

**General Council Meeting**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.45 pm

**Attendees:** Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), Nathan Tilbury, Geoff Hasler, Bruce Wood, Bruce Kimberley (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), Scott Burrows (HH), John McQuillan (Ump. Deleg.), Bruce Parker (Mt Colah), Roger Friend (WPHCCC), Sean Sweeney (KP), Gavin Wingfield (St Ives), Justin Ephthorp (GG), Phillip Reid (Berowra), Raja Moltan (NWCC), Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh), John Patten (Hornsby), Greg Fiedler (Berowra).

**Apologies:** Abbas Aly, Steve Rapley (NW), Steve Wilson (Ump. Sec), Marty Lindsay (Berowra), Stephen Leggott (PH Jnrs), Alf James, Mark Rushton, Mike Rolleston.

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

**Welcome:** Nathan Tilbury welcomed all attendees.

**Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:**

Geoff Findlay moved that the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be taken as read and accepted, seconded by Geoff Hasler. PASSED.

**Actions arising from HK&HDCA General Council Meetings:**

| Ref                  | Action / Update  | Owner                       | Due   | Status |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 4 | 19/9 – Follow up last years and this years rebates from Kookaburra.<br>24/10 – Ongoing.<br>21/11 – Ongoing.                                  | Mike Griffin                | 12/12 | Open   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> - 1 | 24/10 – Investigate the details of Mills Park charges versus usage and advise outcomes.<br>21/11 - Notification to KDSA, but will follow up. | Nathan Tilbury              | 12/12 | Open   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 1 | 21/11 – Hornsby to be advised that their appeal should be sent to the NSW DCA.   | Ben Gussey                  | 12/12 | Open   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 2 | 21/11 – Clarify the appeals process for D&D decisions with the NSW DCA and advise Clubs.   | Nathan Tilbury / Ben Gussey | 12/12 | Open   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 3 | 21/11 – Check website to ensure it states 12pm start for the one days during the school holidays, and advise Steve Wilson.                   | Geoff Hasler                | 12/12 | Open   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 4 | 21/11 – Is the wicket repair at Montview going to impact the reps games to be held there over the next few weeks?                            | Ben Gussey                  | 12/12 | Open   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 5 | 21/11 – Request that the following pitches be water blasted by Council - Arcadia, Warina and Mt Kuringai.                                    | Nathan Tilbury              | 12/12 | Open   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> - 6 | 21/11 – Follow up Alf James question in regards to Cliff Oval and Howson Park.   | Geoff Hasler                | 12/12 | Open   |



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

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> - 9  | 5/9 – Email the details of the Golf Day (Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov) @ approx. \$50 per head) through to Ben Gussey for distribution to Clubs.<br>19/9 – O/G, with 4 ball Ambrose, minimum of 40 with max of 72 (possibly 96).<br>24/10 – Postpone until February 2012.<br>21/11 – In Newsletter.<br>Geoff Hasler moved to refer this item into the Executive, seconded by Bruce Wood, PASSED. | Geoff Hasler   | 21/11 | Closed |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> - 8 | 19/9 – Follow up why Little Athletics at Bannockburn is finishing later than normal.<br>24/10 – Rectified.<br>21/11 – Finalised.   | Geoff Hasler   | 21/11 | Closed |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> - 2 | 24/10 – Follow-up on providing a laptop for the Treasurer.<br>21/11 – New laptops purchased.   | Nathan Tilbury | 21/11 | Closed |

**Correspondence**

Outgoing -

- 7.11.11: To Felicity Findlay: Re: Acceptance for Liberal Party Function 18.11.11.
- 17.11.11: To Andrew Wright (HSC) agreeing to relocation from Ceaderwood to John Purchase sportsground from 3.12.11 (last game) for the remainder of 2011/12 season.
- 18.11.11: To Hornsby District (D&D Findings).
- 18.11.11: To West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook (D&D Findings).
- 19.11.11: Kissing Pt CC. Re: Complaint from KMC.
- 21.11.11: To Andrew Wright (HSC) requesting on site meeting to discuss closing of turf pitches (Berowra & Parklands) Friday 18.11.11.

