

Annual General Meeting
Monday 25 July 2011

Meeting commenced: 7.35 pm

Attendees: Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Mark Rushton, Colin Griffin, Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Joshua Brown, Bruce Wood, Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Mitchell Burger (Beecroft), Roger Friend (WPHC), Ross Anderson (WPHC), Michael Hungerford (Castle Hill RSL), Mike Burgin (Castle Hill RSL), Daniel Clarke (Mt. Colah), Chris Roden-Smith (Kissing Point), Kieran Canavan (Kissing Point), Tim Gastineau-Hills (Kissing Point), John Barker (Galston-Glenorie), Justin Epthorp (Galston-Glenorie), Mike Griffin (Normanhurst-Warrawee), John Patton (Hornsby District), Arees Rauf (Blade Runners), Vernon Lopes (Blade Runners), Niyaz Cannooh (Blade Runners), Ram Bhandarkar (Blade Runners), Greg Fiedler (Berowra, Phill Reid (Berowra), Martin Lindsay (Berowra), Pete Gallaway (Berowra), John McQuillan (Umpires).

Life Members in attendance: Andy Bayles, Glenn Hourigan, Barry McDonald, Alf James OAM, Colin Cooper, Ross Anderson, Bruce Kimberley, David Toose.

Guests: Steve Mulally (Cricket NSW), Mike Langford (Northern District CC) Abbas Aly (Triforce Sports), Nick Berman (Patron), Brian Binfield (Fullpoint Graphics).

Apologies: John Hayne AM & Peter McCann (Life Members), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), David Bennett, Noel Moig & Cameron Eve (Kookaburra Sports), Matthew Kean (Berowra and Local MP), Steve Wilson, Ross Turner (Patron).

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

Correspondence:

Minutes of previous 84th HK&HDCA AGM dated 26 July 2010:

Geoff Findlay moved that the minutes of the previous AGM 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 to the 85th 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:

- Ross Anderson
- Andy Bayles
- Col Cooper
- Glenn Hourigan
- Alf James OAM
- Bruce Kimberley
- Barry McDonald
- David Toose

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, Leigh Drummond (Secretary – Blowfly Cricket) 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, Patrons, and sponsors 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:

- Mike Langford (President NDCC)
- Brian Binfield (Fullpoint Graphics)
- Abbas Aly (Triforce Sports)
- Steve Mulally (Cricket NSW)

Our Association is steep in tradition and history, and today remains one of the larger community cricket associations in New South Wales with 3,441 competition and non-competition players, including 22 active Umpires. The essential factor is that our Association caters for people in the District and surrounding areas, who wish to enjoy their cricket with their friends locally. The Association is by far the largest cricket body in the area, and the only one that caters to the two genders, all ages and all levels of ability. In an altruistic venture, the Association proudly developed a hybrid form of cricket in the 2009 / 10 season for children with special needs, "Blowfly Cricket", held each Saturday afternoon during the spring and summer months at Claude Cameron Grove, a tiny sloping village green in Wahroonga, which has potential for enormous growth and development not just in our district, but also adjoining districts..

The 2010 / 11 season has been one of consolidation, growth and development for our proud Association in many key areas, including:

- Blowfly Cricket, a hybrid form of the game for children with special needs continues to prosper, even being the recipient of a \$2,200.00 grant from the DSR earlier in the season. This grant has to be expended in full no later than 31st December 2011 otherwise the unspent funds component need to be returned. Ben Gussey needs to be thanked for his efforts in facilitating this grant application.
- The Association has been successful in obtaining a \$28,000.00+ Communities in Partnership (DSR) grant for renovations to James Park Hornsby. This successful grant application was again facilitated by Ben Gussey (Executive Officer) and he needs to be applauded for his efforts. This grant is a wonderful example of the need for the Association to be thinking laterally in working in closely with our respective Councils, State MPs, local residents, and other key stakeholders or user groups of our grounds. Again this grant has to be expended in full no later than 30th November 2011 otherwise the unspent funds component need to be returned. Ben Gussey needs to be thanked for his efforts in facilitating this grant application.
- Not the least being the production of this, most probably our best effort yet - the Association's 85th Annual Report & Financial Reports which is to be presented to you this evening by our Executive Officer. Ben's efforts here have been astonishing with many unpaid hours put into the production of this publication. Bruce Wood needs to be thanked for his efforts in editing the report, and Brian Binfield of Fullpoint Graphics has to be applauded for his incredible efforts and flexibility in working with us...a tough task in my mind.
- The Coaches Association initial season has been a huge success, superbly driven by Bruce Wood in the President's seat. Bruce...congrats to you and your team on a fantastic first-up effort in the many areas you have taken on, including working in partnership with NDCC by co-hosting 3 successful school holiday coaching clinics. Also, the Coaches Association have done a fantastic job in the coordination

