



Queensland Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association Inc.



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Annual Report

& Financial Statement



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Notice of Annual General Meeting



NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. will be held at Queensland Cricket Headquarters in the Ian Healy Room, 1 Greg Chappell St, Albion, on Wednesday, 16th July 2014 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 2014/2015 year - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 5 members of the Management Committee, Delegate to Queensland Cricket
8. Annual Subscription
9. General Business



Office Bearers for 2013-14 Season



Patron: B Gaskell
President: N Grout
Vice-President: P Boland
Honorary Secretary: R Howard
Honorary Treasurer: P Farley
Management Committee: R Ambrose, I Barsby, C Hoffmann
S Kumar, A Moir
Queensland Cricket Delegate: R Ambrose
Grade Committee Representative: N Grout
Board of Examination and Coaching: P Boland, S Dionysius, P Farley, B Farrell
C Hoffmann, D Mealey, P Shine, A Willis
Training and Development Officer: P Boland
Social Committee: A Moir, R Ambrose, P Chapman
S Kumar, D McIver
Property Officer: S Sinclair
Statistician R Johnsen
Assistant Secretary: M White



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
2007-2011	N Abbate
2011-	P Farley

Life Members

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
2010	D White
2011	I Barsby
2013	P Boland

Secretary

1966-1971	L Johnson
1971-1978	T Warwick
1978-1980	J Strauss
1980-2003	N Grout
2003-2011	R Johnsen
2011-	R Howard

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
	D Mealey
**	Test Umpire



Member List



+	Abbate	N.	2002/03				
	Ambrose	R.	2008/09	*	Marjason	N.	2013/14
*	Bakota	A.	2013/14	+	Marsh	R.	2003/04
	Balakrishnan	D.	2008/09		Matthews	P.	2011/12
#++	Barsby	I.	1998/99		McAndrew	D.	2005/06
*	Beahan	N.	2013/14	#++	McIver	D.	1998/99
	Bloomer	A.	2005/06		McLay	M.	2012/13
*r	Bocking	S.	2007/08		McMahon	B.	2006/07
#++	Boland	P.	1999/00	+++	McShane	M.	1989/90
	Boustead	R.	2011/12	#	Mealey	D.	2005/06
	Boyle	J.	2004/05		Mellifont	M.	2005/06
	Branch	M.	2008/09	*	Mellor	G.	2013/14
	Brown	C.	1995/96		Moir	A.	2006/07
	Burns	D.	2012/13	*	Morris	N.	2013/14
	Butchers	M.	2006/07		Morris	S.	2010/11
	Castle	M.	2012/13		Murray	K.	2006/07
	Chapman	P.	2008/09		Nagarkar	D.	2012/13
	Coleman	L.	2008/09		Naylor	K.	2006/07
*	Courtman	M.	2013/14		Neate	R.	2007/08
	Cupitt	T.	2010/11	++	O'Brien	N.	1995/96
	Davidson	M.	2012/13		O'Connor	M.	2006/07
*	Davis	D.	2013/14		Olsen	M.	2005/06
*	Dhaliwal	A.	2013/14		O'Malley	T.	2006/07
	Dionysius	S.	2009/10	#	Oxenford	B.	1998/99
#+++	Dore	A.	1996/97		Peers	W.	2007/08
	Dutt	K.	2006/07		Peisley	J.	2005/06
	Edmonds	T.	2011/12		Prakash	J.	2011/12
	Elkington	I.	2008/09	++	Pritchard	C.	1998/99
	Eustace	S.	2011/12	*	Pynsent	M.	2013/14
+	Farley	P.	1997/98	*r	Rogerson	P.	2013/14
	Farrell	B.	2007/08		Rooke-Jones	R.	2004/05
	Farrell	S.	2012/13		Ross	C.	2011/12
	Fernandes	J.	2008/09		Ruddick-Collins	J.	2009/10
+	Ford	W.	1993/94		Russell	P.	2011/12
	Fuller	S.	2005/06	*r	Sheehan	A.	2008/09
	Gardner	S.	2006/07	#++	Shine	P.	1999/00
	Gibson	K.	2007/08	*	Shreeharsha	S.	2013/14
	Griffith	J.	2006/07	*	Simmonds	J.	2013/14
*	Gurdler	R.	2013/14		Sinclair	S.	2011/12
	Harris	S.	2012/13		Skinner	M.	2012/13
	Herath	H.	2012/13	*	Smith	D.	2013/14
+	Hobman	F.	2002/03		Smith	P.	2005/06
	Hoffmann	C.	2006/07		Smith	W.	2012/13
	Holmes	G.	2011/12		Strickland	K.	2005/06
*	Hooper	P.	2013/14	+++	Szkutko	N.	1994/95
#+++	Howard	R.	1991/92		Tutt	G.	2008/09
	Jacobs	C.	2012/13		White	M.	2010/11
	James	N.	2011/12		Wiggins	G.	2009/10
	Johnson	D.	2012/13		Wilkins	S.	2010/11
	Johnston	C.	2011/12		Willis	A.	2011/12
*	Kabir	N.	2013/14	#++	Wills	D.	1999/00
#++	Kangur	J.	2000/01				
	Koch	D.	2012/13				
	Kumar	S.	2005/06				
	Kumar	V.	2012/13				
	Lakshmanan	P.	2012/13				
	Logan	T.	2005/06				
	Luck	G.	2013/14				

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 2013/14 year has presented many challenges to our Association. Most of these we have met head on and conquered, others are ongoing but I am confident we will rise to the occasion.

