

The NSW Breakers won the Women's National Cricket League for the ninth straight season defeating Victoria in a rain shortened Final at North Sydney Oval by seven wickets. The WNCL Final was umpired by Shawn Craig (Victoria) and Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania) while the scorers were Darren Mattison and Chris McLeod.

Life member Simon Taufel, proudly wearing his NSWCUA blazer and the Association tie, delivered the 2013 Cowdrey Lecture. Simon acknowledged the support of his wife, Helen, he drew on personal experience to deliver key messages and he spoke about respect and how the Spirit of Cricket is about how best we all, individually, can serve the game.

The full text of his address can be viewed here:

<http://www.lords.org/mcc/mcc-spirit-of-cricket/mcc-spirit-of-cricket-cowdrey-lecture/2013-simon-taufel/>

Two key take home messages for the writer were:

1) One of the key qualities an umpire must possess is humility – the ability to know and accept the role that we play within the game and ensure that we create the right environment for the players to perform and express their talents. Yes, we have an important role but it's not the most important. It is, after all, a player's game and always should be.

2) The importance of learning lessons through our mistakes – rational thought needs to overtake emotional thought as mental toughness is the ability to control your thoughts and emotions and not let them control you.

"You could view your failures as a gift because they often set you up for a breakthrough. So what benefits can be derived in defeat or setbacks? I can think of at least four valuable lessons failure gives us:

1. It is a great teacher
2. It builds character
3. It motivates you
4. It helps you appreciate success

The challenges we face can help make us stronger, better, and more prepared for success." - Nick Vujicic.

Simon Taufel's work in the role of ICC Umpire Performance and Training Manager will see the introduction of formal umpire accreditation programs for umpires at the elite level.

ICC Umpire Accreditation becomes the foundation for the subsequent training and performance assessment processes that each match official will go through during his international career. Accreditation embraces a conceptual approach. It has been constructed to foster the integration of Processes and Elements for successful development of the six Foundation Tasks. These are:

- Attitude and team work
- Preparation
- Match management
- Decision making
- Technique
- Self management / Personal development

Gerard Abood continued as a member of the National Umpire Panel with all feedback suggesting he is going from strength to strength. Greg Davidson has been added to the NUP for season 2014-15 having performed well in the Futures League and national youth championships for the previous three seasons. Greg's elevation is deserved. He is passionate, committed and possesses a positive attitude toward umpiring and assisting others with their own development. Greg is a proud member of NSWCUA. We are delighted that his ability has been recognised. No one understands more than Greg that the hard work starts now.

Our late Patron, Ted Wykes, was known for saying, "There's plenty of room at the top, but none for lying down."





Simon Lightbody, David Taylor and Anthony Wilds all received the opportunity to umpire four-day cricket in the Futures League, while Keiran Knight and Ben Treloar umpired an official four-day State Second XI match between NSW and Victoria. All performed with distinction. Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds were involved in the U19 ODI Tri Series in Darwin which gave them exposure at international level. Both members enjoy the respect of the players, their colleagues and all stakeholders. They both work hard at improving their game and are keen to assist others in improving their knowledge and performance.

Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson performed strongly umpiring the Sydney Cricket Association First Grade Grand Final. It was a high intensity match in which Sydney University defeated Bankstown outright, with both umpires being praised for an outstanding performance under pressure.

With all matches in the Ryobi One Day Cup being played in Sydney, our scorers received extra opportunities to officiate at interstate level. The thanks of the Association and congratulations go to all of them. Christine Bennison, Toni Lorraine, Adam Morehouse and Robyn Sanday all performed well at international level, while Ian Wright was selected to make his First Class debut and was acknowledged for this at the Annual Dinner.

Merilyn Fowler is a recognised world leader in scorer education and training and continues to chair the NSWCUA Scorers Committee. Merilyn and Narelle Johnston are always available to act as mentors for our scorer members. Scorer courses continue to be facilitated across the state with excellent feedback received regarding their organisation, resourcing and delivery.

The Annual Dinner was a season highlight with 220 members and guests attending during which Kerry O'Keeffe provided quality entertainment and Trent Copeland was a polished and appreciated MC.