and organisation of the junior showpiece games: the Ross Turner Cup (U14-U15 age groups) & the Glenn Hourigan Cup (U11-U13 age groups), and also the off-season Under 10 Development squad. Who would ever have thought we would witness 63 U10 children amassing on James Park in the middle of the off-season, for cricket coaching clinics?

- The mutually beneficial relationship with our local Grade Club, NDCC. Working behind the scenes with the club President, Mike 'Drifter' Langford has been a pleasure and we have been able to work together in re-establishing that essential positive relationship between our 2 bodies.
- The affiliation of Sydney Lions Sports Club and Annangrove CC further promotes a multi-cultural family within our Association and I am extremely proud to actively support the zero tolerance the Association has adopted against racism or discrimination within the local cricket district.

I sincerely thank all of those 'invisible' volunteers who work so tirelessly behind the scenes for the clubs and also for the association – your individual and collective efforts do not go unnoticed. To the Executive Members, congratulations to each and every one of you for your efforts throughout what has been another long season. The Association would not function or prosper without your incredible efforts in those key positions in the day-to-day administration of the Association.

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. My speech tonight is the final one I will be giving in the role of President as I am retiring hurt, though proudly with a not out in the final column of this scorebook. I wish the incumbent Office Bearers all the very best for the coming season. If needed, I am only a telephone call away and am even more amenable to catching up for a chat over a coffee at a local café.

Thank you and enjoy the remainder of the evening.

A special presentation was then made to outgoing Treasurer, David Toose, and an Honours cap was presented by Alfred James. David had served on the Executive for 21 years and as Treasurer for 14 years.

David thanked Mark Rushton and Alfred James OAM for the presentation of the Honour Cap. He wished the Association the best for the future and promised to lend a helping hand for the future.

Presentation of the 85th Annual Report by the Executive Officer:

It gives me great pleasure to present to our member clubs, executive, Life Members, patrons, kindred and governing bodies and our many players, supporters and volunteers the 85th Annual Report and financial statements for season 2010/11.

Season 2010/11, from my perspective, has been an incredibly eventful season. There are so many stories that need to be told, some that can't be told and many in-between.

I would like to thank the Executive for affording me some leniency in this Annual Report to take the it in a new direction, whilst still retaining some historical perspective. Through all the events of the past year, I would hope the Annual Report captures the very best stories of our Association and recognizes the efforts of our clubs and volunteers and the spirit of community cricket.

Although I am afforded the privilege of presenting this document, there are many who have contributed and I would like to start off by thanking them.

Brian Binfield of Full Point Graphics has been fantastic in his support and patience in putting this together. His ongoing support for all our documents has been exceptional. I am sure you would all agree this is a very well compiled and printed document.

Bruce Wood was also meticulous and as patient as ever in proof reading, editing and contributing information. Mark Rushton was a great help as always and put his stamp on the report by selecting the cover – and we must thank the Hills Shire Council for the photo.

There are many people that I need to thank for their ongoing contributions to our Annual Report and newsletters. These people include, Bruce Kimberley, Geoff Hasler, Nathan Tilbury, David Toose, Simon Moore, David Bennett, Tom Richmond, Steve Mulally, Edwina Chapple, Alfred James, Mike Langford, Simon Arthur, Warwick Jones, Trisha Lynch, Ross Anderson, John Barker and many more. I apologise for anyone that I may have missed.