After discussions with our Secretary, Ross, and other interested parties, it was decided that a new position of Assistant Secretary was required as the duties of the Secretary had increased over the last few years. The duties of the Assistant Secretary included taking the General Meeting minutes and organising umpires for carnivals and midweek games. Murray White took on these tasks but also used his expertise with technology to completely revamp our Webpage and has made it much more user friendly and informative. Thank you to Murray for his efforts as Assistant Secretary and as our Webpage Manager.

In an effort to upgrade the umpiring standard and to encourage members to attend our General Meetings, we continued to improve the coaching and training provided. In addition to some excellent

coaching presentations, members heard from a variety of guest speakers. The mentor system was reintroduced to those interested and three winter coaching sessions have been planned.

Although the number of active members far exceeds what is required for Saturday games, there were a few games in the first half of the season when only one umpire was appointed. The demands of work and family, are making it increasingly difficult for members to commit to every weekend of cricket. Hopefully with the large number of people who are presently completing our workbook, there will be even more active members for 2014/15.

From surveys and meetings with players, captains and coaches, concern has been raised with regard to the standard of umpiring during the 2013/14 season. The Association will continue to strive to provide umpires who have a good knowledge and application of the laws and regulations, along with correct technique and good communication skills.

Prior to the 2013/14 season, our Association was informed by Queensland Cricket that due to their poor financial situation, that all Affiliated Associations were going to experience a reduction in their grant and in this context, our Association lost its entire grant of \$10,000 per year and also were required to pay each member's insurance. To meet this development, members' subscriptions were increased for the first time in five years and members were asked to support a chocolate drive. We also accessed some of our accumulated funds as is detailed in our financial report.

Whilst I have not officially been informed by Queensland Cricket, I understand that the positions of State Umpiring Manager and State Coach will cease at the end of June and be replaced by the position, Umpire Development and Support Manager. In the next few months, the Association looks forward to learning what this new role entails and how it will affect us.

Congratulations to all members who achieved recognition through promotion, milestones, awards and appointments by Queensland Cricket and Cricket Australia. I would especially like to congratulate Karen Naylor on being a recipient of a Cricket Australia scholarship to promote women in cricket.

Thanks must be extended to all District Clubs for the hospitality shown to our members and to the Cricketers' Club, the Cricket Society, Gabba Sporting Products and Castlemaine Perkins for their support to our Association.

Finally, a huge thank you to all members of the Management Committee, Board of Examination and Coaching, Social Committee and to our Property Officer, QC Delegate, Conducts Advocate, Statistician and Assistant Secretary for your efforts, support and friendship over the last year. All of these people are volunteers who give unselfishly of their time in the advancement of our Association.

Thank you.

Nelma Grout



Management Committee Report



Meetings were held monthly during the season at the Queensland Cricketer's Club. There were 11 meetings between August 2013 and July 2014.

Meetings attended:

- Nelma Grout 11
- Peter Boland 11
- Ross Howard 11
- Peter Farley 11
- Ian Barsby 10
- Craig Hoffmann 8
- Salendar Kumar 8
- Andrew Moir 10
- Ralston Ambrose 10

This season was a year of consolidation with the incumbents in all the key positions continuing on in those roles for another season. The only hiccup occurred when two of the Management Committee forgot to submit their nominations but were re-elected from the floor at the AGM.

Unfortunately, there were a number of rounds where we were short and some members were asked to stand by themselves in grade games. This is very unfortunate as we had enough active members to fill all the grade games, had they all been available. The level of commitment seems to have waned recently. Perhaps there are too many other distractions these days.

Once again we had a number of brand new umpires who were very enthusiastic and showed a lot of promise. We also had a number of experienced umpires join us from interstate and from other Associations.

With about 50 prospective umpires on our books, the future of our Association looks rosy. If a strategy could be initiated to retain our experienced umpires to pass on their knowledge to up and coming umpires then I believe Queensland could once again be producing more first class umpires than the other states.

It is very pleasing to see that the standard of umpiring has steadily improved in the top three grades. A lot of this can be attributed to the training sessions run by the Board of Examination and Coaching at the Seminar and meetings and the commitment of those members. However, it has become noticeable that there is a divide between the standard of umpiring in the top three grades and the bottom three grades. This needs to be addressed if umpiring is to remain strong.

Communication with the Chairman of the Selection Panel, Col Timmins has been excellent once again. He keeps in touch constantly and is very concerned that the Association is kept up to date and seeks advice from time to time.

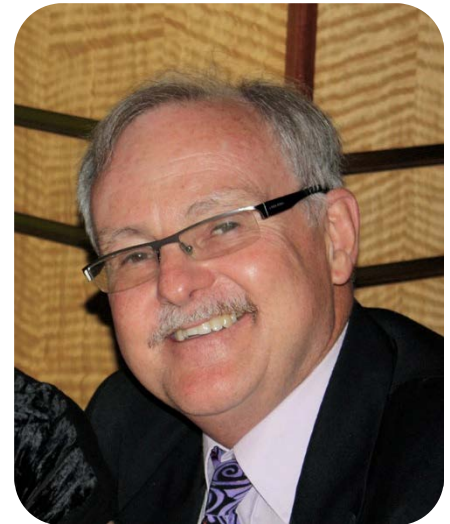
The State Umpiring Manager has been very helpful in our dealings with him once again.

Our umpiring allowance remained unchanged this season.

Recruitment

As the numbers we recruit via the website are quite satisfactory we decided not to advertise for the upcoming season. This resulted in a satisfactory number of new recruits however we lost more experienced umpires than is usually the case. A number indicated that they just wanted a break and will probably return next season.

