

General Council Meeting
Monday 24th October 2011

Meeting commenced: 7.40 pm

Attendees: Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Mike Griffin, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley, Abbas Aly (all Executive), John Barker (GG), Bill White (St Ives), Simon Arthur (ARL), Barry McDonald (WPHC), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Col Griffin (Kenthurst Upper Hills), John Klingberg (Kissing Point), Allan Deyo (Sydney Lions Sports Club), Steve Rapley (NW), Scott Burrows (HH), John McQuillan (Ump. Deleg.), Bruce Parker (Mt Colah), Steve Wilson (Ump. Sec), Roger Friend (WPHCCC), Ian Fowler (Epping), Marty Lindsay (Berowra), Sean Sweeney (KP), Stephen Leggott (PH Jnrs), Michael Dolly, Gavin Wingfield (St Ives).

Apologies: Justin Epthorp (GG), Alf James, Mark Lumley (North Shore), Michael Burgin (CH), Greg Fiedler (Berowra).

Geoff Findlay moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by John Barker. PASSED.

Welcome: Nathan Tilbury welcomed all attendees.

Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:

Geoff Findlay moved that the minutes of 19th September 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by Bruce Wood. PASSED.

Actions arising from HK&HDCA General Council Meetings:

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
5 th - 9	5/9 – Email the details of the Golf Day (Fri 11 th Nov) @ approx. \$50 per head) through to Ben Gussey for distribution to Clubs. 19/9 – O/G, with 4 ball Ambrose, minimum of 40 with max of 72 (possibly 96). 24/10 – Postpone until February 2012.	Geoff Hasler	21/11	Open
19 th - 4	19/9 – Follow up last years and this years rebates from Kookaburra. 24/10 – Ongoing.	Mike Griffin	21/11	Open
19 th - 8	19/9 – Follow up why Little Athletics at Bannockburn is finishing later than normal. 24/10 – Rectified.	Geoff Hasler	21/11	Open
24 th - 1	24/10 – Investigate the details of Mills Park charges versus usage and advise outcomes.	Nathan Tilbury	21/11	Open
24 th - 2	24/10 – Follow-up on providing a laptop for the Treasurer.	Nathan Tilbury	21/11	Open



Closed Actions (Note: will remain on minutes for one meeting cycle)

Ref	Action / Update	Owner	Due	Status
22 nd - 1	22/8 – Follow up the President’s meeting minutes. 5/9 – Ongoing. 19/9 – Notes are to be written, with Barry McDonald to review. 24/10 – Issued.	Ben Gussey	24/10	Closed
19 th - 1	19/9 – Email Clubs for details of any required covers, spikes, hessian, etc. for various grounds. 24/10 – 80 spikes and Hessian received this week.	Geoff Hasler	24/10	Closed
19 th - 2	19/9 – Email updated details of the covers, spikes, hessian, etc. for various grounds, from above, to the Executive. 24/10 – Completed.	Geoff Hasler	24/10	Closed
19 th - 3	19/9 – Ensure key management is in place for Northholm keys. 24/10 – Completed.	Ben Gussey	24/10	Closed
19 th - 5	19/9 – SCC to investigate the grading issue for Castle Hill. 24/10 – Completed.	SCC	24/10	Closed
19 th - 6	19/9 – Send Brian Gibson and/or Nathan Tilbury any details relating to problems with grounds, including photos, so that a list can be compiled and discussed with Councils. 24/10 – Completed.	All Clubs	24/10	Closed
19 th - 7	19/9 – Advise of the sponsorship details for Hornsby RSL on the Association website. 24/10 – Completed.	Ben Gussey	24/10	Closed
19 th - 8	19/9 – Follow up why Little Athletics at Bannockburn is finishing later than normal. 24/10 – Rectified.	Geoff Hasler	24/10	Closed

Correspondence

Outgoing -

- 27.09.11: Hornsby RSL: meeting dates for 2011/12.
- 10.10.11: Clubs, sponsors, Life Members etc.: 2nd Edition 2011/12 On the Ball HK&HDCA Newsletter.
- 21.10.11: Clubs & Club Presidents: President’s meeting minutes.
- 24.10.11: Clubs: Resignation of SCC Chairman & Notice of Casual Vacancy for Senior Competition Committee Secretary.

