

2025-26 ANNUAL REPORT

NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES'
AND SCORERS' ASSOCIATION



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Introduction

- Tim Donahoo

Members, Affiliated Associations and Friends

The NSWCUSA Management team is delighted to present for your consideration and adoption the Annual Report for the Association, a detailed chronicle of its activities for the year 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026. The Annual Report incorporates the Honorary Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30 April 2026.

The Annual Report is available online, with hard copies available upon request.

The achievements of the Association and its members continue the long-established tradition of excellence in performance, for which we are rightly praised and admired. The standards set by those who have preceded us provide the foundation upon which the Association is built and the ethos that drives our approach to delivering our services to the cricket community. As you read through the following pages, the outstanding work done by so many of our members, from the highest levels of international cricket to grassroots competitions in the far corners of our State, will be clearly evident. Unquestionably, we are world leader in all facets of cricket officials' management and the stories that evidence that assertion make for impressive study.

As occurred last year, the winds of change continued to blow through the Association's corridors. Executive Officer Bede Sajowitz departed, following years of dedicated service in administrative roles. Tim Donahoo succeeded Bede, recruited with a brief to implement meaningful and appropriate change, a journey upon which he has embarked enthusiastically. He is committed to extending the successes that are a feature of each year's outcomes.

Core aspects of our deliverables remained unaltered and are non-negotiable. One of these is our provision of high-quality education and development to our members, to best equip them to capitalise on ever-increasing officiating opportunities. Our members benefit from the available resources, expertise and experience that are readily available to them. We set high expectations for good reason and then invariably exceed them each year.

We thank those many members who have contributed to the Annual Report, which recognises the phenomenal efforts being carried out across NSW. Particular mention is made of Darren Goodger, Adam Singleton and Ben Treloar for their assistance in proof reading, as well as Troy Penman for his time spent on collating and formatting the final document.

We trust you will find plenty to interest you within the historical record of the Association's 113th year. We now shift our gaze forward to meet the challenge of continuing delivery of premium service to cricket during season 2026-27, as we strive to retain our place at the pinnacle of cricket officiating.



Annual Dinner award recipients L-R Taj Nicholson (Panel 4), Kate Rowlands (Kevin Pye), Toni Lorraine (Malcolm Gorham), Sue Gregory (Women's Panel 1), Darren Goodger (Panel 1), Bob McGregor (George Borwick), Charles Williams (Panel 2), Mark Frecklington (Association Medal), Paul Brewster (Alan Marshall)

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 in-person and via electronic means on Wednesday 1 July 2026 at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde, commencing at 7:00pm.

BUSINESS

- Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Attendance and Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting
- Adoption of the 2026 Annual Report and Financial Statement
- Membership Upgrades – Principal Membership and Full Membership
- Election of Patrons
- Election of Office-Bearers (Treasurer, Liaison Officer) and Elected Directors (2)
- Appointment of Auditors (2)
- Approval of Honoraria

T.M. Donahoo
Executive Officer



Gerard Abood, Neil Findlay, Patrick Jackson and Ben Treloar ahead of the Men's Premier Cricket First Grade Final

Office-Bearers and Committees

- Tim Donahoo

NSWCUSA Patrons

Mr. Dick French OAM

Mr. Graham Reed OAM (deceased 5 November 2025)

Mr. Simon Taufel

Board of Directors

Mr. Mark Hughes (Chair)

Mr. Laurie Borg (Treasurer)

Mr. Stephen Blomfield (Elected)

Mr. Andrew Coates (Elected)

Mr. Paul Dilley APM (Appointed)

Mr. Tim Donahoo

Mr. Neil Findlay (Liaison Officer)

Mr. Darren Goodger (Appointed)

Mr. Sharad Patel (Elected)

Ms. Claire Polosak (Elected)

Examination Committee

Ms. Elizabeth O'Dwyer (Chair)

Mr. Dave Cullen

Mr. Patrick Jackson

Mr. Michael Meehan

Mr. Daksh Trivedi

Mr. Andrew Coates (ex-Officio Director)

Scorers' Committee

Mr. Adrian Tham (Chair)

Mrs. Janelle Carew

Mr. Peter Garlick

Mrs. Sue Woodhouse

Mr. Ian Wright

Mr. Tim Donahoo (ex-Officio Director)

Technical Committee

Mr. Ben Treloar (Chair)
Ms. Elizabeth O'Dwyer (Examination Committee)
Mr. Adrian Tham (Scorers' Committee)
Mr. Darren Goodger (ex-Officio Director)

Social Committee

Mr. Michael Meehan (Chair)
Mr. Vipin Bansal
Mr. Leonard Gregory
Mr. Sujeewa Kodituwakku
Mr. Chinmay Mehta
Mr. Laurie Borg (ex-Officio Director)

Social Media and Communications Committee

Mr. Chris Beecher (Chair)
Mr. Satish Bhadranna
Mr. Chinmay Mehta
Mr. Jatin Waichal

Delegate to NSWCA

Mr. Mark Hughes

Delegate to SCA

Mr. Tim Donahoo

NSW Men's Premier Cricket Umpire Observers

Mr. Laurie Borg
Mr. Graham Chudleigh
Mr. Errol Cranney
Mr. Greg Davidson
Mr. Bob Davis
Dr. David Dilley
Mr. Simon Lightbody
Mr. Rupert Mathews

Social Appointments Officer

Dr. Michael Schokman

Honorary Statistician

Mr. Stephen Blomfield

Public Officer

Mr. Tim Donahoo

NSWCUSA Management/Match Officials Staff

Mr. Tim Donahoo (Executive Officer, NSWCUSA)

Mr. Adam Singleton (Administration Officer, NSWCUSA)

Mr. Ben Treloar (Education Officer, NSWCUSA)

Ms. Claire Polosak (Umpire Educator-Female Engagement, Cricket NSW)

Mr. Darren Goodger (State Umpiring Manager, Cricket NSW)

Mr. Neil Findlay (Umpire Coach, Cricket NSW)

Zone Representatives

Mr. David Grainger (Central Coast)

Mr. Rod Porter (Central Northern)

Mr. Neil Findlay (Greater Illawarra)

Mr. Kim Norris (Newcastle)

Mr. Paul Dilley APM (North Coastal)

Mr. Matt Whitty (Riverina)

Mr. Mark Coles (Southern Districts)

Mr. Greg Jones (Western)

Auditors

Mr. Julian Humphrey CA CTA

Mr. Greg Jones BSc MPA



Clay Finnemore, Adrian Tham and Saif Siddiqui

Chairman's Message

- Mark Hughes

It gives me great pleasure to provide the foreword to this, my eighth Annual Report as Chair and the 113th Annual Report of our Association.

Highlights in 2025-26 include the numerous online and in-person training courses held across venues all over the State, a highly successful and well attended Convention, the appointment of two umpires to every match in the Men's and Women's Premier Cricket competitions and to see our umpires and scorers officiating at the highest level around the world and domestically.

We commenced and celebrated the start of our season with our Annual Convention and dinner held at Bankstown Sports Club in August. A great weekend was enjoyed by all in attendance at the Convention and dinner on the Saturday evening, with former international umpire Daryl Harper our guest speaker providing entertainment and insights into his umpiring career.

The year was another of change, with Executive Officer Bede Sajowitz, after seven years of service to Cricket NSW, resigning to move to Victoria for personal reasons and concluding service on 1 August. Bede held the positions of Administration Officer, Administrator and Executive Officer in his time with CNSW. We acknowledged Bede for his service and positive contribution to CNSW and the NSWCUSA with a presentation at our Ordinary General Meeting in December.

I was pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Donahoo as Executive Officer, NSWCUSA. Tim commenced employment with Cricket NSW on August 18. A Life Member of our Association and former Cricket Australia Match Referee, having umpired Women's International cricket and Men's and Women's List A cricket, Tim has already made an outstanding off field contribution to NSWCUSA in training and development, mentoring and as a Director and former Chair of our Board. Throughout the recruitment process, it was clear Tim aligned with CNSW values and is acutely focused on the strategic priorities he believes will help progress our Association. His passion for our Association and commitment to taking it forward was evident in the interview process. Tim has settled in well and I am excited by the enthusiasm he has brought to the role, with development of a fresh strategic plan and review of our Constitution and By-laws currently works in progress.

Tim is strongly supported by Adam Singleton in his role as Administration Officer. Adam has been with us for the best part of two seasons and continues to impress with strong character and values, an outstanding work ethic and with the exemplary manner he presents in his

Adam is a true asset to our Association, well respected by our membership. He shows a passion and understanding of cricket, with great respect for officiating.

Other members of our management team also work tirelessly for the benefit of members and our affiliates, and I thank them for their dedication, accessibility and adaptability. Our umpire educators lead the way with world-class programs and resources to support development of our members through opportunities to learn. Much of what we celebrate and recognise in this Annual Report is influenced by our management team and what they bring to the Association's activities.

Claire Polosak, in her role as Umpire Educator-Female Engagement leads the way in female involvement in match officiating. We see an increasing number of women attending courses, joining the Association, and officiating on field. Claire is an excellent educator and a great support to the Association staff. Our female match officials show positive development in the progress of their officiating. Claire has had another outstanding year on the field of play, which commenced with a series between Pakistan and South Africa women in Pakistan in September. That was a prelude to the ICC Women's World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, where Claire performed admirably. Appointment to the final of WBBL11, a bilateral international women's series in New Zealand with the White Ferns hosting South Africa, the women's international series over the summer between Australia and India and the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup in England in June, which will be Claire's ninth ICC World Cup. Claire was also the first to reach 50 Women's One Day Internationals in the match between Australia and India at Bellerive Oval in February. Our Association is so proud of Claire's achievements, in both her role for our Association and her impressive list of on-field achievements, that continues to grow.

Ben Treloar, our Education Officer, has worked hard in 2025-26 in both the preceding off-season and during the season in training and recruitment. Ben's work continues in the upcoming non-playing season, with multiple education sessions covering the revised Laws of Cricket, which will commence at the start of the 2026-27 cricket season, as well as professional development workshops offered to members and prospective members across the State. While performing his duties for NSWCUSA, Ben enjoyed a strong season on the Cricket Australia Contracted Umpire Panel (CACUP), performing admirably across Cricket Australia fixtures, was voted MVP by his colleagues on the CACUP and awarded the NSW Representative Umpire of the Year at the Cricket NSW awards night in April. We look forward to recognising further opportunities for Ben as we derive the great benefits he delivers driving our education initiatives.

We are thankful to CNSW for its support in the appointment of Neil Findlay to CNSW staff, working in the Premier Cricket and Country Cricket Squad as Umpire Coach. Neil's extensive skills and experience were of significant benefit to the umpires with whom Neil worked this season, with the quality of his written feedback to the State Umpire Panel being outstanding. Neil has been a great addition, and we are fortunate that CNSW invests in, and is so supportive of, match officials.

I wish to acknowledge the support and guidance provided to the management team by Darren Goodger, Chief Premier and Country Cricket Officer at Cricket NSW and State Umpiring Manager. Darren devotes a significant amount of time and energy for our Association and its members. Through his dedication to our match officials, NSW continues to be very well represented on the CACUP. As we celebrate our achievement across the past year, so many of our members acknowledge and recognise Darren for his support in their preparation and his part in the on-field success that they enjoy. Darren is an outstanding role model to those with whom he umpires, maintaining as he does a remarkable performance standard, receiving the Men's Premier Cricket Panel One Award for the sixteenth time and eleventh consecutive season, an incredible achievement. My thanks go to Darren for the support he provides to me as Chair of our Association.

On a sad note, we lost one of our finest, with the passing of Graham Reed OAM, co-Patron, Hall of Fame inductee and Life Member of our Association. Graham was the most exemplary person and such a highly respected man and umpire. He is sorely missed.

I thank our co-Patrons, Dick French OAM and Simon Taufel for their patronage, support and interest in our Association. Both are generous with their time and ongoing passion, service and advocacy for NSWCUSA.

I acknowledge the support of Cricket NSW CEO, Lee Germon, and thank him for the faith he places in the Association to manage officiating affairs in New South Wales. We have a positive relationship with Cricket NSW, unlike other States and one that is certainly not taken for granted. We receive great support from Cricket NSW and Lee's leadership and respect for our Association is truly appreciated.

Our management Team has successfully filled all appointments in Men's and Women's Premier Cricket fixtures for the Sydney Cricket Association. This task remains challenging, and withdrawals often occur at late notice. My thanks go to Bob Davis, who fills late withdrawals and vacancies that regularly occur from early on Saturday mornings. The need to continue to grow our numbers to fulfil this significant objective should not be taken for granted. Members also embraced the opportunity to officiate in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships again in 2025-26, with a substantial number of appointments made to members in these competitions. I also acknowledge the significant work of Social Appointments Officer Michael Schokman to meet the increasing appointments we are asked to fill each season.

Our Association continues to be well represented at senior representative level, with eight contracted umpires servicing professional cricket in Australia and internationally. Rod Tucker continues to perform at an outstanding standard as a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires, having served 16 years at this level. Rod became Australia's most capped test umpire when he umpired his 96th test match in the opening match of the Test series between Pakistan and South Africa in Lahore in October. Rod has always been a wonderful advocate for NSWCUSA.

Gerard Abood, Mitchell Claydon, Roberto Howard, Sharad Patel, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar were named on the Cricket Australia Contracted Umpire Panel for 2025-26. NSWCUSA held seven of the eighteen positions on the CACUP. Roberto Howard and Mitchell Claydon became the 88th and 89th names added to the honour board of NSWCUSA umpires in the Ted Wykes Room at the SCG, making their First-Class debuts this season. Roberto debuted in the Sheffield Shield match between Tasmania and Western Australia at Bellerive Oval, and Mitchell in the match between Tasmania and South Australia, also at Bellerive Oval, in November. A major highlight was Gerard Abood umpiring his 84th Sheffield Shield match in December at the SCG, a match between New South Wales and Queensland, which surpassed Peter Parker's record for the most Shield matches officiated. It was fitting for Cricket Australia and our Association to acknowledge Gerard's significant achievement of this milestone. Gerard is a wonderful servant to cricket in New South Wales and Australia and has made a massively positive contribution to the education and development of match officials. We are extremely proud of Gerard's accomplishments.

Our State Panel umpires excelled, and it was pleasing to see Jeff Egan, Patrick Jackson, Lauren McGill and Kate Rowlands all appointed to umpire at national championships and be afforded opportunities in the CA umpiring pathway. Patrick was appointed to the U19 Male National Championships Final in Perth and Kate to the Final of the U19 Female National Championships held in Newcastle/Central Coast.

Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright are commended on their appointment to score the men's Ashes Test at the SCG between Australia and England. Adrian Tham and Darren Mattison were appointed to the men's One Day International between Australia and India at the SCG, where Adrian made his One Day International debut, while Toni and Adrian scored the Women's T20 International between Australia and India at the SCG. Janelle Carew and Sue Woodhouse are congratulated for their First-Class debuts as scorers in Sheffield Shield matches at Cricket Central where New South Wales hosted Western Australia and Tasmania respectively.

I congratulate our Country Umpire Representative Panel umpires, with Rod Porter and Kate Rowlands included on the CURP for the first time. I wish to highlight the appointment of Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger to the Men's Plan B Regional T20 Bash Final at the SCG and the Men's Country Championship Final played at Oxley Oval, Port Macquarie. Sujeewa Kodituwakku and Arun Shankar were appointed to the Plan B Women's Regional T20 Bash Final at the SCG.

Umpire exchange programs were arranged with the Western Australian Cricket Association, Cricket Tasmania and Cricket Victoria in 2025-26. We were able to host our Western Australian, Tasmanian and Victorian colleagues, Ryan Sookraj, Jason Shelton and Eli Hayes to umpire in Sydney. Reciprocating these exchanges, Nic Warburton, Bob McGregor and Jeff Egan were afforded opportunities to umpire in Premier Cricket in Western Australia, Tasmania and Victoria respectively, an outstanding opportunity for our members in their ongoing development.

My thanks go to those who helped facilitate and support these programs, which are both wonderful opportunities for our members to experience Premier Cricket in other States, and to showcase our Association's spirit and hospitality to visiting umpires.

We celebrated our Annual Dinner and Awards Night for the first time at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club in April, with 152 members and guests in attendance.

Bob McGregor achieved the top prize of the evening, receiving the George Borwick Memorial Award, which honours a combination of commitment and performance excellence. Bob completed a high-quality season as a member of NSW Men's Premier Cricket Panel One, complemented by reaching the significant milestone of 150 matches in First Grade.

The E.F. Wykes OAM Association Medal was awarded to Mark Frecklington, a member of the Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association, recognising his outstanding availability, leadership and mentoring, as well as his strong performances across both local and representative cricket.

Kate Rowlands' standout season, that included rapid progression to the State Panel and multiple Cricket Australia appointments, highlighted by her selection for the Under 19 Female National Championship Final, was acknowledged with the Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year.

The Alan Marshall Medal for Rookie Umpire of the Year was awarded to Paul Brewster, who made a strong impression in his debut Premier Cricket season, with consistent performances across multiple grades.

High performing members in NSW Premier Cricket were recognised with the presentation of panel medals. Darren Goodger received his eleventh consecutive Men's Panel One Medal.

For Women's Panel One, Sue Gregory took home the award for her consistency and professionalism, with appointments to both First Grade Finals. Charles Williams, Paul Chambiras, Taj Nicholson and Kunaratnam Balendra were awarded the lower grade panel medals for the season, with strong performances across the summer, which saw each receive opportunities in higher grades.

A special presentation was made to Gerard Abood for becoming the most decorated Sheffield Shield umpire, setting a tally of appearances (currently 86) that continues to grow and may potentially never be surpassed.

The Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award was awarded to Toni Lorraine, acknowledging her outstanding service as a scorer, her technical expertise and her long-standing contribution to Mosman Cricket Club since 1998.

Certificates were presented acknowledging milestones, with John Colwell officiating in 500 matches. Other significant milestone matches attained were Ken Buckland (400), Matt Whitty (300) and Darren Foster and Kedar Oza (250). The following members in attendance were acknowledged for significant Years of Service – Tim Donahoo (40 years), Bob Davis (30 years), Gerard Abood and Cam McGinn (25 years) and Jeff Egan, Greg Jones, Marc Nickl and Claire Polosak (20 years).

We recognised our scorers and umpires with representative certificates, along with all members appointed to national finals in season 2025-26. Congratulations are extended Toni Lorraine, Leonie Mizzi, Sharad Patel, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Kate Rowlands, Ben Treloar and Ian Wright. We are justifiably proud of all these umpires and scorers and commend them for being such fine representatives of our Association.

I thank all members who serve both the game and our Association across all forms of cricket, especially our members in country regions. Not all of us get the opportunity to umpire or score in representative cricket. I acknowledge the often-challenging conditions that many of our members umpire and score in across the State. To all who serve our Association and our Affiliated Associations, I offer my heartfelt thanks to all for your commitment, dedication and service to the game and to your role as match officials.

I offer thanks to our sponsors and supporters, to McDonald's for their support of NSWCUSA and Cricket NSW and our apparel supplier, Belgravia New Balance.

Finally, thanks to my fellow Directors for their contribution and service over the last year. Our Association continues to be in a strong financial position as we continue to grow. I thank all Directors for their efforts for our Association and their commitment to our umpires and scorers, and for their diligence in 2025-26.

I trust you will enjoy reading this Annual Report.



Janelle Carew and Mark Hughes

Executive Officer

- Tim Donahoo

As I consider the impressive contents of this Annual Report, detailing as it does the remarkable outcomes of another highly successful year for our Association, I cannot help but reflect on my own journey during the corresponding period. Twelve months ago, I certainly did not envisage writing these comments as Executive Officer! But life does not always follow a predictable or pre-planned path. Bede Sajowitz's decision to relocate to Melbourne following seven years of committed service to NSWCUSA, afforded an opportunity that I was readily able to fill and thereby serve the Association in another capacity.

As a member of 40 years standing, I have witnessed the contributions of seven Secretaries/Executive Officers. The high standards that have been set and the solid foundations built by my predecessors have created expectations of outcomes, both within and outside of our membership, that reflect the achievements of those into whose wake I slipped last August. It is a privilege to follow them but also somewhat daunting, knowing intimately what has been created and realising that I'm now largely responsible for not stuffing it up!

It is noted elsewhere in this report of how comparatively fortunate we are to operate within a structure under Cricket NSW that recognises the vital role of the official within the cricket eco-system. Such recognition is actively supported through the allocation of resources, physical and financial, that enable the Association to function holistically in contributing to making cricket a positive experience for all participants, wherever they may be across the State. We are the grateful beneficiaries of the astute leadership of the CNSW Board, driven by Chair John Knox and CEO Lee Germon, which allows the Association to strive and thrive.

The fact that both NSWCUSA and our loyal and dedicated affiliated bodies can focus on and go about actively recruiting, training, supporting, encouraging and rewarding officials allows our legions of skilled and committed people to use their talents to best advantage and deliver extraordinary results, many of which are reflected in these pages. For me, to be now fully immersed in this environment is uplifting and highly motivating.

When considering leadership, there are no better examples than my outstanding colleagues within the Officials team. It is difficult to allocate appropriate words to adequately praise the incredible devotion and passion that State Umpiring Manager Darren Goodger continues to apply to all he does. So much of what takes place within the Association and how it occurs is the result of his inspiration, perspiration and aspiration across the past 16 years, all unceasing.

Certainly, he sets high expectations for performance, but none that he is not willing to meet himself. Darren's guidance, support and encouragement to me, during the early time in my role, have been invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Our Educators, Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak, are, quite simply, the best in the world at what they do. The knowledge, experience and insights they provide are enhanced by their unfailing commitment to excellence in the quality of what they deliver and that is reflected once again in the number of new members, and especially female members, who have joined this year and are actively officiating. The coming months will see the enthusiastic training team step up to ensure the changes to the Laws are well understood and applied by all active members and no doubt the training provided will be of high quality, as usual.

Administration Officer Adam Singleton is rightly praised, regularly, for the way he serves our members and goes about his work. His skill set has expanded this year and his application to all expected of him is sharp. It is a pleasure to work with a self-motivated colleague who is eager to learn and advance and I thank him for the assistance he has provided. Adam's contribution to the success of our Annual Dinner and Awards Night was immense.

I especially recognise the administrative contributions of Stephen Blomfield and Bede Sajowitz, provided during the season to enable various expectations to be better satisfied. We are fortunate to be able to engage with very capable individuals who are willing to assist for the good of the Association, and I thank them for making my life easier at critical times. A special nod also to Troy Penman for his excellent work in assisting with the production of this Annual Report. We are justifiably proud of the quality of the document and Troy is largely responsible for that.

To Bob Davis and Michael Schokman, who deliver such sterling work, much of it unsung but essential to the outcomes the Association delivers, I express my deep gratitude for your unfailing dedication and responsiveness. You provide so much.

One of the Association's enduring strengths is the willingness of those who have gone before to continue to be involved and freely share their accumulated wisdom. In co-Patrons Dick French OAM and Simon Taufel, we have access to iconic figures who understand the purpose, legacy and ambitions of NSWCUSA like no others.

It is reassuring to have their knowledge and perspectives readily available. The sad loss of co-Patron Graham Reed OAM in November was deeply felt by those of us who gained so much from his generosity over decades. It was a privilege to know him as a colleague, an honour to regard him as a friend.

The tremendous work completed by our various Committees, Office Bearers and dedicated volunteers is reflective of the passion that so many hold for what NSWCUSA and its affiliates stand and what we all aim to achieve. Such outcomes are nothing new, but the fact that willing and committed people continue to meet the challenges each new season presents reflects well on the heritage of the Association and all involved deserve congratulations.

We need to recognise the generous sponsorship and support provided by McDonald's and Belgravia New Balance. These enable us to invest more heavily in initiatives and activities that benefit members and allow them to perform at their best. To have these fine businesses supporting officiating in a tangible way reflects the respect the Association holds.

By necessity, an Executive Officer needs to work effectively with the Board. It is my good fortune to be one of a highly experienced and skilled group of Directors who are driven by delivering outcomes that are in the best interests of the Association. Chair Mark Hughes manages the not infrequently challenging aspects of the role (which I fully appreciate from past experience) very effectively and his support and encouragement provided to me since I commenced have been of great assistance. I commend Treasurer Laurie Borg for his devotion to sound financial management, clearly reflected in the strong fiscal position the Association enjoys. This enables us to allocate funds prudently, for positive effect, as there is little benefit in having member contributions sitting in bank accounts for no substantive purpose.

I have reflected, as does this report, on what we do and how we do it. There is much to recognise and celebrate – we accomplish a great deal and do so significantly well. But that does not mean we should be complacent and self-satisfied. There is much that can be addressed and, in my view, changed, to deliver improved outcomes. Driving such transformation is the task ahead for me. Nothing radical, as most of the Association's operations are admirable and fundamentally sound. But that does not mean we should not chase superior results and bring everyone along on the ride. I'm keen to work with all members on this exciting journey. I thank all those who offer me their encouragement.

We rightly celebrate another outstanding year and happily accept the challenge of reaching greater heights in 2026-27. Onward and upward!



Owen Turner and Tim Donahoo

Past Office-Bearers

Year	Chairman	Executive Officer	Treasurer
1913-14	W. H. Mitchell	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1914-15	W. H. Bates	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1915-16	M. Phegan	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1916-17	F. Maloney	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1917-18	A. W. Andrews	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1918-19	P. M. Solomon	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1919-20	S. Smith	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1920-21	Rev. G. Berry	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1921-22	G. J. Cooper	R. Callaway	A. C. Jones
1922-23	W. J. R. Bowes	Rev. G. Berry	A. C. Jones
1923-24	M. Carney	Rev. G. Berry	A. C. Jones
1924-25	W. G. French	W. J. R. Bowes	A. C. Jones
1925-26	E. Kent	W. J. R. Bowes	A. C. Jones
1926-27	A. Burt	W. J. R. Bowes	A. C. Jones
1927-28	S. Parsons	W. J. R. Bowes	A. C. Jones
1928-29	A. Farrow	W. J. R. Bowes (Resigned)	A. C. Jones
		H. Armstrong (5 Dec)	A. C. Jones
1929-30	H. Parsons	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1930-31	G. E. Borwick	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1931-32	E. Connell	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1932-33	C. Martin	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1933-34	F. W. J. Lyons	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1934-35	S. Paul	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1935-36 to 1938-39	G. E. Borwick	H. Armstrong	A. C. Jones
1939-40 to 1945-46	G. E. Borwick	W. G. French	H. A. Elphinston
1946-47 to 1954-55	G. E. Borwick	F. W. J. Lyons	H. A. Elphinston
1955-56	A. B. Solomon (Deceased)	F. W. J. Lyons	H. A. Elphinston
	A. Easton (4 Apr)		
1956-57	A. Easton	F. W. J. Lyons	H. A. Elphinston
1957-58	C. E. Wigzell	F. W. J. Lyons	H. A. Elphinston

Year	Chairman	Executive Officer	Treasurer
1958-59 to 1961-62	A. A. Fallins	F. W. J. Lyons	H. A. Elphinston
1962-63 to 1966-67	A. A. Fallins	R. F. Burgess	N. P. N. Frisk
1967-68	E. F. Wykes	R. F. Burgess	N. P. N. Frisk
1968-69 to 1975-76	E. F. Wykes	R. F. Burgess	C. C. Davies
1976-77	E. F. Wykes	J. R. Wegner	C. C. Davies
1977-78 to 1984-85	E. F. Wykes	J. R. Wegner	A. G. Watson
1984-85 to 1989-90	E. F. Wykes	J. R. Wegner (Resigned) G. R. G. Wearne (Acting)	A. G. Watson
1989-90	A. J. Wheeler	G. R. G. Wearne	A. G. Watson
1990-91 to 1992-93	R. A. French	G. R. G. Wearne	A. G. Watson
1992-93	R. A. French	G. R. G. Wearne (Resigned) P. F. Hughes (1 Dec)	A. G. Watson
1993-94 to 1998-99	R. A. French	P. F. Hughes	A. G. Watson
1999-00	R. A. French	P. F. Hughes	D. M. Brandon
2000-01	A. G. Marshall (Deceased)	P. F. Hughes	D. M. Brandon
2001-02	D. B. Hair	P. F. Hughes	D. M. Wiseman
2002-04	J. I. Cameron	P. F. Hughes	D. M. Wiseman
2004-06	J. I. Cameron	P. F. Hughes	E. A. Nicholas
2006-07	T. M. Donahoo	P. F. Hughes	E. A. Nicholas
2007-08	T. M. Donahoo	P. F. Hughes	L. C. J. Borg
2008-09	Dr. D. F. Dilley	P. F. Hughes (Retired) D. B. Hair (1 Aug)	L. C. J. Borg
2009-10	Dr. D. F. Dilley	D. B. Hair	L. C. J. Borg
2010-11	Dr. S. L. Poole	D. B. Hair	L. C. J. Borg
2011-12	Dr. S. L. Poole	D. B. Hair (Departed 16 Nov) R. D. Goodger (Acting 17 Nov to 1 Apr) N. Carson (2 Apr to 22 Oct) R. D. Goodger (Acting 23 Oct to 17 Dec)	L. C. J. Borg
2012-13	Dr. S. L. Poole (Resigned 28 Oct)	R. D. Goodger (18 Dec)	L. C. J. Borg
2013-18	G. M. Garland (29 Oct)	R. D. Goodger	L. C. J. Borg
2018-19	M. R. Hughes	R. D. Goodger	L. C. J. Borg
2019-20	M. R. Hughes	R. D. Goodger (Until 19 Aug) T. M. Penman (9 Sept)	L. C. J. Borg

Year	Chairman	Executive Officer	Treasurer
2020-21 to 2023-24	M. R. Hughes	T. M. Penman	L. C. J. Borg
2024-25	M. R. Hughes	T. M. Penman (until 27 Sept) B. T. Sajowitz (30 Sept)	L. C. J. Borg
2025-26	M. R. Hughes	B. T. Sajowitz (to 1 Aug) T. M. Donahoo (from 18 Aug)	L. C. J. Borg

Life Membership

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V. Cranney*
A. Dale*
J. Daley*
C. C. Davies*
R. S. Davis

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S. J. A. Taufel
E. J. Shaw*
I. S. Thomas
A. G. Watson OAM
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A. J. Wheeler*
C. E. Wigzell BEM*
A. P. Williams*
I. E. Wright
E. F. Wykes OAM*

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C. L. Bennison
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J. A. Boyd
D. M. Brandon
K. J. Buckland
J. I. Cameron
N. Carson
D. R. Chaplin
D. G. Coleman
J. L. Colwell
D. Cullen
G. J. Davidson
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I. B. Emerson
D. Frede
G. J. Glazebrook
A. R. Hamilton
G. J. Hasler

W. D. Hendricks
I. Holland
A. Hollebrandse
M. R. Hughes
I. F. James
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R. M. Mathews
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S. C. Moore
A. C. Morrow
M. A. W. Nickl
D. J. O'Connor
J. C. Oliver
C. A. Polosak
S. L. Poole
M. L. Prosser
S. J. Rees

O. J. Ridge
R. A. Ridgway
N. F. Ryder
R. L. Sanday
T. S. Schokman
G. A. Smith
N. D. Smith
K. W. Solomons *
C. H. Stewart
P. J. Tate
B. C. Treloar
R. J. Tucker
B. T. Walker
C. P. Weir
D. J. Went
B. R. Whitehouse
M. Whitty
A. K. Wilds
D. M. Wiseman
L. R. Wood OAM
S. J. Woodhouse

* Deceased 2025-26 season

Awards and Representative Appointments



Association Awards

- Tim Donahoo

George Borwick Memorial Award: Bob McGregor

The George Borwick Memorial Award honours the former Association President and Patron, who umpired 24 Test matches, including in every Test of the Bodyline series. His dedication and commitment to umpiring and the Association was unwavering. He enjoyed widespread respect, was a loyal servant of the game, a member for more than 55 years and inductee to the Association's Hall of Fame.

The Award, named in his honour in 1982, is presented annually to the member who exemplifies the spirit of George Borwick's contribution through their efforts, both on and off the field, during the season. A points system is used to determine the recipient, considering match availability, meeting attendance and the average mark from captains' assessments during the season.

Bob displayed an outstanding commitment to the Association by attending all ordinary general meetings, the pre-season Rules Night and the Annual Convention. He was also available for all rounds in men's Premier Cricket, thereby receiving maximum points. During the season, he officiated 15 preliminary round fixtures, appointed to oversee matches in three grades, with captains across the board praising his effective match management, clear communication, as well as his strong positivity. His match average from captains across the season was an excellent 4.63 marks out of 5.

Bob also completed one match in Tasmania Premier Cricket under the umpire exchange program. Achieving his 150th First Grade match during the season, he is a great example of quiet achievement and sustained commitment.

With just 0.22 of one point separating them, and 0.06 between the top three, the top six in the George Borwick Memorial Award calculations were:

- Clay Finnemore
- Sujeewa Kodituwakku
- Gavin Mallawaratchy
- Bob McGregor
- Daksh Trivedi
- Andrew Yarad

E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal: Mark Frecklington

This award was instituted in honour of our late President and Patron, a Test Umpire, a person who was a great friend and mentor to many in our Association and one so generous with the time he gave for the benefit of the Association. Ted was a true leader, through his words and actions, setting a standard of commitment against which all others are judged. He was widely respected in the game as a person of the highest integrity.

Nominees for the Ted Wykes Medal must be members of an affiliated association who have displayed excellence and commitment to that association, on and off the field, throughout the season by way of meeting attendance, match availability and consistent umpiring performance.

Mark joined NSWCUSA in 2010 and is an incredibly dedicated member of Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association. He attended all meetings of the Association during the season and was available for over 95% of match days, the most in the Association. He also officiated in multiple rounds of the T20 competition, being appointed to finals.

Availability and activity extended to Sunday representative cricket, which involved extensive travel on numerous occasions, willingly assisting the neighbouring zone when it was short of umpires. He was first choice for appointment to finals within the Zone, after Country Panel umpires.

He is an official of the highest calibre, applying the extensive experience he obtained while umpiring in NSW Premier Cricket to coaching and mentoring local umpires who are keen to receive feedback and improve their umpiring skills. In addition to these qualities and achievements, he is very well regarded by his colleagues and plays a significant role in administration of cricket within the Zone.



Neil Findlay and Mark Frecklington

New South Wales Premier Cricket Panel Awards

The Panel Awards recognise excellence for the 'Umpire of the Year' in each grade, as determined by captains' assessments throughout the season. To be eligible for a Panel Award, a member must have officiated in a minimum of ten SCA matches.

Captains assess each umpire in terms of their decision-making accuracy, 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 assessment points average receives the Panel Award.

Men's Panel 1: Darren Goodger

Darren completed another extraordinary season, recording an incredible match average from Men's First Grade captains of 4.98 marks out of 5. He demonstrates an ongoing commitment to sustaining and improving his performance that is truly remarkable. His dedication to the Association and its members, particularly those residing in regional areas, is unfailing and countless umpires have benefited from his advice, guidance, coaching and inspiration. A hallmark of these relationships is that he does not expect from any individual more than what he demands from himself.

Darren receives the award for a remarkable eleventh successive season and for the sixteenth time overall, a truly outstanding record.

Women's Panel 1: Sue Gregory

A member of both Women's Panel 1 and Men's Panel 2, Sue has been an enthusiastic member of the Association since 2018, fully embracing the opportunities to umpire in both Men's and Women's Premier Cricket. The benefit of this experience has been clearly reflected in her consistent progression through the ranks, developing a strong level of respect and a firm reputation as a highly effective communicator and a match manager that uses discretion appropriately. Her professionalism is a frequent comment in captain's reports. Appointment to the First Grade Finals of both the 50 over and T20 competitions and an average of 4.87 is clear evidence of a high-quality season.