The workbook has been a great innovation. Although it may appear to be doing things in the wrong order (i.e. testing prospective umpires on the laws before they're trained.), it has two purposes. Firstly, it acts like an aptitude test to eliminate people who really don't understand cricket. Secondly, it forces them to read the laws which reduces the duration and type of training needed as we know they already have a basic knowledge of the laws.



The Management Committee have just finished reviewing the questions in the workbook to ensure it remains relevant and consistent with the latest MCC Laws. It now reflects these Laws and some of the ambiguity in some questions has been rectified.

General Meetings

We had an average attendance of 56 at our monthly meetings this season. This is essentially the same as last season. This is still disappointing but at least the decline has stopped.

It is a constant challenge to try and improve attendance at these important meetings. Those who do attend receive up to date information and training, as well as helpful umpiring tips and camaraderie with their fellow members.

Those who don't attend are actually jeopardising their Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation status. As part of an umpire continuing to maintain their Level 2 Accreditation it is a requirement to maintain training as well as standing in games.

We feel it is an essential part of membership of the Association, to attend as many meetings as possible if members want to get the most out of their umpiring career.



Management Committee Report



Our constitution demands that we provide minutes and financial statements and reports each month for approval of the membership. We do this as efficiently as possible to allow more time for training and social interaction. All minutes, financial statements and the newsletter were emailed or posted to members in time for each meeting.

Once again this year Salendar Kumar cooked the sausages at our usual monthly after meeting BBQ. The "bring a plate" Christmas meeting with free drinks was a great success. An added innovation was the curry night at our March General Meeting.

The Board of Examination and Coaching used the reports from the Observers as a basis for the training this season, which meant that the training was relevant to what was happening out on the field each weekend. Several times the meeting was split into smaller groups and several different members of the Board of Examination and Coaching were utilised in conducting sessions in an endeavour to keep the presentations fresh.

It was pleasing that for the first time two of our members, Craig Hoffmann and Murray Branch were selected to attend the National U19 Carnival. In addition Ben Farrell was appointed to the National U17 Carnival and Steve Dionysius was appointed to the Imparja Cup.

Conclusion

In my third season as Secretary the support I received from both the Management Committee and members was overwhelming. Thank you all very much.

I would like to thank Murray White who took on the new role of Assistant Secretary. As my workload had been increasing I asked for an Assistant. The Management Committee agreed to this and this new role included General Meeting Minute Secretary, allocation of members to carnivals and mid-week games as well updating our web site. Ralston Ambrose took on the role of our Delegate to Queensland Cricket. Thank you to both Murray and Ralston.

Andrew Moir once again ran the Social Committee. Following the loss of our grant from Queensland Cricket it was decided that we needed to raise more funds. The drinks price increased a \$1 which is the first increase in living memory. A chocolate drive was also held to boost our coffers. The Social Committee did an exceptional job especially with the after meeting get togethers which are a fundamental part of our Association General Meetings. I would also like to say a special thank you to Ralston Ambrose who managed the Chocolate Drive.

Thanks Andrew and your committee for another phenomenal effort this year. It is appreciated by all the members.

Finally, I would like to thank Nelma for her support over the last three years. I've decided that it's now time to move on to fulfill other interests in my retirement years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of this role and wish my successor well for the future.

Ross Howard
Hon. Secretary

General Items

Once again it was decided to have two Refresher Exams, one based on the Laws and one based on the Regulations. This new concept was generally embraced by all members. In the past the Refresher Exam was not compulsory but carried Bob Spence Medal Points. This season with the support of the Selection Panel the Refresher Exam based on the Laws was compulsory for those who wanted to stand in matches during the season. In addition each member had to attain the pass mark of 85% correct before being appointed to any grade games unless we were short of umpires.



Management Committee members pictured:-
Ian Barsby, Craig Hoffmann and Vice President Peter Boland.



Membership



Membership has decreased this season. We had 101 active members this season down from 115 for last season. We had 14 members submit their membership form but did not stand in one game during the season. A few of these became financial so with 18 living Life Members the total membership is 131. Three Life Members Peter Boland, Ross Howard and Ian Barsby umpired this season.

Of course these figures on the face of it do not show the true picture. Apart from the umpires who stood in no games there were 10 who umpired 5 games or less all season. We had a couple of members who mainly umpired carnivals and midweek games.

Twenty three new members joined the Association this season, 5 were returning members and the remaining 18 were a mixture of brand new umpires and experienced umpires from interstate Associations.

Unfortunately some of these didn't umpire any games but in most cases this was because they joined near the end of the season.

Once again we decided not to appoint a Recruitment and Training Officer as such, with the responsibility taken up by Peter Boland as the Chairman of the Board of Examination and Coaching. He enlisted the assistance of members of the Panel to help him in this task.

All prospective new members were given the workbook to complete as an introduction to umpiring. On successful completion they were invited to attend technical training sessions, the seminar and stand in trial games to complete their initial training. The feedback we have received from the Selection Panel Chairman and the clubs was very positive about the quality of the majority of our new members. So congratulations to them, Peter Boland and his helpers for their excellent work this season.

Yet again Bruce Oxenford had a great international season and Damien Mealey was on the National panel for a second season.

Umpiring Milestones

First Grade Debut:

- Ralston Ambrose
- Donovan Koch
- Andrew Moir

100 Game Badge

- Nick Abbate

150 Game Badge

- Jay Kangur
- Bro. Chris Pritchard
- David Wills

200 Game Badge

- Allan Dore



Bro. Chris Pritchard with his 150 game badge.