Incoming -

- 20.09.11: Resignation of SCC Chairman Brian Gibson due to change of employment.
- 23.09.11: Coopers Team Wear: Rep clothing 430 – shirts . 161 – shorts . 250 – caps (\$21,543.50).
- 25.09.11: JLT insurance invoice 31/08/2011 to 31/08/2012 Asset Protect Base Cover (\$350.07).
- 3.10.11: Northern Districts: Opening of Mark Taylor Oval on Sunday 6th November .
- 10.10.11: Hornsby Shire Council: invoice for James Park works complete (from grant monies) (\$20,163.00).
- 11.10.11: DCA Delegates meeting Thursday 27/10/11 7.45pm at SCG.
- 12.10.11: KDSA invoice for hire of Mills Park in mornings (\$1,117.50).
- 13.10.11: Cricket Australia Level 1 Coaching Course, facilitated by CNSW - December 18, 2011 for U18s.
- 21-10-11: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA Invoices (\$3690 – includes previously approved-\$2860).
- 21-10-11: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA : MyCricket website Renewal (\$171.54).
- 21.10.11: Hornsby Shire Council: Invoice for 2011/12 grounds hire (\$50,176.00).
- 22.10.11: HK&HDCUA: invoices for Sept. appointments (\$2,411.50).
- 24.10.11: Community Building Partnerships, NSW Govt. – Progress Report on James Park.
- 24.10.11: Geoff Hasler: Spike for HK&HDCA covers (\$65.00) & phone bill for Sept. (\$147.00).
- 24.10.11: Nathan Tilbury: Phone bill for Sept (\$75.00) & Aug (\$75.00).
- 24.10.11: Barry McDonald: Captain’s Ticket Course:



- a. MCC Law Books.
- b. Conduct and Playing Rules – SNAP printing.
- c. Printing exam papers.

17. 24.10.11: Cheque for partial fees from Epping Club (\$900.00).

Bruce Kimberley moved that the correspondence be accepted, seconded by Geoff Hasler. PASSED.

Treasurers Report: Mike Griffin:

- Current Projects:
 - Transitioning the records to a laptop (currently held in MAC version).
 - Urgent purchase of laptop required by HK&HDCA.
 - Payment of Council Fees 2011-12 (Correspondence from Councils suggest Turf Ground and Synthetic Ground fees to increase substantially in 2011/12).
 - Collection of Affiliated Club Fees 2011-12 (Invoices to be sent 1 Dec 2011 for payment by 31 December 2011).
 - Rep Fees 2010-11 – WIP.
- Rep Bank Account:
 - Rep payments being processed the same as HK&HDCA i.e. via approval at Council Meetings. Payments listed below were approved.
 - Bank Statements emailed to Peter Johnston, Rep Treasurer. Peter Johnston to advise details of any outstanding payments/receipts then provide a full reconciliation of the account. Awaiting reconciliation.
- Payments Due:

INV DATE	INVOICE #	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	CHQ#
24/10/2011	8335,8339 & 7682	TriForce (Rep Equipment & Balls)	\$7,450.80	300252
23/09/2011	IV26	Cooper Teamwear (Rep Clothing)	\$21,543.50	300253
24/10/2011	8382	TriForce (Rep scorebooks)	\$168.00	300254
20/09/2011	110	NSW Cricket Umpires	\$1,000.00	300244
12/10/2011	95984	Snap Printing (Playing Rules Booklets)	\$808.82	300245
11/10/2011	Officeworks	Reimburse B. McDonald - Printing	\$50.40	300246
24/10/2011		B.Gussey (balance of invoice	\$900.00	300247
24/10/2011	NT	Reimburse N.Tilbury (telephone bill \$150)	\$150.00	300248
24/10/2011	GH	Reimburse G. Hasler (telephone \$147 Pegs for covers \$65)	\$212.00	300249
None Submitted		Executive officer invoice	None Submitted	



- Receipts Due/Received:

DATE	Receipt #	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
24/10/2011	Cheque	Cheque from WPHCB refund from Cherrybrook PS pitch resurfacing.	\$440.00
24/10/2011	Cheque	Epping DCC	\$900.00
24/10/2011	Cheque	Beecroft Sports Club	\$790.80
1 Dec 2011	TBA	Affiliated Clubs - invoice for fees 2011-12	TBA

- Cash at Bank: as at 24th October 2011:

1. Cash Management Account	\$41,840.91
2. Ground Maintenance Account	\$96,929.37
3. Cheque Account	\$21,704.99
4. HKHDCA Account	\$37,236.72
5. Interest Bearing Account	\$57,876.69
TOTAL CASH AT BANK	\$255,588.68

Bruce Kimberley moved that the following payments listed in the incoming correspondence items: 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 & 16 (a,b,c), plus the Triforce Reps Balls \$5,274.80 & website renewal \$171.54, be paid, seconded by Geoff Findlay. PASSED.

It was agreed to hold the Mills Park payment, item 7 in the incoming correspondence from the above motion until action item 24th – 1 is closed.

Barry McDonald advised that the Cherrybrook P.S. contractors had provided an amended invoice for a lesser amount of \$440.00, and had provided a refund.

Juniors Report: Bruce Kimberley:

- MyCricket results must be completed. Points deducted for those not completing...not for those who are trying.
- Report dangerous ground problems....not wet / puddles after a week of rain. Please send photos with short report.
- A NEW Player/Team census will be sent out (with full rep players playing up a grade receiving the 1 point Key Player allocation).
- Junior Umpires – any non participants will umpire the finals.
- Barry McDonald/Geoff Hasler held eight forums over the last few weeks – advised that some laws were being modified by Clubs, and agreed by both Teams involved. Any 14 and under Teams should comply with normal rules.
- Geoff Hasler stated that a Senior Umpire would be allocated to Junior games leading up to Xmas, and would provide feedback and answer any questions raised.



Seniors Report: Geoff Hasler

- T20 Competition:
 - The following teams are declared the Winners in their respective grades:

A / Kookaburra Cup:	WPHC A grade def WPHC A2 by 145 v 122
B/B2/C1:	Berowra C1 (White) def Hornsby by 127 v 108
C2/C3:	Castle Hill RSL def Berowra by 4/103 v 101
D/D2:	Kissing Pt def WPHC d1 Red by 144 v 97
 - Congratulations to these teams and I trust that everyone enjoyed this “pre-season” competition.
 - Grounds are always a problem in the first half of September, but, due to plenty of last minute phone calls and the cooperation of the councils, particularly, Ku Ring Gai Council, we were able to fit the games in.
 - We may have to restrict the number of teams in the future as the councils are very reluctant to release grounds prior to their definition of the start of the Summer Season – we are the earliest starters in Sydney.
- Competition Draws:
 - Many thanks must be extended to Steve Wilson who has again spent many hours revamping the ground allocations to utilise a home ground roster that minimises travel for teams as much as possible given the shortage of grounds.
 - Steve has also worked hard to almost extinguish Sunday games for the Saturday Senior Competition.
 - I would remind all clubs that they should continue to check their draw prior to each round as grounds are continually withdrawn by the councils due to maintenance and other factors – Sunday fixtures for the Saturday Senior Competition are being restricted as much as is possible.
- Post Round 3 Review:
 - The SCC will be reviewing each grade to assess the need to re grade any teams who are obviously in an inappropriate grade.
 - I will guarantee that changes will be minimal, however, there are some obvious candidates which are being closely monitored. The SCC is meeting on Monday 31st October and will notify Club Secretaries ASAP if changes are made.
- Team List Ratings:
 - Clubs should remind their team captains that it is their responsibility (as per the amended Local Rules) to check the ratings of the opposing team players and report any discrepancies should they wish to do so. No further action can be taken by the SCC if the matter is not reported by 6.00pm on the Tuesday following the first day of the match Rule 28 b (iv).
 - The SCC Grade Coordinators will check for unregistered players and appropriate penalties will be strictly applied – as per Local Rule.
- Penalties:
 - Round 1: It was noted that the following teams failed to notify their scores in My Cricket on Day 1 by the required time and will be subject to the deduction of 1 competition point as per Local Rule 39 (d).
 - Castle Hill C3, Sydney Lions D1 and Mt Colah C2.
 - Round 2:
 - C2 Grade – Mt Colah v Normanhurst/Warrawee