Incoming -

- 27.10.11: Felicity Findlay. Re: Invitation to Phillip Ruddock Liberal Party Function, Crowne Plaza in Bela Vista.
- 9.11.11: Geoff Hasler: Proposed new HK&HDCA constitution. (passed to Executive, Geoff Findlay & Alf James).
- 14.11.11: Tri-force invoice \$1,496.00 for two lap tops (1 for SCC & 1 for Treasurer).
- 15.11.11: Ku-ring-gai Council: Re: Complaint from member of public, cricketers urinating at Turramurra Park post match.
- 16.11.11: Kenthurst Upper Hills to HK&HDCA – appeal player ratings.
- 16.11.11: Hornsby Shire Council: Re: Invitation to Sports Club meeting on Pennant Hills Park 28/11 at PHP.
- 17.11.11: Andrew Wright Re: Request from Hornsby Shire Council to move junior games from Thomas Thompson (Ceaderwood) to the new John Purchase ground from 17.12.11 to allow for works at TT.
- 18.11.11: Ben Gussey to HK&HDCA – Invoices (\$1600).
- 20.11.11: Umpires Sec. requesting payment up to & including 20.11.11. - \$12,883.00.
- 21.11.11: Request for reimbursement for HK&HDCA tickets to Liberal Party function \$125 x 3 tickets (N Tilbury, Partner & B Wood) - \$375.00.
- 21.11.11: Nathan Tilbury: Phone bill for Oct. \$75.00 (part bill) request for reimbursement.
- 21.11.11: Hornsby District to Ben Gussey (appeal D&D Finding).
- Letter from Nick Berman re Cricket Australia website comments by Peter Kemp.
- JLT reminder bill \$350.07.
- Ground hire HSC 2011/12 \$50,176.
- Turf works, James Park \$20,163.
- Telstra bill, Juniors internet and phone \$351.86.
- HSC confirmation of allocation for John Purchase Sports Ground 2012/13.



19. 31.10.11: Hornsby District complaint against WPHC C1 Red players.
20. HSC, Neil Keraunos, support request for Federal Grant to harvest stormwater at Warina Oval and Campbell Park.
21. JLT hardcopy of game day checklist.

Col Griffin – Daniel Smith appeal against rating of P7 and 50 run restriction. Was 6 with C1 Team and moved to D1's.

SCC stated that they were comfortable with the rating and restriction.

Bruce Kimberley moved that the 50 run restriction be removed from Daniel Smith, seconded by Gavin Wingfield, 4 against, PASSED.

**Treasurers Report:** Mike Griffin:

- No report provided.

Bruce Kimberley moved that the following Bills listed in Incoming Correspondence be paid,

- Tri-force invoice \$1,496.00
- Ben Gussey Invoices \$1600
- Umpires payments up to & including 20.11.11. - \$12,883.00
- Reimbursement for HK&HDCA tickets to Liberal Party function \$125 x 3 tickets \$375.00
- Nathan Tilbury Phone bill for Oct. \$75.00
- Ground hire HSC 2011/12 \$50,176
- Telstra bill, Juniors internet and phone \$351.86,

seconded by Geoff Hasler, 1 against, PASSED.

Geoff Hasler moved that \$10,000 be paid into the Umpires Association account to allow Umpires fees to be paid immediately after the Council approves the payment, seconded by John Barker, PASSED.

**Juniors Report:** Bruce Kimberley:

- Changing the U10's to a 20/20 format.
- MyCricket results must be completed and confirmed.
- Positive feedback has been received regarding the Umpires course.
- Robert Barker of the U15's Redfield Team scored 231, a new record.
- Positive feedback from the U11's in regards to the 25/25 format.

