

NSWCUSA ANNUAL REPORT

2015-16





NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated will be held at the Bowlers' Club of New South Wales at 95-99 York Street, Sydney on Wednesday 6 July 2016 commencing at 7pm.

BUSINESS:

- Attendance and Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes
- Receipt of the Annual Report and of the Treasurer's Report
- Membership Upgrades – Principal Membership; Full Membership
- Election of Patron or Patrons
- Election of Elected Office-Bearers (Treasurer, Liaison Officer) and Elected Directors (2)
- Appointment of Auditors (2)
- Approval of any Honoraria

R. D. Goodger
Executive Officer

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Members & Affiliated Associations,

It gives the NSWCUSA management team 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 2015 to 30 April 2016. Complementing the Annual Report are the Honorary Treasurer's Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 April 2016 and the Statement of Financial Position as at that date.

The Annual Report is now placed on line, but is available to be sent as a book 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 collaboration, contribution, dedication and performance of our members. Thank you one and all.

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

- Phil Jackson.

I take this opportunity to commend to you the outstanding work of Troy Penman (Administration Manager) and Jay Lenton (Administration Officer) for the organisation and compilation of this report. They are excellent administrators, and people, who work tirelessly for the benefit of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association.

It was a marvellous year for your Association, details of which will be highlighted in the pages that follow. Suffice to say there have been more opportunities than ever before for umpires and scorers to develop, improve and gain experience. Many of our colleagues have achieved excellence in the representative pathways. This has come about through diligence, commitment and ability. Bob Beers wrote that spectacular achievements are always preceded by unspectacular preparation.

We trust you find the historical records of your Association's 103rd year of interest. We look forward to serving cricket with positive energy throughout New South Wales in season 2016-17 as we attempt to raise officiating standards across the State.

The highest of all human abilities is the ability each one of us has to choose how we respond to the environment we find ourselves within. And when each one of us chooses peak performance and personal leadership the organisation itself gets to world-class speedily. This is our aim - to be world-class.

R. D. Goodger
Executive Officer



NSWCUSA Patrons

Mr. Brian Booth MBE
Mr. Alan Davidson AM MBE
Mr. Dick French OAM

NSWCUSA Board of Directors

Elected Directors

Mr. Geoff Garland (Board Chair)
Mr. Graham Chudleigh
Dr. David Dilley
Mr. Mark Hughes
(Elected 7 October 2015)
Ms. Claire Polosak
Mr. Muhammad Qureshi
(Resigned 16 September 2015)

Treasurer

Mr. Laurie Borg

Liaison Officer

Mr. Neil Findlay

Appointed Director

Mr. Gaurav Desai
(Appointment confirmed at OGM on 2 September 2015)

Examination Committee

Mr. Mark Hughes (Chair)
Mr. Kevin Battishill
Mr. John Darcy
Mr. Zaheer Nazir
Mr. Ben Treloar
Mr. Graham Chudleigh
(Ex Officio Director)

Scorers Committee

Mrs. Merilyn Fowler (Chair)
Mrs. Christine Bennison
Mrs. Kay Wilcoxon
Mrs Sue Woodhouse
Mr. Ian Wright
Mr. Geoff Garland
(Ex Officio Director)

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Mr. Darren Goodger
(State Director of Umpiring)
Mr. Mark Hughes
(Chair – Examination Committee)
Mrs. Merilyn Fowler
(Chair – Scorers Committee)
Dr. David Dilley
(Ex Officio Director)



Social Committee

Mr. Gaurav Desai (Chair)
 Mr. John Darcy
 Mr. Berend du Plessis
 Mr. Bill Glacken
 Mr. Bill Howard (resigned 26 November 2015)
 Mr. Laurie Borg (Ex Officio Director)

Delegate NSWCA and SCA

Dr. David Dilley

SCA Umpire Observers 2015-16

Mr. Errol Cranney
 Mr. Bob Davis
 Mr. Mark Grant
 Mr. Bill Hendricks
 Mr. Graham Reed

Office-Bearers

Mr. Glen Stubbings
 (Secretary Training-Course Administration)
 Mr. John Evans (Merchandise Officer)
 Mr. Ian Wright
 (Social Appointments Officer – Umpires)

Mrs. Merilyn Fowler
 (Social Appointments Officer – Scorers)

NSWCUSA Staff

Mr. Darren Goodger
 (Executive Officer/State Director of Umpiring)
 Mr. Troy Penman (Administration Manager)
 Mr. Jay Lenton (Administration Officer)

Zone Representatives

Mr. Don Maisey (Central Coast)
 Mr. Gary Crombie (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)

Country Umpires Advisor

Mr. Keith Griffiths

Auditors

Mr. Brett McMillan (BEc CPA)
 Mr. Greg Jones (BSc MPA)





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B. Amour *

H. Armstrong *

W. Barnes *

P. R. Bates *

P. Berridge *

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L. C. J. Borg

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

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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 *

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S. Smith *

A. B. Solomon *

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E. J. Shaw *

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A. G. Watson

G. R. G. Wearne *

A. J. Wheeler *

C. E. Wigzell BEM *

E. F. Wykes OAM *

A. P. Williams *



NSWCUSA Life Member and former ICC Elite Umpire Panel member, Simon Taufel, called stumps on his prolific umpiring career following the ICC T20 World Cup Final in 2012.



Principal Members

S. T. Baker

G. Bamford

J. Barnes

W. J. Battese

C. L. Bennison

S. Black

H. I. Bitel *

D. M. Brandon

B. Cameron

J. I. Cameron

N. Carson

D. G. Coleman

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E. J. Cranney

H. G. Crozier

C. R. Cruickshanks

R. S. Davis

T. M. Donahoo

I. B. Emerson

J. A. Evans

N. W. Findlay

M. A. Fowler

D. Frede

G. M. Garland

A. J. Gifford

A. R. Hamilton

B. Hickey

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W. R. Smith

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N. R. Tickner

D. Tinyow *

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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 2015-16

Chairman's Message

■ Geoff Garland

In our 103rd year we have much to be thankful for. With our 1,218 members State-wide, including 121 new members this year, we continue to broaden our membership base. The work of Darren Goodger and many others in our training team has seen us continue to supply an increasing number of umpires at the higher levels. Rod Tucker on the ICC Elite Panel together with Paul Wilson, Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson on the National Panel and Tony Wilds on the threshold. Later in this report you will read of the achievements of many potential first-class umpires who have done well in Futures League, age championships and other representative games.



Many new arrivals to the first grade panel auger well for the future and we are fortunate to have many former first panel members mentoring in the lower grades. The experience they bring is invaluable. Our Grade competition is recognised as one of the toughest in the world. The performance of our first grade panel this year especially has shown that those there cope very well. Darren's initiative to invite our country members to also participate has shown they too are well up to the task.

Later in this report we recognise the various panel winners and while all of these are most deserving we should reflect that there are many others who, but for a mark here or there, would be equally deserving. Assessment of umpires can be a very subjective and far from an infallible process. Honest self-assessment supported by an ongoing education program and thorough preparation will allow us all to realise our potential.

Two members who have especially achieved this year, but not the only two, are Anthony Hobson, the George Borwick Memorial Award winner for the third successive year, and Claire Polosak, a veritable trailblazer in the Cricket Australia development program all the way to the ICC Women's T20 event in India.

I would also like to congratulate Graham Reed on his elevation to our "Hall of Fame". Over so many years Graham has given so much to the Association and its members. His work with our members in a coaching sense has been invaluable. He is wise and perceptive. We can all learn much from him.

I also pay tribute to another life member, Graham Chudleigh, who has announced his retirement from on field duties this year after 452 SCA games and hundreds more in other competitions. Graham will continue as a Board Director, an observer in the SCA and a NSWCUSA Coach. Graham is one of the finest gentleman I have ever known. I have never heard him speak ill of anyone. As a player, umpire and administrator he has always upheld the highest ideals of cricket.

Our management team comprises Darren Goodger (Executive Officer), Troy Penman (Administration Manager) and Jay Lenton (Administration Officer). They have done a wonderful job for the Association. The time and effort they have spent has been way above the "call of duty". We are in their debt. We are delighted that Jay Lenton has received a Cricket NSW full contract, we thank him for his contribution to NSWCUSA and wish him every success in the future. Jay has worked hard and earned the respect of Board, management and the membership. We congratulate him on his contract and hope to see him add to his three first-class appearances.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Board Directors for their support and hard work throughout the year. Difficult decisions have had to be made. These have been carefully considered in the best interest of NSWCUSA. We have had to come through our court case and close that chapter of our history. We have had to wear poor decisions made many years ago by others, but I can assure you the future is bright. I thank the Board Directors for their integrity and determination.

Section 1:

Governance, Awards & Representative Cricket

Association Awards

■ Troy Penman

George Borwick Memorial Award

The George Borwick Memorial Award is named after our former Association President and Patron who umpired 24 Test matches, including in every Test of the Bodyline series. It was instituted in 1982 to perpetuate his memory.

George Borwick's dedication and commitment to the Association was legendary in Australian umpiring and second to none. He was a loyal servant, a member for more than 55 years and is now a member of the Association Hall of Fame.

The award is made annually to the member who exemplifies the spirit of George Borwick's contribution by his / her efforts on and off the field during the season. A points system is used to determine the winner taking into account availability, meeting attendance and the average mark from the captains' assessments.

The award this season has been keenly contested, and in the end there was only 0.33 of a mark between first and sixth.

The top six finalists in the George Borwick Memorial Award were:

- Berend du Plessis
- Anthony Hobson
- Bob McGregor
- Zaheer Nazir
- Kedar Oza
- David Taylor

This year's winner attended the Annual Convention at Bowral, the SCA Rules Night, every Association Ordinary Meeting between September and March for which he was available and was available to umpire in every SCA round.

Captains have reported on his excellent decision making, his composure and his level of positive attitude to the game.

The winner was a former respected cricketer who represented NSW Country, and in this season, just his third as an umpire, he officiated in the SCA Third Grade Grand Final, the National U19 Championships in Adelaide to which he was appointed to umpire a semi-final, three matches in the Futures League and four matches in the inaugural Women's Big Bash League.

In the first grade competition he had the excellent match average of 4.35 out of 5.

He has officiated in 55 SCA matches, 30 of which have been in first grade.

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



Anthony Hobson was the winner of the 2015-16 George Borwick Memorial Award.

E F Wykes Association Medal

The Ted Wykes Medal was struck in honour of our late President and Patron.

Ted was a Test Umpire and a person who was a great friend and mentor to many in our Association and so generous with the time he gave to improving the Association.

Ted was a man of few words, but a true leader. Ted was also a respected Vice President of NSW Cricket Association.

The winner of the Ted Wykes Medal must be a member of an affiliated association who has displayed commitment and excellence to that association on and off the field by way of meeting attendance, availability and excellent umpiring performance in the current season.

This year's winner was totally committed to umpiring and had an outstanding season.

He joined New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association in 2000 and officiates in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association and this season was appointed to umpire the A Grade Final for a record fourteenth time. In all he has officiated in more than 300 matches in his local district.

A strong contributor to umpire administration and training, the winner is the President of the HKHDCUA and actively contributes to the local cricket association as a member of the senior competition management committee.

A truly deserving winner of this award, and a proud member of NSWCUA, the winner of the Ted Wykes Medal for 2015-16 was Geoff Hasler.



Geoff Hasler receives the E.F. Wykes Association Award by Co-Patron Alan Davidson.

Grade Panel Awards

The panel awards recognise excellence for the "Umpire of the Year" in each grade as determined solely by captains' assessments throughout the season.

Captains assess each umpire in terms of their decision making, decisiveness, match management and communication skills, concentration and level of positive attitude to the game. At the end of the season the

umpire with the highest overall average mark wins the panel award.

Panel 4

The winner of the Panel 4 Award impressed with his ability, enthusiasm and commitment in his first season of umpiring having joined the Association in 2015.



Tony Carr was presented the Panel 4 Medal by SCA Chairman Andrew Falk.

Captains' comments indicated sound decision making, a positive manner and excellent communication skills. As such he was given the opportunity to stand in two third grade matches in his debut season performing extremely well in both. He was also appointed to umpire a match in the Cricket NSW U16 State Challenge.

Having this season umpired a total of 15 SCA matches, he had the excellent match average of 4.25.

The winner of the Panel 4 Award was Tony Carr.

Panel 3

The winner of the Panel 3 Award joined the Association in 2013 and had an outstanding season which saw him appointed to two matches in second grade. Having now stood in 41 SCA matches, the winner is respected by captains for his approachability, decisive match management and excellent attitude.

A most capable umpire who finished with a match average of 4.18 he

has now completed three seasons umpiring in SCA competitions.

The winner of the Panel 3 Award was David Abbey.



David Abbey won the Panel 3 Award,

Panel 2

This award was tightly contested among a number of excellent umpires in second grade. The winner of the Panel 2 Award joined the Association in 2005 and has now officiated in 66 SCA matches having previously umpired in competitions in the Clarence River District, Monaro District, in the Cricket ACT Grade Competition and then to the SCA. While officiating in Canberra he umpired in the National Futures League Competition and was third umpire for the Chairman's XI v India match at Manuka Oval in January 2008.

Bill Massingham won the Panel 2 Award.



Placed on Panel 3 at the start of the season, he officiated in 14 second grade matches to qualify for this award. Captains praised his excellent rapport, his positive outlook and the fact that he was a very good mentor for his colleagues.

Highly respected by his peers for his ability and wonderful sense of humour, the winner of the Panel 2 Award for season 2015-16, with the outstanding match average of 4.63, was Bill Massingham.

Panel 1

The winner of the prestigious Panel 1 Award joined the Association in 1993 and was made a life member in 2009. Originally officiating as a member of North Coast Cricket Umpires' Association he has now officiated in 298 SCA matches, 225 of which have been in first grade.

He had a strong season with a match average from first grade captains of 4.9 out of 5. He now sits alongside Ian Thomas as having won the award six times.

The winner of the Panel 1 Award for season 2015-16 was Darren Goodger.

Country Umpire of the Year

The Country Umpire of the Year, sponsored by the Bradman

Darren Goodger won his sixth Panel 1 Award.



Foundation, is named after Principal Member Kevin Pye recognising his achievements as a country umpire in representative cricket and his commitment to supporting umpires in his role as the inaugural Country Umpire Advisor.

The winner of the Kevin Pye Medal joined the Association in 2007 and wins this award for the first time.

The winner enjoyed an outstanding season, umpiring at the NSW Country Championship Carnival at Wagga Wagga, the NSW Country Championship Final at Newcastle, the Country Colts Carnival at Dubbo and three matches in the Plan B Regional T20 Bash. He was also appointed to umpire the two day match between NSW Country and Canterbury A and a T20 representative match between the Sydney Sixers and SCG XI.

He enjoys great respect in the Country Cricket community for his quality decision making and calmness under pressure. A more composed umpire you would travel a long distance to observe.

The Kevin Pye Medalist for season 2015-16 officiates in the Bathurst District Cricket Association and is a member of the affiliated Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association. From Western Zone, the winner was Graeme Glazebrook.

Graeme Glazebrook (Bathurst) won the Country Umpire of the Year Award.



Alan Marshall Medal

The Alan Marshall Medal is awarded to the Rookie Umpire of the Year, as such it can never be won more than once. The award recognises and honours Alan's wonderful contribution to the education and development of new umpires. He was a member of the Association for 32 years.

Alan respected commitment, and this year's winner has displayed that by attending the Annual Convention at Bowral, the SCA Rules Night, every Association Ordinary General Meeting between September and March and being available for every SCA round to obtain maximum points for availability and meeting attendance. This was accompanied by a very good match average of 3.88 from the Grade captains.

In a rare achievement this year's winner was appointed to umpire matches in second grade in his first season of umpiring in the Grade competition, six second grade matches in all.

The winner displayed great passion for umpiring and for the Association, a keenness to learn from every outing and has now officiated in 15 SCA Grade matches. Captains made positive comment with regards to his accurate decision making and excellent communication skills.

A former Grade cricketer who played third grade at Fairfield-Liverpool and Parramatta, he is aged just 22 and has a wonderful future in the game ahead of him.

The Alan Marshall Medal winner for season 2015-16 was Sharad Patel.



Sharad Patel receiving the Alan Marshall medal from Gerard Abood.

Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award

Malcolm Gorham is a legend among Australian cricket scorers and it is appropriate that this award is named in his honour.

He scored a record 544 matches at first grade level for the Western Suburbs Club and was proud to have officiated in five Test matches and 28 One Day Internationals.

The award is presented each year to recognise excellence and commitment of a scorer member.

The winner for season 2015-16 was 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 third team being described by his club as talented, diligent, punctual and reliable.

During the season he officiated as a scorer in the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Final and chalked up his 150th match in first grade. He also made his first-class debut in the New South Wales v Tasmania Sheffield Shield match at Bankstown Oval, and scored matches in the Matador Cup, BBL, WNCL, WBBL and Futures League.

Malcolm Gorham would have certainly approved of this member's efficiency and dedication displayed towards his club, and of his scoring prowess.

The winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, from the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club, was Chris McLeod.

Hall of Fame

■ Darren Goodger

The members of the NSWCUA Hall of Fame are –

George Borwick MBE, Tom Brooks OAM, Dick Burgess, Dick Callaway, Herb Elphinston, Marilyn Fowler, Dick French OAM, Darrell Hair, Alf Jones, Fred Lyons, Graham Reed, Simon Taufel and Ted Wykes OAM

Graham Reed was inducted as the 13th member of the NSWCUA Hall of Fame at the Annual Dinner following recommendation to the Board from a Sub-committee comprising Graham Chudleigh, Dick French and Geoff Garland.

Graham's inclusion in the Hall of Fame is richly deserved. The Board was unanimous with regards to him being included. His contribution to the Association since becoming a member in 1964 has been impressive and sustained.

At the Annual Dinner Life Member Graham Chudleigh read the following citation in honour of Graham Reed.

"In August 2013 the Association inducted 11 members into its inaugural Hall of Fame at the Centenary Dinner held at Dockside.

Marilyn Fowler, a most worthy inclusion, was added to the Hall of Fame at the Association's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation in April 2015.



Co-Patron Brian Booth presented Graham Reed with a NSWCUA Hall of Fame plaque.

Tonight we will be privileged to see an addition to that Hall of Fame with inductee number 13. The signatures of our three Patrons, Brian Booth, Alan Davidson and Dick French appear on each Hall of Fame plaque that has been struck.

The next inductee into the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Hall of Fame has been unanimously determined by the Board on the recommendation of a sub-committee comprising Geoff Garland, Dick French and myself. It gives me great pleasure to read this citation.

Tonight's Hall of Fame inductee is to be Association Life Member Graham Reed.

Graham joined the Association in 1964 and in the opinion of the Board has demonstrated a level of sustained performance, expertise, commitment to excellence and sacrifice that well justifies recognition by way of inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

Graham Reed umpired 13 first-class matches between 1988 and 1992, including tour matches involving Sri Lanka and India.

He stood in three One Day Domestic Cup matches including a semi-final of the McDonald's Cup between New South Wales and Victoria at the SCG in 1988.

Graham officiated in women's Test matches, Australia v India in 1991 and Australia v England in 1992 and also in Under 19 Test matches, Australia v West Indies in 1988 and Australia v England in 1990.

In the Sydney Cricket Association Grade competition Graham umpired 160 matches, 80 of which were in first grade.

Graham has made an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the Association. Over the years he has been a member of both the Executive and Examination Committees. He was the State Umpire Coach from 2002 to 2006 and then again in season 2007-08. He has been a member of the NSWCUA Coaching Panel since season 2008-09.

Graham's willingness to impart to others the benefits of his knowledge, experience and wisdom has been sustained. For 24 years Graham has been a member of the Sydney Cricket Association Umpire Observer Panel. He is respected by umpires, captains, the affiliated clubs and his fellow observers, and is a welcome sight at grounds across Sydney during the season.

This is a phenomenal contribution by Graham which has benefitted the Association and so many umpires over the years. Graham has helped to

raise umpiring standards through his work.

In providing feedback to our umpires he has done so with wonderful grace, the highest integrity and with great dignity and humility.

Graham has been a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire High Performance Panel since season 2008-09 and remains a member of that panel today. Graham performs match referee duties for Cricket Australia in the Futures League, Women's National League and WBBL competitions. He is also the referee for Cricket NSW in State 2nd XI fixtures. Graham is respected by Cricket Australia umpire management and is a valued member of the supplementary panel of match referees.

Graham Reed is a wonderful man and he has made an outstanding contribution to this Association. He knows umpiring and he possesses a genuine feel for the game. Those who have worked with Graham are far better for the experience.

Graham Reed is truly deserving of being inducted as the 13th member of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Hall of Fame and I would ask Graham to come forward and accept his plaque from Brian Booth and then to respond.

Please congratulate and welcome our newest member of the Association's Hall of Fame – Graham Reed."

NSWCUSA Co-patron, and Australia's 31st Test Captain, Brian Booth, made the plaque presentation to Graham Reed who responded by thanking the Association stating that he was humbled to be honoured in such a manner.

Umpire Representative Appointments



■ Darren Goodger

The Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel for season 2015-16 was:

Gerard Abood (New South Wales), Ashley Barrow (Victoria), Shawn Craig (Victoria), Greg Davidson (New South Wales), Simon Fry (South Australia), Phillip Gillespie (Victoria), Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania), Geoff Joshua (Victoria), Mick Martell (Western Australia), Sam Nogajski (Tasmania), John Ward (Victoria), Paul Wilson (New South Wales).

The Cricket Australia Emerging Umpire Panel for season 2015-16 was:

Simon Lightbody (New South Wales), Damien Mealey (Queensland), Claire Polosak (New South Wales), David Shepard (Victoria), Anthony Wilds (New South Wales).

The New South Wales State Umpire Panel for season 2015-16 was:

Anthony Hobson, Keiran Knight, David Taylor, Ben Treloar.

Cricket Australia National Championships

NSWCUSA was represented as follows:

- National U19 Male Championships (Adelaide) – *Anthony Hobson, David Taylor, Ben Treloar*
- National U17 Male Championships (Brisbane) – *Keiran Knight, Marc Nickl*
- National U15 Male Championships (Darwin) – *Glen Stubbings*
- National U15 Male Championships (Brisbane and Sunshine Coast) – *Berend du Plessis, Troy Penman*
- National U18 Female Championships (Canberra) – *Claire Polosak*
- National Indigenous Championships (Alice Springs) – *Berend du Plessis*

Cricket Australia National Championships – Finals

NSWCUSA members officiated in the following National Finals –

- Sheffield Shield (Glenelg) – Victoria v South Australia

Mick Martell (Western Australia) & Paul Wilson (NSW)

- Women's National Cricket League (Hurstville) – New South Wales v South Australia

Sam Nogajski (Tasmania) & Anthony Wilds (NSW)

- U19 Male (Adelaide) – ACT/New South Wales Country v New South Wales Metropolitan

Donovan Koch (Queensland) & David Taylor (NSW)

- U15 Male (Darwin) – New South Wales v Queensland

Jayvan Ruddick-Collins (Queensland) & Glen Stubbings (NSW)

- U15 Male (Brisbane) – Victoria Metropolitan v New South Wales

Steven Farrell (Queensland) & Troy Penman (NSW)

- Women's Indigenous – State and Territory Division – New South Wales v Northern Territory

Berend du Plessis (NSW) & Bill Marshall (South Australia)

Cricket NSW State Challenge Carnivals

Cricket NSW hosted various State Challenge Carnivals and the umpires appointed to these pathway matches were:

- U19 Male State Challenge (Richmond) – *Daniel Brightwell, Adam Davy, Berend du Plessis, Cameron Duff, Darren Foster, Graeme Glazebrook, Stuart Grocock, Anthony Hobson, Bob McGregor, Troy Penman, David Taylor, Ben Treloar*

- U17 Male State Challenge (Coffs Harbour) – *Bruce Baxter, David Dilley, Phil Rainger, David Went*

- U16 Male State Challenge (Blacktown) – *Laurie Borg, Tony Carr, Stuart Grocock, Ryan Nelson, Kedar Oza, Sharad Patel, Glen Stubbings*

- U13 Male State Challenge (Dubbo) – *Laurie Borg, Graeme Glazebrook, Geoff Hoy, Greg Jones, Chris King, Darrin Masters, Gary McAulley, Graham Moon*

- U14 Male State Challenge (Dubbo) – *Wayne Allan, Ken Brooks, John de Lyall, James Figallo, Tony Hackett, Kim Norris, David Went, Bruce Whiteman*

- U18 Female State Challenge (Maitland) – *Berend du Plessis, Chris King, Rob Pye, Glen Stubbings*

- U15 Female State Challenge (Raby) – *Adam Davy, Gaurav Desai, John Evans, Varun Marwaha, Sharad Patel*



Simon Lightbody (L) and Anthony Hobson (R) conduct an inspection of the outfield at the SCG.

Triforce Sports Super20 League

The following umpire appointments were made to the Triforce Sports Super20 League hosted by Sydney Cricket Club at Drummoyne Oval:

- Triforce Australia v Sydney Thunder Academy –
Greg Davidson & Bob McGregor
- Darren Lehmann Academy v Sydney Thunder Academy –
Stuart Grocock & Simon Lightbody
- Triforce Australia v Sydney Sixers Academy – *Gerard Abood & Troy Penman*
- Triforce Australia v Darren Lehmann Academy –
Berend du Plessis & Claire Polosak
- Sydney Sixers Academy v Sydney Thunder Academy –
Anthony Hobson & David Taylor
- Darren Lehmann Academy v Sydney Sixers Academy –
Marc Nickl & Ben Treloar

Sydney Sixers Academy

- Sydney Sixers Academy v SCG XI, Drummoyne Oval –
Graeme Glazebrook & Troy Penman

Australia v Pakistan U16 International Series

The following umpire appointments were made to the Australia v Pakistan Under 16 Series:

- First One Day International, Bradman Oval – *David Cullen & Claire Polosak*
- Second One Day International, Bradman Oval –
Zaheer Nazir & Chris Taylor
- Third One Day International, Bradman Oval –
Troy Penman & Bruce Whiteman
- First T20 International, University of Wollongong –
Neil Findlay & Glen Stubbings
- Second T20 International, Bradman Oval – *Alan Monaghan & Zaheer Nazir*
- Third T20 International, Bradman Oval –
Darren Goodger & Troy Penman

Canterbury A Tour

The following umpire appointments were made to the Canterbury A Tour matches:

- New South Wales Country v Canterbury A, BISP2 (2-day) –
Graeme Glazebrook & Eugene Sanders
- New South Wales 2nd XI v Canterbury A, Bankstown Oval (3-day) –
Marc Nickl & Eugene Sanders
- Sydney Sixers Academy v Canterbury A, BISP2 –
Bob McGregor & Eugene Sanders
- Sydney Thunder Academy v Canterbury A, BISP2 –
Bob McGregor & Eugene Sanders
- New South Wales 2nd XI v Canterbury A, Hurstville Oval (1-day) –
Darren Foster & Eugene Sanders

Lorna Thomas Trophy

The following umpire appointments were made to the Lorna Thomas Trophy matches:

- Country Women v City Women, Toronto – *James Figallo & Glen Stubbings*
- City Women v Country Women, BISP2 – *James Figallo & Claire Polosak*

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.

Present financial members who have umpired at first class level are:

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)
A. K. Wilds
P. Wilson

* Denotes Test Umpires (Male)



Above: Rod Tucker signals a wide at the ICC T20 World Cup in Mohali, India.

Left: Paul 'Blocker' Wilson signals a six during the T20 Big Bash 'Sydney Derby' at Spotless Stadium, Sydney.



A list of representative umpire appointments for those members on the National, Development and State Umpire Panels can be found below:

Umpire	Series	Match Details
Gerard Abood	Sheffield Shield	Tasmania v Western Australia, Blundstone Aren
		New South Wales v Queensland, Sydney Cricket Ground
		Victoria v South Australia, Melbourne Cricket Ground
		Victoria v Tasmania, Melbourne Cricket Ground
		Western Australia v New South Wales, WACA Ground
	One Day Cup	South Australia v Tasmania, Gliderol Stadium
		Queensland v Tasmania, North Sydney Oval
		Queensland v Victoria, BISP
		Victoria v Western Australia, BISP
		New South Wales v Queensland, Drummoyne Oval
	T20 Big Bash League	Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Stars, Adelaide Oval
		Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers, WACA Ground
		Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers, Spotless Stadium
		Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers, Etihad Stadium
		Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades, Spotless Stadium
		Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder, Sydney Cricket Ground
		Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers, Etihad Stadium
		Semi Final, Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Thunder, Adelaide Oval
Greg Davidson	Sheffield Shield	South Australia v New South Wales, Adelaide Oval
		Tasmania v South Australia, Blundstone Arena
		Victoria v Tasmania, Melbourne Cricket Ground
	One Day Cup	New South Wales v South Australia, North Sydney Oval
		Cricket Australia XI v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval
		Cricket Australia XI v Western Australia, North Sydney Oval
		New South Wales v Victoria, North Sydney Oval
	T20 Big Bash League	Hobart Hurricanes v Brisbane Heat, Blundstone Arena
		Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers, Spotless Stadium
		Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers, Adelaide Oval
		Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers, Spotless Stadium
		Sydney Sixers v Brisbane Heat, Sydney Cricket Ground
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Melbourne Stars v Brisbane Heat, Melbourne Cricket Ground
		Semi Final, Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers, Melbourne Cricket Ground
Anthony Hobson	Futures League	New South Wales v Tasmania, Coffs Harbour
		New South Wales v Victoria, BISP1
		Victoria v South Australia, Melbourne
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars, Drummoyne
		Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers, SCG
		Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder, SCG
	Ivor Ewin Trophy	Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, University 1
		City v Country, BISP2

Umpire	Series	Match Details
Keiran Knight	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers, Howell Oval
		Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers, BISP
		Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars, BISP
Simon Lightbody	Futures League	Western Australia v Victoria, WACA Ground
		ACT v South Australia, Manuka Oval
		New South Wales v Tasmania, Coffs Harbour
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Melbourne Renegades v Sydney Thunder, Etihad Stadium
		Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers, Waverley Oval
		Sydney Sixers v Hobart Hurricanes, Hurstville Oval
Claire Polosak	Women's National Cricket League	Queensland v Victoria, Allan Border Field
		Victoria v Tasmania, Brisbane Cricket Ground
		Queensland v Tasmania, Brisbane Cricket Ground
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Perth Scorchers, SCG
		Hobart Hurricanes v Brisbane Heat, Blundstone Arena
		Sydney Thunder v Brisbane Heat, Kingston Twin Ovals
David Taylor	Futures League	Western Australia v Tasmania, Lilac Hill
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars, Drummoyne Oval
		Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers, BISP
		Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars, BISP
		Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, Spotless Stadium
Ben Treloar	Futures League	Western Australia v Tasmania, Lilac Hill
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Queensland, Hurstville Oval
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars, Drummoyne Oval
		Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars, Drummoyne Oval
		Sydney Sixers v Hobart Hurricanes, Waverley Oval
		Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, University 1
	Ivor Ewin Trophy	City v Country, BISP2
Anthony Wilds	Sheffield Shield	Queensland v New South Wales, Mackay
	One Day Cup	New South Wales v Cricket Australia XI, Bankstown Oval
		Queensland v South Australia, North Sydney Oval
	Futures League	Western Australia v Victoria, WACA Ground
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Queensland, Hurstville Oval
		Final, New South Wales v South Australia, Hurstville Oval
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes, BISP1
		Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers, Adelaide Oval
		Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars, BISP1
		Semi Final, Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers, Melbourne Cricket Ground
Paul Wilson	Sheffield Shield	Victoria v Western Australia, Melbourne Cricket Ground
		Tasmania v South Australia, Blundstone Arena
		Western Australia v Queensland, WACA Ground
		Queensland v Victoria, Brisbane Cricket Ground
		Victoria v New South Wales, Alice Springs
		Final, South Australia v Victoria, Gliderol Stadium

Umpire	Series	Match Details
Paul Wilson	One Day Cup	Queensland v South Australia, North Sydney Oval
		New South Wales v Queensland, Drummoyne Oval
		New South Wales v Victoria, North Sydney Oval
		Tasmania v Victoria, North Sydney Oval
	T20 Big Bash League	Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers, Spotless Stadium
		Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder, MCG
		Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers, Adelaide Oval
		Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers, WACA Ground
		Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Renegades, Blundstone Arena
		Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers, Spotless Stadium
		Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers, Blundstone Arena
		Adelaide Strikers v Hobart Hurricanes, Adelaide Oval

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.