- It was reported to me that the Captains were advised by the Captain on an adjoining field that if the match commenced on Day 1, then it had to continue.
 - Quote from email
 - “Mick Vincent (Berowra C2 skipper) & J Lo (Logan, Kisso skipper) advised the Normo skipper that the game could not be started & quoted conversations with you about the matter & that the SCC would be watching closely for this kind of thing. They advised the Normo skipper he could do what he wanted, they would not be telling anyone & only worrying about their game.”
 - It appears that this advice was ignored, as the result reported on Day 1 was that Normanhurst were 1-4. Obviously rain then stopped play.
 - However, on Day 2, the match was started afresh, with the proof being that Normanhurst lost its first wicket at 24 – then went on to total 194 from 39 overs.
 - The Mt Colah team replied with 9-55 (all out?) from 18 overs received.
 - The current result shows a win for Normanhurst/Warrawee – 6 points, Mt Colah 1 pt, however it is not as yet confirmed.
 - Given that these teams have contrived to create a result that may have disadvantaged other teams in the grade, under Rule 1.5, I will be recommending to the SCC that no points be awarded to either team for the match.
- Round 3 Day 1:
 - C2 Grade: No results for Hornsby v CHRSL – 1 point penalty against the side batting first – can’t tell, no result as yet posted.
- Player Registrations:
 - Be aware that the playing of unregistered players will result in the match being deemed a forfeit under Local Rule 39 f – with penalties as listed.
 - The SCC retains the right to examine all matches and apply the penalties as prescribed.
 - I would strongly advise ALL CLUBS to check their players against the ratings list to ensure that ALL players are registered as per the Local Rules – no further warnings will be given – penalties will be applied.
 - Given that there are new clubs this season, I am inclined to be lenient and not pursue these players up to a deadline of Monday 31st October, at 5.00pm.
 - If the council wishes, I will retreat from this gratuitous stance and prosecute to the nth degree.
 - Requests for Ratings:
 - Clubs are reminded that they need to submit rating requests for players that have played in a match by 6.00pm on the Tuesday following the first day of the match – failure to do so may result in the match being declared a forfeit (rule 28 b (iv)) – Penalties Rule 39 f.
 - Requests for Re-Ratings:
 - Clubs are requested to submit requests by Wednesday noon if they are anticipating a response for the next Saturday’s match. Any received after that time may not be processed prior to the Saturday.
 - Confirmation of Results on MyCricket:
 - There are numerous results from Rounds 1 and 2 which are yet to be confirmed.
 - Please remind your captains to complete their responsibilities on the web site for every match.



Representative Report: Abbas Aly

- Manly Trials 16th October 2011
 - HKHDCA Played 9 matches and we won 7 lost 2, the U10 played against North Shore who probably the best side regularly in U10 and usually its one sided game, both teams put up a strong performance which augurs well for the season.

- First Round DCA Competition – 23rd October
 - Thank you to Barry Macdonald, Steve Wilson for their efforts in organising the umpiring and thank you to Ben for assisting in last minute ground changes.

 - I visited all the home matches and was impressed by all the teams and there some players with great futures ahead of them.

- Quick over view of results –
 - U10 FOSTER SHIELD DEFEATED Camden, Lachlan Shaw is destined for a bright future in cricket already playing up scored a 50 and could have kept going, was a delight to watch bat.

 - U11 CREAK SHIELD LOST to Central Coast in a close match, batting second is always hard for junior teams and travelling to Central Coast with an early start makes that little bit tougher. Going down by 20 runs was great result and I am sure there have a good tournament ahead of them – NICHOLAS ANDREOU scoring 70.

 - U12 CAWSEY SHIELD LOST TO Sutherland (reigning champions) – Watching this game was a delight our boys showed outstanding composure in a very tight match with the Sutherland reaching the target in the 48.5 overs, there was a young man on the other side who batted beautifully – I was told to look over at the car park, the young boy was A. WAUGH, son of Steve Waugh who was at the game as well. Special mention; Mitchel Blow for outstanding bowling.

