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## Qld Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

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**T**he **October 2020 General Meeting** of the Association will be held via a Video Meetings App - Microsoft Teams, commencing at **7.00pm** on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020** because of the ongoing Covid-19 situation and the limitation of the number of members who can physically attend meetings. We will keep you informed on the status of the November meeting, which is due to be held on **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

We are now underway with the 2020/21 season and it promises to be different to anything we have experienced in previous years.

We have regulations and game management protocols which must be followed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This requires Umpires to be extra vigilant during the match, both on and off the field.

### Umpire Achievements

Congratulations to Jeff Simmonds on his initial two-day First Grade Appointment. He was awarded Cap number 162 as part of his recognition.

Other recent awards included: -

Graeme Hogan	-	100 Game Badge
Dave McIver	-	400 Game Badge

### General Playing Conditions

The 2019/20 General Playing Conditions will be in use for all the two-day fixtures being played in the upcoming round. <http://www.qcusa.qld.cricket.com.au/qpc-regulations-and-playing-conditions.aspx?rw=c>

### Drinks Breaks

Qld Cricket is happy for drinks breaks to be decided by the umpires and two captains prior to play. This decision should take into account the venue they are playing on and access to facility/club volunteer support.

The two options for drinks breaks are:

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1. Have each players' drink bottles brought onto the field by a carry tray or portable esky - this is likely to be suited to #1 ovals which often have coaches/managers/support staff present throughout the day

**OR**

2. Have the players go off the field at a drinks break and access their individual water bottles - this is likely to be the option on #2 or #3 ovals where they are removed from the main clubhouse facility or have limited volunteer support.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**October General Meeting:**

**November General Meeting:**

**December General Meeting:**

**Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> (via MS Teams)**

**Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **Ball Management**

It is reminded that **NO SWEAT** & **NO SALIVA** whatsoever is to be intentionally applied to the ball in all QLD Premier Cricket competitions. What has been an issue, for example, is where players in other cricket competitions can use their sweat to apply to the ball, i.e. from their back; this is NOT applicable in our various grade competitions.

All participants need to play a role in keeping themselves and others safe when it comes to COVID-19. Based on consultations with Federal and State Medical Officials, the Australian Institute of Sport and CA's internal Chief Medical Officer, Cricket Australia has taken the stance that participants should not be able to use saliva and/or sweat to shine the ball. There is a risk of transmission of COVID-19 via saliva and/or sweat and this measure has been put in place to protect all the participants and umpires.

Please see the Qld Cricket Supplementary Playing Conditions using the link below:

<http://www.qcusa.qld.cricket.com.au/files/15677/files/Covid-19%20Supplementary%20Playing%20Conditions.pdf>

## **Regulation Refresher Exam**

You will shortly be receiving the refresher examination for the regulations. There will be a two (2) week turnaround and it is a requirement that this be completed in order to receive your Bob Spence medal points.

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## New Members

We have a number of new members commencing Umpiring this year. A warm welcome to you all, I hope you have a long and enjoyable time umpiring with our Association and Qld Cricket. For all you old members please make these people welcome and share a drink or a tall tale or two with them about your experiences.

## Selectors & Observers

**Ron Johnsen** is to be the **first point of contact for anything concerning selections.**

For the season 2020/21, three selectors have been appointed to cover all grades and observations during the season. These are: -

- **Ron Johnsen**
- **Mike Ralston**
- **John Rowe**

## Competition Schedule

The competition schedule for all grades for the 2020-2021 season is available using the link below.

<http://mycricket.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?entityid=15677&id=RVIIXTURE>

## Availability

Entering and Updating your availability in MyCricket is mandatory.

Throughout the season please keep your availability as far in advance as possible. **As an absolute minimum, your availability should be entered one calendar month in advance.**

***WHEN ENTERING YOUR AVAILABILITY BE SURE TO POPULATE ALL FIELDS. IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT BLANK.  
DO NOT ENTER "CONDITIONAL". REMEMBER TO PRESS THE UPDATE TAB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.***

## MyCricket

We are aware of **some issues with menus and options not appearing when logged into MyCricket Admin with a Chrome browser.** We recommend the use of another browser such as the latest versions of **Edge, Safari** or **Firefox.**

## UNABLE TO STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME?

**IF YOU CAN'T STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ON GAME DAY PLEASE CONTACT IN THIS ORDER:**

### ALL GRADES

1. Ron Johnsen 0422 133 034
2. Mike Ralston 0478 093 159

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### Vale Brian Gaskell

**Cricket in Queensland, is this month, mourning the passing of Brian Gaskell, a Life Member of Queensland Cricket and Easts Redlands Cricket Club, a long-time cricket administrator, volunteer, businessman, coach and player.**

Brian passed away at the grand age of 88.