Present financial members who have scored at first-class level are:

Christine Bennison, Marilyn Fowler, Narelle Johnston, Laurel Kirton, David Lemon, Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, Chris McLeod, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon and Ian Wright.

Details of the representative scorer appointments are as follows:

Scorer	Series	Match Details
Christine Bennison	Test Match	Australia v West Indies, SCG
	T20 International	Australia v India, SCG
	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v Tasmania, Bankstown Oval
	One Day Cup	New South Wales v Cricket Australia XI, Bankstown
		Cricket Australia XI v Victoria, Hurstville
		Tasmania v New South Wales, Hurstville
		South Australia v New South Wales, BISP
		Queensland v New South Wales, Drummoyne
		New South Wales v Victoria, North Sydney
		Tasmania v North Sydney, North Sydney
		Western Australia v Queensland, Drummoyne
		South Australia v Victoria, Drummoyne (Elimination Final)
		New South Wales v South Australia, North Sydney (Final)
	T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Hurricanes, SCG
		Thunder v Strikers, Spotless
		Sixers v Thunder, SCG
	T20 International – Women's	Australia v India, SCG
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Scorchers, SCG
		Sixers v Thunder, SCG
		Thunder v Stars, University 1
Cheryl Brain	State 2nd XI	New South Wales 2nd XI v Canterbury A, Hurstville (1-day)
	Women's Tour – T20	Governor General's XI v India, Drummoyne

Scorer	Series	Match Details
Toni Lorraine	T20 International	Australia v India, SCG
	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v Queensland, SCG
	T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Heat, SCG
	T20 International – Women’s	Australia v India, SCG
	Women’s T20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Sixers, Howell
		Stars v Sixers, Drummoyne
		Stars v Thunder, Spotless
		Sixers v Hurricanes, Hurstville
Darren Mattison	Test Match	Australia v West Indies, SCG
	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v South Australia, Coffs Harbour
	One Day Cup	South Australia v Western Australia, Hurstville
		Cricket Australia XI v Victoria, Hurstville
		New South Wales v South Australia, North Sydney
		Victoria v Queensland, BISP
		Western Australia v New South Wales, BISP
		South Australia v Queensland, North Sydney
	T20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Sixers, Spotless
		Sixers v Hurricanes, SCG
	Women’s T20 Big Bash League	Stars v Sixers, Drummoyne
		Hurricanes v Scorchers, BISP
		Scorchers v Hurricanes, BISP
		Sixers v Scorchers, SCG
Chris McLeod	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v Tasmania, Bankstown
	One Day Cup	New South Wales v Cricket Australia XI, Bankstown
		Cricket Australia XI v South Australia, Bankstown
	T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Stars, SCG
		Thunder v Renegades, Spotless
	Futures League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP2
	Women’s National Cricket League	New South Wales v Queensland, Hurstville
	Women’s T20 Big Bash League	Hurricanes v Scorchers, BISP
		Scorchers v Hurricanes, BISP
		Hurricanes v Sixers, Waverley
		Hurricanes v Stars, BISP
Geoff Rogers	State 2nd XI	New South Wales 2nd XI v Canterbury A, Bankstown (3-day)
	Futures League	New South Wales v Western Australia, BISP2
		New South Wales v Victoria, BISP
Robyn Sanday	One Day International	Australia v India, SCG
	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v South Australia, Coffs Harbour
	Tour Match – First Class	Cricket Australia XI v New Zealand, BISP
	One Day Cup	Queensland v Tasmania, North Sydney
		Cricket Australia XI v Tasmania, Bankstown
		Tasmania v New South Wales, Hurstville
		Tasmania v Western Australia, Drummoyne
		New South Wales v Victoria, North Sydney

Scorer	Series	Match Details
Robyn Sanday	One Day Cup	Tasmania v Western Australia, Drummoyne
		New South Wales v Victoria, North Sydney
		Queensland v Cricket Australia XI, Drummoyne
		Western Australia v Queensland, Drummoyne
	T20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Scorchers, Spotless
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Stars, Drummoyne
		Stars v Hurricanes, BISP
		Hurricanes v Sixers, Waverley
		Thunder v Stars, University 1
Kay Wilcoxon	One Day International	Australia v India, SCG
	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v Victoria, SCG
	One Day Cup	South Australia v Western Australia, Hurstville
		Victoria v Queensland, BISP
		Cricket Australia XI v Tasmania, Bankstown
		Victoria v Western Australia, BISP
		Western Australia v Cricket Australia XI, North Sydney
		Queensland v New South Wales, Drummoyne
		Tasmania v Western Australia, Drummoyne
		Cricket Australia XI v South Australia, Bankstown
		South Australia v Victoria, Drummoyne (Elimination Final)
		New South Wales v South Australia, North Sydney (Final)
	Futures League	New South Wales v Tasmania, Coffs Harbour
	T20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Strikers, Spotless
		Sixers v Heat, SCG
		Thunder v Renegades, Spotless
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v South Australia, Hurstville (Final)
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Stars v Thunder, Spotless
		Hurricanes v Stars, BISP
Sue Woodhouse	State 2nd XI	New South Wales 2nd XI v Canterbury A, Hurstville (1-day)
	Futures League	New South Wales v Tasmania, Coffs Harbour
	Women's Tour – T20	Governor General's XI v India, Drummoyne
	Women's National Cricket League	New South Wales v Queensland, Hurstville
		New South Wales v South Australia, Hurstville (Final)
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Sixers, Howell
		Stars v Hurricanes, BISP
		Sixers v Hurricanes, Hurstville
Ian Wright	Sheffield Shield	New South Wales v Victoria, SCG
		New South Wales v Queensland, SCG
	Tour Match – First Class	Cricket Australia XI v New Zealand, BISP
	One Day Cup	Queensland v Tasmania, North Sydney
		New South Wales v South Australia, North Sydney
		Western Australia v New South Wales, BISP
		South Australia v Queensland, North Sydney

Scorer	Series	Match Details
Ian Wright	One Day Cup	Victoria v Western Australia, BISP
		Western Australia v Cricket Australia XI, North Sydney
		Victoria v South Australia, Bankstown
		Queensland v Cricket Australia XI, Drummoynes
		Tasmania v Victoria, North Sydney
	T20 Big Bash League	Thunder v Sixers, Spotless
		Sixers v Stars, SCG
		Thunder v Scorchers, Spotless
		Sixers v Thunder, SCG
	State 2nd XI	New South Wales 2nd XI v Canterbury A, Bankstown (3-day)
	Women's T20 Big Bash League	Sixers v Stars, Drummoynes
		Sixers v Thunder, SCG

We offer congratulations to –

- Darren Mattison on making his Test debut as a scorer.
- Chris McLeod on making his first-class debut as a scorer.
- Cheryl Brain and Sue Woodhouse who together made their International debut

T20 Tour Match between the GG's XI and India.

On behalf of the Association a sincere vote of thanks is offered to all scorer members for their contribution to the Association and for their commitment and dedication to their craft.

Rina Hore (L) presents scorer Kay Wilcoxon with representative match certificates.



International Appointments

■ Darren Goodger

The Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for season 2015-16 was:

Aleem Dar (Pakistan)	Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka)	Marais Erasmus (South Africa)
Chris Gaffaney (New Zealand)	Ian Gould (England)	Richard Illingworth (England)
Richard Kettleborough (England)	Nigel Llong (England)	Bruce Oxenford (Australia)
Sundaram Ravi (India)	Paul Reiffel (Australia)	Rodney Tucker (Australia)

The Australian umpires on the ICC International Panel are Simon Fry, Mick Martell, John Ward and Paul Wilson.

Details of international umpiring appointments for season 2015-16 are:

Umpire	Series	Match Details
Gerard Abood	T20 Internationals – Women's	Australia v India, Melbourne
		Australia v India, Sydney
Claire Polosak	T20 Internationals – Women's	Bangladesh v Ireland, Bangkok
		Ireland v New Zealand, Mohali
		Ireland v Sri Lanka, Mohali
		England v West Indies, Dharamsala
	ICC Women's World T20 Qualifier	Thailand v Bangladesh, Bangkok
		China v Ireland, Bangkok
		Netherlands v Zimbabwe, Bangkok
		Thailand v Scotland, Bangkok
		Bangladesh v Zimbabwe, Bangkok (Semi Final)
		Ireland v Scotland, Bangkok (Semi Final)
		Scotland v Zimbabwe, Bangkok (3rd Place Play-off)
		Bangladesh v Ireland, Bangkok (Final)

The Association warmly congratulates Claire Polosak on her appointment to umpire the Final of the ICC Women's World T20 Qualifier between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at Terdthai Cricket Ground, Bangkok, on 5 December 2015.

Umpire	Series	Match Details
Claire Polosak	Women's Tour T20	Governor General's XI v India, Drummoyne
David Taylor	Women's Tour T20	Governor General's XI v India, Drummoyne
Rodney Tucker	Test Matches	England v New Zealand, Leeds
		Sri Lanka v India, Colombo
		Sri Lanka v India, Colombo
		Sri Lanka v West Indies, Colombo
		South Africa v England, Durban
		South Africa v England, Johannesburg
	One Day Internationals	Bangladesh v India, Mirpur
		Bangladesh v India, Mirpur
		Bangladesh v India, Mirpur
		Sri Lanka v Pakistan, Pallekele
		Sri Lanka v Pakistan, Colombo
		Sri Lanka v West Indies, Colombo
	T20 Internationals	Papua New Guinea v Ireland, Townsville
		Papua New Guinea v Ireland, Townsville
		Papua New Guinea v Ireland, Townsville
	ICC World T20	Bangladesh v Netherlands, Dharamsala
		Bangladesh v Ireland, Dharamsala
		Bangladesh v Oman, Dharamsala
		England v West Indies, Mumbai
		Afghanistan v England, Delhi
		England v Sri Lanka, Delhi
		South Africa v Sri Lanka, Delhi
		England v New Zealand, Delhi (Semi Final)
		England v West Indies, Kolkata (Final)

The Association warmly congratulates Rodney Tucker on his appointment to umpire the Final of the ICC World T20 between England West Indies at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, on 3 April 2016.

Umpire	Series	Match Details
Anthony Wilds	One Day Internationals – Women's	Australia v India, Canberra
		Australia v India, Hobart
Paul Wilson	One Day International	Australia v India, Sydney
	T20 Internationals	Hong Kong v Papua New Guinea, Bready
		Ireland v Hong Kong, Dublin
		Australia v India, Melbourne
	International Tour Match, First Class	Cricket Australia XI v New Zealanders, BISP
	ICC World T20 Qualifier	Ireland v Namibia, Belfast
		Namibia v Nepal, Belfast
		Hong Kong v Papua New Guinea, Bready
		Jersey v USA, Bready
		Ireland v Hong Kong, Dublin
		Hong Kong v USA, Dublin
		Papua New Guinea v USA, Dublin
	Tour Matches	Prime Minister's XI v New Zealanders (1-day), Canberra
		Cricket Australia XI v New Zealanders (2-day), Canberra

Section 2:

Administration

Membership

■ Troy Penman

This season saw a decrease in membership due to a higher than expected non-renewal rate. The Association currently has 1218 members which is a decrease of 38 on last season. We had a high intake of new members due to the quality training courses run by our Executive Officer Darren Goodger and his band of trainers, unfortunately the non-renewals outweighed the intake which led to the decrease in members.

Retention of members is a focus, but we understand that there are a number of things that occur in member's lives that make it simply not possible for them to renew their membership. The increased pressures of busy lives, external factors and opportunities to try new things have all played a part. Eventually members retire and many choose not to maintain their membership. These have had an impact on our statistics this year. The non-renewals increased significantly this season, but we will continue to work on lowering that number again next season. It is important to note that the number of officiating umpires is on the rise.

Unfortunately for the Association and its members we had the passing of Principal members Ivor Bitel and Dudley Tinyow along with Umpire Full members Ed Howitt and Malli Iyer, all contributed to the Association in a positive manner and they have been recognised in the obituaries.

Jay Lenton is thanked for his efforts in processing renewals throughout the year and for keeping an accurate record of those who have or haven't renewed, Jay's effort to contact each member who hadn't renewed prior to the final cut being made is something to be -applauded as it made sure that the we didn't have a greater downturn then what has been reported.

A highlight for membership this year was the 70 new members that were welcomed at the September Ordinary Meeting. A phenomenal effort by all involved in the training and registering of these new members.

Life Members	14
Principal Members	57
Full Member – Umpire	439
Full Member – Scorer	10
Ordinary Member	616
Scorer Member	35
Junior Member	3
Honorary Members	4
Affiliated Associations	40
TOTAL 2015-16 Membership	1,218

Years of Service

■ **Troy Penman**

10 Years of service

Kevin Battishill
 Ian Bendall
 Vijay Bharadwaj
 Ian Cannon
 Brad Cole
 Ian Dahlenburg
 Patrick Dobbin
 Jeffery Egan
 Paul Farrell
 Ian Finlay
 Tony Gadsby
 Jefferey Hackett
 Warwick Hayes
 Chris Hillman
 Chris Jones
 Greg Jones
 John Kilford
 Murray Le lievre
 David Lemon
 Ross Lidbury
 Craig Lobegeier
 Rob Maloney
 Geoff Mansfield
 Bill Massingham
 Stuart McCarthy
 Stephen McClue
 Adam Morehouse
 Eric Myatt OAM
 Marc Nickl
 Ray Nyland
 Lillian Parker
 Shaun Perry
 Andrew Pigram
 Catherine Polglase
 Claire Polosak
 Derek Ponsford
 Phillip Rainger
 Mark Simula
 Bruce Skewes

Darren Smith
 Neil Smith
 Derek Smith
 Andrew Steindler
 Kylie Stewart
 Matthew Tabbernor
 Ernie Tink
 Geoffrey Verco
 Anthony Wilds

15 Years of service

Gerard Abood
 Des Amos
 Bruce Baxter
 David Berridge
 Richard Cook
 Thomas Cooper
 David Everingham
 Maurice Ford
 Colin Gadd
 Craig Hambleton
 Geoff Hasler
 Dave Hickey
 Alan Hollebrandse
 Jack Jolley
 Christopher Kearney
 David Lewis
 Cameron McGinn
 Darren McMartin
 Ian Moore
 John Oliver
 Colin Philpott
 Rajanathan Rajaratnam
 Matthew Rouse
 Roger Spindler
 Gary Street
 David Went
 Janice Yearsley

20 Years of service

Ernest Alcorn
 William Ashe
 Nicholas Carson
 Robert Davis
 Fred Hamer

Richard King
 Phillip Morrison
 Wendy Oliver
 John Robinson
 Peter Singh
 Toby Somerville
 Stephen Stoyko

25 years of service

Trevor Baker
 Jim Cameron
 Michael Connolly
 Geoffrey Dix
 Barry Elliott
 Mervyn Fraser
 David Olsson
 Norm Stanton
 Leslie Waters
 Ross Whalan
 Ron White
 Ray Younger

30 Years of service

Shaun Amy
 John Barnes
 Tim Donahoo
 Stan Jenkins
 Brian Lalor
 Anthony Morgan
 Kevin Pye
 Gordon Smith
 Anthony Spratt
 Peter Tate
 David Wiseman

35 Years of service

Denis Graham
 Lindsay Kain
 Terry New
 Ian Thomas

45 Years of service

Arthur Williams

Life Membership of Cricket NSW

■ Darren Goodger



Carolyn Sheehan from Mudgee has been a regional coach of girls' teams for 34 years and a NSW youth coach for 18 years.

A driving force for girls' cricket in Western NSW, she has also filled in on many occasions as NSW U15 team manager and assistant coach and currently is involved with the Cricket NSW Academy. She has been a member of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association since 1995.

Carolyn has worked with every NSW women's State coach for the past 30 years, developing an excellent relationship with Breakers coach Joanne Broadbent due to their passion for country girls' cricket and NSW.

The cousin of former Australian all-rounder Lisa Keightley, Carolyn began with NSW as a 16-year-old junior, travelling with Lisa to Sydney for training sessions and tournaments.

While Lisa went on to play for Australia and coach at international level, Carolyn has dedicated her time and coaching ability to developing girls from across NSW.

All the current Country-based players have been either coached or encouraged by Carolyn throughout their formative years.

At the Annual General Meeting of NSW Cricket Association held on 7 September 2015 Carolyn was honoured with life membership.

Carolyn Sheehan is a humble person, recognised for her outstanding service and personal qualities. She has been so generous in the time she has afforded others and the game of cricket over her many years of involvement as a volunteer. A most deserving recipient of life membership of the State Cricket Association.

On behalf of all members of NSW CUSA we warmly congratulate Carolyn Sheehan.

Membership Upgrades

■ Troy Penman

At the Annual General Meeting in July the members in attendance approved the 24 Ordinary Umpire Members who had applied successfully for upgrading to Full Umpire membership. This was a slight down turn from the 26 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.

The following members were upgraded to Full Umpire membership of NSW CUSA; Satvir Birring, Gordon Browne, Daniel Burton, Noel Cook, Enrico Crocono, Rajesh Damodaran, Gaurav Desai, Mark Ferris, Phillip Frost, Victor Gaudi, Bill Glacken, Sathish Kumar Kandhaswami, Rahul Kulkarni, Kishore Kumar, Wayne McDonald, Brendan McDonald, Damian McGovern, Jose Medina, Daniel Nichols, Scott Rogan, Peter Smart, Paul Stanton, Alan Wilkins and Paul Wilson.

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:

Christine Bennison

Christine Bennison commenced scoring in the 1987-88 season with the Parramatta District Cricket Club of which she is a Life Member. Christine has scored in excess of 450 Grade matches for her beloved Parramatta.

Christine joined the Association in 1997. In her time as a member she has scored 296 First Grade matches.

Christine has been an outstanding scorer at National and International level. She has scored 11 Test Matches and 26 One Day International Matches, including all five ICC Cricket World Cup matches played in Sydney in 2015. Christine has also scored 40 Sheffield Shield Matches and 45 One Day Domestic Limited Overs Matches. She has also officiated in 14 T20 Big Bash League Matches. Christine has scored a record 10 Women's One Day International Matches.

Christine has made a sustained contribution to the Association as a volunteer. She has been a member of the Scorers' Committee for 17 years and is an Accredited Scorer Trainer facilitating many courses in the metropolitan area

for prospective scorers as well as for regional Cricket Associations at Armidale, Blue Mountains, Lismore, Port Stephens, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Wauchope.

Christine richly deserved the upgrade to Principal Member. We acknowledge and thank her for what she has done for scoring in this State and we thank her for her excellent service to the Association.

Don Coleman

Don has given exemplary service to Griffith District Cricket Umpires Association for more than 15 years in an umpiring capacity and as a volunteer administrator.

Don commenced umpiring in 1989 and became a member of NSWCUA in 1997. Don is highly respected in his district and has been at the forefront of both umpiring and administration for a long time now officiating in over 500 matches.

Don was appointed president of Griffith District Cricket Umpires Association in 1995 and still holds this position.

He has served his Association with distinction and is very worthy of being bestowed with Principal membership of NSWCUA.

Roger Ridgway

Roger Ridgway is a Life Member of the affiliated Georges River St George District Cricket Umpires League and is a highly respected umpire and administrator in that District.

Roger commenced umpiring in the early 1990s and joined NSWCUA in 1998. He commenced umpiring in NSW Districts Cricket Association matches in season 1995-96 and has done so ever since standing in numerous Finals over that time.

Roger has been the umpires' delegate to both the Junior and Senior

competitions prior to the merging of these entities.

Roger has served as Secretary of the Umpires' League in the Georges River St George District since 2001.

Roger Ridgway is highly respected by the players he umpires. He has officiated in excess of 400 matches in his dedicated and outstanding career.

Roger is also a Life Member of the Georges River St George District Cricket Association, indicating the high esteem in which he is held in the District.

He has made a sustained, passionate and outstanding commitment to this Affiliated Association.

Roger truly deserves the upgrade to Principal Member of NSWCUA. We offer our congratulations and thanks to Roger for his excellent service.

Norm Ryder

Norm joined NSWCUA in 1996 and was upgraded to Full membership in 2012.

Norm has given outstanding service to the Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' Association for nearly 20 years in both an umpiring and administrative capacity.

Norm has made a significant contribution to umpiring, particularly in the Lismore District Cricket Association, where he has been a long-serving umpire, administrator and past secretary.

Norm has served his Association with distinction and his recognition with Principal Membership of NSWCUA is very deserving.

Many members achieved milestones in their years of Association membership, Arthur Williams this year reached 45 years of service with the Association. There were 103 members who reached a milestone year of service and all are thanked

for their continued support and contribution to the Association. These members are showcased in this report. Those in attendance at the Annual Dinner were presented with their badge by Life Member Keith Griffiths.

Obituaries

■ Troy Penman

The Association records with deep regret the passing of Principal members Ivor Bitel and Dudley Tinyow along with Umpire Full members Ed Howitt and Malli Iyer. The New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association wishes to pass on our sincere condolences to the families of the members mentioned above and to any of our members who have suffered bereavement and loss of family or friends during the course of the year.

Ivor Bitel

Ivor Bitel joined the Association in 1964, was a member of the Executive Committee from 1970-1974 and the Association's Auditor in 1970 and 1971. At the 2015 Annual Dinner Ivor received a 50 year membership plaque. In accepting the plaque he spoke humbly of his contribution to cricket and his pride at being a member of the Association for five decades. Ivor was made a Principal Member in 1997. Ivor passed away aged 85 years.

Ed Howitt

Ed Howitt joined the Association in 1986 and was upgraded to Full membership in 1993. Ed umpired Grade cricket and then spent many years scoring for the Gordon Cricket Club. He officiated in 173 Grade matches along with a number in underage competitions.

Member Bill Hendricks described Ed as the volunteer that every club needed, as he performed a number of roles for the Gordon Cricket

Club. With this he was awarded Life Membership of the Gordon Cricket Club in 2015.

Ed Howitt passed away on 21 April 2016 aged 72 years.

Malli Iyer

Malli joined the Association in 2002 and was upgraded to Full membership in 2007. An umpire with the Sydney Shires Association he was well respected and umpired across a number of seasons. Malli passed away aged 74 years.

Dudley Tinyow

Dudley Tinyow was the first umpire of Chinese heritage to officiate with the Association. Dudley joined the Association in 1967 and was made a Principal Member in 2001. Dudley was a gentle man who had many friends in cricket. He loved the game. Dudley's funeral notice in The Daily Telegraph appropriately read "brother to many". Dudley passed away aged 78 years.

We express deepest sympathy to the families of Ivor Bitel, Ed Howitt, Malli Iyer and Dudley Tinyow and acknowledge their contribution as members of our Association.

May Ivor, Ed, Malli and Dudley rest in peace.

Meetings

■ Jay Lenton

Ordinary General Meetings of the Association are held on the first Wednesday of each month between the months of September and May, excluding January.

The Annual General Meeting, as required by the Constitution, was

held on the first Wednesday in July. A Special General Meeting was held on 13 January, the primary focus of which was half year reports from the Board Chair and Treasurer, and an education and development session facilitated by the State Director of Umpiring.

The Bowlers' Club of NSW in York Street, Sydney, is the regular meeting venue for the Association, although the December meeting was held in the Stephen and Mark Waugh Pavilion at Bankstown Oval. The thanks of the Association is offered to Brian Freedman (Bankstown District Cricket Club) for hosting our meeting. An average of 72 members attended the nine scheduled Ordinary General Meetings, the January Special Meeting and the AGM. The members see the benefits in attending meetings as there is a large amount of information distributed. 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 December and February meetings were the highest attended meetings with 88 members in attendance at each, the lowest being the April meeting with only 44 members in attendance.

At each Ordinary General Meeting the Association aims to deliver an agenda for the members which provides them with information regarding representative appointments, material of a technical nature, as well as a variety of education and development sessions. Additionally, there are Finance, Administration and Committee reports given at each meeting. Valuable information can be gained from attending Association

meetings. Members are encouraged to attend.

The September pre-season SCA Rules Meeting is essential for those umpires intending to officiate in the SCA Grade Competition. It was facilitated this season by Dr David Dilley, while Ben Treloar facilitated a Rules Meeting for those umpires who were appointed to umpire in the SCA Grade Finals Series.

Attendance at the Annual Convention is considered essential for officiating members and new or first year members. The Association offers thanks to Cricket NSW for the use of the Auditorium for Rules Meetings. The collaboration of Jim Robson is appreciated in allowing the use of this facility.

At the Annual General Meeting in July 2015 there were 95 members in attendance.

At the Annual General Meeting Returning Officer, Daniel McKenna, announced the result of the ballot for elected Board Directors. Geoff Garland, Claire Polosak and Muhammad Qureshi were elected, the unsuccessful candidate being Kevin Battishill.

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

There was only one nomination for Liaison Officer and Neil Findlay was elected.

Due to the relocation of Muhammad Qureshi to Tasmania, the October Ordinary General Meeting brought about a ballot to fill the vacant Director role. The ballot saw Mark Hughes elected over Glen Stubbings to serve until the 2016 Annual General 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 meetings falls due, their presence will always be noted and welcomed.



Fees

■ Troy Penman

At the April Ordinary General Meeting the Association Treasurer, Laurie Borg, on behalf of the Board recommended to members attending that meeting that the various categories of membership subscriptions remain the same for the 2016-17 season. The members approved that the membership subscriptions remain the same.

Members are therefore reminded that the subscriptions set for the 2016-17 season are now due and are payable on or before 31 August 2016. Affiliated Associations who are incorporated may wish to note that their subscriptions, payable by 30 September 2016, include the cost of the Public Liability Insurance as required by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

Members and Affiliated Associations are also reminded that if subscriptions are not paid by the due date they will be considered unfinancial 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 unfinancial and payment of subscription at the rate which may be applicable on or after 1 September 2016 for members and 1 October 2016 for Affiliated Associations.

The subscriptions due including the GST component is shown below:

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

Staffing

■ Darren Goodger

Three staff are employed at Cricket NSW to serve NSWCUA:

Administration Manager	Troy Penman
Administration Officer	Jay Lenton
Executive Officer	Darren Goodger

The State Director of Umpiring is an appointment made by Cricket NSW. Darren Goodger filled this role in 2015-16 as well as assuming responsibility for the education and development portfolio within the Association.

Troy Penman is acknowledged for an outstanding year as NSWCUA Administration Manager. His work ethic and support of colleagues, Board and members is exemplary. His efforts are very much appreciated by all stakeholders. Mr Penman energetically takes on additional responsibilities and he displays an attitude of putting the Association first. During the 2015-16 season Mr Penman assumed responsibility for umpire appointments to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade matches in the SCA competitions and was responsible for planning and organising an excellent 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 and also took on responsibility for the editing and production of *In Black and White*. Mr Penman goes about his work with great energy and positively engages with members and all involved in the game. His contribution deserves praise in what was a successful season for the Association.

Jay Lenton had an exceptional year as NSWCUA Administration Officer.

He made a fine contribution. Mr Lenton's administration is first-rate, he possesses excellent attention to detail and an absolute commitment to completing set tasks. Mr Lenton has already established a great rapport with many members possessing a wonderful gift of the common touch and humility. His dedication, hard work, sense of humour, support, patience and loyalty are appreciated. He has positively challenged our processes aimed at delivering better outcomes. As an Association we are delighted that Mr Lenton has been awarded a full time playing contract with Cricket NSW for season 2016-17. He will take one year's Leave of Absence from his Administration Officer role and the position will be advertised and then filled on a temporary full time basis. This process will be managed by Human Resources at Cricket NSW.

The work of Mr Penman and Mr Lenton is commended to all members and affiliated associations. They administer our wonderful Association on a daily basis and have made a superb contribution in season 2015-16. Selflessness is the soul of teamwork – both put the Association first to produce fine work which has led to excellent results. The key to teamwork is to work less as individuals and more as a team – both are genuine team players. They are acknowledged and sincerely thanked for their hard work and positive contribution.

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

None of us is as smart as all of us.

Functions

■ Troy Penman

The Annual Dinner and the Annual Convention were again the standout functions of the Association's year. The Annual Dinner was held at the Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 16 April. A total of 176 people attended, made up of members, partners and special guests including General Manager - Cricket Performance, David Moore and Cricket Australia Umpire Educator, Bob Parry.

This was an increase on last year's attendance and only second behind the record attendance of 220 in 2014. 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. Administration Officer and NSW Blues Sheffield Shield player Jay Lenton was the MC for the evening and provided a polished and articulate performance, his ability to engage all attendees when he spoke was a real highlight. Entertainment for the evening came from comedian/ventriloquist Darren Carr who was excellent and provided a quality performance.

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.

SCA Panel Awards were presented by SCA Committee of Management Chair, Andrew Falk, the George Borwick Memorial Award was presented by 2011-12 season winner Bill Hendricks and we were delighted to have Co-Patron Alan Davidson AM MBE present the E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket

Umpires' Association member Geoff Hasler.

The Annual Convention had 160 members in attendance and this was the maximum capacity for the Bradman Museum. An excellent program had been put together by Executive Officer Darren Goodger and all in attendance would have picked up a few pointers for the season ahead.

By holding the Convention at the Bradman Museum it allowed for all attendees to immerse themselves in the history of cricket, this added to the experience of the weekend.

There were a number of guest speakers who delivered on a wide range of topics, these included, Former Australian Test Cricketer Geoff Lawson, ICC Umpire Performance and Training Manager Simon Taufel, Manly-Warringah Club Captain Jay Lenton, NSW Breakers Coach Joanne Broadbent and Cricket Australia Umpire Educator Bob Parry. Our own members also contributed to a high quality program.

The guest presentations all provided something different over the weekend and all attendees would have taken home some key messages for the season ahead.

Finally, thank you to Gaurav Desai and the members of the Social Committee for their hard work

throughout the year with Ordinary General Meeting raffles and the large Annual Dinner raffle. Under Gaurav's leadership the raffles and the Social Committee have become very productive and add something new to the Ordinary General Meetings.

Communications

■ Troy Penman

The Communication for the Association is continually becoming more electronic than ever before, with the use of Facebook to help with the advertising of courses and members' achievements take up the majority of the news feed. On a regular basis videos are placed on the page for fans to comment on with trivia questions still a hit with all fans.

The webpage is an area under construction, the Administrative team are currently looking at new programs to host the pages for us that will make it easier to use for the members and allow us to upload plenty of information. We are looking to launch the new page prior to the start of the 2016-17 season.

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.



Jay Lenton was the MC for the 2015-16 NSWCUA Annual Dinner. 176 members and guests attended the evening.

Email is still the most common form of communication for the Association with only a small percentage of the membership 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' has undergone a revamp and we're committed to four publications each year.

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.