**Seniors Report:** Geoff Hasler:

- **COMPETITION STATUS SUMMARY:**
  - Across all grades, only seven teams are yet to post a win, and two of those to meet shortly in C grade.
  - On the other side of the table, there are six teams yet to taste defeat, including the B2, C and C3 teams from Berowra.
  - The weather has not been kind to our turf grades, and we are about to meet with Hornsby Shire Council to understand why and how decisions are made to close grounds given improved forecasts in the weather, as was the case on the weekend.
- **THE GOOD NEWS:**
  - **THE INDIVIDUAL STARS:**
    - The batsmen, across all grades have compiled 43 centuries during the first five rounds.
    - In Kookaburra Cup, Mt Colah's Hansa Wijayasundara is averaging 197 in his 3 innings, with one ton, with Brett Turpin of Normanhurst/Warrawee averaging 115, also including a ton.

- James Chinner, in the Hornsby C grade side, is averaging 70.2 and has scored 351 runs in his five digs thus far, with two centuries, to be the leading run scorer in any grade to date.
  - D grade features some 14 or so batsmen averaging in excess of 50, so the wearing of masks hasn't changed much in the lower grades – but to be fair, they are playing on the smaller grounds, and they are spread across most clubs – go you burglars.
  - Martin Bridgewood, of the Thornleigh club is the best of the D2 batsmen, scoring 272 runs at 68.
  - The bowlers, not to be outdone, have taken 64 five wicket hauls between them, spread very evenly across the grades.
  - Amongst the bowlers, David Akins ( St Ives) leads all grades in wickets taken with 20 @ 11, whilst in other grades, Matt Bergin ( CHRSL) has 17 @ 9.4, Riley Miedler ( Berowra) 16 @6.3 in Kookaburra Cup, Chris Walker (Hornsby) 17 @9.8 in B grade, Raj Suryanarayama (Berowra) 18 @ 7.4 and Arun Kumar (WPHC ) 18 @ 9.8 , both in C2, WHILST IN d2, Luke Manton (Berowra) has 20 @ 14.5.
  - Needless to say, the poor old bowlers in D grade are struggling big time, with the best stats being 12 wkts @13 plus.
- THE NOT SO GOOD NEWS:
    - Clubs, or at least some teams within some clubs continue to ignore the rules governing the registration of players and the recording of scores as clearly outlined.
    - It has been assumed by the members of the SCC that each club has had a more than adequate time to acquaint themselves with the rules and thus will apply the rules as they are written.
    - We are not out to ruin the team performances, but we will not tolerate teams playing unregistered players or not playing their part in providing scores so that competitions can be properly administered.
    - I am pleased to state that the reporting of scores is getting there, but there are a team or two, who are NOT completing their score cards – Mt Colah C2 team being the major offender, with Rds 1,2 and 4 incomplete. They cop the consequences.
    - The Association has an appeals structure, which you may elect to utilise, however, be aware that ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable excuse. The SCC is simply doing its job and believe me, it takes time to do so. If all teams within all clubs did their job on a regular basis, our role would be decidedly easier.
  - The Penalties:
    - B2 Grade:
      - Playing of unregistered players: Round 4:
        - Epping: Matt Boorer, David Heaton, Arbinder Singh and Navin Yasontharan.
        - No penalty to be applied as Epping received a forfeit.
    - C Grade:
      - Playing of unregistered players: Round 4:
        - Ku Ring Gai District: Prasanna Desai.
        - Kenthurst: Patrick Bond.
        - Penalties TBD by SCC at next meeting.
    - C2 Grade:
      - Playing of unregistered players: Round 4:
        - Mt Colah: Raymond Soo.
        - Galston/Glenorie: Bradley Rowell.
        - Penalties TBD by SCC at next meeting.
      - Teams failing to report results within scheduled time:
        - Kissing Point and Mt Colah.
        - Penalty: 1 point.