Men's Panel 2: Charles Williams

Charles joined the Association in 2023 and is three seasons into his career. A former Premier Cricket captain, he brings that experience to his umpiring and has progressed well. Captains remarked on his outstanding and proactive communication, clear and consistent decision making and use of initiative to manage challenging weather and ground conditions. His excellent form was rewarded with a First-Grade debut, which is easy to understand when you consider his overall season average was an exceptional 4.9.

Men's Panel 3: Paul Chambiras

A member since 2023, Paul has now completed his third season of Premier Cricket. He has shown himself to be a highly consistent performer, eager to learn and commit to self-improvement and be an actively supportive partner when difficult situations arise.

During the season, Paul was busy, officiating 17 men's SCA matches, which included a debut and three matches in Second Grade. Feedback from captains highlighted strong match management, clear headed umpiring and great communication. Paul's overall average mark was an impressive 4.67.

Men's Panel 4: Taj Nicholson

Although joining the Association in 2022, the season just completed was Taj's first in Premier Cricket and quickly he was identified as one to watch. He started in Fifth Grade, where he completed five matches, was elevated to Fourth Grade for eight matches and debuted in Third Grade, officiating in two matches to finish the season. Captains were impressed with his excellent communication skills, initiative and strong decision making. With a fine first season average of 4.44, Taj has reason to be proud.

Men's Panel 5: Kunuratnam Balendra

This award was presented for the first time. The Board decided to introduce Panel 5 for 2025-26, to better manage the higher number of officials appointed to Premier Cricket. Panel 5 umpires face the challenge of not being guaranteed a match every round, the need to be flexible with changing appointments and the fact that many are new to Premier Cricket.

Kunuratnam debuted in Premier Cricket this season, overseeing three matches in Fourth Grade and seven in Fifth Grade. With an average mark of 4.19 out of 5, captains noted his accurate judgement and decisive match management, as well as his calm demeanour.



Kunuratnam Balendra

Alan Marshall Medal: Paul Brewster

Honouring Hall of Fame member Alan Marshall, this medal is available to new umpires, recognising on field performance and off field commitment for first-season umpires in Men's Premier Cricket.

One of the cornerstones of Alan's approach to umpiring was commitment, and this year's medallist clearly adopted the same principles, as evidenced by his regular attendance at monthly meetings, as well as participating in the Convention and the pre-season Rules Night. He was also available for all but one day of the season.

Paul joined the Association in 2024 and in his first season of officiating Premier Cricket, he averaged an impressive 4.44 out of 5 from captains across all matches, with feedback praising his clear communication, consistency in his decision making and strong management of weather conditions. During the season he officiated in two matches in Fifth Grade, nine Fourth Grade matches and two in Third Grade.

Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award: Toni Lorraine

Named in memory of international scorer and Life Member of the Western Suburbs DCC, Malcolm Gorham, this award recognises excellence and dedication of a scorer member.

A member since 1998, Principal Member and scoring for Mosman CC, Toni has shown a great capacity to effectively deal with the challenges posed by the increasing influence of technology in cricket and the general lack of those willing to take on the scorer role. Her match days are not confined to scoring duties, ensuring that facilities are in place to ensure a comfortable and generous welcome is extended to visitors. This aspect was certainly not readily achieved in recent times due to venue circumstances. Toni's friendly and generous demeanour creates an inviting and positive environment, which is widely appreciated.

On a technical level, Toni's expertise is of the highest order, reflective of her dedication and commitment to the scoring craft. Accumulated knowledge and experience are readily shared with colleagues, especially those still on their learning journey, such as players drafted in to do the book. After a session with Toni, they invariably leave knowing more than when they started. An effective communicator not afraid to express her views with the best intentions, she has earned and holds respect as a leader.

Kevin Pye Medal: Kate Rowlands

Named in honour of Hall of Fame Member Kevin Pye, this performance-based award is presented to the Country Umpire of the Year, recognising Kevin's outstanding achievements as an umpire in country representative cricket and his commitment to supporting umpires in his role as the inaugural Country Umpire Advisor.

Kate completed her inaugural season as a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel, her first assignment being the Country Colts Carnival held at the Central Coast, where she performed creditably. She was also selected for the NSW State Umpire Panel and received the following Cricket Australia appointments:

- T20 Spring Challenge – four matches
- Under 19 Female National Championships (Central Coast/Newcastle), where she was appointed to the Final.
- WNCL – three matches
- Women's 2nd XI – two matches
- Under 19 Female International Tri-Series – Australia/England/Sri Lanka

Kate's preparation, teamwork, match management, decision making and fieldcraft are all strong features of her umpiring. She is always willing to embrace feedback and is considered respectful, humble, positive, a great role model and one who demonstrates understated leadership as required.



Jeff Egan and Kate Rowlands

Honour Roll

George Borwick Memorial Award

1981-82 A. G. Marshall	1997-98 S. J. A. Taufel	2012-13 B. C. Treloar
1982-83 R. A. French	1998-99 K. J. Duffy	2013-14 A. M. Hobson
1983-84 M. Vergano	1999-00 D. M. Brandon	2014-15 A. M. Hobson
1984-85 G. E. Reed	2000-01 S. J. A. Taufel	2015-16 A. M. Hobson
1985-86 R. A. French	2001-02 J. I. Cameron	2016-17 B. C. Treloar
1986-87 K. D. Wark	2002-03 D. B. Hair	2017-18 S. Patel
1987-88 A. G. Marshall	2003-04 R. D. Goodger	2018-19 B. C. Treloar
1988-89 C. Cruickshanks	2004-05 R. D. Goodger	2019-20 B. C. Treloar
1989-90 T. F. Brooks	2005-06 R. D. Goodger	2020-21 S. Patel
1990-91 A. Kelleher	2006-07 R. D. Goodger	2021-22 M. Meehan
1991-92 A. G. Watson	2007-08 R. D. Goodger	2022-23 D. R. Moran
1992-93 G. Chudleigh	2008-09 N. J. Wennerbom	2023-24 J. M. Wholohan
1993-94 A. C. Kingsford-Smith	2009-10 R. D. Goodger	2024-25 D. J. Stewart
1994-95 S. J. A. Taufel	2010-11 R. D. Goodger	2025-26 R. J. McGregor
1995-96 S. J. A. Taufel	2011-12 W. D. Hendricks	
1996-97 S. J. A. Taufel and A. C. Kingsford-Smith		

E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal

2004-05 N. Haywood (Far North Coast)	2015-16 G. J. Hasler (Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills)
2005-06 G. N. Dunn (Parramatta)	2016-17 N. W. Findlay (Illawarra)
2006-07 P. J. Kerin (Cootamundra)	2017-18 J. Pearce (Coffs Harbour)
2007-08 G. A. Smith (Sydney Shires)	2018-19 R. A. Pye (North Coast)
2008-09 P. J. Weston (Mitchell)	2019-20 D. Cullen (Illawarra)
2009-10 G. A. Moon (Cootamundra)	2020-21 P. F. Holt (Far North Coast)
2010-11 J. H. Rose (Southern Zone)	2021-22 S. Dodwell (Sydney Shires)
2011-12 M. R. Templeman (Far North Coast)	2022-23 A. Cantori (Sydney Women's)
2012-13 P. J. Friend (Sydney Shires)	2023-24 N. D. Smith (Murray Border)
2013-14 J. L. Colwell (Sydney Women's)	2024-25 D. B. Trigg (Far North Coast)
2014-15 S. M. Blomfield (Sydney Shires)	2025-26 M. A. Frecklington (Mitchell)

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. Meehan**2007-08** M. S. F. Qureshi**2008-09** G. J. Davidson**2009-10** G. D. Crombie**2010-11** D. Thorpe**2011-12** G. Irvine**2012-13** T. M. Penman**2013-14** A. M. Hobson**2014-15** C. J. Duff**2015-16** S. Patel**2016-17** D. J. Rodgie**2017-18** V. R. Solanki**2018-19** K. M. Shannon**2019-20** M. Uppal**2020-21** C. M. J. Rayner**2021-22** R. Tadepalli**2022-23** A. K. Kedia**2023-24** J. M. Wholohan**2024-25** A. Ahluwalia**2025-26** P. Brewster**Country Umpire of the Year - Kevin Pye Medal****1992-93** W. A. Cameron (Western)**1993-94** K. J. Pye (Western)**1994-95** K. J. Burke (Newcastle)**1995-96** P. J. Gordon (Newcastle)**1996-97** M. P. Jones (Newcastle)**1997-98** G. E. Teasdale (Central Northern)**1998-99** S. A. Reed (Newcastle)**1999-00** S. A. Reed (Newcastle)**2000-01** R. D. Goodger (North Coastal)**2001-02** B. W. Whiteman (Southern)**2002-03** S. J. Rees (Central Northern)**2003-04** G. R. Crew (Central Northern)**2004-05** N. W. Findlay (Illawarra) and K. G. Norris (Newcastle)**2005-06** B. W. Whiteman (Southern)**2006-07** R. B. Field (Central Northern)**2007-08** A. J. Marshall (Central Northern)**2008-09** K. G. Norris (Newcastle)**2009-10** B. W. Whiteman (Southern)**2010-11** R. B. Field (Central Northern)**2011-12** R. B. Field (Central Northern)**2012-13** B. W. Whiteman (Southern)**2013-14** D. J. Went (North Coastal)**2014-15** D. J. Went (North Coastal)**2015-16** G. J. Glazebrook (Western)**2016-17** G. J. Glazebrook (Western)**2017-18** G. J. Glazebrook (Western)**2018-19** G. J. Glazebrook (Western)**2019-20** G. J. Glazebrook (Western)**2020-21** G. J. Glazebrook (Western)**2021-22** K. Knight (Newcastle)**2022-23** D. Cullen (Greater Illawarra)**2023-24** P. Rainger (Newcastle)**2024-25** J. J. Egan (Riverina)**2025-26** K. Rowlands (North Coastal)**Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award****2006-07** S. Gane**2007-08** A. D. Morehouse**2008-09** G. F. Rogers**2009-10** S. McClue**2010-11** I. E. Wright**2011-12** C. G. Wilcoxon**2012-13** D. Frede**2013-14** A. Tham**2014-15** P. Garlick**2015-16** C. McLeod**2016-17** M. Pemberton**2017-18** S. J. Woodhouse**2018-19** J. Disson**2019-20** S. Berman**2020-21** J. Carew and J. M. Kilford**2021-22** H. Singh**2022-23** A. Brockley**2023-24** J. C. Evans**2024-25** A. J. Falk**2025-26** T. J. Lorraine

NSW Men's Premier Cricket Panel Awards**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 R. D. Goodger and M. G. Kumutat
2010-11 R. D. Goodger
2011-12 G. J. Davidson
2012-13 G. J. Davidson
2013-14 A. K. Wilds

2014-15 A. K. Wilds
2015-16 R. D. Goodger
2016-17 R. D. Goodger
2017-18 R. D. Goodger
2018-19 R. D. Goodger
2019-20 R. D. Goodger
2020-21 R. D. Goodger
2021-22 R. D. Goodger
2022-23 R. D. Goodger
2023-24 R. D. Goodger
2024-25 R. D. Goodger
2025-26 R. D. Goodger

Panel 2

1986-87 C. R. Hill
1987-88 K. Kelty
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 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. J. Davidson
2009-10 D. F. Berridge
2010-11 G. D. Roche
2011-12 D. C. Foster
2012-13 G. Forliano
2013-14 A. M. Hobson and K. C. Leahy

2014-15 J. M. Jobson
2015-16 W. R. Massingham
2016-17 D. Rees
2017-18 S. Patel
2018-19 B. T. Sajowitz and A. R. Yarad
2019-20 M. E. Claydon
2020-21 D. A. Abbey
2021-22 M. Meehan
2022-23 N. Harvey
2023-24 J. M. Wholohan
2024-25 E. M. O'Dwyer
2025-26 C. Williams

NSW Men's Premier Cricket Panel Awards

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

2015-16 D. A. Abbey

2016-17 S. E. Starks

2017-18 D. A. Abbey

2018-19 C. Finnemore

2019-20 G. M. Garland and
J. Humphrey

2020-21 A. G. Owens

2021-22 N. Harvey

2022-23 A. Storey

2023-24 D. Trivedi

2024-25 C. M. J. Rayner

2025-26 P. H. Chambiras

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

1991-92 B. Hickey

1992-93 D. M. Brandon

1993-94 K. R. Quaken

1994-95 A. F. Green

1995-96 T. W. Heath

1996-97 C. J. Moore

1997-98 D. B. Voegt

1998-99 H. P. Turner

1999-00 M. Jones

2000-01 G. A. Abood

2001-02 B. J. Ferguson

2002-03 D. J. Palmer

2003-04 P. G. Tasker

2004-05 L. J. Mulligan

2005-06 B. R. Whitehouse

2006-07 G. J. Youell

2007-08 S. J. Black

2008-09 A. R. Charlesworth

2009-10 D. B. Twining

2010-11 D. C. Foster

2011-12 D. Brightwell

2012-13 V. Marwaha

2013-14 A. Davy

2014-15 D. Nichols

2015-16 A. Carr

2016-17 S. M. Rogan

2017-18 M. Meehan

2018-19 G. Carmock

2019-20 E. M. O'Dwyer

2020-21 N. Harvey

2021-22 A. Storey

2022-23 N. Dowd

2023-24 A. J. Searle

2024-25 S. Kodituwakku

2025-26 T. Nicholson

Panel 5

2025-26 K. Balendra

NSW Women's Premier Cricket Panel 1 Award

2021-22 A. Cantori

2022-23 V. Marwaha

2023-24 J. Harrod

2024-25 R. J. McGregor

2025-26 S. M. Gregory



Simon Taufel and Darren Goodger



Charles Williams and Elizabeth O'Dwyer



Sue Gregory and Bob McGregor



Sujeewa Kodituwakku and Taj Nicholson

NSWCUSA Hall of Fame

- Tim Donahoo

At the Association's Centenary Dinner in 2013, 11 current or former members were inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame, recognising their significant contributions across the first 100 years of the Association's history.

Subsequent honourees have been Marilyn Fowler (2015), Graham Reed OAM (2016), Alan Marshall and Arthur Watson OAM (2024), Kevin Pye and Ian Thomas (2025).

NSWCUSA Hall of Fame

George Borwick MBE
Tom Brooks OAM
Dick Burgess
Dick Callaway
Herb Elphinston
Marilyn Fowler

Dick French OAM
Darrell Hair
Alf Jones
Fred Lyons
Alan Marshall
Kevin Pye

Graham Reed OAM
Simon Taufel
Ian Thomas
Arthur Watson OAM
Ted Wykes OAM



Ian Thomas and Darren Goodger

At the Association's Annual General Meeting on 2 July 2025 at Club York Sydney, Ian Thomas was inducted into the NSWCUSA Hall of Fame. Ian became Hall of Fame inductee number 17.

The following citation was read by Life Member Darren Goodger, who presented Ian with his Hall of Fame plaque.

The Board of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association annually appoints a sub-committee to consider nominations for the NSWCUSA Hall of Fame. The sub-committee then makes a recommendation to the Board.

In 2025, the Hall of Fame sub-committee was unanimous that Life Member Ian Thomas be inducted. The Board was equally unanimous in its support of the sub-committee's recommendation.

Ian's service to the NSWCUSA as an on-field official was exemplary. His service to the Association off field was substantial while he was an active umpire and for long after he retired.

Ian was an exceptional umpire, officiating:

- At the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Dubbo in 1986-87
- As a member of the National Umpire Panel from 1990 to 1994
- In eight One Day Internationals, which involved world class cricketers like Martin Crowe, David Gower, Kapil Dev, Ravi Shastri, Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara, Malcolm Marshall, Allan Border, Stephen Waugh, Wasim Akram, Javed Miandad and Allan Donald
- In 30 Sheffield Shield matches
- In 41 first-class matches overall, including Australia XI v. England XI, a four day fixture played in Hobart in 1990-91
- First-class matches between New South Wales and England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the West Indies on three separate occasions
- 11 List A matches in the One Day Cup, including the 1987-88 McDonald's Cup Final in which New South Wales defeated South Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground
- List A matches between New South Wales and Sri Lanka at Brelsford Park, Coffs Harbour in 1989-90 and New South Wales and West Indies at Oakes Oval, Lismore in 1992-93
- In 226 matches in the Sydney Grade cricket competition, 171 of which were in First Grade

Ian was a country umpire from Bathurst. He made his First Grade debut in Sydney Grade cricket in 1985-86, and in 1987-88 made his First-Class debut. It was a rapid rise.

He stood in eight Men's First Grade Finals, and on an amazing six occasions, in a very strong era in New South Wales umpiring, he received the First Grade Umpire of the Year as determined by marks from First Grade captains.

The whole time he umpired Sydney Grade cricket, Ian travelled from Bathurst each week of the season to do so. He was fiercely committed to umpiring and to the Grade competition.

Ian was respected by the players for his ability, decision making, communication skills, and the way he managed people and cricket matches. He was described as honest, fair, always calm and composed.

In his era, Ian Thomas set the standard, being an outstanding mentor to umpires at all levels. He was selfless and genuine in sharing his experience.

At Test level, Ian was TV Umpire in two Test matches:

- Australia v. South Africa 1993-94
- Australia v. Pakistan 1995-96

He also umpired two U19 Test matches – Australia v. West Indies in 1988 and Australia v. India in 1995. He officiated in six matches at the U19 World Cup played in Australia in 1988. Off field, Ian made a rich and sustained contribution to the NSWCUSA and to Australian match officiating.

In New South Wales, he served as a member of the:

- Examination Committee
- Technical Committee
- Training Committee

His contribution was outstanding, being recognised with Life membership of the NSWCUSA in 2000.

He also served as Zone Umpire Representative for Western Zone, as Country Umpire Advisor, and as a Country Cricket NSW carnival and match referee, all after his retirement as an umpire. Ian gave so much back to umpiring in New South Wales, to serve the NSWCUSA and its people.

With Cricket Australia, Ian was the NSW State Umpire Coach in 2006-07 and for several seasons he was a member of the Cricket Australia Match Referee Panel.

He was a talented and highly respected umpire, so well regarded for his match management and decision making, and his superior knowledge and application of Laws and Playing Conditions.

Ian is a person of the highest integrity, one of the more humble people you have the pleasure of meeting. To hear Ian speak about his umpiring career and journey through cricket, you have to push him hard. Even then, it is always understated. He never possessed any sense of entitlement, a wonderful role model in this regard for umpires of the present.

Ian Thomas becomes Hall of Fame inductee number 17 of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association. This recognition will be so well received by cricket people in western New South Wales and by the players and umpiring colleagues from his era. It is an honour that is richly deserved by a loyal, dedicated and humble servant of our game.

Representative Umpiring Appointments

- Adam Singleton

The Cricket Australia Contracted Umpire Panel for season 2025-26 was:

Gerard Abood (New South Wales), Daryl Brigham (Victoria), Mitchell Claydon (New South Wales), Shawn Craig (Victoria), Drew Crozier (South Australia), Steve Dionysius (Queensland), Phil Gillespie (Victoria), Mike Graham-Smith (Tasmania), Chris Grant (Victoria), Roberto Howard (New South Wales), Donovan Koch (Queensland), Sam Nogajski (Tasmania), Sharad Patel (New South Wales), Troy Penman (New South Wales), Claire Polosak (New South Wales), Eloise Sheridan (South Australia), Ben Treloar (New South Wales), Riki Wessels (Queensland).

The New South Wales State Umpire Panel for season 2025-26 was:

Jeff Egan, Patrick Jackson, Lauren McGill, and Kate Rowlands. Daniel Moran was originally selected on the State Panel but did not officiate after September.

Neil Findlay was appointed CNSW Umpire Coach, working directly with State Panel umpires, in a contract role between 1 August and 30 April.

The full details of NSW-based members appointed to domestic representative fixtures are:

Gerard Abood **Sheffield Shield**

Western Australia v. New South Wales, WACA Ground, 4-7 October

Victoria v. Tasmania, CitiPower Centre, 28-31 October

Tasmania v. South Australia, Ninja Stadium, 10-13 November

New South Wales v. Queensland, SCG, 5-8 December

Tasmania v. New South Wales, Ninja Stadium, 16-19 February

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 14-17 March

One-Day Cup

Western Australia v. New South Wales, WACA Ground, 9 October

Tasmania v. South Australia, Kingston Twin Ovals, 15 November

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 10 February

Tasmania v. New South Wales, Ninja Stadium, 21 February

Big Bash League

Perth Scorchers v. Sydney Sixers, Optus Stadium, 14 December

Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, SCG, 17 December

Melbourne Renegades v. Hobart Hurricanes, GMHBA Stadium, 21 December

Adelaide Strikers v. Melbourne Stars, Adelaide Oval, 23 December

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, SCG, 26 December
Melbourne Stars v. Melbourne Renegades, MCG, 4 January
Melbourne Stars v. Adelaide Strikers, MCG, 13 January
Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, SCG, 16 January
Brisbane Heat v. Sydney Sixers, The Gabba, 18 January
Perth Scorchers v. Sydney Sixers, Optus Stadium, 20 January

Bob Allan**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Vipin Bansal**Cricket NSW**

U13 State Championship Final, Blacktown v. Murray, Raby Sports Complex 3, 28 January

Bill Battese**Country Cricket NSW**

U19 Female Country Championships, Woolgoolga, 27-30 September
Bradman Cup, Port Macquarie, 22-23 November
U14 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

Bruce Baxter**Country Cricket NSW**

U19 Female Country Championships, Woolgoolga, 27-30 September
Bradman Cup, Port Macquarie, 22-23 November
U14 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

Geoff Beer**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Peter Bridle**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Paul Brockley**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December
Country Plate Final, CAW District v. Singleton, Pratten Park, 8 March

Cricket NSW

U15 State Championship Final, Parramatta v. Hunter Valley, Raby Sports Complex 1, 28 January

Roger Burns**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Dennis Chaplin**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-21 January

Mitchell Claydon**Sheffield Shield**

Tasmania v. South Australia, Ninja Stadium, 10-13 November

Victoria v. Queensland, MCG, 5-8 February

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 16 September

Tasmania v. South Australia, Kingston Twin Ovals, 15 November

Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Hobart Hurricanes, Engie Stadium, 3 January

Melbourne Stars v. Sydney Sixers, MCG, 8 January

Adelaide Strikers v. Perth Scorchers, Adelaide Oval, 11 January

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Drummoyne Oval, 19 November

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Sydney Thunder v. Brisbane Heat, Drummoyne Oval, 3 December

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 9 October

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 21 February

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 23 February

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Bankstown Oval, 3-6 November

Colin Coelho**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Port Macquarie, 22-23 November

Katie Collins**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Crookwell, 14-15 November

U15 Female State Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

Dave Cullen**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Cricket NSW

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 12 November

John Davidson**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Central Coast, 14-15 November

Ian Davidson**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Jeff Egan**Cricket Australia Carnival**

U17 Male National Championships, Brisbane, 5-12 January

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 11 October

Australian Capital Territory v. New South Wales, EPC Solar Park, 20 January

Australian Capital Territory v. New South Wales, EPC Solar Park, 22 January

Women's Big Bash League

Adelaide Strikers v. Brisbane Heat, North Sydney Oval, 30 November

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, Drummoyne Oval, 3 December

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Renegades, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

Melbourne Renegades v. Australian Capital Territory, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 27 October

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 2-5 March

Paul Ensby**Country Cricket NSW**

U19 Female Country Championships, Woolgoolga, 27-30 September

Noel Ford**Cricket NSW**

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 12 November

Mark Frecklington**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Orange, 22-23 November

Graeme Glazebrook**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Orange, 22-23 November

Darren Goodger**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Plate Final, CAW District v. Singleton, Pratten Park, 8 March

Sue Gregory**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Crookwell, 14-15 November

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

U15 Female State Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January



John Davidson and Simon Taufel



Simon Taufel and Paul Brockley

Brenton Harrison**Country Cricket NSW**

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Greg Heys**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October

Elisabeth Houston**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Central Coast, 14-15 November

Roberto Howard**Sheffield Shield**

Tasmania v. Western Australia, Ninja Stadium, 15-18 October

Queensland v. South Australia, The Gabba, 16-19 February

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 20 September

Tasmania v. Western Australia, Ninja Stadium, 20 October

Queensland v. South Australia, The Gabba, 21 February

Big Bash League

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Stars, The Gabba, 2 January

Hobart Hurricanes v. Adelaide Strikers, Ninja Stadium, 9 January

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 13 November

Brisbane Heat v. Hobart Hurricanes, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Drummoyne Oval, 23 November

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, North Sydney Oval, 30 November

Perth Scorchers v. Melbourne Stars, WACA Ground, 9 December

Toyota Second XI

Queensland v. South Australia, Peter Burge Oval, 22-25 September

Australian Capital Territory v. Victoria, Phillip Oval, 2-5 March

Aidan Hughes**Cricket NSW**

U17 State Challenge, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 18 November

Patrick Jackson**Cricket Australia Carnival**

U19 Male National Championships, Perth, 1-8 December

U19 Male National Championships Final, South Australia v. Victoria Metro, WACA Ground, 8 December

Cricket NSW

Blues City v. Country, Cricket Central, 1-2 September

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 11 October

Australian Capital Territory v. Victoria, EPC Solar Park, 8 January

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 5 February

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 21 February

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 13 November

Sydney Thunder v. Sydney Sixers, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Adelaide Strikers v. Australian Capital Territory, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Perth Scorchers v. Brisbane Heat, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Perth Scorchers v. Australian Capital Territory, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October

Sydney Thunder v. Adelaide Strikers, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October

Perth Scorchers v. Melbourne Stars, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 27 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Cricket Central, 29 October

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 29 October

FINAL, Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, Cricket Central, 30 October

Toyota Second XI

Australian Capital Territory v. South Australia, Phillip Oval, 17-20 November

New South Wales v. Victoria, North Dalton Park, 16-19 February

Greg Jones**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Orange, 22-23 November

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Pat Kerin OAM**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Goulburn, 14-15 November

Keiran Knight**Country Cricket NSW**

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Men's Country Championships Final, North Coastal v. Central Coast, Oxley Oval, 14 December

Plan B Male Country Bash Final, Greater Illawarra v. North Coastal, SCG, 18 December

Sujeewa Kodituwakku**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash Final, Central Coast Rush v. Western Outlaws, SCG, 18 December

Fiona Leighton**Country Cricket NSW**

U15 Female State Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

Murray Le Lievre**Country Cricket NSW**

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Shekinah Lowe**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Gavin Mallawaratchy**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Brian Martin**Country Cricket NSW**

U19 Female Country Championships, Woolgoolga, 27-30 September

Shannon McEwan**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

U15 Female State Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

Anthony McGettigan**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Lauren McGill**Cricket Australia Carnival**

U19 Male National Championships, Perth, 1-8 December

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 9 October

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 February

Australian Capital Territory v. South Australia, EPC Solar Park, 22 February

Australian Capital Territory v. South Australia, EPC Solar Park, 24 February

Women's Big Bash League

Brisbane Heat v. Hobart Hurricanes, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November

Hobart Hurricanes v. Melbourne Renegades, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Sydney Thunder v. Australian Capital Territory, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Sydney Thunder, Cricket Central, 22 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

FINAL, Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, Cricket Central, 30 October

Leone Mizzi**Cricket Australia Carnival**

U16 Female National Championships, Launceston, 15-22 January

U16 Female National Championships Final, Queensland v. New South Wales Country, Invermay Park, 22 January

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Sydney Thunder v. Australian Capital Territory, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Perth Scorchers v. Sydney Sixers, Cricket Central, 22 October

Perth Scorchers v. Brisbane Heat, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Women's Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 11 February

Country Cricket NSW

Plan B Female Country Bash, Central Coast, 14-15 November

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Graham Moon**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Goulburn, 14-15 November

U14 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

Daniel Moran**Cricket NSW**

Blues City v. Country, Cricket Central, 1-2 September

Marc Nickl**Cricket NSW**

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 11 November

U17 State Challenge, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 18 November

Elizabeth O'Dwyer**Cricket Australia Carnival**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle, 15-22 December

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 21 October

Adelaide Strikers v. Melbourne Stars, Cricket Central, 21 October

Melbourne Renegades v. Adelaide Strikers, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 24 October

Sydney Thunder v. Adelaide Strikers, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Cricket Central, 29 October

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 29 October

Women's Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 13 February

Kedar Oza**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Cricket NSW

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 11 November

Sharad Patel**Sheffield Shield**

Victoria v. Tasmania, CitiPower Centre, 28-31 October

Western Australia v. Tasmania, WACA Ground, 5-8 February

Tasmania v. New South Wales, Ninja Stadium, 16-19 February

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 November

Western Australia v. Tasmania, WACA Ground, 10 February

Tasmania v. New South Wales, Ninja Stadium, 21 February

Big Bash League

Hobart Hurricanes v. Sydney Thunder, Ninja Stadium, 16 December

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Engie Stadium, 30 December

Melbourne Renegades v. Sydney Sixers, Marvel Stadium, 1 January

Sydney Sixers v. Brisbane Heat, Coffs Harbour International Sports Stadium, 5 January

Women's Big Bash League

Adelaide Strikers v. Brisbane Heat, North Sydney Oval, 30 November
Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, North Sydney Oval, 30 November
Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, North Sydney Oval, 7 December
Sydney Sixers v. Perth Scorchers, North Sydney Oval, 11 December

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 2-5 March

Troy Penman**Sheffield Shield**

Queensland v. Tasmania, Allan Border Field, 4-7 October
Victoria v. New South Wales, CitiPower Centre, 15-18 October
New South Wales v. Victoria, SCG, 10-13 November
South Australia v. Tasmania, Adelaide Oval, 5-8 December
Queensland v. South Australia, The Gabba, 16-19 February
Tasmania v. Victoria, Ninja Stadium, 5-8 March

One-Day Cup

Queensland v. Tasmania, Allan Border Field, 9 October
Victoria v. New South Wales, CitiPower Centre, 20 October
Queensland v. South Australia, The Gabba, 21 February

Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, SCG, 26 December
Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Stars, Manuka Oval, 28 December
Adelaide Strikers v. Brisbane Heat, Adelaide Oval, 31 December
Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Stars, The Gabba, 2 January
Hobart Hurricanes v. Adelaide Strikers, Ninja Stadium, 9 January
Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Engie Stadium, 12 January
Adelaide Strikers v. Melbourne Renegades, Adelaide Oval, 17 January

Stephen Poidevin**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Claire Polosak**One-Day Cup**

Victoria v. Queensland, MCG, 3 February

Big Bash League

Brisbane Heat v. Sydney Thunder, Manuka Oval, 22 December
Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, SCG, 11 January

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Drummoyne Oval, 19 November
Hobart Hurricanes v. Melbourne Renegades, North Sydney Oval, 20 November
Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Drummoyne Oval, 23 November
Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Ninja Stadium, 29 November
Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, North Sydney Oval, 7 December
Perth Scorchers v. Melbourne Stars, WACA Ground, 9 December
FINAL, Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Ninja Stadium, 13 December

Toyota Second XI

Tasmania v. Australian Capital Territory, TCA Ground, 19-22 January
New South Wales v. Victoria, North Dalton Park, 16-19 February

Rodney Porter**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October
Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Ian Pryde**Cricket NSW**

U15 State Championship Final, Parramatta v. Hunter Valley, Raby Sports Complex 1, 28 January

Scott Pryde**Cricket NSW**

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 12 November
U17 State Challenge, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 19 November

Phil Rainger**Country Cricket NSW**

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November
Men's Country Championships Final, North Coastal v. Central Coast, Oxley Oval, 14 December
Plan B Male Country Bash Final, Greater Illawarra v. North Coastal, SCG, 18 December

Kasun Rangana**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Graham Rose**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October
U14 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January
U16 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-21 January

Kate Rowlands**Cricket Australia Carnival**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle, 15-22 December

U19 Female National Championships Final, New South Wales Metro v. Queensland, National Park, 22 December

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 February

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 5 February

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 23 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 21 October

Adelaide Strikers v. Melbourne Stars, Cricket Central, 21 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Sydney Thunder, Cricket Central, 22 October

Melbourne Stars v. Hobart Hurricanes, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 24 October

Women's Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 11 February

New South Wales v. Queensland, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 13 February

Country Cricket NSW

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October

Manjinder Sandhu**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash, Central Coast, 14-15 November

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Arun Shankar**Country Cricket NSW**

Plan B Female Country Bash Final, Central Coast Rush v. Western Outlaws, SCG, 18 December

Keith Shannon**Cricket NSW**

U13 State Championship Final, Blacktown v. Murray, Raby Sports Complex 3, 28 January

Vipin Sharma**Cricket NSW**

U14 State Championship Final, Parramatta v. Lake Macquarie, Raby Sports Complex 2, 28 January

Neil Smith**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Peter Smith**Country Cricket NSW**

U14 Male Country Challenge, Dubbo, 20-22 January

David Stewart**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Scott Thomas**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October

Cricket NSW

U17 State Challenge, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 18 November

U17 State Challenge, Shore Playing Fields, 25 November

U16 City-Country Challenge, Northern District v. Central Northern, Mark Taylor Oval, 15 February

Ben Treloar**Sheffield Shield**

South Australia v. Victoria, Adelaide Oval, 4-7 October

South Australia v. Queensland, Adelaide Oval, 15-18 October

Western Australia v. South Australia, WACA Ground, 28-31 October

Western Australia v. Queensland, WACA Ground, 11-14 November

New South Wales v. Queensland, SCG, 5-8 December

Queensland v. Western Australia, Allan Border Field, 5-8 March

Victoria v. South Australia, CitiPower Centre, 14-17 March

One-Day Cup

South Australia v. Victoria, Adelaide Oval, 9 October

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 November

Big Bash League

Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Ninja Stadium, 1 January

Perth Scorchers v. Adelaide Strikers, Optus Stadium, 4 January

Perth Scorchers v. Melbourne Renegades, Optus Stadium, 7 January

Brisbane Heat v. Sydney Thunder, The Gabba, 10 January

Melbourne Stars v. Adelaide Strikers, MCG, 13 January

Melbourne Renegades v. Perth Scorchers, Marvel Stadium, 15 January

Brisbane Heat v. Sydney Sixers, The Gabba, 18 January

Women's National Cricket League

FINAL, New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 21 March

Daksh Trivedi**Cricket NSW**

U17 State Challenge, Shore Playing Fields, 25 November

U16 City-Country Challenge, Northern District v. Central Northern, Mark Taylor Oval, 15 February

Owen Turner**Cricket NSW**

U14 State Championship Final, Parramatta v. Lake Macquarie, Raby Sports Complex 2, 28 January

Steve Wade**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October

Men's Country Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 27-30 November

Cricket NSW

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 11 November

U17 State Challenge, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 18 November

Nic Warburton**Cricket NSW**

U17 State Challenge, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 19 November

Steve Ward**Country Cricket NSW**

U16 Female Country Championships, Bowral, 17-19 December

Ricky Welsh**Country Cricket NSW**

Country Colts Carnival, Tuggerah, 30 September-3 October

Bradman Cup, Port Macquarie, 22-23 November

Andrew Whale**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Orange, 22-23 November

David Whitby**Country Cricket NSW**

U19 Female Country Championships, Woolgoolga, 27-30 September

Bruce Whitehouse**Cricket NSW**

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 12 November

Matt Whitty**Country Cricket NSW**

Bradman Cup, Albury, 5-8 January

Andrew Yarad**Cricket NSW**

U19 State Challenge, Mona Park, 11 November



Gavin Mallawaratchy and Simon Taufel



Simon Taufel and Matt Whitty

First Class Honour Roll

Association members who have umpired at first-class level are:

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| 1. R. Callaway * | 24. H. Elphinston * | 46. R. A. Cox | 68. W. A. Cameron |
| 2. A. C. Jones * | 25. W. Westbrook | 47. R. Ledwidge * | 69. S. J. A. Taufel * |
| 3. W. G. Curran * | 26. H. Mackinnon | 48. J. McLean | 70. J. I. Cameron |
| 4. W. G. French * | 27. C. E. Wigzell BEM | 49. A. Chapman | 71. A. J. Morgan |
| 5. C. W. Waugh | 28. P. Bates | 50. R. A. French OAM* | 72. D. M. Brandon |
| 6. R. M. Wallace | 29. J. Hadley | 51. A. Drake | 73. G. J. Lill |
| 7. A. P. Williams * | 30. A. Dale | 52. R. G. Harris | 74. N. S. D. Fowler |
| 8. J. C. Gairns | 31. F. H. McLennan | 53. D. Frede | 75. S. A. Reed |
| 9. A. H. Farrow | 32. J. P. Bowden | 54. A. G. Watson OAM | 76. R. J. Tucker * |
| 10. W. J. Bowes | 33. J. Daly | 55. A. S. Ward | 77. R. D. Goodger |
| 11. E. Whalley | 34. E. F. Wykes OAM * | 56. M. R. Jay | 78. G. A. Abood |
| 12. E. R. Kent | 35. R. F. Burgess | 57. I. Jones | 79. G. J. Davidson |
| 13. M. Carney | 36. F. T. Tilley | 58. A. G. Marshall | 80. A. K. Wilds |
| 14. S. Parsons | 37. W. E. Hicks | 59. R. A. Emerson | 81. P. Wilson * |
| 15. G. E. Borwick MBE * | 38. P. Berridge | 60. I. S. Thomas | 82. S. A. Lightbody |
| 16. E. J. Shaw | 39. W. J. Scarborough | 61. G. E. Reed OAM | 83. B. C. Treloar |
| 17. W. H. Bayfield | 40. G. Canacott | 62. D. B. Hair * | 84. D. Taylor |
| 18. H. J. Armstrong | 41. T. F. Brooks OAM * | 63. D. M. Graham | 85. T. M. Penman |
| 19. P. M. Solomon | 42. J. Adams | 64. I. G. Jackson | 86. S. Patel |
| 20. A. L. Christie | 43. R. Abel | 65. P. E. Dodd | 87. C. A. Polosak |
| 21. F. W. Lyons | 44. K. Killey | 66. K. J. Duffy | 88. R. C. S. Howard |
| 22. R. McGrath | 45. A. J. Wheeler | 67. C. Cruickshanks | 89. M. E. Claydon |
| 23. W. J. Callum | | | |

*Officiated Men's Test

Representative Scoring Appointments

- Adam Singleton

The New South Wales Representative Scorer Panel for season 2025-26 comprised:
Sarah Berman, Janelle Carew, Jenny David, Peter Garlick, Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, Harpreet Singh, Adrian Tham, Sue Woodhouse, Ian Wright.