Board Meetings

■ Jay Lenton

The Board of Directors, elected at the Annual General Meeting, has met to date on six occasions during the year under review (May 2015-April 2016). The Board determined to meet in the months of May, July, August, October, January and March. The meetings were held in the Board Room at Cricket New South Wales offices in Moore Park.

Gaurav Desai was appointed as a Board Director during the July meeting and due to the resignation of Muhammad Qureshi, Mark Hughes was elected to the Board from the September Ordinary General Meeting following a ballot.

Matters dealt with by the Board of Directors during the year included the following:

- **New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Constitution rewrite.**

The Board reviewed the Constitution. Changes were

recommended to members for their consideration. Member comment was considered by the Board. A draft of a proposed new Constitution will be sent to members this year. It is hoped the new Constitution will be adopted. As it will be a document to further progress NSWCUA

- **Annual Convention**

The Board determined the Annual Convention would be held at the Bradman Museum, Bowral, on 22-23 August 2015.

- **Board Meetings**

The Board determined to meet on 6 occasions as opposed to 11.

- **Dispute with Cricket Publishing Company**

The Association entered litigation with regards to the writing of its history. The Board engaged TurksLegal and liaised on a regular basis with the Association's legal team.

- **Umpire Exchange Tasmania**

The Board approved an umpire exchange with Cricket Tasmania. NSWCUA member Darren Foster officiated a two day match in Hobart with Mike Graham-Smith. Cricket Tasmania State Panel Umpire Darren Close officiated in a two day match in Sydney with Anthony Wilds. The experience proved beneficial for both umpires.

- **Education and Development**

The Board approved the NSWCUA Education and Development Programs. These were funded by the Umpire Service Grant.

- **WACA Exchange**

The Board approved the State Director of Umpiring to commence discussions with the WACA Umpiring Manager, Matthew Hall regarding a possible umpire exchange between NSWCUA and WACA.

- **Merchandise**

The Board approved the new sky blue field jacket for on field wear by the umpires.

- **Sponsorship**

The Board endorsed the sponsorship from Cricket NSW with umpires in SCA Grade and Shires matches wearing "Plan B" field shirts, the shirts were also worn in representative country fixtures.

- **Coaching and Observer Panels**

The Board approved the Coaching and Observer Panels, with Bill Hendricks added to the observer group.

- **Hall of Fame**

The Board considered nominations for the NSWCUA Hall of Fame.

- **Umpire Educator**

The Board approved that discussions take place with Cricket NSW regarding the possible employment of an Umpire Educator.

- **Strategic Plan**

The Board has commenced work on a new strategy.

- **Centenary History**

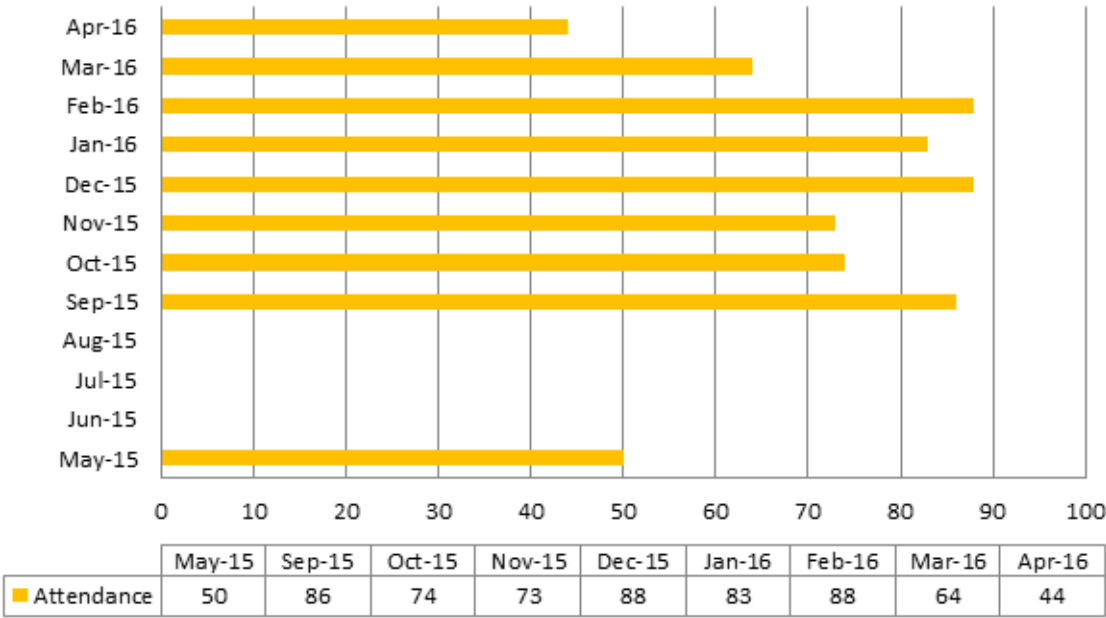
The Board determined a copy of the NSWCUA Centenary History be provided to each member.

- **Umpire Match Payments**

The Board recommended an increase in match payments for SCA umpires.

Gaurav Desai was, by Board resolution, appointed as an Appointed Director. Mr Desai's appointment took effect when confirmed by members attending the September Ordinary General Meeting. Due to the resignation of Muhammad Qureshi, Mark Hughes was elected to the Board at the October Ordinary General Meeting following a secret ballot in which he defeated Glen Stubbings.

Attendance at Ordinary General Meetings



LEFT: Marty Edgell



RIGHT: Sharad Patel calls time during a 2nd Grade match between North Sydney and Blacktown at Tunks Oval.

Attendance at Board Meetings

Board Member	Possible Attendance	Attendance	Apology
Laurie Borg	6	5	1
Graham Chudleigh	6	5	1
Gaurav Desai	3	3	0
David Dilley	6	4	2
Neil Findlay	6	5	1
Geoff Garland	6	5	1
Darren Goodger	6	6	0
Mark Hughes	3	3	0
Claire Polosak	6	5	1
Muhammad Qureshi	3	2	1

Section 3:

Examination Committee

■ Mark Hughes

It is with pleasure to provide my first report as Chair of the Examination Committee for 2015-16.

The committee welcomed new members Zaheer Nazir and John Darcy who provided welcome contributions in their first year. I also acknowledge Ben Treloar and Kevin Battishill for their continued service on the committee, once again providing excellent assistance.

A multiple choice SCA playing conditions paper was prepared with contributions made by all members of the committee. After receiving responses from SCA umpires, we reviewed incorrect answers and presented at the February Ordinary General Meeting to identify common errors and provided an explanation on these mistakes with a view to ensure these would not be carried into matches.

All of the members of the Examination Committee also took the opportunity to present on questions on the Laws of Cricket or SCA playing conditions at the Ordinary General Meetings during the season. These sessions were diligently prepared and well received by the membership, with positive feedback received on the content and quality of the material presented.

A paper on the playing conditions for the SCA Finals Series was also prepared and distributed to umpires officiating in finals, with further additional questions on SCA playing conditions identified as areas of weakness from this season's playing conditions paper. I also wish to acknowledge Ben Treloar for his efforts to provide a quality presentation to final series umpires on the playing conditions held at the Cricket NSW Auditorium in the lead up to qualifying finals.

Additional questions on the Laws of Cricket were also provided for the online database and this work continues as an ongoing initiative by the committee.

I offer a special thanks to our ex-officio director Graham Chudleigh who oversaw the work of the Examination Committee again this season. Without Graham's leadership and guidance, we would not have been able to achieve as much this season.

Committees

This report on behalf of the NSWCUA Technical Committee will outline the changes to the Laws of Cricket as provided by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). MCC has been recognised as the sole authority for drawing up the Code and also holds the World copyright on the Laws.

Three existing Laws: **40.4 Movement by wicket-keeper**, **41.7 Movement by fielders** and **41.8 Definition of significant movement** were rationalised and redrafted into two new Laws:

40.4 Movement by wicket-keeper and 41.7 Movement by fielders other than the wicket-keeper, so that the existing Law 41.8 was deleted. These Laws will come into force on 1st October 2015, as part of the 6th Edition of the 2000 Code of Laws, and are the only changes from the 5th Edition from 2013.

It was felt that separating the wicket-keeper from the other fielders would allow for a distinction to be made between the two when legislating for allowed and disallowed movement, and would clarify and simplify the Law.

Here is the wording of the new Law 41.7:

Law 41.7 Movement by fielders other than the wicket-keeper

Any movement by any fielder, excluding the wicket-keeper, after the ball comes into play and before the ball reaches the striker, is unfair except for the following:

- (i) *minor adjustments to stance or position in relation to the striker's wicket.*
- (ii) *movement by any fielder, other than a close fielder, towards the*

striker or the striker's wicket that does not significantly alter the position of the fielder.

- (iii) *movement by any fielder in response to the stroke that the striker is playing or that his actions suggest he intends to play.*

Notwithstanding (iii) above, in all circumstances Law 41.5 (Limitation of on side fielders) shall apply. In the event of such unfair movement, either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball. Note also the provisions of Law 42.4 (Deliberate attempt to distract striker). See also Law 40.4 (Movement by wicket-keeper).

(Note – the existing Law 41.8 has been deleted.)

The purpose of the existing Law was to prevent a fielder significantly altering his position as the ball comes into play, until the ball reaches the striker (e.g. running back from square leg to deep square leg as the bowler runs in); this being seen as deception and/or distraction of the striker. Close fielders were only allowed minor adjustments to stance or position, whereas outfielders were permitted to 'walk in' normally towards the striker or the striker's wicket; anything other than slight movement off line or away from the striker was disallowed.

The intention of the redrafted Law is to retain all of the thrust of the existing Law, but to allow a fielder to move significantly, before the ball has reached the striker, if it is in response to the stroke the striker is playing or that his actions suggest he is intending to play. It is felt that such movement is 'intelligent fielding' in response to a stroke, and should therefore be allowed.

Fielders (e.g. cover or short-leg) have altered their position in response to strokes being played as long as cricket has been played, so to an extent, the Law change is acknowledging existing practice. However, 'deceptive

movement' which is intended to distract or deceive the striker should not be allowed – mid-on running back towards long-on as the bowler is running in, for example.

It is also felt that the principle that the striker should be protected from significant movement by a fielder is correct, up to the moment that he moves in preparation for his stroke; thereafter the fielders should be allowed to move in reaction to how the striker is shaping to play. In particular, if the striker sets up a position for a 'switch-hit' or 'reverse sweep' before the bowler has released the ball, then the fielding side may move in response.

However, it was felt that the above principle should not override the restriction of no more than two fielders, other than the wicket-keeper, behind the popping crease on the on side at the instant of delivery (Law 41.5), since otherwise the fielding side might try to move fielders into close-catching positions for bouncers, potentially leading to them being bowled more frequently. After the ball has been released, however, a fielder may move to this position if it is in reaction to the batsman's intended shot.

As in the existing Law, either umpire will call and signal Dead ball immediately he detects 'illegal' movement, since it will most frequently occur before the bowler has released the ball.

Here is the wording of the new Law 40.4:

Law 40.4 Movement by wicket-keeper

After the ball comes into play and before it reaches the striker, it is unfair if the wicket-keeper significantly alters his position in relation to the striker's wicket, except for the following:

- (i) *movement of a few paces forward for a slower delivery, unless in so doing it brings him within reach of the wicket.*

- (ii) lateral movement in response to the direction in which the ball has been delivered.
- (iii) movement in response to the stroke that the striker is playing or that his actions suggest he intends to play. However, the provisions of Law 40.3 (Position of wicketkeeper) shall apply.

In the event of unfair movement by the wicket-keeper, either umpire shall call and signal Dead ball.

The existing Law was designed to prevent the wicket-keeper stealthily moving up to the stumps from a standing-back position, after the ball comes into play and before the ball reaches the striker, in order to effect a 'surprise' stumping; there was a concession of a few paces in adjusting to a slower delivery.

The aim of the redraft is to continue the thrust of the existing Law, but also to tackle three additional situations:

- (i) It was felt unfair for a wicket-keeper who was standing back

within say 5 yards of the stumps, who in moving forwards for a slower delivery, came within reach of the stumps to effect a 'surprise' stumping with the ball in his gloves. Hence the redrafted Law does not allow the wicket-keeper to move forward for a slower delivery if by doing so it brings him within reach of the stumps.

- (ii) It was felt unfair for a wicket-keeper who initially takes his position on the off side to be able to move to the on side before the ball is delivered to effect a 'surprise' stumping (having agreed with the bowler to bowl a ball outside leg stump). It was felt that this tactic falls into the same category as significant fielder movement and deceives the striker. Hence the wicket-keeper should be allowed to move laterally in response to the direction of the ball once it has been delivered, but not before. The exception to this being clause

- (iii) A wicket-keeper may start by standing on the leg-side, if he so

wishes, but may not then move towards the off side until the ball has been released.

- (iv) It was felt that the wicket-keeper should have the same concessions concerning movement before the ball reaches the striker as a fielder, provided that he does not contravene Law 40.3 (Position of wicket-keeper), which restricts him to remaining wholly behind the wicket whilst the ball is in play until the ball misses the stumps, unless it has hit the striker's bat or person, or the striker attempts a run.

As in the existing Law, either umpire will call and signal Dead ball immediately if the wicket-keeper transgresses this Law, since the 'illegal' movement is likely to occur before the bowler has released the ball. He will call No ball as soon as applicable after the delivery of the ball if the wicket-keeper transgresses Law 40.3.



ABOVE: Christopher McLeod and Christine Bennison at Bankstown during Christopher's Sheffield Shield debut in November. Christine had an unceremonious fall from the raised stage area that the scorers use resulting in a minor head wound and was promptly provided with a helmet by match referee Daryl Harper to prevent further injury!



ABOVE: Joe Ottaviano keeps focus at a 4th Grade match.

LEFT: Mark Nickl oversees the coin toss between Randwick-Petersham and Manly-Warringah at the SCG.

Scorer Committee

■ Merilyn Fowler

As another season passes us by I reflect on the year that was for the Scorers Committee.

I usually leave my thank you list until the end of my report but I am doing it first this year to acknowledge just how important they are. So, in no particular order, I wish to sincerely thank the following people for their contribution to the (mostly!) efficient running of the Scorers Committee this year:

- ❖ The committee members of Christine Bennison, Kay Wilcoxon, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright, who again made themselves available to represent our scorer members this year;
- ❖ The members of the NSWCUSA Board for their continued support;
- ❖ My husband, Nick, who after all these years still continues to let me shove ideas and scenarios at him for comment ... although the comments are getting more mumbled I'm sure! ☺
- ❖ Other family and friends who allow me the luxury of 'venting' when I need to give Nick a break!
- ❖ Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Jay Lenton who provide phenomenal support and assistance to the scorer members (and particularly me personally) and without whom I know we would cease to exist.

As always the highlight of our year is the Convention and this year was no exception with an almost record breaking attendance by the scorers at lovely Bowral. We had a great time, learned lots, had fun and over the course of the weekend we were treated to presentations by guest speakers Gerard Abood, Joanne Broadbent,



Back row (L to R): Cheryl Brain, Janelle Carew, Laurel Kirton, Kay Wilcoxon, Julia Coote, Merilyn Fowler, Christine Byrnes, Christine Bennison, Toni Lorraine, Peter Garlick. Front row (L to R): Ian Wright, Veena Naidu, Christopher McLeod, Sue Woodhouse, Adrian Tham.

Darren Goodger, Kath Koschel, Christopher McLeod, Bob Parry and Ben Treloar who both entertained and educated us. Thank you all sincerely for so willingly sharing your wit and wisdom with our group who all thoroughly enjoyed your sessions.

Our program for this year's Convention is already in place with a theme of 'Teamwork' and we look forward to a record breaking attendance this year! Come along, learn and socialise with your fellow scorer and umpire members. As I say, "don't just join, join in!" ... we'd love to see you.

Training and development of newer scorers was high on the agenda again this year with our accredited scorer trainers facilitating courses across Sydney and as far afield as Grafton. Both our trainers and our course material continue to receive positive feedback from participants and I sincerely thank our dedicated team of trainers who voluntarily devote their time and expertise to the cause.

For more information on scorers training courses, which are available State-wide, or to book a course in your area email me at nswscorers@gmail.com

As at the time of writing this report we were due to have our annual

scorers' luncheon in early June and I hope all who attended enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with their scoring friends and colleagues in the non-playing season.

Although selections and award winners are not chosen by the scorers committee, I wish to congratulate all of our members who were rewarded with representative scoring honours this season. I make particular mention of Christopher McLeod who made his Sheffield Shield debut and Darren Mattison who made his Test debut during the season ... congratulations gents, both appointments were thoroughly deserved! It is a privilege, not a right, to score these games and I hope all the appointed scorers enjoyed being paid to watch our great game of cricket from the best seat in the house. I know our umpiring colleagues think they have the best seat in the house ... but ours is at least sometimes air-conditioned, fly free and doesn't require the wearing of a helmet ... although the picture below belies this fact!

We also congratulate the winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, Christopher McLeod, who has scored for the first grade side of the Randwick-Petersham Club in Sydney for a number of years. Chris has been a dedicated scorer and volunteer for

the club and will be missed by them (and his scorer friends) as he's recently made the move to Canberra due to work commitments. A popular, highly regarded and competent scorer; Chris was a deserving winner of the award this year.

In closing, I wish you all the best for the remainder of the non-playing season and look forward to seeing you at the Convention ready for another great year ahead.

"Because scorers count ..."



First of all, I would like to thank the team of John Darcy, Bill Glacken and Berend Du Plessis who have all put in great efforts for the efficient running of the Social Committee. I thank Laurie Borg for his never ending support of the committee throughout

the year. I also thank all the members for their participation in the social events and the raffle draws. A special thank you to Christiaan Kennedy for his generous support of some top notch Brown Brothers wines for the Christmas and Annual Dinner raffle.

Our big raffle at the Annual Dinner saw the following winners grab some great prizes,

- 1st Prize – Samsung 40" HD TV - Chris Cassin**
- 2nd Prize – Sony Sound Bar - Christina Voyage**
- 3rd Prize – Nutri Ninja IQ - Bede Sajowitz**
- Additional Prize – Nutri Ninja IQ - Laurie Borg**
- 4th Prize – Fitbit Charge - Jesal Desai**
- 5th Prize – Fitbit Charge - Laurie Borg**
- 6th Prize - NSWCUSA \$100 Gift Voucher - Christine Bennison**
- 7th Prize - NSWCUSA \$100 Gift Voucher - Jesal Desai**

8th Prize – Bottle of Whiskey - Alan McFadyen

It was the first year for the new Social Committee and I feel we made some positive changes, with John Darcy adding a new segment at Ordinary General Meetings by way of a regular trivia quiz which made sure all members were scratching their cricket brain cells. We look forward to adding many more new segments and events going forward. Hoping to come back with a bang next year and with some more great entertainment for members.

We look forward to a large turnout at the Annual Convention where the Social Committee will arrange numerous prizes for the raffle.

At the time of writing this report preparations were underway for the Tom Brooks Golf Day.



Section 4:

Training

■ Darren Goodger



It has been my pleasure to serve NSWCUSA in the area of training, education and development in season 2015-16.

The Association offered training courses on the Laws of Cricket for prospective umpires around New South Wales:

- Murray Border CUA (Albury)
- Armidale District CUA
- Camden District CUA
- Clarence River Cricket Association (Grafton)
- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District CUA
- Karuah & Tea Gardens District Cricket Club
- Narromine District Cricket Association
- Newcastle District CUA
- North Coast CUSA (Coffs Harbour)
- Orange District CUA
- Parramatta District CUA
- Upper Hunter District Cricket Association
- Northern District Junior Cricket Association (West Ryde)

The numbers were excellent across the State thanks to the hard work on the ground of local volunteer officials who are acknowledged here for their excellent support and organisation – Ken Bakon, Ken Brooks, Gary Crombie, Neil Disson, Steve Eccles, Ian Findlay, Geoff Hasler, Alan Hollebrandse, Dwayne Kent, Davern Lewis, Kim Norris, Homer Paxton, Rob Pye, Sam Rees, Ken Robinson, Steve Warrington.

This 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 141 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.

Many trainers made a positive contribution including Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Gary Crombie, David Dilley, Paul Dilley, John Evans, Geoff Garland, Anthony Hobson, Muhammad Qureshi, Glen Stubbings, Ben Treloar. The thanks of the Association is offered to each for their preparation and delivery, and for the time given to course participants. The standard of the courses being facilitated is very high – full credit to the trainers for seeking excellence and constantly improving their presentation skills.

Education & Development

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.

A professional development workshop was held at Bowral for Southern Zone umpires attended by more than 20 officials and, again, their participation was first class. Norm Stanton, the Secretary of Southern Zone Cricket Umpires' Association, is thanked for his organisation and hospitality. Being able to use the facilities at the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame, along with Bradman Oval itself for field craft and technique training, added so much value to this workshop for the trainers and participants. Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar are thanked for their contribution to this program.

Alan Mantle, from Enhance Mind Performance, is an excellent resource for our Association. Alan facilitated professional development sessions for our umpires putting them through a number of practical workshop exercises aimed at improving concentration and enhancing focus. Research has shown that good vision and quick reaction time to an external stimuli is one of the keys to good or even great performances. By doing some simple exercises you can improve your vision and improve your reaction time, therefore improving your overall performance. Many people take for granted their vision and reaction time, but like any skill, these two aspects of yourself can be improved.

Alan focuses on using the subconscious to improve performance and life and on providing mind training tips for umpires. His sessions continue to

be of genuine value for our umpires who respect Alan and his work.

Time was spent in training, education and development at each Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) of the Association and during the Special General Meeting held on 13 January. These sessions are viewed as important by the Board and training team for the ongoing education and development of active members. The thanks of the Association are offered to all trainers who presented.

Nic Bills, who plays first grade with the Mosman Club and has played two first-class matches, presented at the May (OGM). Nic had a number of strong and positive messages with regards to what makes the better umpires stand out. It was an exceptional presentation and Nic is commended for the clarity of his messages. He also spoke in a most engaging manner about his own career so far and how he desires to return to the professional game.

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.

SCA umpires were provided with two playing condition questionnaires to assist with improving their knowledge and understanding of the match regulations. Those who took up the opportunity to complete the papers received their result and advice on areas of the playing conditions they would benefit from studying based on their answers in the respective paper. The second questionnaire related specifically to the playing conditions for SCA finals matches. The thanks of the Association are offered to Mark Hughes and the Examination Committee for their work in preparing and marking these papers.

A number of umpires from affiliated 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 2016-17 to members from NSW CUSA affiliates. The experience gained was also of benefit to the competitions in which these umpires regularly officiate – it improved the umpiring standard of the individual and in each case the umpire was able to share information and knowledge gained from umpiring in Sydney with umpires in his own association.

The State Umpiring Manager workshop is to be held at Bradman Museum from 23-25 May. We look forward to welcoming the SUMs to New South Wales and to hosting this annual conference.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their advice, assistance and support in the area of education and development in the 2015-16 season:

- The NSW CUSA 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 training, education and development programs.
- 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 New South Wales 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 also promote the benefits of being a member of NSWCUA.
- Affiliated umpire associations which hosted training courses during the year.
- Country Umpire Advisor Keith Griffiths and his assistant Ian Thomas.
- Graham Chudleigh for his excellent work as the Cricket Australia Level 2 Umpire Accreditation Course Supervisor.
- Malcolm Conn, Sudesh Arudpragasam and Simon Anderson in the Communications Department at Cricket NSW, for publicising umpiring at any available opportunity through the Cricket NSW web page and various social media.
- Jim Robson at Cricket NSW for coordinating the use of the Auditorium for umpire training courses and development programs. Jim's support and flexibility is acknowledged and appreciated.
- Chair of the Country Cricket NSW Umpire Sub Committee Bob Myatt. Bob has been a tower of strength to me in many ways for a number of years 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.
- Muhammad Qureshi for his passion and involvement in the Association's training courses as the Course Administrator. Muhammad energetically collected and edited many video resources to benefit umpire education and development sessions. He made an outstanding contribution to NSWCUA in the training area. Muhammad relocated to Hobart in time for the commencement of the 2015-16 cricket season and has been a welcome addition to the Tasmanian Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association.
- Administration Manager Troy Penman whose commitment, dedication and professionalism are to be commended and admired. The Association owes Troy a great deal for his support of education and development initiatives. He is an outstanding young Executive.
- Administration Officer Jay Lenton for his support with the organisation of all education and development programs. Jay has streamlined our registration processes and is commended for his professionalism and enthusiasm. Jay brings great energy to his role and he is a fine asset for NSWCUA. His support with resource preparation is appreciated.
- 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 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 Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant, Bill Hendricks and Graham Reed. They are committed to providing umpires with useful and considered feedback.



David Taylor and Yohan Ramasundara at the SCG.

- David Dilley for facilitating the Rules Night for the Grade panel umpires.
- Ben Treloar for facilitating the Rules Night for those umpires appointed to the Grade finals series.
- 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?
- Cricket NSW General Manager Cricket Performance, David Moore, for his inclusiveness, interest in and support of NSWCUA and umpiring in New South Wales.

In an education and development sense the Association remains committed to delivering high quality training for prospective umpires and scorers and ongoing development for 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 2016-17 season and beyond.

It is an exciting time in the Association's history and we are blessed at the top level to have wonderful talent officiating in the professional game, and a number of emerging prospects who will push hard for representative selection in Cricket Australia programs in the years to come. 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
- Were the goals of the 2015-16 performance plan achieved?
- Expectations / goals for 2016-17
- 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 the next session we umpire our best ever, 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. Mistakes are a part of life. If you don't make them, you'll never learn. If you never learn, you'll never improve.

To quote from Robin Sharma's work,

- "Small daily improvements – over time – lead to stunning results."

- If you're not chasing excellence and passionate innovation, mediocrity is already on its way to get you.

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.

Best wishes to all members for a relaxing non-playing season. We hope to see as many as possible at the Convention at Bankstown, on 27-28 August 2016, recharged and ready to go for 2016-17.

Thank you to all for the interest in and support of the Association's training, education and development initiatives and may all members enjoy the season ahead and your involvement in cricket.



The highlight of our year in terms of education and development is the Annual Convention, held at Bradman Museum and International Cricket Hall of Fame on 22-23 August 2015. More than 150 members attended and all who did so are commended and thanked for taking their preparation seriously for season 2015-16.

The Convention theme was "The separation is in the preparation" and the program for the weekend saw a number of different presenters and presentations:

- Rina Hore gave an engaging welcome to "Bradman". It set the scene for a wonderful two days during which Rina and her staff proved to be superb hosts. Her passion is something to behold.



Over 150 members attended the 2015 Convention which was held at the Bradman Museum in Bowral.

- Darren Goodger facilitated a session on the Laws of Cricket which saw attendees work in groups on a questionnaire. The questions generated plenty of discussion.
- Geoff Lawson was an engaging guest speaker talking about his experiences as an international cricketer, coach and giving his views on the state of cricket. He also spoke about his interactions with umpires over the years and what made the better umpires stand out.
- Greg Davidson led a session on assertive communication skills outlining the importance of presence and clarity in communication. He also looked at examples of forthright and positive behaviour. Greg stressed the importance of listening to the views of others and responding appropriately, whether in agreement with those views or not.
- Simon Taufel attended the Convention this year and gave an excellent presentation on match officials' preparation for the ICC Cricket World Cup. He also referred to work he had read from John Eales and discussed the relevance of composure for match officials.
- Jay Lenton spoke from a player's perspective about the role of the umpire and what makes a good umpire. Jay highlighted communication skills, clarity and decisiveness when explaining decisions, consistency in decision making, teamwork and positive match management as being key traits for good umpires.
- Simon Lightbody shared his experiences of umpiring the four day match between Australia U19 and England U19 at the WACA Ground and how he had come back from adversity in his career.
- Joanne Broadbent was an outstanding guest speaker, sharing her experiences as an international cricketer, NSW Breakers Head Coach and a former first grade umpire in the Brisbane Grade competition. She spoke of how the strive for constant improvement drives her and of the importance of teamwork among match officials.
- Gerard Abood spoke around the Code of Conduct, which applies equally to matches in the Sydney Cricket Association and Country Cricket NSW, reporting procedures and attending judiciary hearings. Gerard highlighted the need for consistency with reporting and the need for being proactive with player behaviour. Not only is Gerard a member of the National Umpire Panel, he is also an Assistant Code of Conduct Commissioner for Cricket NSW.
- Ben Treloar led a session around being and performing in the zone, and creating the optimal performance state.
- Kath Koschel was a polished guest presenter, drawing on her experiences as an elite cricketer and senior manager to give ideas about how to maximise performance and get the best out of yourself.
- Bob Parry presented the changes to the Laws of Cricket and the Cricket Australia umpiring web page. <http://community.cricket.com.au/umpire/news>
- Anthony Wilds facilitated a valuable session around Law 42.3 The match ball – changing its condition. This was an interactive group work session – education at its best!
- Whilst not facilitating a session, Troy Penman issued a detailed and exceptional written report to members about NSWCUA administration matters. Members appreciated the quality and professionalism of Troy's update.
- Co-patron Dick French gave his summary of the Convention, along with his usual words of wisdom, wishing everyone well for the season ahead and stressing to all umpires the importance of preparation and umpiring with common sense. Dick's passion for umpiring and our Association remains as strong as ever.

It was certainly a Convention the Association can be proud to have conducted at a high quality venue and we offer a vote of thanks to all those who contributed. The presentations were of a high standard.

My thanks go to:

- Bill Massingham for being the Convention MC. He did an excellent job in holding the Convention together.
- Marilyn Fowler for organising the sessions for our scorer members – her work and contribution to the Association is of the highest standard and the scorers enjoyed and gained benefit from the program put together by Marilyn.
- All members, and members of affiliated umpire associations, who attended the Convention – there was a great feel to the 2015 Convention and all who attended are to be commended for their positive approach and wonderful spirit in making the most of the weekend and the opportunities for learning that the program provided.
- Our guest presenters and members who facilitated sessions. There is a sense of satisfaction in preparing and delivering a session aimed at benefiting others.
- The Social Committee.
- Merchandise Officer John Evans. John's management of

our merchandise operations and his commitment to providing quality service to NSW/CUSA members is excellent. John's usual band of helpers were on hand and their efforts are appreciated and acknowledged. John was particularly grateful to Bill Howard, Ray Marshall and Arthur Watson for their support and assistance this year.

- Muhammad Qureshi who works hard as honorary secretary (training) – he was a huge support in preparing the Convention.
- Troy Penman and Jay Lenton for preparing Convention resource packs and registering all attendees. The general assistance and support of the Association's education and development initiatives by Troy and Jay is valued. They are outstanding administrators and outstanding young men. Our administration team worked superbly in the lead up to the Convention to support the training team.
- Marty Edgell and Bill Hendricks who took various photos throughout the weekend and then provided these to the Association for use. What great energy and spirit they brought to the weekend!
- All members who assisted at the Convention in one way or another. So many just jumped in to lend a hand when they saw a need – this was very much appreciated. Anticipating a need is a great

quality to possess, so many of our members help in a positive way. Thank you!

The 2015 Convention makes me reflect on the wonderful contribution made to NSW/CUSA by our volunteers. We hope the weekend helped those who came along to prepare well for the season and we thank management and staff of "Bradman", in particular Rina Hore, for their wonderful hospitality and service.

Overwhelming feedback indicated that Convention 2015 was a wonderful success – a hearty vote of thanks to all who made a contribution to the weekend.

The 2016 Convention will be held on the weekend of 27-28 August at Bankstown Sports Club. A registration form has been sent to all members. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend for what will be an interesting and varied program once again, along with being a great social weekend, as we prepare for the 2016-17 cricket season. It can't come quick enough!