Umpiring Achievements

ICC Elite Umpires Panel

- Bruce Oxenford

National Umpires Panel

- Damien Mealey

State Umpires Panel

- Murray Branch
- Steve Dionysius
- Ben Farrell
- Craig Hoffmann

National U19 Championships Representatives

- Craig Hoffmann
- Murray Branch

National U17 Championship Representative

- Ben Farrell

Carnivals

This year to help cope with the numerous carnivals and midweek games that we are requested to supply umpires for I had an Assistant Secretary whose main job was to allocate members to these

games. Murray White performed this job excellently and I would like to thank him for all his efforts. I would also like to thank all the members who made themselves available and I hope that you enjoyed your games. We were

scheduled to umpire for well over 400 midweek umpiring games. The weather was excellent this season with very few washouts. The cooperation of and understanding of the members during this period was most appreciated by me and the organisers of the carnivals affected. Thank you.

Ross Howard
Hon. Secretary



Reserve Umpire Bruce Oxenford inspects the pitch, after rain delays the start of the ICC World Twenty20 Bangladesh 2014 Final between India and Sri Lanka at Sher-e-Bangla Mirpur Stadium on April 6, 2014 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



This was the third year that Ron Johnsen had performed the Statistician's role. Now that the statistics are taken directly from MyCricket it was a relatively easy task for him to access them from anywhere in Australia. Once again Ron did a terrific job despite having to deal with some very difficult personal issues.

As is our custom, Ron stuck to our policy of: whatever grade a member stood in for the majority of the season, is the grade for which he/she is eligible. After a lot of time spent adding up all the numbers he was able to determine the winners.

The award winners were announced at our Annual Bob Spence Medal Dinner held at the Queensland Cricketers' Club.

We were honoured to have the following distinguished people available to present the various awards presented: Ron Johnsen, Nelma Grout and Mrs. Bev Hoy, for the Grade Awards; Mel Johnson presented the Mel Johnson Trophy; Brian Gaskell finished off his official duties by presenting the Patron's Award.



Winner: **Donovan Koch**
Contenders: *Peter Boland, Steven Dionysius, Craig Hoffmann, Damien Mealey*

In only his second season with us Donovan has successfully adjusted to the challenges of umpiring in a new country. This has been a great performance and with youth on his side he is destined for higher honours in the future.

Congratulations Donovan on a great season.



Winner: **Steven Farrell**
Contenders: *Ralston Ambrose, Mark Davidson, Michael O'Connor*

Another newcomer to umpiring Steve is in only his second season. He has successfully made the transformation from being a first class player to being a top class umpire. He also has a bright future and we look forward to seeing him advance even higher in the future.

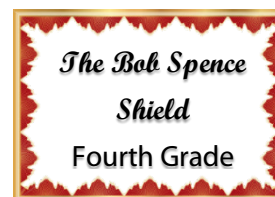
Well done Steve for an outstanding season.



Winner: **Darryl Davis**
Contenders: *Peter Chapman, Stuart Fuller, Nathan James, Gerard Tutt*

Darryl is in only his first season with us after umpiring for many seasons with the Ipswich Umpires. He shows a lot of promise and if he continues in this vein he is destined for higher honours.

Congratulations Darryl.



Winner: **Todd Edmonds**
Contenders: *Michael Castle, Lyall Coleman, Garry Holmes, Kevin Strickland*

Todd is also a relative newcomer to umpiring. He is very keen to improve and gets involved whenever he can. He attends most meetings and functions. All his hard work has been rewarded by winning this award.

Well done Todd





Association Awards



Winner: **Jude Fernandes**
Contenders: *Tony Cupitt, Jim Griffith, Peter Hooper, Kevin Murray*

Jude has umpired for a number of seasons. He is a consistent performer and has finally been recognised for his efforts. We look forward to seeing him umpiring in higher grades next season.

Congratulations Jude.



Winner: **Phillip Rogerson**
Contenders: *Roy Gurdler, Nigel Morris, Charles Ross, Shreeharsha*

Although Phillip briefly umpired with us over 20 years ago he has rejoined us and this is his first season back. He has taken to umpiring like a duck to water so it goes to show that umpiring is just like riding a bike figuratively speaking. I'm sure we'll see him in higher grades next season.

Well done Phil.



Winner: **John Peisley**
Contenders: *Anthony Bloomer, Ross Howard, Martin Olsen, Br Chris Pritchard*

John has been umpiring for many seasons. He is a great example of how persistence pays off. His experience has obviously been appreciated by the lower grade players and they have rewarded him accordingly.

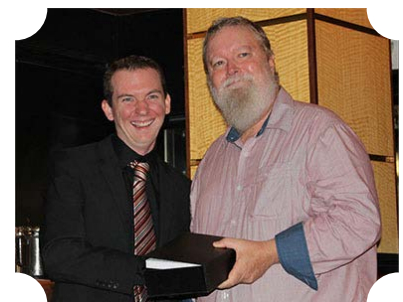
Congratulations John



Winner: **Tom Logan**
Contenders: *Mark Davidson, Allan Dore, Ray Marsh, Michael Mellifont*

Although only 26, Tom is a veteran of the Association. He joined the association in 2005/06 and except for a brief stint in Canberra has umpired with us ever since. This season he umpired the majority of Saturday games in Second Grade. This is the first year that he has won this award.

Well done Tom



Jai Prakash is the winner this year. Jai started the year in 5th Grade before moving up to 4th grade and quickly up to 3rd grade. He finished off the regular season doing 3rd grade. He stood in a subdistricts semi-final and a Churches Final. Jai is extremely enthusiastic so he can look forward to a long and rewarding career.