- C3 Grade:
  - Playing of unregistered players: Round 4:
    - CHRSL: Alex Munroe, Neil Smith.
    - Mt Colah: Anura Warna, Arjun Sequiera and Matt Dayhew (prev played Berowra).
    - Berowra: Shane Brooks.
    - Penalties TBD by SCC at next meeting.
- The rules provide the SCC with the option of applying a **MAXIMUM PENALTY** of loss of points awarded in the round or rounds played with the opposing team being declared the winner and to receive maximum points for the match.
- With clubs now aware of the players concerned for Round 4, and this is the starting point, they are cautioned, **AGAIN**, to check the ratings list on MyCricket as a first point of validation of a player within the system.
- Then check your own records to ensure that you have properly recorded the details.
- The SCC will continue to pursue these offences and will, if necessary, go back to Round 4 to calculate the appropriate penalties.
- **NOTE:**
  - In a number of cases, clubs have brought up juniors to play in their Senior Competition teams, and are assuming that these players are registered and rated.
  - Where I have researched these incidents, I have waived any penalty, as the rules do not specifically state whether junior registration entitles senior registration as an automatic step, however, I ask clubs to ensure that they apply for these junior players to be rated, unless they are automatically rated as a result of playing Representative cricket in a prior season, however, you still need to put these junior players through the Senior Ratings and Registration system.
- **GROUNDS:**
  - Again, I alert all clubs to check and recheck the venues for forthcoming matches regularly – the shortage of grounds, and the behaviour of councils in taking grounds out of play will force us to make changes.
  - We will endeavour to keep clubs aware of these changes, but rely upon you, the clubs, to ensure that these get to the team captains.
- **FORFEIT:**
  - Unfortunately, the Kenthurst/Upper Hills club were forced to forfeit their B2 Round 4 match against Epping and thus I move that a fine of \$200 be applied as per Rule 13.

**Representative Report:** Bruce Parker in absence of Abbas Aly:

- **REP SHIELD CRICKET:**
  - We have completed the preliminary rounds of the Shield competition, and having set a target of winning at least 17 matches in the preliminary rounds, I am pleased to advise that we had 22 WINS and 1 BYE giving us total points gained in the competition of 140 points.
  - Last year 2010/2011 we had 15 Wins (there were quite a few matches washed out, 117 points) and (19 Wins and 6 Draws – 123 points in 2009/2010).
  - We have 4 teams qualifying for the Quarter Finals, starting with the U10-FOSTER SHEILD (Thank you to Bruce Wood and the coaches association for working hard to get our teams up to scratch), U13-GEE SHIELD (3 Batsmen scoring centuries – Anthony Johnston, Eknor Singh and Travis Loxton, Shubhang Hariharan taking a 6 wicket haul in one game), U14-MOORE



SHIELD (Deane Piek scoring a century), U15-WEBLIN Shield (Mansimar Singh scoring 2 centuries).

- It was disappointing not having the WATSON SHIELD not get through although they came close. TELEGRAPH SHIELD – Won their first match comfortably and seem to be on track for a good season.
- I would like to thank Steve Wilson for organising the umpires and taking my calls at odd times to keep on top of the changes, I would also like to thank Ben Gussey for ensuring the grounds were all allocated and running smoothly.
- **PRESIDENT CUP:**
  - Our first round was played on Sunday 20/11/2011 and we had a slow start with 3 Wins and 3 Losses we hope to get better from here.
- **TRIALS FOR 2012/2013:**
  - The dates we are proposing for Trials for next season are as follows:
    - Sunday 26th February                      REP TRIALS 1 – U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16.
    - Sunday 18th March                              REP TRIALS 2 – U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16.
- **BUDGETS:**
  - The REP BUDGET is in surplus and we are just waiting to confirm deposits with Mike to confirm numbers.
  - I will provide a season summary at the next meeting.