"The days come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party but they say nothing. And if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them silently away."
- **Ralph Waldo Emerson.**

On behalf of the training team we wish all members well in their preparation for the 2016-17 season.



LEFT: Umpires at the Country Cup Semi-Finals in Tamworth.

RIGHT: Greg Jones and Graeme Glazebrook at the SCG.



Merchandise

■ John Evans

It is my pleasure to bring you the Merchandise Report for season 2015-16. Our season began with the Convention conducted at The Bradman Museum, Bowral in September. With assistance from Bill Howard, Ray Marshall and Arthur Watson who called by my place and helped me load all the merchandise. Then the Thrifty merchandise bus trundled down the M5 motorway on a bright and sunny Friday afternoon. On arrival I was met by an army of helpers and we unloaded the bus into the foyer of the Bradman Museum in record time. This allowed me time to set up and prepare for the onslaught over the weekend.

The new order of blue jackets had arrived and these were the weekend's best sellers, understandably a lot of the common sizes sold out. Sales overall were below previous years and hopefully I can introduce some new products in the next couple of years. I would like to thank Bill Howard for his tireless support throughout the weekend, he is a volunteer like us all, but he went that extra mile when required, this is why this Association is so strong.

Again I had help when the Convention concluded and the same gentlemen drove to my place to assist in unpacking the bus and filling my garage again. Gents your continued support is very much appreciated. Throughout the season sales have been steady and I believe we have had a successful year.

I have moved into an over 55's village at Cobbitty so my storage space is limited and with this in mind the Board agreed to me hiring a self-storage unit to house the merchandise. This has proved a blessing as it frees up space at my cottage.

To Brett McMillan, I thank you for giving up your time to conduct our annual stocktake, I hope you enjoyed the pizzas. I am still holding an excessive amount of Centenary stock something that I think the Board will have to address during the off season.

I would like to offer my thanks to the Board, their support is invaluable not only to the Merchandise area, but overall towards our Association. To Darren Goodger thanks for your friendship and understanding, I realise you are under the pump, but as they say in business, if you want anything done go to the busiest person for positive results. To Troy Penman and Jay Lenton, thanks again for your overall professionalism, it is pleasing dealing with you guys, keep up the great work as our Association relies heavily on your support and assistance. Finally to my wife Rosemary a big thank you for your understanding and support.

Just a final note, as I have moved into a Retirement Village now I will pick up stock on one day of the week, probably a Thursday so as to avoid racking up too many kilometres in satisfying orders, so please bear with me on this matter. Please all, have a great off season. If you are going to the Convention, I am looking forward to meeting with you and don't forget, bring your cashed up credit card.

Social Appointments

■ Ian Wright

2015-16 has been a busy season with many requests for umpires to be provided for social matches, school cricket and other matches outside of the usual Grade, Shires, Women's Cricket and Masters competitions.

Appointments were made to in excess of 200 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 T20 format or 50 over limited overs formats. However, a small number of two day fixtures were held.

The season began with a large number of pre-season practice matches for Grade and Shires clubs. We were able to meet 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, Northern District Association had umpires assisting with their finals.

Umpires were provided for the Rawson Cup Sydney Uni Colleges carnival, Pharmacy Cricket, Primary Club matches, SCG XI games and Corporate Games carnivals. Appointments were also made to the City and Suburban Association semi-finals.

The CHS boys trials were held in March. We congratulate Gaurav Desai and Alan Monaghan on their appointment to umpire the final. Appointments were also made to the NSW Girls Championships.

Darren Goodger and I made the appointments for the NSW Schools Male Championships which were held in the inner city and Sutherland and St George areas.

It is usually difficult to find umpires to fulfil requests for matches on Saturdays, as many of our members are already committed to Grade or Shires matches. My thanks to Troy Penman

who was able to assist with finding umpires for Saturday matches when needed. I also appreciated the help of Dr John Colwell, who assisted with advising details of umpires not already appointed to Women's matches. Thanks also to Darren Goodger for his assistance in advising details of matches seeking umpires.

I encourage members to volunteer for social match appointments, particularly our newer members, and those who 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 SCG, Bradman Oval, Spotless 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 were usually able to organise umpires at short notice the more time available, the better chance of finding someone suitable for your matches. Sufficient notice of matches also helps ensure that umpires of an appropriate standard are appointed. I can usually find umpires at short notice, but for higher standard games more notice is preferred. If at all possible, it is preferred that payment be made on the day of the match.

The recommended fees for social matches remained at \$130 this season.

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

Observers

■ Bob Davis

Throughout the 2015-16 Premier Grade season five off-field observers (Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant, Bill Hendricks, Graham Reed) have been visiting cricket fields throughout Sydney to assist the officiating SCA umpires.

369 off-field observations were made, and reports prepared during the season, for 128 umpires in all four SCA grade panels during the season. Reports are sent to the State Director of Umpiring who reads every one

prior to the reports before forwarded to the umpires by the Administration Officer. In most cases, the observers discuss their comments with the umpires at the end of a session or of the day's play.

The allocation of observers to matches ensured that every umpire in the first, second and third panels was observed at least once, and of most of the regular fourth panel umpires were also observed. Visiting umpires from the NSW country, interstate and overseas were also observed, with the after-match discussions benefiting both NSW umpiring and the umpires themselves.

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

- Provide encouragement and support to match officials, and recognise good practices, good decisions, and positive match-management interventions.
- Inform umpires of any incorrect application of the Laws of Cricket, or of the SCA playing conditions. These happen rarely, primarily due to the extensive training provided by our Education and Development team at conventions, at training

2015-16 Award Winners: David Abbey (Panel 3), Darren Goodger (Panel 1), Sharad Patel (Alan Marshall Medal), Geoff Hasler (E.F. Wykes Association Medal), Bill Massingham (Panel 2), Graeme Glazebrook (Kevin Pye Medal-Country Umpire of the Year), Tony Carr (Panel 4) and Anthony Hobson (George Browick Memorial Award).



sessions, and at our monthly meetings.

- Promote and explain the techniques presented at our monthly meetings by the Education and Development team, especially to umpires who are unable to attend the meetings.
- 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 realise 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 even just done differently, and present the reasons for doing so.

The observers aim to ensure that newer umpires have a sound grounding in basic umpiring techniques, on which to build more advanced ones. We assist more experienced umpires with the finer details of best practice, the "one-percenters" that might help in unusual circumstances.

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

Preparation: 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: this is 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.

Communication: Interactions with captains and players has usually been done well this season, with respect given to them under occasionally trying circumstances. This respect is almost always returned to the umpires, a reward for their efforts.

Decisions: the confidence with which an umpire delivers a decision is vital to its ready acceptance by the players. Umpires should give a consistent presentation of decisions, both the outs and not-outs, with good finger-speed, and exhibit calmness when under pressure.

Teamwork: the umpires form the third team on the field, and this has continued to improve over the past years. Unobtrusive signalling, support of each other when talking with players, frequent eye contact, pitch handover, are often second-nature to umpires, and captains have often noted the good teamwork between umpires.

Personal presentation and fitness: this season, umpires have generally been neatly dressed in the umpire's uniform. Fitness is demonstrated by consistently being in good position for any decision, and never holding up play.

Observers will usually talk informally with one or both captains during a match, to get their perspective on the umpires' performance. Captains understand the role of observers, and take this opportunity to provide thoughtful and constructive comments for the development of umpires. Captains continue to comment favourably on the year-on-year improvement in the standard

of umpiring, especially in the lower grades.

Some of the more common things suggested by observers to umpires, especially those early in their career, include:

- Always watch the play until after the ball has become 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 is dead before signalling to the scorers.
- When at the striker's end, and the batsman plays the ball, maintain your concentration on the batsman's end of the pitch for a moment after the ball was hit, before following the ball. There may be a stumping attempt, or the batsman may break the wicket – in any case, if the bails come off, you must know how it happened.
- 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.
- When you give a batsman out, look him in the eye, don't look at the ground or fiddle with your counter. This gives the impression to all the players that you are confident with your decision.
- 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 (either verbal or by gesture) unless asked.

- At all times, especially during a change of over, at least one of the umpires should be watching the pitch. The umpire moving to square leg can linger beside the pitch to keep an eye on it until his partner arrives at the bowler's end, when this duty is handed over, and he can walk to square leg.
- 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 both 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 popping crease. Aim to be there, and with your head still, when the batsmen complete the first run, ready to adjudicate on a short run or run-out.
- Be careful not to give ambiguous signals to your partner when you are at the striker's end: stand with your hands beside or behind you; hands together in front of you 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 to captains and players. When at the striker's end, between deliveries, turn a little towards your partner, so that you will see any signal from the bowler's end umpire


It is rewarding for 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.

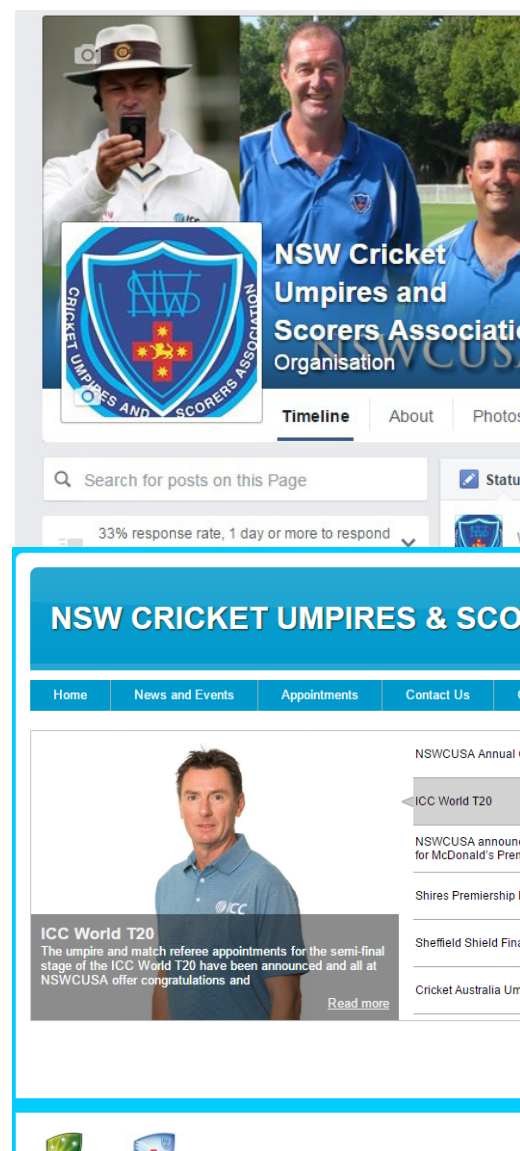
We thank all the umpires in Sydney Grade Cricket for the spirit in which our activities have been received. We are grateful for your understanding of our role, and appreciate your support throughout the season. We are especially grateful to the State Director of Umpiring, Darren Goodger, and the administration team (Troy Penman and Jay Lenton), for their support and encouragement throughout the season.

Webpage & Facebook

■ Jay Lenton

With the ever evolving benefits of Social Media, the accessibility for information is expanding to a broader population. The NSWCUA Facebook page has developed at a rapid rate during the past year with 1,609 people "liking"  the Association's Facebook page. From the 1,609 likes 91% are male and 9% female, the most popular age bracket of those who have "liked" are 18-24 year olds males (28%) closely followed by 25-34 year old males (23%). The widespread availability of the internet and Facebook is shown with 42 countries represented in the 1,609 "likes", a jump from 34 last year, with Australia (801), India (379) and Pakistan (150) the top three representatives.

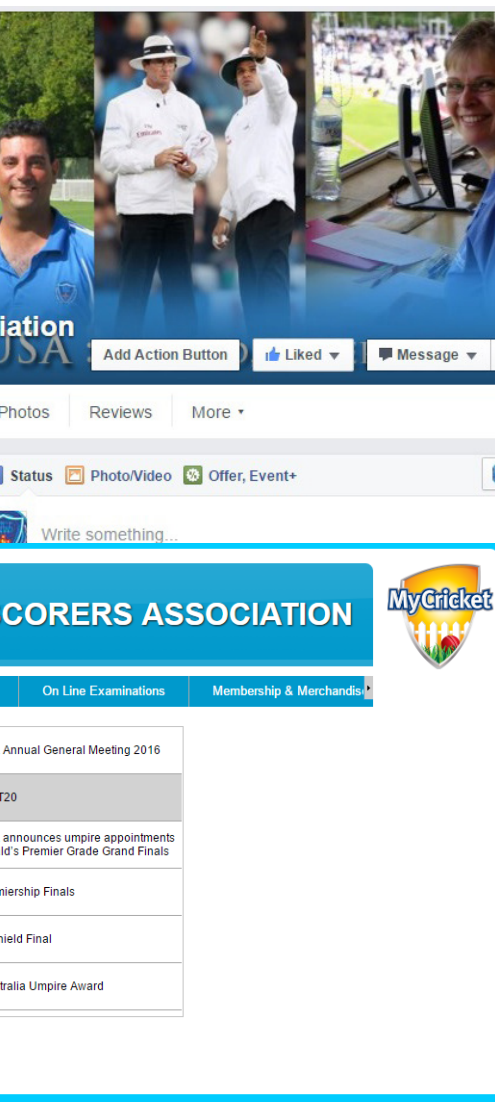
The webpage is still flowing efficiently with a variety of articles released this year updating members on upcoming events, special milestones and achievements.



Liaison Officer

■ Neil Findlay

NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association has 38 Affiliated Associations made up of 16 Metropolitan associations, 21 Country associations and the ACTCA Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Council. The largest of the Affiliated Associations is the Sydney Shires CUA (82 members), while the smallest Associations are Cootamundra District CUA (5 members), Coffs Harbour and District CUA (7 members) and Tweed District CUA (9 members). The average size of the Affiliates is 29.9



CUA (1929). Most Associations also have an impressive list of Life Members who have given years of service both as umpires and as office bearers. Deserving particular recognition are Ray Brennan and Lance Taylor of Sutherland Shire CUA, both of whom have held their respective offices for more than 25 years. Unfortunately, for the Affiliates with a small membership, the ongoing issue is their inability to be able to appoint more than one umpire to each competition match. The most pleasing feature of all of the Affiliates, however, is the emphasis placed on training and development as evidenced by their support for NSW CUA Courses, annual training programs and regular sessions at monthly meetings on the Laws of Cricket, local playing conditions and umpire field craft. Finally, of note, is the continuation of the annual umpire exchange established between the Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUSA and Fairfield-Liverpool CUA's introduction of an Umpire of Year Award in memory of longstanding NSW CUA Principal member, Doug Tyson.

The NSW CUA was once again represented at the majority of the Annual General Meetings of the Affiliated Associations. Board Directors, Zone Umpire Representatives and NSW CUA Administration Manager, Troy Penman, attended a total 22 AGM's. These visits offer an invaluable opportunity for the direct sharing of information and concerns between the Board representatives and the Affiliates. It is important that Affiliates provide early notice of the dates of AGM's so that Board representatives can attend as many meetings as possible.

The Executive and Office Bearers of the Affiliated Associations play a significant part in the development of umpiring in both metropolitan and regional areas and their efforts should

be acknowledged. In particular, their strong support of training and development courses offered by the NSW CUA has been important. Such courses were conducted across the State at venues as widely apart as Albury, Armidale, Bowral, Canberra, Coffs Harbour, Cowra, Karuah, Narromine, Newcastle, Orange, Scone, Taree and Wollongong.

The Zone Umpire Representatives who co-ordinate umpiring in Country New South Wales on behalf of Country Cricket NSW and NSW CUA should also be acknowledged. The Zone Umpire Representatives for 2015-2016 were – Gary Crombie (Central North), Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Greg Jones (Western), Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina), Don Maisey (Central Coast), Kim Norris (Newcastle), Ken Robinson (North Coast) and Bruce Whiteman (Southern).

They all play a vital role in country cricket co-ordinating training courses, identifying suitable candidates for Zone Umpiring Panels and for further country pathways and making appointments to Zone Carnivals and Country Cup and Country Plate matches.

Principal Membership of the NSW CUA was awarded to 3 members of Affiliated Associations at the 2015 NSW CUA Annual General Meeting. Congratulations are extended to Don Coleman (Griffith CUA), Roger Ridgway (Georges River-St George CUL) and Norm Ryder (Far North Coast CUA) on this fitting recognition. Each recipient of this award has been a member of NSW CUA for more than 15 years and in this time has made significant contributions to his respective Association both on and off the field.

In August 2015, the Annual NSW CUA Convention was held at the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame in Bowral.

members. While it is pleasing to note that 6 Associations have a 100% NSW CUA membership, overall, the average NSW CUA membership in the Affiliates is 52.7%. Hopefully, in the future, more Affiliate members will join the NSW CUA.

As usual during the season, each Affiliated Association was invited to report on its activities to the Board and to the wider membership of the NSW CUA. While a minority of the Affiliates responded to this invitation, the reports received highlighted numerous points of interest. Several Affiliates have a long history having been founded more than 85 years ago and of particular note are Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District CUA (1926), Fairfield-Liverpool CUA (1927) and Illawarra

The program developed by Darren Goodger and the training team was, as usual, outstanding and the various presentations were excellent. With the Convention being held in the Highlands, it was pleasing that a good number of Country Affiliate members were able to attend and experience the exceptional venue, the superior professional development and the camaraderie of fellow NSWCUA members.

Once again, Country Cricket NSW conducted several major competitions across the State with matches being umpired by both members of the two Country Panels and also selected Zone umpires. The Zone umpires acquitted themselves well and each appreciated the opportunity to officiate at representative level. The Under 17's State Challenge was held in Coffs Harbour in August; the Country Colts Carnival was held in Dubbo in September and in October the Country Women's Under 15 and Under 18 Championships were held in Raymond Terrace. The Country Championships were held in both Gunnedah and Wagga Wagga in November and were followed by the Country Final, played in Newcastle with Graeme Glazebrook (Western) and Bruce Whiteman (Southern) being the appointed umpires. In place of the SCG Country Cup, the Plan B

Regional Bash T20 competition was played during October and November between 16 regional teams, divided into a Thunder Conference and a Sixers Conference. The Conference Finals and the actual Competition Final were all held at the SCG at the beginning of December, with Paul Dilley and Phil Rainger umpiring the Competition Final. The semi-finals and final of both the Country Cup (previously the Country Shield) and the Country Plate were conducted in Tamworth just after Christmas. Bruce Baxter (North Coast) and Graham Moon (Riverina) umpired the Country Cup Final while the umpires for the Country Plate Final were Jeff Hackett (North Coast) and Graham Moon (Riverina). In January, the Under 16 Bradman Cup competition was held in Newcastle, with Ross McKim and Kim Norris the final's umpires, while the Under 14 Kookaburra Cup was conducted in Griffith, with Vince Calabro and Stephen Poidevin officiating in the final. Once again, the Country Umpire Adviser Keith Griffiths, former International umpire Ian Thomas and State Director of Umpiring Darren Goodger acted as umpire observers at these various competitions and their observations and encouragement were greatly appreciated by all umpires concerned.

The Annual NSWCUA Dinner held at Bankstown in April was again well attended by members of the Affiliated Associations, with the usual good number from country areas present. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of two prestigious awards to members of the Affiliated Associations. Graeme Glazebrook (Western) was the well-deserved winner of the Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year, while Geoff Hasler (Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Hills District CUA) received the EF Wykes OAM Association Medal both for his outstanding contributions as President of his Association and for his significant umpiring achievements.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to all Affiliated Associations for their continued involvement with the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association. I would also like to express my appreciation for the on-going support of the NSWCUA Board of Directors and the efforts of the exceptional management team of Darren Goodger (Executive Officer and State Director of Umpiring), Troy Penman (Administration Manager) and Jay Lenton (Administration Officer). Their genuine interest in the affairs of the Affiliated Associations has been encouraging and their support has been invaluable.

Mark Hughes and David Cullen with the captains of Central North and Mosman U16.



Section 5:

Around the Zones

Central Coast

■ Don Maisey



Introduction

Another tumultuous season on the Central Coast has now drawn to completion. Whilst most of the turmoil has been outside the Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association (CCCUA), it has impacted on CCCUA significantly.

The season started with the dismissal of the Central Coast Cricket Association (CCCA) Board for reasons that most would already know. Consequently, in an effort to ease the financial burden on clubs, we resolved to not increase our fees for the next two seasons.

A new board was elected and expectations were that things would be improved. However, all meetings with the CCCA revolved around finding ways to reduce our fees, whilst they were increasing the fees on clubs. The one thing the CCCA were adamant about was that the Umpires were to bill the clubs directly for umpire's fees. However, we were not able to ascertain what happens if a club defaults. After these initial meetings, the "Cone of Silence" descended and nothing was heard again. We were not informed when games were moved, postponed or cancelled. We were not even informed when the CCCA moved their offices from Gosford to Lisarow.

Unfortunately, the CCCA Board is now embroiled with infighting that has become public. One can only hope that the Board will realise that Cricket is the reason they exist and that they are there for the players.

Affiliated Umpire Associations within the Zone

There is only one Umpires Association in the Central Coast Zone.

Finals Appointments

There was one highlight for this season for which the CCCA needs to be congratulated, and that is for introducing a one-day competition final. In previous seasons, we had played 7 one-day games and 7 two-day games, with only a two-day finals series. This season there were 7 one-day games and 7 two-day games with both a one-day final and a two-day final series. Therefore, we have two appointment lists for CCCA finals:



One-Day Final	
1st Grade	James Figallo & Mark Ronson
2nd Grade	Doug Trigg & Graeme Wearne
3rd Grade	John Davidson & Warren O'Rourke
4th Grade	Bill Colbran & George Dowden
5th Grade	Tony Booth & Geoff Peebles
6th Grade	Tom Maurer & Brandon Sohier
7th Grade	Bruce Malbon & Hamish Millen
8th Grade	Malcolm Emerson & Don Maisey
9th Grade	John Harris & Andy Martin
10th Grade	Bruce Baldwin
Two-Day Final	
1st Grade	James Figallo & Mark Ronson
2nd Grade	Bill Colbran & Graeme Wearne
3rd Grade	Barry Lever & Warren O'Rourke
4th Grade	Tony Booth & Bryan Woolford
5th Grade	Bruce Baldwin & George Dowden

6th Grade	Tom Maurer & Brandon Sohier
7th Grade	Bruce Malbon & Andy Martin
8th Grade	Elisabeth Houston & Hamish Millen
9th Grade	Malcolm Emerson & Geoff Peebles
10th Grade	Geoff Kinghorne & Peter Weekes

I was selected as the 1st Grade Final Match Referee, a role that had been appointed to a retired umpire for many years, but the new CCCA Board this year considered it "unnecessary". Therefore, I did not attend the 1st Grade Final, which was won by Lisarow.

Representative Appointments

One pleasing aspect of being a senior umpire is watching new umpires come up through the ranks and into representative appointments. One such Umpire on the Central Coast is James Figallo. His achievements this season are:

6 October

Open NSW Women City vs Country (Game 1)

11 October

Kingsgrove Sports Twenty 20 Cup
 - Sydney University vs Parramatta
 - Sydney University vs Fairfield Liverpool

17 October

Open NSW Women City vs Country (Game 2)

18 October

Kingsgrove Sports Twenty 20 Cup
 - Central Coast vs Blacktown
 - Central Coast vs Bankstown

25 October

Plan B Regional T20 Bash
 - Hunter Hitmen vs Newcastle Blasters

11-13 January

Bradman Cup Carnival Newcastle

18-21 January

Under 14 State Challenge Dubbo

Umpire Numbers

Due to turmoil within and outside the Umpires' Association during the last season, the umpire ranks have seen a major decline in numbers, especially with the more senior and talented umpires. This has been of great concern to me. However, we have a new breed coming to the fore who show great potential and I am hopeful for more in the next season. Currently, we have 20 umpires, with an average of 16 being appointed each round.

Executive and Office Bearers

The Executive of the CCCUA was;

President: Don Maisey

LEFT: David Went and Bruce Baxter at Ballina.



RIGHT: David Went and Paul Dilley - Plan B Regional T20 Bash.



Secretary: James Figallo
Treasurer: Bryan Woolford

Bryan Woolford has remained a loyal Treasurer for many years and now has the added burden of billing individual clubs for umpire match payments.

Education and Development

Unfortunately, due to my continued ill health, we were not able to have any pre-season training. Hopefully, this will not be a problem for the upcoming season.

Key Highlights

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have assisted me during the season. In particular, I would like to thank Bryan Woolford and James Figallo for the amount of time and effort they have expended during the season and the off-season. A special mention to Warren O'Rourke who has stood in for our secretary on many occasions.

I would also like to thank Gary Kavanagh, who does a great deal behind the scenes on both the Competition Committee and the CCCA Board. Without his efforts we would not have had a competition this season.

The views expressed with regards to the Central Coast Cricket Association (CCCA) and the CCCA Board are those of Don Maisey. These are not the views of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association.

Central North

Gary Crombie

How is it possible that another season is over? You may remember in last season's report I stated that I was missing cricket as soon as the season was over. Well I was wrong as it never really stops in the off season

with meetings, AGM's and training courses all around Central North.

As usual it is pleasing to see that there were a number of umpires throughout Central North Zone (CNZ) attending training courses and making themselves available for both their local competitions and matches at the representative level which involved umpires travelling long distances to fulfil their commitments and serve the game.

This is not an easy task. I thank all umpires for their efforts.

Central North is continuing to build its umpire numbers thanks to the support of NSWCUA accredited trainers.

This season saw CNZ have three training courses on the Laws of Cricket for prospective umpires – one each at Karuah, Scone and Armidale which saw 42 participants, both current and new umpires, attempting the Laws of Cricket examination.

I would like to thank all members in various Associations around CNZ for their assistance and support throughout the 2015-16 season.

In particular I would like to thank and give a special mention to Alan Hollebrandse (Armidale), Mark Mitchell and Geoff Hoy (Tamworth), Steve Eccles (Scone), Dave Merchant and Lindsay Wood (Maitland), and Rick Carr (Cessnock) for their assistance, support and the many hours on the phone.

Some umpiring highlights and awards for the 2015-16 season throughout the CNZ are as follows–

Armidale District Cricket Association (ADCA)

There are 11 active members in the ADCA and with the successful training course held in Armidale in

September two additional umpires will officiate in season 2016-17.

Grand Final Appointments

1st Grade	Peter Smith & Alan Hollebrandse
2nd Grade	Mike Porter & Al Bonney
3rd Grade	Tim Wittig & Keith Kelly
1st Grade One Day Final	
Ray Nyland & Alan Hollebrandse	

Additional competitions that ADCA umpires stood in were:

Country Cup, Country Plate, War Veterans Cup, Connolly Cup, Grade Cricket, Kiribati 20/20, Walter Taylor Shield, Veterans Carnival, TAS Inter State School Carnival, Junior Representative, Toad Cup (Junior T20) and Regional Girls T20).

Tamworth District Cricket Association (TDCA) Grand Final Appointments	
1 st Grade	Leon Erich & Mark Mitchell
2 nd Grade	Simon Hood & Paul Purdy
3 rd Grade	Tiny Collins & Wayne Solomons
4 th Grade	Rodger Doughty & Mike McKenzie
War Veterans Cup Final held at Collins Park, Narrabri	
Leon Erich & Wayne Solomons	
T20 Final	
Leon Erich & Mark Mitchell	

Rodger Doughty was successful in gaining his NSWCUA accreditation and backed this up with good results in both second and third grade throughout the season.

We welcomed two new umpires to our ranks in Fred Baker and Mike McKenzie.

Both umpires are getting good results and we wish them well in their umpiring.

Mark Mitchell umpired in the McDonald's Country Cup and Plate finals series in Tamworth in December being Central North's only representative. He gained valuable experience.

The Plan B Regional T20 Bash game held in Tamworth was umpired by Mark Mitchell and Paul Dilley (Mid North Coast), a member of the Country Representative Umpire Panel.

The TCDA Umpire of the Year was Mark Mitchell. An Encouragement Award was presented to Rodger Doughty.

Upper Hunter District Cricket Association

Upper Hunter started off the pre-season with a NSWCUA training course in July at Scone RSL. There were 22 course participants, including 14 taking the course for the first time. This included three teenagers who are keen to experience umpiring and have started in the 2015-16 season umpiring junior competitions. They are all keen to keep improving and progress through the ranks. It was very pleasing to see the number of young people wishing to complete their accreditation.

There were a total of 14 new people sitting the assessment, of which 12 were successful.

Many thanks to Darren Goodger, Glen Stubbings, Anthony Hobson and Gary Crombie for their efforts in running this successful course.

David Wicks and Steven Eccles umpired in the Women's Under 15 and 18 Country Championships held at Raymond Terrace in

October. Steve Eccles officiated in the Under 15 Women's Final.

Steve Eccles also officiated in the Under 16 Bradman Cup held in Newcastle in January.

Grand Final Appointments

A Grade Final – Rouchel v Warriors (Steve Eccles & Thomas Wilson)
B Grade Final – Aberdeen 1 vs Murrurundi (Phil Frost and Russell Sakey)

One of the main success stories to come out of the Upper Hunter is the number of new members accredited with NSWCUA thanks to some successful training courses in CNZ. The support from Darren Goodger and his NSWCUA team has been terrific. Gary Crombie the Central North representative has also been very supportive and has provided good advice.

Maitland

Maitland and District Cricket Umpires' Association have (MDCUA) 13 officiating members plus three umpires from Dungog who assisted with umpiring A & B Grades which included a number of Dungog teams.

Grand Final Appointments

First Grade, City United v Western Suburbs – Nathan Mitchell & Rod Porter

A Grade, Port Stephens v Windsor Castle – Grahame Goldsmith & Robert Humphries

Nathan Mitchell umpired the John Bull Shield Final between Singleton and Maitland and was subsequently awarded the MDCUA Umpire of the Year.

Glen Crew and Lindsay Wood were recognised by Maitland District Cricket Association for their services to umpiring following their retirement –

- Glen Crew 21 seasons, 295 games (including 213 First Grade); member of the Country Representative Umpire Panel 2001 to 2010.

- Lindsay Wood 22 seasons, 365 games including 119 First Grade

George Kuszelyk was recognised by Maitland District Umpires Association for having umpired over 500 matches since starting umpiring in 1985. He has made a phenomenal contribution to cricket and been a loyal servant.

Congratulations are offered to Ross Lidbury who, at the 2015 Annual General Meeting, was made a life member of the Maitland District Cricket Umpires' Association. Ross has been a member since 1999 and Treasurer of MDCUA for 13 years.

Cessnock District Cricket Association

Congratulations are offered to Peter Attewell and Glen Miller who umpired the A Grade Grand Final between Mulbring and Bellbird.

Peter Attewell and Tom Lewis were honoured with life membership of Cessnock District Cricket Umpires' Association.

In conclusion I would like to thank Central North Zone. Chairman Terry Psarakis and Administrator Hayley Bullock have been supportive of umpiring throughout the Zone. We look forward to a season of positive progress in the Central North in season 2016-17.

Illawarra
■ Neil Findlay

Introduction:

The first umpires' association was formed in the Illawarra in 1929 and, since that time, the Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association

has benefited from the services of numerous long-standing members. The Association's first Secretary, Bill Mintorn, occupied that position for 38 years and, some years later, Ron O'Brien served as Secretary for 22 years. Wal Smith and Jack Tolhurst both umpired for over 35 years while Rod Porter, Morgan Prosser and Gordon Rodwell have each officiated for more than 30 years.

Affiliated umpire associations within the Zone:

The Illawarra Zone is a single cricket association, located almost exclusively in the City of Wollongong. The Cricket Illawarra competition consists of 4 Grades and is played between 10 clubs most of which are in close proximity to each other. The one exception is the Helensburgh club, located 35 kilometres to the north of Wollongong. Being such a small Zone, Illawarra has only one affiliated umpire association, namely the Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association Inc.