 - U13 GEE SHIELD LOST TO North Shore (REIGNING PREMIERS) playing away I was not able to watch the game but the boys put in a strong effort with North Shore on 0/142 and things looking grim Shubhang Hariharan stepped up with 6/17 and North Shore were bowled for 159. Our boys fell short but should get through to finals if they perform.

 - U14 MOORE SHIELD DEFEATED CAMDEN – After losing every game last year HKHDCA put on a great performance scoring 214 and rolling CAMDEN for 108 a very strong team effort with good performances everywhere Alex Dolly 51 and Ben Wallwood 3 wickets and was on hat trick. This team should get to the finals.

 - U15 WEBLIN SHILED DEFEATED SOUTH EASTERN (CHAMPIONS LAST 2 YEARS) in what was suppose too be an easy match for the champion South Eastern team, HKHDCA inspired by DON BRADMAN (the plaque at the ground was dedicated to BRADMAN's 1st FIRST GRADE CENTURY) chased down 255 runs to win with 4 over to spare. The SMS messages updating me on the score were getting quite frantic as MANISMAR SING score 119no to bring the win home supported G. BLACKWOOD, S HENRICH and T MISTRY – a great win and hopefully the boys will lift with the confidence.

 - U16 WATSON SHIELD DEFEATED ILLAWARRA – the 2 finalist from last year HKHDCA the champions having lost many players the HKHDCA boys were not confident – coached by Andrew Lowe from ND's they rolled ILLAWARRA for 64 and put on 159, with Lurk Thorburn 62 and Daniel Nicotra taking 4/11

 - All in all a good weekend with 4 wins and 3 close losses. A strong start for the HKHDCA squads.

- Accounts – I believe Peter Johnston is in communication with Mike and all is in order.

HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report: Steve Wilson

- I have received a report from a well respected Umpire that players have complained over his decision to abandon play on two occasions.
 - It is important that all Clubs note that the Umpire is the sole judge of all conditions and his decision should be respected and adhered to at all times.
 - The Umpires have a Duty of Care for all players to satisfy Insurance Companies and also Councils where we have had several dramas in recent seasons when Teams have played in unsuitable conditions leading to fines.
 - Please respect all Umpires decisions at all times – we do our best!
- All Representative and Senior appointments have been made and relevant Umpires advised for November.
- Several Umpires have already attended junior matches and offered tips and advice. This will be ongoing for a while. In addition, two of our esteemed Umpires, Geoff and Barry, have conducted eight junior development sessions for most Clubs which have been an outstanding success.
- John and Barry have also recently run the season's Captain's Ticket over two nights. 56 attended both nights and 56 successfully completed the course. Six others are currently doing it on-line.
- Darren Goodger is visiting the HKH Umpires this Thursday evening to run over the Laws and give us all some guidance.
- Several "newer" Umpires are being occasionally blooded in A grade this season with a view to the future.
- As reported last meeting, all A grade matches have been filled in the first three months (12/12), 8/12 in the Kookaburra Cup and even B grade has had four appointments to date.
- All T20 semi-finals and finals had Umpires.
- For Rep Coaches and Managers, please note slow bowlers can bowl straight through which did not occur yesterday – I'll send out a note to ensure all our Umpires read the NSW rules.
- Please give Barry and Geoff a hand for their magnificent work.

HKHDCCA (Coaches) Report: Bruce Wood

- HKHDCCA / NDCC Cricket Clinic:
 - The Coaches' Association held another successful cricket clinic during the school holidays (5, 6 & 7 October 2011) at Waitara Oval in partnership with Northern District CC.
 - A total of 45 boys and girls from 9 different clubs, together with 8 accredited coaches, attended this clinic, which was enjoyable and beneficial for the children present.
 - The clinic included video analysis of the bowlers' actions; specific coaching on batting, bowling, fielding and wicket-keeping drills; technique coaching in the nets; and a wide range of coaching drills and games to reinforce the cricket skills learnt and to develop team work.
 - The written evaluations from the parents were excellent, and plans are well underway for two more cricket clinics in the New Year at Kenthurst Oval (11, 12 & 13 January 2012) and Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (16, 17 & 18 January 2012).