Details of the representative appointments for scorers are:

Sarah Berman

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 20 September

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Bankstown Oval, 3-6 November

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 2-5 March

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 23 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 21 October

Adelaide Strikers v. Melbourne Stars, Cricket Central, 21 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Renegades, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

Women's Big Bash League

Brisbane Heat v. Adelaide Strikers, North Sydney Oval, 30 November

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, North Sydney Oval, 30 November

Women's Tour Match

Governor-General's XI v. India, North Sydney Oval, 13 February

Cricket Australia

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Janelle Carew**Sheffield Shield**

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 14-17 March

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 2-5 March

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 9 October

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 11 October

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 5 February

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 21 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Perth Scorchers v. Sydney Sixers, Cricket Central, 22 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Sydney Thunder, Cricket Central, 22 October

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Drummoyne Oval, 23 November

John Darcy**Cricket Australia**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Jenny David**Women's National Cricket League**

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 February

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 5 February

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 21 February

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 23 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Sydney Thunder v. Australian Capital Territory, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Stars, North Sydney Oval, 25 October

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, North Sydney Oval, 25 October

Women's Tour Match

Governor-General's XI v. India, North Sydney Oval, 13 February

Peter Garlick**Sheffield Shield**

New South Wales v. Victoria, SCG, 10-13 November

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 November

Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Sydney Sixers, Engie Stadium, 20 December

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, SCG, 26 December

Sydney Thunder v. Hobart Hurricanes, Engie Stadium, 3 January

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. Victoria, North Dalton Park, 16-19 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Melbourne Stars v. Hobart Hurricanes, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 24 October
Melbourne Renegades v. Adelaide Strikers, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 24 October

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Stars, North Sydney Oval, 25 October

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, North Sydney Oval, 25 October

Women's Big Bash League

Melbourne Renegades v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Drummoyne Oval, 23 November

Women's Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 11 February

New South Wales v. Queensland, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 13 February

Yohan Jayawardena**Cricket Australia**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

John Kilford**Cricket Australia**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Toni Lorraine**Men's Test Match**

Australia v. England, SCG, 4-8 January

Sheffield Shield

New South Wales v. Queensland, SCG, 5-8 December

New South Wales v. South Australia, SCG, 5-8 February

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 16 September

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 10 February

Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, SCG, 26 December

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Engie Stadium, 30 December

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, SCG, 11 January

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, SCG, 16 January

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, SCG, 23 January

Women's T20 International

Australia v. India, SCG, 15 February

Women's National Cricket League

FINAL, New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 21 March

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Adelaide Strikers v. Australian Capital Territory, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Perth Scorchers v. Brisbane Heat, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Perth Scorchers v. Melbourne Stars, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 27 October

Melbourne Renegades v. Australian Capital Territory, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 27 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, Cricket Central, 30 October

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 13 November

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Drummoyne Oval, 19 November

Melbourne Renegades v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Stars, North Sydney Oval, 20 November

Sydney Sixers v. Perth Scorchers, North Sydney Oval, 11 December

Cricket Australia

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Darren Mattison**Men's One Day International**

Australia v. India, SCG, 25 October

Sheffield Shield

New South Wales v. Queensland, SCG, 5-8 December

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 November

Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Hobart Hurricanes, Engie Stadium, 3 January

Sydney Sixers v. Brisbane Heat, Coffs Harbour International Stadium, 5 January

Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Engie Stadium, 12 January

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Hobart Hurricanes v. Sydney Thunder, Cricket Central, 22 October

Perth Scorchers v. Melbourne Stars, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 27 October

Melbourne Renegades v. Australian Capital Territory, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 27 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Cricket Central, 29 October

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 29 October

Women's Big Bash League

Melbourne Stars v. Sydney Sixers, Drummoyne Oval, 3 December

Sydney Thunder v. Brisbane Heat, Drummoyne Oval, 3 December

Sandeep Pant**Cricket Australia**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Harpreet Singh**Women's T20 Spring Challenge**

Perth Scorchers v. Sydney Sixers, Cricket Central, 22 October

Perth Scorchers v. Australian Capital Territory, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October

Sydney Thunder v. Adelaide Strikers, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 13 November

Adrian Tham**Men's One Day International**

Australia v. India, SCG, 25 October

Sheffield Shield

New South Wales v. Victoria, SCG, 10-13 November

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 14-17 March

Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, SCG, 17 December

Sydney Thunder v. Sydney Sixers, Engie Stadium, 20 December

Sydney Sixers v. Brisbane Heat, Coffs Harbour International Stadium, 5 January

Sydney Thunder v. Melbourne Renegades, Engie Stadium, 12 January

Women's T20 International

Australia v. India, SCG, 15 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Sydney Thunder v. Australian Capital Territory, North Sydney Oval, 21 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Perth Scorchers, Cricket Central, 29 October

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 29 October

Women's Big Bash League

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November

Sydney Thunder v. Sydney Sixers, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November

Brisbane Heat v. Adelaide Strikers, North Sydney Oval, 30 November

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, North Sydney Oval, 30 November

Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, North Sydney Oval, 7 December

Cricket Australia

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Emma Thompson**Cricket Australia**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Joshua Watt**Cricket Australia**

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Sue Woodhouse**Sheffield Shield**

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 22-25 November

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 16 September

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 10 February

Toyota Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Bankstown Oval, 3-6 November

New South Wales v. Victoria, North Dalton Park, 16-19 February

Women's National Cricket League

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 9 October

New South Wales v. Western Australia, Cricket Central, 11 October

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 3 February

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Brisbane Heat v. Melbourne Renegades, Cricket Central, 21 October

Adelaide Strikers v. Melbourne Stars, Cricket Central, 21 October

Melbourne Stars v. Hobart Hurricanes, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 24 October

Melbourne Renegades v. Adelaide Strikers, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 24 October

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

Sydney Sixers v. Melbourne Renegades, North Sydney Oval, 26 October

Women's Big Bash League

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Drummoyne Oval, 19 November

Women's Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Blacktown International Sports Park No.1, 13 February

Cricket Australia

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December

Ian Wright**Men's Test Match**

Australia v. England, SCG, 4-8 January

Sheffield Shield

New South Wales v. Tasmania, Cricket Central, 22-25 November

New South Wales v. South Australia, SCG, 5-8 February

One-Day Cup

New South Wales v. South Australia, Cricket Central, 20 September

Big Bash League

Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, SCG, 17 December

Sydney Thunder v. Perth Scorchers, Engie Stadium, 30 December

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, SCG, 11 January

Sydney Sixers v. Sydney Thunder, SCG, 16 January

Sydney Sixers v. Hobart Hurricanes, SCG, 23 January

Women's National Cricket League

FINAL, New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 21 March

Women's T20 Spring Challenge

Adelaide Strikers v. Australian Capital Territory, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Perth Scorchers v. Brisbane Heat, Blacktown International Sports Park No.2, 23 October

Perth Scorchers v. Australian Capital Territory, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October

Sydney Thunder v. Adelaide Strikers, Drummoyne Oval, 26 October
Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, Cricket Central, 30 October

Women's Big Bash League

Hobart Hurricanes v. Brisbane Heat, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November
Sydney Thunder v. Sydney Sixers, Drummoyne Oval, 15 November
Melbourne Stars v. Sydney Sixers, Drummoyne Oval, 3 December
Sydney Thunder v. Brisbane Heat, Drummoyne Oval, 3 December
Sydney Sixers v. Adelaide Strikers, North Sydney Oval, 7 December
Sydney Sixers v. Perth Scorchers, North Sydney Oval, 11 December

Women's Second XI

New South Wales v. Queensland, Cricket Central, 11 February

Cricket Australia

U19 Female National Championships, Newcastle/Central Coast, 15-22 December



Toni Lorraine and Tim Donahoo



Tim Donahoo and Jenny David

First Class Honour Roll

Members who have scored at first-class level since the Scorers joined the Association in 1997:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. L. Kirton | 7. M. Fowler * | 13. T. Lorraine * | 19. S. Berman |
| 2. E. Cosgrove * | 8. B. Proops | 14. C. G. Wilcoxon * | 20. P. Garlick |
| 3. D. Lemon | 9. C. Bennison * | 15. I. E. Wright * | 21. S. J. Woodhouse |
| 4. D. Evans * | 10. N. Johnston * | 16. D. Mattison * | 22. J. A. Carew |
| 5. M. Gorham * | 11. R. Sanday * | 17. C. McLeod | |
| 6. R. Kelleher * | 12. A. Morehouse * | 18. A. Tham | |

*Scored Men's Test



Sue Woodhouse and Janelle Carew

International Umpiring Appointments

- Adam Singleton

The Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for 2025-26 is:

- Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka)
- Chris Gaffaney (New Zealand)
- Adrian Holdstock (South Africa)
- Richard Illingworth (England)
- Richard Kettleborough (England)
- Nitin Menon (India)
- Allahuddien Paleker (South Africa)
- Ahsan Raza (Pakistan)
- Paul Reiffel (Australia)
- Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid (Bangladesh)
- Rodney Tucker (Australia)
- Alex Wharf (England)

The ICC Male Group of Emerging Umpires for 2025-26 is:

- Wayne Knights (New Zealand)
- Jayaraman Madanagopal (India)
- Sam Nogajski (Australia)
- Rashid Riaz (Pakistan)
- Mohammad Asif Yaqoob (Pakistan)

The ICC Female Group of Emerging Umpires for 2025-26 is:

- Lauren Agenbag (South Africa)
- Kim Cotton (New Zealand)
- Anna Harris (England)
- Nimali Perera (Sri Lanka)
- Claire Polosak (Australia)
- Vrinda Rathi (India)
- Sue Redfern (England)
- Eloise Sheridan (Australia)
- Jacqueline Williams (West Indies)

The Australian Representatives on the International Panel of ICC Umpires for 2025-26 are:

Men:

- Shawn Craig
- Phil Gillespie
- Donovan Koch
- Sam Nogajski

Women:

- Ashlee Gibbons
- Claire Polosak
- Eloise Sheridan

Details of the international umpiring appointments of NSWCUSA members are:

Gerard Abood

Men's Tour Match

Prime Minister's XI v. England, Manuka Oval, 29-30 November

Mitchell Claydon

Men's U19 International Series

Australia v. India, Ian Healy Oval, 21 September

Australia v. India, Ian Healy Oval, 24 September

Lauren McGill

Women's Tour Match

Governor General's XI v. India, North Sydney Oval, 13 February

Women's U19 International Tri-Series

Australia v. England, Brisbane Grammar North Gate 1, 2 April

Sri Lanka v. England, Ian Healy Oval, 7 April

Australia v. England, Bill Phippen Oval, 11 April

Claire Polosak

Women's One Day International

England v. West Indies, The Central Co-op Country Ground, 30 May

England v. West Indies, The Cooper Associates Country Ground, 7 June

Pakistan v. South Africa, Gaddafi Stadium, 16 September

Pakistan v. South Africa, Gaddafi Stadium, 19 September

Pakistan v. South Africa, Gaddafi Stadium, 22 September

India v. Sri Lanka, Barsapara Cricket Stadium, 30 September

Bangladesh v. England, Barsapara Cricket Stadium, 7 October

Bangladesh v. New Zealand, Barsapara Cricket Stadium, 10 October

England v. Pakistan, R Premadasa Stadium, 15 October

Australia v. India, Ninja Stadium, 27 February
Australia v. India, Ninja Stadium, 1 March
New Zealand v. South Africa, Hagley Oval, 29 March
New Zealand v. South Africa, Basin Reserve, 4 April

Women's T20 International

England v. West Indies, Spitfire Ground, 21 May
England v. West Indies, Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, 26 May
New Zealand v. South Africa, Bay Oval, 15 March
New Zealand v. South Africa, Seddon Park, 17 March
New Zealand v. South Africa, Eden Park, 20 March
New Zealand v. South Africa, Sky Stadium, 22 March
New Zealand v. South Africa, Hagley Oval, 25 March

Women's A Series

Australia A v. India A, Ian Healy Oval, 13 August
Australia A v. India A, Ian Healy Oval, 15 August
Australia A v. India A, Ian Healy Oval, 17 August

Kate Rowlands

Women's U19 International Tri-Series

Australia v. England, Ian Healy Oval, 15 April
England v. Sri Lanka, Ian Healy Oval, 17 April
Australia v. Sri Lanka, Ian Healy Oval, 18 April

Ben Treloar

Men's Tour Match

Cricket Australia XI v. England Lions, Lilac Hill, 21-24 November
Prime Minister's XI v. England, Manuka Oval, 29-30 November

Rod Tucker

Men's Test Match

Sri Lanka v. Bangladesh, Galle International Stadium, 17-21 June
England v. India, Emirates Old Trafford, 23-27 July
Pakistan v. South Africa, Gaddafi Stadium, 12-16 October
India v. South Africa, Eden Gardens, 14-18 November
India v. South Africa, Barsapara Cricket Stadium, 22-26 November

Men's One Day International

India v. South Africa, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, 3 December
Sri Lanka v. England, R Premadasa Stadium, 22 January
Sri Lanka v. England, R Premadasa Stadium, 27 January

Men's T20 International

Australia v. India, Gold Coast Stadium, 6 November

Australia v. India, The Gabba, 8 November

India v. United States of America, Wankhede Stadium, 7 February

England v. Nepal, Wankhede Stadium, 8 February

India v. Namibia, Feroz Shah Kotla, 12 February

South Africa v. United Arab Emirates, Feroz Shah Kotla, 18 February

New Zealand v. Pakistan, R Premadasa Stadium, 21 February

Sri Lanka v. Pakistan, Pallekele Cricket Stadium, 28 February



Rod Tucker

Country Umpire Representative Panel

- Tim Donahoo

In season 1990-91, discussions took place between the President of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' Association, Dick French, and the Chairman of New South Wales Country Cricket Association, Brian Gainsford where it was determined to form a Country Umpire Representative Panel to officiate in country cricket representative programs.

The panel came into being in season 1991-92 and the five umpires on the inaugural panel were –

Kevin Burke, Harry Honeysett, Kim Norris, Kevin Pye and Eric Rowsell.

There have been 58 members serve on the Country Umpire Representative Panel since its inception.

Bruce Whitehouse, Country Cricket NSW Programs Manager, approached the Association in 2018 and offered to purchase caps to mark the number of each umpire. We are very grateful to Bruce for this concept and for funding the purchase of the caps for our members.

All members are listed below in numerical order with the first year they joined the panel and their zone included;

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| 1. 1991-92 Kevin Burke (Newcastle) | 17. 1998-99 Jeff Gittings (Illawarra) |
| 2. 1991-92 Harry Honeysett (Southern) | 18. 1998-99 Darren Goodger (North Coastal) |
| 3. 1991-92 Kim Norris (Newcastle) | 19. 1998-99 Bruce Whiteman (Southern) |
| 4. 1991-92 Kevin Pye (Western) | 20. 2000-01 Neil Findlay (Illawarra) |
| 5. 1991-92 Eric Rowsell (North Coastal) | 21. 2000-01 Colin Stone (Newcastle) |
| 6. 1992-93 Bill Cameron (Western) | 22. 2002-03 Michael Connolly (Newcastle) |
| 7. 1993-94 Phil Gordon (Newcastle) | 23. 2002-03 Glen Crew (Central Northern) |
| 8. 1993-94 Andrew McAusland (ACT) | 24. 2002-03 Don Maisey (Central Coast) |
| 9. 1994-95 Neville Bradbury (Western) | 25. 2002-03 Sam Rees (Central Northern) |
| 10. 1994-95 Martin Jones (Newcastle) | 26. 2002-03 David Went (North Coastal) |
| 11. 1994-95 Chris King (Western) | 27. 2003-04 Col Laden (North Coastal) |
| 12. 1994-95 Rod Ninness (Central Northern) | 28. 2004-05 Fred Hundy (Western) |
| 13. 1994-95 Shane Reed (Newcastle) | 29. 2005-06 Ricky Field (Central Northern) |
| 14. 1995-96 Terry Keel (ACT) | 30. 2006-07 Paul Dilley (North Coastal) |
| 15. 1996-97 Graham Teasdale (Central Northern) | 31. 2007-08 Steve Hackett (North Coastal) |
| 16. 1997-98 Geoff Mann (Western) | 32. 2007-08 Adam Marshall (North Coastal) |

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| 33. 2007-08 Lachlan Walker (Southern) | 47. 2017-18 Gary Crombie (Newcastle) |
| 34. 2008-09 Tony Wilds (Western) | 48. 2017-18 James Figallo (Central Coast) |
| 35. 2009-10 Tony Hackett (Riverina) | 49. 2017-18 John Pearce (North Coastal) |
| 36. 2009-10 Bill Massingham (Illawarra) | 50. 2017-18 Neil Smith (Riverina) |
| 37. 2009-10 Paul Price (North Coastal) | 51. 2018-19 Ken Brooks (Riverina) |
| 38. 2010-11 Chris Cassin (Riverina) | 52. 2018-19 Anthony Hobson (Newcastle) |
| 39. 2010-11 Greg Jones (Western) | 53. 2019-20 John De Lyall (Western) |
| 40. 2011-12 Greg Heys (Southern) | 54. 2020-21 Brenton Harrison (Riverina) |
| 41. 2012-13 Kevin Fraser (North Coastal) | 55. 2020-21 Keiran Knight (Newcastle) |
| 42. 2013-14 Phil Rainger (North Coastal) | 56. 2022-23 Jeff Egan (Riverina) |
| 43. 2014-15 Graeme Glazebrook (Western) | 57. 2023-24 Murray Le Lievre (Riverina) |
| 44. 2016-17 Dave Cullen (Illawarra) | 58. 2024-25 Stephen Wade (Newcastle) |
| 45. 2016-17 Ross McKim (Newcastle) | 59. 2025-26 Rodney Porter (Central Northern) |
| 46. 2017-18 Bruce Baxter (North Coastal) | 60. 2025-26 Kate Rowlands (North Coastal) |



No. 44 Dave Cullen and No. 57 Murray Le Lievre

Country Cricket Representative Program

- Neil Findlay

The 2025-26 Country Umpire Representative Panel (CURP) consisted of:

- Dave Cullen (Greater Illawarra)
- Jeff Egan (Riverina)
- Brenton Harrison (Riverina)
- Greg Jones (Western)
- Keiran Knight (Newcastle)
- Murray Le Lievre (Riverina)
- Rodney Porter (Central Northern)
- Phil Rainger (Newcastle)
- Kate Rowlands (North Coastal)
- Stephen Wade (Newcastle)

The CURP was restructured for this season with State Umpire Panel members, Jeff Egan and Kate Rowlands, both of whom live in Country NSW, being included on the Panel. This increased the membership of the CURP from eight to ten umpires.

Rodney Porter also replaced Graeme Glazebrook who stood down from the Panel. Graeme was a member of the CURP for eleven seasons (2014-2025). During this time, he set the standard for other members of the Panel, winning the Country Umpire of the Year Award on six consecutive occasions. He umpired in eight Men's Country Championship Finals, six Men's Plan B Country Bash T20 Finals, one Country Shield Final and one Bradman Cup Final. He also officiated at six Australian Country Cricket Championships where he umpired two Men's Finals. His preparation, teamwork, match management, fieldcraft and decision making were always of an exceptionally high standard. He welcomed feedback and responded positively to all observations, and he offered subtle leadership whenever the opportunity arose.

Once again, the focus of the CURP was on continuous improvement. To this end, members of the Panel developed individual Performance Plans for the season and submitted specific match goals before each appointment. They were also expected to complete self-assessments after each match or Carnival and at the end of the season. In addition, when a Match Referee was appointed, each umpire was observed and subsequently received a performance feedback report.

Kate Rowlands is to be congratulated on winning the Kevin Pye Medal for being the Country Umpire of the Year. Her preparation, teamwork, match management, decision making and fieldcraft were all strong features of her umpiring and she always embraced feedback. Kate was appointed to the Country Colts Carnival (Central Coast) where she performed creditably.

In addition, as a member of the State Umpire Panel, she received the following Cricket Australia appointments:

- T20 Spring Challenge – 4 matches (Cricket Central / Blacktown International Sports Park).
- Under 19 Female National Championships (Central Coast / Newcastle), including the Final.
- WNCL – 3 matches (Cricket Central).
- Women's 2nd XI – 2 matches (Cricket Central / Blacktown International Sports Park).
- Under 19 Female International Tri-Series – Australia / England / Sri Lanka (Brisbane).

The complete appointments of all members of the Panel are acknowledged in the Representative Appointments section of the Annual Report.



Graham Moon, Bill Battise, Peter Smith, Graham Rose, Bruce Baxter and Dennis Chaplin
at the U14 and U16 Country Challenge in Dubbo

Administration



Membership

- Adam Singleton

The Association inducted 161 new members during 2025-26. New members were welcomed at each OGM during the season, including a remarkable 91 members at the September OGM. Total net membership decrease for the year is one.

The Association's volunteer trainers, overseen by Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak, play a pivotal role in the recruitment and retention of NSWCUSA members and are thanked for another impressive performance. The Association's winter training program was extensive across regional and metropolitan areas, which, alongside online training courses, contributed to the significant intake in September. The Scorers' Committee, chaired by Adrian Tham, facilitated two scorer training courses during the season. These courses were held in September and February at Cricket Central, introducing new and experienced scorers alike to the nuances of the craft and to the Association.

It is with sadness and regret that we note the passing of Tony Van Den Nieuwenhof, Graham Reed OAM, Wayne Solomons, Don Voegt and Rick Wegner. All contributed to the Association in a positive manner during their lifetimes and they are recognised in the obituaries.

Below is a breakdown of the membership categories within the Association:

Life Member	22
Principal Member	66
Full Member – Umpire	438
Full Member – Scorer	11
Ordinary Member	707
Scorer Member	49
Junior Member	9
Honorary Member	2
Affiliated Associations	42

TOTAL: 1346

Years of Service

- Adam Singleton

It is essential that we recognise members who have dedicated themselves to the Association for a number of years. They are the people allowing the Association to thrive and prosper.

45 years

Terry New, Ian Thomas

40 years

Shaun Amy, Tim Donahoo, Darrell Hair, Tony Morgan, Kevin Pye, Gordon Smith, Anthony Spratt, Peter Tate, David Wiseman

35 years

Jim Cameron, Geoff Dix, Barry Elliott, Ron White

30 years

Bill Ashe, Nick Carson, Bob Davis, Wendy Oliver, Stephen Stoyko

25 years

Gerard Abood, Bruce Baxter, David Berridge, Tom Cooper, David Everingham, Maurice Ford, Craig Hambleton, Geoff Hasler, David Hickey, Alan Hollebrandse, Chris Kearney, David Lewis, Cameron McGinn, Darren McMartin, John Oliver, Matthew Rouse, Roger Spindler, David Went



20 Years of Service Greg Jones, Jeff Egan, Claire Polosak and Marc Nickl

20 years

Kevin Battishill, Ian Bendall, Vijay Bharadwaj, Ian Cannon, Brad Cole, Patrick Dobbin, Jeff Egan, Ian Finlay, Greg Jones, John Kilford, Murray Le Lievre, David Lemon, Craig Lobegeier, Rob Maloney, Geoffrey Mansfield, William Massingham, Stuart McCarthy, Stephen McClue, Adam Morehouse, Marc Nickl, Shaun Perry, Catherine Polglase, Claire Polosak, Phil Rainger, Derek Smith, Neil D Smith, Andrew Steindler, Matthew Tabbernor, Ernie Tink, Geoff Verco, Anthony Wilds

15 years

Richard Aitkins, Tony Bergman, Satish Bhadranna, Shahid Bhatti, Anthony Booth, Ken Brooks, Robert Brown, Matthew Campbell, John Cullen, Keith Davies, Ross Denny, Mark Frecklington, Michael Gal, Adam Gauci, Victor Gauci, Ben Gorham, Philip Holz, Roberto Howard, Paul Johnson, Andrew Kennedy, Keiran Knight, Ian Lewis, Simon Lightbody, Raymond Marshall, Darren Mattison, Ross McKim, Troy Penman, Angus Ridge, Mark Ronson, James Salkeld, James Seville, David Single, Kip Skelly, Andrew Thomas, Aaron Vella, Frankie Ulcigrai

10 years

Edward Bailey, Vincent Calabro, Stephen Cameron, Anthony Carr, Joe Catanzariti, Andrew Coates, Mark Coles, Katie Collins, Denis Crowley, Michael Dennis, Liam Dillon, Simon Dodwell, Roger Doughty, Myles Egan, Bradley Ehrke, Shane Evans, Clay Finnemore, Charlie Greer, Dale Greer, Peter Hennessy, Stephen Hill, Aidan Hughes, Timothy Inman, Dhanushka Jayakody, Christopher Jurgeit, Dacre King, Luke Knight, Ross Maben, Ben McRae, Russell Miles, Joe Ottaviano, John Pearce, Rodney B Porter, Ian Pryde, Scott Pryde, Vir Raheja, Gary Roeder, Shariful Rony, Bede Sajowitz, David Scribner, Ramadurai Srinivasan, Neil J Smith, Ronald Smith, Peter Tanswell, Siddharth Thobhani, Sundararaghavan Varadarajan, Kevin Walker, Darren Waterson, Garry Winney, Jim Wood



10 Years of Service Rodney B Porter, Katie Collins, Darren Waterson, Clay Finnemore and Ian Pryde

Obituaries

- Adam Singleton

The below obituaries appear as read at Association meetings during the season:

Tony Van Den Nieuwenhof

September OGM

Member Tony Van Den Nieuwenhof died on 30 June after fighting cancer for the past year or so. He was 71. Tony joined the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association in May 2019, officiating in 45 Shires matches, in addition to matches in the Masters and Classics competitions. Tony came into umpiring on the back of his love of cricket, and prior to joining was a regular spectator at Burwood Briars home games where his son Ben plays his cricket. Upon joining the SSCUA, Tony keenly sought to learn the craft of umpiring and was a member who was always available to umpire on both Saturdays and Sundays. He was a regular contributor to the competition, being appointed primarily in third and fourth grades, but was always improving. If not for his health issues stopping him from umpiring at the end of season 2023-24, there is no doubt that Tony would have pushed to be appointed to higher grades. He was well liked amongst his umpiring peers and was a regular attendee at all SSCUA meetings.

Graham Reed OAM

December OGM

Sadly, we lost a great stalwart of the Association on 5 November, with the passing of Graham Reed OAM. The tributes and remembrances of Graham received from all parts of the cricket community are testament to his vast contributions to our sport. Medal of the Order of Australia, Co-Patron, Life Member, Hall of Fame member of our Association, Life Member of Sydney Cricket Association, First-Class umpire, Cricket Australia Match Referee, SCA umpire observer for 33 consecutive seasons – these honours and recognitions reflect Graham's dedication and service. Yet above and beyond these and his considerable achievements, Graham Reed was the most exemplary person and such a highly respected man and umpire. He was appreciated for the quality of his decision making under pressure, his exemplary people and communication skills, his ability to positively and proactively manage cricket players and matches, his remarkable volunteer service to the umpiring community, his always positive attitude, his willingness to share experience to benefit others, his resilience, and his integrity. Graham Reed was a selfless and humble person and leader, one of the most genuine people you could hope to meet.



Graham Reed and Ian Thomas



Graham Reed and Dick French

Wayne Solomons

September OGM

Principal Member Wayne Solomons passed away on 28 August, aged 75. He joined the Association in December 1998, became a Full member in July 2000 and was honoured with elevation to Principal membership last year, a recognition that was very meaningful to him.

“Wah” was a long serving umpire, a popular and regular attendee at Annual Conventions. A good and humble person, he was honest and completely dedicated to his family and his cricket. A mad Dragons supporter, he was also an active baseball match official. A former executive member of both Tamworth and Northern Inland Umpiring Associations, Wayne umpired in Tamworth, Northern Inland, Central Northern and NSW Country Cricket representative matches. His contributions to these regions were recognised by Life Membership of Tamworth District Cricket Umpires’ & Scorers’ Association and Northern Inland Cricket Umpires’ & Scorers’ Association.

Don Voegt

November OGM

Don Voegt died at home on 5 October. As an umpire, Don was held in high regard, officiating in 176 matches in NSW Premier Cricket, reaching First Grade. He was respected as an effective manager of matches, a clear communicator and a strong and supportive partner. His dry sense of humour always assured an entertaining day in the middle and you certainly always knew where you stood in Don's estimation. He made a significant contribution to the Association in the challenging and important role of Merchandise Officer. As both President of the Campbelltown Camden District Cricket Club and Camden District Cricket Umpires' Association, Don gave generously of his time and experience for the benefit of his local cricket community.

Rick Wegner**November OGM**

This citation regarding the passing of Rick Wegner was prepared and read by Arthur Watson OAM.

Rick Wegner joined the Association in 1973, being elevated to Principal Membership in 1991, one of the first to be so honoured. He was a member for more than 50 years.

Rick and I joined the Executive Committee, as it was then known, at a similar time. Rick succeeded Association stalwart Dick Burgess as Honorary Secretary in 1976, the year prior to me taking on the role of Honorary Treasurer. Two other youngsters were hovering about the scene in that period: Dick French and Alan Marshall.

As Secretary, Rick also assumed the role as Association delegate to NSW Cricket Association.

He performed both roles with distinction until 1985, when he was transferred to the country on teaching service. A high school science teacher, Rick was a UNSW graduate.

Highlights of his term as Secretary included:

- Revision and rewriting of the Association Constitution.
- Development of the extensive training program required for the significant changes to the Laws of Cricket in 1980.
- Strong advocacy relating to Code of Conduct matters.
- Improving the detail and quality of the Annual Report. Rick would painstakingly type out pages of stencils on his manual typewriter and run the pages off on the hand driven copying machine. The job for us helpers was to walk around his dining table, collating the pages into the full report. We even hand delivered copies of it where possible, to save on postage costs.

Aside from his administration skills, Rick was an excellent umpire, reaching First Grade level. I recall partnering him in two Second Grade semi-finals. In the Association's 1985 Annual Report, it was noted "We express our grateful appreciation for the outstanding contribution made to the work of the Committee, to our Association and to cricket in general, by Rick Wegner."

Membership Upgrades

- Adam Singleton

Members attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in July 2025 approved the applications of 28 Ordinary members for upgrading to Full membership. Full membership is required to be eligible to nominate for some committee positions, as well as office-bearer roles. Full membership is also required to progress to representative umpiring and scoring.

The following members were upgraded to Full membership of NSWCUSA:

Rishi Bhatia, Paul Brewster, Paul Brockley, Vikram Chadha, Brett Chase, Akhilesh Das, Marise-Ann Fernandes, Wayne Garrard, Chris Gehrig, Patrick Holt, David Horseman, Syed Humayun, John Kennedy, Simon Lightbody, Lauren McGill, Vikram Mokalla, Paritosh Nandwani, Brian Newton, Darren Parsons, Scott Pryde, Graham Rose, Kate Rowlands, Kenneth Skidmore, Scott Thurbon, Arun Venkatachalam, Manoj Verma, David Williams, David Wood.

Four members were awarded Principal membership of NSWCUSA at the AGM in recognition of their significant contribution to the Association: John Boyd, Dennis Chaplin, Rupert Mathews and Marc Nickl.

The Chair read the following citations:

John Boyd

Joining our Association in 2004, John became a Full Member in 2011. John has been a significant contributor to Cricket Albury Wodonga on and off the field in the time he has been involved, having umpired over 400 matches in the local competition, including 8 local Finals – three in the Provincial A competition, three Limited Overs Cup Finals, and two T20 Cup Finals.

He has also umpired local Finals in the Hume, Leeton and Tumut District Cricket Associations. At representative level, John has umpired in the Konica Cup, the Victorian Country Challenge, Victorian Premier Cricket First XI matches as well as in the Cricket Albury Wodonga Country Week for 27 consecutive seasons, an incredible sign of longevity.

John served the Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association for 16 seasons on its Appointments Committee from 2008 and in 2023 volunteered to assist as a Cricket Australia Ground Manager for the Under 19 Male National Championships when hosted across the region.

Widely respected across the border region, on the occasion of his retirement this season John received an Outstanding Service Award from the MBCUA.

Dennis Chaplin

Dennis joined NSWCUSA in 2009 and was upgraded to Full membership in 2014. In the time since, he has become a stalwart of the Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires' Association, truly deserving of Principal membership.

