

## **HK&HDCA Incorporated**

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### **Annual General Meeting** **Monday 26 July 2010**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.35 pm

**Attendees:** Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Mark Rushton, David Bennett, David Toose, Colin Griffin, Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Joshua Brown, Bruce Wood, Bob Dewstow, Warren Jackson, Geoff Findlay, Marco Delgado (WPHC), Ross Anderson (WPHC), Cameron Reilly (Mt Colah), Daniel Clarke (Mt. Colah), Chris Roden-Smith (Kissing Point), Simon Moore (Umpires), Tim Gastineau-Hills (Kissing Point), John Klingberg (Kissing Point), Scott Burrows (Hornsby District), John Barker (Galston-Glenorie), Justin Ephorp (Galston-Glenorie), Mike Griffin (Normanhurst-Warrawee), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), Michael Dolly (Redfield Lions), Matt Kean (Berowra), Robert Partridge (WPHC), John Patton (Hornsby District).

**Life Members in attendance:** Barry McDonald, Alf James OAM, Colin Cooper, Glenn Hourigan, John Hayne AM.

**Guests:** Betty Hayne, Margaret Hourigan (Women's cricket), Russell Schreiber, Arthur Watson, Nathan Sullivan (Cricket NSW), Abbas Aly (Triforce Sports), Nick Berman (Patron), Steve Cooke (Integrity Consultants).

**Apologies:** George Pinnacle MBE (Life Member), Brian Gibson Mt. Colah CC), Alan Mitchell (Life Member), Stuart Russell (Life Member), Andy Bayles (Life Member), Bob Browne (D & D Chair), John Ceccato (KDSA), Nicki Cooke (Integrity Consultants), Cameron Eve (Kookaburra Sports), Drew Morrow (Life Member), Judy Hopwood (State MP), David Howard (Blowfly Cricket), Peter McCann (Life Member), Steve Mulally (Cricket NSW), Stuart Russell (Life Member), Lisa\_Sthalekar (Patron), Ross Turner (Cricket Australia).

Please note David Toose (Life Member / Treasurer) and Nick Berman (Patron / HSC Mayor) will both be attending, though are expected later this evening.

**Col Griffin moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.**

#### **President's Opening Address:**

Good evening everyone and may I take this opportunity to firstly thank you for your attendance and also to formally welcome you all here this evening, to the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association.

To all our Life Members who have honoured the Association by attending tonight, and also to those who could not attend this evening, I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and interest in our Association. It is now the appropriate time to acknowledge the Life Members in attendance by asking you to stand, once I have announced your respective names, please remain standing until all of your fellow Life members have joined you in standing together as a group:

- John Hayne AM
- Alf James OAM
- Barry McDonald
- Glenn Hourigan
- Col Cooper
- Ross Anderson.

It is important for our Association to continue to remember and recognise our Life Members, whose collective efforts, has resulted in the strong foundations of our body, which is reflected by the strength and longevity of the Association today. On behalf of all our clubs, players, volunteers and supporters, thank you for your efforts and dedication!

To the ladies in the room: Margaret Hourigan, Carolyn Ball (President – Thornleigh CC), and Mrs Hayne, it is wonderful to see you here tonight and I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of our Association.

A very warm welcome is also extended to our respective Club Presidents, Delegates, players, Umpires, volunteers, supporters, Sponsors, and kindred bodies for making the effort to come along this evening to support our Association. To the Official Guests, I thank you for not only your attendance here this evening but also for your ongoing support and commitment to our Association. The Official Guests include:

- Arthur Watson (Life Member – NSWCU&SA)
- Noel Moig (Kookaburra Sports)
- Mike Langford (President NDCC)
- Russell Schreiber (HK&HDCA Coaches Association)
- Mike Snyder (fStop Photos)
- Stephen Cooke (Integrity Consultants - who will be along later this evening)
- Brian Binfield (Fullpoint Graphics)
- Nathan Sullivan (Cricket NSW)

As you all know, I have been an incomplete paraplegic for a little over three years now, and firmly believe my ongoing involvement and efforts with the Association is one of the major contributing factors in my fortunate recovery to date. I thank you all for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful Association as it is important to me in many ways. There are many funny moments when you spend a lot of time in a wheelchair as our esteemed Life member, Glenn Hourigan, will agree with. A couple of moments come to mind:

1. At a Council Meeting earlier in the season, I gave Ben Gussey, our Executive Officer, credit for being the first player to knock me out of my wheelchair whilst umpiring. To be frank, Ben's outfield throw to the bowlers end was a pretty tame sort of return, though unfortunately veered off course when the ball hit the ground in front of me, coming on to hit me in my chest knocking me to the ground backwards out of my wheelchair. I must confess, I told a bit of a story as one of the special needs kids at Blowfly Cricket had knocked me out of my chair a few weeks before "Ben's throw".
2. Last week I went to Townsville in far North Queensland, to play in a wheelchair tennis tournament and also to visit my son, his wife and my beautiful granddaughter. The ITF rules are very strict, even for wheelchair tennis players and you need to play in white shoes. So off I went to the local shoe shop, to buy my first pair of shoes in over three years. I suppose that is one of the big plusses for this disability... that is you don't need to buy shoes all that often. Anyway, the very attractive 30 year old blond shop assistant took great care and time in serving me...helping to lift my feet for me to try on various styles of shoes, revealing a conscientious and diligent approach to providing me with quality serving. I was happy with a particular brand and I looked the goods, so I asked her if it was okay if I went for a wander to try them on, just as used to when I used to be more able bodied. I then proceeded to push my wheelchair up and down the shop three to four times to which I commented "*...I'll take them as they feel great...*" The initial look of shock on all staff and customers was well worth the ruse, to be followed by raucous laughter – it was one of those moments!

Back to the 2009 / 10 Cricket season which has been a momentous one for our Association with many highlights. Not the least being the fantastic 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Report & Financial Reports presented to you this evening.

In closing, the efforts, long hours and hard work put in by our Executive Officer, Benjamin Gussey, has been outstanding to say the least. Ben ..... take a bow as I am very aware of the difficulties and challenges you have been confronted with. You took on this onerous role well into the season and have managed extremely well. Be very proud of your efforts and achievements to date as you have set a wonderful foundation for those who take on this challenging role in the years to come. Personally, I have no doubt this role will develop into a full-time role in the years to come, with the infinite demands placed on local sporting communities through “well-meaning” bureaucracy and “red tape”. For me, you have been a pleasure to work with and are a credit to your family who must be very proud of your efforts and commitment to the task at hand. I look forward to continuing to work with you for the coming season.

Thank you and enjoy the remainder of the evening.

**Minutes of previous 83<sup>rd</sup> HK&HDCA AGM dated 27 July 2009:**

**Geoff Findlay moved that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:** None

**Presentation of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Report by the Executive Officer:**

On behalf of the Executive of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association it gives me great pleasure to present the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to our Life Members and Patrons, Clubs, players and club delegates, Umpires’ Association, our newly formed coaching Association, our friends from Northern Districts Cricket Club, Cricket NSW, NSWDCA, Northern Sydney Girls Cricket Association and Blowfly Cricket, our sponsors and supporters, particularly Kookaburra Sports and Triforce Sports and our three Councils – Ku-ring-gai, The Hills Shire and Hornsby Shire.

The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Financial Statements for season 2009/10 has been a culmination of the efforts of many and the feedback received from our previous Annual Report. I must thank the contributors to the Annual Report who include Mark Rushton, Steven Wilson, Bruce Kimberley, Bruce Wood, David Howard, Steve Mulally, Nathan Tilbury, David Toose, Barry McDonald, Geoff Hasler, Warren Jackson, Mike Langford, Alf James, John Hayne, Walter Wilson, our numerous photographers, and last but not least, Brian Binfield from Fullpoint Graphics who had the thankless job cleaning up my formatting and putting it all together.

There have been a number of changes to the Annual Report from last year’s Report. Last year’s Report was our first done in A4 format with the more liberal use of colour. Whilst the feedback was pretty positive there’s always room for improvement. The most noticeable change this season is the inclusion of tables, Finals scores, bowling and batting statistics, wicket-keeping leaders, top scores and top wicket hauls. We did not want to leave you with a document that resembled ‘War and Peace’ and have kept the length to 64 pages – 4 more than last year, and 56 more than the one presented in 1957.