The first section is, as always, our most exciting; 'From The Executive', commencing on page 5, which includes reports from Mark Rushton, myself and the financial report from David Toose.

The following section is 'Developing the Association', from page 15, which recognizes our affiliated and kindred bodies. There is a great article on the work that the Coaches Association has commenced in developing cricket in our region. We also have contributions highlighting the great work of the Umpires Association, Northern District and a tidbit from two of our In2CRICKET/Kanga Cricket Centres.

From page 23, we have the 'Our Community, Our Clubs' section which features reports and highlights from our clubs. I hope that we can develop this in the future and encourage clubs to send in reports. This year we had a particular focus on fundraising. Including a couple of choice photos of Mark Rushton and myself in our Movember efforts, which are now unfortunately immortalised.

The following section, commencing from 39 to 79 include the competition reports. In response from comments over the last two years, we have included all records and grades.

Finally, we have our Council reports, roll of honour and a special mention to some very important members of our Association who unfortunately passed away this year, Les Shore, Bob Somerville and Darren Egelhoff.

Last but not least, Alfred James has passed on some very interesting comments in the 'From the Life Members' section that should be taken in to consideration by the Association.

I hope you enjoy the Annual Report and, as always, I welcome further feedback on how can we improve it in the future.

Motion to accept the Annual Report was moved by Nathan Tilbury, seconded by Geoff Hasler. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

David Toose stated that the deficit was in part due to incurred expenses, with grounds paid in advanced. Additionally, the cost of the Executive Officer role had not yet been passed on to member clubs.

Barry McDonald verified, as auditor, the funds are in existence. Barry McDonald noted that the last two years are averaged, there has been a loss of \$2001, as opposed to profit of \$10,000 and \$4,000 loss.

Letter from Life Member John Hayne AM

At this point, Mark Rushton asked to Ross Anderson to read a letter on behalf of Life Member and Patron of the Association, John Hayne AM. The following was read;

Mr President,

It is my pleasure to support the adoption of the Annual Report covering the 2010/11 season. In doing so I would like to congratulate you sir and the members of your Executive, along with the various committees on the manner in which the business of the Association has once again been conducted. But, especially I wish to congratulate your Executive Officer Mr Ben Gussey on the great work he has done in the administration of the Association and particularly in keeping the members and especially the Life Members informed of the doings of the organisation.

I should also like to thank our outgoing Treasurer, David Toose, on the fine work he has done on behalf of the Association over many years and the manner in which he has controlled the finances during that period. Our best wishes are extended to him for the future.

To all of those teams who won the competitions, I extend my personal congratulations together with my commiserations to the losers. Likewise, congratulations are extended to all of the individual trophy winners, whose performances represent the backbone of their teams in this great team sport.

There are a couple of matters however, which I feel I should address. Firstly I, along with you all join in mourning the passing of a great friend and fellow Life Member, Mr Les Shore, a gentleman and fine administrator, both of our game, and Local Government Mayor as well as a beloved school teacher and Principal.

Les and I first became acquainted in the mid 1940's, around the time his father, Jim, used to pile a team of kids onto his truck on Saturday mornings and drive them into Hornsby to compete in our rather sparse junior competition. They competed against teams from Thornleigh, Waitara Catholic, North Hornsby and later West Pennant Hills. Quite a change to today. At completion of play he would hasten home, collect his other sons and head off for their afternoon game.

Whilst he would not lay claim to being the World's Best Cricketer, Les loved the game dearly playing for his Glenorie Club, but became better known for many years as Manager of the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Cricket Association's Telegraph Shield team. It was due in part to Les' efforts that the "& HILLS DISTRICT" part was added to our name. His efforts as a Club administrator and Shire Councillor were rewarded when the then new Glenorie ground was named in his honour. This represented a major milestone for him as a turf wicket was laid at the ground.

