



Q.C.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TO BE PRESENTED TO

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST 1981 AT 7.30 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Opening by Chairman
2. Confirmation of Minutes - 1980 Annual General Meeting.
3. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statement.
4. Election of Office Bearers for 1981/82 year.
5. Annual Subscriptions.
6. Any other business which may be brought before the Annual General Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS

SCOTT	A.	1972
McINNES	W.	1975
NEWCOMBE	J.G.	1976
JOHNSON	L.	1977
WARWICK	T.H.	1978
BRITTON	F.	1980

MEMBERS OF THE Q.C.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANDERSON	S.	1980/81*	McKENZIE	J.	1980/81*
BADDELEY	R.	1980/81*	McKEWEN	L.	1980/81*
BUGEIA	N.	1976/77	McQUILLAN	A.	1976/77
CHITHAM	D.	1980/81*	MILNER	B.	1977/78
COKER	P.	1977/78	MUSCH	M.	1975/76
CROUCH	R.	1972/73	NASH	M.	1980/81*
CURNOW	M.	1977/78	O'NEILL	W.	1975/77
DAVIES Miss	C.	1980/81*	PATEL	A.	1980/81*
DEVEY	P.	1978/79	PEARCE	A.	
FLETCHER	A.	1980/81*	PEARSON	S.	1978/79
FULWOOD	A.	1980/81*	PERRIN	M.	1980/81
GREVELL	A.	1980/81*	PHILIPPE	R.	1977/78
GROUT Miss	N.	1975/76	PRESTON Miss	L.	1976/77
HARVEY	C.	1973/74	RADO	I.	1968/69
HEATH	L.	1973/74	SMITH	M.	1980/81*
JACKSON	J.	1980/81*	STACEY	G.	1977/78
HATCH	K.	1980/81*	STACEY	H.	1974/75
HIRSCHFIELD	D.	1980/81*	TAYLOR	J.	1978/79
HIRSCHFIELD	J.	1980/81*	THIELE	D.	1980/81*
HUNTER	N.	1980/81*	THIELE	R.	1980/81*
JOHNSON	M.	1974/75	TIMMINS	C.	1977/78
JONES Mrs	D.	1979/80	TIMMS	R.	1980/81*
JONES	V.	1979/80	VARLEY	H.	
LANIGAN	S.	1977/78	WAKENSHAW	G.	1978/79
LEEDER	C.	1980/81*	WALSH	D.	1979/80
LIVERMORE	C.	1980/81*	WIGGLESWORTH	R.	1980/81*
LOXTON	C.	1980/81	WILLMOTT	R.	1977/78
LOY	A.	1979/80	WADDELL	D.	1980/81*
McCAMLEY	G.	1980/81*	YOUNG	R.	1975/76

* New Members

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

HISLOP	E.	
STRAUSS	J	1972/73

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1980-81 SEASON

PATRON

Mr R. Spence

PRESIDENT

Mr R. Crouch

VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr T. Warwick

Mr G. Stacey

HON. SECRETARY

Miss N. Grout

HON. TREASURER

Mr M. Curnow

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr L. Heath, Mr T. Musch, Mr G. Stacey,
Mr T. Warwick, Mr R. Philippe

Q.C.A. DELEGATE

Mr R. Crouch

ALLOCATION PANEL - 1ST CLASS

Mr G. Stacey

ALLOCATION PANEL - GRADE

Mr G. Stacey

BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND COACHING

Mr L. Heath, Mr M. Johnson, Mr J. Taylor

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mr G. Stacey, Mr M. Curnow, Mr L. Heath,
Mr B. Philippe, Mr T. Musch, Mr B. Milner

HON. AUDITOR

Mr R. Spence

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that your Executive Committee presents for your consideration the Twelfth Annual Report and Financial Statement which covers the activities of this Association during the year 1980/81.

The 1980/81 cricket season was a successful one for Queensland. Throughout the season, the Queensland team provided cricket spectators with some very enjoyable cricket and completed the season by coming second in the Sheffield Shield Table. The most memorable game of the season was the final of the McDonalds Cup held at the Gabba between Queensland and Western Australia in which Queensland had a convincing win. This game drew a capacity crowd which was a pleasing sight.

Unfortunately, throughout the season, players and particularly umpires were besieged by continual criticism by the media. In the case of the umpires, they have no right of reply to the members of the media who in most cases have very little knowledge of the laws of the game, but whose word is gospel to the public.

Every season, we have the recurring problem of a number of umpires not returning their cards to the Q.C.A. office by the specified time. This makes the task of the allocation panel a very difficult one and consequently there are always changes to the fixture lists. The returning of the cards to the Q.C.A. office is the only means by which an umpire's entitlement can be determined.

