

Queensland Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association Inc

2009-2010

41st

Annual Report &
Financial Statement



40th Anniversary Luncheon

The Association turned 40 this year and we celebrated this milestone with a wonderful luncheon at the Cricketer's Club in August. Over 80 guests attended and included many of our retired members who we have not seen for years.

Andrew Courtice kindly agreed to MC the event and ensured that the day ran smoothly. He interviewed many of our esteemed members and to the delight of the audience managed to get some tasty and unprintable stories out of Nelma Grout, Lew Johnson, Mel Johnson, Ian Barsby and Bruce Oxenford just to name a few.

Every guest received a specially printed coaster and written history of the Association to mark the event, and guests were able to inspect a visual display of photographs, written materials and umpiring apparel from years gone by.

Many thanks must go to Nelma Grout and Ross Howard for organising the day plus Mel Johnson for all his hard work in helping put together the history. A special thanks to Lew Johnson for supplying several stories.



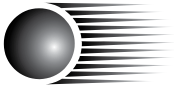
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Front Cover: 2009/10 Bob Spence medal winner Jay Kangur with Top Ten finalists (left to right from top) Ian barsby, Peter boland, Craig Hoffmann, Murray Branch, Ross Howard, Norm McNamara, Peter Smith, Damien mcAndrew. Missing: Andrew Moir





Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty First Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. will be held at Queensland Cricket Headquarters in the Ian Healy Room, Bogan St, Albion, on Wednesday, 21st July 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting and Welcome to Members and Visitors
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements
5. Speakers to Annual Report
6. Nomination of Life Member
7. Election of Office Bearers for 2010/2011 year
8. Annual Subscription
9. General Business



Office Bearers for 2009/2010 Season



Patron: B Gaskell

President: N Grout

Vice-president: R. Howard

Honourary Secretary: R Johnsen

Honourary Treasurer: N Abbate

Management Committee: P Shine, P Boland, I Barsby,
D White, D Mclver

QCA Delegate: J Black

Grade Committee Representative: N Grout

Board of Examination and Coaching: P Boland, A Loynes, P Shine
R Fryer, M Jay, P Spence, A Dore

Training and Development Officer: M Jay

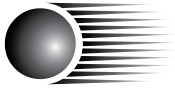
Social Committee: D White, D Mclver, N O'Brien,
J Black, P Monaghan, R Rooke-Jones

Property Officer: C Hoffmann

Statistician: R Howard

General Meeting Minutes Secretary: J Black





Honour Board

Patron

1968-1972 T Hiley
 1972-1997 R Spence
 1997- B Gaskell

President

1966-1972 L Rowan
 1972-1977 L Johnson
 1977-1982 R Crouch
 1982-1985 M Johnson
 1985-1988 C Timmins
 1988-1991 A McQuillan
 1991-1993 C Timmins
 1993-1995 P Polkinghorne
 1995-1996 R Isherwood
 1996-1997 A McQuillan
 1997-2000 R Isherwood
 2000-2004 M Jay
 2004- N Grout

Treasurer

1966-1971 L Johnson
 1971-1978 T Warwick
 1978-1980 J Strauss
 1980-1981 M Curnow
 1981-1983 B Milner
 1983-1984 D Jones
 1984-1991 M Musch
 1991-1998 P Latimer
 1998-2004 M Molesworth
 2004-2007 P Farley
 2007- N Abbate

Life Member

1969 A Wyeth
 1972 A Scott
 1975 W McInnes
 1976 J Newcombe
 1977 L Johnson
 1978 T Warwick
 1980 F Britton
 1982 R Crouch
 1984 L Heath
 1986 N Grout
 1987 M Musch
 1989 M Johnson
 1990 J Taylor
 1993 C. Timmins
 1994 C Bertwistle
 1996 A McQuillan
 1999 M Ralston
 2000 P Parker
 2002 A Loynes
 2003 B Westphal
 2005 M Jay
 2006 R. Howard
 2007 J. Rowe
 2009 R. Johnsen

Secretary

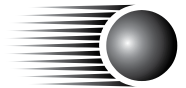
1966-1971 L Johnson
 1971-1978 T Warwick
 1978-1980 J Strauss
 1980-2003 N Grout
 2003- R Johnsen

First Class Umpires

** L Rowan
 W Priem
 J Newcombe
 L Johnson
 ** P Enright
 Bro D. John
 G Jones
 S Doxey
 T Warwick
 D Lancashire
 ** C Harvey
 J Boyle
 ** M Johnson
 R Willmott
 R Philippe
 J Taylor
 ** C Timmins
 A Fulwood
 M King
 ** P Parker
 C Bertwistle
 ** A McQuillan
 M Ralston
 T Musch
 M Jay
 M Whitby
 J Torpey
 G Zimmer
 L Musch
 B Oxenford
 D Orchard
 N McNamara
 T Laycock
 A. Curran
 ** Test Umpire



Members List

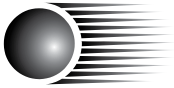


	Abbate	N.	2002/03		Hogan	T.	2007/08		Roden	R.	2008/09
	Ambrose	R.	2008/09		Horne	P.	2006/07	*	Rolls	J.	2009/10
	Andersen	I.	2008/09	*	Houston	M.	2009/10		Rook-Jones	R.	2004/05
	Archibald	J.	2006/07	#+++	Howard	R.	1991/92	*	Ruddick-Collins	J.	2009/10
	Asgar	T.	2008/09		Johnston	D.	2007/08		Russell	J.	2008/09
	Balakrishnan	D.	2008/09		Jones	P.	2005/06		Russell	S.	2006/07
*r	Barclay	R.	2007/08		Jorgensen	M.	2008/09	*	Sadique	S.	2009/10
*	Berrange	C.	2009/10		Kampmann	R.	2005/06		Searle	M.	2008/09
#+	Barsby	I.	1998/99	#+	Kangur	J.	2000/01		Sharma	Y.	2008/09
	Beath	N.	2005/06		Kelly	M.	2007/08		Sheehan	A.	2008/09
*r	Birch	J.	2007/08	*	Kumar	K.	2009/10	#+	Shine	P.	1999/00
*	Birt	C.	2009/10		Kumar	S.	2005/06		Smith	B.	2007/08
	Black	J.	2001/02		Lewis	G.	2008/09		Smith	P.	2005/06
	Bloomer	A.	2005/06		Lloyd	R.	2006/07	*	Slattery	B.	2009/10
	Bocking	S.	2007/08		Logan	T.	2005/06		Sowter	W.	2008/09
#+	Boland	P.	1999/00		Lowien	D.	2008/09	*r	Spalding	C.	2006/07
	Booth	M.	2008/09		Lowings	M.	2006/07		Spence	P.	2006/07
	Boyle	J.	2004/05		Marsh	R.	2003/04		Strickland	K.	2005/06
	Branch	M.	2008/09	*	Martin	A.	2009/10	++	Szkutko	N.	1994/95
*r	Brown	C.	1995/96		McAndrew Damien		2005/06		Teske	L.	2008/09
	Bull	D.	2006/07		McAndrew Duane		2005/06	*r	Thompson	G.	1995/96
	Butchers	M.	2006/07	*	McDonald	J.	2009/10		Topp	J.	2004/05
*r	Castle	D.	2000/01	#+	McIver	D.	1998/99		Tutt	G.	2008/09
	Cavanagh	G.	2006/07		McKinnon	A.	2008/09		Vine	C.	2006/07
	Chapman	P.	2008/09		McMahon	B.	2006/07		Webster	H.	2008/09
	Chodankar	C.	2007/08	#+	McNamara	N.	2000/01		Westbrook	D.	2004/05
+	Clarke	M.	1997/98		McQuillan	P.	2006/07	+	White	D.	1996/97
	Coleman	L.	2008/09	*	McRae	D.	2005/06		White	K.	2008/09
*	Coogan	D.	2009/10	+++	McShane	M.	1989/90		Whittaker	B.	2006/07
	Crawford	P.	2008/09		Mealey	D.	2005/06	*	Wiggins	G.	2009/10
	Croucher	C.	2008/09		Mellifont	M.	2005/06	+	Wills	D.	1999/00
	Davies	P.	2005/06		Moir	A.	2006/07		Woodman	D.	2004/05
*	Dionysius	S.	2009/10	+	Monaghan	P.	2000/01	+	Wyeth	I.	1998/99
	Doherty	E.	2005/06		Mosley	P.	2005/06		Zwiers	R.	2006/07
+	Dore	A.	1996/97		Murray	K.	2006/07				
	Dore	C.	2004/05	*	Murray	T.	2009/10				
*	Drennan	L.	2009/10		Musch	G.	2009/10				
	Dutt	K.	2006/07		Naylor	K.	2006/07				
	Earle	R.	2007/08		Neate	R.	2007/08				
	Elkington	I.	2008/09		Nightingale Adam		2008/09				
	Farrell	B.	2007/08		Nightingale Alan		2008/09				
*r	Fazen	G.	1993/94	+	O'Brien	N.	1995/96				
	Fernandes	J.	2008/09		O'Connor	M.	2006/07				
	Fisher	P.	2008/09		O'Malley	T.	2006/07				
	Fleming	J.	2007/08		O'Meara	P.	1988/89				
	Fryer	R.	2005/06		O'Rourke	T.	2001/02				
	Fuller	S.	2005/06		O'Rourke	T.	2001/02				
	Gardner	S.	2006/07	#	Oxenford	B.	1998/99				
	Gibson	K.	2007/08		Parsons	D.	2008/09				
	Glasby	B.	2006/07*		Peers	W.	2007/08				
	Gore	T.	2008/09		Peisley	J.	2005/06				
*	Gosney	M.	2009/10		Pius	M.	2005/06				
	Grieve	A.	2005/06		Power	L.	2007/08				
	Griffith	J.	2006/07	+	Pritchard	C.	1998/99				
	Hobman	F.	2002/03	*	Rahman	M.	2009/10				
	Hoffmann	C.	2006/07	*	Rashed	W.	2009/10				

LEGEND

*	New Members
*r	Returning Member
#	Holder of First Grade Badge
+	Holder of 100 Game Badge
++	Holder of 150 Game Badge
+++	Holder of 200 Game Badge





President's Report

The 2009/10 year was a year of significant change for the QCU&SA, some good and some not so good. It was disappointing that after 25 years of this Association allocating umpires and observing them, this role was taken away without consultation or valid reason. However, the Association acknowledges that Q'ld cricket has the power to do this and we have endeavoured to work constructively with Q'ld Cricket and the new Selection and Observers Panels.