Whilst his connection to this our cricket was not acknowledged at his funeral, his death is a great loss to all of those who knew him and to this Association.

Secondly, a matter of importance appears to have arisen which may affect us greatly and that is Hornsby Council's decision to remove turf wickets at some of its grounds, Whilst this does not have an immediate impact on this Association it may be the thin edge of the wedge between us and our excellent relations with them. Provision of the outstanding amenities which have been provided by our councils has taken much time and negotiation over a large number of years and must not be surrendered lightly. It is the duty of all of our members to protect these hard fought for facilities and we must be vigilant in their protection. Whilst I acknowledge that the rather substantial sums we pay for rental do not cover the costs of maintaining the grounds, they are a public amenity and their provision surely is part of Councils obligation to the community.

Mr President, thank you for allowing me to make this contribution to the conduct of the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Association to which I extend my Best Wishes for continued growth and success in the future.

John Hayne AM.

Election of Office Bearers for 2011/2012 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.

Position	Nominee	Result
President	Nathan Tilbury	Elected unopposed
Vice President	Geoff Hasler	Re elected unopposed
Vice President	Vacancy	Casual Vacancy
Honorary Senior Competition Secretary	Vacancy	Casual Vacancy
Honorary Treasurer (Public Officer)	Vacancy	Casual Vacancy
Honorary Junior Cricket Secretary	Bruce Kimberley	Re elected unopposed
Honorary Minutes Secretary	Vacancy	Casual Vacancy
Honorary Representative Secretary	Abbas Aly	Elected unopposed
Honorary Umpires Organising Secretary	Vacancy	Casual Vacancy
Coaches Association Representative (Development Officer)	Bruce Wood	Re elected unopposed

Election of Patrons for 2011/2012 Season

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

Mark Rushton commented that Patrons must abstain from voting at Council level and it may be to the detriment of the Association to continue to elect persons in the position to vote as Patrons.

Nominees	Moved	Seconded	Result of motion
Mayors of three councils	Nathan Tilbury	Bruce Kimberley	Carried
Tom Richmond OAM, John Hayne AM, Colin Cooper, Lisa Stalekar, Denise Annetts, Ross Turner	Nathan Tilbury	Bruce Kimberley	Carried
Ross Turner	Nathan Tilbury	Bruce Kimberley	Carried
Matt Kean	Nathan Tilbury	Bruce Kimberley	Carried

Election of Auditor

A motion to reappoint 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 Nathan Tilbury assumed the chair as President for the coming season.

Presentations for 2010/2011 Season

The Jim Fuggle Awards were presented and summaries were read by Nathan Tilbury for each recipient.

John Coulthard
Carolyn Ball
Alex Terry
Scott Reid
Mark Middleton

Life Membership Nomination & Presentation

John McQuillan was asked to leave the room. Nathan Tilbury read a summary of John McQuillan's history within the Association and his involvement in cricket, as follows;

John commenced playing in the Association in A Grade for Thornleigh 1971/72 and later moved to Berowra. He played in the Association until 1997/98. After retiring as a player, John has umpired in well over 200 Association matches.

He has been a delegate to the Association since at least 1979/80 and has attended over 300 Council meetings. He was a member of the Executive from 1981/2 to 1985/6 and the Umpires' Vice-President from 1996/7 to 2000/2001. He was President of the Umpires from 2001/02 to 2008/09.

At club level, John was a Vice-President of Berowra Cricket Club from 1983/84 to 1987/88, Junior Secretary from 1988/89 to 1992/93 and President from 1993/94 to 1997/98. As President, John held the club together and paved the way for future success.

Beyond the Association, John made an invaluable contribution to cricket with his work as the Primary Schools Convener for the Hornsby Zone and selector for various primary school representative teams. He managed the Northern District A.W.Green Shield team from 1989/90 to 1995/96 and was the schools representative to the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council.

John's contribution has been exceptional, exemplary and made over a long period. During this time, he has displayed a passion for the game and a dedication to those he has represented.

Nathan stated he knew very little of John's long & exceptional history with the HK&HDCA due, in part, to John's own modesty. The Executive endorsed the comments.