Finals appointments:

The Illawarra Twenty20 Competition was again played as part of the weekly competition in the period just before and after Christmas. The Finals matches in all Grades were played at North Dalton Park and its surrounding precinct with the officiating umpires being:

1 st Grade	Neil Findlay & Ean Martin
2 nd Grade	Frank Ciocci & Steve Saye
3 rd Grade	David Dobinson & Peter Ferguson
4 th Grade	Chris Adams & Denis Veronese

The season culminated 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:

1 st Grade	David Cullen & Neil Findlay
2 nd Grade	Frank Ciocci & Peter Ferguson
3 rd Grade	Chris Adams & Brian Druery
4 th Grade	Rod Porter & Denis Veronese

At the end of the season, the following umpires were also appointed to Junior Finals:

Under 16A	Wal Smith
Under 16B	Barry Moir
Under 14A	Charles Brockley
Under 14B	Evan Lane

Umpire numbers:

The Illawarra CUA has a total of 20 members. Unfortunately, however, during the season the services of a number of members were again lost and eventually only 17 members remained active. At the beginning of the season, long serving Wal Smith finally decided it was time to retire; after Christmas, Darren Sutherland also retired and, soon afterwards, Ray Trindall was unable to umpire because of illness. Further, several others were often unavailable because of work and personal commitments. Although umpires were still appointed to all matches in 1st and 2nd Grade each round, fewer numbers meant that most 2nd Grade matches only had one umpire and it was no longer possible to cover many of the 3rd Grade fixtures. On a brighter note, however, towards the end of the season former Helensburgh player and NSWCUA member John Walker joined the Association and performed very creditably.

Executive and office-bearers:

Once again the Executive of the Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association has consisted of:

- President – Morgan Prosser.
- Secretary-Treasurer – Barry Moir.

As usual, Morgan Prosser has led the Association enthusiastically and has been ably assisted by Barry Moir who has performed all of his duties efficiently. Their whole-hearted efforts have been greatly appreciated by all members.

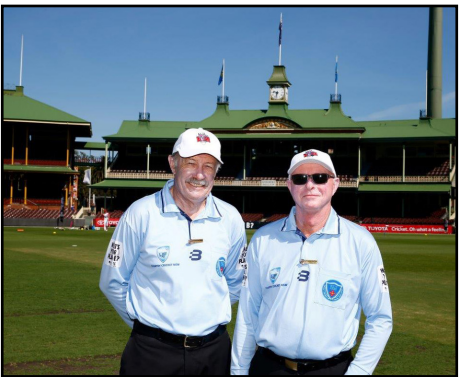
Other key office bearers have been Neil Findlay (Training Officer) and David Cullen, David Dobinson and Peter Ferguson (Training Committee) who have together provided training and development activities during the Association's monthly meetings.

Education and development:

A weekend training course on the Laws of Cricket was planned for June. Unfortunately, none of the aspiring umpires who had indicated that they would participate actually attended the course. Therefore, the NSWCUA facilitators, Darren Goodger and Muhammad Qureshi, presented a one-day training workshop instead for the 14 umpires from Illawarra and the Southern Highlands who did attend. The workshop began with a short quiz on the Laws of Cricket and was followed by video analysis of decision making and sessions on positioning, handling runners, teamwork and managing player behaviour.

An open book examination on the Laws of Cricket was again held before the season commenced. The purpose of this examination was to facilitate revision of the Laws and no "pass" mark was required. However, it was compulsory to attempt the

Neil Findlay and Ross McKim at the SCG.



examination before being able to umpire in Illawarra in 2015-16.

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 enjoying umpiring, decision making and umpiring in the Finals.

Key highlights:

With the Illawarra team again participating in the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup, Illawarra umpires were appointed to matches in this SCA competition. Accordingly, Darren Sutherland stood with Sydney umpire, Glenn Stubbings, at North Dalton Park in Illawarra's two matches against University of NSW and Sutherland while David Cullen and Neil Findlay travelled to Coogee Oval to umpire Randwick-Petersham's two matches against North Sydney and Sydney.

At NSW Country level, Neil Findlay was again appointed to the Country Representative Umpire Panel. He travelled to Wagga Wagga for the Southern Country Championship Carnival and, after umpiring in the preliminary rounds of the Plan B Regional Bash, stood in the Sixers Conference Final at the S.C.G. David Cullen was appointed to the Country Supplementary Panel once more and he umpired in the Country Colts Carnival in Dubbo; officiated in the Kookaburra Cup Carnival in Griffith and stood the under 16 State Challenge match in Sydney. In addition, Neil and David both umpired in the Under 16 International Series played between Australia and Pakistan while, along with several other members of the Country Panels, David also

accepted an invitation to umpire in the Sydney 1st Grade Competition. Finally, Darren Sutherland was again afforded the opportunity of umpiring at Country level, officiating in the Country Colts Carnival in Dubbo.

Several umpires once again stood in the NSW Junior DCA Inter-Association Shield Competitions. The appointed officials for the Illawarra teams involved were Chris Adams, Charles Brockley, David Cullen, Brian Druery, Evan Lane, Barry Moir and Ray Trindall.

The umpire exchange programme initiated in 2013-14 between the Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUSA continued, with Mike George travelling from New Zealand to umpire in Wollongong in November. Brian Druery then flew to New Zealand in January to officiate in a two-day match between local team, Manamatu, and Hawkes Bay's Wharangi played in Palmerston North. This match was the equivalent of a NSW Country Cup fixture and was played over 112 overs per day. The exchange is now well established and umpires from both Associations have already indicated their desire to participate in future years.

Once again, the Illawarra CUA supported the annual Charity Day organised by the Dapto and Helensburgh clubs before Christmas. Umpires donated their day's match fees and contributed a total of \$800 to the fundraising efforts for the Sydney Children's Hospital.

Finally, in April the inaugural Illawarra CUA Annual Dinner was held to celebrate the season and to recognise the achievements of members. Certificates were presented to those umpires who officiated in the various Finals and to acknowledge various umpiring milestones. In addition, the winners of the Association's two major awards were announced – Neil Findlay received the "Wal Smith" Umpire of the Year Award while

Ean Martin was the first winner of the Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award. Other umpires to have performed creditably throughout the season were David Cullen, David Dobinson, Peter Ferguson and Steve Saye.



Introduction:

Umpires were kept very busy within the Newcastle Zone this past cricket year, responding to the requests from various associations for umpires.

The newer umpires were called upon to step up and take on opportunities afforded to them. The enthusiasm displayed was pleasing to witness and each umpire has 'grown' significantly. Several experienced umpires were able to stand with and assist the newer umpires to encourage and support them in their development.

The Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association (NDCUA) provided four young new umpires (aged 14 to 17) to the City and Suburban Umpires to stand in junior matches during the season. They performed well and enjoyed their involvement. The ongoing working relationship between the umpiring bodies is fantastic to see.

A number of NDCUA umpires set goals for themselves to start the season. A review will be held with each umpire in the off-season.

New umpire training was severely interrupted by bad weather over several weeks with the Training Committee needing to implement a secondary plan to try and ready our new umpires for their first round of matches. Despite the far from ideal preparation our new umpires coped very well.

The Code of Conduct for the Newcastle District Cricket Association (NDCA) saw its second year of implementation. There will be a review in the off-season to tweak the Code to improve processes and tidy up anomalies. Disappointingly there were too many breaches of the Code which increased the workload for the Commissioner and Judiciary. Clear messages were sent to transgressors that poor behaviour will not be tolerated.

Despite general social attitudes within our community, the spirit and traditions of the game must be protected. Importantly all parties (players, officials, clubs and their members/executives) involved in the game must play their part. We simply cannot accept the current trend of disappointing incidents. We must remember if we do nothing or ignore poor behaviour – we condone it.

Most grounds these days are exposed to increased use from a number of other sports. The luxury of ‘rest periods’ between summer and winter sports are non-existent. Ground staff do a terrific job and they work tirelessly during the season. Appointment and fixtures committees worked especially hard to ensure matches were allocated appropriate grounds. Once again it was pleasing to see the NDCA, City and Suburban (C and S), and Newcastle Junior Cricket Association (NJCA) working together to allow all

No. 1 Sports Ground, Newcastle.



grades a relatively smooth start to the cricket season.

There has been little progress regarding the new governing body for Newcastle Cricket. There was a joint presentation at Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground during the season to field questions and source ideas. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will enable more discussion.

Such a body has significant benefits, apart from streamlining administration, for all. It will have an ‘all for one’ concept in developing the game.

Disappointingly we did not see a first-class match in Newcastle in 2015-16. These matches bring much to our Zone financially, including the support of country people.

Affiliated Umpire Associations within the Zone:

There are two Umpire Associations catering for three (3) cricket associations – these being: NDCA, C and S, NJCA.

The Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association (NDCUA):

Umpires work to cover matches 1st to 4th Grades covering 12 District Clubs in addition to allocated NSW country fixtures.

The City and Suburban Cricket Umpires' Association (C and S):

Provides opportunities for a more social aspect of cricket covering numerous individual formed clubs ranging from A Grade to D7's, in addition to respective representative fixtures. Note: NDCA 5th Grade teams play in the C and S Competition.

Both associations continue to work well with each other and cooperate in providing umpires for matches conducted within the Zone. The C and S Association, with support from NDCUA, provide umpires for the Newcastle Junior Association as well.

Matches this season include NDCA T20 games, Hunter Valley Cricket Council (HVCC) AGL John Bull Shield & HVCC AGL Colts Competitions plus McDonald's Women's Country Championships – U15's, U16's and U18's, McDonald's Country Plate/Cup, junior fixtures.

Finals Appointments:

NDCUA	
1 st Grade	Peter Tate & Kim Norris
2 nd Grade	Royce McCormack & Ross McKim
3 rd Grade	Bruce Muddle & Steve Cooper
4 th Grade	Graeme Bruce & John Porcheron
Tom Locker Cup (50over)	Peter Tate & Steven Cooper
Under 21's(50 over)	Royce McCormack & Bruce Muddle
T20	
1 st Grade	Pete Davis & Ross McKim
Lower Grade (Denis Broad OAM Cup)	Terry Collins & John Porcheron
U15's	Ray Kingshott & Paul Olsen

C and S Cricket Association: (Umpires)

A Grade	Alex Coburn & Alfred Ellefsen
B1 Grade	Stuart Kaiser & Steven Rafter
B2 Grade	Robert Hardes & Peter Dempsey
B3 Grade	Kevin Jarvis

Country Cricket – NSW:

Under 14 State Club Challenge	Kim Norris
McDonald's Country Championships	Kim Norris
Bradman Cup Final	Ross McKim & Kim Norris
Plan B Regional T20 Bash (SCG)	Ross McKim

Umpire numbers throughout the Zone:

NDCUA Inc.:

Total Membership being:	52
Active Umpires:	45
Non-Active:	7

There has been a pleasing increase in active members this past season.

C and S Umpires:

At this time actual number of active umpires and relative statistics are not available.

Executive and Office Bearers of Affiliated Umpire Associations:

NDCUA Inc.:

President and Chairman of the Board: Royce McCormack

Vice President: Kim Norris

Assistant Secretary: Bruce Muddle

Financial Controller: Ross McKim

Secretary: Michael Connolly (retired from position due to ill health)

Notable Mentions:

For service and outstanding contribution to the NDCUA 2015-16:

Keith McDonald, Bruce Muddle

Milestones for active umpires achieved during 2015-16 season:

100 Grade Appointments:

Steve Brady

150 Grade Appointments:

Pete Davis

200 Grade Appointments:

John Roberts

100 First Grade Appointments:

Ross McKim, Tony Mulroy

150 First Grade Appointments:

Bruce Muddle

C & S Umpires' Association Executive:

President	- Kerry Allen
Secretary	- Phil Northey
Treasurer	- Bryan Cameron

Milestones for active umpires achieved during 2015-16 season:

Jim Brennan - 40 years as an active umpire involved in Grade & Junior matches.

Kerry Allen (Life Member) - 50 seasons umpiring A Grade involving 1026 matches.

Alf Ellefsen - 20 years as an active umpire.

Phil Northey - 20 years as an active umpire.

The Association notes with regret the passing of member Ray Delaney who umpired on the Senior Panel for 22 years.

Newcastle Junior Cricket Association (NJCA) - News

There were 174 teams, an increase of 45 on last season. The female participation rate also increased.

NSW Districts Cricket Association / Representative Competition Achievements:

- Under13 Mollie Dive Shield (Girls) – Winner – NewCoasters win over Bankstown.

- Newcastle batsman Jason Sangha has become the youngest player in history to receive a NSW State Rookie Contract.

NJCA Premiers:

U17-18: Stockton A

U16 Div. 1: Charlestown Junior

U16 Div. 2: Belmont Junior

U15 Div. 1: Newcastle City

U15 Div. 2: Wallsend RSL Black

- Male Player of the Year: Grant Anderson (Swansea-Caves Juniors)
- Female Player of the Year: Abbey Taylor (Newcastle City CC)
- NJCA Divisional Player of the Year: Ben Rothapfel – (Ulinga Juniors)
- Representative Player of the year: Angus McTaggart

Education and Development:

Two Laws of Cricket training courses were conducted for new umpires over a full weekend during July and September followed by an examination at the conclusion of the course.

There were 13 participants who expressed interest in becoming a cricket umpire.

Existing umpires from within the Zone also attended periodically over the weekends.

The courses were conducted by NSWCUA with Laurie Borg presenting in an enjoyable format which encouraged eager contribution. Laurie is an extremely talented and engaging trainer and we thank him for his contribution to Newcastle Zone.

A pleasing aspect of the course was the fact 93% of attendees were accredited at either NSW or Newcastle level.

I wish to express my thanks to NSWCUA for the ongoing help and support afforded to this Zone – it is greatly appreciated. The local

trainers also attended to update and develop their presentation style.

Following the examination the new umpires are provided further training and development to prepare them for the oncoming season conducted by local trainers.

This includes a half day training on field craft including man management which is followed by officiating at a local trial match while being observed by the Newcastle Training Committee. Feedback is then provided to the new umpires after an initial period of overs and then resume umpiring and the process is repeated. The program was impacted by severe weather conditions, but managed to complete on a limited scale while observing a 'live' match. This provided a 'feel' for the game to enable the new umpires to approach their first appointment with improved confidence.

A mentor is assigned for their ongoing development and support. Match assessments are encouraged with local trainers to support and assist their overall growth.

Trainers, including the Zone Representative, conduct regular monthly training around the Law and match management issues supported by PowerPoint and video presentations. Laws quizzes and group discussion sessions are also powerful educational tools used to assist umpires.

Key Highlights for the Season:

- NDCUA umpiring performance lifted overall from 3.16 to 3.31.
- Umpires within the Zone stood in a vast number of matches.
- Umpires who officiated in the Pharmaceutical Games were well received and acknowledged.
- Several invitations from District Clubs for an umpire representative to attend annual presentation evenings. This is testament to the

ongoing positive relationship that exists with umpires and players/ clubs.

- Invitations continue to be received from clubs to attend their training sessions and also to address the players as needed.
- Review of the new Code of Conduct within the NDCA following its second year of implementation.
- The coverage for matches in the NDCA increased, with umpires appointed at some stages to all grades 1st to 4th – this was greeted very positively and is a credit to our recruitment and retention strategies.
- BAR TV – Local Coverage of T20 matches again was seen as a positive for the game. Games were shown within local hotels which attracted a substantial following – great initiative!
- The NSWCUA Convention was held at Bradman Museum in Bowral. Most enjoyable time. The fellowship and the sharing of ideas was terrific. I personally took the time to stay a while and absorb what was on offer. Substantial planning goes into such an event. Congratulations to the organising team and the management team of NSWCUA.
- Milo T20 Blast
46 Teams participated – 434 new registrations: an increase of 60%
5 Teams were all female – 13 clubs entered – parent involvement up.
- NJCA – Sixers Girls Cricket League to start for 2016-17. U13's and U17's – four clubs have entered teams to date.
- Zone meetings were well attended during the season.

Conclusion:

I am very pleased to present this Annual Report for the season 2015-16.

It was a full cricket program for the season just ended and we all battled the hot and wet conditions, including floods, but with the support of everyone involved we managed to finish off a successful year.

A huge thank you from me to all within the Zone. Your assistance and feedback is greatly appreciated.

All this tremendous support from various volunteers is invaluable – Thank you!!



I sincerely thank the Board of NSW Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association for their strong support of all umpires in the NSW Country Cricket Association. The NSWCUA management team of Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Jay Lenton provide a vast amount of information and communicate updates and news items as they occur. Their regular contact with affiliated associations is appreciated and keeps country associations informed of NSWCUA happenings.

North Coast Zone was represented on the Country Representative Panel during the 2015-16 season with Paul Dilley, Phil Rainger and David Went being selected. Bruce Baxter was a member of the Supplementary Panel.

All in North Coast Zone umpiring were delighted to see Phil Rainger appointed to umpire at the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Mount Gambier. Phil acquitted himself very well standing in five matches.

The North Coast Zone has three incorporated Cricket Councils – Far North Coast Cricket Council, North Coast Cricket Council, Mid North Coast Cricket Council. Each Council has a regional level umpires' association.

Far North Coast CUSA

Office Bearers:

Mark Templeman - President
Pat Holt - Vice President
Mark Whitehead - Honorary Secretary
Bruce Johnstone - Treasurer

A large membership of 60 remained solid, with approximately 40 umpires officiating regularly during the season. Others make themselves available for the various carnivals and junior matches that occur.

The LJ Hooker League One Day Final was umpired by Pat Holt and Mark Templeman.

The LJ Hooker League Two Day semi-finals were umpired by Graham Rose and David Went, and David Hutchinson with Mark Templeman. The Two Day Final was umpired by Graham Rose and David Went.

The Under 19 Far North Coast Final was umpired by Pat Holt and Syl Reid.

Mark Templeman was awarded the LJ Hooker League Umpire of the Year based on captains' reports, 100% of which were received for the fourth year running.

Former Secretary, Daniel Rosolen, chose to officiate in the Brisbane Grade competition, debuting in second grade and staying there all season. Daniel is a quality umpire and we hope to see him progress to umpiring first grade in Brisbane.

Rob Pye, the Secretary/Treasurer of the adjoining North Coast CUSA, took the opportunity to officiate most rounds in the LJ Hooker League, performing very well. Rob took the opportunity to once again officiate in the Sydney Grade competition this season, and was appointed to umpire a first grade match at Waverley Oval between Eastern Suburbs and University of New South Wales.

North Coast CUSA

Office Bearers:

Ken Robinson - President

Jeff Hackett - Vice President
Rob Pye - Honorary Secretary/
Treasurer

Following a very well attended Laws of Cricket course for prospective umpires facilitated by Gary Crombie, Paul Dilley and Darren Goodger at Coffs Harbour, the membership of North Coast CUSA was substantially increased. All Umpire Associations within the Cricket Council were provided with new umpires to stand for the 2015-16 season.

Bill McCarron, a member of the Lower Clarence Cricket Umpires' Association, stood in his last match this season, at the age of 75. Bill has umpired more than 100 first grade matches in the Lower Clarence Cricket Association and was selected to officiate in eight first grade grand finals over the years.

Bruce Baxter, Jeff Hackett and Rob Pye were all appointed by the Country Umpire Sub-committee to officiate representative matches in the Country Cricket NSW programs. Bruce umpired the Country Cup Final while Jeff umpired the Country Plate Final, both finals being held in Tamworth.

North Coast Cricket Council Inter District Final umpire appointments were as follows:

- First XI - Bruce Baxter and Rob Pye
- Under 16 - Jeff Hackett and Chris Welsh
- Under 14 - Terry Brien and Bill McCarron
- Under 12 - Paul Harris and Shane Luland

Congratulations are offered to Kevin Eames and Steve Cameron from the Lower Clarence Cricket Umpires' Association. Kevin umpired his maiden First Grade Grand Final this season while Steve, in his first

season as an accredited umpire, was appointed to umpire the Second Grade Grand Final.

North Coast Cricket Council hosted the Cricket NSW U17 State Challenge at Coffs Harbour and the officiating umpires, appointed by the Country Umpire Sub-committee, were Paul Dilley, Phil Rainger

Mid North Coast CUSA

Office Bearers:

Col Mayhew - President
Greg Taylor - Vice President
Paul Dilley - Honorary Secretary/
Treasurer

Committee:

Keith Griffiths, Craig Lobegeier, David Lowe, Paul Nicholas, Phil Rainger

Umpires were appointed to all senior and junior competition matches with one only being appointed for preliminary rounds of the over 35s and junior competitions.

Overall, a season of good progress on the Mid North Coast with no issues to report. The Executive is already preparing for the 2015-16 season with all Associations to conduct umpire training prior to its commencement.

Hastings River District CUSA will conduct a course on the weekend of 7-8 May 2016, another will be held by the Macleay Valley CUSA on the weekend of 23-24 July 2016.

Dates are still to be confirmed for the Manning River District CUSA course.

The First Grade Inter District Final was umpired by Craig Lobegeier and Paul Nicholas.

Mid North Coast Cricket Council is investigating the possibility of a Premier League being played across the Council. Paul Dilley and Phil Rainger were asked to form a sub-committee which also includes Martin Geroni of Cricket NSW to

seek feedback from players, club officials, District Cricket Association Executives and various stakeholders as to how such a competition may operate. There is little doubt that a Premier League would raise playing standards and provide excellent opportunities for match officials.

On a personal note I would like to congratulate the Executive team of each of the three bodies mentioned above for the work they do for cricket. I liaise with Mark Templeman (Far North), Rob Pye (North) and Paul Dilley (Mid North) on a regular basis. I thank them for their friendship, commitment and counsel.

Each of them is engaged in full time employment, but make time to ensure that the game of cricket is played in the correct spirit, is administered professionally and also provide the necessary mentoring and support to all umpires within the North Coast Zone.

Following a recent run of poor health and the inability to officiate on field I have decided that I will not seek reappointment to the position of North Coast Zone Umpire Representative. After more than 55 years involvement as a player, administrator and umpire in cricket I can walk away proud knowing that I have always performed to the best of my ability. I have made many friends over the years and have enjoyed every moment with many personal highlights.



The 2015-16 cricket season was another busy one for umpires in the Riverina on and off the field.

The Laws of Cricket training course held in Albury on the weekend of 25-26 July 2015 was rated an outstanding success with 28 attendees. The course

was facilitated by Darren Goodger and John Evans.

The highlight of the weekend was the awarding of Principal Membership to Griffith stalwart Don Coleman. Principal Membership of the NSWCUSA is awarded to an umpire who has attained 15 years of membership and has made a significant contribution to his association.

Don commenced umpiring in 1989 and became a member of NSWCUSA in 1997. Local appointments records dating back to 1991-92 have Don listed as 539 appointments to now.

Don was appointed president of Griffith District Cricket Umpires Association in 1995 and still holds this position.

Don Coleman is the fourth Riverina umpire to be awarded Principal Membership of NSWCUSA. The other three being the late Jack Misson from Wagga Wagga, Joe Wooding from Albury and Graeme Bamford from Griffith.

Major appointments during the season were;

Wayne Allan: [Murray Border CUA] Country Colts Carnival at Dubbo, Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Griffith.

Ken Brooks: [Murray Border CUA] Under 14 State Challenge at Dubbo and Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Griffith.

Vince Calabro: [Murray Valley CUA] Regional Big Bash at Albury, McDonald's Country Colts Carnival at Dubbo and the Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Griffith including the final with Stephen Poidevin.

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

Tony Hackett: [Wagga CUA] stood in the McDonald's Country Colts

Carnival at Dubbo, Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Griffith, Under 13-14 State Challenge at Dubbo.

Stephen Poidevin: [Yass] stood in the Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Griffith including the final standing with Vince Calabro from Barooga.

Graham Moon: [Wagga CUA] McDonald's Country Plate semi and final at Tamworth. Country Cup final at Tamworth, Bradman Cup Carnival at Newcastle, Kookaburra Cup Carnival at Griffith and the Under13-14 State Challenge at Dubbo.

Regional Big Bash appointments: Vince Calabro [Murray Valley CUA], Keiran Knight, Neil Smith [both of Murray Border CUA] and Tony Hackett [Wagga].

McDonald's Country Cup appointments: Ken Brooks [Murray Border CUA], Vince Carbro [Murray Valley CUA], Stephen Poidevin [Yass] and Tony Hackett [Wagga CUA].

McDonald's Country Plate appointments: Ric Becquet, Pat Kerin and Graeme Hackett [Cootamundra CUA], Stephen Poidevin [Yass], Ken Brooks and Roger Burns [Murray Border CUA], Max O'Connell, Tim Gumbleton, Murray Le Lievre, Dennis Chaplin Tony Hackett, Graham Moon [Wagga CUA], Joe Catanzariti, Ken Cunningham and Don Coleman [Griffith CUA].



Four Riverina umpires took the opportunity to officiate in the Sydney Cricket Association during the season. Wayne Allan, Roger Burns [Murray Border CUA], Pat Kerin [Cootamundra CUA] and Vince Calabro [Murray Valley CUA]. All the umpires appreciated the experience gained to officiate at a higher level.

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.

Riverina Cricket Zone looks forward to hosting a Laws of Cricket training course at Leeton on the weekend of 25-26 July 2016. This will be facilitated by the NSWCUA training team.

Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires' Association: Our association has completed its 12th season since reformation.

At our Annual General Meeting held on Friday 5 June 2015, three of our members and one former member were presented with life membership, Ric Becquet, Chris Cassin, Pat Kerin, and Graham Moon were all honoured for their commitment to umpiring whilst being a member of our association. The quartet had stood in 1,279 matches. Graham Chudleigh representing the NSWCUA Board made the presentations of life membership.

Office-bearers for the season were President: Ric Becquet, Secretary/Treasurer and Appointments Officer: Pat Kerin.

Our association had seven local members with four of those active members. Three are NSWCUA members. During the season, our members stood in 70 matches.

Ric Becquet again showed his usual commitment standing in 22 matches in a number of competitions including two Country Plate and two Stribley Shield matches and concluded with the Delta Agribusiness final. For the second time in eight seasons, Ric shared the Eric Thorburn OAM Umpire of the Year with Pat Kerin.

Pat Kerin's season saw him stand in 28 matches highlighted by his seventh trek to Sydney to officiate in the SCA. In round 11 of Delta Agribusiness Cup at Keith Cullen Oval in Young between the Commercial Hotel Scorchers and Mimosa Whirlwinds, Pat stood in his 450th match.

Jeff White in his first full season of umpiring showed great commitment being available to officiate nearly every weekend. Jeff considered it a privilege to stand in the annual Bradman Letter challenge match at Albert Park. We welcomed Graeme Hackett on board, but unfortunately, due to his work commitments in New Zealand, Graeme was only available for three matches.

Finals appointments:
Delta Agribusiness Premier League final: Ric Becquet and Pat Kerin

Dunk Insurance Cup final: Jeff White and John Stephens

Griffith District Cricket Umpires' Association: There were 214 appointments made during the season to local grade, the Friday night T20 competition, and representative fixtures. This was 28 less than last year. Not as many competition games, representative fixtures and a shorter than usual season contributed to this.

There were ten regular umpires for the season, down two on last season.

Richie Alvaro, Don Coleman, Ken Cunningham, Joe Catanzariti and Garry Tucker exceeded 20 appointments for the season with

Richie clocking up an amazing 43 separate appointments. Congratulations Richie! Congratulations to Richie, Gordon, Joe, and Don for adjudicating in the T20 games, which involved celebrity State and Australian players.

An up to date tally of appointments going back to when records have been maintained shows Stan Penrith on 139 games in 8 seasons, Richie Alvaro 156/9, Roy Binks 112/9, Gordon Browne 319/23, Joe Catanzariti 241/13, Don Coleman 559/26, Ken Cunningham 368/17, Garry Tucker 167/9 while Peter Davis is still having a run in whites occasionally (but a hamstring niggle might pull him up finally) has 107/9 (71 in the last 3 seasons). Brent Harrison umpired 10 games and was able to stand when not rostered on call in his employment.

Grand Final appointments	
1st Grade	Joe Catanzariti & Don Coleman
2nd Grade	Peter Davis & Gordon Browne
3rd Grade	Richie Alvaro & Joe Catanzariti
4th Grade	Richie Alvaro & Garry Tucker

Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association: In August we again welcomed NSWCUA Life Member Graham Chudleigh to our AGM where Norm Maclure was elected President; Roger Burns – Vice President; Wayne Allan – Treasurer; Ken Brooks – Secretary; and John Boyd, Neil Smith, Geoff Beer – Ordinary Committee Members. All contributed to our Executive Committee.

This season saw our Technical Committee of Keiran Knight (Chairman), Wayne Allan; Neil Smith (Education and Development Committee); Wayne Cook, John Boyd and Bob Allan (Appointments Committee) operate for the first time in a new structure designed to separate administration from

the technical aspects of running an umpiring association.

The season started with MBCUA having 28 members (16 NSWCUA members) plus 3 non-active Life Members. The CAW home and away games saw us appoint a minimum of 15 umpires each Saturday from the 26 umpires who umpired this season. We averaged 7.65 umpires unavailable each game. Provincial A Grade had two umpires appointed each game and District A Grade had a minimum of one umpire each game. When numbers were available, a second umpire was utilised in District A and at least two umpires were allocated to both B Grade games.

We covered 28 senior Preliminary and Semi-finals (both A Grades had two umpires), while 10 junior Preliminary/Semi-Finals were also covered. There were seven senior Grand Finals and five Junior Grand Finals covered, each with two umpires. In all, 136 out of 215 home and away matches (63%) were covered by our Association.

Provincial A Grade	Wayne Allan & Ken Brooks
District A Grade	Bob Allan & Norm Maclure
Provincial B Grade	Dan Bowden & Michael Transom
District B Grade	Roger Burns & Raj Kapoor
Div. 1 C Grade	Noel West & Geoff Beer
Div. 2 C Grade	Daryl Coulston & Russell Hume
Div. 3 C Grade	Glenn Bourke & Rex Forrest

Murray Valley Cricket Umpires' Association: Our season commenced with the Annual General Meeting held on the 6 July at the Tocumwal Golf Club attended by 11 members. The 2015-16 office bearers that were elected included President- Dennis

Glanville; Vice Presidents- Mark Oliver [stood down 16 November] and Artie Owen; Secretary- Jack Vander Burg [resigned 16 November 2015] replaced by Mark Oliver [16 November]; Treasurer- Colin Smith; Umpire Advisor - Colin Smith; Appointments Officer- Jack Vander Burg.

The season started with 14 umpires. We were able to recruit three more to bring the numbers to 17. We were able to fill all positions every weekend with some umpires backing up on Sunday. We had a busy season of matches, along with the 13 weekly home and away matches we had three grades of Northern Rivers Shield junior carnival, two grades Southern Riverina junior carnival, the Barooga Masters Carnival in January and Junior County Week in January.

On a monthly basis, the MVCUA held training sessions conducted by our Advisor Colin Smith with most umpires attending these sessions concentrating on Laws of Cricket and local rules. This year Colin took a step back from umpiring; only umpiring occasionally. The other times he racked up hundreds of kilometres travelling to observe umpires and providing feedback to improve their match day craft, body language, and demeanour.

At the MVCUA Presentation, Vince Calabro won The Len Koschel Umpire of the Year Award for the third time. He has had an outstanding year culminating in officiating in his fourth MVCUA Premier Division Grand Final.