On field, he has officiated 517 matches, including travelling to Sydney over the years to umpire five matches in NSW Men's Premier Cricket First Grade. He has been a regular feature at Country Cricket carnivals, including Bradman Cups, Colts and both U16 and U19 Female Country Championships, in addition to eight of the last nine U14 Male State Challenge carnivals, traditionally hosted in Dubbo in January each year.

In 2024, he was appointed to the Country Plate Final, as Highlands defeated Narrabri at Hurstville Oval. He has umpired Finals in all grades in Wagga, including four First Grade Finals. In 2025-25, he was appointed to the Final in both Tumut and Tumbarumba District Cricket Associations.

Off the field, Dennis spent 11 years as member of the executive of the Wagga Wagga CUA, serving both as President and delegate to the local cricket association. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the holding of the 2018 Annual Convention in Wagga Wagga, hosting 177 members and guests at the Rules Club.

In 2020, he was bestowed with Life membership of the Wagga Wagga CUA for his extensive contribution locally. Dennis is a highly respected person in his local cricket community and across the State.

Rupert Mathews

Rupert Mathews joined NSWCUSA in 2006 as he began his officiating career and served as an active umpire until 2019. He was made a Life Member of the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association in 2020.

In that time, Rupert was appointed by the SSCUA to umpire 302 Shires matches. Of these, 27 came in finals series, and he was selected to umpire the Shires Fourth Grade Final on three occasions. He also umpired seven matches in Men's Premier Cricket, five of which were in Second Grade.

He has served as honorary auditor of the SSCUA since 2008 and since retiring from active umpiring has spent the last six seasons as an off-field observer in Men's Premier Cricket on Saturdays, and regularly on Sundays in Shires cricket. Last season alone, he provided 42 observations for Men's Premier Cricket panel umpires – an overwhelming majority of those being on Panel 4 umpires, playing a significant role in the development of early-career and lower grade umpires starting out and beginning to hone their craft.

Always friendly and approachable, Rupert brings a positive attitude to all that he does. He has unquestionably provided outstanding service to this Association and the wider officiating community across Sydney.

Marc Nickl

Marc Nickl joined NSWCUSA in 2005, with season 2025-26 his twentieth as an active umpire. He was upgraded to Full membership in 2006.

Marc has umpired 303 Men's SCA matches – including a remarkable 220 in First Grade, which sees him as NSWCUSA's tenth most capped umpire in the grade. Marc has been appointed to umpire four men's SCA Finals, including the Fourth Grade Final last season.

In addition to his experience at Premier Cricket level, Marc has significant experience at a domestic level, with 15 Women's List A matches, 24 Women's T20 matches, and 9 Men's Second XI matches. He has attended national championships and was appointed to a warm-up match ahead of the 2009 ICC Women's World Cup.

He has also enjoyed a distinguished indoor cricket umpiring career in excess of 30 years, which has included officiating in 16 national tournaments and Women's World Cup Finals in New Zealand in 2002 and Sri Lanka in 2004.

Marc has generously given so much of his time mentoring less experienced umpires. He is genuine in supporting several umpires who have benefitted greatly from his wisdom and shared experience. It's a measure of the selfless nature of Marc Nickl in how committed and sincere he is to the development and encouragement of others.

Marc has made an outstanding contribution to our Association, and the officiating community.



Dennis Chaplin and Ian Thomas



Marc Nickl and Ian Thomas

Meetings

- Adam Singleton

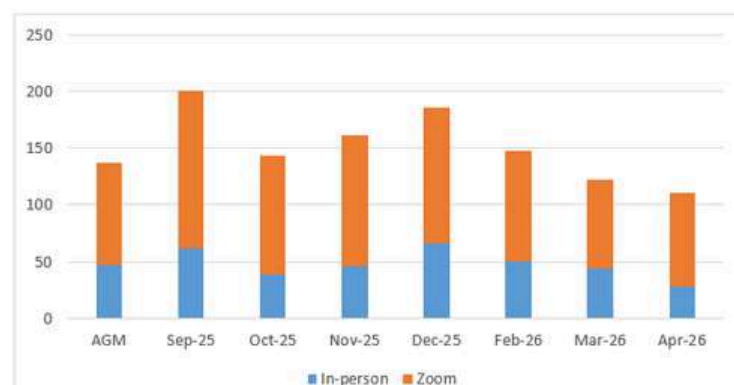
Eight General Meetings were held during the 2025-26 season, comprising the Annual General Meeting and seven regular Ordinary General Meetings.

The AGM was held at Club York on 2 July, with 137 members in attendance, either in-person or online. Stephen Blomfield, Andrew Coates and Claire Polosak were elected as Board Directors to serve a two-year term following a ballot, with Peter Kite the unsuccessful candidate. Laurie Borg and Neil Findlay were re-elected unopposed as Treasurer and Liaison Officer respectively.

Ordinary General Meetings were held on the first Wednesday of each month between September and April, except for January. At OGMs, staff and volunteer members deliver an agenda which provides information and updates, a variety of education and development sessions are facilitated, along with administration, financial and committee reports.

Throughout the year, all meetings were facilitated in a hybrid manner, with attendees participating both in-person at Cricket Central and digitally via Zoom.

Attendance Statistics -



	AGM	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
In-person	47	62	38	46	66	50	44	28
Zoom	90	139	106	116	120	98	78	83
Total	137	201	144	162	186	148	122	111

Subscriptions

- Adam Singleton

At the Board Meeting held on 12 March 2026, the Board resolved to recommend that membership fees remain unchanged for the 2026-27 season. This resolution was presented to members attending the April Ordinary General Meeting. Members unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Board.

Members were invited to renew their membership from 1 May, with subscriptions for the 2026-27 year due and payable on or before 31 August 2026. Affiliated Associations which are incorporated may wish to note that their subscriptions, payable by 30 September 2026, include the cost of the Public Liability insurance as required by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

The subscriptions due, including the GST component, are:

Principal/Scorer/Junior/Full Scorer Members \$27.50

Ordinary/Full Umpire Members \$55.00

Affiliated Association \$20.00



Ben Treloar and Simon Lightbody

Staffing

- Tim Donahoo

The following staff were engaged at Cricket NSW to service the Association and match officials during the year 2025-26:

- * Executive Officer, NSWCUSA – Bede Sajowitz (to 1 August 2025), Tim Donahoo (from 18 August 2025)
- * Administration Officer, NSWCUSA – Adam Singleton
- * Education Officer, NSWCUSA – Ben Treloar
- * Umpire Educator/Female Engagement, Cricket NSW – Claire Polosak (0.6 FTE)
- * State Umpiring Manager, Cricket NSW – Darren Goodger
- * Umpire Coach, Cricket NSW – Neil Findlay (0.4 FTE)

NSWCUSA sits within the Premier Cricket and Country Cricket squad under CNSW's organisation structure. The Executive Officer reports to Chief Premier and Country Cricket Officer, Darren Goodger.

Bede Sajowitz resigned as Executive Officer, effective 1 August 2025. Tim Donahoo commenced duties as Executive Officer on 18 August 2025.

Neil Findlay was engaged as Umpire Coach on a contractual basis, the contract term of nine months expiring on 30 April 2026.

Stephen Blomfield was employed with Cricket NSW on a part-time basis to co-ordinate and manage umpire appointments for NSW Youth Championships.

Our Team



Tim Donahoo
Executive Officer



Adam Singleton
Administration Officer



Ben Treloar
Education Officer



Claire Polosak
*Umpire Educator/Female
Engagement*



Darren Goodger
*State Umpiring
Manager*



Neil Findlay
Umpire Coach

Board Meetings

- Adam Singleton

The Board of Directors met on 11 occasions during the year, being May 2025 to April 2026.

Meetings were held in the Cricket NSW offices at Cricket Central, Sydney Olympic Park, in a hybrid format so Directors were able to join the meeting online if necessary.

Director attendance at Board Meetings:

Director	Possible Attendance	Attendance	Apology
Laurie Borg	11	11	-
Stephen Blomfield	11	11	-
Andrew Coates	11	10	1
Paul Dilley	11	10	1
Tim Donahoo	8	8	-
Neil Findlay	11	11	-
Darren Goodger	11	11	-
Mark Hughes	11	11	-
Sharad Patel	11	8	3
Claire Polosak	11	7	4
Bede Sajowitz	3	3	-

Committees and Office-Bearers



Examination Committee

- Elizabeth O'Dwyer

It is a privilege to present the Examination Committee report for 2025-26.

I am incredibly grateful to the dedicated members of the Committee: Dave Cullen, Patrick Jackson, Michael Meehan and Daksh Trivedi. Their shared expertise, countless hours of preparation, and passion for the game of cricket have been inspiring. I also extend the sincere thanks of the Committee to Ben Treloar, Education Officer and Andrew Coates, our ex-officio Director, whose steady guidance and support kept us on track and ensured our work aligned with the Association's objectives.

The primary focus of the Committee this year has remained on improving our collective understanding of the Laws of Cricket, ensuring members felt supported and empowered to act as umpires with the confidence to correctly apply the Laws to match scenarios as they played out on the field in real time.

Between October 2025 and April 2026, the Committee prepared targeted Laws of Cricket questions for discussion at each monthly Ordinary General Meeting of the Association. Rather than treating the questions as rigid tests, they were designed to spark healthy, collaborative discussions and generate an interest among members in taking charge of their own continual learning and development. The lively debates and thoughtful insights shared by members at each OGM during these sessions highlighted the high standard of officiating in New South Wales, while also accepting that there are always opportunities to improve our understanding and application of the Laws.

Thank you to all members who participated, asked questions, and shared their own lived experience and knowledge with the Committee this season.

Social Committee

- Michael Meehan

Introduction

Welcome, everyone, to the Social Committee report for 2025–2026. I begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the fantastic team on the Social Committee. Our ever-reliable Vipin Bansal has continued to be a pillar of support, while our new members, Leonard Gregory, Sujeewa Kodituwakku, and Chinmay Mehta have all made outstanding contributions to the running of the Social Committee's activities over the past year. Their dedication has been especially noteworthy during the last six months, following my relocation to the Mid-North Coast of NSW.

A special thank you goes to Laurie Borg for his unwavering support of the committee, not just this year, but for many years as ex-officio Director. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our wonderful staff at Cricket Central, especially our Executive Officer, Tim Donahoo, and to Adam Singleton for their ongoing assistance to the committee.

Social Events

This year, we once again enjoyed a wonderful after-play evening at Club Ryde in February, where we welcomed three exchange umpires: Eli Hayes from Victoria, Jason Shelton from Tasmania, and Ryan Sookraj from Western Australia. It was a pleasure to have them join us for the weekend, along with several regionally based umpires. The evening was a great success, with a fantastic turnout. I would like to thank my fellow Social Committee members for their efforts in making this night a memorable one. A big thank you also to Club Ryde for its continued support of this event.

Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation Raffle

While the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation raffle is organised by our hardworking office staff, we were asked to conduct the raffle on the night. The event was a resounding success, although I may have been a bit loud on the microphone! There were some wonderful prizes up for grabs, and I congratulate all the lucky winners:

1st Prize – \$1,000 Crown Gift Card: Anil Pillai

2nd Prize – \$750 Flight Centre Voucher: Darren Goodger

3rd Prize – \$250 Westfield Voucher: Ken Buckland

4th Prize – \$200 BP Fuel Card: Paul Brockley

5th Prize – \$150 JB Hi-Fi Gift Card: Vipin Bansal

6th Prize – \$100 Woolworths Gift Card: James Scott

NRL and AFL Footy Tipping Competitions

We are now well into the 2026 NRL and AFL seasons, and the NSWCUSA Footy Tipping Competitions are in full swing. Participation rates for both competitions this year have been excellent, providing plenty of fun during the cricket off-season. At the time of writing this report, both competitions are very closely contested, with only five points separating the top 18 tipsters in the NRL and the top 11 tipsters in the AFL.

Congratulations to our 2025 competition winners:

NRL Competition Winners

Rank	Tipper	Prize Money
1	Michael Meehan	\$500.00
2	Davern Lewis	\$300.00
3	Jonathon Reid	\$200.00

AFL Competition Winners

Rank	Tipper	Prize Money
1	Davern Lewis	\$300.00
2	Andy Storey	\$200.00
3	Nicholas Dowd	\$100.00

Thanks and Closing Remarks

Thank you to all members for your ongoing support of everything social. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to approach any of the Social Committee members.

Lastly, due to my recent move to the north coast, I will not be seeking re-election to the Social Committee. If you are interested in being involved, please consider nominating yourself for appointment to the Committee. I have truly enjoyed my years on the Committee and found the experience extremely rewarding.

Let's continue to have some fun!

Scorers Committee

- Adrian Tham

The 2025–26 season was another one of renewed energy, significant milestones and ongoing learning for scorer members. From early-season training through to the final appointments of March and April, scorers again demonstrated their commitment to excellence, adaptability and teamwork in an increasingly dynamic cricket environment.

The season unofficially commenced with the Annual Convention at Bankstown Sports Club. Members engaged with sessions on technology, working with umpires, and the discipline of knowing when to “look down” at the scoresheet. The presence of Simon Taufel added great value, with his insights into change management and the Continual Improvement Cycle resonating strongly with both scorers and umpires. The Laws session, led by Sue Gregory and Lauren McGill, continued to be a highlight, and the use of new software NVPlay was showcased to assist in scoreboard roles.

We welcomed new faces into the scorer program at the Convention and were pleased to see increased interest in accreditation and training courses. Members are encouraged to continue identifying capable scorers and guiding them toward accreditation and membership. Our Association thrives when experienced scorers help bring the next generation along the scoring pathway.

Throughout the season, scorer members were active across a wide range of competitions. The Women’s T20 Spring Challenge concluded successfully in Sydney, with Toni Lorraine and Ian Wright appointed to the Final. Once again, Toni and Ian were appointed to the Sydney Test Match. In December, the U/19 Female Nationals in Newcastle and Central Coast saw many members participate.

Several significant individual milestones were achieved. Sue Woodhouse and Janelle Carew made their First-Class debuts in the Sheffield Shield, while Jenny David made her List A debut in the WNCL. In other international fixtures, I was joined by Darren Mattison in the Men’s ODI between Australia and India, where I was thrilled and honoured to achieve my first Men’s ODI appointment, and by Toni for the Women’s T20I between the same nations.

The season also brought technical reminders and learning opportunities. The use of the DLS method in several club limited-overs matches highlighted the importance of scorers understanding the required inputs and maintaining accurate records at every interruption. Members were reminded to confirm with umpires the match-specific playing conditions, ensure correct data entry, and produce par score tables when required. These responsibilities highlight the scorer’s role as a custodian of match integrity.

As the season progressed into February and March, scorer activity remained high across WNCL, the One Day Cup and the Sheffield Shield. Toni and Ian officiated in both the WBBL and BBL Challenger finals matches, as well as the WNCL Final. The season concluded with a landmark three-day women's red-ball match at Bankstown, signalling promising growth in women's long-form cricket and further opportunities for scorers.

The Committee extends its sincere thanks to all who contributed to scorer education, appointments and administration throughout the year. We thank Tim Donahoo for his service as Ex-Officio Director and acknowledge his ongoing advocacy for scorers in an exceptionally busy start to his tenure as Executive Officer. We acknowledge the support of Adam Singleton, Ben Treloar, Claire Polosak, Darren Goodger, Laurie Borg and the Board. Many thanks to Janelle Carew, Toni Lorraine, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright for their dedication as Committee members and for their ongoing work in developing and delivering scorer training.

To all our scorers: thank you for your commitment to your clubs, representative cricket and the Association. Your professionalism, resilience and passion continue to elevate the standard of scoring across the State.

"Because scorers count..."



Toni Lorraine and Peter Garlick

Social Match Appointments Officer

- Michael Schokman

Social Match Appointments season 2025-26 was the busiest of my four years in the role.

More than 450 direct appointments were made, as well as several hundred appointments where umpires were referred to the relevant match convenor to appoint for competitions, including Sydney Sixers, Sydney Thunder, CNSW and Western Sydney Junior Carnivals as well as various district and community competitions.

The Social Match Appointments season starts with the pre-season Men's and Women's Premier Cricket and Green Shield trials, during which over 120 umpires were appointed.

Other notable competitions included the CHS Boy's Tournament at Campbelltown, the Marie Cornish CHS Girl's Tournament and St. Joseph's College Hunters Hill hosting the Trans-Tasman Cup.

The current active list totals 270 active umpires, with 120 joining during the season. This increase in numbers has allowed for umpires to be appointed to local district competitions for the first time on a regular basis, including Inner West/Churches, Northern District, North Shore, Northern Beaches, Hawkesbury, Fairfield, Camden and Bathurst.

The strongest demand for umpires on Saturdays comes from private school, district and junior competitions, particularly on the North Shore/Northern Beaches area. I anticipate we will need an additional 100 umpires next season to meet the ever-increasing number of requests.

The season ended with umpires appointed to several district and junior men's and women's competitions semi-finals and finals. The Jack Pace Shield Final was umpired by Chris Weir and Geoff Garland. It was likely Geoff's final game standing out in the middle and was a fitting occasion to acknowledge his long standing and distinguished career as player and umpire. I wish Geoff well for the future.

Liaison Officer

- Neil Findlay

NSWCUSA has a total of 42 Affiliated Associations. Of this number, there are 15 Metropolitan Associations, 26 Country Associations, and the Gold Coast CUSA. The Affiliates range in size from Sydney Shires CUA, with more than 140 members, to smaller Affiliates like Goulburn CUA, with approximately 5 members.

The Executive and office-bearers of each Affiliated Associations play a vital role in maintaining and developing umpiring in both metropolitan and regional areas and their efforts are to be acknowledged.

Such office-bearers who relinquished long standing roles this season are:

Geoff Hasler (Hornsby, Kuringai & Hills District CUA) – Executive member for 21 years.

Kevin McFarlane (Sydney Women's CUA) – President for several seasons.

Simon Moore (Hornsby, Kuringai & Hills District CUA) – Executive member for 16 years.

Bob Myatt (Gold Coast CUA) – President for 10 years.

Dan O'Connor (Tamworth District CUSA) – President for 10 years.

Outstanding umpiring milestones:

- 650 matches: Rodney G Porter (Illawarra CUA).
- 600 matches: Stephen Blomfield (Sydney Shires CUA).
- 500 matches: Steve Saye (Illawarra CUA).
- 350 matches: Peter Mooney (Sydney Shires CUA).
- 300 matches: Ian Bowman (Sydney Shires CUA), Colin Harper (Murray Valley CUA) and Doug Sandry (Murray Valley CUA).

Principal Membership of the NSWCUSA was awarded to three members of Affiliated Associations at the NSWCUSA Annual General Meeting. Each has been a member of NSWCUSA for more than 15 years and during this time, has made a significant contribution to his Association. John Boyd (Murray Border CUA), Dennis Chaplin (Wagga Wagga CUA) and Rupert Mathews (Sydney Shires CUA) are each to be congratulated on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

At the NSWCUSA Annual Awards Night, two prestigious awards were made to members of Affiliates, The E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal was presented to Mark Frecklington (Mitchell CUA) for an outstanding contribution to his Association, both on and off the field.

The Kevin Pye Medal for the Country Umpire of the Year was awarded to Kate Rowlands (Far North Coast CUSA) for exceptional umpiring in each of her representative appointments.

The Affiliated Associations have continued to be committed to training and development, with many conducting regular sessions during their meetings. Regional Personal Development and Laws of Cricket courses were also presented by NSWCUSA trainers in Albury, Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Newcastle, Orange, Ourimbah, Port Macquarie and Wollongong. In addition, it was possible for aspiring umpires to access the outstanding NSWCUSA on-line Laws of Cricket courses held via Zoom.

NSWCUSA was again represented at many of the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) of the Affiliated Associations, with NSWCUSA Board Directors and Zone Umpire Representatives attending a total of 23 AGMs. Where a Board representative was unable to attend, a report was sent to each Affiliate for tabling at its meeting. Having Board representation at the AGMs of our Affiliated Associations is an important means of meaningful communication between the Board and the Affiliates. All Affiliates are encouraged to invite Board representatives to their future AGMs.

Affiliated Associations

Associated Schools of NSW, Athletic Association of the GPS, Bankstown District Cricket Umpires' Association, Blacktown City and District Cricket Umpires' Association, Camden District Cricket Umpires' Association, Canterbury and District Cricket Umpires' Association, Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association, Clarence River District Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Coffs Harbour and District Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires' Association, Fairfield Liverpool Cricket Umpires' Association, Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Georges River St George District Cricket Umpires' League, Gold Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Goulburn District Cricket Umpires' Association, Griffith District Cricket Umpires' Association, Hastings District Cricket Umpires' Association, Hawkesbury District Cricket Umpires' Association, Highlands District Cricket Umpires' Association, Hornsby Kuring-Gai and Hills District Cricket Umpires' Association, Hunter Valley Cricket Umpires' Association, Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association, Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires' Association, Maitland District Cricket Umpires' Association, Mid North Coast Cricket Umpires' Association, Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association, Murray Border Cricket Umpires' Association, Murray Valley Cricket Umpires' Association, Nepean District Cricket Umpires' Association, Newcastle City and Suburban Cricket Umpires' Association, Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association, North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Northern Inland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Parramatta District Cricket Umpires' Association, Shoalhaven District Cricket Umpires' Association, Sutherland Shire Cricket Umpires' Association, Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association, Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association, Tamworth and District Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Upper Hunter Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires' Association, West Harbour and Church Cricket Umpires' League.

Education and Development



Education Officer

- Ben Treloar

It has been a busy and highly productive period for the training team, with numerous training and development opportunities delivered throughout the season. A sincere thank you to all members of the training team for their outstanding contribution and the enthusiasm with which they embraced these opportunities. Their willingness to share personal experiences and insights—often with great openness—has been invaluable and serves as an inspiration to both current and future generations of match officials across New South Wales.

Over the past 12 months, we have delivered:

- 11 NSWCUSA accreditation courses (nine in-person and two online)
- Six professional development workshops
- 14 Community Officiating accreditation courses, plus an Introduction to Umpiring session
- Early-career umpire development workshops
- SCA Rules Nights
- Country Cricket Rules Night
- Sports psychology session
- Continued monthly Laws of Cricket Q&A publications
- Multiple In Black and White contributions
- Education contributions at Ordinary General Meetings, including sessions from the Exam Committee and shared experiences from members
- Female umpire training days
- The 2025 Annual Convention
- Captains' marks and comments
- Observer reports



Prospective members attending an umpire training course

New South Wales is a vast and diverse state, which makes the scale of this delivery even more significant. The commitment of the training team and management has ensured that meaningful development opportunities have been accessible to members—and aspiring members—across the state.

Throughout the season, we delivered sessions (in some cases multiple times) in the following locations: Albury, Bankstown, Belrose, Bowral, Coffs Harbour, Curl Curl, Dubbo, Lismore, Newcastle, Orange, Ourimbah, Parramatta, Penrith, Port Macquarie, Ryde-Eastwood, Silverwater, Summer Hill, Wagga Wagga, and Wollongong.

In addition to our in-person offerings, we conducted two online accreditation courses. These have enabled the Association to extend its reach beyond New South Wales, with participants joining from across Australia and internationally. This season, we welcomed attendees from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Vanuatu—all of whom are now part of the NSWCUSA community.

As an Association, we can take pride in the fact that well over 1,000 individuals engaged with our training and development initiatives this season, either in person or online.

There are many individuals and groups whose ongoing support makes this possible. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to:

- NSWCUSA Trainers
- NSWCUSA Affiliates and their committees
- NSWCUSA Zone Representatives
- Lee Germon, the Cricket NSW Board Members, and Cricket NSW
- Cricket NSW Foundation
- Cricket NSW Facilities
- NSWCUSA Board Members
- NSWCUSA Management Team
- NSWCUSA Observers
- Cricket Australia and the Umpire Servicing Grant

The 2025–26 season has been a highly positive one for the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association in terms of training and development. The Association continues to expand its membership and extend its reach—not only across the state, but globally.

We now look ahead with confidence to next season, as we continue to refine and enhance our offerings, and prepare to welcome the new edition of the Laws of Cricket ahead of their implementation in the 2026–27 season.

Female Umpire Engagement

- Claire Polosak

The 2025-26 season was a productive and positive one for female umpires across New South Wales. This report outlines participation trends, appointment data, development initiatives and key achievements throughout the season.

Overall, female umpire appointments increased by 21% compared to the previous season, with growth recorded across nearly all competition streams. Importantly, female umpires continued to secure greater representation across all available competitions.

A total of 29 female NSWCUSA members were active during the season, an increase from 24 in 2024-25, reflecting continued growth in both engagement and retention.

The table below outlines the distribution of appointments across competitions and highlights year-on-year change.

Competition	2024-25 Number	2025-26 Number	YOY% %
SCA Men's	105	126	20%
SCA Women's	182	241	32%
Total SCA	287	367	27%
CNSW Pathway	106	68	-35%
Affiliated Associations	160	165	3%
Cricket Australia	-	62	N/A
Youth Championships	-	18	N/A
TOTAL	562	680	21%

While there appears to be a decrease in CNSW Pathway appointments, this reflects a change in appointment categorisation, rather than a reduction in appointments. In previous seasons, Cricket Australia and Youth Championship appointments were recorded under CNSW Pathway. In 2025-26, these categories were separated to more accurately reflect the breadth of representative opportunities available to female umpires. When viewed holistically, the season again demonstrates a year-on-year increase in female umpire appointments for the second consecutive year.

Female umpires from New South Wales were strongly represented across representative and national competitions. Notable appointments included:

- Lauren McGill and Kate Rowlands appointed to the International Under-19 Tri-Series between Australia, England and Sri Lanka (April 2026).

- Kate Rowlands making her WNCL debut in the match between New South Wales and Queensland at Cricket Central.
- Lauren McGill making her on-field debut in the WBBL at Drummoyne Oval, officiating the match between the Hobart Hurricanes and Brisbane Heat.
- Lauren McGill selected for the Cricket Australia Male Under-19 National Championships, including appointment to the Semi-Final between South Australia and Victoria Country.
- Kate Rowlands appointed to the Female Under-19 National Championships, including the Final between NSW Metro and Queensland. Elizabeth O'Dwyer was also appointed to this tournament and performed strongly throughout.
- Leone Mizzi selected by NSW to attend the Cricket Australia Female Under-16 National Championships in Tasmania, including appointment to the Final between Queensland and NSW Country.
- Kate Rowlands and Fiona Leighton, from NSWCUSA affiliated associations, were welcomed into NSW Men's Premier Cricket, where both received appointments to Men's First Grade matches.

The season commenced with the Female Umpire Training Day, held on 31 August at the Pavilion, Cricket Central. With 21 umpires in attendance, this was the largest female umpire focused training day delivered to date. Sessions were designed to prepare umpires for the season ahead and were delivered by members Sue Gregory, Leone Mizzi, Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Kate Rowlands, Ben Treloar and breathwork specialist Emma O'Leary joined the group as well. The strong attendance and engagement reflected the growing commitment to development across the group.

A mid-season development session was held on 13 February, again at Cricket Central and delivered in a hybrid format, enabling online participation, including an attendee from the United States. The session focused on guided reflection, performance behaviours and personal development strategies.

The second component of the evening provided a valuable opportunity to engage with international umpires Eloise Sheridan (Australia) and Kim Cotton (New Zealand), who were in Sydney for the Women's T20 International series between Australia and India. The interactive Q&A session allowed umpires to explore decision-making under pressure, preparation strategies and maintaining consistency at the highest level. The Association sincerely thanks Eloise and Kim for their generosity in sharing their experiences during a demanding international series.

The non-playing season provides umpires with an opportunity to formally reflect on their performances and identify areas for development ahead of the next season. Umpires completed self-reflections and commenced off-season planning to support continued improvement and readiness for 2026-27.

Throughout the year, female umpires continued to contribute significantly beyond on-field appointments, including involvement in training delivery, education programs, committees and the Association's Annual Convention. These contributions are vital to the ongoing development of the Association and the next generation of umpires.

Sincere thanks are extended to all affiliated associations, umpiring partners, presenters and volunteers for their continued support of female umpire development across New South Wales. The achievements outlined in this report reflect not only the commitment and professionalism of the female umpires themselves, but also the strong support network provided by Cricket NSW, NSWCUSA, and its affiliated associations.

The Association looks forward with confidence to the 2026-27 season and the continued expansion of opportunities for female match officials across the state.



Female members attending a training day

Convention

- Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar

The Association's 2025 Annual Convention was successfully conducted across the weekend of August 23 and 24 at Bankstown Sports Club. The venue once again proved to be a suitable setting for the weekend's activities, providing an excellent environment for learning, discussion, and connection. The comprehensive two-day program delivered valuable professional development opportunities for members in preparation for the 2025-26 season.

Play commenced on Saturday with a formal welcome from Andrew Coates, who again assumed the role of MC for the weekend. The first session was an engaging Laws of Cricket scenario activity, providing members with the opportunity to explore and discuss key interpretations and practical applications in match situations. Some members opening the Law books for the first time in a while!

The morning program continued with a nutrition session delivered by Cricket NSW Sports Performance Dietician, Alex Munt, focusing on the importance of preparation, recovery, and maintaining performance across long days in the field. This was followed by Troy Penman's presentation on 'Learning from Mistakes', which encouraged umpires to reflect constructively on performance, embrace errors as a learning opportunity, and apply lessons to future matches.

Simon Taufel delivered a session on the 'Continual Improvement Cycle', drawing on his elite-level experience to highlight the importance of reflection, review, and incremental development. This session reinforced the value of consistent self-assessment and structured improvement processes for match officials at every level.

Following lunch, the convention focussed on technical skill development, with Gerard Abood presenting around onfield ball management and Roberto Howard delivered an in-depth session around the LBW decision-making process. Both these sessions provided practical insights into areas that are critical to match management and decision making.

Claire Polosak then facilitated a session titled 'Limiting Beliefs', which explored how internal perceptions and self-imposed constraints can influence confidence, decision-making, and overall officiating performance. The session encouraged umpires to identify and challenge unhelpful thought patterns, promoting greater self-awareness and a more constructive mindset when officiating under pressure.

After the tea break, Janelle Carew and Peter Garlick jointly facilitated a session on scorebook balancing, highlighting the importance of accuracy, communication, and teamwork between umpires and scorers. The first day concluded with Ben Treloar delivering a video analysis session, featuring a range of scenarios designed to prompt discussion and shared learning.

The Annual Convention dinner was held on Saturday evening in the same room at the Bankstown Sports Club, providing members with an opportunity to socialise and enjoy a relaxed conclusion to the day's formal proceedings. It was fantastic to have NSW State Umpire Panel member Kate Rowlands there, where she was presented with her Country Umpire Representative Panel cap, number 60. The Association also welcomed Daryl Harper as the guest speaker for after dinner. He was very entertaining and shared a myriad of stories from his umpiring days around the world.

Day two commenced with a sports psychology session delivered by former Australian Women's Cricket Team Sports Psychologist Peter Clarke, focusing on the mental demands of umpiring and strategies to focus and have confidence on the field. This was followed by an update from Darren Goodger, NSW State Umpiring Manager, who provided insights into current expectations, pathways, and observations from the previous season for umpires to consider for the upcoming season.

Following morning tea, Sharad Patel facilitated a session around the importance of the toss at matches and how to make the most of the short discussion with captains. Elizabeth O'Dwyer then conducted a second Laws of Cricket scenario session, reinforcing consistency in application of the Laws of the game. Greg Davidson then presented 'Davo's Top Five – GWL', drawing on his experience to highlight challenges, and learning points relevant to umpires when dealing with inclement weather conditions.

The Convention was formally closed by Simon Taufel, Hall of Fame member, Life Member and Patron of the Association, bringing an end to another successful weekend of learning and development.

The Annual Convention remains a significant and valued fixture on the Association's calendar. It provides an essential platform for professional development, alignment with current umpiring standards, and connection within the NSWCUSA community. The Association extends its sincere appreciation to all presenters, and volunteers whose commitment and preparation contributed to the smooth delivery and success of the 2025 Convention.

Observers

- Bob Davis

During the 2025-26 season, six off-field Observers (Errol Cranney, Graham Chudleigh, Bob Davis, Laurie Borg, Rupert Matthews and David Dilley) observed umpires officiating in NSW Premier Cricket matches. All are former umpires.

In addition, four very experienced umpires (Darren Goodger, Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody and Mark Hughes) provided valuable on-field observations for the umpires with whom they officiated.

We were saddened by the passing of Graham Reed OAM (see the Obituaries section of this Annual Report), our senior and most experienced member of the Observer team. An Observer in NSW Premier Cricket across three decades, his wise advice, guidance and friendship will be greatly missed by all his Observer colleagues.

The Observers encourage effective techniques that umpires now apply routinely on and off the field. The Observer team speaks with, and provides detailed reports to, umpires after each observation, to assist the umpires in their careers. Our Executive team manages the Observers' appointments and invites Observer involvement in panel and Finals selections. The role of the Observer is now well understood by our members, and we are encouraged by the warm welcome we receive from umpires when we arrive at a ground.

Our Association believes that all officiating umpires should have the opportunity to progress, and to assist in this, that all are entitled to receive a formal observation at least once during the season, to receive advice, guidance and suggestions for improvement. Observers aim to ensure that early-career umpires have a solid grounding in basic umpiring techniques as quickly as possible, on which to build more advanced ones, and to ensure that the challenge of being an umpire is enjoyable. We assist the more experienced umpires with the finer details of best practice, including the "one-percenters" which can occur in unusual circumstances.

At the start of the season, 155 umpires were selected to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket, and 133 of these stood in at least one Premier Cricket match during the season. Some 93% of these were observed at least once, with most of the others not officiating in the final few rounds. We will make a point of observing them as early as possible next season, if they return.

Our Association welcomed 51 members from regional NSW, Shires, women's cricket, and from interstate and even overseas, to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket matches, and we observed most of them. The high standard of umpiring from these members was noted, and we hope to see them again in future seasons.

Seven Cricket Australia Contracted Umpires officiated in Premier Cricket during the season, most of whom were seen by the Observer team.

In summary, the Observer team completed 282 observations of 156 umpires during the season.

Observers usually discuss what they have seen with the umpires at the end of a session or the day's play, to provide immediate feedback, suggestions, advice and encouragement to the umpires observed, and to provide an opportunity for them to ask questions. A formal report is later prepared and sent, via our Association's Administration Officer, Adam Singleton, to each umpire for reference. Many umpires have replied, thanking Adam and the Observer for the reports, and we appreciate their kind responses.

Observers will usually speak informally with one or both captains during a match, to get their thoughts on the umpires' performances. Most captains understand the role of the Observer and 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, a tribute to our Association's Education and Development team, and to the dedication of our umpires themselves.

We are delighted to continue to report the high levels of preparation, teamwork and communication demonstrated by our umpires. This commitment is essential at the higher grades, and umpires at all levels have shown strong evidence of improving these skills. These areas require continuous and consistent effort for success.

Umpires are encouraged to prepare a short list of match goals, actions which they intend to focus on during the match. This proves exceptionally useful, significantly aids match preparation, and is strongly recommended to all umpires. Observers monitor match goals and provide feedback to the umpires on their success in achieving them.

Observers participate on selection panels for the NSW Men's Premier Cricket umpires, and for the appointment of umpires to the Finals series. Observers take this duty very seriously, and with so many excellent umpires available for the NSW Premier competition, this is no easy task; it takes many hours of intensive effort to complete the selections. During the season, observers are often invited to provide opinions to the Executive team on individual umpires, when they are being considered for appointment to a match at a higher grade.

We are grateful to the State Umpire Manager, Darren Goodger, and the administration team (Tim, Adam, Claire and Ben), for their support, advice and encouragement throughout the season.