Alfred James OAM stated that he John was the most genuine person he had met in the Association.

Col Cooper stated John, in fact, had attended far more than 300 meetings and he has been a valuable asset for the Association. Col stated the John is an essential part of the Association and it was a well-deserved recognition.

Nathan Tilbury moved a motion that John McQuillan be inducted as a Life Member, seconded by David Toose. Motion moved.

John McQuillan was asked back to the room and accepted his induction as a Life Member.

John said it was very unexpected and thanked the Association for the honour. He stated how many changes he had witnessed in the Association since he started in 1970. John hoped that more younger people became involved in the Association and continued the legacy.

Individual Senior Competition Awards for performances for 2010/11 were presented as follows.

Richard King - 669 runs (Berowra B Grade)

James Sheppard Memorial Trophy

Most runs in any grade

Jude D'Silva - 42 wickets (Kissing Point C3 Grade)

Frank Sagar Trophy

Most wickets in any grade

Michael Hungerford - 27 dismissals (Castle Hill RSL A Reserve)

Campbell-Sproule trophy

Most dismissals by a wicketkeeper in any grade

A Grade

Batting Average Winner : Ben Folkard (Asquith Rugby League) 533 runs @ 59.2

Bowling Average Winner : Luke Chapman (Asquith Rugby League) 33 wickets @ 9.79

A Reserve

Batting Average Winner : Michael McGregor (WPHC) 508 runs @ 42.33

Bowling Average Winner : Arees Rauf (Wahroonga Bladerunners) 33 wickets @ 11.76

Colts

Batting Average Winner : Rajiv Chandrasena (Normanhurst/Warrawee) 452 runs @41.09

Bowling Average Winner : Andrew Endecott (Berowra) 25 wickets @15.92

B Grade

Batting Average Winner : Richard King (Berowra) 669 runs @ 60.82

Bowling Average Winner : Petri Mah-Chut (Berowra) 35 wickets @ 11.46

B Reserve

Batting Average Winner : Tom Dempsey (Normanhurst-Warrawee) 600 runs @ 60.00

Bowling Average Winner : Matt Salisbury (Normanhurst-Warrawee) 32 wickets @ 14.56

C Grade

Batting Average Winner : Salim Khan (Mt Colah) 384 runs @ 42.67

Bowling Average Winner : Andrew Watt (WPHC) 31 wickets @ 16.97

C Reserve

Batting Average Winner : Allan Raffel (WPHC Red) 418 runs @ 59.71

Bowling Average Winner : Chavi Dissanayake (Normanhurst/Warrawee) 30 wickets @ 5.50

C3 Grade

Batting Average Winner : Peter Johnston (Normanhurst-Warrawee) 473 runs @ 52.56

Bowling Average Winner : Jude D'Silva (Kissing Point) 42 wickets @ 9.86

D Grade

Batting Average Winner : Craig Woods (Normanhurst/Warrawee) 496 runs @ 82.67

Bowling Average Winner : Bernie Rorke (Berowra) 38 wickets @ 9.63

D Reserve

Batting Average Winner : Clinton Pereksles (Kissing Point) 465 runs @ 130.33

Bowling Average Winner : Matt Francis (Berowra) 27 wickets @ 11.52



General Business:

- Nathan Tilbury raised the topic of grounds and discussed the current position of the Glade and Hornsby Turf Grounds.
- Bruce Kimberley said he couldn't understand how facilities can be reduced when players are not reducing.
- David Lea congratulated Hornsby Council for the amount of turf grounds they have and the hard work they have continued to do.
- Col Cooper made a statement congratulating David Toose and Mark Rushton for their ongoing work and innovation. David has led the Association in to a financially stable position.
- Col wished Nathan the best for the future.

Meeting Closed:

9.16 pm.

Signed:

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Nathan Tilbury
President
HK&HDCA Inc.
Date:/...../ 2011

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Ben Gussey
Acting Minutes Secretary
HK&HDCA Inc.
Date:/...../ 2011