The first section this year includes glamour shots of our Executive and Patrons as well as key census figures. Some may notice the numbers reported from last year’s Annual Report have changed, primarily due to our efforts to clean up the way data is reported. These figures should prove to be more accurate. On page 2, you will see that we have 3805 participating players and umpires affiliated to our Association, involved in approximately 1,700 matches – just 200 short of the amount of international Test matches completed in 133 years.

On pages 4 and 5 two of our partnerships have been highlighted, with Cricket NSW and Blowfly Cricket – the latter was recently seen us approved for a \$2000 grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Following the Treasurer’s Report, we have highlighted our two sponsors on page 14, Kookaburra Sports and Triforce Sports – both of whom will continue their partnership with us in through the next season.

The following three sections include Junior, Senior and Representative cricket. Given I personally finally had a decent season, I thought it pertinent that we include statistics for this year’s report.

The top 10 bowlers and batsmen are highlighted from each age group and grade, as well as numerous other statistics. Intermixed with this, include our Sunday One-Day Competition Report, Northern District Cricket Club report – which includes a list of former HK&HDCA players that now represent the club – as well as a photo from their historical 2<sup>nd</sup> grade chase of 507 runs, spearheaded by some former HK&HDCA players, reports from our showpiece events the Glenn Hourigan and Ross Turner Cups, as well as the newly formed Friendship Cup against the Sydney Morning Cricket Association.

From page 52 we have our Council Reports, including our Umpires' Association from our departing Umpires' Secretary Bruce Wood. Highlights from this Report are the 77 players that received their Captain's Ticket last season, the 271 appointments made over the season as well as the Umpires' Association President, Geoff Hasler notching up a double ton of matches umpired.

Over the page are some statistics from our website this year. The amalgamation of our websites to one central address saw an increase of nearly 2,000 visitors per month and saw a total of 788,000 page views over 7 months – giving us a traffic increase of almost 3-fold.

The last few pages include the 'Life Members View' from our esteemed Life Member, John Hayne, followed by images from the season past, including some great entries to our recently formed Triforce Photo of the Month competition.

We hope that you enjoy this edition and we continue to welcome feedback going forward next season.

**Warren Jackson moved that the Annual Report be adopted, seconded by Geoff Findlay. Motion carried.**

Ross Anderson addressed the meeting and congratulated those members who had been involved in producing the report which he noted was a great effort.

#### **Special presentation to Alf James OAM**

Mark Rushton presented a special Honour Cap made and donated by Albion Sports to Alf James OAM to recognise the tremendous work that Alf has put into the Association. Mark made particular mention of the fact that Alf had held the President role of the Association for an unbroken period of 23 seasons from 1980 to 2002.

#### **Election of Office Bearers for 2010/2011 Season**

At this point of the Meeting Mark Rushton vacated the chair and asked Alf James OAM to assume the chair for the election of Office Bearers for the coming season.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Result</b>
President	Mark Rushton	Re elected unopposed
Vice President	Geoff Hasler	Re elected unopposed
Vice President	Nathan Tilbury	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Senior Competition Secretary	Steve Wilson	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Treasurer (Public Officer)	David Toose	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Junior Cricket Secretary	Bruce Kimberley	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Minutes Secretary	David Bennett	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Representative Secretary	Warren Jackson	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Umpires Organising Secretary	Simon Moore	Elected unopposed
Coaches Association Representative (Development Officer)	To be filled during season	

#### **Election of Patrons for 2010/2011 Season**

Motions were then called for to nominate the Associations Patrons for the coming season

<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Moved</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Result of motion</b>
Mayors of three councils	Glen Hourigan	Geoff Hasler	Carried
Tom Richmond OAM, John Hayne AM, Colin Cooper, Lisa Stalekar and Denise Annetts	Warren Jackson	Col Griffin	Carried
Ross Turner	Mark Rushton	Cameron Reilly	Carried

**A motion was then put forward by Geoff Hasler that correspondence be issued to all nominated Patrons inviting them to be the Associations Patrons for the coming season and requesting their acceptance of the role. Seconded by Col Griffin. Motion carried.**