**HKHDCUA (Umpires) Report:** Geoff Hasler in absence of Steve Wilson:

- Given that we have a number of new umpires officiating on a regular basis within the Senior Competition, the Umpire's Secretary will be appointing two umpires to a number of A grade and Kookaburra Cup matches in the immediate future as a practical way of introducing these umpires to these levels of competition in the company of one of the more experienced umpires.
- This will only be done when there are sufficient umpires to cover all A Grade and Kookaburra Cup fixtures.
- Every attempt will also be made to place umpires in non turf matches when opportunities occur, as was the case in Round 5 due to the cancellation of the majority of A grade games.
- This can only be done when one day fixtures are the order of the day, however, coming into the December/January one day games, this may be the case again.
- Every effort will be taken to distribute the umpires across the grades and different clubs.
- Clubs are reminded that Captains whose 5 year term since their last Captains Ticket exam MUST re certify immediately – the on-line exam is still available on the web site.
- Finally, the continuing program of Umpire Development for the Junior Match Officials has proven to be successful by any measure.
- The Senior Umpires have reported upon the very positive reception from the parents, coaches and managers and that the experience on both sides is most beneficial.
- The mentoring/observing practicum will continue until the 17th December and resume in the new year. Whilst it is impossible to provide every team with a visit, we will attempt to take as many opportunities as possible to work across the age groups, with an emphasis on the 10 – 14 years teams this season.

**HKHDCCA (Coaches) Report:** Bruce Wood:

- HKHDCCA / NDCC Cricket Clinic:
  - Clinics can still be held and would benefit many Clubs.
  - Flyers are available for the Clinics on the website.
  - Please advise Bruce if there is a potential for clinics to be held in your area.



**President's Report (Nathan Tilbury):**

The strong on field performances continue with a total of 44 centuries in seniors up to & including round 5. To balance that there have been 65 x 5 wicket hauls or better. 4 off those were 7 wickets or more in an innings. The best being David Atkins from St Ives A grade with 8/36.

In the juniors the only centuries have come from the U/15s with an amazing 14 from 12 different players for this age group. This includes an amazing 231 from Robert Barker of Redfield. These hundreds in the U/15s age group are from 9 different teams showing an excellent spread of quality talent.

There have also been a good number of games that have had the result go right down to the wire, with teams winning or losing by the smallest of margins. We have some terrific and well balanced competitions right across the grades at the moment.

- **HK&HDCA 2011/12 Calendar:**
  - We have finally confirmed & booked meeting rooms for all of our HK&HDCA Council meeting for the remainder of 2011/12. Some of you will have seen the completed & confirmed calendar up on our website.
  - We will work very hard to stick to the dates for meetings & events to allow people to mark in the dates with certainty.
- **WARREN SOUTHWELL (HSC) RIP:**
  - It is very sad to report the death of Warren Southwell from Hornsby Shire Council on 30th October.
  - Warren was killed in a work related accident at Fagan park where his car rolled over the top of him when he was locking up at the park on the Sunday evening. He was an extremely dedicated HSC employee who was a friend to cricket & will be sorely missed.
- **COUNCIL COMPLAINT FROM PUBLIC VIA COUNCIL:**
  - Disappointingly I have received a complaint from Ku-ring-gai Council regarding HK&HDCA cricket publically urinating at grounds. This was an A grade game & is the second such complaint this season with the first being a lower grade game from Hornsby Council.
  - I must remind all clubs to make it clear to their members that they **MUST** at all times (before, during & after games) use the public facilities. We cannot give Council's any excuse to criticize us in any way in the current climate with them.
  - This reminder will be sent to all clubs as an email to enable them to forward to all their members.
- **OPENING OF MARK TAYLOR OVAL – Sunday 6th November:**
  - On the 6th November I with Bruce Wood & Abbas Aly attended the opening of Mark Taylor Oval. I also saw Carolyn Ball (Thornleigh) along with a few other HK&HDCA people on the day.
  - The HK&HDCA had an excellent representation on the day with In2Cricket/Kanga teams from WPHC, Berowra & Hornsby doing a demonstration just prior to the official opening. We also had several of our clubs U/11s teams who were lucky enough to have a "team photo" taken with Tubby.
  - Also on the day Bruce Wood organized for two of our U/12 players to be 12th & 13th men for the 1st grade team throughout the day which included their T20 victory over Blacktown. This is a great experience those kids will long remember.
  - A really good day put on by NDs & they have provided us with a lot of photos from the day to be included on our website & next On The Ball newsletter.