Many thanks go also to our country based umpires and scorers. A number of country based umpires took up the opportunity to officiate in the SCA Grade competition. This added to their experience and assisted their development. Country members are always welcome to officiate in the Grade competition.

The Association offers a special vote of thanks to all Board Directors, office bearers, committee members, accredited trainers and volunteers. All work tirelessly for the betterment of the Association and make a significant contribution. All do so on in an honorary capacity and all set high standards and are completely committed.

The work of the office bearers in our Affiliated Associations is very much appreciated. The Association remains committed to all Affiliates and to assisting with general administration, umpire education and development, and with training courses for prospective umpires. If our Affiliates can build the interest, we will commit to providing the services.

We also acknowledge our hard working Zone Umpire Representatives in each of the Country Cricket Zones. They travel far and wide to spread the word and are integral to our Association.

Liaison Officer, Neil Findlay, is also acknowledged for his tremendous work with the Affiliated Associations. Neil reports regularly to the Board on happenings in our affiliates. The Association remains committed to being represented at the AGM of as many affiliates as possible.

Keith Griffiths, our Country Umpire Advisor, continues his efforts to provide feedback on performances and development of members on the Country Representative Panel and the Supplementary Panel. Life member Ian Thomas gave us valuable access to his assessment thoughts on performances during the Country Championship Carnival held at Orange and the Country Shield Final Series held at Cowra.

Laurie Borg has continued with the judicious management of our finances. The Association remains in deep gratitude to him. The manner in which Laurie took on the huge job of managing our funds makes my job easier in framing budgets, with his support and expertise, for training and educational projects.

The Merchandise Officer, John Evans, has done an outstanding job. John continued his task with enthusiasm and dedication and we have achieved record sales of Association merchandise under his management. We thank John, and his wife Rosemary, for the countless hours of ordering, sorting, packaging and dispatching.

Troy Penman and Sharad Patel have done a fine job on the Association web page and Facebook to ensure these are up to date and of interest to members. Sharad's work on designing and producing "In Black and White" and NSWCUA e newsletters has been of the highest standard.

A very special thanks to the Social Committee under the leadership of Brian Ferguson for their efforts in providing top class raffle prizes and endless entertainment during the monthly raffle draws. The social functions and events that contribute to our season are something we continue to look forward to.

The Centenary Committee worked hard to ensure a successful year of celebration under the leadership of Nick Carson. The Committee is offered the thanks of the Association. The highlight of the year was the Centenary Dinner at Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, at which there were 300 members and guests. Billy Birmingham provided entertainment at its best and the inaugural inductees into the NSWCUA Hall of Fame were announced. Regional centenary celebrations were held in Bathurst, Lismore, Newcastle and Tamworth. Nick Carson did an excellent job organising these events which were sponsored generously by Film Buff Productions.



Kingsgrove Sports was the Association's major sponsor in its Centenary Year. We thank Harry and Rohini Solomons for their support and generosity. It was pleasing to have both attend functions during our Centenary celebrations.

Ian Wright, as Social Appointments Officer, has been a pleasure to work with and spent countless hours in arranging umpire appointments to matches at various levels. Ian's professionalism and dedication are appreciated.

We acknowledge also the positive contribution made by our three Co-Patrons – Brian Booth MBE, Alan Davidson AM MBE and Dick French OAM. Each is a true supporter of umpiring and of our Association. We are blessed to have them as Patrons and appreciate the fact that all were able to attend the NSW CUSA Annual Dinner this year.

We were pleased to see Brian Booth recognised with his deserved induction into the Cricket NSW Hall of Fame. Brian was a most humble recipient.

The Directors of the Board, under the leadership of Dr Stephen Poole, and then Geoff Garland, should be given full credit for taking on their role. Stephen and Geoff have both been committed leaders, supportive of staff, and dedicated to advancing the Association. It is time consuming and the Board as a whole has the affairs of cricket umpiring and scoring throughout the state very close to their heart. All make a positive contribution to the Association's education and development initiatives.