Grand Final Appointments	
Premier Division	Vince Calabro & Paul Hyde
Division One	Craig Opray & Kevin Thewlis
Division Two	Dennis Glanville & Alan Haddrell

Wagga Wagga District Cricket Umpires' Association: The number of umpires standing in Wagga is still at an all time high. Wagga has 20 financial members with 16 umpiring on a weekly basis. Of these 20, there are 17 with NSWCUA accreditation. WWCUA are pleased to advise that there many rounds this season where all four grades had an umpire in every game.

This winter there will be a course for new umpires to be held in the Riverina. It is hoped that all umpires in WWCUA will take part as well as prospective new umpires. It is hoped that the three non-members used this season will be undertaking this course.

Dennis Chaplin and Tony Hackett stood in the Tumbarumba District Cricket Association Grand Final held at Khancoban Cricket Ground while Steve Carracher and Phil Morrison officiated in the Tumut District Cricket Association Grand Final held at Tumut's Bull Paddock.

Dennis Chaplin and Tony Hackett officiated in the Des Kennedy Shield Final [Cricket Albury Wodonga Country Cricket Council] held at Rosewood.

The Stribley Shield Final was held in Wagga Wagga where the visitors, Yass, prevailed in the last over with Tony Hackett and Stephen Poidevin officiating.

Umpires appointed to Grand Finals were as follows:

First Grade	Dennis Chaplin & Greg Hanigan
Second Grade	Brendon Hollis & Graham Moon
Third Grade	Mick Marien & Shane Buchanan
Fourth Grade	Phil Henderson and Brian Walker

WWCUA would also like to acknowledge the help, advice, and assistance provided by Riverina Zone Umpire Representative Pat Kerin [an excellent mentor in all aspects of cricket administration]. Pat is always only a phone call away and is very happy to assist where needed.



The 2015-16 season has been a season of significant achievement within Southern Zone with our cricketers making continued inroads in the Country Cricket NSW competitions. Our open men's side won the Southern Carnival at Wagga Wagga and came agonisingly close to winning the Country Championship Final against Newcastle. The final in itself was one of the best games of cricket you could wish to see with Newcastle bravely keeping their nerve against a fast finishing Southern to win in the final over of the match. I was lucky enough to receive the appointment to umpire this match with Graeme Glazebrook from Western Zone and we were pleased by the friendly spirit in which such an intense match was played.

Our Bradman Cup side also performed admirably winning all of their round robin games before going down narrowly to Central North in the second last over of the match played on Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground. Southern Zone also fared well in the McDonald's Country Plate with Goulburn comfortably taking out the final against Macquarie Hotel, and also in the McDonalds Country Cup where Berry Shoalhaven Heads went down fighting against a strong Parkes side. Both finals were played on Tamworth's No. 1 Oval.

From an umpiring point of view I acknowledge the ongoing assistance received 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 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 thank my liaison officers from each of the Cricket Umpires' Associations within the Zone who assist greatly with umpire appointments, dissemination of information, organisation and running of training courses for umpires:

Kevin Hogg (Goulburn/Crookwell)
Dr Bill Crozier (Monaro)
Peter Done (Shoalhaven)
Norm Stanton (Highlands)

These gentlemen greatly assist in reducing the logistical difficulties of operating within this very large cricket zone. Sadly we continue to have little input from our Southern Associations these days where cricket appears to be struggling while the Northern Associations continue to thrive.

The Southern Zone CUA Annual General Meeting was held at the Mittagong RSL on 20 July 2015. 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. Lachlan Walker and Barry Ferguson were elected as our Association's Delegates to Southern Zone Cricket Inc.

One of the highlights of an umpire's season is to umpire in a finals match whether at inter-association or domestic level. The following umpires had the privilege of umpiring at that level this season.

Burns Cup (Open Men)	John Oliver (South Coast) & Anthony Bathe (Shoalhaven)
Junior Under 16	John Oliver (South Coast) & Darryl Koglin (Shoalhaven)
Junior Under 14	John Burgoyne (Highlands) & Lachlan Walker (South Coast)
Junior Under 12	Brad Herbert (South Coast) & John Rose (South Coast)

On a domestic level the following appointments were made to finals matches within the Zone:

Highlands	
First Grade	John Burgoyne & Bill Croese
Second Grade	Ian Mein & Dennis Purcell
Third Grade	Norm Stanton & Phil Kerr

Goulburn

Russell Mills, Kevin Hogg, Don Woodhouse, Brenttyn Quigley, Darren Solomans & A. Hopkins.

Shoalhaven	
First Grade	Anthony Bathe & Darryl Koglin
Second Grade	Peter Done & Ian Davidson
Third Grade	Darrell Craft

South Coast	
Premier League	John Oliver & Gary Paget
First Grade	Kyle Bridge & Jose Medina
Second Grade	John Rose & Barry Ferguson
Third Grade	Mal Herbert & Scott Greenwood
Fourth Grade	John Norwell & Steve O'Meara

Limited Overs Finals	
Premier League	Jose Medina & Gary Paget
First Grade	Scott Greenwood & Paul Kitson
Second Grade	Mal Herbert & Frank Ulcigrai
Sommers Cup T20 Finals	
Premier League	Mal Herbert & Lachlan Walker
First Grade	Scott Greenwood & Brad Herbert
Second Grade	John Norwell & Chris Lukey

Monaro

First Grade – Dr Bill Crozier & Steve Summerville

Details on finals appointments were not made available for Far South Coast.

Umpire numbers within Southern Zone are not following any consistent trend but the increases and declines are very minimal as can be seen below.

Highlands – Three umpires on a week to week basis with nine umpires making themselves available overall during the season representing another decrease in week to week numbers with overall numbers remaining static.

Goulburn – Six umpires on a week to week basis representing an overall decrease of four umpires on 2014-15 numbers.

Shoalhaven – Seven umpires on a week to week basis representing a decrease of two umpires on 2014-15 numbers.

South Coast – fourteen umpires on a week to week basis with seventeen umpires making themselves available overall during the season representing an increase of one umpire in week to week and a decrease in overall numbers of one on 2014-15 numbers.

Monaro – One umpire on a week to week basis. An increase of one umpire on 2014-15.

Details on umpire numbers were not made available for Far South Coast.

We have a number of hard working executives and office bearers within our Zone and the details below go a small way to recognising their work for all things umpiring. Long term incumbents have been recognised by showing their term in office in brackets next to their names.

Highlands

President – Bill Croese

Secretary- John Burgoyne

Treasurer – Ian Mein (> 20 years)

Appointments – Norm Stanton & Ian Mein

Goulburn

President – Russell Mills (13 years)

Vice President – Don Woodhouse

Secretary/ Treasurer – Kevin Hogg (33 years)

Appointments – Kevin Hogg & Russell Mills

Shoalhaven

President – Bob Roach

Secretary/ Treasurer – Peter Done (16 years)

Appointments – Peter Done

South Coast

President – John Oliver

Vice President – Barry Ferguson

Secretary – Bruce Whiteman (15 years)

Treasurer – John Rose (29 years)

Appointments Officer – Bruce Whiteman (18 years)

Details on office-bearers were not made available for Far South Coast.

Southern Zone have been very fortunate to have regular visits from the NSWCUA Training team in recent years, so this year there was a shift in focus to on-field training. The venue was the picturesque Bradman Oval and we were fortunate to have

the services of SCA Grade umpires Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak (for those that may be unaware Claire was a respected member of the Goulburn Umpires' Association before heading to Sydney) passing on their considerable knowledge and experience to 20 enthusiastic attendees. We thank Ben and Claire for their time and effort, Rina Horne for arranging use of the Bradman Oval facilities and our hardworking Secretary-Treasurer Norm Stanton for coordinating the event.

I'm sure that some of the key highlights for umpires everywhere are to be appointed to matches played under the Country Cricket NSW banner and detailed below are umpires who received appointments during the 2014/15 season.

- Dr Bill Crozier (Monaro) – McDonald's Country Plate – Round 1.
- Lachlan Walker (South Coast) – McDonald's Country Plate – Round 1.
- John Oliver (South Coast) – McDonald's Country Cup – Round 1, Under 14 State Club Challenge.
- Barry Ferguson (South Coast) – McDonald's Country Cup – Round 1.
- John Burgoyne (Highlands) – McDonald's Country Cup – Round 2.
- Brenttyn Quigley (Goulburn) – McDonald's Country Cup – Round 2.
- Gary Paget (South Coast) – McDonald's Country Cup – Rounds 2 & 4.
- John Rose (South Coast) – McDonald's Country Cup – Round 2.

- Bruce Whiteman (South Coast) – McDonald's Country Cup – Round 4 & Semi Final, McDonald's Country Championship Southern Carnival & Final, Plan B Regional Bash Semi Final, Under 14 State Challenge & Final, Under 16 ODI Australia v Pakistan.

Other major appointments within Southern Zone during 2015-16 were:

Under 12 – Southern Zone v ACT – Brad Herbert & Kyle Bridge

Under 14 – Southern Zone v ACT – Lachlan Walker & Darryl Koglin

Under 16 – Southern Zone v ACT – Mal Herbert & Anthony Bathe

Results of major competitions played within Southern Zone were:

Burns Cup – A huge upset win for South East after Shoalhaven had been bowled out in the 49th over for 226. The South East boys finished with 8/227 with the winning runs coming from the final ball of the match. This competition has been dominated in recent memory by South Coast, Shoalhaven and Goulburn Highlands so it was great to see the southerners get home this time.

Under 16 – Shoalhaven had their revenge on Highlands this season overturning last year's result. Highlands batted first and posted a competitive 9-195 off their 50 overs, but it wasn't enough to stave off Shoalhaven who ran the total down in the 47th over with three wickets in hand.

Under 14 – South Coast looked to be in trouble after batting first and posting 7-117 off their 50 over allotment, but the miserly South Coast bowling attack strangled the Highlands batting line up eventually bowling them out for 106 in the 43rd over.

Under 12 – South Coast again looked to be in strife after posting 9-118 in

their 40 overs, but fought hard to deny the Shoalhaven boys who could only cobble together 8-91 off their completed 40 overs.



Introduction

2015-16 provided a busy schedule for umpires in Western Zone, with many umpires regularly officiating in both club (Saturday) and representative (Sunday) matches. Umpires have officiated as far East as Hazelbrook and as far West as Bourke. Many umpires have also taken the opportunity to broaden their experience with trips to umpire in Sydney Grade cricket.

Affiliated Umpire Associations in the Zone

Western Zone has two umpire associations affiliated to NSWCUA: Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires' Association and Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association. In addition, there are branches of Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association in Orange and Bathurst.

Executive and Office-bearers of affiliated umpire associations

Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires' Association

President	Peter Singh
Vice Pres	Angus Ridge
Secretary	Phil Leonard
Treasurer	Keith Morton

Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association

Mitchell Cricket Umpires Association			
		Bathurst Branch	Orange Branch
President	Mark Frecklington	Anthony Wilds	Ian Findlay
Vice Pres	Gordon Fredericks	Mark Waldren	-
Secretary	Greg Jones	Graeme Glazebrook	Steve Warrington
Treasurer	Mark Waldren	Darrin Masters	Steve Warrington

My thanks must go to all umpires in Western Zone and to the executive members of our Affiliated Associations, including member branches. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Doug Sandry, Greg Nicholls, Gordon Fredericks, and Steve Warrington for their assistance with representative umpire appointments.



John Evans presents Don Coleman with his Principal Membership certificate in Albury

Appointments

Significant appointments during the season included:

NSW Country v Canterbury A - Graeme Glazebrook

Country Championships Final - Graeme Glazebrook

Semi Final Plan B Regional T20 Bash - Graeme Glazebrook & Greg Jones

Zone Final of Country Cup - John de Lyall & Doug Sandry

Zone Final of Country Plate - Mark Frecklington & Darrin Masters

Western Premier League (WPL) Final - Greg Jones & Mark Waldren

WPL Preliminary Final - Graeme Glazebrook and Greg Jones. Congratulations also to the following umpires who officiated in local grade grand finals:

Bathurst		
1 st Grade	City Colts v Bathurst City	Graeme Glazebrook & Greg Jones
2 nd Grade	ORC v St Pats Old Boys	Mark Waldren & Darrin Masteres
Presidents Cup	St Pats Old Boys Blue v St Pats Old Boys Gold	Gary Cole & Jim Wood
3 rd Grade	St Pats Old Boys v Perthville	Mal Campbell & Cec Williams

Blue Mountains		
1 st Grade	Hazelbrook v Leura	James Forde
2 nd Grade	Faulconbridge v Blackheath	Tony Gasparre
3 rd Grade	Faulconbridge v Blackheath	Blair Cavanagh
4 th Grade	Hazelbrook v Leura	Ian Strudwick

Dubbo		
1 st (Whitney Cup)	Macquarie v Souths	John de Lyall & Doug Sandry
2 nd (Pinnington Cup)	Macquarie v RSL Colts	Colin Harper & Matt Knudsen
3 rd (Kelly Cup)	Rugby Red v Souths Green	Keith Morton & David Single
3 rd (Dawson Cup)	Newtown Gold v Macquarie	Nathan Astri & Ernie Tink
Gilgandra	Biddon/Toora v Gulargambone	Phil Leonard & Peter Singh
Gulgong	Goolma v RSL	Garry O'Reilly & Alan Seis
Molong	Country v Cudal	Alan Hubbard
Mudgee	Lawson Park v Golf Club	Garry O'Reilly & Alan Seis
Orange		
1 st Grade	Cavaliers v CYMS	Ian Findlay & Mar Frecklington
2 nd Grade	Gladstone v Orange City	Chris King & Corey Palmer

Dubbo		
3 rd Grade	Wanderers v Waratah Rebels	Liam Dillon & Ewan Powell
Centenary Cup	Orange City v CYMS Kelly	Scott Larsen & Peter Warren

A number of umpires also officiated in early rounds of the Country Cup and Country Plate, including John de Lyall, Mark Frecklington, Gordon Fredericks, Mark Hastings, Darrin Masters, Mark Munro, Noel Phoebe, Doug Sandry, Mark Waldren.

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 season and particularly those rewarded with finals appointments.

Umpire Numbers throughout the Zone

Lachlan 10	Macquarie 19	Mitchell 37
Cowra 8	Dubbo 15	Bathurst 13 (9 active)
Forbes 1	Narromine 2	Blue Mountains 3 (2 active)
Parkes 1	Wellington 2	Mudgee 7 (5 active)
		Orange 14 (10 active)

Information on the numbers of members who are also members of NSWCUA is unavailable. Establishing a more accurate list of umpires in Western Zone, including their status as members of NSWCUA, is an ongoing project.

Education and Development

During the 2015 off-season, three umpiring courses were held in Western Zone: Narromine, Orange and Cowra. Narromine was the most prolific of these with 18 participants qualifying. Particular thanks are extended to Dwayne Kent for his organisation. Orange also achieved an excellent outcome with 11 participants qualifying. Thanks are extended to Ian Findlay and Steve Warrington for their organisation. In addition there were ongoing meetings in Bathurst and Dubbo and there are early plans for a course in Bathurst in the 2016 off-season.

The 2015-16 season saw the continuation of the Western Zone based "Development Panel" of umpires. This season Doug Sandry (Dubbo) joined 2014-15 members John de Lyall (Dubbo), Mark Frecklington (Orange), Graeme Glazebrook (Bathurst), Greg Jones (Bathurst) and Mark Waldren (Bathurst) on 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. With many senior representative fixtures in addition to the early rounds of the County Cup and Plate, there is a need for a clearly identifiable group of outstanding umpires.

A major goal of Western Zone umpires remains to 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!

Key Highlights

Graeme Glazebrook continued his outstanding form on the Country Panel for his second season and was again appointed to the Country Championship Final. Graeme has also officiated in his sixth successive Bathurst 1st grade grand final. It is a testament to Graeme’s commitment and preparation that he is able to perform at such a high level for such an extended period. He was a worthy winner of the Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year. Bathurst also had the “pleasure” of two Country Panel umpires officiating in the 1st grade grand final. One wonders whether this was unique to Bathurst this season and how often this would have occurred in any country town over the years.

The key highlight for me is the many umpires who cheerfully umpire at any and every level week after week because they just love the game of cricket.



Season 2015-16 for the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association was another successful year both on and off the field. After last season having every match in Shires cricket with two umpires on the field of play for every match of the season for the first time in our history, this year we were not able to match this outstanding effort but were proud to have only one match in fourth grade for the entire season go without umpires.

My thanks go out to the members of the SSCUA who commit themselves to on field action week in week out. Without our members providing their services to the players of Shires cricket week in, week out, we would not be able to fill most of the top three grades with umpires each round. The continued support from NSWCUA, in particular, Darren, Troy and Jay who each week provide the overflow of umpires from the Sydney Grade Cricket competition to Shires for matches, or to designated higher grade matches in Shires to benefit their education and development, as well as providing their expertise and experience to improve our SSCUA members is very much appreciated. The SSCUA executive over the past three seasons has worked with NSWCUA to achieve outstanding on field results which makes the Shires competition a better one than it would be if not for the efforts of all umpires who officiate in Shires. To all who umpired in Shires cricket in 2015-16, once again a big thank you!

Our Secretary Stephen Blomfield continues to provide SSCUA members with excellent support off the field of play with an updated Shires handbook to assist with the SCA playing conditions, late start tables and other useful information for first season umpires such as fieldcraft and technique assistance. Stephen is an outstanding administrator who makes umpiring in Shires an easier job due to the hard work he puts in all year round in making SSCUA members jobs an easier one in all things off the field of play. At our mid-season members meeting, we invited first class umpire and former Burwood Briars player Gerard Abood to speak to the membership in a question and answer session which was met with enthusiasm from our members. Gerard often gives back to the Shires community where his grass roots lie and volunteered his services during the busy February period in between Sheffield Shield matches

and his presence at our meeting was appreciated by all.

I congratulate our members who officiated in grand finals in season 2015-16.

1 st Grade: Anthony Raymond and Brett Tribolet, Strathfield 201 and 6/142 defeated Burwood 166 at Blacktown International Sportspark #2
2 nd Grade: Stephen Blomfield and Bruce Whitehouse, Warringah 3/118 defeated Burwood 117 at Kanebridge Oval
3 rd Grade: Andrew Stindler and Geoff Wheeler, Burwood 4/255 defeated Epping 252 at North Epping Oval
4 th Grade: Rupert Matthews and Peter Mooney, Burwood 117 and 6/89 defeated Mount Pritchard-Southern Districts 112 and 92
Frank Gray Shield: Stephen Blomfield and Anthony Raymond, Georges River 3/89 defeated Epping 85 at Bexley Oval.

As is with every season, we celebrated important milestones to a number of our members who were acknowledged at meetings throughout the season –

250 Games – Spencer Harrison

200 Games – Rupert Mathews, Peter Mooney, Geoff Taylor

150 Games – Ian Bowman, Geoff Wheeler

100 Games – Brett Tribolet

50 Games – Rob Maloney, Anthony Raymond, Wayne Moore, Keeran Ramakrishnan, Ajit Madan, John Barnes, and Rick Crocono

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

We also congratulate our 2015-16 award winners, Anthony Raymond

who won our association umpire of the year for the second season running, Clay Finnemore won our rookie of the year who has transitioned from playing to umpiring with aplomb, and Andrew Stindler who won our award for most improved umpire of the year for 2015-16, and was rewarded with officiating in the third grade grand final.

The Association's Annual General Meeting is to be held at Club Redfern on Wednesday 3 August 2016 starting at 7pm. I hope to see as many members as possible attending this meeting.

Finally, I look forward to all our members backing up for next season and enjoying another successful season of umpiring in the Shires competition



Sydney Shires CUA members in action.



Sydney Womens' CUA

■ Charles Howard

Season 2015-16 was the 24th year the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association. The Association now has 55 financial members, which includes and two female umpire.

The 2015-16 management team consisted of –

Kevin McFarlane – President,
Charles Howard – Secretary,
Kevin Battishill – Vice President,
Norm Tickner – Treasurer,
John Colwell – Appointments Officer,
Roberto Howard – Assistant Secretary,
Gerry Forliano – Liaison Officer to
SCA Women's Sub-committee,
Soren Hughes – Delegate to
NSWCUSA and Webmaster.

The Association actively recruits and welcomes new and experienced umpires. We are also keen to support female and junior umpires. The majority of SCA Women's Cricket matches on Saturdays and Sundays were covered with two umpires. On Sundays approximately half those umpiring Women's cricket had already umpired on Saturday in the Sydney Cricket Associations men's competition.

All semi-finals and finals were covered by umpires from this Association. Congratulations to the following Grand Final umpires for season 2015-16;

1 st Grade	Gerry Forliano & John Colwell
1 st Grade (T20)	Gerry Forliano & Bob MacGregor
2 nd Grade	Kevin Battishill & Paul Farrell
2 nd Grade (T20)	Laurie Luccitti & Paul Farrell

Brewer Shield	Gordon Smith & Lawrie Yeomans
Brewer Shield (T20)	Gordon Smith & Ian Carew
3 rd Grade	Kevin McFarlane & Kevin Whitaker
3 rd Grade (T20)	Kevin McFarlane & Warwick Vyse

Congratulations also to our members who had Finals matches in SCA Men's, or Representative matches; Kevin Battishill, Brian Ferguson, Roberto Howard, Bob McGregor, and Alan Monaghan.

We are pleased to congratulate (former member, now umpiring full time in SCA men's) Claire Polosak on her elevation to the Cricket Australia Project Umpire Panel. We were pleased to see Claire appointed to umpire the U18 Female National Championship Final.

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

Our Association has been actively supporting initiatives to promote Women's cricket. Members participated in various "Pink Stumps Day" events. The former "Bash for Cash" was replaced by a Women's Cricket Gala event (1st and 2nd Grades) at Raby, fully and ably covered by our members. Paul Farrell and Laurie Luccitti represented our Association at the Campbelltown-Camden Ghosts sponsors luncheon mid-season

Darren Goodger and Troy Penman at NSWCUSA have been a great source of support and information for our Association. Special mention to Troy for his assistance with recruitment, and for his liaison with our Appointments Officer in managing umpire availability, and appointments. Again, special thanks to Darren Goodger and Laurie Borg for the marvellous work done by the NSWCUSA trainers. It was pleasing to see that many of our members attended umpire professional

development, coaching sessions, Laws of Cricket training and the Annual Convention provided by NSWCUSA

Kevin McFarlane, as our Training Officer, again organised a comprehensive pre-season 'Rules Night', and ongoing training. As usual our monthly meetings emphasised training and technique, with active discussion of pertinent umpiring issues. Members unable to attend were kept up to date by email distribution of key details. All our umpires are expected and encouraged to continue to improve themselves and their performance. It is important to try and get a little better every single day.

Our Association continues to work closely with the SCA Women's Sub-committee. Our member Gerry Forliano joined the Sub-committee this season and provided valuable input to both bodies. The Sub-committee expressed their support for our Association, and their thanks for the good performances of our umpires during the season.

The influx of new umpires created some hiccups during the season, but relations of umpires with players and Clubs continued to be generally very good.

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

In 2015-16 colour photo certificates have again been presented to umpires who umpired the Grand Finals and many of our photos were utilised at the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation of SCA Women's and NSWCUSA. Our members again voted throughout the season for the Bob Curtin Memorial Award (Best Player), and in each Grand Final our umpires selected and presented the Player of the Match Award.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Sydney Womens' CUA members in action.



Affiliates

Parramatta District Cricket Umpires' Association

■ Ken Bakon

The Parramatta District Cricket Umpires' Association has just completed another successful season of umpiring.

As well as officiating at senior and junior level for the Parramatta District Cricket Association, we once again had as many as eleven umpires appointed to Inter District Matches, including a number for that Competitions finals.

Other details of our Association are:

- Membership of 64, 57 of whom are still active.
- 16-20 matches in senior grades covered each week.
- 8-12 junior matches covered each week.
- Meetings held monthly from September to March, with regular Laws quizzes taking place. As well, a 60 question assessment is issued to all members every year for completion.
- Executive meetings held as required.
- Representation on various PDCA committees.

Importantly, every year in June or August we arrange for NSWCUA to hold a full training course and associated assessment. In 2015 we had some 26 participants. 20 sat the exam and 16 gained a NSWCUA pass mark. As well, we gained 14 new members for our Association.

Finally, our Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation was held the Tuesday following PDCA Finals. This year the Jasmine Restaurant at

Wenty Leagues was the venue, and a great night was had by all.

Our award winners were Rob Dryburgh for umpire of the year (Ray Parr Trophy), Dennis Vella for representative umpire of the year (Barry Collison Medal), and Vipin Bansal for the "Rookie" umpire of the year.

Sutherland Shire Cricket Umpires' Association

■ Lawrie Daly

Introduction

Sutherland Shire Umpires had another busy year, making over 400 appointments to the local senior and junior competitions, D.C.A. and I.D.C.A. representative cricket, school and other games.

Finals Appointments

The association made 18 appointments to junior finals and 17 each to senior semi-finals and finals.

Phil Alterator and Gordon Johnston umpired the 16A final.

Brian Freney and David McCarty umpired the senior A1 final.

Umpire Numbers throughout the Zone

The SSCUA had 73 financial members and 14 living life members, of whom three remain active umpires. 51 members stood in at least one senior game and 27 stood in at least one junior game.

Executive and Office-Bearers

President Dave Robinson and Secretary Lawrie Daly handled most of the day to day business of the association, including appointments. Life Member Lance Taylor completed his 25th year in succession as Treasurer and Life Member Ray Brennan his 28th as Honorary Auditor. Both received Long Service Awards.

Education and Development

Before the season started nine participants attended our annual course and examination on the Laws of Cricket. Six of these subsequently joined the association. As usual, monthly meetings included sessions on field techniques and a rules and rulings segment, where issues on laws and playing conditions arising in matches were discussed.

Highlights

Involvement in school cricket continues to grow, with 38 appointments to 22 games, a new record.

10 members volunteered their services free of charge to the Emergency Services Mega Bash, a round robin day of T20 matches. Members donated \$265 to Bowel Cancer Australia, the charity supported by the day.

85 appointments were made to D.C.A and I.D.C.A. representative matches, including trials.

Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires' Association

■ Arthur Watson

The Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires' Association was founded in 1927 under the banner of Southern Districts Umpires' League. The Association has successfully operated continually since formation, although it has suffered a few hiccups in recent years.

Following the formation of Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Club and its introduction to Grade Cricket in 1979, both the Southern Districts Cricket Association and Southern Districts Umpires' League underwent name changes, to become Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Association (FLCA) and Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires Association

(FLCUA) respectively, to better identify the area in which local cricket was being played.

The Association currently has 30 members, of whom 12 are also members of NSWCUSA.

Whilst our membership covers mostly matches played in the FLCA Junior and Senior competitions, several members are active in the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) Grade and Shires Competitions.

It has been some years since the Association has held a formal and structured training course, but such a course is high on the agenda for the 2016-17 season.

In recent years Life Membership was bestowed on two of our loyal and long serving members, Bill Howard (2012) and Ray Marshall (2014).

Under the leadership of Darren Foster the Association has made considerable progress in this current season.

Some of our highlights during the year have been:

- the introduction of an Umpire of the Year Award, named the Doug Tyson Memorial Award, to perpetuate the memory of the late Doug Tyson. Many members of the NSWCUSA would remember Doug who served both the FLCUA and NSWCUSA with dedication and distinction for many years. The trophy was donated by the Bulliman Family and the inaugural award winner will be announced at an end of season Association function.
- the appointment of two junior lads, Blake Watson and Mitchell Reddan, to Saturday morning Junior Competition matches. The reintroduction of young cricketers into an active role of umpiring has proved most successful and one we hope to encourage and develop in future seasons. It was pleasing to note that Mitchell was appointed

to one of the FLCA Junior Grand Finals. Mitchell worked alongside the very experienced member, Ken Farmilo.

- the appointment of 30 umpires, some with multiple appointments, to officiate in the NSWDC Junior Representative competitions, gave our Association 100% coverage of NSWDC matches—a noteworthy and most pleasing result.
- the initiative of both the Parramatta and Fairfield Liverpool Associations in establishing a joint A Grade Competition has afforded our higher ranked umpires the opportunity to officiate at a higher level of cricket.
- the local First Grade competition was won by the experienced Green Valley Club making it three premierships in a row for the Club. Dave Brown and Daniel Izard officiated in this final.

The season has been one of hard work re-establishing the Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires' Association to its former glory, but little by little we are making progress and the Committee looks forward to further progress in 2016-17 season.

Northern District Cricket Umpires' Association

■ Homer Paxton

The Northern District Cricket Umpires' Association (NDCUA) provides umpires for the Northern District Cricket Association (NDCA). The NDCUA continued its growth spurt of the last few years.

From only having one or two umpires and struggling to get even one umpire to all final matches we now have eight fully qualified umpires and are able to provide umpires for finals. Seven are member of NSWCUSA.

Although losing two umpires to Grade this season we still managed

to increase our numbers to eight although one umpire only umpires intermittently because of knee problems. We have done this by having regular Level 2 umpire programs on the Laws of Cricket. Grade and Shires have benefitted from these as well. We will lose one umpire to Grade next season.

Senior semi-finals (and junior finals on the same day) are usually filled by fully qualified umpires with help from friends from both Shires and Grade. The finals are always filled, but only local umpires umpire the two turf finals.

We also have an umpire of the season award within the local association. This has been won by Christiaan Kennedy two seasons in a row. The NDCA brought in umpires' reports by captains two seasons ago (based on the Grade and Shire reporting system) and this has, in the main, shown the local umpires to be held in high esteem by the various captains.

The President and Secretary of the NDCUA is Homer Paxton who whilst being a Shires umpire attempts to help out locally by also being on the Executive Committee of the NDCA as is another umpire Greg Berriman. There is no longer a treasurer with the NDCA directly paying the umpires electronically at the end of the season.

There are three key ways to have umpires up to date with all things umpiring.

- 1) All umpires are encouraged to sit a Laws of Cricket assessment on a semi-regular basis.
- 2) The President organises a guest speaker to address the first meeting. Our first speaker was Berend du Plessis who played locally before he became an umpire, first with Shires and now Grade. It was an outstanding success. We have Gerard Abound from the National Umpire Panel addressing us in the first meeting in September this year.

3) We have three meetings a year and also attempt to talk with each other electronically.

Most umpires, together with some friends from Grade, enable us to cover all junior representative matches.

New South Wales Cricket Association

■ Darren Goodger

New South Wales Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting on 7 September 2015. Dr David Dilley was the NSWCUA Delegate to NSW Cricket Association.

During the Annual General Meeting Simon Katich, Brian Hughes and Carolyn Sheehan were honoured with Life Membership of the Association.

The NSW Cricket Board has the following Directors –

John Warn (Chairman), Dr David Dilley, Hon Patricia Forsythe, Lyall Gorman, Hon Kevin Greene, Ian Hogg, John Knox, Greg Monaghan, Marshall Rosen.

The Association is undergoing constitutional review and of interest to delegate members is a proposal to expand eligibility criteria for Board Directors to allow the opportunity to seek Directors from outside the current process. This would allow the option of electing Directors with

different skill sets which could further assist the NSW Cricket Board. With the affiliates' agreement, it is proposed to remove the requirement for Directors to be delegates to Cricket NSW but, instead, allow affiliates to nominate any suitable person for the position. CEO Andrew Jones and Chairman John Warn are to discuss this proposed governance change with delegate members.

In his address to the May Ordinary General Meeting of Sydney Cricket Association CEO Andrew Jones provided delegate members with an end of season overview, covering:

- Cricket NSW was in a very good spot, having progressed rapidly in the last five years.
- High television ratings, as well as increased press coverage.
- Increase in participation levels, highlighting the leadership from Cricket NSW staff.
- Growing interest in the game by women.
- BBL experienced both larger crowds and higher television ratings than the A League.
- WWBL was a success with strong television ratings.
- Blues had a strong season winning the Matador BBQs One Day Cup.
- Breakers once again enjoyed an excellent season, making the Final of the WNCL.