The season always begins for umpires with our annual seminar. This year was our away weekend seminar which was enjoyable and beneficial to all those who attended. Unfortunately, many members do not attend this event for a variety of reasons. In an effort to facilitate greater attendance, the 2010 seminar will be held on a Sunday for the first time.

In August 2009, the Association celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Q'ld Cricketers Club. It was great to catch up with many past and present members, all of whom have contributed to making this Association what it is today. Thanks must be extended to Mel Johnson and Ross Howard for notating the Association's history which was presented to all attendees in booklet form and to Tracey Jay for making the anniversary cake.

The QCU&SA is in a healthy financial state due to the responsible management of resources provided by members and Q'ld Cricket. This has allowed for the continued reduction in annual subscriptions, heavy subsidising of our seminar and End of Season Dinner, a \$30

contribution to the reimbursement of new hats and complimentary shirts for new members. In addition this year, the Association was pleased to be able to support the worthy charity of Guide Dogs, Queensland. It is planned to continue this involvement in forthcoming seasons. I would like to commend Brody Glasby and Nick Abbate on this initiative.

The biggest disappointment of the year was the significant loss of members. Each year, we expect to lose a few members during the season and then some more who do not return for the next season but never before have this many members left while the season is in progress. The reasons for their departure were beyond our control and it is hoped this trend does not continue next season.

On the positive side, current members are to be congratulated for their commitment to umpiring in a very busy season and their dedication to the Association. Special mention should be made to all members who received any awards or achieved significant milestones.

I would also like to congratulate Bruce Oxenford on an outstanding year of First Class umpiring. During the season, Bruce stood in his 50th First Class match, officiated in the final of the Twenty20 Big Bash and the Shield Final between Q'ld and Victoria. He also travelled to Canada, New Zealand and Abu Dhabi on umpiring duties. Bruce continues to make himself available for our Association and we are very appreciative of his ongoing support.

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going" is a saying that pertains to our many office bearers



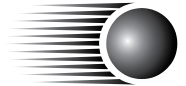
and committees. Although the 2009/10 year was a very difficult one, all of the people who took on additional responsibilities, did it with enthusiasm and commitment. Thanks to Craig Hoffman, our Property Officer, Ross Howard, our Statistician, Ian Barsby, our Blue Card and Conducts advocate, Michael Jay, our Training and Development Officer, John Black, our QC Delegate and Minutes Secretary, the members of the Social Committee and the Board of Examination and Coaching.

Finally, on behalf of the members and myself, a huge thank you to the Management Committee and Ron Johnsen, our Secretary. These gentlemen devote many hours to ensure this Association is the best it can be and go about their business in a professional, dignified manner.

Nelma Grout
President



Life Membership - Ron Johnsen



On the 15th July 2009, at our Annual General Meeting, Ron Johnsen was made a Life Member of the QCU&SA. Since joining in the 1995/96 season, Ron has served this Association with honour and distinction, on and off the field.

On field, Ron progressed through the grades to make his First Grade debut in the 2000/01 season. He achieved the 100 game badge during the 2004/05 season and has stood in 128 grade games as well as many Sunday matches, junior games and mid week carnivals.

To win any grade award throughout an umpiring career is an achievement but to win the Second Grade Award three times in four seasons is outstanding. Ron was the recipient of this award in 2000/01, 2002/03 and 2003/04 seasons. In the 2005/06 season, Ron won the Q'ld Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association's highest on field award by winning the Bob Spence Medal.

On field, Ron was a dedicated, hardworking and fair umpire who had earned the respect of the players and his fellow umpires. Ron could communicate with people in a manner that showed respect and knowledge of the laws and regulations.

It is Ron's work off the field that most current members would know him for. Before becoming Secretary in



2003/04, Ron served as our Property Officer. For two years, Ron was a tireless member of the Allocation Panel and Chairman of the Observers Panel.

As Secretary, Ron is responsible for doing all the administrative work that keeps this Association running and the members informed. He also prepares the monthly newsletter and annual report which are appreciated by the members. When members or clubs have a query or concern, Ron is only a phone call or email away. Because of his friendly manner, Ron is always approachable and pleased to assist.

As a member of the Allocation Panel,

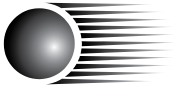
Ron spent many hours preparing for the fortnightly meetings and then accommodating the numerous changes and pull outs. As an observer, Ron provided assessment and feedback to the members. Ron acquitted himself to these roles with great dedication and selfless commitment.

Ron has volunteered his time, skills and experience to make the QCU&SA what it is today. His personality, happy nature and passion make him an invaluable asset to this Association and a very worthy recipient of Life Membership.

Congratulations Ron.

Nelma Grout





Management Committee Report



Meeting Attendance August 2008 – April 2009 (9 meetings)

Nelma Grout	9
Ross Howard	9
Ron Johnsen	9
Nick Abbate	6
Ian Barsby	8
Peter Boland	7
Dave McIver	8
Pat Shine	9
Don White	8

The Management Committee continues to meet monthly during the "Off Season" to prepare for the next season.

The Representative Member position on the Management Committee continues to be left vacant as the responsibilities of this position have been taken over by the State Umpiring Manager.

The departure of Peter Farley to sunnier climes down south made a place available for Dave McIver to make a welcome reappearance to the Committee this year. He had previously served on the Committee for 3 years from 2005 to 2007. Otherwise the membership of the Committee remained unchanged from the previous season.

Every season is a challenge, but this season threw up more than usual when Qld Cricket decided to take control surreptitiously, of the allocation and observing of all our members, without any consultation

or advice to the Association. In all our dealings with Qld Cricket over the last 10 years or so, the CEO, Mr Dixon continually expressed his satisfaction with, and appreciation of, the efforts of this Association in supplying 2, well trained umpires to all grade fixtures and as many as we had available to all other competitions controlled by Qld Cricket. These events came as a complete surprise to us and threw out all our plans that were completed during the winter.

These new measures have completely changed the dynamic of the Association. The members no longer have a say in how umpires are graded, promoted or demoted, no say in how they are mentored or trained. Allocation and Observer Panel members are paid by, and answer to, the Board of Qld Cricket not to this Association, and therefore you the members, have no say whatsoever. In the past, if you didn't like what was occurring you at least had a vote at the AGM to have your say.

Acting as an advocate for our members, training and recruitment emerged as our main areas of responsibility over the season. Training is very difficult as we have a State Umpiring Coach who has his own training agenda and our Board of Examination and Coaching Panel, which is concerned with training all our members, not just those who are seen to be "First Class" material. This caused great confusion among the membership. The Association must act for all members, and as such we recognise that not all our members want to be First Class umpires, some are happy in the grade they are in and do not want more intense training and will not even attend general meetings for extra training, never mind attending extra training sessions on other nights apart from our regular meetings. Nevertheless, we must improve the general standard of umpiring across the board and we see observing and allocation to the appropriate grades as great tools in this process; however we no longer have access to these tools. So raising the standard of umpiring is a challenge. We have tried to make the training at meetings relevant, we have organised guest speakers and split the meeting into groups so that all members get heard

and get their questions answered by their peers. We have surveyed our membership and will be implementing ideas gleaned from the results in the seminar and future meetings.

Queensland Cricket

Over the year we have advocated on members behalf to Qld Cricket on a number of issues namely: availability, payment of allowances, a myriad of allocation issues, the grade competition restructure, communication, MyCricket and training. We have had some success but we are at the mercy of Qld Cricket in these matters.

Handbook

Several more changes were made to the handbook for this season and most members have advised that it is much easier to read and use.

The Grade Cricket Manager, Michel Fisher is working closely with us and the Grade Committee via our President to further improve this document.

Recruitment

Recruitment is always difficult, we feel advertising in local and city papers is not productive. It is very expensive and history shows that we usually get a very poor response, in one case we spent over \$2500 for just one enquiry; however we may have to try it again. We get most of our enquiries from the website, we ask all these people to complete the workbook and if they pass that satisfactorily they are then given further training. This has proved very successful in weeding out people who are not suited to umpiring or who realise they don't have the aptitude before we embark on more intense training. This winter as well as the website, we will be looking at advertising in the papers again and have conducted a Cricket Day for the Guide Dogs which we used as a recruiting tool.

We have conducted a phone survey of members and a vast majority indicated that they approached us either by phone or the website to become umpires, very few were influenced by advertising.