- KOOINDAH WATERS GOLF DAY – NEW DATE – Friday, 24th February 2012:
  - This is the new day for the Kooindah Waters/HK&HDCA golf day. Could I ask that this information be forwarded to all senior members for their consideration as it should be a great day.
  - We must ensure that this information makes its way down to our senior players where most of the golfers are. Register as soon as possible with Geoff Hasler at gjh1946@hotmail.com first in first served!
  - DATE: Friday 24th February  
TIME: Be at Kooindah by 8.45 for shotgun start at 9.15.  
FORMAT: 4 ball Ambrose event ( Teams of four players - everyone hits off the tee, the best shot is selected, then everyone plays their next shot from the selected spot - everyone is therefore involved in every shot - all the way into the hole).
  - All players, both regular golfers and social golfers are very welcome. Enter a team of 4 for your club or cricket team - if you have more or less than four, we will organise teams for you.
  - Nearest the pins prizes, Overall Winning Team - trophy and great prizes from Kooindah Waters Resort.
  - COST: \$55.00 per player (includes sausage sizzle BBQ at the end of the day)  
NOTE: We require a minimum of 40 players – maximum of 72 players.

A few weeks back I visited Kooindah Waters. I stayed overnight & the next day hacked my way around their very impressive golf course. The facilities and golf course itself are first rate & I can highly recommend them to anyone looking for a location for an event, quiet weekend away (with or without kids) or just a hit of golf for the day. Please ensure you support those who so generously support the HK&HDCA.

- STEVE MULALLY & BRENT ADAMS – CRICKET NSW SYDNEY NORTH CRICKET MANAGER:
  - Steve Mulally (Sydney North Cricket Manager ) has left Cricket NSW after 6 years in the job.
  - As of Monday the 7th Brent Adams has taken on the role of 'Acting Sydney North Cricket Manager', as an interim appointment.
  - Also David Lawson (General Manger, Game Development) left the organisation on Friday and Craig McLean assumed the role of 'Acting Manager, Game Development'. This is an interim appointment also.
- Neil Kimberley's maiden 106 for Northern Districts:
  - A special mention to the maiden first grade century to NDs player Neil Kimberley (son of Bruce) in round 4. Neil put on 105 with David Ball (son of Carolyn) as they almost chased down Bankstown's 342 falling just short at 9/334, drawing the game.
- RECORDS OFFICER:
  - We have had a number of excellent performances where we believe HK&HDCA records may have been broken this season already. These include;
    - C1 rd 3 WPHC Red vs Hornsby game at Glenhaven, with WPHC 3rd wicket partnership of 259 between Nathan Tripolone (186) & Samuel Kleinhans (90) in their teams score of 4/422. In reply Hornsby were far from disgraced hitting 295 making it 724 runs in the match.
    - C2 rd 3 Berowra vs Mt Colah game at Arcadia, Berowra 5th wicket partnership of 218 between Brent Adams (171) & Andrew Williams (55\*) in their team's score of 5/313. In reply Mt Colah were rolled for 92 & 227 with Nathan Clarke hitting 131\* in the second innings. That game had 644 runs hit.
    - C3 rd 4 St Ives team score of 7-417 (75 overs). Castle Hill were rolled for 76 but in the second innings hit 8/280 to prevent the outright loss. 773 runs scored in the game.
    - 231 by Robert Barker in Redfield's score of 7/358 against WPHC Gold at Greenway. This innings included 36 x 4s & 6 x 6s. It also included a 6th wicket partnership of 254 with Hayder Aly who scored a supportive 46. Robert's individual score looks to have broken a 62 year old record from 1949/50 for the highest individual score in U/15s.