We all enjoy what we do, and the feedback we have received from those about whom we have reported is always very encouraging.

We thank all the umpires in NSW Premier Cricket for the spirit in which our activities have been received. We are grateful for your understanding of our role and appreciate your strong support throughout the season. Like umpires, our aim is to improve the service we provide; if you have any suggestions to help us do so, please advise any of us, or the State Umpire Manager.



Gerard Abood and Ben Treloar walk onto the field for the NSW Men's Premier Cricket First Grade Final



Nic Warburton and Darren Goodger walk onto the field for the Poidevin Gray Shield Final

State Umpiring Manager

- Darren Goodger

It is a pleasure to provide this report for the 2025-26 NSWCUSA Annual Report.

CNSW Purpose

To inspire everyone to play and love cricket.

CNSW Vision

Cricket will be New South Wales' most loved and successful sport and we will be regarded as a world-class organisation.

CNSW Values

Humility
Excellence
Imagination
Relationships

CNSW WIG (wildly important goal)

To grow the number of 5-12-year-olds playing registered cricket from 42,980 to 80,000 by April 2026.

NSWCUSA Executive Officer

We were pleased to announce the appointment of Bede Sajowitz as Executive Officer, NSWCUSA prior to the start of season 2024-25. Bede subsequently resigned prior to the start of the 2025-26 season and moved to Melbourne for personal reasons.

Bede commenced employment at Cricket NSW in October 2018 as Administration Officer, NSWCUSA. In September 2019 he was appointed Administrator, NSWCUSA with an increase in responsibilities.

Bede is a person of good character and was a respected member of staff. Bede displayed commitment to the Association and to CNSW. We wish him the very best with his move to Melbourne; personally, professionally and with his umpiring. We were pleased to see Bede appointed to the Victorian State Umpire Panel, to the U19 Male National Championships and to umpire the VCA First XI Final.

Tim Donahoo was subsequently appointed Executive Officer, NSWCUSA and commenced employment at CNSW on 18 August 2025.

Tim is a Life Member of the Association, a former Cricket Australia Match Referee, has umpired Women's International Cricket and Men's/Women's List A Cricket. Tim umpired 14 WNCL matches, including two Finals series. Tim has also umpired 431 Sydney Cricket Association men's matches, 232 of which have been in Premier Cricket First Grade.

He has made an outstanding off field contribution to the NSWCUSA in the training and development space, also as a mentor, director and Chair of the NSWCUSA Board.

Tim is an accomplished and successful executive leader. He is a highly credentialed banking and finance industry professional, with over 39 years' experience managing compliance, credit standards, business operations, complaint and dispute resolution and learning and development. He demonstrated success in leading teams to deliver effective and robust compliance frameworks for one of Australia's leading mortgage broking groups and has been an industry leader in lending compliance standards and advocacy.

Throughout the recruitment process, it was clear that Tim aligned with CNSW values and is acutely focused on the strategic priorities he believes will help progress the NSWCUSA. His passion for the NSWCUSA and his commitment and enthusiasm for taking it forward was evident.

The Board was delighted that Tim accepted the Executive Officer role with the NSWCUSA and acknowledges CNSW for its continued support of the NSWCUSA.

Umpire Panels

NSWCUSA and CNSW were well represented at the game's professional levels:

ICC Elite Panel of Umpires

Rodney Tucker

ICC Emerging Umpires' Group (Women) and Australian Representative on the ICC International Panel of Umpires (Women)

Claire Polosak

CA Contracted Umpire Panel

Gerard Abood

Mitchell Claydon

Roberto Howard

Sharad Patel

Troy Penman

Claire Polosak

Ben Treloar

CNSW State Umpire Panel

Jeff Egan
Patrick Jackson
Lauren McGill
Kate Rowlands

Following Mitchell Claydon's deserving elevation to the Cricket Australia Contracted Umpire Panel, Andrew Hamilton's retirement from the State Panel after many years of loyal service and Bede Sajowitz relocating to Melbourne, all members of the 2025-26 State Panel were elevated for the first time. Each performed with distinction and we may be very pleased with their performance. All received several opportunities to participate in Cricket Australia programs. Highlights for each included:

- Jeff – WNCL, WBBL, WT20 Spring Challenge, Men's Second XI, U17 Male National Championships
- Patrick – WNCL, WBBL, WT20 Spring Challenge (including the Final), Men's Second XI, U19 Male National Championships (including the Final)
- Lauren – WBBL, WT20 Spring Challenge (including the Final), U19 Female International Tri-Series, U19 Male National Championships (including a semi-final)
- Kate – WNCL, WT20 Spring Challenge, Women's Second XI, U19 Female International Tri-Series, U19 Female National Championships (including the Final)

Lauren has moved to Perth to further her studies (Master of Forensic Science). She is an exceptional person and an outstanding umpiring prospect; we wish Lauren the very best in her future umpiring endeavours with the Western Australian Cricket Association.

Australia's Most Capped Test Umpire

Rodney Tucker became Australia's most capped Test Umpire when he stood in the opening match of the Test series between Pakistan and South Africa at Gaddafi Stadium (Lahore) in October 2025.

The email shared below from Cricket Australia's Luke O'Brien on 12 October summarises Rod's outstanding career, highlighting his longevity in the game.

Cricket Australia proudly congratulates Rod Tucker, who today surpasses Daryl Harper's long-standing record for the most Test matches umpired by an Australian. Tucker will take the field in Lahore for the first Test between Pakistan and South Africa, marking a historic moment in Australian cricket officiating.

Harper's record, which has stood since 2011, now passes to Tucker—whose journey from accomplished player to elite umpire has been nothing short of remarkable.

Tucker's playing career spanned 103 First-Class and 65 List A matches, representing New South Wales, Tasmania, ACT, and various Australian XI sides. He amassed 5,076 First-Class runs at an average of 36.25, including seven centuries and a top score of 165.

In List A cricket, he added 1,255 runs and claimed 69 wickets at an average of 28.72, complementing his 123 First-Class wickets.

Transitioning to umpiring in the early 2000s through the New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Tucker quickly rose through the ranks. He debuted in List A umpiring in February 2004 and First-Class umpiring in December that same year. By the 2005-06 season, he had earned a place on the Cricket Australia National Umpiring Panel.

Tucker's international umpiring career began in January 2009 with back-to-back debuts in One Day Internationals and T20 Internationals. Since then, he has officiated in 107 ODIs and 58 T20Is, including the 2016 T20 World Cup Final. His Test debut came in February 2010 in Hamilton, New Zealand, and he was appointed to the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires later that year.

Beyond the field, Tucker has served as TV umpire in 41 Test matches, 71 ODIs—including the 2019 World Cup Final—and 26 T20 Internationals, including the 2014 T20 World Cup Final.

Rod Tucker's enduring commitment to the game and his exemplary career as both player and umpire continue to inspire the cricketing community. Cricket Australia extends its heartfelt congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

Australian Test Cricket Umpires (Top 10)

- Tucker, R.J. 96
- Harper, D.J. 95
- Hair, D.B. 78
- Reiffel, P.R. 78
- Taufel, S.J.A. 74
- Oxenford, B.N.J. 62
- Davis, S.J. 57
- Orchard, D.L. 44
- Randell, S.G. 36
- Crafter, A.R. 33

Rod commenced umpiring in then Sydney Grade Cricket as a member of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association in season 2002-03. He rose through the ranks quickly, umpiring the 2003-04 Belvidere Cup Final, the first of his five consecutive First Grade premiership deciders.

He was made a Principal Member of the NSWCUSA in 2020 and remains a member today.

Rod has always been a wonderful advocate for NSWCUSA, New South Wales and Australian umpiring. He has on several occasions over the years, when interviewed, acknowledged with appreciation the role NSWCUSA played in his umpiring development and how the experiences he gained umpiring Sydney Grade Cricket helped prepare him well for officiating at the elite level in our game.

Rod has been a member of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for 16 years; amazing service and longevity. Throughout he has umpired and carried himself with distinction, displaying wonderful composure, resilience and being able to perform to a consistently excellent standard under pressure.

Rod Tucker enjoys the respect of international players and coaches, and umpiring colleagues. He is honest, a genuine team player, umpires with strength, integrity and humility, always acts for the good of the match officials' team in helping his colleagues thrive, has always been coachable and committed to continuous improvement, and willing to share his experience to benefit others.

CNSW and NSWCUSA congratulates Rod on becoming Australia's most capped Test Umpire, acknowledges his outstanding commitment and contribution to cricket, and wishes him the very best.

Rod was joined on field in the record-breaking Test by umpire Chris Brown (New Zealand), Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid (Bangladesh) was the TV Umpire, while Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka) was the ICC Match Referee.

National Finals

- WNCL – Ben Treloar (Field), Troy Penman (TV)
- WBBL – Claire Polosak (Field), Sharad Patel (TV)
- WT20 Spring Challenge – Patrick Jackson (Field), Lauren McGill (Field)
- U19 Male National Championships – Patrick Jackson (Field)
- U19 Female National Championships – Kate Rowlands (Field)
- U16 Female National Championships – Leone Mizzi (Field)

Congratulations to the eight umpires concerned. We may be proud of the New South Wales representation in Cricket Australia National Finals in season 2025-26.

CNSW Representative Umpire of the Year

Congratulations to Ben Treloar, who was the recipient of the Representative Umpire of the Year at the CNSW Awards Night held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 1 April.

The Representative Umpire of the Year is awarded for excellence in performance in Cricket Australia competitions in the current season.

Ben had an outstanding season, officiating in seven Sheffield Shield matches, two matches in the Men's One-Day Domestic Cup, 11 BBL fixtures, the WNCL Final and the Prime Minister's XI match against England.

Across all fixtures, he recorded a correct decision-making percentage of 98.71.

In men's Premier Cricket, Ben umpired his 200th First Grade match in the First Grade Final, being appointed to his sixth consecutive Belvidere Cup decider.

Ben was a most deserving recipient of the Representative Umpire of the Year, receiving this honour for the first time. He spoke humbly, paying great tribute to the NSWCUSA for its contribution to his development as an umpire.

To cap off a remarkable season, Ben was voted MVP by his colleagues on the Cricket Australia Contracted Umpire Panel.

Cricket Australia National Championships

New South Wales was well represented:

- U19 Male – Patrick Jackson, Lauren McGill. Both were appointed to umpire a semi-final, while Patrick was appointed to umpire the Final.
- U19 Female – Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Kate Rowlands, Steve Wade. Kate was appointed to umpire a semi-final and the Final.
- U17 Male – Jeff Egan.
- U16 Female – Leone Mizzi, who was appointed to umpire the Final.

CNSW Umpire Coach

Neil Findlay was employed as CNSW Umpire Coach, a nine-month contract which concluded on 30 April, to work with the NSW State Umpire Panel. Thank you to Neil for his work and genuine commitment. Neil has lived our values, been the ultimate professional and done an excellent job. The umpires have been the beneficiary of his exemplary dedication, shared experience and detailed constructive feedback. It is my hope that Neil will rejoin the Premier and Country Cricket squad and CNSW staff on 1 August in time for the 2026-27 cricket season.

Umpire Exchange

We were pleased to host umpires from Victoria (Eli Hayes), Tasmania (Jason Shelton) and Western Australia (Ryan Sookraj), each of whom umpired a round 14 men's Premier Cricket First Grade fixture in Sydney:

St George v. Northern District, Hurstville Oval, Umpires: Eli Hayes and Claire Polosak
Parramatta v. Eastern Suburbs, Old Kings Oval, Umpires: Jason Shelton and Ben Treloar
Sydney University v. Randwick Petersham, University No. 1 Oval, Umpires: Troy Penman and Ryan Sookraj

Thank you to Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Tim Donahoo, Mark Hughes, Rupert Mathews, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Ben Treloar for their support of the umpire exchange program.

Jeff Egan (to Melbourne), Bob McGregor (to Hobart), Nic Warburton (to Perth) represented NSWCUSA on exchange, each standing in a two-day First Grade match.

St Kilda v. Northcote, Albert Park, Umpires: Jeff Egan and Chris Grant
Clarence v. New Town, Kangaroo Bay Oval, Umpires: Bob McGregor and Brayden Seabourne
Melville v. University, Tompkins Park, Umpires: Ahmad Khan and Nic Warburton

Each performed very well, benefitted from and enjoyed their interstate experience. We express our gratitude to Darren Close (CTAS), Geoff Joshua (CVIC) and John Sherry (WACA) for hosting our umpires, for providing detailed and constructive feedback on their performance, and for their collaboration with the umpire exchange.

Country Umpires in Men's Premier Cricket

We were pleased to welcome the following country umpires to men's premier cricket in season 2025-26:

- CENTRAL COAST James Figallo, Josh Watt
- CENTRAL NORTHERN Rodney Porter
- GREATER ILLAWARRA Paul Brockley, Dave Cullen
- NEWCASTLE Matt Bundy, Fiona Leighton, Phil Rainger, Neil Smith, Scott Thomas, Steve Wade
- NORTH COASTAL Colin Coelho, Kate Rowlands, Owen Turner, Ricky Welsh
- RIVERINA Dennis Chaplin, Jeff Egan, Murray Le Lievre, Anthony McGettigan, Graham Moon, Neil Smith, Matt Whitty
- WESTERN Greg Jones, Doug Sandry

We hope these country members enjoyed the experience and commend them on accepting the challenge to umpire Premier Cricket. Thank you to the NSWCUSA for supporting country umpires by contributing financially to their accommodation and travel expenses. This is viewed as a worthwhile investment by the Board, Management and Sydney Cricket Association.

Country Umpire Representative Panel

2025-26

- CENTRAL NORTHERN Rodney Porter
- GREATER ILLAWARRA Dave Cullen
- NEWCASTLE Keiran Knight, Phil Rainger, Steve Wade
- NORTH COASTAL Kate Rowlands
- RIVERINA Jeff Egan, Brenton Harrison, Murray Le Lievre
- WESTERN Greg Jones

Congratulations are offered to all members of the Country Panel for their commitment and on their performances in season 2025-26. They do a wonderful job servicing country cricket representative programs, representing NSWCUSA with distinction.

Independent Country Umpire Selectors (Bruce Baxter and Graham Chudleigh) are considering the 2026-27 CURP at present, noting the panel will comprise eight members and be announced on 1 July. Brenton Harrison (cap no. 54) and Murray Le Lievre (cap no. 57) have advised they are not available for selection in 2026-27. We thank Brenton (Griffith) and Murray (Wagga Wagga) for their commitment as members of the CURP and for their contribution to cricket in their local competitions. We wish Brenton and Murray the very best for their future endeavours and commend them on their performances as representative country cricket umpires. Brenton served as a member of the CURP for six seasons and Murray for three. Both officiated at First Grade level in Men's Premier Cricket in Sydney.

Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation

NSWCUSA held a successful Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club on 11 April. Thank you and well done to Tim Donahoo and Adam Singleton for their organisation, which was of the highest quality.

It was fantastic to see so many scorers and umpires recognised on the night for their appointments, achievements and milestones. The names of Roberto Howard and Mitchell Claydon have been added to the Umpires' First-Class Honour Board in the Ted Wykes Room at the Sydney Cricket Ground, having made their debut in the Sheffield Shield in season 2025-26. It was a lovely moment during the Annual Dinner to see them receive their NSWCUSA First-Class Tie from Chairman Mark Hughes, both being deserving recipients.

Congratulations to all award recipients, but I wish to highlight Bob McGregor receiving the George Borwick Memorial Award and Mark Frecklington (Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association) receiving the Ted Wykes Medal. The off-field commitment and on field performance of both umpires was outstanding, deservedly recognised by the NSWCUSA.

It was so pleasing to have our co-Patrons, Dick French OAM and Simon Taufel, in attendance and to play their parts in making presentations to award recipients. We are blessed to have Dick and Simon as our Patrons.

We mentioned and thought of the late Graham Reed OAM, who had such a massive positive impact on many of us. May we always remember and appreciate those who encouraged us and tried to help us get better. So often, the best way to support people with whom we are working is to help hold them to account. Graham did this with goodwill, grace, dignity, class, professionalism and the best of intentions. He was a most humble person. To live in the hearts of others is never to die.

We were pleased to welcome Cricket Australia's Match Officials Manager, Luke O'Brien, to the Annual Dinner for the first time, and thank him for attending and for presenting some awards.

In a special presentation, Gerard Abood received a plaque from the NSWCUSA on umpiring his 84th Sheffield Shield match, breaking the record previously held by Peter Parker.

In response, Gerard presented to the Association a beautiful, framed field shirt from the match, which was very well received by members and guests, acknowledging and thanking the NSWCUSA for its support over many years. In 2001, Gerard was the inaugural recipient of the Alan Marshall Medal. Today he stands as the most capped umpire in the history of the Sheffield Shield and has now stood in a remarkable 96 First-Class matches, 86 of which have been in the Sheffield Shield. Gerard has made a genuine and sustained contribution to cricket and to umpiring. The late Alan Marshall would have been very proud of Gerard's commitment, his ability and his capacity to so effectively manage cricketers, cricket matches and challenging match situations.

Finals Appointments (Country Cricket NSW and Sydney Cricket Association)

Congratulations are offered to all match officials across New South Wales who were involved in finals series appearances and to all the premiers State-wide. Such appointments are reward for your performance and commitment. This Annual Report provides opportunity to recognise members who officiated in Finals of Country Cricket NSW programs and Sydney Cricket Association competitions in season 2025-26:

Country Championships Final (Male)

North Coastal v. Central Coast, Oxley Oval (Port Macquarie)

Umpires: Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger

Match Referee: Neil Findlay

Plan B Country Bash Final (Male)

North Coastal v. Greater Illawarra, Sydney Cricket Ground

Umpires: Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger

Match Referee: Neil Findlay

Country Plate Final (Male)

Singleton v. CAW District, Pratten Park

Umpires: Paul Brockley and Darren Goodger

Plan B Regional Bash Final (Female)

Central Coast Rush v. Western Outlaws, Sydney Cricket Ground

Umpires: Sujeewa Kodituwakku and Arun Shankar

Match Referee: Neil Findlay

U19 Country Championships (Female)

South West v. The New Coasters, Wiigulga Sports Complex

Umpires: Bill Battese and Bruce Baxter

Match Referee: Bruce Whitehouse

U16 Country Championships (Female)

Newcastle v Central Coast, Bradman Oval

Umpires: Paul Brockley and David Stewart

Match Referee: Neil Findlay

Belvidere Cup (Men's Premier Cricket First Grade)
Eastern Suburbs v. Manly Warringah, Cricket Central Oval
Umpires: Gerard Abood and Ben Treloar
Reserve: Patrick Jackson
Match Referee: Neil Findlay

First Grade Limited Overs Cup (Men's)
Fairfield-Liverpool v. Eastern Suburbs, Rosedale Oval
Umpires: Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar

Albert Cup (Men's Premier Cricket Second Grade)
Manly Warringah v. Northern District, Manly Oval
Umpires: Sharad Patel and Troy Penman
Reserve: Andrew Hamilton

Mitchell Cup (Men's Premier Cricket Third Grade)
Western Suburbs v. Northern District, Pratten Park
Umpires: Bob McGregor and Andrew Yarad

Reid Cup (Men's Premier Cricket Fourth Grade)
St George v. UNSW, Hurstville Oval
Umpires: Darren Goodger and Nic Warburton

David Sherwood Cup (Men's Premier Cricket Fifth Grade)
Fairfield-Liverpool v. Parramatta, Rosedale Oval
Umpires: Daniel Marshall and Marc Nickl

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup (Men's)
Randwick Petersham v. Western Suburbs, Coogee Oval
Umpires: Greg Davidson and Simon Lightbody

Poidevin-Gray Shield (U21 Male)
Mosman v. Bankstown, Allan Border Oval
Umpires: Darren Goodger and Nic Warburton

A.W. Green Shield (U16 Boys)
Northern District v. Parramatta, Mark Taylor Oval
Umpires: Alan Monaghan and Marc Nickl

Ruth Preddey Cup (Women's First Grade)
Gordon v. Sydney, Drummoyne Oval
Umpires: Sue Gregory and Shannon McEwan

Women's Second Grade

Parramatta v Sydney, Merrylands Oval

Umpires: Gavin Mallawaratchy and Elizabeth O'Dwyer

Women's Third Grade

Manly Warringah v. Sydney, Balgowlah Oval

Umpires: Katie Collins and Praba Subramaniam

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup (Women's)

Sydney v. Campbelltown Camden, Hurstville Oval

Umpires: Sue Gregory and Leone Mizzi

Brewer Shield (U18 Women's)

Penrith v. Blacktown, Howell Oval

Umpires: Andrew Searle and Peter Tate

R.B. Clark Cup (Shires First Grade)

Warringah v. Burwood Briars, Bankstown Oval

Umpires: Stephen Blomfield and Ian Pryde

First Grade Limited Overs (Shires)

Warringah v. North West Sydney, Weldon Oval

Umpires: Simon Dodwell and Ian Pryde

S.J. Mayne Trophy (Shires Second Grade)

Warringah v. North West Sydney, Weldon Oval

Umpires: Simon Dodwell and Scott Pryde

J.B. Hollander Cup (Shires Third Grade)

Warringah v. Mount Pritchard Southern Districts, Frank Gray Oval

Umpires: Stewart Dunbar and Rob Maloney

Harry Culbert Trophy (Shires Fourth Grade)

Auburn v. Warringah, George Parry Oval

Umpires: Ian Fletcher and Geoff Wheeler

Tim Creer Cup (Shires Fifth Grade)

Balmain South Sydney v. Mount Pritchard Southern Districts, L.M. Graham Reserve

Umpires: Peter Mullane and Andrew Steindler

Frank Gray Shield (Shires U24)

Warringah v. North West Sydney, Weldon Oval

Umpires: Stephen Blomfield and Scott Pryde

Scorecards for all finals may be accessed via the PlayCricket App.

Umpire Servicing and Accreditation Grants

We sincerely thank CNSW for its genuine investment in match officiating through the provision of the umpire servicing and accreditation grants each year. NSWCUSA is in a sound financial position due to this investment and the excellent management of its finances by the Board, in particular Treasurer, Laurie Borg. Laurie leads and acts with care, wisdom, good judgement and exceptional planning. My thanks are offered to Laurie for his prudent financial management and for his support with all matters budget and expenditure.

NSWCUSA Management

To the NSWCUSA, it's a wonderful organisation with great spirit. We owe much to those who dug the well and have gone before us. We have excellent systems in place, which allow us to recruit, train, educate, develop, retain and promote high quality. To our current management team of Tim, Adam, Ben, Claire and Neil ... I offer my thanks for your commitment and all you do to progress the NSWCUSA. Each is committed, sincere and works very hard.

Neil Findlay has been a wonderful addition to the team. Congratulations on an excellent first season coaching our State Umpire Panel, and thanks for making such a difference. Neil is an outstanding dedicated umpire coach.

Tim Donahoo did a brilliant job organising the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation, so well supported by Adam Singleton. Tim commenced as Executive Officer at the most challenging time, just before the start of the season. I can think of at least four highly positive initiatives under his leadership, with much more to come and I appreciate how he has continued to build community among the Association, while at the same time looking to future proof it. He has revamped our monthly OGMs, with members responding positively to a varied format. We have much to look forward to in the coming years. We look forward to the outcomes from the work of the two sub-committees initiated by Tim; the Strategic Planning and Governance Review sub-committees are well advanced in their activities.

Adam has completed two seasons now, having brought an amazing work ethic to his role. In my travels, so many comment about his excellent phone manner, his attention to detail, his immediate action and follow up to requests. Like Troy Penman, Sharad Patel, Jay Lenton, Nic Bills and Bede Sajowitz before him, Adam has been an outstanding addition, and like each of them, Adam will go onto bigger and better things in our game. We wish him only the best as he builds his career in sports administration. He is a blessing to our team. On field, 726 runs at 48 for St George is a rock-solid performance in season 2025-26. At just 22, Adam has a bright future, on and off field.

Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak are outstanding in their education and training roles. We are in such a healthy position State-wide due to their commitment. Thank you to both for their continued delivery of excellence. Our members and our affiliated associations respect them and trust their messages. They are world class umpire educators. Ben is rising through the national umpiring system on the back of his ability and performance, unwavering consistent commitment, and being a person of exemplary character. He is a great role model.

Having performed to an excellent standard in New Zealand in the bilateral women's international series between the White Ferns and South Africa, Claire is preparing for the Women's T20 World Cup being hosted in England and Wales in June and July. This will be Claire's ninth ICC Women's World Cup.

SCA and CNSW

To the Sydney Cricket Association, we offer thanks for the privilege of umpiring in such a high quality and well managed Premier Cricket competition. Equally, to the players who provide us such enjoyment, and all the wonderful club volunteers who look after us so well, we are very appreciative. Sean Mantle and Luke Mace both do an exceptional job managing the men's and women's competitions, and we offer our thanks to these fine cricket administrators.

To CNSW, we offer our thanks for continuing to support match officials so effectively. What we have in this State is unique and I believe NSWCUSA justifies the faith CNSW places in it to deliver best practice training and development programs to allow our scorers and umpires to improve and progress. May this long be the case.

Sincere thanks are offered to our SCA Umpire Observers, who do an excellent job providing quality and constructive feedback to our men's Premier Cricket umpires. To Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Greg Davidson, Bob Davis, David Dilley, Simon Lightbody and Rupert Mathews, thank you for your commitment, your attention to detail and your care as you go about helping our umpires develop and improve.

Thanks and acknowledgements:

- The NSWCUSA Board, in particular Chairman Mark Hughes for his calm, measured, understated, sensible and effective leadership.
- Cricket Australia, for the opportunities provided to our umpires to officiate at national level.
- To Luke O'Brien (Match Officials Manager), Ian Lock (National Umpire Coach), Damien Mealey (Chairman of Selectors, Umpires), Richard Patterson (Umpire Performance Coach) and Paul Wilson (Umpire Selector and Appointments), we extend our thanks and appreciation for their collaboration and professionalism.
- Umpiring staff in Tim Donahoo, Neil Findlay, Claire Polosak, Adam Singleton and Ben Treloar for their hard work, commitment to excellence and our members.
- CNSW Competitions staff in Stephen Blomfield, Sean Mantle and Luke Mace, who do consistently superb work in an understated manner. Sean Mantle has been excellent in his first season as Head of Premier and Country Cricket. His leadership, management, organisation, communication and work ethic were all first class.
- Nic Bills, previous Head of Premier and Country Cricket, who moved to Adelaide prior to the start of the 2025-26 cricket season, having secured the Coaching and Talent Manager role at South Australian Cricket Association. Nic was outstanding in his role at CNSW.

- Chris Beecher, Stephen Blomfield, Bede Sajowitz and Troy Penman for their assistance to the NSWCUSA during peak work periods. Each undertook projects to support the Executive Officer, very much appreciated by Board and Management.
- All our Country Zone Umpire Representatives and Country Umpire Coach (Neil Findlay).
- Our umpire observers, selectors and match referees in Country Cricket NSW and Sydney Cricket Association programs.
- Bruce Baxter and Graham Chudleigh for their work as Independent Umpire Selectors for Country Cricket. Each attended carnivals throughout the season and are well placed to select the Country Umpire Representative Panel for season 2026-27.
- CNSW for all it provides to support match officials in New South Wales. To Lee Germon (CEO), Chairman John Knox and the NSW Cricket Board, we extend our thanks and appreciation for the many opportunities afforded to umpires and scorers to be involved in the game we love via CNSW competitions and representative programs, and for the provision of significant grants to support our administration, membership, education and development initiatives. The faith placed in the NSWCUSA to manage umpiring and scoring is appreciated and heartening. It is a healthy and unique relationship in Australian cricket. The results are clear to see.
- Communications staff at CNSW for consistently publicising match officials and their achievements in such a positive manner. We acknowledge with appreciation Caitlin Greenwood and Matthew Taylor.
- CNSW Match Operations staff under the guidance of Clare Crewdson for their professionalism, collaboration and care for our umpires and scorers.
- All our representative scorers who do such a great job. Their achievements are acknowledged elsewhere in this Annual Report. The debuts of Adrian Tham (Men's ODI), Janelle Carew (First-Class), Sue Woodhouse (First-Class), and Jenny David (Women's List A) were true highlights.
- All members ... you are the heartbeat of NSWCUSA; we appreciate your resilience, your contribution to cricket and all you do to serve the game you love.

Conclusion

NSWCUSA is in a strong position and relevant in Australian Cricket, sitting in the Premier and Country Cricket Squad at CNSW. There are four teams in the squad – Coach Education and Development, Country Cricket, Premier Cricket and Match Officials (NSWCUSA). The Association has a fine management, administration and education team in place, committed to the membership and affiliated associations. The search for improvement and better ways of doing things continues. There is a strong feeling of community, with so many selfless match officials and volunteers who are committed to our great game. The spirit in the Association is alive and real.

An authentic commitment to excellence, a strong work ethic with a positive attitude, learning from when we fail, commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration, focusing on what is important now, living CNSW values and developing our own, and continuing to develop our people and their teamwork is what will take us forward. Be all about making what we do today better than yesterday.

Continue to challenge ourselves to think better, do better, and be better. Let's make the next season the best it can be, commencing with the Annual Convention on 22-23 August at The Entrance Leagues Club.

I read recently from Mike Krzyzewski:

Everybody wants to win; everybody doesn't necessarily want to prepare to win. You have to learn to love the process that will put you in a position to achieve greatness, doesn't mean you will because you're not the only person on Earth doing this, but be in the room.

Winning is public. Preparation is private. And most of the time, the private work decides the public result.

There is much for us to consider there, particularly how the quality of, and commitment to, our preparation, the focus we have on our routines and processes, and the environment we help create and contribute to, are likely to lead to improved performance. It is our collective and individual responsibility to do the very best we can for our Association.

Our habits don't just help us to achieve goals; they shape who we become.

Thank you for the privilege of contributing to officiating in New South Wales. I commend this Annual Report compiled by Tim Donahoo and Adam Singleton, and produced by Troy Penman, as an excellent document highlighting the many significant achievements of our people in season 2025-26.

I wish you all good health and much enjoyment through your involvement in cricket in season 2026-27.



Mitchell Claydon

Zones and Affiliates



Central Coast

- David Grainger

The Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association is the only officials' association operating within the Central Coast Zone.

Another season on the Central Coast has drawn to a close and it is with pleasure I submit my report for the season.

It was delightful to commence the 2025-26 season after a very active off-season, featuring two Laws courses wonderfully facilitated by members of the NSWCUSA in July, and a personal development day in September professionally facilitated by Greg Davidson. There was also a tremendous amount of work and planning undertaken by the Executive, with introduction of a fresh new logo and uniform which honours history and provides a modern and professional appearance to umpires both on and off the field.

The express aim of the season was to continue to foster a strong, professional and healthy culture among the members of the Central Coast Association. It again participated in a Pink Round, where umpires are encouraged to donate one day's match fee to the McGrath Foundation. This season, we raised just over \$2,000 and a total of over \$4,000 in the last three years. We also had the opportunity to gather members on the finals weekend to thank sponsors and continued this to our Presentation Afternoon, where we celebrated the end of the season and honoured outstanding achievements both on and off the field.

The Central Coast Cricket Association season started on the long weekend in October with two T20 matches. The competition was multi-format, comprising T20, limited over and two-day matches throughout the season, played on Friday evenings (Women's 1st Grade), Saturdays (Men's and Women's Seniors) and Sundays (Men's Masters).

On the field, the matches were well contested all season. Most matches were well conducted and played within the Spirit of Cricket. The finals series resulted in expected high quality contests, with some very thrilling matches and great outcomes. The Finals were played in a carnival like atmosphere with Men's first, second and third grade Finals played at Tuggerah Regional Sports Complex, and all Women's Finals played at Sohier Park. Congratulations to all the teams that participated and those that were victorious on the day.

Finals Appointments

Men's Two-Day Final:

First Grade: James Figallo and Dave Grainger

This was James' and Dave's second consecutive year officiating together in a 1st Grade Final.

Men's One-Day Format Finals:

Second Grade: Paul McIvor and Mark Ronson
Third Grade: Stuart Owen and Michael Burgin
Fourth Grade: Glenn Robinson and Daryl Webb
Fifth Grade: Brett Rowe and Michael Wheeler
Sixth Grade: Rod Grieve and Greg Briggs
Seventh Grade: Kaustubh Bhakay and Peter Paterson
Eighth Grade: Scott Begnell and Lyle Fry
Ninth Grade: Anthony Booth and Malcolm Emerson
Master's Over 40s: James Figallo and Michael Wheeler

Women's Finals:

First Grade: Tom Maurer and Hamish Millen
Second Grade: David Minogue and Jeff Carswell
Third Grade: Naomi Hepplewhite and Zara Hepplewhite
Fourth Grade: Naomi Hepplewhite and Robert Blandford

Umpire Numbers

This season we saw another strong year for numbers and active members on the field. The Association has a total of 47 members, with 35 of those members active on the field throughout the season. We welcomed eight new members this season, with all making their debut on the field. The strong number of members and the high level of availability meant that we continued to cover more matches in the season than ever before, which included having two umpires per match in Men's 1st Grade for the whole season, the majority of Men's 2nd Grade and Women's 1st Grade having two umpires. We also had exceptional coverage for junior and youth matches throughout the season.

Executive and Office Bearers

The Executive of the Central Coast Cricket Umpires' Association for season 2025-26:

President: David Grainger
Vice-President: Hamish Millen
Secretary: Tom Maurer
Treasurer: Stuart Owen

I thank the Executive team for their great mindset, attitude and commitment this year. They continue to build and lead a great culture and professionalism in the Association. Thanks to Tom for his energy and hard work in driving the many initiatives and events throughout the year. Thanks to Stuart for managing the cash, keeping a tally of the statistics and enabling many of the events throughout the year.

Thanks to Greg Davidson, who, since coming on board this year as the CCCA Umpires Coordinator and Chair of the appointments panel, has really injected his passion for developing umpires and building a strong bridge between the cricket association, players and umpires.

It is always important to have members willing to stand up and invest their time to the successful running of the Association. It would be impossible for it to continue otherwise!

Education and Development

We held two face-to-face Laws of Cricket courses during the off season, both facilitated by the great team of educators from NSWCUSA. A two-day course was held in July 2025, which was well attended and several participants went on to officiate in their first matches during the season. The second course was a one-day event specifically for women, with several nominees pulling out at the last moment, which was disappointing, but this delivered a few learning opportunities for future course planning. Despite the reduced attendance, we still had several women go on to officiate matches during the season.

In September, we had opportunity to facilitate our own development day, where we focused on field craft and umpiring techniques to ready the new and not so new umpires for the season ahead. Greg Davidson willingly shared his wealth of knowledge and experience gained over many years to develop the group of umpires, providing a very valuable opportunity for those who participated.

During the season, we made it a priority for our monthly meetings to devote time to education. During these sessions, we focused on coach and peer observations, captains' reports, playing conditions, video sessions and field craft.

We offer thanks to Ben Treloar, Claire Polosak and the crew of educators from NSWCUSA.