- One of HK&HDCA's generous sponsors, Triforce Sports, provided a voucher for each child who attended our recent clinic at Waitara to receive a free (size 4 or 5) Slazenger willow cricket bat when they next visit the Bella Vista store, which was a great offer.
- Thanks to Abbas Aly for this additional sponsorship.
- Bruce gave the official certificates from the Waitara cricket clinic in October 2011 to the delegates from the 9 clubs and requested that they be passed onto the respective families via their junior teams.

- **Level 1 Coaching Course for U/18's:**
 - The North Shore Junior Cricket Association is running a Cricket Australia Level 1 Coaching Course specifically for 16 & 17 year olds, on Sunday, 18 December 2011.
 - NSJCA has kindly offered some places to U/18 players within HK&HDCA. There is no cost for participants as a Government funding grant was obtained.
 - Eligible players must be at least 16 years old but under 18, as at the date of the course (18 December). Applicants should also be aware that as well as attending the one-day practical course at Club Willoughby, facilitated by coaches from Cricket NSW, there is an on-line component which takes about 2 hours to complete at home.
 - Young players interested in gaining a Level 1 Coaching accreditation should send an email to Ms Kim Wilkinson, Executive Officer, NSJCA secretary@nsjca.asn.au, listing their details (name, date of birth, club, phone number, etc).
 - HKHDCCA (Coaches' Association) actively promotes and facilitates Level 1 accredited coaching courses, and encourages any U/18 players who are interested in coaching to take advantage of this special opportunity. Bruce asked the clubs to pass on this information to any interested 16 & 17 year old players. Places are limited so register ASAP.

President's Report (Nathan Tilbury):

It was great to finally have some good cricket weather this weekend with conditions that suited batsmen for a change. As a result we had some fantastic scores on Saturday with 8 centuries scored on Saturday across the senior grades & 6 team scores over 300 with 1 over 400. This was the impressive C1 WPHC Red's score of 4/442 at Glenhaven Oval. We are still checking but we believe this may have broken an Association C1 partnership record with 259 scored for the 4th wicket.

It was great to see the batsmen get a go on Saturday as before last weekend the bowling has generally dominating the early rounds of this season.

- **HK&HDCA 2011/12 Calendar:**
 - The Executive have worked hard to put together a detailed calendar with key meeting dates & competition dates. This will be distributed to the clubs & should really help clubs & delegates planning in dates as well as with booking rooms with a good deal of notice at the RSL for future meetings.

- **OPENING OF MARK TAYLOR OVAL – Sunday 6th November:**
 - 10am – PGs T20.
 - 12pm – 12.45pm – HK&HDCA Milo games (Hornsby, Berowra, WPHC & Normanhurst/Warrawee).
 - 1pm – official ceremony.
 - 2.30pm – 1st Grade T20.
 - This should be a great day & I would encourage all to get down there & be a part of it. It will be a great family day with plenty of kids entertainment organized.



- KOOINDAH WATERS GOLF DAY – 4th November – POSPONED:
 - Due to receiving minimal interest from the clubs for this day it will be postponed until February. Once we have set a new date I would kindly ask all clubs ensure the details of the gold day are forwarded onto their members for consideration.

- CBA GRASSROOTS GRANTS:
 - These grants are currently available & are worth \$1,000 & \$750 worth of gear. Over the past 2 seasons I know several of our clubs have been successful with their applications for this grant. If your club is not one of these your club will have an excellent chance of being successful in 2011/12.
 - Should anyone need any assistance in completing their applications either myself or Ben would be happy to help.

- GROUNDS:
 - Once again I encourage all clubs to report to either Ben or myself any issues they find with any of the grounds we utilize. This includes our junior grounds of course.

 - CHELTENHAM OVAL:
 - I am very pleased to report the HK&HDCA had our first use of Cheltenham Oval on Saturday. Although the outfield is a little slow due to the recent top dressing & the bowling run ups still a little rough once the outfield settles down this ground will be one of the best synthetic wicket grounds available to the HK&HDCA.