- It is extremely important that our records new or old are correctly recorded & recognized in our Annual Report & at meetings. As well as accessible for checking on our website. With this in mind I have spoken to Alf James & he has agreed, for our Executive to appoint Alf the official HK&HDCA records officer. And I will be recommending the Executive do this at tonight's meeting after this Council meeting.
- The process will work the following way, any performance which looks to have broken or set a new record the club(s) involved will be asked to submit a copy of the game/innings' relevant page from the scorebook (as well as possibly the opposing team's scorebook). This is to be sent to Alf via Ben Gussey. Alf will then check the potential new record & advise the outcome at the subsequent Council meeting.
- GROUND(S):
  - We have a problem reported regarding the surrounding area of the pitch at Cowan Oval making it potentially dangerous.
  - As previously mentioned we also had a problem with HSC closing the turf grounds (Berowra & Parklands) for round 4 in what we believe was prematurely.
  - HSC will be replacing the burnt astro turf on the Montview West pitch shortly.
  - HSC have also been asked to remark the crease at Arcadia.
- KDSA – Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval:
  - Some of you may be aware that KDSA is looking to turn Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval into an all synthetic surface sports ground.
  - KDSA have not consulted the HK&HDCA on this matter in anyway & I will be writing to them expressing our strong opposition to their plans. The Executive will consider the wording of the letter at the Executive meeting later this evening before I send tomorrow.

John McQuillan raised the issue of water blasting of pitches, especially in relation to Arcadia, Warina and Mt Ku-ring-gai.

**Executive Officer Report (Ben Gussey):**

- Newsletter:
  - Newsletter due to be produced in the next week. Please send in any articles of interest.
- Working With Children forms:
  - It was recently asked of the Association whether captains and even players should be directed to sign a working with children form in senior cricket, if players under 18 are present.
  - It is the recommendation of the Association that clubs should at least direct their captains to do so.
- D&D:
  - We recently held a Disputes & Disciplinary Committee meeting.
  - A WPH-C player was found guilty of misconduct and suspended until the end of 2011, with an additional suspended sentence.
  - Another WPH-C player was found guilty of dissent and given a suspended sentence.
  - A Hornsby District player was found guilty of misconduct and given a suspended sentence.... Pending appeal.



- Grants:
  - Commonwealth Bank Grants for Grassroots results have come through.
  - I have looked through the results and believe Blowfly Cricket was the successful applicant from our Association.
  - Project Local is a great opportunity for clubs to secure a \$2500 grant. Each local newspaper will be offering a grant for the most popular idea – for well organised clubs, it would be a fantastic opportunity for all of your members to vote and help secure the grant.
  - Round one of the grant closes today, however, there will be three more rounds for submission. I strongly recommend that all clubs take a look at this great opportunity and provide a submission.
  - To read more go to: <http://www.projectlocal.com.au/>
- Records:
  - 203 -1st Wicket Partnership HKHDCA Moore Shield. Deane Piek, Matt McVay.
  - 143\* - Anthony Johnston highest individual score. Gee Shield.

### **General Business**

- John McQuillan advised that the A grade should get their results/reports in ASAP, preferably Saturday night, so that the Advocate writer can publish results/reports.
- Geoff Hasler stated that the Independent Consultants report on The Glade was due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, with a Council meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Alf James, via email, asked the following:
  - At the meeting I was going to ask about Cliff Oval and Howson Park. About a year ago Mark advised that KMC had agreed to re-new the pitches at both grounds. Then, at our meeting on 23 May this year I told the meeting (specifically, Geoff who was in the chair) that the Council was going to vote two days later on whether to conduct a feasibility study on both grounds. I assume this was approved (I think the cost was \$15K each).
  - Has the Association heard anything about these pitches?
- Nathan Brown asked if two of his players who had failed the Captain's Certification exam could resit it now?
  - He was advised that they can resit the exam now.

Next Council meeting:   Hornsby RSL Club  
                                  4 High St, Hornsby.  
                                  7.30pm to 9.00pm, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

**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