Dr David Dilley, as well being a member of the NSW CUSA Board, is also a current Director of Cricket NSW and a former Director of Cricket Australia. He has fulfilled his duties admirably and given umpiring a voice at the senior level of cricket administration.

Dr Dilley also served as a Cricket Australia Board Director. Dr Dilley's service was praised by Cricket NSW Board Chairman, John Warn, in a media release, "I must also thank Dr David Dilley for the superb work he has done in recent months as our CA Board representative."

Dr Dilley filled this position in an interim capacity prior to the election of Mark Taylor as the Cricket NSW independent representative on the CA Board.

Sincere thanks are also given for the support given to NSW CUSA by Cricket NSW. Chief Executive, Andrew Jones, and Board Chairman, John Warn, are thanked for their genuine interest in the affairs of our Association. Their support is absolute and appreciated.

Cricket NSW is totally committed to our Association with umpiring mentioned in Pillars 2 and 3 of the Cricket NSW Strategy. The State Association is committed to producing the best teams, players and officials in the world – NSW CUSA has its part to play.

We offer thanks to staff in the Sydney Cricket Association (Ian Field, Roy Formica, Laura Barker and Kath Koschel) and NSW Country Cricket Association (Bruce Whitehouse) for their positive cooperation during

the season and to the entire Cricket NSW Senior Management Team for their interest in and support of NSW CUSA.

Ian Field left Cricket NSW after long and committed service to the association and its members. Ian deserves our thanks and acclaim for an extraordinary two decades of service.

A key strategic goal of Cricket NSW is to be the No.1 producer of talent in Australian cricket.

This is part of the broader Cricket NSW aspiration to be the No.1 State for production of Australian players, attendance, fan passion, team success, participation and investment in the game.

Having reviewed elite cricket operations over the period since starting as CEO on 1 July 2013, Andrew Jones came to the view that the Cricket NSW elite cricket functions – State Cricket, State Umpiring and Cricket Operations (including Grade Cricket) – will operate more effectively as one department.

He has merged those three departments into one, to be called NSW Cricket Performance.

This will:

- Bring all aspects of Grade cricket into the same department as the State open age and youth teams, reflecting its crucial linking role in the elite cricket pathway
- Bring all administrative functions relating to elite cricket, for example competition administration and match management, into the same department, allowing improved knowledge sharing and productivity
- Bring Umpiring into the department that is also responsible for the development of elite players and coaches, reflecting its importance in the NSW elite pathway

As a consequence of this change, there are changes to roles and reporting lines. The most significant are as follows:

- The roles of GM State Cricket and GM Cricket Operations will no longer exist. They will be replaced by an expanded role of General Manager, NSW Cricket Performance.
- The GM NSW Cricket Performance will be responsible for ensuring NSW has the No.1-performing State, county or provincial cricket function in the world, and ultimately the No.1 high performance function in Australian professional sport. The role traverses the men's, women's, coaching and umpiring pathways and the GM will obviously work hand-in-hand with our Head Coaches, our Talent, Player Development, Pathway and Coach Education Managers, our State Director of Umpiring, and our operations team to achieve this. This role has been advertised and attracted interest from all over the cricket world. At the time of writing the position had yet to be filled.





- A new role of Senior Manager, Cricket Operations has been created, reporting to the GM Cricket Performance and overseeing all administrative elements of elite cricket, including those of our youth pathway programs, country representative cricket, Sydney Grade, the Blues and the Breakers, the cricket elements of the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup and liaison with our Past Players. This role has been filled by David Thompson who has a real passion for Grade cricket.

- The Executive Officer of the NSWCUSA will report to the new GM NSW Cricket Performance, as well as to the Association's Board.

The thanks of NSWCUSA are also offered to Cricket Australia. The provision of the Umpire Service Grant assisted with umpire and scorer recruitment, training and ongoing education. Match Officials Manager, Sean Easey, was a welcome guest at the Centenary Dinner on 15 August. Sean communicates on a regular basis with the State Directors of Umpiring and respects the role our Association plays in identifying, fostering and supporting emerging talent. Sean is supported by Cricket Services Officer, Cate Ryan, in the Umpiring Department at Cricket Australia whose attention to detail and professionalism is excellent. Former National Umpire Panel member, Bob Parry, is the Cricket Australia Umpire Educator and was a welcome guest presenter at the NSWCUSA Annual Convention at Cootamundra. Bob strongly encourages the sharing of resource materials between States to between umpires at all levels of the game.