We are very concerned that a lot of our members are not happy and have left umpiring during the season or may



Management Committee Report



not come back next season. We will be contacting these members to see if we can overcome their problems.

Sponsorship

We decided that it would be a good idea for the Association to align itself with The Guide Dogs Association of Qld. We held a very successful Cricket Day at Wep Harris Oval in April, which included players from the Guide dogs, Grade Cricket, Blind Cricket Association and our members. This day along with donations from our members meant that we will be able to make a donation to the Guide Dogs in excess of \$1500. This can only be beneficial to our Association by raising our public profile and hopefully attracting more members.

General Meetings

We had an average attendance of 72 at our monthly meetings this season much the same as last 2 seasons average of 75.

We are continually trying to improve the meetings by making them relevant, informative and entertaining. We have surveyed the membership and most seem satisfied with the format however several good ideas were highlighted and will be looked at for next season.

We had a presentation from Dr Phil Jauncey and two coaching sessions from Dave Orchard as well as our normal coaching sessions from the Examination and Coaching Panel.

The after meeting BBQ and get together is still a popular part of the evening.

This has been a very difficult year for me personally and I would like to thank my fellow members of the Management Committee for their loyalty, encouragement and support. I would especially like to thank those members who contacted me to offer advice and support as well, thank you all it is very much appreciated.

John Black again took on the role as our General Meeting Minute Secretary as well as being our Delegate to Qld. Cricket. Thanks John you did a great job once again.

Don White again was the man who ensured that the social side of the Association trundled on again for another year. Thanks Don and all your minions for your efforts this year.

Thank you to you all the members who have helped the Association last season, it is you the unsung heroes that make this Association great.

As I write this, and no doubt as you read this, you will notice that the same names crop up each year. This is not a healthy situation for any Association, so please members get involved with the Association and put your hand up to serve on one of the many committees or positions, you will find that it will be very rewarding and enhance your time in umpiring.

Ron Johnson
Hon. Secretary

*Your Management Committee
in Action*





Membership 2009-10

Membership for this year is down from last season's figure of 154 to 146 active members. 24 Life Members make up a total membership of 177.

As usual these figures look healthy, but when you delve into the figures the true situation is that we have about 100 active umpires who umpired the majority of the season. With the change in format of the XXXX Grade Competition, umpires now can pick and choose whether they umpire Two Day, One Day or T20 fixtures on Saturday and/or Sunday, this masks the real situation.

The reasons for this are typical for every season, members who only want to umpire on Sundays are increasing and we had several new members join us late in the season. We also lost several new members after only a handful of games who discovered that umpiring is not for them. We also lost a lot of experienced umpires who retired last year and who retired during this season for various reasons.

During the season we had 26 new members join the Association, 11 of these were very welcome rejoining members who had previously retired. The experience these members bring back to umpiring is invaluable. The remainder were mostly new members who had completed the workbook after contacting us via the website.

Michael Jay did a great job in training the new members in the technical aspects of umpiring. He has unearthed some great talent among them which is essential for the future of our Association.

Bruce Oxenford is still our lone representative on the international and national scene. He had another busy season and we saw very little of him in Grade Cricket. During the season Bruce officiated in his 50th First Class match, congratulations Bruce well done.

We can only hope that he has a couple more Queensland umpires soon to help him fly our flag at the elite level.

I would like to express my thanks and

appreciation to Michael Jay, Peter Boland, Chairman of the Examination and Coaching Panel, and all the Panel members for all their work in training our members.

Umpiring Milestones

First Grade Debut:

Dan Bull
Gerard Cavanagh
Benjamin Farrell
Craig Hoffmann
Rod Kampmann
Tom Logan
Duane McAndrew

100 Game Badge

Norm McNamara
Br. Chris Pritchard
Iain Wyeth

200 Game Badge

Mick McShane

Umpiring Achievements

Bruce Oxenford

*International Umpires Panel
(nominated by CA to the ICC)
National Umpires Panel*

Norm McNamara

Damien Mealey

Jay Kangur

State Umpires Panel

Damien Mealey

*National U19 Championships
representative*

Craig Hoffmann

*National U17 Championship
Representative*

Carnivals

We were very busy organising umpires for midweek carnivals again this year. I would like to thank all the members who made themselves available and I hope that you enjoyed your games.

Again we had to supply umpires for well over 400 umpiring days and I appreciate the cooperation of the membership especially over the Christmas period, thank you.

*Ron Johnson
Hon Secretary*



*Peter Monaghan and Dave McIver,
Gold Coast*



Nick and Kevin Strickland preparing for battle



Nick Abbate, Cheltenham Oval



Phil Spence and Peter Fuller



Patron's Award for Outstanding Service



Two unsung heroes are the worthy recipients of this award this year.

It is a great pleasure for the Management Committee to announce that Ian Barsby and John Black received the Patron's Award at our Annual Dinner.

Two more popular members you would not find in our Association and the amount of time, effort and passion they both put into helping run the Association is considerable and has not gone unnoticed.

Ian joined our Association in 1998 and is the holder of a First Grade Badge and has stood in 144 grade games. He has won the First Grade Award twice and was selected as our representative at the U17 National Championships in Melbourne in 2008.

He has been on the Management Committee for 5 years and has been our Suitability Card Coordinator and umpires Advocate for several years. Ian is a great asset on the Management Committee, his good humour, experience in Brisbane Grade Cricket and clear thinking has helped the Committee enormously over the years. His work with the Suitability Card is conscientious and unselfish. He goes way beyond the call of duty to meet members all over Brisbane at all hours of the day so that they may complete



Ian and John were presented with their award by our Patron Brian Gaskell

their forms.

John joined our Association in 2001 and has been a member of the Social Club for years and is always on hand to help out in any way. His great sense of humour and openness makes him a very popular member (especially at the Creek!) He has been our General Meeting Minute Secretary for 2 years and our Delegate to Qld. Cricket for one year.

His busy lifestyle doesn't allow him to umpire as much as he would like any more, but he attends every meeting and the seminar just to help out, as you can see he loves this Association and richly deserves this award.

Congratulations and our thanks Ian and John.

Mel Johnson Medal



Award winner Gerard Cavanagh with Mel Johnson

In the past, this award was for members who have stood the majority of the season in the Sub District competition. It was recognised that the Bob Spence Medal had essentially the same criteria and it is quite conceivable that a member could win both medals in the same year. Therefore, in consultation with Mel Johnson, it was decided that the medal should recognise and encourage a member who shows great promise, is in the early stages of his career and who has the potential to reach the elite level in umpiring. The medal will still be named in honor of our Life Member and Test Umpire, Mel Johnson.

The recipient this year was Gerard Cavanagh. Gerard has been a member since 2006. In that time he has stood in 44.5 grade games and made his First Grade debut this season. He won the Alan Pettigrew Progression Award in 2008.

Gerard has shown steady progress in his umpiring career and has slotted into First grade with a minimum of fuss and with his renowned professionalism.

Gerard is a very skillful official and a long successful career is ahead for him.

Well done Gerard.

Mel Johnson Medal Honour Board

2003-2004	Greg Rogers
2004-2005	Phil Spence
2005-2006	Greg Rogers
2006-2007	Phil Spence
2007-2008	Greg Rogers
2008-2009	Peter Chapman
2009-2010	Gerard Cavanagh





Association Awards

The new allocation system and a change in the format of the grade competition threw up some unique challenges for our statistician, Ross Howard this season. With so many of our members moving up and down the grades with no consistency this season, it was very difficult to determine what grade each umpire should be judged in. Our policy is, that whatever grade a member stood in for the majority of the season, is the grade for which he is eligible. But is it fair that an umpire who wins the award only stood in 4 games in a grade and beats a member who had stood in 12 games in that grade, especially when the difference is regularly only a fraction of a point?

Nevertheless, the points were compiled and the winners determined. Ross did another mighty job, well done Ross. Congratulations to all the winners and contenders on an excellent season.

The award winners were announced at our Annual Bob Spence Medal Dinner held at the Pavilion.

We were honoured to have the following distinguished people available to present the various awards: Life members Merv Musch and Mel Johnson presented the grade awards, and Sub District's Cricket Association Co Secretary, Mel Lowings did the honours for the Sub District's awards. Mel Johnson presented the Mel Johnson Trophy. Dr Cam Battersby spoke about former Test Umpire and member Col Hoy prior to Mrs. Hoy presenting the "Col Hoy Encouragement Award" and the Alan Pettigrew Progression. Our special guest and esteemed Patron, Brian Gaskell presented the Patron's Award.



Contenders: Alan Grieve, Norm McNamara, Peter Boland and Jay Kangur.

Winner: Jay Kangur.

Jay continued his purple patch of form by backing up his Bob Spence Medal win from last season by taking out the First Grade and Bob Spence Medal double this season. Well done Jay.



Contenders: Michael Clarke, Nick Abbate, Ross Howard and Darren Johnston.

Winner: Ross Howard.

Ross managed to beat off a lot of experience in 2nd Grade to win this year. This is Ross's first grade award and is richly deserved. Congratulations Ross.



Contenders: Neville O'Brien, Stuart Fuller, Peter Smith, Neile Beath and Brad Smith.

Winner: Neville O'Brien.

This is Neville's 2nd grade award; he previously won the 5th grade award in 1997. It has been a long time between drinks for a very dedicated and hard working member. Congratulations Nev, well deserved.