Winners of the various national competitions in season 2015-16 were–

- Sheffield Shield – Victoria
- One Day Cup – New South Wales
- T20 Big Bash League – Sydney Thunder
- Futures League – New South Wales
- Women's National Cricket League – South Australia
- Women's T20 Big Bash League – Sydney Thunder
- U19 Male – New South Wales Metropolitan
- U18 Female – Victoria
- U17 Male – Queensland
- U15 Male (Darwin) – New South Wales
- U15 Male (Brisbane) – New South Wales Green
- U15 Female – ACT/New South Wales Country
- Indigenous Male – New South Wales
- Indigenous Female – New South Wales

The performance of Sydney Thunder in winning BBL05 and WBBL01 was outstanding. Congratulations are offered to Nick Cummins and his team at the Thunder on an excellent season on and off the field.



LEFT: David Taylor (L) and Yohan Ramasundara (R)



RIGHT: Greg Davidson standing in a Sheffield Shield match.

NSWCUSA extends thanks to the Senior Leadership Team at Cricket New South Wales, and the New South Wales Cricket Board, for their support given to our Association and their interest in umpiring and scoring at all levels.

Sydney Cricket Association

■ Troy Penman

Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management	
Chairman	Andrew Falk.
Deputy Chairman	Craig Hambleton.
Committee	
Evan Atkins, Richard Cook, Andrew Frank, Brian Freedman, Joshua Lalor, Greg Mail.	
Chairman Shires Competition Sub-Committee	
Glenn Workman.	
NSWCUSA Delegate to the Sydney Cricket Association	
Dr David Dilley.	

The Sydney Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting on 17 August 2015 during which Jessica Henry and John McGruther were elected Life Members of the Association.

Jessica has played every season for Gordon Women's CC since 1985-86, and has held every position on the Club's Executive bar Secretary. 2015-16 will be her 20th consecutive year as President of the women's arm of the club. Jessica was first appointed to the SCAWC Sub-Committee in season 2002-03 and has been Chair of this Committee since 2005-06. Jessica was an appointed member of the SCA's Committee of Management for four years – from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

John has served as the Association's Code of Conduct Commissioner

continuously since 2000-2001. He has presided over 450 breaches of the Code and continues to provide ongoing educational support to Grade and Shires umpires.

Competitions were programed as follows:

- First Grade – five limited overs matches and ten two-day matches.
- All other grades – seven limited overs matches and eight two-day matches.
- Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup – each team played four preliminary round matches.
- Poidevin Gray Shield – six preliminary round matches.
- AW Green Shield – seven preliminary round matches.

McDonald's continued as the major sponsor of the Grade and Shires competitions.

NSWCUSA is justifiably proud that 100% of matches in the Grade competition had two appointed umpires. The excellent coverage is a tribute to the recruitment and training programs of NSWCUSA.

Four umpires made their first grade debut in season 2015-16 and these umpires are acknowledged here and congratulated accordingly:

- Kadhira Dhandapani (round 8, UNSW v Sydney at Village Green with Darren Goodger)
- Craig Lees (round 15, UNSW v North Sydney at Village Green with Alan Monaghan)
- Peter McNamara (round 15, Fairfield-Liverpool v Sydney University Rosedale Oval with Gary Crombie)
- Ryan Nelson (round 8, Parramatta v Mosman at Old Kings Oval with Chris Taylor)

The SCA T20 Cup competition, sees all 20 grade clubs along with the addition of the ACT, Central Coast, Illawarra and Newcastle take part in a four round competition which

is proudly sponsored by Kingsgrove Sports. Umpires from all four regional areas received appointments in the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup – Chris Cassin, Kumar Jeyakkumar and Yohan Ramasundara (ACT), James Figallo (Central Coast), David Cullen, Neil Findlay and Darren Sutherland (Illawarra) and Ross McKim (Newcastle).

We were also pleased to welcome, Greg Jones (Western) to umpire matches in the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup.

We offer congratulations to the Penrith 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)	Bankstown
Second Grade (Albert Cup)	Sydney
Third Grade (Mitchell Cup)	Sydney University
Fourth Grade (Reid Cup)	Sydney University
Fifth Grade (David Sherwood Cup)	Campbelltown-Camden
First Grade Limited Overs	Bankstown
Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup	Randwick Petersham
Poidevin Gray Shield	Sutherland
A W Green Shield	Mosman

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

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, Bankstown v Sydney at Bankstown Oval Umpires Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson

Second Grade, Sydney v UNSW at Drummoyne Oval Umpires Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds

Third Grade, Sydney University v Eastern Suburbs at University No. 1 Oval Umpires Darren Goodger and Anthony Hobson

Fourth Grade, Penrith v Sydney University at Howell Oval Umpires Simon Lightbody and Marc Nickl

Fifth Grade, Campbelltown-Camden v Eastern Suburbs at Raby 1 Umpires Troy Penman and Glen Stubbings

First Grade Limited Overs, Bankstown v St George at Bankstown Oval Umpires Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup, Sydney University v Randwick Petersham at Coogee Oval Umpires Simon Lightbody and Troy Penman

Poidevin Gray Shield, Sutherland v St George at Glenn McGrath Oval Umpires Darren Goodger and Glen Stubbings

A W Green Shield, Mosman v Hawkesbury at Allan Border Oval Umpires Ryan Nelson and Claire Polosak

The Association acknowledges here the appointment of Anthony Raymond and Brett Tribolet to umpire the Shires First Grade Grand Final, between Strathfield and Burwood, and John Colwell and Gerry Forliano to umpire the Women's First Grade Grand Final, between Bankstown and Gordon. 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), 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 option 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.

The umpire appointments to the Grand Finals, first to fifth grade, were made by Graham Chudleigh and Graham Reed who consulted Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant and Bill Hendricks before making their selections.

There were no panel reserves appointed in 2015-16. The panels contained the following number of umpires:

- First Panel – 20
- Second Panel – 20
- Third Panel – 20
- Fourth Panel – 100

The following experienced members – Laurie Borg, John Evans and Brian



Greg Davidson and Gerard Abood umpiring the Belvidere Cup Grand Final

Ferguson – all offered their services to mentor umpires in the panel.

The off field observers were Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Mark Grant, Bill Hendricks and Graham Reed all of whom were thorough and committed in their role which saw 360 reports made on 128 different umpires, with relevant and detailed feedback supplied. Administration Officer, Jay Lenton, is hereby acknowledged and thanked for his timely distribution of observer reports. Jay did an excellent job. Bill Hendricks was a welcome addition to the Observer Panel having retired from on-field umpiring after an outstanding career which saw him stand in 332 SCA matches 265 of which were in first grade.

A total of 182 umpires officiated in the SCA Grade competitions in season 2015-16.

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

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 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 NSWCUSA 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 2015-16 season:

450 matches
Graham Chudleigh
400 matches
Peter Mooney
350 matches
John H. Williams
300 matches
Bob Guthrie
250 matches
Ken Buckland
200 matches
Gerry Forliano
Andrew Hamilton

Chris Haviland
Ivan Holland
150 matches
Mark Hughes
Balvinder Kumar
Rupert Mathews
Ben Treloar
100 matches
Bob McGregor
Kedar Oza
Andrew Steindler
Graham Swan
David Taylor
Andrew Vasey
Stuart Wood

A total record of match appointments of those individual members who officiated in the SCA Grade competitions during the 2015-16 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.

Congratulations are extended to Greg Lill who in round 13 umpired his 400th first grade match in the fixture at Pratten Park between Western Suburbs and Randwick Petersham. He was accompanied by Marty Edgell. Greg was presented with a commemorative plaque to acknowledge this outstanding achievement by SCA Deputy Chairman, Craig Hambleton.

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 27 umpires below:

Wayne Allan, Bill Ashe, Anthony Bathe, Alan Bonney, John Burgoyne, Roger Burns, Vince Calabro, Mal Campbell, Chris Cassin, John Colwell, David Cullen, John de Lyall, Paul Dilley, James Figallo, Graeme Glazebrook, Geoff Hoy, Greg Jones, Pat Kerin, Darrin Masters, Rupert Mathews, Kevin McFarlane, Ross McKim, John Pearce, Rob Pye, Yohan Ramasundara, Michael Roberts and Geoff Verco.

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.

Darren Close (Tasmanian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association) was a welcome addition to Grade round 13 where, at Chatswood Oval, he umpired the first grade match between Gordon and Bankstown, standing with Anthony Wilds. He impressed all and sundry with his accurate judgement, decisiveness and positive attitude to the game. Whilst visiting Sydney, Darren was a fine ambassador for Cricket Tasmania and TCUSA on and off the field. His visit was part of an annual umpire exchange program between NSWCUSA and TCUSA. NSWCUSA member, Darren Foster, umpired a first grade match in the Cricket Tasmania Premier League in Hobart this season and his work with Richard Widows (State Director of Umpiring – Tasmania) was valuable for Darren who appreciated the interaction with Richard and the quality of the feedback provided by him. Darren stood in the round 16 match between Kingborough and Clarence at Kingston Twin Ovals

with National Panel Umpire Mike Graham-Smith.

The number of Code of Conduct reports actioned by the Code of Conduct Commissioner in 2015-16 was as 63, an increase of 26 on last season. It is very disappointing to see such an increase. Of note five of the reported players were the captain of their team, a decrease of four from last season.

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 Assistant Code of Conduct Commissioners, being Gerard Abood and Graham Gorrie, are also acknowledged and thanked for their contribution and support of NSWCUSA members.

The Grade Premiers’ Dinner was held at Dockside on 29 April 2016 and attended by NSWCUSA Directors Geoff Garland and Graham Chudleigh, as well as NSWCUSA staff in Darren Goodger and Troy Penman. Jim Callinan from Sky News was the MC while comedian Sam McCool was the entertainment on the night. Anthony Hobson was represented with the George Borwick Memorial Award by Geoff Garland. NSWCUSA was praised on the night for having two umpires appointed to every Grade match and for perceived improvement in umpiring standards.

The 2015-16 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 – Charlie Stobo (Gordon)
- Spirit of Cricket – Sydney University
- Coach of the Year – Michael Haire (Sydney)
- First Grade Ground of the Year – Hurstville Oval (St George)
- Lower Grade Ground of the Year – Merrylands Oval (Parramatta)
- First Grade Captain of the Year – Chris Green (Sydney) and Daniel Smith (Sydney)
- Second Grade Captain of the Year – Daniel Friedrich (Northern District)
- Third Grade Captain of the Year – Rodney Stafford (Randwick Petersham)
- Fourth Grade Captain of the Year – Ryan Bolger (Northern District)
- Fifth Grade Captain of the Year – Matthew Hollier (Hawkesbury)
- Benaud Medal for Player of First Grade Grand Final – Harry Dalton (Sydney)
- Michael Bevan Medal for Player of First Grade Limited Overs Grand Final – Jarrad Burke (Bankstown)
- Player of Twenty20 Cup Grand Final – Daniel Sams (Randwick Petersham)
- Shane Lee Medal for Player of Poidevin Gray Shield Grand Final – Jamie Brown (Sutherland)
- Kevin Cunningham Medal for Player of A W Green Shield Grand Final – Tyson Lee (Mosman)

The Sydney Cricket Association for the third time chose a Merit XII. The first grade team of the year is listed below:

Charlie Stobo (Captain) (Gordon), Philip Wells (Bankstown), Ryan Gibson (Campbelltown-Camden), Nathan Price (Randwick Petersham), David Dawson (University of NSW),

Jay Lenton (Manly-Warringah), Daniel Smith (Sydney), Ashley Doolan (Mosman), Daniel Sams (Randwick Petersham), Nathan Ellis (St George), Shane Devoy (Eastern Suburbs), Nigel Cowell (Sydney University).

We offer congratulations to our Administration Officer Jay Lenton on his selection. Jay scored 946 runs at an average of 67.6 and took 27 wicket-keeping dismissals.

The relationship between NSW CUSA and SCA continues to be excellent. To Andrew Falk and his Committee of Management we express our most sincere gratitude and thanks for their very cooperative interest in our Association. NSW CUSA acknowledges the assistance and cooperation provided by the SCA Secretary Bruce Whitehouse and the Competitions Manager Roy Formica. Their efforts, and that of Clare Crewdson, Amanda Green, Kath Koschel and Daniel McKenna are appreciated. The professionalism of the SCA and Cricket Operations staff at Cricket NSW is to be commended as is their genuine support of NSW CUSA.

The usual behind the scenes work continues in the "non-playing season" and September 2016 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.



Anthony Wilds announcing the winner of the Michael Bevan Medal.

Claire Polosak officiating here in the A.W. Green Shield Grand Final.



Gerard Abood (R) and Greg Davidson (L) inspect the condition of the match ball during the SCA First Grade Grand Final at Bankstown Oval.

Umpire Statistics

■ Stephen Blomfield & Troy Penman



The following table is a record of match appointments of those individual members who officiated in the SCA Grade Competition from the date they joined the Association up to the end of the 2015-16 season. These statistics do not count matches officiated in the Poidevin-Gray Shield, AW Green Shield, or Frank Gray Shield competitions. They do however count matches officiated in the First Grade Limited Overs Competition

CAREER TOTAL MATCHES INCLUDING SEASON 2015-16

	1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
ABBEY, David	0	2	19	8	6	6	41
ABOOD, Gerard	85	20	2	6	11	4	128
ALLAN, Wayne	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
ANG, Tommy	58	43	21	17	13	3	155
APPS, Matthew	0	0	1	16	25	5	47
AROK, Stephen	0	0	0	9	6	1	16
ASHE, Bill	2	30	37	25	6	8	108
BADALATI, Vince	0	0	0	12	7	6	25
BANODKAR, Mahesh	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
BARNES, John	66	166	39	39	27	50	387
BASKAR, Edward	0	0	9	25	25	7	66
BATHE, Anthony	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
BATTISHILL, Kevin	0	22	36	42	21	8	129
BELL, Grahame	0	0	1	12	17	41	71
BERGMAN, Tony	0	0	0	0	0	98	98
BIRRING, Satvir	0	0	0	0	11	9	20
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	3	1	2	2	4	273	285
BONNEY, Al	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
BORG, Laurie	149	185	29	19	21	14	417
BOWMAN, Ian	0	0	0	0	0	133	133
BREAKSPEAR, Brian	0	0	6	4	3	76	89
BRIGHTWELL, Daniel	21	25	7	12	5	3	73
BRISTOW, Brad	0	0	1	4	16	13	34
BUCKLAND, Ken	66	42	45	20	12	68	253
BURGOYNE, John	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
BURNS, Roger	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
CALABRO, Vince	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
CAMPBELL, Malcolm	0	0	0	3	2	28	33
CAMPBELL, Neil	0	0	0	0	1	48	49
CAREW, Ian	0	0	1	8	13	5	27
CARPINI, Tony	0	1	5	18	9	5	38
CARR, Tony	0	0	2	6	6	1	15
CASSIN, Chris	17	4	0	0	0	1	22

	1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
CHEGWIDDEN, Les	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
CHRISTEN, Richard	0	0	0	26	33	116	175
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	109	80	85	93	67	18	452
CLEMENTS, Stephen	0	0	0	0	0	70	70
CLOSE, Darren	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
COATES, Andrew	0	0	2	4	3	1	10
COLES, Mark	0	0	0	2	5	3	10
COLWELL, John	0	0	1	4	11	10	26
CONWAY, Michael	0	0	0	0	2	65	67
COOPER, Tom	5	39	67	25	34	9	179
CROCONO, Rick	0	0	0	0	0	48	48
CROMBIE, Gary	51	35	17	5	7	3	118
CULLEN, David	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
DAMODARAN, Rajesh	0	0	3	0	0	12	15
DARCY, John	0	38	105	37	26	11	217
DAVIDSON, Greg	116	14	9	2	1	2	144
DAVIES, Keith	0	0	0	0	0	47	47
DAVY, Adam	0	13	10	10	4	4	41
De LYALL, John	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
DE SILVA, Nirmal	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
DeCELIS, Brian	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
DESAI, Gaurav	0	17	7	7	11	8	50
DHANDAPANI, Khadhirvelou	2	24	74	34	34	30	198
DILLEY, Paul	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
DODWELL, Simon	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
DUFF, Cameron	0	6	14	9	1	18	48
DUNN, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
DuPLESSIS, Berend	12	15	12	5	3	11	58
EDGELL, Martin	129	27	10	13	8	10	197
EVANS, John	253	31	40	27	14	5	370
EVANS, Shane	0	0	0	3	3	4	10
FARRELL, Paul	0	3	42	50	34	5	134
FERGUSON, Brian	151	62	35	34	22	12	316
FIGALLO, James	14	18	3	4	2	3	44
FINNEMORE, Clay	0	0	0	0	0	22	22
FORDE, James	0	0	1	2	2	1	6
FORLIANO, Gerry	3	57	93	27	26	6	212
FOSTER, Darren	50	19	5	8	9	5	96
GAL, Michael	0	0	2	23	9	3	37
GANDEVIA, Robin	0	38	56	11	15	58	178
GANGULY, Saurabh	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
GARLAND, Geoff	131	160	41	20	21	13	386
GARWOOD, Robert	0	0	1	17	6	5	29

	1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
GLACKEN, Bill	0	0	1	4	24	12	41
GLAZEBROOK, Graeme	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
GOODGER, Darren	225	20	12	10	12	19	298
GOODMAN, David	0	0	0	0	0	68	68
GRIBBEN, Tony	0	0	0	2	1	7	10
GROCOCK, Stu	31	6	3	1	0	1	42
GUTHRIE, Bob	0	0	33	106	120	43	302
HAMILTON, Andrew	130	40	16	11	4	2	203
HANSHAW, Glen	0	0	0	0	0	61	61
HARRISON, Spencer	0	0	0	0	2	214	216
HAVILAND, Chris	0	0	2	55	92	52	201
HAYWOOD, Michael	0	0	0	0	1	13	14
HINDS, Denis	0	0	1	7	8	3	19
HITCHEN, Clive	0	0	1	14	17	1	33
HOBSON, Anthony	30	16	2	0	3	4	55
HOLLAND, Ivan	0	0	0	0	1	203	204
HONEYWOOD, Peter	0	0	2	15	24	6	47
HOSSAIN, Billy	0	0	0	3	1	8	12
HOWARD, Charles	0	0	43	48	64	24	179
HOWARD, Roberto	0	14	18	26	21	6	85
HOWSE, Geoff	0	0	3	6	28	29	66
HOY, Geoff	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
HUGHES, Aiden	37	15	14	12	1	3	82
HUGHES, Mark	70	23	9	6	5	43	156
HUNTER, Kim	0	0	0	0	0	77	77
IRVINE, Geoff	6	46	14	1	10	2	79
ISLAM, Monoyarul	0	0	0	0	2	8	10
JAYAKODY, Dhanushka	0	0	0	1	5	5	11
JAYATILAKE, Lalith	0	0	0	5	21	24	50
JOHNSON, Paul	0	39	25	10	4	3	81
JONES, Greg	23	23	2	5	2	0	55
KAIN, Lindsay	118	207	100	90	42	26	583
KEAHANE, Barry	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
KENNEDY, Christiaan	0	0	2	4	1	3	10
KERIN, Pat	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
KHAN, Zafar	0	0	0	2	0	5	7
KING, Chris	27	87	122	17	8	10	271
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	52	195	30	35	52	111	475
KNIGHT, Keiran	12	1	1	1	0	0	15
KOSCHEL, Gary	0	1	4	7	4	2	18
KULKARNI, Rahul	0	0	0	2	10	8	20
KUMAR, Balvinder	0	0	1	47	42	12	102
KUMAR, Kishore	0	0	0	2	6	12	20

	1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
KUMAR, Sathish	0	0	0	2	5	5	12
LEAHY, Kevin	27	81	55	32	21	14	230
LEES, Craig	1	14	17	5	7	2	46
LEUNG, Ambrose	0	0	0	9	7	5	21
LIGHTBODY, Simon	59	5	1	2	0	0	67
LIGHTLEY, Shane	0	0	13	2	7	2	24
LILL, Greg	400	38	30	25	15	5	513
LUCITTI, Laurie	0	0	2	11	13	2	28
LUKE, William	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
MADAN, Ajit	0	0	0	0	0	49	49
MALONEY, Rob	0	14	17	9	5	48	93
MARSH, Paul	0	0	1	3	4	2	10
MARWAHA, Varun	0	6	32	19	13	2	72
MASSINGHAM, Bill	3	50	4	7	1	1	66
MASTERS, Darrin	0	0	6	1	0	0	7
MATHEWS, Rupert	0	4	1	0	1	149	155
McAPPION, Stephen	0	0	50	118	120	79	367
McAULLEY, Gary	0	24	14	6	4	3	51
McCLELLAND, David	0	0	0	3	9	2	14
McFARLANE, Kevin	0	0	0	2	5	2	9
McGINN, Cameron	0	21	26	6	5	3	61
McGREGOR, Bob	18	27	35	13	11	1	105
McKIM, Ross	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
McNAMARA, Peter	1	40	30	32	22	5	130
MEHTA, Chinmay	0	0	2	30	20	8	60
MONAGHAN, Alan	20	56	18	24	11	2	131
MOONEY, Peter	66	140	12	14	11	169	412
MOORE, Peter	0	10	17	7	3	2	39
MOORE, Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	43	43
MULLICK, Imtiaz	0	0	0	0	1	6	7
NAZIR, Zaheer	7	50	33	23	21	3	137
NELSON, Ryan	5	11	2	1	0	1	20
NEWSOM, Ian	0	1	4	15	15	38	73
NICHOLS, Daniel	0	14	3	8	5	0	30
NICKL, Marc	123	24	7	12	10	4	180
O'CONNOR, Neil	0	0	2	13	27	4	46
OPPENHEIM, Dennis	0	0	0	0	0	35	35
OTTAVIANO, Joe	0	0	1	2	9	2	14
OTTAVIANO, Nathan	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
OZA, Kedar	0	18	74	11	4	4	111
PARIHAR, Prashant	0	0	1	11	13	13	38
PARKER, Trevor	0	0	0	0	0	117	117
PATEL, Sharad	0	6	2	5	2	0	15

	1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
PAXTON, Homer	0	0	0	0	0	46	46
PEARCE, John	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PENMAN, Troy	15	22	7	8	3	1	56
PERRY, Peter	0	0	6	16	7	5	34
PILLAI, Ananthan	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
PILLAI, Anil	0	29	33	19	12	2	95
POINTER, Martyn	0	14	16	7	8	12	57
POLOSAK, Claire	9	9	38	15	19	5	95
PONSFORD, Derek	0	0	0	0	0	118	118
PRABHAKAR, Yatin	0	0	7	3	13	15	38
PRAKASH, Phil	0	0	0	0	3	32	35
PRYDE, Scott	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
PYE, Rob	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
RAHEJA, Vir	0	0	0	0	6	7	13
RAHMAN, Ashafur	0	0	2	4	12	20	38
RAINER, Phil	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
RAJA, Rajesh	0	0	0	0	4	9	13
RAJAGOPALAN, Ragu	0	0	9	71	83	31	194
RAMAKRISHNAN, Keeran	0	26	11	13	20	49	119
RAMASUNDARA, Yohan	19	1	1	0	0	0	21
RANATUNGE, Palitha	0	0	0	24	50	15	89
RAYMOND, Anthony	0	0	0	0	0	43	43
RILEY, Gerard	0	3	11	1	0	67	82
ROBERTS, Michael	0	1	36	17	26	101	181
ROCHE, Glenn	36	50	37	8	3	31	165
ROGAN, Scott	0	0	0	6	4	1	11
RONY, Shariful	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RYAN, Steven	0	0	5	8	6	1	20
SAJOWITZ, Bede	0	0	1	5	5	1	12
SALVI, Manish	0	0	1	1	5	7	14
SAMAD, Sayad	0	0	0	5	5	7	17
SCHOKMAN, Trevor	0	0	0	1	2	178	181
SCOTT, Ross	0	0	0	0	0	32	32
SHIELD, Bob	0	12	18	7	8	69	114
SHYAMAPANTH, Saigal	0	0	5	8	8	13	34
SINGHAM, Mano	0	0	0	1	1	77	79
SMELLIE, Patrick	0	0	0	0	1	125	126
SMITH, David	0	0	2	7	5	1	15
SMITH, Gordon	0	0	0	1	2	186	189
SRINIVASAN, Pawan	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
SRINIVASAN, Ramadurai	0	0	0	1	7	1	9
STARKS, Steve	51	13	26	11	9	35	145
STEINDLER, Andrew	0	0	1	14	14	71	100

	1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
STEWART, Nigel	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
STUBBINGS, Glen	21	13	9	1	2	20	66
SUBRAMANIAM, Praba	0	0	0	0	8	13	21
SWAN , Graham	0	2	43	30	24	4	103
TABRETT, Ian	0	2	0	0	0	88	90
TANSWELL, Peter	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TATE, Peter	145	28	27	18	18	4	240
TAYLOR, Chris	8	26	4	3	8	143	192
TAYLOR, David	78	21	4	7	1	2	113
TAYLOR, Geoff	0	0	0	0	1	161	162
TAYLOR, Lawrie	0	0	0	8	30	2	40
THAIGARAJAN, MK	0	0	30	39	53	14	136
TRELOAR, Ben	92	25	13	16	8	11	165
TRIBOLET, Brett	2	0	0	0	0	92	94
TURMANIS, Juris	0	0	30	51	45	19	145
TURNER, Michael W	0	0	2	8	14	6	30
VARADARAJAN, Sundar	0	0	0	2	3	2	7
VASEY, Andrew	0	11	50	19	23	6	109
VASEY, Tony	0	0	18	53	39	5	115
VELLA, Aaron	24	11	4	2	3	42	86
VERCO, Geoff	0	10	48	26	21	4	109
WARD, Malcolm	0	0	0	0	0	93	93
WATSON, Arthur	365	58	81	126	85	21	736
WEIR, Chris	62	94	214	80	36	46	532
WENT, David	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
WENTZEL, Karl	79	53	19	7	15	25	198
WHEELER, Geoff	0	3	0	0	0	121	124
WHITE, Graeme	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
WHITEHOUSE, Bruce	0	4	13	6	6	87	116
WILDS, Anthony	132	7	1	2	0	0	142
WILLIAMS, John	0	0	9	94	179	76	358
WISEMAN, Brian	0	1	9	24	7	5	46
WOOD, Stuart	0	3	23	19	4	57	106
YARAD, Andrew	0	0	1	5	6	0	12
YASEEN, Bilal	0	0	5	7	26	4	42



NSWCUSA - Sydney Cricket Association - The 200 Club

Records Correct as of the end of the 2015-16 Season



		1	2	3	4	5	SHIRES	TOTAL
WATSON, Arthur	Current	365	58	81	126	85	21	736
KAIN, Lindsay	Current	118	207	100	90	42	26	583
WEIR, Chris	Current	62	94	214	80	36	46	532
LILL, Greg	Current	400	38	30	25	15	5	513
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	Current	52	195	30	35	52	111	475
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	2015-16	109	80	85	93	67	18	452
TYSON, Doug	2013-14	45	280	43	39	10	16	433
BORG, Laurie	Current	149	185	29	19	21	14	417
MOONEY, Peter	Current	66	140	12	14	11	169	412
MacNAMARA, John	2011-12	0	1	48	164	135	53	401
BARNES, John	Current	66	166	39	39	27	50	387
GARLAND, Geoff	Current	131	160	41	20	21	13	386
REISMAN, John	2006-07	64	73	87	85	45	31	385
LIVINGSTON, Bruce	1998-99	75	129	44	34	52	49	383
QUAKEN, Keith	2002-03	139	20	20	35	57	100	371
LALOR, Brian	2012-13	8	133	81	94	43	11	370
EVANS, John	Current	253	31	40	27	14	5	370
WARK, Ken	1999-00	145	67	23	28	50	54	367
WHEELER, Allan	1992-93	187	71	71	28	5	5	367
McAPPION, Stephen	Current	0	0	50	118	120	79	367
EMERSON, Ian	1998-99	268	41	14	24	14	4	365
AUBREY, Charlie	1996-97	39	128	50	71	44	27	359
WILLIAMS, John	Current	0	0	9	94	179	76	358
GOODARD, Barry	2002-03	133	84	37	43	16	19	332
HENDRICKS, Bill	2014-15	265	33	14	12	2	6	332
DONAHOO, Tim	2010-11	208	53	36	18	4	11	330
MARSHALL, Alan	1994-95	262	17	13	24	5	3	324
HUGHES, Jack	1997-98	133	31	29	48	31	45	317
FERGUSON, Brian	Current	151	62	35	34	22	12	316
CARTER, Murray	1998-99	0	21	76	85	68	58	308
BROOKS, Tom	1993-94	196	12	10	46	12	30	306
GUTHRIE, Bob	Current	0	0	33	106	120	43	302
GOODGER, Darren	Current	225	20	12	10	12	19	298
WRIGHT, Ian	2000-01	48	126	53	31	17	17	292
FOWLER, Mark	2009-10	0	17	121	86	43	22	289
WENNERBOM, Nick	2014-15	112	62	50	35	14	14	287
GRIFFIN, Alan	2008-09	4	120	92	44	16	10	286
GREEN, Alan	2008-09	26	66	40	27	17	109	285
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	Current	3	1	2	2	4	273	285
ARMOUR, Bernie	1986-87	43	166	37	22	2	11	281
KING, Chris	Current	27	87	122	17	8	10	271

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
CARSON, Nick	2014-15	42	91	51	27	24	23	258
BUCKLAND, Ken	Current	66	42	45	20	12	68	253
HARRIS, Rocky	1988-89	201	22	9	15	1	2	250
CAMERON, Jim	2008-09	195	24	5	15	5	4	248
THOMPSON, John	2003-04	0	76	77	60	20	7	240
TATE, Peter	Current	145	28	27	18	18	4	240
ELDRIDGE, David	1999-00	135	28	31	15	18	7	234
HAIR, Darrell	2003-04	176	18	11	11	6	9	231
LEAHY, Kevin	Current	27	81	55	32	21	14	230
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
FRENCH, Richard (Dick)	1988-89	153	6	18	33	3	10	223
ROGERS, Colin	1998-99	0	1	31	83	67	41	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
JACKSON, Ian	1996-97	136	34	13	22	5	7	217
SHELLENS, Jim	2013-14	0	17	10	4	5	181	217
DARCY, John	Current	0	38	105	37	26	11	217
HARRISON, Spencer	Current	0	0	0	0	2	214	216
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
FORLIANO, Gerry	Current	3	57	93	27	26	6	212
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	2013-14	1	0	0	0	1	202	204
TAUFEL, Simon	2005-06	157	18	9	5	9	6	204
HOLLAND, Ivan	Current	0	0	0	0	1	203	204
MORGAN, Tony	1998-99	156	20	5	10	6	6	203
HAMILTON, Andrew	Current	130	40	16	11	4	2	203
HAVILAND, Chris	Current	0	0	2	55	92	52	201
KEEL, Terry	2012-13	163	22	7	2	5	1	200

New South Wales Country Cricket Association

■ Keith Griffiths

The 29th Annual General Meeting of NSW Country Cricket Association (NSWCCA) took place on Saturday 21 August 2015 at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour.

The Country Committee of Management elected at the Annual General Meeting was:

Ian Hogg (Illawarra – Chairman), Paul Marjoribanks (Newcastle – Deputy Chairman), Tim Clayton (Riverina), Dennis Cox (Western), Graeme Creighton (Southern), Bob Myatt (North Coast), Terry Psarakis (Central Northern) and Gary Kavanagh (Central Coast).

