



# Tom Richmond, OAM

(HK&HDCA Life Member 1981 – )

Tom has had a wonderful 50 year career of continuous involvement in cricket coaching, ranging through various school teams, club teams, inter-district HK&HDCA representative teams, A.W. Green Shield, Northern Cricket 'Winter Spin' program and the HK&HDCA Ross Turner Cup fixtures. A brief summary of his amazing career follows:

- Played for Barker College 1<sup>st</sup> XI in 1957; Teachers' College Wagga Wagga; North Coast Inter-district teams; Kissing Point, Perseverance, Thornleigh and Berowra. Played A Grade as both a pace bowler and a leg spinner. Captained Thornleigh A Grade. Played HK&HDCA Martin Shield representative cricket.
- Country Coaching: Coached Woodenbong (1960-61) in Saturday morning competition in Kyogle, travelling 40 miles each week to do so.
- School Cricket: coached 1<sup>st</sup> XIs at Woodenbong, Bonalbo, Normanhurst, Riverstone and Galston high schools. Cricket convener in North-West Metropolitan Zone, President of Blacktown and Ku-ring-gai Zones. Combined High Schools selector and team manager.
- A.W. Green Shield: coached ND Green Shield in about 16 seasons, including winning the club's first Green Shield, as well as several undefeated seasons as either coach or manager. Manager / Coach of several Combined Green Shield teams in matches against the country.
- Representative Cricket for HK&HDCA: coached about 20 separate teams, mainly in Watson Shield.
- Umpired several finals and did NSWPSA matches against Queensland on a couple of occasions.
- During 1970's initiated and organised coaching seminars at Hornsby prior to the introduction of the certificate system. Organised first training for coach certificates in the Association (about 1980). Organised, with Col Cooper, first major coaching venture across the Association during the 1980's.
- Within the Association, held offices of Publicity Officer, Representative Secretary, Vice President and liaison officer with Northern District. Also acted as Publicity Officer for NDCC briefly.
- Inaugural Chairperson of the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council (NMCC) in 1993, bringing together grade clubs, associations, schools and shires clubs. Foundation Director of 'Northern Cricket' in 1997, a body which provided organised coaching to HK&HDCA junior players.
- Inaugurated the HK&HDCA showcase representative fixture known as the (U/15) Ross Turner Cup in 1998-99 and organised these matches until 2010.
- Following the success of the RTC contests, he helped to add the Glenn Hourigan Cup fixture for the younger representative age groups in 2003-04, which he organised until 2010.
- Organised and conducted specialist spin bowling coaching (known as the *Winter Spin* program) for HK&HDCA junior rep. players at James Park, Hornsby, during the off-season from 1999 to 2007.
- Received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2002 for *service to youth through education and cricket, and to researching the history of Hornsby*.
- Awarded the Australian Sports Medal (services to cricket); Australian Centenary Medal (services to local history); and the Premiers' Community Service Award (service to the community).
- HK&HDCA representative player of year trophy is named after him, as is the NSWDC junior coaches' trophy.
- Has written cricket coverage, especially focusing on the A Grade competition, for the Hornsby Advocate newspaper in recent years.
- Life Member of HK&HDCA since 1981 and current Patron.
- Life Member of Northern District CC since 2012.
- Life Member of HKHDCCA (Coaches' Association) since 2014 and current Patron.