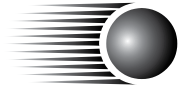
Contenders: Brian McMahon, Salendar Kumar, Murray Branch and Phil Horne.

Winner: Brian McMahon.

Brian has been a member since 2006 and this is his second grade award in a row. He won the U18 (6th Grade) award last year. He is a very consistent performer who deserves all the rewards. Congratulations Brian.



Association Awards



Contenders: Pat O'Meara, Ian Andersen, Tanvir Asgar, Stephen Dionsuis and Regan Neate.

Winner: **Pat O'Meara.**

Pat rejoined us last year after a long hiatus from umpiring. When he umpired with us before his break he made the lofty heights of 2nd Grade and it hasn't taken him long to regain that form. Well done Pat.



Contenders: Chesney Berrange, Gerard Tutt, Matt Gosney and Mick McShane.

Winner: **Gerard Tutt.**

This is only Gerard's 2nd year in umpiring. It is good to see that his passion for umpiring is showing dividends. Congratulations Gerard the first of many rewards for you I'm certain.



Contenders: Tim O'Malley, Rod Barclay, Mel Lowings and Jason Topp.

Winner: **Tim O'Malley.**

This is Tim's first award since he joined us in 2006. Tim umpires exclusively in the Sub Districts competition. I'm sure the players appreciate having such an accomplished umpire. Well done Tim.



Contenders: Tom Hogan, Peter McQuillan and Farnell Hobman.

Winner: **Peter McQuillan.**

This is Peter's first award since he began umpiring in 2006. All his hard work is starting to show dividends and I'm sure he will start to realise his potential next season. Congratulations Peter.



Contenders: Craig Spalding, John Russell and Jim Archibald.

Winner: **Craig Spalding.**

Craig is another very experienced umpire who rejoined us this year. He umpires only in The Churches Competition which makes our First Grade umpires very happy!

Well done Craig.



Contenders: Craig Hoffman, Brad Smith, Pat O'Meara and Iain Wyeth.

Winner: **Craig Hoffmann.**

The Management Committee felt that we should recognise umpiring in Women's Grade cricket so the Women's Grade Award was introduced. It was good to see an umpire of Craig's calibre is the inaugural winner. Congratulations Craig.



Murray Branch is the winner this year. This is only Murray's 2nd year in umpiring and he has impressed all who have been fortunate enough to stand with him. He has a bright future and richly deserves this recognition. He began the year in 5th Grade but his talent soon saw him displaying his skills in 3rd Grade.

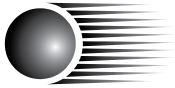
Well done Murray.



Stephen Dionysius is the recipient of this prestigious award this season. He has quickly shown that he has an aptitude for umpiring and his obvious talent saw him quickly move through the grades to umpire one 3rd grade game in his first season.

Congratulations Stephen.





Honour Board for Association Awards

	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
1992	A. McQuillan	M. Wylie	J. Torpey	A. Payne	C. Brown
1993	R. Isherwood	J. Torpey	K. Horton	C. Brown	M. Robinson
1994	R. Isherwood	G. Zimmer	M. Barton	N. Southall	D. Woodlock
1995	C. Bertwistle	D. McGrath	K. Beasley	T. Whiter	M. Smith
1996	C. Bertwistle	E. Edwards	M. Molesworth	S. Dean	G. Heffernan
1997	J. Torpey	D. Vinall	N. Gilloway	B. Ryan	N. O'Brien
1998	J. Torpey	S. Dean	J. Maclean	P. Lavallee	G. Bailo
1999	J. Torpey	P. Lavallee	J. Veivers	G. Thompson	W. Rogers
2000	L. Musch	J. Veivers	D. White	P. Farley	J. Ezzy
2001	N. McNamara	R. Johnsen	D. White	P. Monaghan	M. McShane
2002	L. Musch	A. Bonner	G. Thompson	P. Johnson	G. Durston
2003	B. Oxenford	R. Johnsen	J. Kangur/ S. Vetsich	B. Westphal	J. Black
2004	D. Brandon/ A. McQuillan	R. Johnsen	D. White	M. Clarke/ G. Stone	C. Pritchard
2005	I. Barsby	D. Went	G. Aspinall	I. Tait	J. Hetherington
2006	J. Kangur/ N. McNamara	A. Loynes	D. Mealey	W. Strelow	D. Westbrook
2007	I. Barsby	A. Grieve	R. Gruenfeld	S. Fuller	M. McShane
2008	P. Boland	D. Mealey	C. Hoffmann	R. Rooke-Jones	S. Biggs
2009	A. Curran	C. Hoffmann	D. McAndrew	P. Davies	J. Fleming
2010	J. Kangur	R. Howard	N. O'Brien	B. McMahan	P. O'Meara

U18 Grade	Sub Districts			Progression (Alan Pettigrew Award)	Col Hoy Award			
1992	B. McNamee	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade	1992	G. Townsend	G. Zimmer	
1993	N. Southall	2007	P Spence	B Marrinan	P Smith	1993	R. Kelly	W. Heinemann
1994	P. Bell	2008	G. Rogers	C. Vine	L. Power	1994	W. Heinemann	D. Vinall
1995	J. MacLean	2009	B & C Grade*			1995	W. Cressy	B. Nielsen
1996	M. McGovern	2010	W. Sowter	P. Chapman		1996	B. Nielsen	C. Brown
1997	J. Maxwell-Jones		T. O'Malley	P. McQuillan		1997	S. Dean	M. Whitman
1998	A. Payne	Churches			1998	M. Whitman	L. Stokes	
1999	N. Szkutko	2007	C. Spalding			1999	B. Oxenford	V. Sestito
2000	D. Wills	2008	K. Suthers			2000	P. Boland	P. Shine
2001	R. Kinstler	Churches & Beenleigh Logan**			2001	A. Curran	B. Prior	
2002	R. Brown	2009	S. Crawford			2001	D. Knott	S. Vetsich
2003	R. Brown	2010	C. Spalding			2003	B. Hunt	D. Cleary
2004	J. Ezzy/ R. Marsh	Womens Cricket			2004	D. Moloney	N. Marsh	
2005	R. Rooke-Jones	2010	C. Hoffmann			2005	C. Pfulgrath	A. Smith
2006	R Marsh				2006	D. Mealey	N. Damm	
2007	C. Hoffman				2007	M. Pius	C. Hoffmann	
2008	P. Smith				2008	G. Cavanagh	R. Neate	
2009	B. McMahan				2009	P. Smith	C. Croucher	
2010	G. Tutt				2010	M. Branch	S. Dionysius	

* Sub Districts, B and C Grades were combined for award purposes in 2008/09.
 ** Churches award was combined with Beenleigh/Logan in 2008/09



Bob Spence Medal



Not since Ray Isherwood and Tony McQuillan in the early 90's has anyone won the Bob Spence medal two years running. Well, Jay Kangur has joined that illustrious group by winning our top award again this year.

Jay also won his second First Grade Award this year as well, which is testimony to his talent and just reward for all his hard work and dedication over the past 2 years.

He was recognised by Cricket Australia's High Performance Panel by being selected to stand in two Women's National Cricket League games at Alan Border Field during the year.



Winner Jay Kangur and the Top Ten finalists

However, this medal is not necessarily awarded to the best umpire in Brisbane, but recognizes their dedication to the Association off the field as well. He attended all the general meetings, sat for the refresher exam and attended the Seminar.

Our President Nelma Grout presented Jay his award in front of over 100 guests at our Annual Dinner.

Congratulations Jay, well done.

It was good to see 3 new faces in the guise of Murray Branch, Andrew Moir and Damien McAndrew in the "Top Ten" this year. The finalists deserve to be recognised because any one of them could have been the winner if only for another fraction of a point.

They all had a fantastic year on the field and showed great dedication and passion for the Association, congratulations to all of you.

The other finalists were: Craig Hoffmann, Ian Barsby, Ross Howard, Norm McNamara, Peter Smith and Peter Boland.

Thanks again to Ross Howard our statistician, another great job.

The Bob Spence Medal Honour Board

1984/85	Merv Musch
1985/86	Don Payne
1986/87	Col Bertwistle
1987/88	Tony McQuillan
1988/89	Peter Parker
1989/90	Merv Musch
1990/91	Col Bertwistle
1991/92	Tony McQuillan
1992/93	Tony McQuillan
1993/94	Ray Isherwood
1994/95	Ray Isherwood & Wayne Heinemann
1995/96	Michael Jay
1996/97	Glenn Zimmer
1997/98	Michael Jay
1998/99	Jim Torpey
1999/00	Lawrie Musch
2000/01	Jim Veivers
2001/02	Andrew Curran
2002/03	Bruce Oxenford
2003/04	Don White
2004/05	Norm McNamara
2005/06	Ron Johnsen
2006/07	Ian Barsby
2007/08	Peter Boland
2008/09	Jay Kangur
2009/10	Jay Kangur





Examination and Coaching Panel

Our year began with the Annual Seminar which was once again held at Gympie. We had just over fifty members attend and from all reports they enjoyed the weekend thoroughly. Denis Burns (Umpire Educator with Cricket Australia) addressed the gathering and also entertained us as an after dinner speaker where he relayed some of the more humorous events from his cricketing career. I would like to thank the members of the coaching panel for their efforts in preparing and presenting their individual topics. The members were kept interested and as a whole enjoyed the training sessions that were delivered.

Our next task was the coaching of new umpires. Thanks go to Michael Jay for the time and effort he put into his role as Coaching and Development Officer together with the members who assisted Michael from time to time. Our first year umpires were well trained and performed quite well in their introductory year.