Congratulations Jai.



Shreeharsha managed to beat off a good bunch of new umpires to take out this prestigious award. Shree's experience in India has obviously stood him in good stead. He mainly umpired in Fifth and Sixth Grade. He is sure to be a great asset to our Association over the coming years.

Congratulations Shree.





Patron's Award for Outstanding Service



This year the Patron's Award went to a very worthy recipient. Ralston Ambrose received his award from our Patron, Brian Gaskell at our Annual Dinner.

Ralston joined our Association in 2008 and has stood in 66 grade games and 63 other weekend games. In addition he has stood in many carnivals and midweek games when able to do so. He has umpired as high as first grade and won the fourth grade award in 2011.

Although Ralston has been a member of our Association a relatively short time he has certainly made his mark. He is a great supporter of the Association through meeting attendances and social functions.

Last season he coordinated the Raffle to raise money for Charlee McAndrew who lost her mother in tragic circumstances and this year he coordinated the

Chocolate Drive which was held to try to offset receiving no grant from Queensland Cricket.

Both events were very successful thanks to the tireless efforts of Ralston. I know that on occasions he drove out of his way to collect money from members and met them in some quite obscure locations. As a result everything ran smoothly. He has probably earned himself a job for life as a result of his great work.

As well as his very positive attitude his other great attribute is his sense of humour. He is always willing to have a joke and usually at his own expense which shows the humble sort of person he is.

Congratulations to Ralston. Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to the Association.



Ralston being congratulated by our patron Brian Gaskell.

Mel Johnson Medal

This medal is named in honour of our Life Member and Test Umpire Mel Johnson. It recognises members who show great promise in the early stages of their career and who have the potential to reach the elite level in umpiring.

The recipient this year was Donovan Koch. He was presented with his award at our Annual Dinner by Mel Johnson.

Donovan joined our Association in 2012. He has stood in 20 two day grade games and 21 other games and made his First Grade debut this season. Last season Donovan, originally from South Africa, joined us after he and his family moved from the UK. Donovan had umpired County Cricket but as with all new comers to our Association he was started in the lower grades so he could adjust to our style of cricket and umpiring.

He took this in his stride and very quickly progressed to Second Grade. This season he started in First Grade and never looked back. He stood in the First Grade Semi-finals for all 3 of the competitions and stood in the First Grade Final of the One Day Competition. Although his previous umpiring experience was overseas it is a wonderful achievement to reach First Grade in your first full season in Australia.

Donovan has certainly cemented his place in First Grade and I'm sure that an umpire of his class is destined for higher honours in the future.

Congratulations Donovan on a well-deserved award.



Donovan with Mel Johnson

Mel Johnson Medal Honour Board

2003/04	Greg Rogers
2004/05	Phil Spence
2005/06	Greg Rogers
2006/07	Phil Spence
2007/08	Greg Rogers
2008/09	Peter Chapman
2009/10	Gerard Cavanagh
2010/11	Regan Neate
2011/12	Jayvan Ruddick-Collins
2012/13	Andrew Willis
2013/14	Donovan Koch



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
2011	N McNamara	R Lloyd	G Fazen	R Ambrose	T Anthony
2012	I Barsby	S Dionysius	R Marsh	N James	S Sinclair
2013	J Kangur	B Smith	S Eustace	L Coleman	G Walters
2014	D Koch	S Farrell	D Davis	T Edmonds	J Fernanades

	U18 Grade/ Sixth Grade	Sub Districts/Churches/ GPS/Women's	Progression (Alan Pettigrew Award)	Col Hoy Award
1992	B McNamee	Sub Districts	1992 G Townsend	G Zimmer
1993	N Southall	A Grade B Grade C Grade	1993 R Kelly	W Heinemann
1994	P Bell	2007 P Spence B Marrinan P Smith	1994 W Heinemann	D Vinall
1995	J MacLean	2008 G Rodgers C Vine L Power	1995 W Cressy	B Nielsen
1996	M McGovern		1996 B Nielsen	C Brown
1997	J Maxwell-Jones	A Grade B/C Grade*	1997 S Dean	M Whitman
1998	A Payne	2009 W Sowter P Chapman	1998 M Whitman	L Stokes
1999	N Szkutko	2010 T O'Malley P McQuillan	1999 B Oxenford	V Sestito
2000	D Wills	B/C Grade/Churches ***	2000 P Boland	P Shine
2001	R Kinstler	2011 J Boyle T O'Malley	2001 A Curran	B Prior
2002	R Brown	2012 C Ross P Joseph	2002 D Knott	S Vetsich
2003	R Brown		2003 B Hunt	D Cleary
2004	J Ezzy / R Marsh	Churches Churches/Beenleigh**	2004 D Moloney	N Marsh
2005	R Rooke-Jones	2007 C Spalding 2009 S Crawford	2005 C Pfulgrath	A Smith
2006	R Marsh	2008 K Suthers 2010 C Spalding	2006 D Mealey	N Damm
2007	C Hoffmann		2007 M Pius	C Hoffmann
2008	P Smith	Churches/GPS/ Sub Districts****	2008 G Cavanagh	R Neate
2009	B McMahan	Women's	2009 P Smith	C Croucher
2010	G Tutt	2010 C Hoffmann	2010 M Branch	S Dionysius
2011	S Wilkins	2011 G Tutt	2011 J Collins	M Robertson
2012	D Male	2012 A Dore	2012 N James	S Eustace
2013	K Murray / P Russell	2013 A Dore C Pritchard	2013 D Burns	S Farrell
2014	P Rogerson	2014 T Logan J Peisley	2014 J Prakash	S Shreeharsha

* Sub Districts, B and C grades were combined for award purposes in 2008/09

** Churches award was combined with Beenleigh/Logan in 2008/09

*** Churches was combined with Sub Districts B & C Grades in 2010/11 Beenleigh no longer included

**** Sub Districts A Grade was combined with Sub Districts B & C Grades and added GPS in 2012/13



Bob Spence Medal



Peter Boland is the 2013/2014 winner of the Bob Spence Medal.