Bruce Whitehouse continued in the role of Country Programs Manager for the 2015-16 season, as well as being Secretary of Sydney Cricket Association. NSWCCA sits in the Cricket Performance Department at Cricket NSW.

The NSWCCA Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation was held at Opal Cove Resort on Saturday 21 August 2015. The following were presented with NSWCCA Awards:

- NSW Country Cricketer of the Year (Male): Tim Cox
- NSW Country Player of the Australian Country Championships: Tim Cox
- Kookaburra NSW Country U21 Players of the Year: Lewin Malady and James Psarakis
- NSW Country Cricketer of the Year (Female): Carly Leeson
- NSW Country Coach of the Year: Scott Moran
- NSW Country Groundsman of the Year: Stephen Stapleton

- NSW Country Media Award: Josh Leeson
- BBM Scholarship: Alex Crowther

The role of the Zone Umpire Representative (ZUR) across each of the eight country zones throughout the State was continued and is ongoing link between NSWCUA, each zone and NSWCCA, those appointed being:

- Don Maisey (Central Coast)
- Gary Crombie (Central North)
- Neil Findlay (Illawarra)
- Kim Norris (Newcastle)
- Ken Robinson (North Coast)
- Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina)
- Bruce Whiteman (Southern)
- Greg Jones (Western)

The role of the (ZUR) is to promote the benefits of umpiring and to liaise with NSWCUA in relation to the planning and implementation of training and development programs. The ZUR takes responsibility for umpire appointments to preliminary round matches in the Country Cup and Country Plate programs.

The appointment of umpires to the various NSWCCA representative programs is the responsibility of the Country Umpire Sub-committee which comprises Bob Myatt (Chair), Keith Griffiths and Darren Goodger. Bruce Whitehouse is the Secretary to the Country Umpire Sub-committee. NSWCUA, through Executive Officer, Darren Goodger, provides a report to the Country Umpire Sub-committee on a quarterly basis. Reports and umpire appointments are provided to the NSWCCA Committee of Management.

The following umpires were selected on the Country Representative Umpire Panel in season 2015-16:

- Paul Dille (North Coast)
- Neil Findlay (Illawarra)
- Graeme Glazebrook (Western)

- Greg Jones (Western)
- Kim Norris (Newcastle)
- Phil Rainger (North Coast)
- David Went (North Coast)
- Bruce Whiteman (Southern)

Appointments for umpires on the Representative Umpire Panel were:

Paul Dille

Under17 State Challenge Carnival, Coffs Harbour
McDonald's Country Championship – Northern Carnival, Gunnedah.
Plan B Regional Bash, Coffs Harbour
Plan B Regional Bash, Tamworth
Plan B Regional Bash – Final, SCG

Neil Findlay

McDonald's Country Championship – Southern Carnival, Wagga Wagga
Plan B Regional Bash, Wollongong
Plan B Regional Bash – 1st Conference Final, SCG

Graeme Glazebrook

McDonald's Country Championship – Southern Carnival, Wagga Wagga
McDonald's Country Championship Final, Newcastle
McDonald's Country Colts Carnival, Dubbo
NSW Country vs Canterbury A (2-day), Blacktown
Under 13-14 State Challenge Carnival, Dubbo
Plan B Regional Bash, Orange
Plan B Regional Bash – Semi Final, Dubbo
Plan B Regional Bash – 2nd Conference Final, SCG

Greg Jones

McDonald's Country Colts Carnival, Dubbo
McDonald's Country Championship – Southern Carnival, Wagga Wagga
Plan B Regional Bash, Orange
Plan B Regional Bash – Semi Final, Dubbo
Plan B Regional Bash – 2nd Conference Final, SCG

Kim Norris

McDonald's Country Championship
– Northern Carnival, Gunnedah
Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle
Bradman Cup Final, Newcastle
Under 13-14 State Challenge
Carnival, Dubbo

Phil Rainger

Under17 State Challenge Carnival,
Coffs Harbour
McDonald's Country Championship
– Southern Carnival, Wagga Wagga
Plan B Regional Bash – Final, SCG
Australian Country Cricket
Championships, Mount Gambier

David Went

Plan B Regional Bash, Coffs
Harbour
Plan B Regional Bash, Ballina
Under17 State Challenge Carnival,
Coffs Harbour
McDonald's Country Championship
– Northern Carnival, Gunnedah
Under 13-14 State Challenge
Carnival, Dubbo

Bruce Whiteman

Under 13-14 State Challenge
Carnival, Dubbo
McDonald's Country Championship
– Southern Carnival, Wagga Wagga
McDonald's Country Championship
Final, Newcastle
McDonald's Country Cup Semi
Final, Tamworth
Plan B Regional Bash, Wollongong

A Supplementary Panel of Umpires
was also selected and members
officiated in matches in NSWCCA
representative programs when
required.

The following umpires were selected
on the Country Supplementary
Panel in season 2015-16:

- Wayne Allan (Riverina)
- Bruce Baxter (North Coast)
- David Cullen (Illawarra)
- Tony Hackett (Riverina)
- Ross McKim (Newcastle)

Appointments for umpires on the
Supplementary Panel were:

Wayne Allan

McDonald's Country Colts
Carnival, Dubbo
Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith
Under 13-14 State Challenge
Carnival, Dubbo
Plan B Regional Bash, Albury

Bruce Baxter

McDonald's Country Cup Semi
Final, Tamworth
McDonald's Country Cup Final,
Tamworth
Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle
Under17 State Challenge Carnival,
Coffs Harbour
Plan B Regional Bash, Ballina

David Cullen

McDonald's Country Colts
Carnival, Dubbo
Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith
Under16 State Club Challenge,
Mosman

Tony Hackett

McDonald's Country Colts Dubbo
Plan B Big Bash Match Orange
Plan B Big Bash Match Albury
Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith
Under 13-14 State Challenge
Carnival, Dubbo
Plan B Regional Bash, Wagga Wagga
Plan B Regional Bash, Albury

Ross McKim

Plan B Regional Bash – 1st
Conference Final, SCG
Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle
Bradman Cup Final, Newcastle

Other umpires to officiate in the
Plan B Regional Bash were –

Vince Calabro (Riverina), James
Figallo (Central Coast), Anthony
Hobson (Newcastle/SCA), Terry
Keel (ACT), Keiran Knight
(Riverina/SCA), Mark Mitchell
(Central North), Andrew Shelley
(ACT), Neil Smith (Riverina) and
Darren Sutherland (Illawarra).

The following country based
umpires received representative
appointments to NSWCCA
programs during the season:

Ken Brooks (Riverina)

Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith

John Burgoyne (Southern)

Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith

Vince Calabro (Riverina)

McDonald's Country Colts
Carnival, Dubbo
Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith
Kookaburra Cup Final, Griffith

Dennis Chaplin (Riverina)

Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle

John de Lyall (Western)

McDonald's Country Colts
Carnival, Dubbo

Steve Eccles (Central North)

Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle

James Figallo (Central Coast)

Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle

Jeff Hackett (North Coast)

McDonald's Country Plate Semi
Final, Tamworth
McDonald's Country Plate Final,
Tamworth

Mark Mitchell (Central North)

McDonald's Country Cup Semi
Final, Tamworth
McDonald's Country Plate Semi
Final, Tamworth

Graham Moon (Riverina)

McDonald's Country Cup Final,
Tamworth
McDonald's Country Plate Semi
Final, Tamworth
McDonald's Country Plate Final,
Tamworth
Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle
Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith
Under 13-14 State Challenge
Carnival, Dubbo

Bruce Muddle (Newcastle)

Bradman Cup Carnival, Newcastle

John Oliver (Southern)

Under 14 State Club Challenge,
Mosman

Stephen Poidevin (Riverina)

Kookaburra Cup Carnival, Griffith
Kookaburra Cup Final, Griffith

Rob Pye (North Coast)

McDonald's Country Cup Semi
Final, Tamworth
McDonald's Country Plate Semi
Final, Tamworth

Darren Sutherland (Illawarra)

McDonald's Country Colts
Carnival, Dubbo

Country Cricket NSW finals were
umpired as follows –

Country Championship

Newcastle v Southern/ACT at No. 1
Sportsground
Umpires Graeme Glazebrook &
Bruce Whiteman
Winner – Newcastle

Plan B Regional Bash

Border Bullets v Northern Inland
Bolters at SCG
Umpires Paul Dilley & Phil Rainger
Winner – Border Bullets

McDonald's Country Cup Final – Brian Gainsford Shield

Berry-Shoalhaven Heads v Parkes at
No. 1 Oval, Tamworth
Umpires Bruce Baxter & Graham
Moon
Winner – Parkes

McDonald's Country Plate Final

Macquarie Hotel v Goulburn at No.
1 Oval, Tamworth
Umpires Jeff Hackett & Graham
Moon
Winner – Goulburn

Bradman Cup Final

Central North v Southern/ACT at
No. 1 Sportsground, Newcastle
Umpires Ross McKim & Kim
Norris
Winner – Central North

Kookaburra Cup Final

Central Coast v Western at Exies
No. 1 Oval, Griffith
Umpires Vince Calabro & Stephen
Poidevin
Winner – Central Coast

Central North won the McDonald's
Country Colts Carnival held at
Dubbo.

Central North won the Zone
Championship, the Hogg-Silver
Shield for season 2015-16.

The Association again extends its
appreciation to Ian Thomas for
his work as an observer and match
referee during the season in country
programs.

The Country Umpire Advisor
attended the majority of
representative carnivals held across
the State providing written and
verbal feedback to the umpires who
were observed.

The State Director of Umpiring
attended the Country Cup and Plate
Carnivals held in Tamworth.

The Association congratulates
Graeme Glazebrook from Western
Zone on being named the winner of
the Kevin Pye Medal as the Country
Umpire of the Year.

The NSWCUA wishes to thank
Country Umpire Sub-committee
Chairman, Bob Myatt. Mr Myatt
brings integrity to the Sub-committee
and his continued ongoing support
of NSWCUA and his interest in the
progress of country umpires is very
much appreciated.

The Country Programs Manager
Bruce Whitehouse is recognised and
thanked for his collaboration during
the season. He spends much time in
organising umpire accommodation
needs for various carnivals and his
attention to this, and his general
support of umpires, is appreciated.

Again this season all country
umpires who officiated in finals were
presented with a NSWCCA key
ring as a memento to recognise their
appointment. This is appreciated by
the umpires.

The Association acknowledges Ian
Hogg and the NSWCCA Committee
of Management for the opportunities
our members receive to officiate in
representative cricket played in the
bush. Mr Hogg noted and thanked
the many umpires who stood in
matches all over regional NSW and
congratulated one and all for their
outstanding efforts and commitment
to Country Cricket, he ended his
annual report by saying that "without
you we haven't got a game".

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

NSWCUSA members in country
zones are encouraged 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 NSWCUA you are welcome to
do so, your participation will be a
rewarding experience by umpiring in
the best Grade competition available
in Australia. You will be always feel
made most welcome.

The 30th Annual General Meeting of
NSWCCA will be held at Diggers at
The Entrance on Saturday 27 August
2016 and will be followed by the
Country Cricket Annual Dinner.



TOP LEFT: Tony Hackett and Stephen Poidevin.

ABOVE: Tony Vasey.

FAR LEFT: Anthony Hobson.

LEFT: David Abbey.

BELOW: Stephen Blomfield



Section 6:

Finance

Treasurer's Report

■ Laurie Borg B.Buss

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the year 2015-16. The report contains the Association Statement of Assets and Liabilities together with the Statement of Income and Expenditure of your Association in its 103rd year ending 30 April 2016.

Statement of Income and Expenditure

The Association's overall result was a deficit of \$45,771.37

Income totalled \$192,412.17, main components comprising:

- Cricket Australia Grants – \$79,104
- Cricket NSW Grant – \$5,000
- Merchandising sales were \$28,528.37, with a profit of \$3,231.26
- Membership and affiliated association subscriptions totaled \$55,702.71

Expenditure totalled \$238,183.54 for the year:

Administration Expenses

- The total cost of an excellent 2014-15 Annual Report was \$8,986.36. Troy Penman is commended for his management of this process.
- General expenses of \$88,676.39 of which \$88,065.62 is attributed to the legal costs in defending the Association against litigation from Cricket Publishing Company.
- Honoraria of \$8,900 in recognition of the work of our volunteers.
- The funds that are contributed to Cricket NSW toward the cost of the Umpires' Department plus other payments paid to the staff, as approved by the Board, for their outstanding efforts on behalf of NSW CUSA totaled \$27,748.68

Training Expenses

- The Convention returned a loss of \$11,013.23. A great Convention was delivered by Darren Goodger and the team of trainers at a world class venue in Bradman Museum. The staff of Bradman are thanked for their cooperation.
- The continued concentration on the training and development of NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers with \$23,733.34 spend on education.

- The focus on training and development continued in 2015-16 with education programs delivered by our Executive Officer, Darren Goodger, and the training team spending countless hours in preparing and presenting training programs and course resources second to none.

Hospitality

The Annual Dinner was held at Bankstown Sports Club and was a very enjoyable evening. A loss of \$7,447.83 was incurred. Thanks are offered to management team for their organization of an outstanding event.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Total cash and deposits as at 30 April 2016 amounted to \$66,787.32. This balance satisfies 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 for their support of the role of Treasurer and of NSWCUA in general:

- Administration Manager, Troy Penman, and Administration Officer, Jay Lenton, for their outstanding efforts for NSWCUA. They are wonderful young professionals who do a great job administering and managing the Association on a daily basis.
- The Merchandise Officer John Evans and his wife Rosemary. John had an outstanding year in serving Association members. The work and commitment of John and Rosemary in filling the merchandise orders and maintaining control over the merchandise stock has been excellent.

- Our Social Committee for their efforts in revenue raising efforts.
- Board Chair Geoff Garland and all Directors for their support, consideration and guidance.
- Last, but not least, Darren Goodger for his first class work.

Summary

The close of the financial year sees the Association in a sound position. The deficit of \$45,771.37 still allowed the Association to maintain its focus on recruiting new members and on training and developing umpires and scorers in NSW.

I would like to thank all members for their support during my ninth term as your Treasurer. Wishing you all the very best for the 2016-17 season.

Audit Opinion

■ Auditors Greg Jones and Brett McMillan

The financial statements of NSWCUA are presented fairly, in all material respects, and give a true and fair view of the Statement of Financial Position (Statement of Assets and Liabilities) as at 30th April 2016 and the Financial Performance (Statement of Income and Expenditure) for the year from 1st May 2015 to 30th April 2016.

Comments and Conclusion

■ Darren Goodger

"If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?" John Wooden.

NSWCUA was represented on the National Umpire Panel by Paul Wilson, Gerard Abood and Greg

Davidson. Mr Wilson was also a member of the ICC International Umpire Panel.

Anthony Wilds continued as a member of the Development Umpire Panel and received a further opportunity to officiate in a first-class match. He was joined on the DUP by NSWCUA members Simon Lightbody and Claire Polosak, giving NSWCUA six umpires out of the top 17 in Australia.

Anthony Hobson, Simon Lightbody, David Taylor, Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds all received the opportunity to umpire four-day cricket in the Futures League, while Marc Nickl umpired an official three-day State Second XI match between NSW and Canterbury A. All performed strongly.

The appointment of Claire Polosak to the ICC Women's World T20 event in India was a highlight. Ms Polosak officiated in three matches in the tournament working with umpire VA Kulkarni from India and ICC match referees Jeff Crowe and Richie Richardson.

Life member Graham Reed continued as a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire High Performance Panel. Mr Reed was match referee for the New South Wales v Tasmania Futures League match at Coffs Harbour and a number of women's representative matches. The positive and constructive feedback offered by Mr Reed was appreciated by the officiating umpires.

Our members on the Country Representative Umpire Panel and the Supplementary Umpire Panel continued to serve cricket in the bush with great distinction, travelling long distances to do so. They performed strongly in the representative programs conducted by NSW Country Cricket Association culminating with an excellent performance by Paul Dilley and Phil

Rainger in the Plan B Regional T20 Bash Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Mr Rainger was appointed to the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Mount Gambier and enjoyed the opportunity of standing in five matches there.

We also acknowledge our hardworking 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. Mr Findlay 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 add value to the development of members on the Country Representative Umpire Panel and the Supplementary Umpire Panel. Life member Ian Thomas again proved to be an outstanding support to Mr Griffiths.

Our scorers received extra opportunities to officiate at national level with Cricket NSW hosting the Matador BBQs One Day Cup series. The thanks of the Association and congratulations go to all of them. Darren Mattison was selected to make his Test debut while Chris McLeod, the eventual winner of the Malcolm Gorham Scorers Award, made his first-class debut as a scorer.

Merilyn Fowler is a recognised world leader in scorer education and training and continues to chair the NSW/CUSA Scorers' Committee. Mrs Fowler 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 almost 180 members and guests attending during which Darren Carr provided quality entertainment and Jay Lenton was an outstanding 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.

Laurie Borg has continued with the judicious management of our finances serving his ninth term as the Association's Honorary Treasurer. Mr Borg makes an outstanding commitment to the delivery of training courses for prospective umpires around the State.

The Merchandise Officer, John Evans, has done an excellent job. Mr Evans continued his task with enthusiasm and dedication and we have achieved strong sales of Association

merchandise under his management. We thank Mr Evans, and his wife Rosemary, for the countless hours of ordering, sorting, packaging and dispatching. Mr Evans displays a true commitment to excellence in this role and he is superbly organised. All active members benefit from his positive contribution to the Association.

Troy Penman and Jay Lenton have done a fine job on the Association web page and Facebook to ensure these are up to date and of interest to members. Their work on designing and producing "In Black and White" and NSW/CUSA e-newsletters was of the highest standard. They recognise the importance of regular communication with members.

A vote of thanks is also offered to the Social Committee for generating enthusiasm at monthly meetings with the various raffle prizes and quizzes. Gaurav Desai, John Darcy and the team are commended for their positive energy.

The members of the Scorers' Committee and Examination Committee are sincerely thanked for their contribution to the Association. Mark Hughes and his team did an excellent job at monthly meetings and also with questionnaires on SCA playing conditions for the benefit of members.

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. Mr Wright's professionalism and dedication are appreciated. He continued to serve the Association to an exceptional standard going above and beyond the call of duty, often at very short notice, to supply members to various matches for which there are requests for qualified umpires.

Merilyn Fowler made an excellent contribution to the Association with regards to appointing scorers

to matches in the Cricket NSW pathway programs doing so with her usual professionalism and diligence.

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 2014-15 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.

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 their support, encouragement and counsel.

The Directors of the Board, under the leadership of Geoff Garland, should be given full credit for taking on their role. Mr Garland has been a committed leader, 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. They have had to deal with difficult and sensitive issues and have done so with empathy and professionalism, always putting first the best interests of the Association. I thank Mr Garland for his counsel, leadership, hard work and support.

Dr David Dilley, as well being a member of the NSWCUA Board, is also a Director of Cricket NSW. He has fulfilled his duties admirably and given umpiring a voice at the senior

level of cricket administration. Dr Dilley's counsel has been appreciated on numerous occasions.

Sincere thanks are also given for the support given to NSWCUA 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. They want Cricket NSW to be number one in all areas, including umpiring! They are innovative and dynamic leaders and professionals. Cricket NSW resources officiating more thoroughly and better than any other State in Australia.

Cricket NSW is totally committed to our Association with umpiring mentioned in Pillars 2 and 3 of the Cricket NSW Strategy. The State Cricket Association is committed to producing the best teams, players and officials in the world – NSWCUA has its part to play.

We offer thanks to staff in the Sydney Cricket Association (Roy Formica, Bruce Whitehouse, Clare Crewdson), NSW Country Cricket Association (Bruce Whitehouse) and Cricket Operations (Kath Koschel, Amanda Green and Daniel McKenna) for their positive cooperation during the season and to the entire Cricket NSW Senior Leadership Team for their interest in and support of NSWCUA.

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) – would operate more effectively as one department.

He merged those three departments into one in July 2014, to be called Cricket Performance.

We offer a sincere vote of thanks to the Cricket NSW General Manager – Cricket Performance, David Moore, for his interest in umpiring and his genuine support of NSWCUA. Mr Moore has welcomed the umpiring staff into the Cricket Performance Department and takes an active interest in our Association and its programs. We look forward to working in Cricket Performance in season 2016-17 and beyond. With NSWCUA located in the Cricket Performance Department it aligned our Association with the department that is also responsible for the development of elite players and coaches reflecting the importance of umpiring in the NSW elite pathway. Mr Moore has, in many ways, supported our members, staff and the Association over the past season. We thank him for his inclusiveness.

The Executive Officer of the NSWCUA reported to the General Manager – Cricket Performance, as well as continuing to report to the NSWCUA Board. Written reports were provided on a regular and consistent basis to:

- Cricket NSW Chief Executive.
- Cricket NSW General Manager – Cricket Performance.
- NSWCUA Board.
- Sydney Cricket Association.
- NSW Country Cricket Association.

The thanks of NSWCUA 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, communicates on a regular basis with the State Umpiring Managers and respects the role our Association plays in identifying, fostering and supporting emerging talent. Mr Easey is supported by Cricket Services Officer, Cate Ryan, in the Umpiring Department at Cricket Australia whose attention to detail is excellent. Former National Umpire Panel member, Bob Parry, is the Cricket Australia Umpire Educator. Mr Parry strongly encourages the sharing of resource materials between states to better umpires at all levels of the game. Mr Parry was a welcome guest at the NSWCUA Annual Convention and Annual Dinner.

We look forward to continuing work with Cricket Australia to make our match officials the best prepared in the world and to increase participation at all levels. We are excited that the umpire accreditation programs – Level 1 (Community Officiating) and Level 2 (Representative Officiating) – have been released “on-line”. Both programs are world class in their educational content and resource materials and will assist with the recruitment and retention of umpires.

Cricket Australia’s umpiring e-newsletter was both informative and educational and we hope to see this form of communication made available to accredited umpires in 2016-17.

The Association continues to witness changes not just in the manner we operate, but changes to cricket. The opportunity to review our activities

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.

We can learn a lot by embracing failure, and through adversity. Failures are part of life. If you don’t fail, you don’t learn. If we don’t learn we’ll never change.

The contribution made to the Association by Troy Penman has been outstanding. Promoted in 2012 to the position of NSWCUA

Bill Hendricks (L) presents Anthony Hobson with the George Borwick Memorial Award.



Administration Manager, having commenced as Administration Officer in September 2009, Mr

Penman 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. Mr Penman’s work ethic, humility and loyalty are to be commended.

Administration Officer Jay Lenton has done a marvellous job. He won the position on merit and has performed superbly, with this being recognised and acknowledged by the Board of Directors. He possesses a

and methods are ever present, nothing stands still, nor should it. Ideas are always welcome from members to improve the operations of the Association. Members should feel welcome to offer solutions to help grow the Association. We encourage open and honest communication and feedback. We all need people who will give us feedback – that’s how we improve!

Often the best and most telling lessons an Association can learn come

wonderful gift of the common touch and his manner with our members has been excellent. Mr Lenton is also a distinguished cricketer. He made his first-class debut in season 2015-16 for New South Wales against Victoria at the Sydney Cricket Ground and went on to play three Sheffield Shield matches. The Association congratulates Mr Lenton on being selected in the SCA Team of the Year and on receiving a Cricket NSW full time playing contract for season 2016-17. He has taken one year leave of absence from his role with NSWCUA, with the Administration Officer position to be advertised in May and filled in June – it will be a one year temporary full time position, reporting to the Administration Manager.

The general support given by Mr Penman and Mr Lenton has been first-class. They organise and manage the operations of NSWCUA on a daily basis working extremely well together for the benefit of members and the betterment of the Association. I cannot praise their contribution and level of support and professionalism too highly. I commend them both to members and affiliates as outstanding administrators and people.

The Executive Officer retains responsibility for the areas of education and development, State Director of Umpiring and State Umpire Coach.

As a staff we have committed to working hard together for the benefit and development of our members.

NSWCUSA remains committed to being 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.

As an Association we were delighted to see Graham Reed honoured with

inclusion in the NSWCUSA Hall of Fame. He has been a loyal member since 1964 and been observing umpires in the SCA for 24 years. Mr Reed has supported many an umpire through his coaching and mentoring. He was a respected, popular and humble recipient.

Simon Lightbody and David Taylor, having been nominated by Cricket Australia, were selected for the National Officiating Scholarship 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 them for the duration of their scholarship. 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.

“The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.” Brian Herbert.

Scholarships are conducted over a calendar year and work has commenced in this year’s program.

We congratulate Mr Lightbody and Mr Taylor on their scholarships and

wish them well for the duration of the program and beyond. It will help both prepare for elite level officiating.

Umpire Donovan Koch from Queensland was also awarded with a NOS.

In concluding the Annual Report for season 2015-16 we sincerely thank all who have made a contribution to this wonderful Association over the past year and, indeed, 103 years. We look forward with optimism to the future.

“To have the guts to see opportunities where others see challenges, and to envision things becoming a whole lot better while others grow complacent, is to become a visionary. And most of us are just too scared to go there.” Robin Sharma.

Above: Claire Polosak (R) at the ICC T20 World Cup Qualifier Final match in Bangkok with Kathy Cross from New Zealand.



Adam Davy officiating a match between Fairfield-Liverpool and Manly-Warringah.



NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES As at 30 April 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance as at 1 May 2015	166,218.59	183,788.44	4
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(45,771.37)	(17,576.94)	
Balance as at 30 April 2016	<u>120,447.22</u>	<u>166,211.50</u>	
ASSETS			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash at Bank and Deposits			
Cash on Hand - Social Committee	563.60	107.65	
Cash on Hand - NSW/CUSA Office	-	-	
General Account	2,506.43	45,713.46	
Welfare Account	29.18	10,002.98	
General Deposits	63,688.11	61,873.96	
	<u>66,787.32</u>	<u>117,698.05</u>	
Trade Debtors	7,185.00	3,085.00	
Merchandise Inventory	47,489.18	52,551.18	
Accreditation Kits	-	-	
Prepayments	116.89	116.89	1
GST Assets	-	448.32	2
Total Current Assets	<u>121,578.39</u>	<u>173,899.44</u>	
<i>Property and Equipment</i>			
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	22,718.35	
Coaching Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(21,886.09)	(20,406.29)	
Total Coaching Equipment	<u>832.26</u>	<u>2,312.06</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>832.26</u>	<u>2,312.06</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>122,410.65</u>	<u>176,211.50</u>	
LESS LIABILITIES			
GST	1,963.43		
Other Current Liabilities	-	10,000.00	3
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,963.43</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	
NET ASSETS	<u>120,447.22</u>	<u>166,211.50</u>	

Notes	1	Postage prepaid
	2	Net GST receivable on income and purchases
	3	Community Service Grant received in advance processed 2015/16
	4	System adjustment to opening retained earnings balance

**NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
For the Year Ended 30 April 2016**

Notes

	2016 \$	2015 \$	
INCOME			
Sales of Merchandise and Publications	28,528.37	13,220.02	
Less Stock on Hand 1 May 2015	52,551.18	50,326.40	
Purchases	20,235.11	22,254.75	
	72,786.29	72,581.15	
Less Stock on Hand 30 April 2016	47,489.18	52,551.18	-9.6%
Cost of Goods Sold	25,297.11	20,029.97	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Sales of Merchandise	3,231.26	(6,809.95)	
Membership Fees	54,075.44	54,668.18	
Affiliation Fees	1,627.27	1,750.00	
Interest Received	1,860.08	3,515.48	
Cricket Australia Grant	84,104.00	46,350.00	
Training Registrations	10,652.66	21,776.28	
Examination Registrations	272.76	641.03	
Accreditation Income	630.75	1,609.90	
Sponsorship	-	-	
Bill O'Reilly Awards (2013 - Sydney Morning Herald Awards)	909.09	909.09	
Social Appointments Levy	-	136.36	
Communities NSW Grant	10,000.00	-	
Raffle Proceeds	670.86	4,392.31	
Centenary Book Sales	-	45.45	
Umpires Fees	24,378.00	5,565.00	
TOTAL INCOME	192,412.17	134,549.13	43.0%
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Annual Report	8,986.36	6,390.00	
Depreciation	1,479.80	1,479.80	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,001.24	4,034.31	1
Filing Fees	54.00	85.13	
General Expenses	88,676.39	45,711.96	3
Salaries & Related Expenses	27,748.68	26,288.90	2
Honoraria	8,900.00	8,700.00	
Post Box rental	110.00	172.19	
Computer Costs	3,236.63	1,989.72	
Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies	1,069.02	145.20	
Bank Fees	2,136.66	1,738.14	
Venue Rentals	2,808.17	3,987.88	
Centenary Book Costs	23,300.00	-	
Umpires fees	20,831.00	5,085.00	
Centenary Documentary Costs	-	-	
Centenary Member gifts	-	-	
	193,337.95	105,808.23	82.7%
Examination and Training			
Education & Development	8,570.06	6,830.01	
Training Expenses	12,704.16	5,576.48	
Convention (net)	11,013.23	8,565.24	
Country Seminars	2,459.12	12,347.31	
Accreditation Expenses	-	3,947.31	
	34,746.57	37,266.35	
Hospitality			
Raffle Costs	1,003.61	1,001.48	
Annual Dinner (net)	7,447.83	6,869.05	
Functions and Events	1,647.58	1,180.96	
Centenary Dinner	-	-	
	10,099.02	9,051.49	11.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	238,183.54	152,126.07	56.6%
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(45,771.37)	(17,576.94)	160.4%

These notes form part of the Accounts of NSW/CUSA

- 1 Payment of fuel for Vehicle supplied by CNSW to EO
- 2 Payments in relation to Umpire Department Staff including bonuses
- 3 Includes legal cost of \$88065.62 for both sides

Association Honour Roll



George Borwick Memorial Award	
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 & 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
2013-14	A. M. Hobson
2014-15	A. M. Hobson
E. F. Wykes Association Medal	
2004-05	Neville Haywood (Far North Coast)
2005-06	Grahame Dunn (Parramatta District)

2006-07	Pat Kerin OAM (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 Templeton (Far North Coast)
2012-13	Peter Friend (Sydney Shires CUA)
2013-14	John Colwell (Sydney Womens CUA)
2014-15	Stephen Blomfield (Sydney Shires CUA)
Country Umpire of the Year	
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 (South Coast)
2002-03	S. J. Rees (Central North)
2003-04	G. R. Crew (Central North)
2004-05	N. W. Findlay (Illawarra) & K. G. Norris (Newcastle)
2005-06	B. W. Whiteman (South Coast)
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 (South Coast)
2010-11	R. B. Field (Central North)
2011-12	R. B. Field (Central North)
2012-13	B. W. Whiteman (South Coast)
2013-14	D. J. Went (North Coast)
2014-15	D. J. Went (North Coast)
Alan Marshall Medal	
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. Qureshi
2007-08	G. Davidson
2008-09	G. Crombie
2010-11	D. Thorpe
2011-12	G. Irvine
2012-13	T. M. Penman
2013-14	A. M. Hobson
2014-15	C. J. Duff
Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award	
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
2013-14	A. Tham
2014-15	P. Garlick

SCA Panel 1	
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 & R. D. Goodger
2010-11	R. D. Goodger
2011-12	G. Davidson
2012-13	G. Davidson
2013-14	A. K. Wilds
2014-15	A. K. Wilds
SCA Panel 2	
1986-87	C. R. Hill
1987-88	K. Kely
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
2013-14	A. M. Hobson & K. C. Leahy
2014-15	J. M. Jobson
SCA Panel 3	
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
2013-14	K. F. Battishill
2014-15	P. Moore
SCA Panel 4	

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
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