During the season I attended two meetings of the QC Umpire Allocation Panel (at their request) in an attempt to ensure that our coaching sessions were structured around correcting what the Observers had picked up. These meetings together with numerous informal conversations with their Chairman (Jim Torpey) proved to be very beneficial for both parties as I was also able to give them feedback on issues that were of concern to our members. It is vitally important that this link be maintained next season by the relevant office bearers to ensure we keep heading in the right direction in a cohesive fashion.

As usual we conducted our regular monthly training sessions from August to March which also encompassed our

Annual Refresher Exam. (Thanks go to Alan Loynes for the preparation of this year's exam.) In October Nelma and I were invited to a meeting with QC Game Development Manager (Mark McLatchey) which resulted in our State Umpiring Coach (Dave Orchard) conducting two of our monthly training sessions. We also had the pleasure of hearing from renowned psychologist Phil Jauncey at our December meeting. It was disappointing that this was our least well attended meeting of the year as those who heard him speak will attest he is a very good speaker. In light of this we are attempting to have Phil return as guest speaker at next season's seminar.

I would like to thank Alan Loynes, Michael Jay, Ross Howard, Patrick Shine, Allan Dore and Roger Fryer for their assistance during the season. The efforts these members put in to keep the rest of us up to date with our umpiring should not be undervalued.

Finally I must appeal to those members who do not attend our meetings on a regular basis to do so (if possible)



as we have a number of changes to regulations coming in next season and it is important not only to understand the changes but also to make sure we all apply the same interpretations to all rules and regulations. The members of the Coaching and Examination Panel are always available to answer any questions members may have in relation to rules, regulations or umpiring techniques so please make use of them. You may not be the only one unsure of something but if you don't speak up we can't sort the issue out.

Peter Boland
Chairman



Allocation and Observer's Report



The Selection Committee of Col Timmins, Michael Jay, Mike Ralston, Jim Veivers and I met weekly to go through the process of grading and appointing our umpires. To these people I am very grateful. I would also like to acknowledge our two observers (Lew Johnson and Alan Loynes) who helped our team on a regular basis plus the contribution of a number of experienced umpires who gave us not only valuable feedback but also guided our newer members in the lower grades.

This season was one of change with the new Selection Committee, the new grade format, the new My Cricket system and the new captain's reports. I have to admit there were a few hiccups along the way but this was to be expected when there are changes. Hopefully going forward we can all learn from this season and eliminate some of the problems experienced.

This past season the Selection Committee allocated over 3500 appointments and completed over 400 observations of our umpires. On average there were 101 allocations per Saturday and 52 on Sundays. The biggest issues we faced from the selection side were the grade format, the availability of umpires and pullouts. These issues made it hard for us to get consistency throughout the grades and as such umpires were required to move from grade to grade on a regular basis. With the amount of Sunday cricket being played throughout the season our umpires were asked to make a big commitment throughout the season. To the members that made themselves available for all days and rounds we would like to say a massive thank you as you made our job a lot easier.

When it came to observing, the main complaints from players were the lack of concentration, inconsistency with decision making and poor communication skills. Sometimes players are hard task masters and expect umpires of test standard at their games and hopefully one day they will come to understand this is not possible. With observers reports Mel Johnson once said "the role of the observers is only to encourage umpires to be technically correct and to move at the appropriate speed to the right position. Observers cannot teach you to apply the Laws or to concentrate". The real value of an observers report comes when the umpire concerned talks it over with the observer either by phone or in person and I encourage all members to take the opportunity when they receive an observers report to discuss the report with their observer. After all they are only trying to help you improve and every one of them has many years of umpiring experience behind them.

The Selection Committee would like to congratulate Bruce Oxenford on his appointment to the Sheffield Shield final. Bruce had a fantastic season and his hard work is paying dividends as he was appointed to the ICC Asia Cup tournament in Sri Lanka from the 15th to 24th June where he stood in four One Day Internationals. Bruce has also been reappointed to the National Panel for the 2010/11 season and Queensland will also be represented on this panel by Paul Reiffel who has recently moved to Noosa. We welcome Paul to our ranks. Our Association was well served by our State Panel members, Norm McNamara, Damien Mealey and Jay Kangur with reports from



Cricket Australia being all positive. Damien Mealey and Craig Hoffman also had exceptional tournaments at the Under 19 and Under 17 National Championships. Well done guys.

Congratulations are extended to all members who were appointed to Semi-finals and Grand Finals and to the award winners at the Association's end of season dinner.

We would like to offer a big thank you to all members who made themselves available for allocation. It was not an easy season and we do appreciate the effort and commitment you showed throughout the season. Also our thanks go to the captains, players and officials from all clubs who passed on their thoughts and recommendations and gave us good honest feedback on our umpire's performances.

As always, we appreciated the help and support given to us by the Umpires Association and by the staff at Queensland Cricket.

Jim Torpey





Bob Spence Medal Dinner

100 guests were welcomed by pre dinner drinks in the courtyard before being seated at their tables upstairs in the Pavilion Conference and Function Centre at Qld HQ, Albion.

We were delighted to have among our guests the partners of our members, representatives of the clubs, Sub Districts and Churches Cricket Associations, our Patron Brian Gaskell and his wife Pam, Mrs Bev Hoy and her escort Ron Buckland and we were especially delighted that Dr Cam Battersby attended and made a speech about our esteemed past member Test Umpire Col Hoy.

This year we had an underlying theme for the night of honouring our member's partners and making the evening fun. To that end we acknowledged the partners of our members by giving them a token gift as recognition that we appreciate the sacrifices they make in supporting their partner's cricket umpiring career.

For the first time in many years we arranged for live entertainment in the form of Greg and Laura Doolan. To say they were well received is an understatement. They were fantastic, and I don't think I would be wrong in



saying everyone who attended were thoroughly entertained and loved every minute of their show.

Bruce Oxenford graciously agreed to MC the night and kept the evening's schedule moving along with a minimum of fuss. Bruce is the ultimate professional and certainly has another career as an after dinner speaker or MC when he gets sick and tired of standing out in the middle. Many thanks Bruce you did a mighty job.



Of course the main point of the night was to acknowledge and honour those members whose efforts out on the field, and for the Association, won them one of the many awards on offer.

Congratulations to all the award winners for your dedication to cricket umpiring throughout the season.

I would like to thank Castlemaine Perkins for their generous support of our evening.

Ron Johnson
Secretary



Social Committee



Another season has come to an end members and I would like to congratulate you all for committing your precious time to umpiring cricket. Being able to stand out there in the middle all season long makes you all winners in my book.

I would especially like to congratulate Jay Kangur for winning the Bob Spence Medal for the second year in a row as well as the First Grade Award. Well done Jay. To all the other award winners we applaud you on a great season. May you all kick on from here to higher honours.

Our Annual Dinner was a triumph, we tried a change of venue, live entertainment and acknowledging our member's partners as a way to "freshen up" the format and I think it worked. A big thank you to Nelma and Ron for all their work in organising and making sure the night was a great success.

We also had a Luncheon to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in August. The function was attended by over 70 people. Well done to all involved.

Castlemaine Perkins again supported the Association by providing XXXX GOLD for our Annual Dinner and Seminar.

The after meeting sausage sizzle was again very popular, thank you to all the members who brought raffle tickets from which the proceeds help subsidise the Annual Dinner and enable us to help the Guide Dogs as well.

The Christmas meeting once again was a "Bring a Plate" affair and a great time was had by all, thank you to all the members who remembered and managed to bring a plate (of food!).

Lastly, the social side of the Association would not function without the help of Nev O'Brien, Dave McIver,



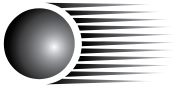
Richard Rooke-Jones and John Black. Special thanks must also go to Penny Johnsen who hangs around and gives our cheek, ensures that the President's wine is chilled to perfection and tries to supervise Nev with the cooking of the sausages (with no great success!).

Thankyou all and see you next season.

Don White

Director, Social Committee





QCUSA Delegate's Report

As your Delegate to Queensland Cricket, I attended the QC AGM on 11 August, 2009, with our President, Ms Nelma Grout, and also the General Meetings on 27 October, 2009 and 23 February, 2009.

At these meetings there were many issues discussed regarding cricket at all levels from junior and regional cricket through to the state and national levels of both and female cricket. There was considerable discussion of the impact of Twenty20 cricket on all these levels and there will be continual changes made to the grade cricket competitions to reflect the growing state, national, and other international competitions in this new form of the game.

Umpiring was discussed at some of these meetings, mainly from the junior cricket representatives, who noted that since the changes in grade competitions this season to include more Sunday matches, it was difficult to gain the services of umpires for junior cricket competitions.

I would like to thank Queensland Cricket on behalf of the Association for its continuing support of both the development of umpiring in Queensland and the activities of the Association and we look forward to working together again over the coming season.

John Black



2009/10 Property Officer Report

From a merchandising perspective, this season could be best described as one of consolidation after the fanfare and free give-aways of the new Canterbury clothing range last year. Once again the stocks were replenished from our suppliers in the off-season and the sales of shirts and other merchandise was excellent at the monthly meetings. The newsletter was also used successfully as a promotional tool to inform and remind the members of what stock was available each month and boost the merchandising arm's overall exposure. (Whoever writes those articles is a literary genius!)