 - SUNDAY GAMES:
 - The Executive have worked extremely hard to obtain extra grounds this season suitable for our seniors. Although we have a record number of senior teams in 2011/12 I am very pleased to say we have minimized forced Sunday games for our Saturday competitions.
 - There is the odd Sunday game for our A2 (Kookaburra Cup) to ensure they have a good percentage of their games on turf wickets other than that Saturday cricket is being played on Saturdays with minimal exceptions.

 - JOHN PURCHASE SPORTSGROUND:
 - Barry McDonald met representatives from HSC at a new cricket ground site in West Pennant Hills, John Purchase Sportsground.
 - The new ground location is above the baseball ground at Greenway & looks wonderful although probably a fraction too small for even lower grade seniors. It will also have badly needed brand new nets which are due for completion early next year.
 - The ground itself will be available for use from the start of the 2012/13 season.

 - OTHER POTENTIAL NEW GROUNDS:
 - There are also a number of sites for possible new cricket grounds that the HK&HDCA have identified in the Hornsby Shire. The Executive will be working with HSC to try & have them bring “on line” these possible new grounds in the future.

- KEYS FOR AMENITIES AT GROUNDS:
 - I have been working with Ben to take a recommendation to the Executive for clubs to be given a key to their local ground(s) & allocated responsibility for unlocking their “home ground” amenities at the start of the cricket day & then locked at the end of the day. This will give access to facilities such as toilets & change rooms for our cricketers & their supporters.
 - We still have to obtain some additional keys from the Councils that we current don’t have for a few grounds but we are very close to putting place this keys process. I am confident we will be in a position to send out a spreadsheet of grounds, club responsible & allocation keys to that club. The idea will be for clubs to return those keys to the Association at the end of the cricket season.

- A QUICK NOTE OF THANKS:
 - There are a lot of volunteers who do extraordinary work in our Association & it seems unfair to single out just two of them for special recognition. However I feel I must make note of the recent efforts of our two Vice Presidents, Geoff Hasler & Barry McDonald. These guys have picked up an incredible amount of important work for the Association over the past 6 weeks so I would like to give them a quick word of thanks.
 - Barry with his umpire training team has just completed our annual captain’s ticket exam which was held over the past two Monday evenings.
 - Together Barry & Geoff have bounced around the clubs on midweek evenings to hold eight very well attended & well run Junior Club Coach/Manager nights. These were attended & greatly appreciated by a number of junior player parents & club representatives with all the feedback I have had has being very positive. I have no doubt that our juniors’ games & competitions will be all the better “managed” as a result of Geoff & Barry’s hard work. It is great that the Association can put something so significant & positive into our junior area that will reap some excellent rewards for which our junior cricketers will directly benefit.
 - At the same time Geoff has purchased & distributed new pegs for our turf ground covers. New hessian is currently being sourced by Geoff for Turramurra Oval.
 - Lastly, Geoff has inherited the acting SCC Chairman role as a result of our previous chairman (Brian Gibson) taking up his dream job with Football Australia. The SCC role is of course as busy as ever & I know it is keeping Geoff off his beloved golf course. Geoff will be pleased to hear that we have had a few good people express interest in taking over the SCC Chairman role & I am confident that we will be able to suitably fill it in the next few weeks.
 - I would like to personally recognize & thank both Geoff & Barry for the huge amount of extra work they have put in for the Association over the past month & a half.

Executive Officer Report (Ben Gussey):

- Newsletter:
 - Newsletter due to be produced in the next week. A lack of material being contributed. Feel free to send in any articles of interest.

- myCricket:
 - Please enter scores before confirming results. Please communicate with other teams before disputing results.

- Grounds:
 - Annangrove, Holland, Normanhurst and Montview West issues have been lodged and reported to Council.
 - If you could please take images with any damage to accompany ground reports, it would be appreciated.
 - Also, please ensure that all reports are in writing, as opposed to “mentioning” them after meetings.



General Business

- John McQuillan noted that the SCC Secretary position is now a casual vacancy, with Nathan Tilbury stating that it will be raised at the next Council meeting.

Next Council meeting: Hornsby RSL Club
 4 High St, Hornsby.
 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Monday, 21st November, 2011.

Executive Meeting to follow 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

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

Signed:

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Ben Gussey
Executive Officer
HK&HDCA Inc.
Date:/...../ 2011