Milestones

Match Milestones achieved during the season:

- 550 matches – T. Booth
- 350 matches – M. Emerson
- 300 matches – T. Maurer
- 300 matches – H. Millen
- 150 matches – D. Grainger
- 50 matches – M. Burgin
- 50 matches – J. Watt
- Debuts – G. Briggs, N. Hepplewhite, Z. Hepplewhite, A. Hoingal, S. Hossain, L. Kavanagh, V. McNeill, P. Paterson

Awards and Recognition

The following members received recognition at the end of season awards:

Col Easy Award for Umpire of the Year (CCCA)

David Grainger

Volunteer of the Year (CCCA)

Tom Maurer

Alf Denham Executive Award (CCCUA)

Greg Davidson

John Gifford 1st Grade Umpire of the Year (CCCUA)

Mark Ronson

Bryan Woolford Best New Umpire (CCCUA)

Glenn Robinson

Allan Reynolds Memorial Trophy (CCCUA)

Lyle Fry

Acknowledgments

We thank Specsavers Gosford, Derham Houston Lawyers, The Golf Factory and Whitey's Rite Price Tyres for their sponsorships. These have continued to help the Association financially and increase our profile on the coast.



Peter Smith and Graham Rose

Central Northern

- Rod Porter

The 2025-26 Central Northern Zone cricket season saw strong leaders and strong umpire associations stand tall in what were, at various points, difficult circumstances across the Zone.

For our Northern Inland contingent, the passing of long time NICUSA Vice President and Life Member, Wayne Solomons, cast a shadow over the start to the season. A long-standing umpire, umpire selector and executive, Wayne was also a Life Member of Tamworth & District Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association and his presence around the Northern Inland cricket fraternity is sorely missed. Northern Inland Umpires' and Scorers' Association has always been managed by a strong leadership team. With Geoff Hoy and Peter Smith at the helm this was no different in season 2025-26. In Tamworth it is Simon Hood, Dan O'Connor and Mike McKenzie managing weekly appointments and any umpire concerns. I cannot thank these guys enough for the support they provide me as Zone Representative.

In Maitland, a series of unfortunate events threatened to derail the season, particularly the abuse and threats levelled at two umpires over the space of one weekend. These incidents resulted in four umpires or umpire delegates stepping aside, while other umpires were considering boycotting games. With long-serving President David Merchant also being unavailable for a large portion of the season due to family commitments, the Association was fortunate to have available the services and experience of NSWCUSA Treasurer Laurie Borg. Laurie was a rock for the Association, stepping in and taking over the reigns. While accepting that Laurie's direct approach is not always for everyone, it was the leadership and control Maitland Umpires needed in the absence of others. Laurie will not receive the credit he deserves, but I am grateful for all his hard work. Well done and thank you, Laurie. Brian Magill (Treasurer and Junior Appointments), as well as Blake Richardson (Representative and Midweek Appointments) were two others to take on important roles within Maitland Association, and their services did not go unnoticed.

On the park, things were busy right across the Zone, with some umpires racking up over 50 matches for the season and others mentioning it was their busiest in quite some time, with regular Friday afternoon appointments being followed by Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon before finally finishing on Sunday with representative fixtures. Added to this were midweek school matches, veterans' fixtures and holiday carnivals, meaning most associations were left threadbare most weeks, but did a great job filling almost every match.

There were many personal highlights for umpires, including McDonald's Country Colts and Male Country Championships and various Youth Championships. Steve Eccles also managed to oversee some international and state veterans' fixtures. The main highlight for the Zone was undoubtedly the justified recognition of long serving Armidale umpire Mike Porter, who received an OAM on Australia Day for his services to cricket across the region.

Ageing umpire rosters, as well as diminishing numbers, are still an area of concern for the Zone, but hopefully the Laws course held at Branxton in May will bolster numbers for the season ahead.

With limited inter council fixtures making it hard to compare umpires across the Zone, the Graham Teasdale Umpire of Year is somewhat a left field choice. Although the recipient did not officiate in any fixtures this season, his worth right across the Zone is unquestionable. A member and executive of many cricket and umpire associations, it was his work keeping Maitland Umpire Association on track under enormous pressure that led to him being recognised. The Graham Teasdale CNZ Umpire of Year Award for season 2025-26 was presented to Laurie Borg. The Encouragement Award was an easier selection decision and went to Brian Magill. Brian's resolve was severely tested this season, however he held strong, showing great resilience, to not only continue as an umpire but also in his roles as Treasurer and junior appointments officer of MDCUSA. Great work Brian.

CNZ Association Final Appointments

Armidale

T20

- 1st Grade – Pete Smith and Al Bonney
- 2nd Grade – Mike Porter and Barry Thomas
- 3rd Grade – Tim Wittig and Tony Haydon

One Day

- 1st Grade – Pete Smith and Al Bonney
- 2nd Grade – Alan Hollebrandse and Dacre King
- 3rd Grade – Mike Porter and Barry Thomas

Upper Hunter

Steve Eccles and Ross Maben

Hunter Valley

John Bull Shield – John Hipwell and Ross Maben
Country Plate – Ross Maben

Maitland

T20

- 1st Grade – Blake Richardson and Rod Porter
- 2nd Grade – Dave Tuite and Glenn Miller

District

- 1st Grade – Blake Richardson and Dave Tuite
- 2nd Grade – Brian Magill and Glenn Miller
- 3rd Grade Div 1 – Dallas Hughes and Neville Foster
- 3rd Grade Div 2 – Steve Clements and George Kuszelyk
- 4th Grade Div 1 – Nathan Mitchell and Darren McClure
- 4th Grade Div 2 – Erwin Taska and Paul Malone
- 5th Grade Div 1 – Lachlan Stewart and Malcolm Rumbel
- 5th Grade Div 2 – Ross McEntyre and Ben Johnson

Tamworth

- 1st Grade – Leon Erich and Paul Purdy
- 2nd Grade – Al Herbert and Andrew McCormack
- 3rd Grade – Andrew Rodgers and Peter Holmes
- 4th Grade – Steve Lalor and Mike McKenzie

Northern Inland

- M. A. Connolly Cup – Peter Smith and Geoff Hoy
- War Veterans – Andrew McCormack and Simon Hood
- U15s – Beryl McCormack



Katie Collins, Shannon McEwan, Sue Gregory and Fiona Leighton

Greater Illawarra

- Neil Findlay

During the off-season, the boundaries of the Greater Illawarra Zone were altered with the Shoalhaven District Cricket Association moving into the Southern Districts Zone. As a result, the Shoalhaven District Cricket Umpire Association also moved into the Southern Districts Zone.

The Greater Illawarra Zone therefore now consists of only two cricket competitions, each with its own Umpire Association:

- Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association.
- South Coast District Cricket Umpires Association.

Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association:

President – Morgan Prosser

Secretary – Barry Ferguson

Treasurer – Brian Whitehouse

Finals appointments:

1st Grade: Keira v. Port Kembla – Paul Brockley and Dave Cullen.

2nd Grade: Wollongong v. Keira – Geoff Dooley and Greg Heys.

3rd Grade: Keira Red v. Wollongong Maroon – Barry Ferguson and John Oliver.

4th Grade: Northern Districts Gold v. Corrimal – Peter Murphy and Jim Scardanas.

1st Grade T20: Wollongong v. Wests-Illawarra – Dave Cullen and Steve Saye (no play).

2nd Grade T20: Northern Districts v. Wollongong – Neil Findlay and Greg Heys.

3rd Grade T20: Keira Red v. Northern Districts Blue – Geoff Dooley and Peter Murphy.

4th Grade T20: Keira v. Northern Districts Gold – Michael Edwards and Rodney Porter.

Women's T20 Division 1: Port Kembla v. Wollongong – Claudia Boiano and Steve Ward.

Women's T20 Division 2: Wests-Illawarra v. Northern Districts Aqua – Rodney Porter and Brian Whitehouse.

Umpire of the Year: Paul Brockley.

This season, there was a small drop in umpire numbers with two umpires joining the Association and five members no longer available.

New to the Association were first year umpires, Briana Chapman and Koushal Kalyan.

Lost to the Association were:

- Will Kent and Greg Miles, both of whom stepped down from umpiring.
- Brian Druery, Dave Kampers and Brett Osseweyer who all became unavailable during the season.

However, with twenty umpires available throughout the whole season, it was possible to appoint two umpires to each 1st Grade match and to most of the 2nd Grade matches.

Education and development:

The annual pre-season Personal Development Workshop was again conducted with 16 members in attendance. NSWCUSA trainers, Gerard Abood, Sue Gregory and Lauren McGill presented sessions on Laws of Cricket, LBW decisions, player / match management, ground, weather and light issues and fieldcraft technique. As usual, all intending umpires were expected to complete an open book examination on the Laws of Cricket and a pre-season fieldcraft session was also conducted for interested members. During each monthly meeting, the Training Committee again led discussions about Laws of Cricket and Playing Conditions scenarios and various aspects of fieldcraft.

Season highlights:

Dave Cullen, Paul Brockley and Steve Ward each took the opportunity to umpire in the NSW Premier Cricket competition. Dave umpired a Men's 1st Grade match, while Paul was appointed to two Men's 2nd Grade matches and Steve was appointed to a Women's 2nd Grade match and several Female Under 18 Brewer Shield matches.

Unfortunately, the long-standing umpire exchange between Illawarra CUA and New Zealand's Central Districts CUSA was postponed until next season, as was the umpire exchange between Illawarra CUA and ACT Cricket Umpires and Scorers Council.

The following members are to be congratulated on achieving significant umpiring milestones:

- Rodney G Porter – 650 matches.
- Steve Saye – 500 matches.
- Frank Ciocci – 250 matches.
- Brian Whitehouse – 200 matches.

South Coast District Cricket Umpires Association:

President – Frankie Ulcigrai

Secretary – Chris Geer

Treasurer – Adam Ison

Finals appointments:

1st Grade**: Lake Illawarra v. Shellharbour – Frank Ciocci and Evan Lane.

2nd Grade: Lake Illawarra v. Gerringong – Ian Newsom and Steve Ward.

3rd Grade: Oak Flats v. Jamberoo – Brian Druery and Steve O'Meara.

4th Grade: Jamberoo v. Gerringong – Robert Denney and Paul Salter.

**The 1st Grade competition was again a merged competition with teams from both the South Coast DCA and the Shoalhaven DCA being involved. Local umpires were appointed to these matches when teams played at home.

Umpire of the Year: Frankie Ulcigrai.

Umpire numbers:

The Association had twelve financial members, but only five umpired regularly. Unfortunately, mid-season, Peter Johnson and Gary Paget, became ill and were unable to umpire thereafter. Fortunately, however, with the help of Illawarra CUA umpires, there were still five regular umpires for the whole season.

There were also five regular umpires who officiated in the Women's T20 competition held each Friday night.

Two umpires were appointed to each of the Grade Finals, with Illawarra CUA members making up the numbers.

Frankie Ulcigrai was appointed to a NSW Premier Cricket Women's 2nd Grade match and a Female Under 18 Brewer Shield match.

Frankie Ulcigrai is to again be acknowledged for being the driving force behind the South Coast District CUA. Without his efforts, the Association would not function as well as it does.

Zone Highlights:

Inter-Association competitions were conducted at both Senior and Junior levels across the Zone. The umpires who officiated in these various competitions were Tejas Bhide, Claudia Boiano, Paul Brockley, John Burgoyne, Ian Davidson, Geoff Dooley, Evan Lane, Rodney G Porter, Jim Scardanas, Steve Saye, Frankie Ulcigrai, Steve Ward.

Greater Illawarra Zone umpires were also appointed to the following representative matches:

- Cricket Australia Veterans Over 60's Championships – John Burgoyne, Ken Doughty, Frank Ciocchi, Barry Ferguson, Frankie Ulcigrai, Steve Ward, Brian Whitehouse.
- NSW Veterans Over 40's Championships – Frank Ciocchi, Ken Doughty, Dave Kampers, Evan Lane, Jim Scardanas, Scott Sigmond, Steve Ward, Frankie Ulcigrai.
- NSW Country Championships / Plan B Country Bash – Dave Cullen.
- NSW Plan B Country Plate Final – Paul Brockley.
- NSW Country Colts Carnival – Dave Cullen, Greg Heys.
- NSW Country Under 16 Female Championships – Paul Brockley, Ian Davidson, Steve Ward.
- NSW Country Youth Championships – Paul Brockley, John Burgoyne, Ian Davidson, Geoff Dooley, Barry Ferguson, Frankie Ulcigrai.

Newcastle

- Kim Norris

I am pleased to submit the Newcastle Zone Report for 2025-26. It was an actioned packed season providing opportunities to officiate at all levels within the local and neighbouring areas of the Hunter and Central Coast as well as CNSW and Premier Cricket in Sydney.

Again, it was a challenging season with heavy demands placed on umpires week to week. This challenge was met with enthusiasm and was well received by participants of the game.

Despite additional personal and work demands encountered by umpires during the season, availabilities remained strong, with many positive comments received from captains and club officials. In fact, the NDCUA achieved a record for the number of appointments made encompassing local and other NSW fixtures.

Umpires managed, when required, the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern App and were able to enhance its understanding among participants of the game.

The weather conditions were kinder during the finals series for this season, with all finals being played out to the enjoyment of all involved.

Again, the ground staff managed to present grounds for the players to a high standard considering the heavy demand placed on them by the various competitions. Week to week they did a terrific job in getting grounds ready, at times in trying conditions. Also, a big thank you to the clubs for the support in this regard – well done!

We again witnessed umpires making themselves available in support of our neighbouring colleagues on the Central Coast and Upper/Lower Hunter/Port Stephens areas involving Youth, Schools, Veterans and Representative - Male and Female matches. This was significant commitment being afforded these opportunities.

Umpires from within the Zone officiated at many fixtures and carnival which are highlighted further in this report.

A women's development league of six teams 'kicked off' the season. This was followed by the NDCA Women's T20 competition which increased to sixteen teams being played in two divisions – Cup and Plate. All participants enjoyed these competitions.

The NDCA Suburban Districts competition witnessed an increase to 71 teams with the competition growing to 9 Divisions. It is pleasing to see the growth in this competition for the enjoyment of all players and clubs.

The associations within the Zone, namely, NDCA, C & S and NJCA continue to offer ongoing and increased umpiring opportunities for umpires. The CNSW & CCNSW representative fixtures and Premier Cricket also offer further appointments for our umpires.

Opportunities continue for the Level 1 Community umpires to officiate in the NJCA competition. Many fixtures are played each week, providing a positive and enjoyable experience to develop individual umpiring skills.

Affiliated Umpire Associations within the Zone:

Newcastle District Cricket Umpires Association (NDCUA)

Umpires covering – First to Fourth Grades, NDCA Suburban Districts Divisions 1 – 9, Development League, all T20 fixtures including NCC Summer Bash, U16's, U21's, Masters, Women's and other limited over matches covering: -

5 Local Councils, consisting of over 17 Competitions covering over 3000 players involving some 208 Teams from over 20 clubs.

Umpires stood in other fixtures including – Various Junior Carnivals, CNSW Youth Championships, Bradman Cup, Veterans matches, School fixtures – Newcastle /Hunter Valley. Other matches included (Male and Female) Country Cricket NSW carnivals. Also, CNSW Country Championships and Colts and Premier Cricket (Male and Female). A large number of appointments we also made to the NPL Winter League.

Additional teams also continue to participate in the C & S Competition.

City & Suburban Cricket Umpires Association (C & S):

The Association has umpires officiating in the C & S competition involving clubs from A Grade to C Grade in three (3) grades involving 26 teams.

C & S Umpires also stand in Junior Carnivals, other representative and school matches within the zone.

The NDCUA & C&SCUA provide umpires in support and development of Community Officiating in association with the Newcastle Junior Cricket Association.

Finals Appointments:

NDCA

1st Grade: Phil Rainger and Stephen Wade

2nd Grade: Matt Bundy and Scott Thomas

3rd Grade: John Davidson and Fiona Leighton

4th Grade: Paul Olsen and David Wood

Tom Locker Cup: Scott Thomas and Stephen Wade (Limited Over 1st Grade)

Royce McCormack Cup: Matt Bundy and Neil J Smith (Limited Over Lower Grade)

Development League: Sebastian Collier and Paul George (Limited Over)

Hamman Cup (Over 50's): John Canning and Graeme Bruce

T20:

NCC Summer Bash: Scott Thomas and Stephen Wade

Denis Broad OAM Cup: Terry Collins and Fiona Leighton

NDCA U21's: John Canning and Ross McKim

NDCA U16's (S G Moore Cup): Paul Olsen and Neil J Smith

NDCA Masters (Gilmour Cup): Scott Marjoribanks and Andy Wright

NDCA Womens (Cup): Fiona Leighton and Elisabeth Houston

NDCA Womens (Plate): Jameen Arm and Glenn Benton

NDCA Suburban Districts:

Division 1: John Arthur and Geoff Scully

Division 2: Alan Nichols and Neil J Smith

Division 3: John Canning and Ross McKim

Division 4: Keith Davies and Vanessa McNeil

Division 5: Peter Quirk and Paul Smith

Division 6: Phil Baldwin and Ash Basnet

Division 7: Chris Kuszelyk and Peter Tate

Division 8: Scott Marjoribanks and Garry Pilon

Division 9: Glenn Benton and Keiran Knight

C & S:

A Grade: Anthony McGreoch and Stan Rippon

B Grade: Garry Warren and Steve Rafter

C Grade: Neil Hayes

Junior Association:

U13's: (Div 1) Koha Waterford

U14's: (Div 1) Harry Scott and Oliver Burns

U15-18's / 3's: Tim James and Sebastian Collier

U15-18's / 4's: Adam Green and Leo Thornton

T20 – Mid-Week

U15 -18's / 1's: Steve Rafter and Stan Rippon

T20 Bash: Neil Hayes and Tom White

Ron Arendts Memorial Shield: Stan Rippon and Felicity Wharton

Graeme Malcom Shield: Allan Frazer and Luke Ward

Umpire numbers throughout the Zone:**NDCUA:**

Total Membership: 75

Active Umpires: 67 (including 5 Junior members)

Non-Active 8 (Including 5 Life Members)

Membership remained stable despite some members exiting the Association over the season due to retirement, family, or work commitments. Pleasingly, actual active on-field appointments remained solid during the season.

C & S and Juniors:

Active Umpires: 57

Non-Active 10

Average umpires appointed weekly:

Juniors – 35

Seniors - 6

Executive & Office-Bearers of Affiliated Umpire Associations:**NDCUA:**

President and Chair of the Board: Royce McCormack

Vice-President: Kim Norris

Secretary: Deepak Shah

Assistant Secretary: Chris Kuszelyk

Financial Controller: Ross McKim

Notable Mentions:

First Grade Debuts: Ash Basnet, Vanessa McNeil, Peter Quirk, and David Wood.

Milestones:

Phil Rainger - 100 Grade Matches

Neil J Smith - 150 Grade Matches

Scott Thomas - 200 Grade Matches

Peter Tate - 250 Grade Matches

Paul Olsen - 250 Grade Matches

Graeme Bruce - 300 Grade Matches

Glenn Benton - 350 Grade Matches

Terry Collins - 400 Grade Matches

Years of Service: (NDCUA)

John Canning - 10 Years of Service

Nick Standbridge - 10 Years of Service

David Stanbridge - 10 Years of Service

Glenn Benton - 15 Years of Service

Ross McKim - 20 Years of Service

Royce McCormack - 45 Years of Service

C & S Umpires Association:

President: Neil Hayes

Secretary: Alf Ellevsen

Treasurer: Steve Rafter

Notable Mentions:

Noel Lewis - Life Member (C&S & NCSCUA) – Retiring Officiating 900 Matches after 50 Years.

Alf Ellevsen – Life Member (NJCA, NCSCA and NCSCUA) – Retiring 700 Matches after 46 Years.

Trevor Hudson – Life Member (NCSCUA) – Retiring 800 Matches after 39 Years.

Milestones:

- Garry Warren: 250 Matches
- Neil Hayes: 300 Matches
- Steve Rafter: 450 Matches

Education and Development:

A Level 2 new umpires' training course was conducted the 9th & 10th August with nine prospective new umpires registering for the weekend course.

The NDCUA welcomed seven new umpires to begin officiating for 2025-26 season.

Continuing an ongoing objective, younger umpires from NDCUA were afforded opportunities to stand in Junior fixtures with the NJCA. These members also were appointed to NDCA Womens fixtures on Wednesday evenings to assist in their development.

The NSWCUSA continues to be available to provide all available support within the Zone to ensure every effort is made to grow umpiring at all levels. Local training officers benefit so much from the support provided to achieve sound results from course materials and presentations. Positive ongoing feedback from players is a testament to the efforts being made in achieving a high standard of umpiring both on and off the field.

CA Representative Officiating Program:

Currently the NDCUA has 20 members who have completed the CA Representative Officiating program. This accreditation supports appointments to higher representative fixtures in CNSW & CCNSW programs. Several members have been rewarded with such appointments during the season.

Additional members have expressed an interest in undertaking the program. The CA ROP is currently being reviewed and being updated. Once this review has been completed, those umpires will be invited to complete and attain this valuable accreditation.

Other Fixtures Zone Umpires Officiated in 2025-26:

- Country Youth Championships U12's, U13's, U14's U15's, U17's, U19's – Male/Female
- Community Cup, Chappelow Cup, John Bull Shield
- Greater Hunter Rep – U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's

- NSW CHS Girls Carnival - Newcastle
- NSWCHSSA Boys Championships
- Combined Independent Schools Carnival - Maitland
- Veterans – Newcastle / Raymond Terrace
- NPL 4.0 – Winter Competition
- A W Green Shield, Poidevin Gray Shield, Brewer Shield (T20) – Sydney/Newcastle
- City-Country U16's Challenge
- NSW Premier Cricket
- NSW Men's/Womens Country Championships/ (Male) Colts
- Regional T20 Plan B Bash – Men's /Female
- Bradman Cup, Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup
- Australian U15's Female Championships – Central Coast

Key Highlights for the season:

- The average umpires match ratings from NDCA Captains had a solid result of 3.61 out of 4.00
- NDCUA mentor program continues to enhance umpire development.
- 54 NDCUA members were active on field during the season.
- 16 Womens teams in 2 competitions showing solid growth.
- NDCA Suburban Districts competition has grown to 9 Divisions consisting of 71 teams.
- Feedback from additional formal and informal observations with positive results.
- Post-Match Conferences (NDCA) providing positive outcomes.
- NDCUA and C & S school fixtures continue to provide high demand for umpires.
- Umpire participation levels at record levels.
- Working with respective cricket associations to further develop and enhance umpiring within the Zone.

What a season – opportunities for many. Umpires within the NDCUA, NCSCUA & NJCA made themselves available at increased record levels. It was rewarding to see so many commit during the cricket year, making the game more enjoyable for players. Feedback received has been supportive in this regard.

The commitment demonstrated by all throughout the season is greatly appreciated – Thank you!

North Coastal

- Paul Dilley APM

Our season began with Professional Development Training at Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie on 18 and 19 July and on the following weekend in Lismore at the Heights Sports and Recreation Club. Our Gold Coast Umpires Training Day was highly successful. It provided an opportunity to meet with Bob Myatt, the outgoing Association President of six years and the previous North Coastal Zone Umpire Representative who was responsible for Gold Coast CUA affiliating with NSWCUSA. I also held discussions with Michael Guy, Secretary of the Association, recently honoured with Cricket Australia's Community Umpire Administrator of the Season award.

Mid North Coast CUA held its AGM on 20 July, with Far North Coast CUA on 10 August, and North Coast CUA on 13 June. From a strong start, a solid number of members from the Zone travelled to the NSWCUSA Convention at Bankstown Sports in August.

North Coastal hosted several carnivals, with Bradman Cup (Northern) at Port Macquarie on 22 and 23 November, where Bill Battese, Bruce Baxter, Colin Coelho and Ricky Welsh were appointed. The Female U19 Country Championships held in Woolgoolga 27 to 30 September saw Bill Battese, Bruce Baxter, Paul Ensby, Brian Martin and Dave Whitby appointed.

Youth Championships (U14s) at Kempsey 16 to 19 December were serviced by Ted Bailey, Bruce Baxter, Paul Dilley, Dave Horseman, Wayne Mason, Chen Tay, Dave Whitby and David Wood. At the U15s held at Port Macquarie on the same weekend, David Chapman, Colin Coelho, Grant Galbraith, Bryan Lambert, Craig Lobegeier and Michael Wheeler were in action.

These 18 umpires from within the Zone from Tweed Heads in the north to Tuncurry in the south were given the opportunity to umpire in Country Cricket competitions. A special acknowledgement to Kate Rowlands from Casino, with appointments in Queensland Women's KFC T20 (2), Country Cricket Colts (5), Women's T20 Spring Challenge (4), Women's Big Bash League (4), Cricket Australia U19 Female National Championships (8), Women's National League (3), Women's 2nd XI (1) Men's Premier Cricket First Grade (3), Far North Coast Hooker League (19), including the Final – 49 matches is a champion effort and Kate is a most worthy recipient of the Kevin Pye Medal.

Other members accepted offers for appointments in NSW Premier Cricket, with congratulations to Ricky Welsh (two First Grade matches on top of eight Country matches) and Colin Coelho (Second Grade match, together with four Youth Championship and three Country matches).

Stalwart Bruce Baxter, with eight Country, three NSW Pathway and six Youth Championships appointments, also deserves special mention.

All members appointed continue to add value and motivation to all within the North Coastal Zone throughout the season and we welcome Michael Meehan from Sydney to the North Coast. He will add enormously to the growth and skill of umpires in the region.

The Presidents from each of our affiliates continue to provide strong support to members at all levels. I thank Doug Trigg of FNCCUSA, Bruce Baxter of NCCUSA and Craig Lobegeier of MNCCUSA for their willingness to engage and contribute to the development and promotion of our officials.

I have continued to pursue improvements using social media to increase networking opportunities between all members and provide platforms for discussion. Recently, this process has been enhanced, and I look forward to next season with creation of a dedicated website for umpires to provide direct links to NSWCUSA training, CNSW for policy documents and communication regarding Carnivals and similar fixtures.

We've enjoyed a strong season for all, with appreciation to all members appointed to not just representative matches but for the service you provide to your local Cricket Association.



Grant Galbraith and Bryan Lambert



Michael Wheeler and Craig Lobegeier

Riverina

- Matt Whitty

This past season has been another success on and off the field for Riverina umpires, despite the challenges faced by all five affiliates regarding active members and being able to cover matches in each association.

Jeff Egan continued his rise up the umpire ranks, being appointed to the NSW State Umpire Panel, as well as being on the Country Panel. This is a fantastic achievement for Jeff and is reflective of the hard work that he has done over past seasons.

Another highlight for Riverina has been Dennis Chaplin (Wagga Wagga CUA) and John Boyd (Murray Border CUA) being awarded Principal Membership of the NSWCUSA at the AGM, now bringing the total number to 12 Principal Members in the Riverina Zone.

An area that continues to excel is the delivery of education and training by the NSWCUSA. This past season Murray Border CUA hosted a Professional Development Day where all five affiliates were represented with over 25 members in attendance. A huge thank you to Laurie Borg and Tim Donahoo for presenting and facilitating the day.

During season 2025-26 Riverina umpires were also well represented in CNSW Carnivals including:

- Colston/Scammell Shield
- Youth Championships
- Bradman Cup
- Country Championships
- State Challenge
- Plan B Regional Bash Men and Women

This past season Cricket Albury Wodonga hosted the Bradman Cup Carnival during a very warm first week in January. Nine of the ten umpires appointed to the carnival were from the Riverina, a testament to the hard work that previous administrators have put into umpiring in the Riverina. Congratulations to Bob Allan, Peter Bridle, Roger Burns, Kasun Rangana, Neil Smith, Geoff Beer (MBCUA), Matt Whitty (MVCUA), Murray Le Lievre and Anthony McGettigan (WWCUA).

Season 2025-26 also saw Riverina members bring up significant Match Milestones, with Matt and Jeff being recognised at the NSWCUSA Presentation night in April.

- 300 matches - Matt Whitty
- 250 matches - Anthony McGettigan
- 200 matches - Jeff Egan

This past season Riverina had eight umpires officiate in Sydney Premier Cricket:

First Grade: Jeff Egan, Murray Le Lievre, Dennis Chaplin, Anthony McGettigan (WWCUA), Peter Bridle, Neil Smith (MBCUA), Matt Whitty (MVCUA)

Second Grade: Graham Moon (CDCUA)

A special thank you to the NSWCUSA team for making these development opportunities possible. The help and encouragement to make this happen is very much appreciated by all of us in the Riverina.

Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association

The 2025-26 season delivered a notable improvement in umpire appointments following the elevation of Junee and Grenfell to the South West Slopes Cricket League (SWSCL) A Grade competition. This expansion increased the number of A Grade teams to five, with a further increase to six anticipated next season following Burrangong's promotion after a dominant B Grade premiership.

All A Grade fixtures were officiated during the season, with the exception of one match in November. For a significant portion of the season, the availability of three umpires enabled expanded coverage of B Grade fixtures. Of the eleven teams competing in B Grade, ten were allocated an umpire for at least one match.

Long-serving umpire Jeff White was unavailable for the season due to illness and surgery. The Association welcomed the return of former Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association President, Graham Moon, who officiated in four matches at Stockinbingal, in addition to other SWSCL fixtures. Despite ongoing work commitments limiting his availability, Dennis Elphick officiated in his seventh A Grade Final, alongside Graham Moon.

Kelvin Brown, together with his 16-year-old grandson Ethan Abnett, contributed when available, including officiating the Under 15 Youth Championship match at Harden. They concluded their season with appointments to the Under 16 and C Grade Finals in Temora.

Pat Kerin recorded a strong season, highlighted by his appointment to the NSW Country Female T20 Carnival in Goulburn. He also officiated in five ACT Masters fixtures involving the Riverina side, including the Final in Queanbeyan.

New member Peter Jolliffe, who captained the Murringo club over the previous four seasons, was a valuable addition to the umpiring panel and officiated in the B Grade Final. Peter Stimson also made a significant contribution throughout the season, officiating across Temora and Grenfell, including two finals in Temora.

Grand Final Appointments:

- A Grade: Dennis Elphick and Graham Moon.
- B Grade: Pat Kerin and Peter Jolliffe.
- C Grade: Kelvin Brown and Ethan Abnett
- Under 16s: Kelvin Brown and Ethan Abnett

Griffith District Cricket Umpires Association

The Griffith District Cricket Umpires Association (GDCUA) held its Annual General Meeting on 4th September 2025 at the Griffith Exies Club. Brenton Harrison was re-elected as President for a fifth term, John Witherspoon returned as Vice President, and Jason Rosenow was appointed Secretary/Treasurer, succeeding Joe Catanzariti following his decision to step down from the role. Joe continued his involvement as the Umpires' Delegate to the Griffith District Cricket Association (GDCA) Committee. Joe Catanzariti completed approximately eight seasons as Secretary/Treasurer, demonstrating outstanding commitment and professionalism throughout his tenure. The Association extends its sincere appreciation for his significant contribution.

The Association welcomed two new members during the season. Vince Hellier, a former player and previous member of the NSWCUSA, brought valuable experience to the group following the conclusion of his playing career. Justin Moat, who began officiating late in the previous season, continued to develop, primarily officiating Friday night matches and occasional Saturday fixtures. Unfortunately, Glen Bock and David Single both concluded their umpiring involvement during the season. Their service and contribution to the GDCUA are gratefully acknowledged.

Across First, Second, Third and Fourth Grade, as well as Twenty20 fixtures, 12 umpires were appointed to a total of 188 matches during the season, excluding representative matches.

Umpires also officiated in a range of representative and special fixtures throughout the season, including Country Championships, Youth Championships, and inter-association matches, reflecting the strength and recognition of the GDCUA panel across the region.

- Richie Alvaro – Creet Cup (Hay)
- Joe Catanzariti – Youth Championships (Dubbo), Colston/Scammell Shield (Deniliquin), Hedditch Cup (Griffith)
- Mike Culgan – Geoff Lawson Cup (Narrandera)

- Brenton Harrison – NSW Country Championships (Central Coast), O'Farrell Cup, Centenary Match (Wagga), Hedditch Cup (Temora)
- Jason Rosenow – Youth Championships (Dubbo), Colston/Scammell Shield (Deniliquin), Creet Cup (Hay), Geoff Lawson Cup (Hay)
- David Williams – Youth Championships (Dubbo), Hedditch Cup (Griffith)

Player behaviour was in the spotlight to start the season, with umpires being directed to take a firm stance on dissent. Three players (two from First Grade and one from Second Grade) being reported and receiving one-match suspensions. The aim of this crackdown was to remind players of the importance of respecting umpire decisions.

Grand Final appointments:

- First Grade: Joe Catanzariti and Brenton Harrison
- Second Grade: Jason Rosenow and David Williams
- Third Grade: Vince Hellier and Liam Warren
- Fourth Grade: Richie Alvaro and Justin Moat

At the GDCA Presentation Night, Brenton Harrison was awarded the Umpire of the Year award, as voted by captains.

The GDCUA extends its appreciation to all umpires for their efforts throughout the 2025-26 season. The Association remains committed to strengthening its profile and attracting new members to support the ongoing development of cricket umpiring in the region.

Murray Border Cricket Umpires Association

The conclusion of another demanding season provides an opportunity to reflect on a year of strong contribution from our umpiring group. Our umpires officiated across a wide range of competitions, including Cricket Albury Wodonga (CAW) fixtures and several representative tournaments. These included the Under 15 Victorian Girls Championships, Bradman Cup, North East Junior Country Week, Over 75s Carnival, Geoff Lawson Cup and Warren Smith Cup.

The season was also marked by the passing of two long-serving members, Wayne Cook and Jock Campbell. Both were highly respected figures within cricket and umpiring in the Albury/Wodonga region. Their significant contributions to the Association and the broader cricket community will not be forgotten, and they are greatly missed.

On a more positive note, the Association was pleased to award Life Membership to retired member John Boyd. This recognition followed his elevation to Principal Membership of the NSWCUSA earlier in the season. John's long-standing service and consistently high standard of officiating make him a most worthy recipient of this honour.

The season concluded with the Association's break-up dinner, held on 28th March following the First Grade Grand Final. The event was well attended and provided an opportunity to acknowledge individual contributions.

On the evening, Norm Maclure announced his retirement after 26 years of service, which included officiating in nine First Grade Grand Finals and serving as President of the MBCUA. The Association extends its sincere thanks to Norm for his outstanding contribution. His service and commitment will be greatly missed.

Grand Final Appointments:

- Provincial A: Peter Bridle and Norm Maclure. Bob Allan 3rd Umpire.
- Provincial B: Mark Purtell and Kasun Rangana.
- District A: Paul Johnson and Stuart Lancaster.
- District B: Brett Chase and Roger Burns.
- Hume A: Glenn Stevenson and Geoff Beer.
- C Division 1: Raj Kapoor and Rob Clarke.
- C Division 2: Jason Maskell and Darrin Roulston.
- C Division 3: Tony Wood.

Murray Valley Cricket Umpires Association

At the AGM in August, our President, Col Smith, announced his retirement, bringing to a close a distinguished umpiring career with the MVCUA. Col officiated in over 300 matches, including 16 Grand Finals, and dedicated countless years to executive roles within the Association.

Paul Polkinghorne and Matt Sizer also confirmed their retirements, and the departure of these three highly experienced members created a significant gap within the MVCUA. Pleasingly, the recruitment of two new members helped to ease some of the pressure resulting from these losses.

This season also saw several significant milestones achieved. Mick Bennett, Neil Graham and Matt Whitty each officiated in their 100th MVCA match, while Lindsay Riedell reached the outstanding milestone of 250 matches just prior to Christmas.

Despite having 12 members, the Association again faced challenges in covering all fixtures. Contributing factors included increased weekend work commitments and the introduction of two additional teams into the B Grade competition. As a result, there were occasions where B Grade matches were played without appointed umpires, and it was uncommon for C Grade fixtures to have official appointments.