It is important that we all acknowledge the efforts of the Management Committee who continue to provide funds so that the members can enjoy the convenience of a 'one-stop' shop when looking to purchase the gear they need to get on the field. Without their financial support I would venture to say that the members would not look as professional as they do when turning out for their games on the weekend. Also, it would be remiss of me not to mention the Umpiring Hat rebate the management committee sponsors and the obvious financial incentive this provides to our members.

I would encourage you all to sort through your kit and take note of what new gear you need before next summer so

that you can make some astute purchases early in the season and be ready to go from your first call of 'PLAY'. Also, for our country cousins I have bulk amounts of our items in stock which can all be viewed on the Association's website (as well as my contact details) if you need to do some replenishing or refitting of your uniforms and gear.

The Christmas hampers that were stocked full of umpiring goodies were a big hit once again at the December meeting. Before I even had the chance to get them out of the back of the car they were snatched up! Congratulations to those members who recognize a bargain when they see one and I can assure you they will be back next year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for your valued patronage and hope that you walked away satisfied with your purchases. Selling our merchandise and the contact I make with you all through that process is an enjoyable experience and one I hope to continue into the future.

See you all next season!



Grade Committee Report



The Grade Committee remained unchanged from the previous season. The members were John Forrest(Chairman), Michael Fisher(Q.C. Grade Cricket Coordinator), Sal Vasta, Greg Rowell, Dominic Ovenden, Greg Tibbits, Selena Tainton and Nelma Grout.

As a result of a few unfortunate incidents the previous season, The Grade Committee saw the need to introduce a program to reinforce to captains their role and responsibilities. The “Custodians of Cricket” program was offered on three separate nights, prior to the season commencing, then online throughout the season. This initiative was considered beneficial to the game and will continue next season with a slightly different format.

The 2009/10 season was a season of innovation. All grades participated in the three formats of the modern game – 2 day matches, One Day games and Twenty 20. The First Grade still had finals in each of the different formats but in all grades, all matches counted towards premiership points and rankings. All grades had some games on Sundays with First and Second Grade having some 2 day games played on a Saturday and Sunday. The number of games in the U19 competition was reduced due to the amount of Sundays already being played on.

For the first time, the points for the First and Second Grade women’s matches were counted towards Club Championship.

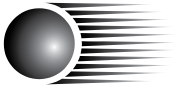
There were significant changes to the Handbook. Firstly to accommodate the new structure of the Grade competition but more importantly to make it more user friendly and easier to read. Michael Fisher is to be commended on the many hours he put into compiling the Handbook, his attention to detail and the finished product which was much more helpful to umpires.

The communication between Q’ld Cricket and the District Clubs has been improved. It was decided after each Grade Committee meeting to send a report to the clubs to keep them informed. Also because of the significant changes to the structure of the Grade competition, surveys were sent to Club Management Committees and players in January 2010 and then a Club Forum was held in March. Along with the annual end of season club reviews, the surveys and forum formed the basis for how the 2010/11 season will be structured.

Although small in number, the members of the Grade Committee have worked tirelessly in an effort to make the Brisbane Grade Competition, the best it can be.

Nelma Grout





State Umpiring Manager, Queensland

Season 2009 / 2010 is now at a close and I am satisfied we have again set higher levels of competency within Associations throughout the State. I am confident the overall position of the majority of our State umpiring Associations is progressing with very few losses during the season. Some areas, predominately in Central Queensland, still need attention and will have our focus during the off season. We have 1320 registered umpires throughout the State. This number includes 480 Cricket Australia Level 1 accredited umpires. Recruitment for the season has been 103 new members with 88 of these in the Country area. QCU&SA recruitment was very disappointing with 15 new members. Our State Coach will be conducting several off season training courses to elevate First, Second, Third and Development Panel umpires to the Advanced Grade Assessment Level in readiness for the 2010 / 2011 season. This will assist the game in higher grades to be better prepared, managed and controlled. Reports received from clubs indicate that our higher level grade umpires performed very well throughout the season. In conjunction with the State Coach I have started the planning process for training in areas throughout the State with an emphasis on the Associations that experienced some difficulties with recruitment and retention in the past season.

Cricket Australia Level 1 Accreditation Scheme

The Cricket Australia Level 1 training program has been well embraced in the Country areas particularly in the Cricket Far North region. A total of 480 Level 1 umpires have now finished their course and will be a prime source as a recruitment nursery. A letter of invitation will be sent to all accredited umpires inviting them to consider senior umpiring for the 2010 / 2011 season.

Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation Scheme

The accreditation program is progressing well throughout the State as many Associations have members completing the course. Accreditation courses will be starting in many areas during the winter break as this period is the most appropriate time for umpires to concentrate in completing the program in their own time frame. At the completion of all programs our State Level 2 accredited umpire numbers will be over 500.

Coaching

An extensive ongoing program will be conducted throughout the State from May 2010 to July 2010 and many Associations have been advised the State Coach

will be making contact to arrange information meetings to facilitate this training. The program will be rolled out to incorporate active umpires and players who have finished their playing careers in 2009 / 2010. An appraisal of this early training will be made and focus given to areas where needed. The Gladstone Umpires Association started the season with 12 umpires but due to some internal disruption several of these umpires have now decided that they do not want to be part of this region. This is the only umpiring region in Queensland that has been very unsettled during the season.

Recruitment, Development, Training and Assessments

An extensive training program has been developed for 2010 / 2011 season. It is the intention of the Umpiring Department to bring all active umpires in Queensland to the Advanced Grade Assessment Level of accreditation by the end of 2010 / 2011 season. The State Coach is well advanced with this project with several meetings planned for the coming months.

Seminars

Several seminars are well advanced in the planning stage for the coming months. All areas will be heavily involved with training programs.

Laws and Playing Regulations

The MCC has announced that an upgrading of the "Laws of Cricket" will take place for the coming season, 2010 / 2011. Changes to the "Laws of Cricket" will come into effect as of 1st October 2010. The State Umpire Manager will be in contact with Cricket Australia Umpiring Department to gain access to the changes and their interpretations and present such to all Associations throughout the State. Mr. Darryl Hair, State Director of Umpiring, NSW, has been appointed as liaison to the Laws Committee to ascertain the impact that will occur with these changes.

Umpiring Appointments

It is pleasing that Queensland played in the Weetbix Sheffield Shield Competition and performed well, also the State was well represented in the final by our National Panel Umpire Bruce Oxenford. Bruce has had a very good year in the middle. As in past years Queensland Cricket have appointed an umpire to officiate in the Imparja Cup competition in Alice Springs in February. Mark Dalglish from the Ipswich Association was appointed to this





competition and performed to the highest level. As umpire numbers have decreased generally throughout the State and the requirement for appointments increased this has put enormous pressure on umpires to officiate both Saturday and Sunday. The appointment of a Queensland Cricket Umpire Selection Committee for the 2009 / 2010 season was looked on by the members as a progressive step forward. As part of this committee I believe the intensions of the people were very positive but we got off to a bad start. Too much was attempted in too short a time frame. This caused several difficult situations in the early stages of the season. There were problems with the "MyCricket" reporting system but full credit to the I T Department of Queensland Cricket for their knowledge and understanding of the difficulties we were facing. Several changes have been requested from Cricket Australia to alleviate these situations for next season.

Code of Behaviour Meetings

The process set in place for this season in Grade and Sub Districts I believe is working very well.

I am pleased with the outcome of all findings and action taken by the Commissioners in each case. I am disappointed

with the number of meetings convened to adjudicate breaches of the "Code of Behaviour". Meetings were convened during the season to adjudicate 22 reports with Grade Cricket having 10 and Sub Districts with 12. The general behaviour of players throughout the State was in keeping with past seasons. The red and yellow card system used on the Gold Coast proved to be effective with a dramatic fall in breaches of the code in this area.

Summary

I am sure we are moving in the right direction with the support for all Umpiring Associations throughout the State. I am confident with the plans, strategies and training programs that we have in place that all Associations will benefit and this will be evident with increased membership.

Michael Ralston
State Umpiring Manager,
Queensland.



Recruitment and Training of New Umpires

In the season just completed, a total of 16 new umpires were trained and took to the field. The majority of these came from the training nights conducted prior to the start of the season, although four umpires started after the Christmas break.

Not all these umpires stayed for the full season, along with a few who attended the early training sessions, they found the commitment required was often affected by family, work or study commitments. Indeed, since your correspondent first donned the white coat, it is apparent how much more committed to other activities people are at night. Only one of the prospective new umpires was able to attend every session, and he only lasted one game.

While a new intake of sixteen umpires may look impressive, it must be offset against the loss of some 58 umpires from the field since the end of the 2008 – 2009 season. This often meant that we lacked experienced umpires to pair with our newcomers, and as the season progressed, new umpires found themselves standing together, all of which was undesirable.

The season ahead is an Ashes year, which historically has produced an upsurge of interest in the game, and in umpiring numbers. Hopefully this will be so again, but in view of the increasing amount of cricket being played, demands on our umpires will also increase, and we will do well to maintain current levels, let alone expand.

In the past, recruitment has been largely confined to newspaper advertising and word of mouth. Enthusiastic proponents of "more recruitment" have, to date, been vague on details of where such recruiting should be directed, or who can and would commit the necessary time and effort to such a role.

Sadly, it is my growing belief that the enthusiastic, committed volunteer can no longer have sole carriage of such an enterprise, and it is my experience in my role this past season which has convinced me to stand down from this position in the season ahead.