Our sincerest condolences, love and best wishes to Mark, Jenny and all the Gaskell family.

Brian was awarded Life Membership of Queensland Cricket in September 2019 after a lifetime of contribution to cricket in Queensland across a variety of roles and organisations.



*Brian Gaskell (centre) with son Mark (right) and son-in-law Wayne Broad (left).*

Brian was Patron of the Queensland Cricket Umpire's and Scorer's Association for 21 years from 1997 to 2018. Brian was also a Patron to Queensland Country Cricket, and Warehouse Cricket Association.

Brian lived and breathed cricket his entire life. From his playing, coaching and volunteering days through to his time in business, cricket was his life, and we are extremely grateful for the passion and enthusiasm he provided.

The game of cricket helps make it special when people like Brian are part of the community. There will be numerous teammates, players, volunteers and administrators who enjoyed a positive experience with him. They will mourn his passing.

His service to the game is highlighted by a senior playing career that saw him represent Eastern Suburbs in Brisbane's First Grade competition as well as turning out for a Queensland XI against New South Wales Far North Coast in April 1961. He also coached the Queensland Cricket Association Colts team for five years and served as State Director of Coaching and Examiner of Coaches.

In business, Brian was a key early figure in the Queensland Cricketers' Club where his tenure included a stint as president in the 1980's, while in 1978 he founded Gabba Sporting Products, a business that now boasts an international reputation of excellence in the manufacturing of sporting infrastructure and equipment.

His strong ties to cricket in Queensland encompassed his son Mark Gaskell, son-in-law Wayne Broad and grandson Ryan Broad all representing Queensland in first class and one day cricket.

*Rest in Peace – Brian Gaskell*

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## International experience on hand for local umpires

INTERNATIONAL umpires were on hand for the first round of the DDBBL.

**Sean Teuma**

September 16, 2020 - 05:00AM

Toowoomba Chronicle

**CRICKET:** The Darling Downs Bush Bash League didn't only attract some of the most scintillating talent in the playing stocks in the return to play.

Credentialed umpires Damien Mealey, Bruce Oxenford and Donovan Koch played their part in the centre, officiating fixtures and helping local umpires in the process.

Mealey, who studied at St Mary's and Downlands Colleges, said the competition caught his eye last season.



WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE: International umpire Bruce Oxenford was on hand for the DDBBL. Picture: Nev Madsen

“I retired from first class umpiring about three years ago. I saw the DDBBL's inaugural series and contacted Kent (Reimers) if he'd be interested to come up and umpire,” Mealey said.

“Because of COVID, Bruce hasn't been able to travel with ICC appointments, and I asked him if he'd be interested in coming up for a weekend.

“Donovan has umpired at the international level. He was keen as well and we went from there.”

The trio were partnered with local umpires for the three DDBBL fixtures at Captain Cook Reserve, as well as undertaking development prior to the games.

Mealey, who was a former Cricket Australia national panel umpire, said it gave them the chance to pass on their knowledge.

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“We did some professional development for the locals before the first game,” he said.

“We had about 15-20 local umpires where we did skills, technique, laws and general advice about umpiring at a high level.

“It was fantastic to be able to do some mentoring and be able to provide another level of professionalism for what is a great concept and competition.”

Mealey said he was supportive of the carnival-type atmosphere of the day, and looked forward to further involvement in the coming weeks.

“It’s great to see the level of play,” he said.

“What’s lovely is you can umpire one game and keep an eye on the others. You can hear the atmosphere from the crowds, which were in great numbers.

“It was a tremendous day out on Sunday, and we’re organising some more Brisbane grade umpires to do some mentoring at Gatton.



“This will make a stronger connection between local and Queensland umpiring all around.

“We also wanted to show that there are opportunities to pursue umpiring as a career.

“People who are interested at any experience level should consider getting involved.”

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## Carnivals

The following matches will be available in the coming season. If you are interested in Umpiring in any of these upcoming competitions and matches please contact Murray White who will be managing these allocations and will also have available schedules for the matches.

You will also be able to view details at the QCUSA website at: -

<http://premier.qld.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?entityid=12832&id=RVFIXTURE>

<b>QSS 13-15yrs Girls Cricket State Championship 2020</b>	<b>Sunday 8 - Tuesday 10 November 2020 (Redlands)</b>
<b>QSS 13-15yrs Boys Cricket State Championship 2020</b>	<b>Sunday 29 Nov - Thursday 3 Dec 2020 (Ipswich)</b>
<b>QJC U12 Boys Carnival 2020</b>	<b>Monday 14 - Friday 18 December 2020 (MSW Region)</b>
<b>QC U15s Female State Championships 2020/21</b>	<b>Monday 14 - Friday 18 December 2020 (Redlands)</b>
<b>BNJCA Ian Healy Cup 2021</b>	<b>Monday 4 - Friday 8 January 2021 (tba)</b>
<b>QSS 16-19yrs Boys Cricket State Championship 2021</b>	<b>Sunday 7 - Tuesday 9 March 2021 (Redlands)</b>

## MyMarathon

This October, we're going to complete a marathon (42.2 kilometres) to help raise funds for lifesaving heart disease research.