The Recruitment Committee is a sub-committee of the Q.C.A. This Committee did not have many meetings throughout the season, which therefore made the activities very limited and of little result. Although the results of the Recruitment Committee were small, this was offset by a considerable influx of younger umpires from the schools. The younger umpires have been very keen to officiate and received favourable comments throughout the season.

Finally, it is necessary to mention that improvements in the standard of players behaviour will only come when the various authorities are prepared to take positive action against those causing problems. The game is too great to be ruined. It is pleasing to see that our local authority is presently taking further steps to accept this responsibility.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has had a very busy year and is confident that the work carried out will prove to be of considerable benefit to the Association and its members in the future.

Throughout the year 1980/81, the Executive Committee met on 14 occasions and attendances at the meetings by the Executive members were:- R.H. Crouch (14), N. R. Grout (14), M. Curnow (10), G.F. Stacey (13), T.H. Warwick (6), L. Heath (14), R.B. Phillippe (14), T.M. Musch (9).

In the first half of the year, a great deal of work was put into deciding colours and design for a new umpire's uniform. After the committee had finalised the colour and design, members of the Committee visited Yakka and Hallmark-Mitex to organise the making of a sample shirt and trousers. The colours and design were approved by the members of our Association. Our recommendations were taken to the F.A.C.U. Conference and at the moment, this matter is in the hands of the F.A.C.U.

The Executive Committee has been the organising body behind arranging seminars and visits to clubs to talk on the laws of the 1980 code. As well as visiting the district clubs, talks were also given to Warehouse Division, Second Division, schools and other Associations. The committee also drafted an advertisement which was to appear in the paper notifying people of the umpiring seminar in November.

The Q.C.A. has approved the change from metal badges to cloth badges. There will be two badges for the 1981/82 season. One badge has the words Q.C.A. Umpires Association on it and the other has the words Q.C.A. Umpires Association - First Grade. The latter badge will be presented to any active umpire who has officiated in at least 25 First Grade games.

The Executive Committee of this Association has always been conscious of the need for funds. Several fund raising ideas have been discussed throughout the year. Recently, the Committee commenced selling raffles at the View World Hotel.

It was passed at the July General meeting that umpires will be re-examined for the 1981/82 season. The aim of this examination is to make the umpires more aware of the laws. The idea of the re-examination of umpires each season brings us into line with the rest of Australia.

The Committee has for some months been examining the possibility of an insurance scheme for umpires. It has now been ascertained that the Q.C.A. is looking into the insurance of players and it is hoped that the umpires association can be included in an overall scheme.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership at the end of the 1980/81 season stands at 66. This figure includes six (6) life members and two (2) associate members. During the season, 56 members officiated, which is five more than the previous season.

Due to private reasons and retirements nine (9) members did not make themselves available to umpire in the season and a further seven (7) did not complete the season.

The average number of umpires officiating each round increased from thirty-four (34) to thirty-nine (39) which indicates that members were available for more fixtures than they were in 1979/80.

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations are extended to the following members who were appointed to first class matches or other special appointments:

<u>TEST</u>	Australia v New Zealand	1st Test	M. W. Johnson
	Australia v India	1st Test	M. W. Johnson
	Australia v India	3rd Test	M. W. Johnson

<u>WORLD SERIES CUP</u>	5 matches	M.W. Johnson
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<u>SHIELD</u>	Q'ld v N.S.W.	M.W. Johnson	C.E. Harvey
	Q'ld v Vic.	M.W. Johnson	T.H. Warwick
	Q'ld v W.A.	M.W. Johnson	C.E. Harvey
	Q'ld v S.A.	M.W. Johnson	C.E. Harvey
	Q'ld v Tas	R.B. Philippe	C.E. Harvey

<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>	Q'ld v New Zealand	M.W. Johnson	R. Willmott
	Q'ld v India	R.B. Philippe	C.E. Harvey

<u>McDONALD'S CUP FINAL</u>	Q'ld v W.A.	M.W. Johnson	C.E. Harvey
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<u>STATE TRIAL</u>		R.B. Philippe	R.A. Young
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<u>METROPOLITAN v COUNTRY (COLTS)</u>		J.T.C. Taylor
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Q.C.A. PREMIERSHIP FINALS

1st Grade	M.W. Johnson	R.B. Philippe
2nd Grade	T.H. Warwick	J.T.C. Taylor
3rd Grade	C.D. Timmins	M.T. Musch
4th Grade	A. McQuillan	W.M. O'Neill
5th Grade	Miss N.R. Grout	A. Fulwood
U/18 Grade	R.H. Crouch	M.R. Curnow

BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND COACHING

During the season 1980/81, all members of the Board examined new candidates as required and also arranged for a series of questions on the Laws to be presented to active Umpires at General Meetings.