Michael Jay





National U/17 Championship

In early January this year I had the honour of representing Queensland at the above championships in Adelaide. The carnival went for 12 days which included nine days of cricket and three rest days. The rest days were most welcome indeed as South Australia was in the grip of a heat wave for almost a week! Luckily, as a hardened Queenslander I was able to cope with conditions but the fluid intake during and after the games had to be enormous just to stay on top of it! (Cricket Australia seriously considered cancelling one of the day's play when the mercury was predicted to top 45 degrees celcius but instead opted for an early start to play to avoid the worst of the heat).

The cricket was a wonderful exposition of the skills and abilities of these young men. I was left shaking my head at times at the sheer power of the batting, pace of the bowling and guile of the spinners. These young men still have alot of physical development to go through and were belting balls around like Viv Richards, bowling at 130km/ph and turning leg breaks square! Amazing stuff really and you can rest assured that Australian cricket has a new wave of talent just over the horizon ready to emerge into the state and national systems.

From an umpiring point of view, it was great to spend nearly two weeks with a group of like-minded fellows whose interests and hobbies were pretty much all the same. We thoroughly

enjoyed each other's company and I forged some great friendships throughout the fortnight. Each State and Territory was represented and the local umpire from South Australia, Tom McLeod, did a great job of showing us the local sights and places of interest while we were there. The SACA put on a great show and it was a credit to their organisational skills that we were able to wake up every morning knowing that breakfast, lunches and transport were all taken care of and all we had to do was concentrate on our umpiring. During the two weeks, I was lucky enough to be selected to stand in a T/20 match on the Adelaide Oval between South Australia and New South Wales which was played as a curtain raiser to a KFC big bash match! I don't know how the likes of Bruce Oxenford and his mates hear a thing out in the middle as I only had a crowd of about five thousand at the ground and the noise was deafening! Later in the evening when seventeen thousand mad 'crow eaters' were cheering and roaring it must have been absolutely chaotic in the middle! I feel a bit of a traitor to the Gabba but I have to say that Adelaide Oval is without doubt the best cricket ground in Australia (if not the world!) and it was a tremendous honour to have umpired there.

Cricket Australia also provided an Umpiring High Performance panel member (David Levens) during our stay to provide further education and skill development for our futures. David

has alot of experience in mentoring sports officials (he is involved with AFL umpires as well) and all umpires found his input and feedback useful.

In conclusion, I would just like to thank a few people that made my wonderful adventure in Adelaide possible. As always, my wife Tracey has been a pillar of support and plays a massive part in getting me out on the field every weekend. What also has to be acknowledged is the massive amount of background work that gets us Umpires ready for matches. Both Queensland Cricket and the Umpires Association play an integral role in assuring we are well trained, professional and ready to stand in the middle and my heartfelt thanks goes out to all those people who have taken the time to have a quiet talk or make a few well directed suggestions so that I may continue to improve as an Umpire.

Craig Hoffmann



National U/19 Championship



I had the privilege of representing our State and Association at the National U19 Championships held in Canberra, 29 November-10 December inclusive.

The structure of this years championship was similar to the U17s involving T20 games over the first 2 days, followed by two one day limited over matches, then three two day matches to finish the Carnival.

Whilst we had 3 scheduled rest days throughout the carnival, these included expectation of all umpires including a pre championship meeting at Manuka Oval with coaches, captains and tournament officials to discuss roles, responsibilities and playing conditions.

My fellow umpires included Simon Lightbody (ACT), Andrew Hamilton (NSW), Mark Donfeldt (NT), Luke Uthenwoldt (SA), Nick McGann (TAS), Phil Proctor (VIC), and Nathan Johnstone (WA). All of us stayed in the Kingston district close to Manuka Oval which had many fine places to eat after a long day of umpiring. Several of us had also previously been together in Perth for the U17 Championships in January 2009 so friendships were renewed on several fronts which continue to grow to this day. It really is great to umpire with guys from around the country to work on teamwork and to discuss different techniques. To me, working with

these guys on the field and telling a few stories off the field is a wonderful opportunity.

Throughout the carnival we had commitments to meet outside of umpiring including attending a workshop at Manuka Oval on our first rest day facilitated by Andrew Scotford, Umpire Manager from Cricket Australia (at the time) who spoke about expectations of umpires to reach higher representative levels. On another rest day we had lunch with Steve Davis who flew up from Adelaide to discuss the level of commitment required at the elite level of national/international umpiring. Listening to Steve talk about the travelling and his umpiring experiences was a highlight of the trip and it was also significant as Steve was about to head to South Africa for several weeks to umpire the South African and England series.

I should also mention that staying in Canberra also gave me the opportunity to visit the War Memorial, the Institute of Sport and Parliament House for tours. We undertook these tours as a group and I think by doing this we developed a strong bond with each other that transferred to our on-field teamwork.

The quality of players and cricket at this level was definitely a highlight and having the Umpire High Performance Managers from Cricket Australia around for the two weeks was

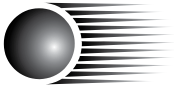
worthwhile as they we all open to discussion about the pathway to reach higher levels of umpiring and provide feedback on individual technique throughout.

The umpiring highlight came at the end of the championship when Phil Proctor (VIC) and I umpired the "Final" between Western Australia and New South Wales over two days at Manuka Oval. It was the first time I had umpired at such a major ground and enjoyed the competitive spirit between both sides and the atmosphere of the ground.

I would like to thank Dave Orchard, State Umpiring Coach for his ongoing support and advice during a long season and to both Queensland Cricket and the QCUSA for supporting me with my umpiring.

Damien Mealey





Peter Burge Medal

WINNER: Chris Lynn

Lynn polled 23 votes from our First Grade umpires to win the Peter Burge Medal by two points from former Bulls batting all-rounder Aaron Nye and last year's winner Craig Philipson.

20 year old Lynn led the Grade batting aggregate and averages all season and became the fourth teenager in history to score a Sheffield Shield century for Queensland as a teenager.

During the season Lynn carved 630 runs at 78.75. He scored centuries in each of the Twenty20, one-day and two-day competitions and tallied more than 1000 runs in total.

Peter Burge Medal Honour Board

1990/91	Harley Hammelman (Souths) Bob McGhee (Toombul)
1991/92	Peter Clifford (Toombul)
1992/93	Andrew Courtice (University)
1993/94	Adam Dale (Wynnum/Manly)
1994/95	Scott Prestwidge (Wynnum/Manly) Peter Skuse (Toombul) Dominic Ovenden (Norths)
1995/96	Adam Dale (Wynnum/Manly)
1996/97	Jeff Pfaff (Gold Coast)
1997/98	Paul Argent (Souths)
1998/99	Mick Miller (Norths)
1999/00	Brendan Creevey (Sandgate/Redcliffe)
2000/01	Dale Turner (Souths)
2001/02	Greg Rowell (Wests)
2002/03	Aaron Nye (Wests)
2003/04	Nathan Rimmington (Sandgate/Redcliffe)
2004/05	Derek Tate (Toombul)
2005/06	Ben Laughlin (Wynnum/Manly)
2006/07	Aaron Nye (Wests)
2007/08	Glen Batticciotto (Sandgate/Redcliffe)
2008/09	Craig Phillipson (University of Queensland)
2009/10	Chris Lynn (Toombul)

Kath Smith Medal

It was a familiar story for Konica Minolta Queensland star Melissa Bulow, who followed up winning her fourth Fire Player of the Year award last week with a runaway win in the Kath Smith Medal for the best player in the Katherine Raymont Shield for the second year in a row.

Bulow scored a whopping 806 runs at 115.14 to top the batting aggregate and averages.

Kath Smith Medal Honour Board

2002/03	Trish Brown (Valley)
2003/04	Trish Brown (Wynnum/Manly)
2004/05	Trish Brown (Wynnum/Manly)
2005/05	Trish Brown (Wynnum/Manly)
2006/07	Melissa Buluw (Western Suburbs)
2007/08	Jude Coleman (Beenleigh/Logan)
2008/09	Melissa Buluw (Western Suburbs)
2009/10	Melissa Buluw (Western Suburbs)



Cricket Australia and First Class Appointments 2009/10 Season



Under 23 Futures League:

Queensland vs. Australian Capital Territory
6th – 8th October 2009

Norm McNamara...Damien Mealey

Queensland vs. New South Wales
2nd – 4th February 2010

Norm McNamara...Damien Mealey

Women's National Cricket League Twenty 20:

Queensland vs. Tasmania
31st October 2009

Damien Mealey...Jay Kangur

Queensland vs. Australian Capital Territory
8th January 2010

Damien Mealey...Jay Kangur

Queensland vs. Western Australia
16th January 2010

Damien Mealey...Jay Kangur

Women's National Cricket League:

Queensland vs. Australian Capital Territory
9th January 2010

Norm McNamara...Damien Mealey

Queensland vs. Australian Capital Territory
10th January 2010

Norm McNamara...Jay Kangur

Queensland vs. Western Australia *17th January 2010*

Norm McNamara...Jay Kangur

Queensland vs. Western Australia *18th January 2010*

Norm McNamara...Damien Mealey

Twenty20 ODI:

Australia vs. Pakistan *22nd January 2010*

Norm McNamara (4th Umpire)

Australia vs. New Zealand

Norm McNamara

Cricket Australia Under 19 Championships:

Canberra (ACT) *29th November – 10th December 2009*

Damien Mealey

Cricket Australia Under 17 Championships:

Adelaide (SA) *2nd - 15th January 2010*

Craig Hoffmann

Touring Matches

Maharashtra vs. AIS ...Twenty 20

Norm McNamara

Queensland vs. West Indies

Norm McNamara

Ford Ranger Cup:

Queensland vs. Victoria

Norm McNamara

Queensland vs. Tasmania

Norm McNamara (3rd Umpire)

KFC Twenty 20 Big Bash:

Queensland vs. Victoria

Norm McNamara (3rd Umpire)

Queensland vs. Tasmania

Norm McNamara (3rd Umpire)

Queensland vs. Western Australia

Norm McNamara (3rd Umpire)

International O/D:

Australia vs. West Indies

Norm McNamara (4th Umpire)

Bruce Oxenford First Class Umpiring 2009/2010

ICC World Cup Under 19... New Zealand (Qualifying Rounds)

5th – 10th September 2009

ICC World Cup Under 19...New Zealand

11th January - 29th January 2010

KFC Twenty 20 Big Bash:

Queensland vs. Victoria *28th December 2009, Gabba.*

International ICC Twenty 20:

Australia vs. West Indies *21st February 2010, Hobart.*

Australia vs. West Indies *23rd February 2010, Sydney.*

Other O/D International:

Pakistan vs. New Zealand Abu Dhabi *3rd November 2009.*

Pakistan vs. New Zealand Abu Dhabi *6th November 2009.*

Pakistan vs. New Zealand Abu Dhabi *9th November 2009.*

Australia vs. West Indies Melbourne *7th February 2010.*

Australia vs. West Indies Adelaide *9th February 2010.*

Australia vs. West Indies Sydney *12th February 2010.*

Australia vs. West Indies Melbourne *19th February 2010.*

Ford Ranger Cup:

Queensland vs. Western Australia *24th October 2009, Gabba.*

Western Australia vs. New South Wales *25th November 2009, Perth.*

New South Wales vs. Victoria *23rd December 2009, Sydney.*

Victoria vs. Tasmania *28th February 2010, Melbourne. (FINAL)*

Weetbix Sheffield Shield:

Western Australia vs. New South Wales *27th November 2009, Perth.*

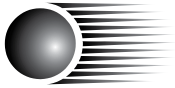
New South Wales vs. Victoria *18th December 2009, Newcastle.*

Western Australia vs. Victoria *3rd March 2010, Perth.*

New South Wales vs. South Australia *10th March 2010, Sydney.*

Victoria vs. Queensland *17th March, Melbourne.(FINAL)*





Semi-Finals and Finals Appointments

XXXX Grade Competition

SEMI FINALS

- First Grade - A Grieve, J Kangur, N McNamara, D Mealey.
- Second Grade - I Barsby, P Boland, B Farrell, R Howard.
- Third Grade - C Hoffmann, N O'Brien, P Shine, P Smith.
- Fourth Grade - G Cavangh, S Kumar, D Mclver, Branch.
- Fifth Grade - I Andersen, T Logan, Duane McAndrew, R Neate.
- Sixth grade - P Chapman, M Clarke, R Lloyd, Damien McAndrew.

FINALS

- First Grade - N McNamara, J Kangur.
- Second Grade - D Mealey, R Howard.
- Third Grade - A Grieve, N O'Brien.
- Fourth Grade - I Barsby, M Branch.
- Fifth Grade - P Boland, R Neate.
- Sixth Grade - P Chapman, C Hoffmann.

Sub-Districts Semi-Finals

F Hobman, P McQuillan, Br C Pritchard, N Szkutko.

Sub-Districts Finals

R Ambrose, C Croucher, K Dutt, I Elkington, P Fisher, G Lewis, P McQuillan, P Mosely, T O'Malley, P O'Meara, W Peers, Br C Pritchard, K Strickland, N Szkutko, G Tutt.

Beenleigh Logan Cricket Association

Aussie Car Loans Cup

- Semi Finals - G Lewis, G Musch, J Russell, J Topp
- Finals - G Musch, J Russell.

Churches Cricket Association Queensland State Shield Finals Series

J Archibald, J Birch, M Gosney, J Ruddick-Collins, G Thompson.

Women's Cricket Finals

- First Grade - N Abbate, C Hoffmann.
- Second Grade - B Glasby, P Horne.

First Grade One-Day Competition

- Semi Final - A Grieve, C Hoffmann, J Kangur, D Mealey.
- Final - D Mealey, N McNamara.

Under 19 One Day Competition

- Final - R Howard, M Pius.

First Grade 20/20 Competition

- Semi Final - I Barsby, P Boland, A Grieve, D Mealey.
- Final - J Kangur, N McNamara.

Kookaburra Cup Final

- Final - D Castle, P O'Meara.

Andy Bichel Cup

- Final - K Murray, T O'Malley

U17 Twenty/20 Competition

- Semi Final - I Andersen, J Boyle, M Branch, P Chapman, C Croucher, P Horne, P Jones, S Kumar, B McMahan, R Marsh, M Mellifont, I Wyeth.
- Final - Abandoned



QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS ASSOCIATION
A.B.N. 50 189 308 514

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT MAY 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	12,625.60	20,158.91
Inventories	3	10,910.00	9,407.00
Other	4	40,002.00	30,744.97
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>63,537.60</u>	<u>60,310.88</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	0.00	0.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>63,537.60</u>	<u>60,310.88</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and borrowings		0.00	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and borrowings		0.00	0.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>63,537.60</u>	<u>60,310.88</u>
EQUITY			
Members Equity			
Retained profits		<u>63,723.67</u>	<u>61,566.88</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>63,723.67</u>	<u>61,566.88</u>

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TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Sales		
Sales	2,101.65	2,991.60
Sales - Other	0.00	0.00
	<u>2,101.65</u>	<u>2,991.60</u>
LESS: DIRECT COSTS		
Cost of Goods Sold		
Opening Stock	9,407.00	5,264.00
Purchases	6,217.00	7,431.99
Less Closing Stock	10,910.00	9,407.00
	<u>4,714.00</u>	<u>3,288.99</u>
GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	(2,612.35)	(297.39)
OTHER INCOME		
Accreditation fees	0.00	2,170.00
Bar & raffle takings	360.00	740.98
40th Anniversary dinner tickets	3,807.00	0.00
Annual dinner tickets	3,450.00	3,850.00
Seminars	2,990.00	1,345.00
Membership fees	10,800.00	10,800.00
Correspondence fee	0.00	0.00
Donation received	2,774.53	3,401.62
Interest received	1,293.34	2,500.76
Sponsorship	60.00	60.00
Affiliated member receipts	11,000.00	11,000.00
Other income	1,801.85	95.00
	<u>38,336.72</u>	<u>35,963.36</u>
	35,724.37	35,665.97
EXPENDITURE		
Accreditation kits	0.00	0.00
Annual dinner	7,152.50	7,027.80
40th Anniversary dinner	5,416.40	0.00
Accounting fees	400.00	0.00
Bank Charges	91.35	49.30
Bar supplies and finger food	266.90	1,223.70
Depreciation	0.00	2,880.00
Donation	0.00	250.00
Lodgement fees	81.00	0.00
Executive meeting refreshments	324.50	480.30
General expenses	2,587.74	106.65
Honoraria	2,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Member Reimbursement	2,774.05	3,431.00
Printing ,post & photocopy	2,175.10	2,208.75
Seminar expenses	7,343.80	3,106.38
Stationery expenses	0.00	106.47
Sundry expenses	550.00	500.00
Telephone expenses	0.00	1,464.11
Trophies and engraving	1,449.70	2,299.70
Affiliation fees	55.00	55.00
Training expenses	899.54	4,220.93
	<u>33,567.58</u>	<u>33,410.09</u>
NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX	2,156.79	2,255.88

In Appreciation

We desire to record our appreciation of the invaluable assistance given to the Association during the year under review from many people and organisations including the following:

Queensland Cricket Board of Directors, Queensland Cricket Chairman; Mr. Graham Dixon, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Fisher, John Forrest and the Brisbane Grade Committee and all members of Queensland Cricket staff. During the past year, the QCU&SA have held General Meetings at QCHQ. We are very grateful for the use of all facilities at Queensland Cricket Headquarters.

Thanks also to Queensland Cricket for organizing the bat raffles on match days from which our Association benefits. Our Association continues to enjoy the benefits of the grant scheme to offset the costs of our operation expenses.

The Queensland Cricketers' Club for offering our members a reduction of their club membership subscriptions and generous donations. Also our Management Committee enjoyed the hospitality of the Club for all our meetings. We are indebted to the Cricketers' Club for their continued support and hospitality extended to our members.

Gabba Sporting Products for providing members with bowlers' markers, and other merchandise. A special thank you to Brian Gaskell, our Patron, for his support in this area.

Cricket Society Queensland for sponsoring the Col Hoy Trophy, an encouragement award that is given annually to a new umpire. We appreciate their continued support of this Association and cricket in general.

Castlemaine Perkins for donating products for our Seminar and Annual Dinner

The Districts Clubs for the hospitality they extended to our members throughout the 2009/10 season.

Members of the Management Committee, the Board of Examination and Coaching, Social Committee, Grade Allocation Panel, State Umpiring Manager, State Umpiring Coach, Observers, Training and Development Officer, Property Officer, Statistician, Queensland Cricket delegate and Grade Committee representative for the considerable time and effort given to the Association during the past year and to all members who have supported the Association throughout the year.

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President

Ron Johnsen

Secretary