We look forward to working with Sean, Cate and Bob to make our match officials the best prepared in the world and to increase participation at all levels.

The Association continues to witness changes not just in the manner we operate, but changes to cricket. The opportunity to review our activities and methods are ever present. Nothing stands still, nor should it. Ideas from members to improve our operations are always welcome, members should feel welcome to offer solutions to help grow the Association. We encourage open and honest communication.

Often the best and most telling lessons an Association can learn come from the mistakes that are made. Whether in strategy, recruitment, advertising or product development it is rare to get it right first time every time. These experiences and failures should make us more aware of the pitfalls and more alert to the opportunities ahead and how to take advantage of them.

The contribution made to the Association by Troy Penman has been outstanding. Promoted in 2012 to the position of NSWCUSA Administration Manager, having commenced as Administration Officer in September 2009, Troy has worked tirelessly and with significant skill which has been recognised and acknowledged by the Board of Directors. He strives for excellence in everything he undertakes and has been a wonderful worker in support of the Association and the general membership. Troy's work ethic, humility and loyalty are to be commended.

Sharad Patel filled the Administration Officer position following Troy's promotion, being in the position from February 2013 until his resignation in May 2014. Sharad did an outstanding job and will be missed. He has won on merit an Executive Assistant position at Sydney Trains. Sharad takes with us our thanks for his excellent work ethic, our congratulations on his new appointment and our best wishes for a successful future in his professional career and with his continued studies.

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As a staff we commit to working hard together for the benefit and development of our members.

It is amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.

"The strength of any team lies within the capacity of its individuals, and without their cooperation in each part of their business efficiency is diminished." - Ric Charlesworth.

NSWCUSA remains committed to retaining our position as a world leader in our field. We seek to join others who have similar goals in the promotion and advancement of cricket umpiring and scoring and in endorsing the correct application of the Laws of Cricket for the good of this great game.

"I will not allow yesterday's success to lull me into today's complacency, for this is the great foundation of failure." Og Mandino

As the completion of our Centenary Year we have much to celebrate, and for which to be thankful, and we look forward to a prosperous future and to our members receiving opportunities to officiate at a level commensurate with their attitude, work ethic and ability.



As an Association we were delighted to see Dick French recognised with an award for his services to umpiring at the Vintage Cricketer Luncheon of Lord's Taverners Australia. A former Test umpire, Dick has been a loyal servant to cricket through his outstanding contribution to umpiring in NSW and Australia. Dick was President of the Association for 10 years from 1990, is a former State Director of Umpiring, former member of the Cricket Australia National Umpire Selection Panel and former member of the Cricket Australia Technical Committee. He was also a match referee for domestic limited overs matches. Dick's contribution has been significant and his acknowledgement by Lord's Taverners, which was endorsed by the NSWCUA Board, saw Dick receive the inaugural umpiring award.

Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds, having been nominated by Cricket Australia, were selected for the National Officiating Scholarship (NOS) through the Australian Sports Commission.

The NOS aims to assist the development of emerging high performance officials by enabling them to undertake professional development and identified training activities; to improve their skills and to fast track them through a recognised pathway to officiate within the elite level of their chosen sport.

The individualised scholarships will provide support in a variety of areas such as high level practical officiating experience; accreditation advancement, sports psychology services, sports recovery support services and further development opportunities.

Each scholarship official works with a mentor who assists him for the duration of his scholarship. Greg is working with Simon Taufel while Anthony is working with Graham Chudleigh.

Mentoring is a key component of the program. The ASC conducts an induction workshop for scholarship officials and their mentors, and provides ongoing support and monitoring throughout the program.

Scholarships are conducted over a calendar year and work has commenced in this year's program.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin.

We congratulate Greg and Anthony on their scholarships and wish them well for the duration of the program and beyond. It will help them prepare for elite level officiating.