This is the second time that Peter has won the Bob Spence Medal. He previously achieved this feat in the 2007/8 season. Peter has regularly stood in First Grade for many seasons which shows what a consistent performer he has been.

A member since 1999, Peter has stood in 179.5 two day games and has taken on the dual roles of Recruitment and Development Officer as well as Chairman of the Board of Examination and Coaching. Many of the current umpires in First Grade and on the First Class Panel are a product of his training. His contributions to the Association are invaluable and last year he was awarded Life Membership for his efforts. He loves a beer and a chin wag and has a dry sense of humour. As the members would know he calls a spade a spade but is a real "softie" deep down and is always willing to help to the newer members.

Our Secretary, Ross Howard announced the "Top Ten Contenders" for the Bob Spence Medal at our Annual Dinner. The Medals and Perpetual Trophy were presented to Peter by our President, Nelma Grout and last year's winner Dave McIver.

Congratulations Peter.

Peter was joined in the fight for the top honour by a magnificent group of umpires from a variety of grades. It is pleasing to see some new faces starting to push their way into the top ten. The quality of these umpires ensures the future of the Association.

The other finalists were: Ian Barsby, Craig Hoffmann, Dave McIver, Damien McAndrew, Andrew Moir, Chris Pritchard, Patrick Shine, Shaun Sinclair and Gerard Tutt.

Congratulations to you all for a fantastic season on and off the field.



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
2010/11	Ian Barsby & Alan Grieve
2011/12	Ian Barsby
2012/13	David McIver
2013/14	Peter Boland



Peter Boland holding the Bob Spence Medal Trophy The Top 10 from the left - Pat Shine, Dave McIver, Andrew Moir, Ian Barsby, Craig Hoffmann, Peter Boland, Br. Chris Pritchard, Shaun Sinclair, Gerard Tutt - Absent Damien McAndrew.



Life Membership



Peter Boland was made a Life Member at our AGM on the 17th July 2013. Peter has been a very valued and passionate member of the Association ever since he joined in 1999.

Peter is still an active umpire. He has an on-field record of which he can be very proud. He is the holder of the First Grade Badge and has stood in 180 grade games. He has won the First Grade Award in 2008.

However, the shining light of his active umpiring career and the honour I know he is most proud of is the Bob Spence Medal twice. Peter won this award in 2008 and 2014.

He has been on the Management Committee continuously since 2006 including being Vice-President for a number of years. He has been on the Board of Examination and Coaching



since 2006 and been Chairman for all but one year since then. He has also taken on the role of Recruitment and Development Officer in recent times.

In these roles he trains the new umpires, runs the Annual Seminar, coordinates training at all our General meetings, and coordinates CA Level 2 Accreditation. He also does one on one training sessions with new umpires who are unable to attend the scheduled training meetings.

As well as doing all these things he continues to umpire at the highest level which is a great credit to him. A more worthy recipient for the honour of Life membership would be hard to find and is well deserved.

Umpires Allocation and Observers Report

It is with great pleasure that I present this report on behalf of the Umpires Allocation Committee and Observers. The other members of the Committee are Michael Ralston, Michael Jay and Peter Monaghan.

The Selectors would like to congratulate Damien Mealey, Craig Hoffmann, Murray Branch, Benjamin Farrell and Stephen Dionysius for receiving appointments from Cricket Australia. The Selectors also congratulate Karen Naylor for receiving a scholarship from Cricket Australia.

This season we had 103 registered active umpires. This includes 17 first season umpires. We had on average 65 umpires available for each round of Grade Cricket. There were 4 rounds of Grade Cricket where we were unable to allocate the full 66 umpires required. The Selectors and I are sure all players appreciate the efforts of all umpires who stood in games this season and those who agreed to stand alone.

This season the Observers produced written reports on 177 umpires. Field Technique is an extremely important

part of umpiring. Having good field technique; being in the correct position at the required time; keeping your head still etc. are the best skills an umpire can have to assist in making good umpiring decisions. As we travelled around the grounds this season, we observed most umpires were working hard to improve this area of their skills.

Communication with Captains and players has improved significantly over the past couple of seasons; but communication between umpires on the field still needs improvement.

I would like to express on behalf of all Committee members, our thanks to your President Nelma Grout, your Secretary Ross Howard and your Head Coach Peter Boland for their close communication and support during the season.

Colin Timmins
Chairman



Examination and Coaching Panel Report



As usual our season kicked off with the Annual Seminar in August. This season's Seminar was a one day event held once again Aspley State School. We are extremely grateful to the school for allowing us to utilise their facilities.

The attendance at this year's seminar again displayed the members' preference for this format rather than a weekend away. Numbers were very encouraging with most members making time to attend. The members were presented with a variety of topics by the Coaching Panel which were well received. Once again work and umpiring commitments created a vacancy for a new presenter and the role was filled quite well by Ben Farrell at short notice.