We've signed up for MyMarathon because we want to show our support for the thousands of Australians living with heart disease. The donations we receive will help fund lifesaving heart disease research that makes a real difference to people's lives.

We're competing as a team because there's strength in numbers – the more team members we have, the bigger impact we can make. But we can't do it alone. You can support us by joining our team and completing a marathon with us, or by making a donation, right here and now.

Together, we can win the race against heart disease. To donate -



<https://www.mymarathon.com.au/fundraisers/qcusa?fbclid=IwAR353ZMQzxkh0mMOD1pgRAQyuiJBIMQpxjlnBlJcoddRkngTJlqG4IFrpmq>

Regards

*Damien McAndrew*

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## Around the Regions

**We welcome news for the October issue of the Black and Blue from the Wide Bay Umpiring Association. We look forward to receiving articles from other regions in future editions.**



The Wide Bay Burnett region is one of the great cricketing cradles of Australia. It has produced 8 full Australian players over the years, a feat that few rural and regional areas of Australia can match. You get 10 points and a broken-down fridge (pick up yourself) if you can name them all, otherwise you can cheat by peeking at the end of this article.

Inherent and acquired talent had little to do with it. We always say that great umpires are the making of great cricketers, and we have plenty of them in the Wide Bay (great umpires, that is).

The Wide Bay region stretches over 6 local government areas (Bundaberg, North Burnett, Fraser Coast, Gympie, South Burnett and Cherbourg) and from Nanango in the south to Monto in the north and Hervey Bay in the east to Mundubbera in the west. The current population of the region is around 275,000 people, but that figure will probably be out of date by the time you read this because we are growing so fast. Tourism, sugar cane, macadamias, citrus, peanuts, timber and cattle are probably the main land-based industries of the region, while there is a large commercial fishery based at Hervey Bay, Tin Can Bay and Bundaberg. The largest sand island on earth is Fraser Island, noted as a World Heritage Area from 1992 and a fishing mecca, and we form the greater part of the Great Sandy Biosphere, designated by UNESCO in 2009. We are home to the whale watching capital of Australia visited by thousands of humpback whales every year to observe the tourists at close quarters, and the whales markedly add to our tourist numbers. You want more? Chuck in a heap of gorgeous ocean beaches, the Bunya Mountains, the Great Sandy Strait, Cania Gorge,

fishing for barramundi, the Mary River, some amazing bush walks, Big Woody Island and Bundaberg Rum just for starters. Did I mention we have been COVID free for months?

By the way, we only have vacancies for 11 umpires so you had better be quick.

Speaking of umpires, there are 3 incorporated umpire bodies within the Wide Bay at Bundaberg, Fraser Coast (Maryborough and Hervey Bay) and Gympie. We have 2 resident umpires in the South Burnett. Separate senior and junior competitions are conducted in the South Burnett, centred on Kingaroy, Gympie, Fraser Coast and Bundaberg, while only limited junior matches are played in the Central and North Burnett. Intra Zone competitions are held between Associations ranging from Under 12 to the open seniors' competition for the Goodchild Shield. Wide Bay teams play in all South Qld Country competitions as well as the Bulls Masters Country Championships. There is also a Wide Bay Under 15 female team. The Wide Bay Under 16 team plays in the Lords Taverners competition against the Premier clubs. Wide Bay also has burgeoning numbers of Veterans playing at Over 50 and Over 60 level, including some of our umpires who cannot seem to get enough of cricket.

To manage all that we have a current total of 41 accredited umpires in the region including 6 who have just been qualified. After Jim Deem retired at the end of last season at a young 86 after hundreds of years of service to cricket, our oldest now is only 81 so our 6 newbies are very welcome. A survey of umpires last season, showed that one third of all umpires in the Wide Bay are over 60 years of age and there is only one umpire under 20 and he will be leaving for university after Christmas, Only 24 percent of

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our umpires are in the age range of 35 to 49, which is usually the period when stalwart country players hang up their boots, an age which is certainly noticeably older than metro players. This is showing that the expected percentage of newly retired players are not turning to umpiring to maintain their interest in the game, at least in our region. We are not sure what they do with their newly non-committed weekends. Maybe they are told that the lawn needs mowing more often. There are no accredited female umpires in the Wide Bay at this stage. The favourite beer of 61.237% of Wide Bay umpires is XXXX, followed by Hahn Light. This is vital information for SEQ umpires who venture to our region to conduct training sessions.