In concluding the annual report for season 2013-14 we sincerely thank all who have made a contribution to this wonderful Association over the past year and, indeed, 101 years.

"Attitudes are more important than rules." - Jack Gibson.

**Darren Goodger**

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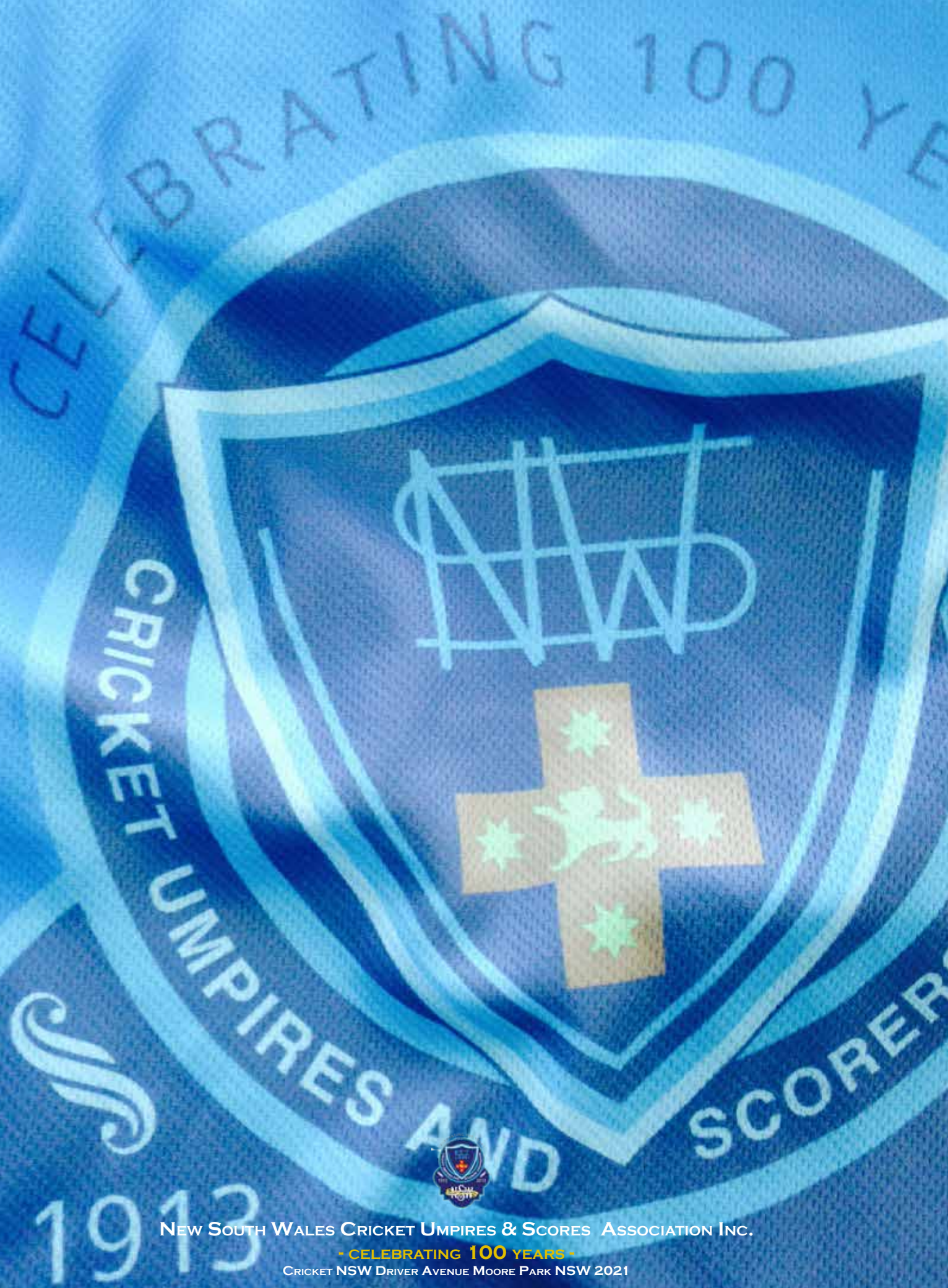
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