Representative opportunities remained strong, with members contributing to a range of major tournaments, including Northern Rivers Junior Country Week, the Barooga Masters, the Goulburn Murray Senior Women's Competition, Premier Cricket in Sydney, the Owen and Bradley Shield, the Wangaratta Challenge, and the Bradman Cup in Albury.

Matt Whitty picked up the double this year, being named the A Grade Umpire of the Year for the MVCA Team of the Year and for a fourth time being named the Len Koschel MVCUA Umpire of the Year.

Grand Final Appointments:

- A Grade: Matt Whitty and Joel Ashcroft
- B Grade: Mick Bennett and Graham Laird
- C Grade: Neil Graham and Colin Perrett
- Under 17s: Graham Laird and Mark Oliver
- Under 15s: Lindsay Reidell and Richard Marsters

Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association

The Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association (WWCUA) had 12 active members officiating throughout the current season. However, due to representative commitments, holidays, illness, and injury, there were occasions where only six umpires were available to service the Cricket Wagga Wagga competition.

WWCUA and Cricket Wagga Wagga were unfortunately without Jeff Egan for much of the season, as he continued to advance his umpiring career following his selection on the State Panel. Congratulations to Jeff on this outstanding achievement, which saw him officiate in three WBBL matches, the National Under 17 Male Championships in Brisbane, three WNCL fixtures, and a Second XI match at Cricket Central (NSW v SA).

Grand Final Appointments:

- 1st Grade: Jeff Egan and Murray Le Lievre
- 1st Grade T20: Dennis Chaplin and Lee Barclay
- 2nd Grade: Lee Barclay and Steve Carracher
- 2nd Grade T20: Dave Webster and Phil Angel
- 3rd Grade: Kenny Skidmore and Phil Angel
- 4th Grade: Bob Ward and Dave Webster
- Under 16s: Kenny Skidmore and Phil Angel
- Under 14s: Paul McKelvie
- Under 12s: Mick Marien
- Tumut DCA: Dennis Chaplin
- Tumbarumba: Steve Carracher and Dennis Chaplin

WWCUA were active in the Representative appointments for the following members;

- Jeff Egan – WNCL (Sydney), WBBL (Sydney), Second XI (Sydney), Male National, U17 Championships (Brisbane), NSWCUSA Umpire exchange (Melbourne)
- Murray Le Lievre – Open Men Country Championships and T20s (Newcastle / Central Coast), Bradman Cup (Albury)
- Dennis Chaplin - U16 Male Country Challenge (Dubbo), NSW Youth Championships (Dubbo)
- Graham Moon - U14 Male Country Challenge (Dubbo)
- Anthony McGettigan - Bradman Cup (Albury), NSW Youth Championships (Dubbo)

Southern Districts

- Mark Coles

This season saw the entry of Shoalhaven District into SDCZ, a move which resulted in a greater number of umpires becoming available, not only for representative matches held in the Shoalhaven but also in other parts of the SDCZ. This increase allowed most matches to have at least one umpire appointed, many with two, which was a pleasing outcome across the Zone. I cannot thank enough those who made themselves regularly available, even when there was considerable travel required. This was especially the case for the U12 representative carnival held in Batemans Bay, where we were able to supply two umpires for all fixtures.

While it was pleasing to have more umpires available, we are still vulnerable, particularly in the outer regions of the Zone. To build a stronger umpire base, a Level 2 course has been arranged for June and has been widely supported, with a strong turnout expected from across the Zone.

To achieve our objectives, we require the support from the NSWCUSA, and I thank Tim, Claire and Ben for their willingness to assist in any way possible.

The use of Officials HQ has continued to expand, with all appointments published in the application for the first time. I look forward to when it will be possible for the processing of match payments through the system.

This season also saw the introduction of umpire assessments, and this initiative will hopefully be expanded next season. It has been invaluable to understanding where our strengths and weaknesses exist and what we should be targeting better in developing our umpires. It was encouraging that those being assessed received positive reports from their fellow umpires.

Western

- Greg Jones

First, I wish to acknowledge Mark Frecklington as the recipient of the 2025-26 E.F. (Ted) Wykes OAM Association Medal, presented at the NSWCUSA Annual Dinner on 11 April. This is a thoroughly deserved award for an outstanding umpire, who makes an enormous contribution to cricket across the Zone.

The season provided a busy schedule for umpires in Western Zone, with many umpires regularly officiating in Friday night (T20), club (Saturday) and representative (Sunday) matches. Several umpires have also taken the opportunity to broaden their experience with trips to umpire in NSW Premier Cricket.

Affiliated Umpire Associations in the Zone

Western Zone has two umpire associations affiliated to NSWCUSA: Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires' Association Inc. and Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association Inc. (which covers Central West Cricket Council).

Executive and Office bearers of affiliated umpire associations

Macquarie Valley CUA

President Doug Sandry

Secretary Colin Harper

Treasurer Colin Harper

Mitchell CUA

President Steve Warrington

Vice President Andrew Whale

Secretary Greg Jones

Treasurer Matt Tabbernor

My thanks go to all umpires in Western Zone and to the executive members of our Affiliated Associations, Macquarie Valley CUA and Mitchell CUA. I acknowledge Dwayne Kent and Steve Warrington for their assistance with representative appointments.

Finals Appointments

Significant appointments during the season include:

- National Indigenous Cricket Championships - Doug Sandry
- NSW Country Championships - Greg Jones
- Regional Bash - Greg Jones
- Country Youth Championships Round 1 - Mark Frecklington, Chris King, James Kovac, Avash Sapkota
- Country Youth Championships Round 2 - Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Chris King, James Kovac, Gary McAulley, Avash Sapkota
- Bradman Cup - Andrew Whale, Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Greg Jones
- Western Premier League Final - Graeme Glazebrook, Greg Jones
- Western Zone Plate Final - Mark Frecklington, James Kovac
- Western Zone Cup Final - Greg Jones, Andrew Whale
- Macquarie Valley Brewery Shield - David Murray, Angus Ridge
- Central West Hartas Trophy Final - Garry O'Reilly, Andrew Whale
- NSW Premier Cricket 1st Grade - Greg Jones, Doug Sandry

Special congratulations to Doug Sandry for his appointment to the National Indigenous Cricket Championships.

Congratulations also to the following umpires who officiated in local grade Finals:

BOIDC

- 1st Grade Pats Old Boys v. Orange CYMS - Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook
- Bonnor Cup Pats Old Boys v. Cavaliers - Mark Frecklington, James Kovac

Bathurst

- 2nd Grade Rugby Union v. Centennials - Rodney Masman, Andrew Whale
- Presidents Cup Pats Old Boys Blue v. Pats Old Boys White - Gary McAulley, Kevin Battishill
- One Day Blayney v. Rugby Union - Ewan Powell, Sam Knox

Dubbo

1st (Whitney Cup) CYMS v. Macquarie - Dwayne Kent, Andrew McKittrick

T20 Macquarie v. RSL Colts - David Murray, Angus Ridge

2nd (Pinnington Cup) RSL Colts v. Macquarie - Graham Conn, Doug Sandry

3rd (Kelly Cup) CYMS Fishies v. Macquarie White - Greg Kerr, Angus Ridge

4th (Dawson Cup) South Dubbo Hornets Green v Narromine - Sid Karki, David Low

Gilgandra

Gular v. Curban - David Low

Molong

Canowindra v. Milthorpe - Nick Cooper, Alan Hubbard

Mudgee

Federal Hotel v. Centennial - Garry O'Reilly

Orange

Women Orange City v. Orange CYMS - Kathryn Warburton

2nd Grade Orange CYMS v. Orange City - Dave Warburton, Steve Warrington

3rd Grade Orange CYMS v. Orange City - James Kovac, Chris King

4th Grade CYMS Gold v. CYMS Lions - Nick Cooper, Liam Dillon

Umpires also officiated in early rounds of the Western Premier League and Zone Plate and Cup, including Mark Frecklington, Graeme Glazebrook, Greg Jones, Dwayne Kent, James Kovac, Andrew McKittrick, Doug Sandry, and Andrew Whale.

Western Zone umpires often umpire solo, even in some 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

		UMPIRES	ACTIVE	NSWCUSA MEMBERS
MACQUARIE	DUBBO	14	14	14
	NARROMINE	1	1	1
MITCHELL	ORANGE	13	10	13
	BATHURST	8	5	8
	BLUE MOUNTAINS	1	1	1
	MUDGE	3	3	3
	BLAYNEY	1	1	1
	LITHGOW	2	-	2
LACHLAN	PARKES	1	-	1
	CONDOBOLIN	1	1	1
TOTALS		45	36	45

Education and Development

During the 2025 off-season, a Laws of Cricket Level 2 course was held in Orange, with more than twelve members and prospective umpires present. Ten attendees sat the exam, with all ten successfully passing. Seven of these were new umpires. A Professional Development Day for existing umpires is planned for 2026.

It has been pleasing to see umpires take responsibility for their development, seeking appointments in NSW Premier Cricket and taking advantage of the Zone Umpire Mentoring Program.

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!

Sydney Shires CUA

- Stephen Clements

It is my pleasure to present to all members the President's Report for season 2025-26. As we reflect on the season, I am reminded once again of the strength, dedication, and professionalism of our members.

Each year brings its own challenges and triumphs, and this season was no exception. Yet through it all, our umpires and Committee members continued to uphold the standards, spirit and integrity of our game.

Cricket relies on many hands, but it is the commitment of our umpires, week after week, that ensures the game is played fairly, safely and with respect. Whether umpiring in extreme heat or navigating player management, our umpires have once again demonstrated why our Association remains such a respected part of the cricket community.

We were able to provide umpires to all our competitions, including the ever-expanding NSW Youth Championships. It is a huge commitment from our members to make themselves available to umpire matches on Saturdays and Sundays. I say a big thank you to all our umpires from myself and the Management Committee.

Our membership now stands at 146, which is the highest number in our Association's history. With the expansion of all competitions, it is important that we continue to attract new members.

The Finals were again closely contested in all grades, with one club (Warringah) winning four premierships, an outstanding achievement. The Finals were played in excellent spirit, with all displaying cricket's highest standard. My congratulations are also extended to all our Finals umpires and the way they handled themselves throughout the Finals Series. I would also like to thank all the clubs that participated in the Finals.

FINAL RESULTS

Shire's 1st Grade (RB Clark Cup) Premiers: Warringah CC

Umpires: Stephen Blomfield and Ian Pryde

Shires 2nd Grade (SJ Mayne Trophy) Premiers: Warringah CC

Umpires: Simon Dodwell and Scott Pryde

Shire's 3rd Grade (JB Hollander Cup) Premiers: Warringah CC

Umpires: Stewart Dunbar and Rob Maloney

Shire's 4th Grade (Harry Culbert Trophy) Premiers: Warringah CC

Umpires: Ian Fletcher and Geoff Wheeler

Shire's 5th Grade (Tim Creer Cup) Premiers: Balmain/South Sydney CC

Umpires: Peter Mullane and Andrew Steindler

Frank Gray Shield Premiers: North West Sydney CC

Umpires: Stephen Blomfield and Scott Pryde

Shire's 1st Grade Limited Over Competition Premiers: North West Sydney CC

Umpires: Simon Dodwell and Ian Pryde

The Chappelow Cup Premiers: Mt Pritchard Southern Districts CC

Umpires: Tony Bergman and Michael Gaffney

MASTERS, CLASSICS AND VINTAGE CRICKET

The Association also provides umpires for the mature age competitions, and I thank all those members who make themselves available for these competitions. All players and officials thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to support these competitions in the future. I also extend my thanks to Competition Chairman Stirling Hamman and his committee for the management of these ever-growing competitions.

SPIRIT OF CRICKET

This award is important for all clubs and especially to our umpires, who allocate points to all teams throughout the season. The club with the highest points tally at the end of the season is declared the winner.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Warringah Cricket Club as the winner of the 2025-26 season Spirit of Cricket award.

OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM

I am extremely privileged to hold the position of President of our Association. I could not continue in this role without the support of our committee members and the strong guidance they provided me throughout the season.

Our wonderful Secretary, Stephen Blomfield, gives 150% to our Association and to NSW Cricket. Considering the growth in the vast number of competitions he is required to administer each year, I am in awe of his ability to get the job done in such a professional way. His energy and professionalism are amazing, and I cannot imagine our Association without him.

To our Treasurer Trevor Schokman, who has guided us into a great financial position, I thank you for your guidance and support. To our Vice President Ken Buckland, who is always there to give guidance and help the Association, I thank you and hope to again be working with you next season. To our committee members Cameron McGinn, Rick Crocono, Scott Pryde, Stuart Wood and Rob Maloney, I thank you all for the support you have provided me over the last twelve months, and I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

MEMBER MILESTONES

We have also celebrated many member milestones during the season 2025-26. These milestones are:

- 50 matches: Irfan Abubakr, Ian Hills, Yegnesh Iyer, Adrian Lulka, Prashant Puri
- 100 matches: Grant Christopher, Stewart Dunbar, Keith Elloy, Ian Fletcher, Chris Haviland, Rob Maloney, Joe Ottaviano
- 150 matches: Brian De Celis
- 200 matches: Scott Pryde
- 400 matches: Ivan Holland

A special mention to Ivan Holland, who, in his 25th season as an SSCUA member, reached the enormous milestone of 400 career matches. It's a testament to the type of member that Ivan is that he has committed himself to umpire Shires Cricket for such a long period of time. Congratulations Ivan on a stellar umpiring career with the SSCUA. May there be many more matches ahead for you in the seasons to come.

MEMBER SEASON AWARDS

I congratulate our 2025-26 award recipients:

- George Richards Member of the Year: Peter Ashton
- Peter Turner Umpire of the Year: Stephen Blomfield
- Umpire of the Year Masters and Classics: Noel Ford
- Anthony Raymond Rookie Umpire of the Year: Ben Walker
- Most Improved Umpire of the Year: Daniel Izard

To Peter Ashton, awarded the George Richards Member of the Year, congratulations and a huge thank you for the commitment you have displayed to our Association over several years.

To all those who were recognised with awards, on behalf of myself and the Committee, congratulations to all of you and you deserve your awards.

CONCLUSION AND THANK YOU

To all the staff at Cricket NSW, thank you for all your support and hard work. You provide your knowledge and guidance, not only for the Shires competitions but for all cricket competitions in NSW. I would also like to thank Chairman of the Shires Sub-committee, Anthony Clarke, and the members of that committee for their support of our umpires throughout the season. Shires Cricket is in good hands under your leadership.

I also thank NSWCUSA Executive Officer Tim Donahoo and Administration Officer Adam Singleton, under the guidance of Darren Goodger, who all provided the Association with support to keep the season running as smoothly as possible. We also thank Ben Treloar, Education Officer at NSWCUSA, for his great work in training and educating our members. Special thanks to Ben for his presentation at the SSCUA members meeting held in February. Your support for our game cannot be measured, so thank you for your dedication.

On behalf of myself and the SSCUA Committee, I say thank you to all our members and partners who inspire me to continue to work for our Association and for the good of our competitions. I look forward keenly to the 2026-27 season.



Ivan Holland is presented with a 400th match framed memento from SSCUA President Stephen Clements

Sydney Women's CUA

- Sue Gregory

It has been another successful season for Sydney Women's Premier Cricket (WPC), and it was pleasing that all matches had two umpires appointed. Thank you to all members and umpires who made themselves available to officiate during the season.

In 2025-26 the Association's membership comprised:

- 89 financial members
- 19 female financial members, as well as Patron Claire Polosak
- 3 junior members
- 23 new members

Milestone matches reached by members during the season:

- 500 matches - John Colwell
- 450 matches - Lawrie Yeomans
- 100 matches - David Stewart
- 50 matches - John Davidson, Scott Fraser, Ashish Kedia, Leone Mizzi, Laurie Taylor, Daksh Trivedi

Recipients of the SWCUA's umpiring awards were:

- Varun Marwaha awarded the Gerry Forliano Award, presented to the Sunday Umpire of the Year.
- Jahanara Alam and Rubesh Balendra were joint recipients of the Helmut Gerlach Award, presented to the Rookie Umpire of the Year.
- Sue Gregory was awarded the inaugural President's Award for commitment, both on field and off field.

The Women's Premier Cricket 1st Grade Panel Award, which is awarded by NSWCUSA, was presented to Sue Gregory.

The following members comprised the Executive Committee during 2025-26:

- President - Peter Tate
- Vice President - Katie Collins
- Secretary - Sue Gregory
- Assistant Secretary - Katie Collins
- Treasurer - Varun Marwaha
- Appointments Officer - John Colwell
- Assistant Treasurer - Andrew Searle

- NSWCUA Liaison Officer - John Colwell
- Social Media - Michael Schokman (resigned October 2025), Peter Tate (from October 2025)
- General Committee - Rama TadePELLI (resigned October 2025)

Congratulations to all umpires who were appointed to officiate in Finals:

- First Grade: Sue Gregory and Shannon McEwan
- Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup: Sue Gregory and Leone Mizzi
- Second Grade: Elizabeth O'Dwyer and Gavin Mallawaratchy
- Third Grade: Katie Collins and Praba Subramaniam
- Brewer Shield: Andrew Searle and Peter Tate

Several of our members were appointed to officiate in various women's representative fixtures, including Under 16 and Under 19 National Championships, Under 15 State Challenge, Under 16 Country Championships, Women's Regional Big Bash, Spring Challenge and NSW Second XI. Lauren McGill also officiated in the WNCL and WBBL.

Vale

Life Member of the Association Paul Farrell passed away on 15 February 2026. Paul joined the SWCUA in 1998 and umpired both Women's and Men's Premier Cricket. He officiated over 400 WPC matches, including 5 lower grade Finals. He made a significant contribution to the Association, notwithstanding he was not a committee member. The over booklets Paul created and printed himself are gifted to members upon joining the Association and are a legacy of his great generosity. May he rest in peace.



Sue Gregory and Shannon McEwan

Cricket Associations



NSW Cricket Association

- Mark Hughes

NSWCUSA is one of several associations that provides a delegate to meetings of the NSWCA, this being my tenth year as NSWCUSA's representative to these meetings.

The 168th Annual General Meeting of the NSWCA was held in-person this year at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 15 September 2025. The reappointment of NSWCA Patron, The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC was approved, along with Vice Patrons, The Hon. John Howard OM AC and Basil Sellers AM. Alex Blackwell, The Hon. Kevin Greene AM and Len Pascoe were nominated by the Board and elected as Life Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

No election was held for the positions of three Directors to the NSW Cricket Board. Ed Cowan, Richard Timbs and Courtenay Smith filled the vacant positions. John Knox and David Gallop were appointed as Directors.

Annual financial statements were tabled, showing NSWCA continues to be in a strong financial position, headlined by Total Comprehensive Income of \$2.7m, with an operating surplus of \$206,000, net assets of \$88.4m and cash reserves of \$5.7m.

During the year, NSW representative teams won one senior title. The NSW Blues won the Dean Jones Trophy, victorious in the Final against Tasmania by four wickets with eleven balls to spare in a rain shortened match in Hobart. The NSW Breakers were unable to defend their WNCL title from the previous season, losing by 7 runs under the DLS method to Queensland in the Final held at Cricket Central. The NSW Blues finished the season in fifth place in the Sheffield Shield. In the BBL, the Sydney Sixers finished second after the regular season, with the Sydney Thunder eighth on the ladder. The Sixers lost the Final to the Perth Scorchers by six wickets with fifteen balls to spare at Optus Stadium. In the WBBL, the Sydney Sixers finished the regular season in second place and were unable to secure a place in the Final, losing the Challenger by 21 runs to the Scorchers. The Thunder finished the WBBL season in seventh place.

Delegates' meetings during the year were held at Cricket Central. Delegates were provided regular updates at Ordinary General Meetings (OGMs) from Chief Executive Officer Lee Germon. At each meeting, Mr Germon reminded delegates of Cricket NSW's purpose, to inspire everyone to love and play cricket; Cricket NSW's vision to be New South Wales' most loved and successful sport and be regarded as a world class organisation; the importance of the CNSW values of humility, excellence, imagination and relationships; and purpose, to inspire everyone to love cricket.

Mr Germon continued to reiterate Cricket NSW's wildly important goal, to grow the number of 5 to 12-year-olds playing registered cricket, noting that those that play for three seasons or more contribute 70% of revenue.

Delegates were provided regular updates in meetings on high-performance and participation programs, along with progress updates on Cricket NSW's wildly important goal. Time in OGMs was spent in open forum discussions surrounding cricket performance and potential sale of a percentage of NSW's Big Bash franchises, with presentations from various members of the Executive Leadership Team provided during the year. Brad Haddin was appointed as NSW Blues Head Coach after the inconsistent performance of the Sheffield Shield team.

Delegates were reminded of the excellent work of our staff at Cricket NSW, and the Association continues to be acknowledged for providing 100% coverage of Men's and Women's Premier Cricket. It was again noted that the work of NSWCUSA in umpiring development and progression is highly regarded as the best in Australia, a wonderful achievement and an excellent endorsement of the efforts from our hardworking team.



Alan Monaghan and Marc Nickl with the captains ahead of the AW Green Shield Final

Sydney Cricket Association

- Tim Donahoo

Committee of Management

Chair: Graham Gorrie

Deputy Chair: Paul Goldsmith

Committee: Warwick Adlam, Andrew Falk, Brian Freedman,

Chair, Shires Competition Sub-Committee: Anthony Clarke

Chair, Women's Competition Sub-Committee: Craig Hambleton

NSWCUSA Delegate to SCA: Bede Sajowitz (to 1 August 2025), Tim Donahoo (from 18 August 2025)

Premiership Honour List 2025-26

NSW Men's Premier Cricket

First Grade (Belvidere Cup): Manly Warringah

Second Grade (Albert Cup): Manly Warringah

Third Grade (Mitchell Cup): Northern District

Fourth Grade (Reid Cup): St. George

Fifth Grade (David Sherwood Cup): Fairfield-Liverpool

First Grade Limited Overs: Eastern Suburbs

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup: Western Suburbs

Poidevin-Gray Shield: Mosman

A.W. Green Shield: Northern District

NSW Women's Premier Cricket

First Grade: Gordon

Second Grade: Parramatta

Third Grade: Sydney

Brewer Shield: Blacktown

Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup: Campbelltown Camden

Sydney Shires Cricket

First Grade (R.B. Clark Cup): Warringah

Second Grade (S.J. Mayne Trophy): Warringah

Third Grade (J.B. Hollander Trophy): Warringah

Fourth Grade (Harry Culbert Trophy): Warringah

First Grade Limited Overs: North West Sydney

Frank Gray Shield: North West Sydney

Club Champions

Men's Premier Cricket: St. George

Women's Premier Cricket: Gordon

Sydney Shires Cricket: Warringah

Spirit of Cricket

Men's Premier Cricket (Booth-Saunders Award): Gordon

Women's Premier Cricket: Northern District

Grounds of the Year (Men's Premier Cricket)

First/Second Grade: Bankstown Memorial Oval

Lower Grades: Tunks Park

Players of the Year

Men's Premier Cricket First Grade (Bill O'Reilly Medal): Joe Colgan (Mosman)

Women's Premier Cricket First Grade: Frankie Nicklin (Sydney University)

Umpire Appointments – Men's Premier Cricket Finals

- First Grade: Gerard Abood and Ben Treloar Reserve: Patrick Jackson
- Second Grade: Sharad Patel and Troy Penman Reserve: Andrew Hamilton
- Third Grade: Bob McGregor and Andrew Yarad
- Fourth Grade: Darren Goodger and Nic Warburton
- Fifth Grade: Daniel Marshall and Marc Nickl
- First Grade Limited Overs Cup: Simon Lightbody and Ben Treloar
- Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup: Greg Davidson and Simon Lightbody
- Poidevin-Gray Shield: Darren Goodger and Nic Warburton
- A.W. Green Shield: Alan Monaghan and Marc Nickl

The Association's Board appointed the following Panel to select the Men's Premier Cricket Umpire Panels: Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, David Dilley, Tim Donahoo, Darren Goodger, Mark Hughes, Rupert Mathews, Ben Treloar. The initial total of umpires selected was 161, selections being based on availability, commitment, previous observations, captains' reports from last season, umpiring history and experience and perceived match fitness.

The appointed selectors for the Women's Premier Cricket First Grade Panel were John Colwell, Tim Donahoo, Darren Goodger and Mark Hughes.

One of the Association's key objectives is to appoint two umpires to all Men's and Women's Premier Cricket matches during the season. I'm pleased to confirm that this target was achieved. The invaluable assistance provided by Stephen Blomfield (Men's) and John Colwell and Elizabeth O'Dwyer (Women's) in managing the often-challenging machinations of allocating 142 umpires each weekend was very much appreciated.

This coverage reflects very positively on the capacity of the Association to effectively recruit strong umpire candidates and provide them with the appropriate training and development opportunities that enable us to provide an excellent service to SCA cricket.

Stephen Blomfield continued with his sterling work in maintaining Men's Premier Cricket umpire appointment statistics. The maintenance of this data is highly valued by members and enables us to acknowledge significant milestones when they are achieved.

Congratulations are offered to these members who brought up significant totals during 2025-26:

- 450 matches – Stephen Blomfield
- 400 matches – Ken Buckland
- 250 matches – Darren Foster, Kedar Oza
- 200 matches – Kim Hunter, Cameron McGinn
- 150 matches – Gerard Abood, Ian Carew, Les Chegwiddden, Andrew Coates, Simon Lightbody, Rob Maloney, Michael Meehan, Scott Pryde, Michael Turner
- 100 matches – Mitchell Claydon, Adam Davy, Stewart Dunbar, Sue Gregory, Allan Owens, Vir Raheja, Arun Shankar, Keith Shannon, Saif Siddiqui, Ian Sinden, Sachin Solanki

Special recognition goes to Ben Treloar, who achieved the great mark of 200 First Grade matches. A First Grade debut during the season was provided for Daksh Trivedi and Charles Williams.

The reception our members receive throughout the season from all clubs adds to the enjoyment derived from our roles. Umpires and scorers are treated with respect and the part they play is valued highly. Hospitality extended by club officials and volunteers is very much appreciated and is envied by our visiting umpires. Our place in SCA cricket is not taken for granted and we are privileged to be able to perform in such well-managed competitions.

To that end, the outstanding work completed by Sean Mantle (Head of Premier and Country Cricket) and Luke Mace (Women's Premier Cricket and Country Programs Manager) must be acknowledged. Both are administrators of the highest quality, completely dedicated to their tasks of delivering the best possible outcomes for the cricket competitions for which they are responsible. They understand the importance of the match officials and ensure our interests are always considered when making their decisions. Their support and frequent assistance certainly contribute positively to the strong reputation that NSW Premier Cricket holds.

Our enduring and strong relationship with SCA Committee of Management, under the astute leadership of Graham Gorrie was maintained, built as it is on mutual respect and open communication. Our recognition of the Committee's fine work is reciprocated in the esteem and co-operation afforded to NSWCUSA, resulting in positive outcomes at multiple levels. Both bodies are committed to the highest standards and complement each other's efforts.

Umpire Statistics

- Tim Donahoo

The Board has resolved that, from this year, umpire appointment statistics for NSW Men's Premier Cricket, Sydney Shires Cricket and NSW Women's Premier Cricket will be recorded separately within the Annual Report.

The inclusion of Sydney Shires match appointments in career statistics has historical context, when NSWCUA was responsible for appointment of umpires to Shires competitions. Available umpires not required for appointment to Grade cricket were allocated to Shires matches and appointments to Shires Finals matches came from the ranks of Grade cricket umpires. Consequently, such appointments were included in match totals.

Upon the formation of Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association in 2001, that body assumed responsibility for umpire appointments to Shires cricket, a role that it retains. Similarly, Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association appointments umpires to Women's Premier Cricket, other than First Grade fixtures.

As the distinction between Men's Premier, Shires and Women's Premier Cricket competitions is clear, the Board decided that appointment records, historical and future, shall reflect matches umpired in each of the three competitions. The information appearing in this Annual Report reflects that decision and has been adjusted accordingly. Stephen Blomfield is acknowledged for the work he undertook to reflect the changes.

Career Statistics

Men's Premier

- Stephen Blomfield

The following table is a record of career match appointments of those individual members who were on field active umpires in season 2025-26. The career records pertain to matches officiated in SCA Men's Premier Cricket from the date the umpire joined the Association up to the end of the 2025-26 season. These statistics do not count matches in the Kingsgrove T20 Cup, Poidevin-Gray Shield or A.W. Green Shield. They do however count matches officiated in the First Grade Limited Overs Competition.

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
ABOOD, Gerard	106	20	2	7	11	146
AHLUWALIA, Aseem	0	0	11	15	1	27
AHMAD, Irfan	0	0	0	0	8	8
AMALADOSS, Albert	0	0	0	3	5	8
ANDREWS, Elissa	0	0	0	0	2	2
AWASTHI, Vibhash	0	0	0	3	4	7
BALENDRA, Kunaratnam	0	0	0	3	7	10
BANSAL, Vipin	0	0	7	29	40	76
BEECHER, Chris	36	21	12	7	10	86
BEGNELL, Scott	0	0	1	6	1	8
BHADRANNA, Satish	0	0	1	17	30	48
BHATIA, Rishi	0	0	0	7	8	15
BOTTA, Phanee	0	6	26	39	22	93
BOYD, James	0	0	30	34	15	79
BREWSTER, Paul	0	0	2	9	2	13
BROCKLEY, Paul	0	2	0	0	0	2
BUCKLAND, Ken	106	145	50	27	16	344
BUNDY, Matt	0	1	0	0	0	1
BURR-DIXON, Mark	0	1	12	13	11	37
CARPINI, Tony	0	13	84	42	24	163
CHADHA, Vikram	0	0	0	4	9	13
CHAMBIRAS, Paul	0	3	32	3	7	45
CHAPLIN, Dennis	6	2	0	0	0	8
CHRISTOPHER, Grant	0	0	0	0	1	1
CLAYDON, Mitchell	73	20	6	2	1	102
COATES, Andrew	57	61	23	10	9	160
COELHO, Colin	0	1	0	0	0	1
COLREAVY, Patrick	0	0	0	1	7	8

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
COLWELL, John	0	0	2	25	52	79
COOPER, David	0	10	38	65	43	156
COOPER, Tom	5	41	93	63	62	264
CROCONO, Rick	0	50	79	12	3	144
CULLEN, David	11	2	0	0	0	13
DAEHLER, Thomas	0	0	23	43	31	97
DARUVADA, Charan	0	0	0	2	4	6
DAS, Akhilesh	0	0	0	1	4	5
DAS, Tapan	0	0	0	27	36	63
DASH, Debasish	0	0	1	22	9	32
DAVIDSON, Greg	167	14	10	2	1	194
DAVY, Adam	0	35	44	13	8	100
DONAHOO, Tim	232	115	54	22	8	431
DOWD, Nick	0	4	26	10	7	47
DRAGE, Nicolaas	0	0	0	1	4	5
EGAN, Jeffrey	7	4	2	1	0	14
ELLOY, Keith	0	0	0	0	1	1
FERNANDEZ, James	0	0	6	8	10	24
FIGALLO, James	32	34	3	4	2	75
FINNEMORE, Clay	0	82	20	2	5	109
FITZGERALD, Lachlan	5	0	0	0	0	5
FLETCHER, Ian	0	1	1	2	5	9
FORD, Noel	0	23	63	22	19	127
FORMICA, Roy	0	10	19	2	2	33
FOSTER, Darren	174	28	16	16	10	244
FRASER, Scott	0	0	14	39	18	71
GANGULY, Saurabh	0	15	16	8	6	45
GARLAND, Geoff	134	202	90	33	35	494
GOODGER, Darren	340	62	14	21	15	452
GREGORY, Susan	2	31	41	14	13	101
GUPTA, Tanb	0	0	0	1	6	7
HAMILTON, Andrew	265	56	25	15	7	368
HANS, Nitin	0	0	0	9	26	35
HAYES, Eli	1	0	0	0	0	1
HOSSAIN, Bayazed	0	0	0	1	7	8
HOUSTON, Elizabeth	0	1	4	6	1	12
HOWARD, Darren	0	17	41	3	6	67
HOWARD, Roberto	104	30	25	29	27	215
HOWE, Chris	0	3	8	3	2	16
HUGHES, Aidan	42	85	39	18	11	195
HUGHES, Mark	72	58	34	35	36	235
HUMAYUN, Syed	11	1	0	0	0	12
IMRAN SAJID, Muhammad	0	0	0	9	12	21

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
JABEER, Asher	0	0	2	11	6	19
JACKSON, Patrick	38	11	8	3	1	61
JACOBS, William	0	0	2	12	12	26
JAMIL, Muhammad	0	0	0	0	1	1
JAYATILAKE, Lalith	0	0	0	10	78	88
JONES, Greg	35	23	2	5	2	67
KAMBLE, Chandrakant	0	0	0	1	0	1
KEDIA, Ashish	0	4	37	12	8	61
KERI, Varun	0	1	0	0	0	1
KHAN, Abeer	0	0	0	3	17	20
KHANOONI, Tahir	0	0	0	0	1	1
KITE, Peter	65	69	10	3	15	162
KODITUWAKKU, Sujeewa	0	5	14	17	6	42
KOVAC, James	0	0	0	0	4	4
KSHETRI, Sandeep	0	0	0	1	6	7
KUMAR, Bhola	0	0	0	18	25	43
KUMAR, Kishore	0	0	0	25	44	69
LE LIEVRE, Murray	9	2	0	0	0	11
LEIGHTON, Fiona	1	0	1	0	0	2
LIGHTBODY, Simon	141	10	3	3	0	157
LITTMODEN, Brent	0	1	0	0	0	1
LOWE, Shekinah	0	0	9	11	4	24
LUO, Zhan	0	0	0	0	8	8
MAGNAT, Navtej	0	0	0	0	4	4
MAJUMDAR, Jesse	0	0	0	3	6	9
MALIK, Sumit	0	0	0	6	10	16
MALLAWARATCHY, Gavin	0	14	19	24	4	61
MANGAT, Navtej	0	0	0	5	7	12
MANTHILAKE, Manjula	0	0	2	5	4	11
MARSHALL, Daniel	10	19	14	7	4	54
MARWAHA, Varun	0	35	63	26	18	142
McEWAN, Shannon	0	1	19	9	9	38
McGETTIGAN, Anthony	2	1	0	0	0	3
McGILL, Lauren	5	13	1	0	1	20
McGINN, Cameron	2	61	56	9	5	133
McGREGOR, Bob	151	43	46	16	16	272
MEEHAN, Michael	51	57	10	17	17	152
MISRA, Sudhanshu	0	0	0	0	6	6
MIZZI, Leone	0	13	17	13	15	58
MOKALLA, Vikram	0	0	0	8	16	24
MONAGHAN, Alan	86	121	24	31	14	276
MOON, Graham	0	7	1	0	0	8
NANDWANI, Paritosh	0	0	0	3	12	15