We do have a limited pathway for umpires to advance from juniors to local seniors to Wide Bay representative matches to be appointed to the South Queensland Umpires Panel. As with players, the pathway to higher honours then leads to Brisbane.

Our annual Training Seminar was held early September and top Brazilian umpires Dave Staines and Craig Spalding kindly drove up to further our education. Eighteen umpires attended a very well run and solid day. We made new friends, we learnt a lot and thankfully sent Dave and Craig back to Brisbane. We sincerely thank them for their interest in assisting Country Cricket. And, by the way, our training gurus did the face to face assessment for a young man from Bundaberg, who is now qualified as a Community Officiating Umpire and we have 5 new Community Officiating umpires on the Fraser Coast since then. I am afraid that the Wide Bay umpiring vacancies are disappearing fast. Did I mention the beaches, the fishing, the rum and no traffic jams?

We all stand in our 4 local competitions every weekend with representative matches on Sundays. Given that we obviously do not have all umpires available every weekend, it can get a little willing if one has to do 60 overs of juniors on a Saturday morning, 80 overs of seniors on Saturday afternoon and then a 100 over one day representative match on the Sunday, exclusive of wides and no balls which somehow never count on an umpire's tally of overs. We certainly help each other out when Associations host bigger or State Tournaments and our appropriately qualified local umpires could well find themselves officiating in the Bulls Masters or State Secondary Schools Championships when they are held in the region. Bundy umpires can also be very hospitable at times.

Local competitions range from T20 to 40 Overs, to 50 Overs with a smattering of 2-day games in some senior competitions, while the younger juniors could be playing under lights on Friday nights with the remainder on Saturday mornings. Also, under lights is the Bundy Big Bash T20 competition with Hervey Bay starting a 10 over Friday night competition last season. Turf is obviously the preferred surface for all grades. We could really do with some more grass surfaces in the region and more lights for night cricket will be essential.

We look forward to meeting fellow umpires from other regions in Qld. when the next Test Match is held at Salter Oval in Bundaberg or the Newtown Complex in Maryborough or the One Mile in Gympie.

***On behalf of the Wide Bay umpires, I wish all Queensland umpires all the best for this season. May your index fingers never cramp.***

(Australian players who learned their cricket in the Wide Bay: Don Tallon, Geoff Dymock, Martin Love, Carl Rackemann, Matthew Hayden, Nathan Hauritz, Holly Ferling, Beth Mooney)

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## Photos

1. Bundy Umpires Secretary Paul Denning showing his skills as a gourmet BBQ chef who sometimes moonlights as a cricket umpire.
2. Dave Staines doing a horrible imitation of a vertical Kanye West rap dance while demonstrating umpire signals to our F2F umpire candidate, Matthew Sauer.



## *Darryl Stewart*

### Around the Grounds

#### Jeff Simmonds

Congratulations to Jeff Simmonds on standing in in his first two-day 1<sup>st</sup>. Grade Game, Ipswich Versus Gold Coast. Jeff Seen here being presented with his 1<sup>st</sup>. Grade Cap

Jeff's match management with chasing kangaroos off the ground at Ipswich was exemplary.

We are all very confident this fine Umpire will go on to bigger and better things. Go Well! Jeff.

#### Ross Howard

The phrase **old soldiers never die**. Cricket Umpires just flirt with Danger.

Ross is seen here after doing battle at Wynnum with the ball.

Ross always uses his head when Umpiring This game was no exception which is exactly why he has a bandage around his chin.



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## Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or Email the following to place your orders.

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Merchandise orders that are to be collected on the weekend must be placed before the preceding Wednesday with Damien or Andrew. Please **DO NOT** leave placement of orders until Friday and request pickup on the weekend.

## Merchandise Price List - 2020/21

Item .....	Price
BLK Umpire Blue Field Shirt .....	\$55.00
BLK Maroon Off-Field Shirt .....	\$50.00
Cap with Association Logo .....	\$15.00
BLK Water Bottle with Association Logo .....	\$12.00
White Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S) (Limited Quantity Available) .....	\$40.00
Black Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S) (Limited Quantity Available) .....	\$40.00
Hat Band with Association Logo .....	\$5.00
Belt Clip .....	\$5.00
BLK Carbon Gameday Gear Bag .....	\$60.00
BLK Carbon Premier Touring Bag (Wheels) (Special Order) .....	\$145.00
Association Tie (50th Anniversary Style) .....	\$15.00
Business Shirt (50th Anniversary Style) .....	\$40.00
Umpire Counter .....	\$10.00
Notebook and Cover .....	\$5.00
The Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition - 2019) .....	\$5.00

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