### **Election of Auditor**

**A motion to appoint Barry McDonald FCPA the position of Auditor for the coming season was moved by Geoff Findlay. Seconded by Geoff Hasler. Barry agreed to accept the nomination and the motion was carried.**

At this point of the meeting Mark Rushton resumed the chair as President for the coming season.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- David Toose thanked Barry McDonald for stepping in at short notice to audit the books for last season.
- It was reported that the Association had achieved a slight surplus for last year.
- The Executive has been considering long term plans to undertake ground improvements in respect of lower grade grounds. The funds for this will come from the current ground maintenance fund. These funds will need to be replaced over a period of time and as such the budget will be set accordingly.
- There was a question from the floor regarding fees for the coming season. At this stage they have not been set but are expected to be determined within the next 4 to 4 weeks.

### **Presentations for 2009/2010 Season**

1. Mark Rushton made a special presentation to Brian Binfield of Fullpoint Graphics who produced the Annual Report, Juniors / Reps Presentation Booklet, the Presidents Forum Booklet and supports Blowfly cricket.
2. Plaques were also presented to each of the three councils.
3. The Integrity Cup was presented to Beecroft CC based upon correspondence from Hornsby District CC regarding fair play and also for their junior development initiatives this year.

At this point Mark Rushton acknowledged the close association with NDCC and the initiatives for the coming season. In particular Mark referred to the new Coaches Association that would be working with NDCC to deliver Coaching Clinics during the coming season.

Senior competition caps were presented as per the table below.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Club</b>
A Grade	Asquith Rugby League
A-Reserve Grade	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
Colts Comp	Normanhurst-Warrawee
B Grade	Kissing Point
B-Reserve Grade	Berowra
C Grade	Castle Hill RSL
C2 Grade	Berowra
C3 Grade	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
D Grade	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
D2 Grade	Kenthurst
Sunday Comp	Kissing Point

The John Hayne Cup was presented to the Castle Hill RSL club.

**Individual Awards for performances for last season were presented as follows.**

The James Sheppard Memorial trophy was presented to Brent Hartland from the Hornsby District club who scored 835 runs in B Grade, B-Reserve Grade and Colts competitions.

The Frank Sagar award was presented to Rowan Prior from the St Ives club who took 51 wickets in the A Grade competition.

The Campbell-Sproule trophy went to Tim Eastman from Kissing Point who completed 33 dismissals (19 catches and 14 stumpings) as wicket-keeper in the B Grade competition.

<b>Award</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Club</b>
A Grade Batting	Lachlan Woods	Kenthurst
A Grade Bowling	Luke Chapman	Asquith Rugby League
A-Reserve Grade Batting	Ben Gussey	St Ives
A-Reserve Grade Bowling	Adam Oaten	Kenthurst
Colts Comp Batting	Liam Burrell	Berowra
Colts Comp Bowling	Tom Cole	Normanhurst-Warrawee
B Grade Batting	Matt Scoular	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
B Grade Bowling	Cameron Riddett	Normanhurst-Warrawee
B-Reserve Grade Batting	Sanjaya Ranasinghe	Mt. Colah
B-Reserve Grade Bowling	Geoff Richards	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
C Grade Batting	Tony Pagano	Kenthurst
C Grade Bowling	Scott Minard	Hornsby District
C2 Grade Batting	Russel Ingram	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
C2 Grade Bowling	Nigel Mills	Berowra
C3 Grade Batting	Brendan Harkin	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
C3 Grade Bowling	Arun Kumar	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
D Grade Batting	Lachlan Vile	West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook
D Grade Bowling	Tarun Dhingra	Berowra
D2 Grade Batting	John Klingberg Snr	Kissing Point
D2 Grade Bowling	Daniel Moss	Kenthurst

**General Business:**

- Warren Jackson reminded the Meeting that there were upcoming Junior Representative Trials and details were on the website.

**Meeting Closed:**

8.50 pm.

**Signed:**

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Mark Rushton  
President  
HK&HDCA Inc.

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David Bennett  
Minutes Secretary  
HK&HDCA Inc.

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