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
NARAYANAVADIVOO, Mahesh	0	0	0	0	11	11
NICHOLSON, Taj	0	0	2	8	5	15
NICKL, Marc	231	42	14	15	12	314
O'DWYER, Elizabeth	14	39	16	11	7	87
OWENS, Allan	3	61	28	5	7	104
OZA, Kedar	69	68	84	21	10	252
PADALWAR, Jaideep	0	0	0	10	8	18
PATEL, Sharad	114	38	5	5	4	166
PENMAN, Troy	126	31	10	11	4	182
PILLAI, Anil	0	43	40	21	14	118
POLOSAK, Claire	67	12	43	16	19	157
PORTER, Rod	66	32	14	2	4	118
PRASAI, Rabin	0	0	0	0	1	1
PRYDE, Ian	1	1	0	0	0	2
PRYDE, Scott	1	1	0	0	0	2
RAFIQUE, Muhammad	0	0	0	0	3	3
RAINER, Phil	34	10	4	0	4	52
RAJA, Rajesh	0	1	10	42	44	97
RAJAGOPALAN, Ragu	0	0	12	94	123	229
RAJBHANDARI, Rabin	0	0	0	11	8	19
RAYNER, Christian	0	9	48	9	6	72
RIZWAN, Muhummad	0	0	0	9	20	29
ROWLANDS, Kate	2	2	1	0	0	5
SANDHU, Manjinder	0	0	16	39	41	96
SANDRY, Doug	4	2	0	0	0	6
SANTAROSSA, Michael	0	0	13	7	15	35
SCHOKMAN, Michael	0	0	13	39	27	79
SEARLE, Andrew	0	7	16	9	6	38
SHANKAR, Arun	0	8	8	0	3	19
SHANMUGAM, Subra	0	0	0	7	11	18
SHANNON, Keith	0	0	22	49	36	107
SHARMA, Kanjan	0	0	0	9	15	24
SHARMA, Vipin	0	12	7	5	3	27
SHEIKH, Mohib	0	0	0	5	12	17
SHELTON, Jason	1	0	0	0	0	1
SIDDIQUI, Saif	0	8	51	23	20	102
SINDEN, Ian	0	22	50	14	14	100
SIVARAMAKRISHNAN, Harish	0	0	31	34	15	80
SMITH, Neil	11	3	0	0	0	14
SOLANKI, Sachin	10	70	11	2	3	96
SOOKRAJ, Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	1
SRINIVASAN, Ramadurai	0	0	66	35	26	127
STEWART, David	15	47	4	13	7	86

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
STOREY, Andy	0	33	19	11	2	65
SUBRAMANIAM, Praba	0	0	1	40	47	88
SURANA, Alok	0	0	1	14	8	23
SURANA, Shripat	0	0	0	2	14	16
SURESH, Krishnan	0	0	0	1	6	7
TAMHANKAR, Amrut	0	0	0	1	1	2
TATE, Peter	215	66	36	30	27	374
TG, Sivaprasad	0	0	18	28	19	65
THOMAS, Scott	1	1	0	0	0	2
THURAIKWAMY, Siva	0	0	1	19	12	32
TRELOAR, Ben	201	34	15	17	8	275
TRIPATHI, Sushil	0	0	2	11	3	16
TRIVEDI, Daksh	2	25	22	17	6	72
TURNER, Michael W	0	33	69	21	20	143
TURNER, Owen	3	1	0	0	0	4
VARADARAJAN, Sundar	0	0	5	34	27	66
VASEY, Tony	0	0	28	86	62	176
VENKITACHALAM, Arun	0	0	0	1	13	14
VENKITACHALAM, Ramakrishnan	0	20	1	1	0	22
VERMA, Manoj	0	0	0	1	6	7
WADE, Stephen	4	0	0	0	0	4
WAICHAL, Jatin	0	0	0	1	6	7
WARBURTON, Nicolas	15	15	4	6	6	46
WATT, Josh	0	0	1	0	0	1
WEIR, Chris	62	94	227	128	74	585
WELSH, Ricky	2	2	1	0	0	5
WHITEHOUSE, Bruce	60	28	37	17	15	157
WHITTY, Matt	4	5	1	8	7	25
WHOLOHAN, Jake	5	16	7	1	1	30
WIGGINS, Leigh	0	0	0	1	0	1
WILLIAMS, Charles	1	30	10	6	2	49
YARAD, Andrew	104	21	21	16	14	176

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Name	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
WATSON, Arthur	2024-25	365	71	86	155	127	804
KAIN, Lindsay	2021-22	118	207	112	114	83	634
WEIR, Chris	Current	62	94	227	128	74	585
LILL, Greg	2024-25	400	53	38	55	38	584
GARLAND, Geoff	2025-26	134	202	90	33	35	494
GOODGER, Darren	Current	340	62	14	21	15	452
CHUDLEIGH, Graham	2015-16	109	80	85	93	67	434
DONAHOO, Tim	Current	232	115	54	22	8	431
BORG, Laurie	2017-18	160	191	33	19	24	427
TYSON, Doug	2013-14	45	280	43	39	10	417
EVANS, John	2018-19	253	34	66	30	15	398
FERGUSON, Brian	2022-23	151	75	80	42	27	375
TATE, Peter	Current	215	66	36	30	27	374
KINGSFORD SMITH, Tony	2017-18	52	195	30	39	54	370
HAMILTON, Andrew	Current	265	56	25	15	7	368
WHEELER, Allan	1992-93	187	71	71	28	5	362
EMERSON, Ian	1998-99	268	41	14	24	14	361
LALOR, Brian	2012-13	8	133	81	94	43	359
REISMAN, John	2006-07	64	73	87	85	45	354
MacNAMARA, John	2011-12	0	1	48	164	135	348
BUCKLAND, Ken	Current	106	145	50	27	16	344
BARNES, John	2021-22	66	166	39	39	30	340
LIVINGSTON, Bruce	1998-99	75	129	44	34	52	334
AUBREY, Charlie	1996-97	39	128	50	71	44	332
HENDRICKS, Bill	2014-15	265	33	14	12	2	326
MARSHALL, Alan	1994-95	262	17	13	24	5	321
NICKL, Marc	Current	231	42	14	15	12	314
WARK, Ken	1999-00	145	67	23	28	50	313
GOODARD, Barry	2002-03	133	84	37	43	16	313
KING, Chris	2019-20	27	89	149	25	13	303
WILLIAMS, John	2020-21	0	0	9	95	198	302
McAPPION, Stephen	2015-16	0	0	50	118	120	288
BROOKS, Tom	1993-94	196	12	10	46	12	276
GRIFFIN, Alan	2008-09	4	120	92	44	16	276
MONAGHAN, Alan	Current	86	121	24	31	14	276

Name	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
WRIGHT, Ian	2000-01	48	126	53	31	17	275
TRELOAR, Ben	Current	201	34	15	17	8	275
WENNERBOM, Nick	2014-15	112	62	50	35	14	273
HUGHES, Jack	1997-98	133	31	29	48	31	272
McGREGOR, Bob	Current	151	43	46	16	16	272
QUAKEN, Keith	2002-03	139	20	20	35	57	271
ARMOUR, Bernie	1986-87	43	166	37	22	2	270
FOWLER, Mark	2009-10	0	17	121	86	43	267
COOPER, Tom	Current	5	41	93	63	62	264
GUTHRIE, Bob	2015-16	0	0	33	106	120	259
RODEN, Bill	2009-10	188	22	21	17	10	258
McMILLAN, Brett	2020-21	0	59	35	86	77	257
TIMBS, David	2011-12	25	164	17	30	19	255
DUFFY, Ken	1999-00	186	23	25	14	6	254
HEAD, Robert	2005-06	65	61	48	52	26	252
OZA, Kedar	Current	69	68	84	21	10	252
HICKEY, Brian	1993-94	48	66	46	61	30	251
CARTER, Murray	1998-99	0	21	76	85	68	250
HARRIS, Rocky	1988-89	201	22	9	15	1	248
FOSTER, Darren	Current	174	28	16	16	10	244
CAMERON, Jim	2008-09	195	24	5	15	5	244
MOONEY, Peter	Current	66	140	12	14	11	243
BATTISHILL, Kevin	2024-25	0	60	102	48	31	241
DARCY, John	2019-20	0	40	121	51	27	239
FORLIANO, Gerry	2019-20	3	57	97	40	42	239
HUGHES, Mark	Current	72	58	34	35	36	235
CARSON, Nick	2014-15	42	91	51	27	24	235
THOMPSON, John	2003-04	0	76	77	60	20	233
RAJAGOPALAN, Ragu	Current	0	0	12	94	123	229
McNAMARA, Peter	2023-24	56	73	33	41	25	228
ELDRIDGE, David	1999-00	135	28	31	15	18	227
HAIR, Darrell	2003-04	176	18	11	11	6	222
STARKS, Steve	2023-24	51	26	116	18	9	220
LEAHY, Kevin	2022-23	27	81	55	33	21	217
HOWARD, Roberto	Current	104	30	25	29	27	215
FRENCH, Richard (Dick)	1988-89	153	6	18	33	3	213
McINTOSH, Ian	2012-13	124	26	15	24	23	212
FURTNER, Ron	2003-04	114	20	19	38	20	211
JACKSON, Ian	1996-97	136	34	13	22	5	210
THOMAS, Ian	1997-98	171	17	7	8	6	209
GRIFFITHS, Keith	1999-00	87	30	62	18	12	209
BUULTJENS, James	1997-98	2	76	94	34	3	209
ANG, Tommy	2019-20	59	63	47	20	17	206

Name	Last Umpired	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Career
O'ROURKE, Peter	1998-99	111	25	30	26	12	204
BROOKS, Ern	2007-08	101	56	16	19	12	204
KELLEHER, Arthur	2002-03	75	42	50	24	10	201
DHANDAPANI, Khadhir	2020-21	5	48	76	36	35	200
WENTZEL, Karl	2020-21	79	54	21	16	30	200



Ken Buckland entering the field ahead of his 400th SCA match

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Name	Career	Name	Career
HAMILTON, Andrew	60	JACKSON, Patrick	17
FOSTER, Darren	58	BEECHER, Chris	16
TRELOAR, Ben	55	COATES, Andrew	16
PENMAN, Troy	53	GUMBLETON, Tim	16
McGREGOR, Bob	48	STUBBINGS, Glen	15
SAJOWITZ, Bede	47	HUGHES, Mark	14
YARAD, Andrew	47	HUMUYAN, Syed	14
CLAYDON, Mitchell	44	DU PLESSIS, Berend	13
PATEL, Shard	43	CASSIN, Chris	12
MORAN, Daniel	41	JONES, Greg	12
FIGALLO, James	38	NELSON, Ryan	12
NICKL, Mark	38	QUERESHI, Muhammad	12
WILDS, Tony	37	BORG, Laurie	9
HOWARD, Roberto	35	DONAHOO, Tim	9
KNIGHT, Keiran	35	STEWART, David	9
McKIMM, Ross	35	ABOOD, Gerard	8
TATE, Peter	31	JEYAKKUMAR, Kumar	8
LIGHTBODY, Simon	29	McGILL, Lauren	8
TAYLOR, David	28	RAMASUNDARA, Yohan	8
HOBSON, Anthony	26	ROGAN, Scott	8
DAVIDSON, Greg	25	SOLANKI, Sachin	8
CROMBIE, Gary	23	CONNOLLY, Michael	7
BUCKLAND, Ken	22	FINNEMORE, Clay	7
GROCOCK, Stuart	22	HARVEY, Nathan	7
FRECKLINGTON, Mark	21	HERBERT, Ian	7
IRVINE, Geoff	21	NAZIR, Zaheer	7
CULLEN, David	20	REES, David	7
MEEHAN, Michael	20	ABBAY, David	6
MONAGHAN, Alan	19	CALABRO, Vince	6
OZA, Keda	19	EGAN, Jeff	5
FINDLAY, Neil	18	HENDRICKS, Bill	5
O'SHAUGHNESSY, Stephen	18	HUMPHREY, Julian	5
POLOSAK, Claire	18	KEEL, Terry	5
PORTER, Rodney	18	WHOLOHAN, Jake	5
		BRIGHTWELL, Daniel	4

Name	Career	Name	Career
CROZIER, Andrew	4	WALKER, John	2
KUMAR, Satish	4	WALKER, Lachlan	2
LILL, Greg	4	WARBURTON, Nic	2
KUMUTAT, Michael	3	WHITEHOUSE, Bruce	2
MASSINGHAM, Bill	3	DARCY, John	1
NICHOLLS, Ben	3	DODWELL, Simon	1
RAINER, Phil	3	EDGELL, Marty	1
ROCHE, Glen	3	GARLAND, Geoff	1
SAMAD, Sayad	3	KITE, Peter	1
BANDARA, Dinusha	2	McGINN, Cameron	1
CARSON, Nick	2	McNAMARA, Peter	1
FARRELL, Ben	2	MEURANT, Kevin	1
FITZGERALD, Lachlan	2	NICHOLS, Daniel	1
HARROD, Jim	2	O'DWYER, Elizabeth	1
HAYNES, Alan	2	PRYDE, Ian	1
MILES, Russell	2	RAYNER, Christian	1
PILLAI, Anil	2	ROUSE, Matt	1
RODGIE, David	2	TAYLOR, Chris	1
SIMULA, Mark	2	THOMAS, Scott	1
SUTHERLAND, Darren	2	WILLIAMS, Charles	1
VELLA, Aaron	2		



Greg Davidson and Simon Lightbody with the captains ahead of the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Final

Career Statistics Sydney Shires

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The following table is a record of career match appointments of those individual SSCUA members who were on field active umpires in season 2025-26. The career records pertain to matches officiated in SCA Sydney Shires Cricket from the date the umpire joined the SSCUA up to the end of the 2025-26 season. Non members who umpired one or more matches in Shires Cricket in 2025-26 are indicated with an asterix (*)

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Frank Gray	Career
ABUBAKR, Irfan	7	13	10	8	13	9	60
AHLUWALIA, Aseem	0	0	4	9	0	0	13
ARNOLDA, Gaston	0	0	1	9	0	0	10
ASHTON, Peter	0	4	20	24	17	0	65
BANODKAR, Mahesh	0	5	35	46	19	0	105
BELL, Alan	0	0	1	2	2	0	5
BELL, Grahame	3	37	47	36	17	0	140
BERGMAN, Tony	39	125	33	26	31	39	293
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	320	63	29	25	26	172	635
BOWMAN, Ian	71	119	28	23	21	50	312
BUCKLAND, Ken	30	10	12	17	13	50	132
CAREW, Ian	25	43	25	11	3	13	120
CARTER, Charlie	0	5	6	1	0	2	14
CHAMBIRAS, Paul	8	1	3	5	1	2	20
CHEGWIDDEN, Les	21	80	42	15	40	1	199
CHRISTOPHER, Grant	0	20	41	17	25	1	104
CLEMENTS, Stephen	21	70	35	14	10	4	154
CLIFT, Paul	2	9	9	11	3	29	63
CONWAY, Michael	0	27	74	36	6	2	145
COOPER, Ian	0	1	8	3	2	0	14
CRANSTON, Ian	0	21	20	5	2	0	48
CROCONO, Rick	16	21	11	4	12	16	80
DASH, Debasish	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
DAVIES, Keith	0	31	42	15	21	0	109
DECELIS, Brian	48	70	18	9	6	4	155
DODWELL, Simon	117	14	5	2	2	49	189
DOUGHTY, Ken	0	3	10	2	2	0	17
DUMBRELL, Daniel	0	2	9	5	3	0	19
DUNBAR, Stewart	33	26	21	10	10	12	112

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Frank Gray	Career
ELLIOTT, Mark	0	2	6	3	4	0	15
ELLOY, Keith	0	35	42	18	11	0	106
FAIRLIE, Simon	0	17	19	17	9	13	75
FINNEMORE, Clay	45	19	6	1	2	21	94
FLETCHER, Ian	34	23	13	7	12	11	100
FORD, Noel	1	1	2	8	5	0	17
FRASER, Scott	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
GAFFNEY, Michael	0	6	12	6	9	0	33
GANESHBAPU, Siva	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
GANGULY, Saurabh	1	5	11	2	1	3	23
GOODGER, Darren	22	0	1	0	0	15	38
GOODMAN, David	59	81	20	11	9	38	218
GUNESINGHE, Maduka	0	0	4	6	0	0	10
HAVILAND, Chris	19	21	14	44	12	1	111
HENRY, David	0	0	5	5	3	0	13
HILLS, Ian	3	25	21	8	3	1	61
HOLLAND, Ivan	92	106	69	40	11	85	403
HOVING, Colin	0	2	6	12	3	0	23
HUGHES, Mark	45	7	2	7	7	16	84
HUNTER, Kim	90	82	27	11	28	43	281
IYER, Yegnesh	0	1	22	28	1	0	52
IZARD, Daniel	2	33	18	14	1	5	73
JAWED, Zeeshan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JHA, Ashutosh	0	10	19	31	13	0	73
JOHNSTONE, Sam	0	0	6	5	0	0	11
JOSE, Abhilash	0	0	6	2	0	0	8
KEANEY, Graham	0	13	12	11	7	0	43
KHALE, Shailesh	3	10	15	2	2	2	34
KIRKNESS, John	31	34	6	3	1	15	90
KODITUWAKKU, Sujeewa	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
LOOMES, Jeffrey	0	8	13	9	13	0	43
LULKA, Adrian	0	11	10	6	24	0	51
MADAN, Ajit	0	7	47	30	2	1	87
MALONEY, Rob	58	18	13	4	9	12	114
MANTHILAKE, Manjula	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARTIN, Leigh	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
MAXWELL, Stephen	0	8	41	29	29	0	107
MCGINN, Cameron	50	10	8	3	5	26	102
MEARNS, Glenn	0	4	13	10	10	0	37
MEURLING, Marlon	0	6	12	6	1	0	25
MOONEY, Peter	182	61	43	14	29	52	381
MULLANE, Peter	12	37	20	11	9	1	90
NEWSOM, Ian	9	22	14	5	5	2	57

Name	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Frank Gray	Career
OTTAVIANO, Joe	1	54	21	10	18	6	110
OVERLAND, Tim	88	27	13	7	6	26	167
PATEL, Sharad	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PRYDE, Ian	81	31	13	6	13	29	173
PRYDE, Scott	87	49	10	9	13	35	203
PURI, Prashant	10	20	12	9	2	5	58
RAHEJA, Vir	16	16	20	20	4	7	83
RAJ, Setu	0	1	7	5	0	0	13
RATLAMWALA, Hussain	0	1	3	5	0	0	9
SAMBASIVAM, Vinoth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHOKMAN, Trevor	53	74	59	36	19	13	254
SCOTT, Ross	0	48	48	17	23	0	136
SEARLES, Gary	0	12	15	9	5	0	41
SHANKAR, Arun	16	30	17	21	8	12	104
SHANNON, Keith	0	0	0	3	5	0	8
SIGMOND, Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPELLIE, Patrick	105	69	40	20	23	32	289
SOLANKI, Sachin	7	4	2	0	5	1	19
STEINDLER, Andrew	105	44	30	19	7	13	218
STOREY, Andy	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
TRELOAR, Ben	4	0	1	5	1	11	22
TRIPATHI, Sushil	0	1	6	4	2	0	13
TRIVEDI, Daksh	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
VASEY, Tony	2	1	18	36	4	0	61
VENKATACHALAM, Arun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VYSE, Warwick	0	20	51	31	29	1	132
WALKER, Ben	0	1	5	2	1	0	9
WESLEYSMITH, Jed	0	8	8	7	2	0	25
WESTON, Liam	0	5	8	7	1	0	21
WHEELER, Geoff	165	49	30	17	13	57	331
WHEELER, Michael	106	62	20	10	15	57	270
WHITE, Garry	0	35	25	8	5	3	76
WHITEHOUSE, Bruce	33	29	12	15	4	36	129
WHOLOHAN, Jake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIGGINS, Leigh	0	0	5	6	2	0	13
WILLMORE, Alan	0	3	8	0	2	0	13
WOOD, Stuart	36	70	31	18	16	19	190
YOUNG, Nathan	0	1	8	11	0	0	20
DONAHOO, Tim *	10	1	1	0	0	0	12
NICKL, Mark *	5	2	0	0	0	0	7
SURANA, Shripat *	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Career Statistics Women's Premier

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NSWCUSA assumed responsibility for umpire appointments to NSW Women's Premier Cricket First Grade competition matches in season 2021-22. Career statistics for appointments from that season, for umpires who officiated in First Grade during 2025-26, are noted in the table below. As the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup was conducted as a standalone competition in 2025, those statistics are recorded separately.

Name	1st Grade	T20 Cup	Career
COLLINS, Katie	57	7	64
COLWELL, John	49	6	55
GREGORY, Sue	58	8	66
HOUSTON, Elisabeth	6	5	11
LOWE, Shekinah	4	8	12
MALLAWARATCHY, Gavin	4	4	8
MAWAHA, Varun	50	7	57
McEWAN, Shannon	9	3	12
McGILL, Lauren	16	0	16
McGREGOR, Bob	50	1	51
MIZZI, Leone	19	7	26
O'DWYER, Elizabeth	39	2	41
RAHEJA, Vir	12	7	19
RAYNER, Christian	2	2	4
SCHOKMAN, Michael	5	6	11
SEARLE, Andrew	15	4	19
SIDDIQUI, Saif	1	0	1
SINDEN, Ian	1	0	1
SOLANKI, Sachin	25	3	28
STEWART, David	48	2	50
TATE, Peter	27	12	39
TRIVEDI, Daksh	15	2	17
TG, Sivaprasad	0	2	2
YARAD, Andrew	0	2	2

NSW Country Cricket Association

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- Gary Herd (Southern Districts)
- Terry Psarakis (Central Northern)

Our Association's administrative link to the regional areas of NSW is by way of our Zone Representatives. They act as a direct conduit between NSWCUSA and the affiliated umpires' and scorers' bodies that operate within each Zone. Planning and facilitation of officials training and development activities is a major part of the Zone Representatives' activities, as well as assisting in administration and governance matters and facilitating the arrangements for country umpires who wish to umpire in NSW Premier Cricket.

The Zone Representatives are:

Mark Coles (Southern Districts), Paul Dilley APM (North Coastal), Neil Findlay (Greater Illawarra), Dave Grainger (Central Coast), Greg Jones (Western), Kim Norris (Newcastle), Rod Porter (Central Northern), Matt Whitty (Riverina).

Each performs an important role in their Zone and provides a vital connection to the Association. As the sole truly statewide cricket officials' body in Australia, we set the example in relation to engagement and involvement for all members, irrespective of their location and officiating preferences. Therein lies one of our major strengths and our Zone Representatives are central to maintaining it.

Representative Programs - Champions

Men's Country Championship – Central Coast

Plan B T20 Country Bash (Male) – Greater Illawarra

Plan B Regional Bash (Female) – Western Outlaws

Country Colts (Hughes-Lilienthal Shield) – Newcastle

Women's Under 19 Country Championships – New Coasters

Women's Under 16 Country Championships – Newcastle

Bradman Cup – Central Northern
Zone Championship (Hogg-Silver Shield) – Newcastle

The performance of Sean Mantle as Head of Premier and Country Cricket, ably supported by Luke Mace, Women's Premier Cricket and Country Cricket Programs Manager, in arranging the various carnivals in liaison with the local administrators and volunteers, has been exceptional. The management of the various logistics associated with the programs is always challenging and both Sean and Luke invariably meet and exceed expectations through their commitment, expertise and sheer hard work. Their inclusion of umpires in all their deliberations and consideration of their welfare and interests is a feature of their approach and is very much appreciated.

Laurie Borg, Paul Dilley, Neil Findlay, Darren Goodger, Kim Norris and Bruce Whitehouse provided important service as tournament and match referees throughout the season. This role is important, not only from a management perspective, but probably more so by way of the development and guidance feedback delivered to the officiating umpires. Unquestionably, they gain much benefit from the assessments of their performance that are completed and the quality of what they deliver on field is thereby enhanced. The fact that we have access to the extensive knowledge and experience held by such individuals is further reinforcement of the strength of NSWCUSA statewide.

Officiating in the bush is often difficult – weather, distance, ground facilities, lack of partners can make for challenging circumstances. The fact that we have so many dedicated members prepared to deal with all these factors and give of their best is testament to their love of the official's role and the game itself. The chances to shine and be exposed to representative cricket are gratefully received and our relationship with Country Cricket remains robust.



Rod Porter and Stephen Wade

Financials and Acknowledgments



Treasurer's Report

- Laurie Borg

The Treasurer's Report includes the Association's Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 30 April 2026.

Statement of Income and Expenditure

The overall result was a surplus of \$20,334.17.

Income totalled \$173,802.62, the main components comprising:

- Umpire Service and Accreditation Grants – \$80,586.42.
- Merchandise sales of \$11,235.89. This represented an overall deficit of \$21,154.87 due to the discount provided to members for the cost of field shirts for the 2025-26 season, subsidised by Belgravia's sponsorship.
- Member and affiliate association subscriptions of \$63,887.64, which were again the core component of income.

Expenditure totalled \$153,468.45, a 0.8% increase on 2024-25. Key points to note:

Administration Expenses

- The total cost of the 2024-2025 Annual Report was \$4,650, a 49% increase, due to the engagement of Troy Penman to complete much of the design and production work. The high quality of the final product justified that expenditure.
- General expenses of \$4,927.84, an increase on 2024-25.
- Honoraria of \$18,990.00, recognising the continuing wonderful contribution of our hard-working volunteers.
- A write-off of outdated clothing stock to the value of \$13,994.00 which was donated to Bankstown Cricket Club for dispatch to Uganda under its long-standing support program.

Training Expenses

- The Board is committed to subsidising the cost of education and development programs for members.
- The Convention resulted in a deficit of \$23,982.43. This investment delivered a great Convention which was highly beneficial to attendees.

- The continued focus on the training and development of umpires and scorers, with outlay \$58,794.81, a 16.6% decrease. The reduction in costs was due the locations visited for the face-to-face training programs. Visits to Country Zones to deliver training programs to prospective umpires is an essential component of the Association's education initiatives.

Hospitality

The Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club proceeded at a net deficit of \$8,958.36. The work undertaken by the management team to deliver an enjoyable experience for members was again outstanding.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Total cash and deposits at 30 April 2026 amounted to \$335,349.65. The Association can meet its ongoing financial contribution to Cricket NSW for the officials management team in the future. Please note that there was a year-end adjustment last year of \$226.18 that was processed by the MYOB accounting software when the 2024-25 financial year was rolled forward.

Acknowledgements

Sincere thanks are offered to:

- Bede Sajowitz whom we wish well in his future endeavors, Adam Singleton and Tim Donahoo for their outstanding efforts on behalf of NSWCUSA. They are excellent administrators who attend to many matters on a weekly basis which assists the Treasurer.
- Ben Treloar on the outstanding work on the continued development of on-line and face to face training.
- Claire Polosak for recruiting new female members for the Association and for her fine work in facilitating Community Officiating workshops.
- Board Chair Mark Hughes and all Directors for their support and guidance.
- Cricket NSW for supporting NSWCUSA. Gratitude is expressed to CEO Lee Germon, the NSW Cricket Board, and Head of Cricket, Greg Mail.
- Darren Goodger for his world-class work and his outstanding service to NSWCUSA through CNSW.
- All members of the Association for your ongoing support and contribution to cricket. The Association exists for you; we aim to serve you as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Summary

The Association is in a sound financial position. The surplus of \$20,334.17 allows for continued focus on training and developing umpires and scorers in New South Wales. The primary objective for 2026-27 will be the delivery of the updated Laws of Cricket and professional development workshops for members, enabling us to remain at the forefront of the education and development of our members and anyone who wants to learn about officiating.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Association in my nineteenth term as Treasurer. I wish you all the very best for the 2026-27 season.



Audit Opinion

- Julian Humphrey and Greg Jones

The financial statements and associated records of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated have been submitted for audit. In our opinion the financial statements present fairly the financial position of New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Incorporated as at 30 April 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

The audit process involved selecting a random sample of entries from the ledger and each of the entries were cross verified with the invoices, bank statements, PayPal statements, grant letters and other required documents. There were no discrepancies noted from within the selected sample and we would like to affirm that books represent fair and true numbers.

**NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 30 April 2026

	2026 \$	2025 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance as at 1 May 2025	325,336.83	323,681.73
Surplus	20,334.17	1,881.28
Balance as at 30 April 2026	345,671.00	325,563.01
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and Deposits		
PayPal Account	-	606.83
General Account	1,713.13	6,952.75
Society Account	62,579.02	78,703.28
General Deposits	271,057.50	209,269.74
	335,349.65	295,532.60
Trade Debtors	3,924.70	1,056.20
Merchandise Inventory	8,818.76	30,580.41
Prepayments	865.00	-
Total Current Assets	348,958.11	327,169.21
Property and Equipment		
Administration Equipment	999.00	999.00
Administration Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(999.00)	(999.00)
Total Administration Equipment	-	-
Coaching Equipment	27,667.44	27,667.44
Coaching Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(26,804.72)	(26,740.87)
Total Coaching Equipment	862.72	926.57
Examination System Software	42,160.26	42,160.26
Examination System Software Accumulated Depreciation	(42,160.26)	(42,160.26)
Total Computer Software	-	-
Trademark	2,544.95	2,544.95
Trademark Depreciation	(2,544.95)	(2,544.95)
Total Trademark	-	-
Total Property and Equipment	862.72	926.57
TOTAL ASSETS	349,820.83	328,095.78
LESS LIABILITIES		
GST	4,149.83	2,532.77
Other Current Liabilities	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,149.83	2,532.77
NET ASSETS	345,671.00	325,563.01

**NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES' AND SCORERS'
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
For the Year Ended 30 April 2026**

	2026 \$	2025 \$	Notes
INCOME			
Sales of Merchandise	11,235.89	11,470.17	
Less Stock on Hand 1 May 2025	29,521.91	51,980.24	
Purchases	24,623.11	28,927.21	
	54,145.02	80,907.45	
Less Stock on Hand 30 April 2026	(21,754.26)	(29,521.91)	
Cost of Goods Sold	32,390.76	51,385.54	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Sales of Merchandise	(21,154.87)	(39,915.37)	1
Membership Fees	63,146.80	60,450.69	
Affiliation Fees	740.84	692.67	
Interest	2,295.74	2,482.38	2
Cricket Australia/Cricket NSW grant	80,586.42	78,239.25	
Training Registration Fees	7,960.85	5,944.51	
Accreditations	1,080.00	-	
Men's Premier Cricket Player Award grant	1,090.91	1,200.00	
McDonald's sponsorship	17,000.00	17,000.00	
CNSW Foundation grant	1,000.00	1,876.82	
Raffles proceeds	2,545.93	2,940.94	
Umpire match fees	17,510.00	23,215.00	
TOTAL INCOME	173,802.62	154,126.89	
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Annual Report production	4,540.00	2,999.04	
Depreciation	63.85	766.15	
Motor Vehicle expenses	5,322.04	5,700.29	3
NSW Fair Trading fees	114.00	54.24	
General expenses	4,927.84	2,966.12	
Salaries and related expenses	4,741.81	4,719.80	
Merchandise written-off	13,994.00	-	4
Honoraria	17,290.00	15,355.00	
Administrative support	1,700.00	-	
Computers	3,150.83	2,762.67	
Bank fees	2,342.59	2,383.76	
Member welfare	290.00	204.50	
Umpire match fees	16,920.00	23,365.00	
	75,396.96	61,276.57	
Member Education and Development			
Education	12,297.78	18,124.71	
Training courses and related activities	12,825.48	3,196.89	
Annual Convention (net)	23,982.43	26,046.67	
Regional seminars	2,894.39	13,919.95	
Regional umpire assistance	6,621.41	9,113.16	
2020 Legacy Fund expenses	173.32	124.03	
	58,794.81	70,525.41	
Member Social			
Raffles prizes and administration	2,249.91	2,018.18	
Annual Dinner (net)	8,958.36	9,710.84	
Functions and Events	8,068.41	8,714.61	
	19,276.68	20,443.63	
TOTAL EXPENSES	153,468.45	152,245.61	
SURPLUS	20,334.17	1,881.28	

These notes form part of the Accounts of NSWCUSA.

- 1 Subsidised cost of field shirts to members, supported by Belgravia sponsorship
- 2 Term Deposits
- 3 Fuel expenses - State Umpire Manager (CNSW vehicle)
- 4 Discontinued merchandise

Acknowledgements

- Tim Donahoo

The Association is fortunate to receive the support of many organisations and individuals that better enable us to meet our objectives and permit us to explore new horizons. While the following have been acknowledged and thanked elsewhere in this Report, we particularly extend our grateful appreciation to:

- **Cricket NSW**

Cricket NSW employs six people in the Match Officials Team and supports the activities of NSWCUSA by the provision of resources. Opportunities for Association members to officiate in State-based pathway and representative programs are an important part of talent progression. Umpires and scorers in NSW are remunerated for their time and service; match officials are better resourced in than anywhere else in the country thanks to the commitment and investment made in NSWCUSA by Cricket NSW. The continued leadership and support shown by Chief Executive Officer Lee Germon and Board Chair John Knox in relation to the Match Officials Team is so highly valued and allows us to be our best. Our thanks are offered to the CNSW Commercial staff for their assistance with securing sponsorship for the Association and the External Communications and Media staff for publicising NSWCUSA training programs and member achievements.

- **Premier and Country Cricket – Cricket NSW**

We thank our colleagues in the Premier and Country Cricket team for their inclusiveness, encouragement and guidance throughout the year. The team works in a highly efficient and effective way to achieve the goals for which each of us strive. Strong collaboration is a feature of operations and the outstanding outcomes achieved reflect very positively on all our efforts.

- **Cricket Australia**

For the provision of the Umpire Servicing Grant, for opportunities provided to NSWCUSA members to umpire and score in the professional game and in national pathway programs, for the feedback and development initiatives offered to our umpires, and for the outstanding umpire training resource materials provided.

- **McDonald's**

Major sponsors of NSWCUSA, its willingness to get behind our members (figuratively and literally!) allows us to provide a range of education, development and social activities at reduced cost.

- **New Balance**

Our arrangement with New Balance has progressed very well, ensuring that members have access to high-quality apparel at discounted prices. The service standards provided are consistently excellent, enabling members to order with confidence.

- **Sydney Cricket Association**

For its support of NSWCUSA, and for providing our members with the opportunity to officiate in NSW Premier Cricket and Sydney Shires Cricket. We appreciate the work undertaken by the Committee of Management led by Graham Gorrie. We thank Head of Premier and Country Cricket Sean Mantle, and Women's Premier Cricket and Country Programs Manager Luke Mace for their extensive efforts during 2025-26.

- **NSW Country Cricket Association**

For supporting NSWCUSA and for providing our members with the opportunity to officiate in Country Cricket NSW pathway and representative programs. We appreciate the leadership of Paul Marjoribanks as Chair and for the Committee continuing to entrust NSWCUSA with the responsibility of officiating its competitions.

- **All Affiliated Umpire and Scorer Associations**

To the executive members of all affiliates, thank you for the contribution you make to officiating and for all you do regarding governance and administration in your local areas. We share particularly close bonds with Sydney Shires and Sydney Women's CUAs, which are integral to the service the Association delivers to cricket in Sydney.

- **NSWCUSA**

All members of NSWCUSA for making the Association what it is. We extend our appreciation to all volunteers, Office-Bearers and Committee members for their service to the Association.

A particular thank you is offered to Jatin Waichal for his photographs from the Annual Dinner that appear throughout the Annual Report. Additionally, the standard of the Report's presentation speak for itself. This is largely due to the talents of Troy Penman, whose design and collation skills are clearly evident. A challenging job was made so much easier by Troy's willingness to contribute.

- **Training Team**

Thank you to all members who have assisted with developing and facilitating our training courses and professional development workshops. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, talented and selfless group to lead in this critical area.

- **Association Staff**

To Adam Singleton, Ben Treloar, Claire Polosak, Darren Goodger and Neil Findlay – your hard work, guidance, innovation, and devotion to the NSWCUSA membership and officiating in NSW is beyond reproach. You inspire me to keep striving for excellence, assist me when I'm in need and encourage me to keep the faith. I am privileged to be your colleague and to have you as friends.



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