Due to umpiring commitments and a number of other extraneous duties it became almost impossible for the three Board members to meet to formulate policy and exchange ideas. It is felt that more thought should be given to the composition of the Board to enable the Association to benefit fully from its activities.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Annual Dinner was held at the Brisbane Markets Club in April and was, once again, an outstanding success. It was very pleasing to see so many members support this function and join in the fun of the occasion. Not only was it pleasing to see a large number of members, but also their families and representatives of district cricket clubs. Our thanks go to the management and staff of the Markets Club for their assistance and first class food and service and to the 'Talismen' for supplying the excellent music and joining in the fun.

The autographed cricket bat raffle, which was organised to offset some of the costs of the dinner, was unfortunately not as well supported as in the previous year. The Committee has discussed the situation and is planning a different approach for next year. Our thanks go to all members who assisted by selling tickets.

The Association has commenced weekly raffles at the View World Hotel and at this early stage they are proving to be a success. Once again manpower is urgently required if we are to maintain these raffles. The proceeds from these raffles will be of a magnitude never before enjoyed by our Association. With the distribution of funds decided at the July meeting, all members will benefit. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Danny and Jan Edwards from the View World Hotel and Mr Noel Gorman, President of Colts Cricketers and Wynnum Manly Club for their assistance and guidance in organising these raffles.

FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES

The biennial conference of the Federation of Australian Cricket Umpires was held in Sydney on the 15th and 16th May 1981.

Representatives of all state umpire associations attended and once again the conference was an outstanding success, with regard to umpires coming together and discussing mutual problems and swapping ideas for the betterment of umpiring in this country.

Some of the items discussed at this conference were:- umpire's dress, training, recruitment and retention of umpires, media criticism, "Over" magazine, discussions on specific laws, umpires handbook for Australian conditions, exchange of umpires, both interstate and overseas, as well as promotional, constitutional and financial matters.

The standard of umpiring in Australia can only improve as a result of the successful operation of the Federation and it is hoped that the financial burden on State Associations attending can be alleviated in some way. Travelling and accommodation costs are the major expenses involved and the management committee of the Federation is looking into this problem.

QUEENSLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Sincere thanks must be conveyed to the Executive, the Club Sub-Committee and the Office Staff of the Q.C.A. for their assistance and consideration throughout the season. Relations have never been better between the Club Sub-Committee and the Umpires Executive Committee. We have had several meetings with the club Sub-Committee throughout the season. Previously, meetings with the Sub-Committee have taken place at the Sub-Committee's regular monthly meeting, but it was most pleasing to find that the meeting in May was called as a special one with the whole evening devoted to matters of umpiring.

UMPIRES ALLOCATION COMMITTEES

Members of the allocation committees have a difficult task, particularly at grade level, due mainly to the shortage of umpires and the lack of information from some of our members as to their availability.

To the members of these two committees, we extend our appreciation.

UMPIRES RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

A seminar was held over two evenings in late November and early December in a further effort to obtain more umpires. This seminar had the backing of the Queensland Cricket Association and Utah and although not quite as well attended as hoped for, attendance was over thirty and some fifteen candidates were examined. It was pleasing that some of our older and experienced members were interested enough to attend this seminar.

Because of a full cricketing season, it was found too difficult to arrange for further seminars. However, due to some of our own efforts, four further candidates were examined late in the season and hopefully will help to bolster our ranks during the coming year.

We are endeavouring to arrange a further seminar to be held before the 1981/82 season gets under way.

QUEENSLAND CRICKETER'S CLUB

We would like to express our thanks to the management and staff of the Club for their assistance throughout the 1980/81 year. The club made available the library for holding our Executive meetings and the service we received while at our meetings was excellent. Also the Club has supplied to our Association the refreshments for the happy hour after the meetings.

The facilities of the Club are always available to our members on meeting nights throughout the year. Bar facilities are available for members before and after meetings and our continued support in this area will be well received by the Club.

4BC/Q.C.A. CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

All umpires officiating at First Grade and First Class Matches allocated points to the official Q.C.A. cricketer of the year award.

4BC, through their sponsor, Coorparoo Day and Night Chemist, awarded a prize to the cricketer of the week throughout the season, and it was pleasing to see our own test umpire, Mel Johnson, selected as one of the weekly winners.

Our congratulations are extended to Greg Chappell on winning the Cricketer of the Year Award and to Tony Dell on being voted the Club player of the year.

Radio 4BC showed their appreciation to those umpires who awarded points throughout the season at a small function at their studio in the city.

CONCLUSION

Thanks are extended to all members who have supported the Association throughout the year and to all those who may have assisted in any way with any of the off field activities.

The members have appreciated those Clubs who have made us welcome at their grounds and to those who have invited us to their functions and meetings.

The Association approaches the coming season with confidence. There was an increase in membership in the 1980/81 season and we are hopeful of an even greater boost in the 1981/82 season.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee.

R.H. CROUCH, President

N.R. GROUT, Secretary