This year we were pleased to have Sean Easey and Bob Parry from Cricket Australia attend our Seminar. They conducted a group session covering CA Umpiring Pathways and Proposed MCC Law Changes. They then spent the rest of the day with us seeing how we do things in Queensland and listening to our presentations. We would like to thank Sean and Bob for taking time out of their busy schedules for this and trust they enjoyed their meal at the Cricketer's Club the night before with some of our Management Committee Members.

Thanks must also go to Nelma, Ross and the Social Committee for their assistance in planning and helping the day run smoothly. Special mention also to Basil

Wright for manning the servery area for the day. It is not every day you get a Solicitor to work pro bono.

For the second season, our Annual Refresher Exams were split into two sections, one on the Laws of Cricket and the other on QC Regulations. The Laws Exam was conducted in August and the Regulations in September. Both exams were compulsory for anyone wishing to umpire this season with pass marks set at 85% for both.

Training sessions continued to be conducted before every General Meeting. The Coaching Panel share this responsibility between them to keep the sessions fresh so the members do not become bored listening to the same voice each month. Three times during the season we split the members into graded groups in order to discuss issues— particular to those grades like grounds, player behaviour and any relevant feedback that may have been received. We see this sharing of information as an important tool for our members.

During the season we were treated to reports from Craig Hoffmann and Murray Branch (U/19 National Titles), Ben Farrell (U/17 National Titles) and Steven Dionysius (Imparja Cup) on their experiences which gave the members an insight into the pathways Cricket Australia have developed.

We were also pleased to have Sean Easey return with Simon Taufel and David Levens who were

in town for the Ashes Test Match. They provided a wonderful insight into the support mechanisms in place for the ICC Umpires worldwide.

Ralston Ambrose must be congratulated for conducting "on field" sessions for the new umpires once daylight allowed prior to our meetings. I am sure the members who attended gained some beneficial information from these sessions.

The regular meetings previously held between myself and Dave Orchard (State Umpire Coach) did not occur this season for reasons unknown to myself.

Thanks again go to Patrick Shine for the marking of the Level 2 Accreditation Kits. This is a very onerous task which Patrick performs with his normal high level of enthusiasm.

Level 2 Accreditation Kits were handed out to 10 of our new umpires and 9 Sub-Districts umpires in March. The kits are due back in July to ensure they will all be accredited by the start of next season.

Finally thanks go to the members of the Coaching Panel for their assistance over the past season. Craig Hoffmann, Peter Farley, Patrick Shine and Andrew Willis have all put in extra time and effort to help members on a one-on-one basis and also raise the levels of umpiring in this Association as a whole.

Peter Boland
Chairman



Members at this season's seminar held at Aspley State School



Social Committee Report



As I sit down to write this the Season has ended & our Annual Awards Dinner is done. Congratulations to all the nominees & award recipients. A special congratulations to Peter Boland the winner of the Bob Spence Medal. I have had the pleasure of umpiring with Peter & he is a worthy winner.

The year has certainly gone fast. Thank you all for your support of the raffles. They help subsidise the cost of the BBQ & drinks. To Sal Kumar, Dave McIver, Ralston Ambrose & Damian McAndrew a special thank you for your help throughout the year. I believe that the time spent

after the meetings allows us all to get to know our fellow Umpires. This helps with the partnerships on the field. Not only are we informed during the meetings we get to socialise afterwards.

This year we tried a few different things. Sal & Rose Kumar put on a curry night & we all enjoyed the change from our usual sausages. We are always looking for assistance & ideas to mix things up. Please don't hesitate to bring any ideas for the coming year.

Andrew Mair

Director, Social Committee



Training and Development Officer's Report

The season began for 14 new members in early July with 4 nights of theory sessions before two days of on field training during inter-club trial games. Once again thanks go out to Trevor Irvine and Sandgate-Redcliffe DCC for allowing us to use their trial games for training purposes. During the season we trained up one more new recruit however lost one due to the pressures of University studies. As has been the "norm" over the past few seasons, the commitment to umpiring every Saturday was sadly missing for various reasons.

We did have 2 other potential new recruits before Christmas, however they could not/would not make themselves available for training nights. We also received a number of enquiries after Christmas however time restraints meant they could not be trained in time to take the field this season.

We again benefitted from umpires returning after time off, together with the interstate umpires re-locating.

It was pleasing to see Peter Hooper rewarded for a strong first season with his appointment to the 5th Grade Final. I am sure he learnt quite a bit from umpiring with Ian Barsby for 4 days. Phillip Rogerson received the Sixth Grade Award at our Annual Dinner and Shreeharsha was rewarded for his dedication and application with the Col Hoy Encouragement Award. Well done Peter, Phillip and Shreeharsha.

To our loyal band of senior umpires who stand in Churches, Sub-Districts, Sixth and Fifth Grades and do their best in looking after our new recruits each year, please accept our appreciation. The contributions of these members cannot be undervalued.

Recruitment was once again based on our web-site with the completion of our Workbook being the first step in joining our ranks. This assists in making sure each prospective new member has a good understanding of the Laws prior to training commencing.

All our members must be willing to talk to players (especially those nearing the end of their playing careers) and anyone else who shows any form of interest in umpiring, as relaying positive personal experiences can be the best recruitment tool we have.

Finally I would like to thank the members who made themselves available for their assistance during the training sessions.

Peter Boland



Bob Spence Medal Dinner



The Queensland Cricketers' Club was the venue this year. Ninety one guests congregated in the bar area and enjoyed pre dinner drinks before making their way to be seated at their tables.

It was pleasing to see many new members attend as well as the partners of our members. We are endeavouring to make this a night of celebration of our Association not just an award's night and having our members' partners attend is a very important aspect of that.

Again we were delighted to have as our guests, representatives of the clubs, our Patron Brian Gaskell and his wife Pam, Mrs Bev Hoy, Ailsa Rowell and Bevyn Smith representing the Cricket Society.

Once again our guest speaker was Robert "Crash" Craddock. He kept our guests entertained with his anecdotes just after the main course. We were treated to over 45 minutes of great stories and then he answered questions from the floor.

We reverted to our three course meal, alternate drop. The food was exquisite and a number of members commented that it was one of the best meals they'd enjoyed at our dinners.

Peter Boland was once again our MC and was ably assisted by Nelma Grout, Ian Barsby, Andrew Moir and Ross Howard. They all did a great job. Kath Barsby also

did a wonderful job as "official" photographer for the evening.

We can't forget the winners of our awards; after all it is a big part of our evening to acknowledge the on-field efforts of our members.

The giving out of the many awards went smoothly and many thanks must go to our Statistician Ron Johnsen, who did a mighty job in compiling all the figures to find our winners. He was still able to do this despite travelling around the country as he only required a laptop and access to MyCricket via the internet. It was also great that Ron and Penny were able to attend the dinner.

As Lew Johnson was unable to attend, Nelma Grout presented his Second Grade Award as well as her own Third Grade Award and the First Grade Award. She was ably assisted by Ron Johnsen who presented the lower grade awards.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially to our Bob Spence Medal winner Peter Boland.

Castlemaine Perkins once again supported our Association by donating some of their products. Their continued support to us is very much appreciated.

Ross Howard
Hon Secretary

QCU&SA Delegate's Report

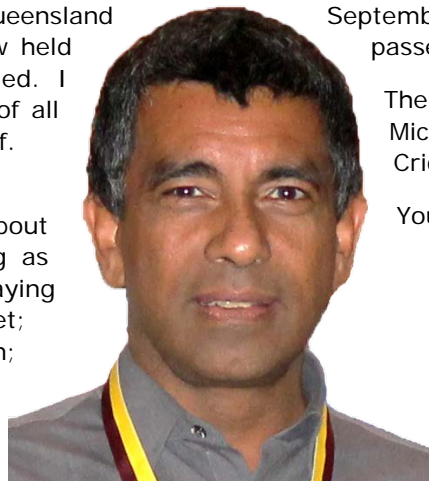
Firstly, I would like to thank the members for voting me in as Delegate for this past season and hopefully it won't be the last.

I attended 3 meetings and a forum, representing our association as your delegate to Queensland Cricket. The Forum was held on 21st July 2013; AGM on 16th September 2013; delegates meetings on 10th December 2013 and 08th April 2014.

There was also a meeting on Queensland Cricket's Corporate Governance review held on 30th April 2014, which Nelma attended. I won't bore you with the finer details of all the meetings, but give you a short brief.

Forum 21st July 2013:-

- The main discussion was about improving junior cricket. Ensuring as many juniors went on from playing junior/school cricket onto club cricket;
- Improvement of female participation;
- Update/improvement of MyCricket;
- Insurance cover to be paid for by clubs and associations equating to \$5.00 per member.



The main subject of discussion at all delegate meetings, including the AGM, was about funding (where and when) on a local, state and national level.

At the AGM, Sal Vasta was voted in as Deputy Chairman and Allan Border & Barry Jansen were voted in as Directors.

Soon after this meeting was held, Geoff Cockerill was appointed the new CEO of Queensland Cricket on 19th September 2013, replacing Graham Dixon, who passed away in July 2013.

The only other item of note was a discussion Michael Kasproicz had about Women's Cricket having their own BBL competition.

Yours till next year,

Ralston Ambrose
QCUSA Delegate



Grade Committee Report



The members of the Grade Committee for 2013/14 were Greg Rowell (Chairman), Michael Fisher (Grade Cricket Manager), Glynn Williams, Steve Farrell, Pat Culpan, Barry Cullen, Bob Menzies, Chris Simpson and Nelma Grout. Bill Brown stood down after serving on the Committee for a number of seasons and the new additions were Bob Menzies and Chris Simpson.

With the support of the Grade Committee, the Chairman formulated a statement of the Grade Committee Role which is set out below.

- 1) To support Clubs to provide opportunities for players to reach their highest potential, including progression to First Class or higher Grades, and create an engaging experience to provide enjoyment for all participants;
- 2) To manage the ongoing conduct and oversee all current grade competitions (both male and female). To use discretion in the best interests of the game relating to the conduct of Grade competitions, specifically to achieve paragraph one above.
- 3) To propose changes to playing conditions to the QC Board after meeting the 12 Grade Clubs post-season, as well as address other issues affecting the current and future development of club cricket in South East Queensland.
- 4) Develop and provide premier grade clubs with a selection of game formats most suitable for all participants, both male and female. Ensure game formats are developed to maximise use of available facilities.

To ensure the 2013/14 season ran smoothly, the Grade Committee met on at least six occasions and via phone or emails had regular communication between members. The main agenda items of our meetings

include preparing the Competition Schedule for the Grade Cricket season, drafting and interpreting the Regulations that govern the Competitions, resolving any disputes and organising the Grade Cricket Presentation Dinner.

The District Clubs receive a report on the Grade Committee deliberations after each meeting and are invited to send representatives to an end of season Club Forum which is held in May and a pre-season meeting to outline the main changes to the forthcoming season. Also, to gain feedback from the various stakeholders of Grade Cricket, players and Clubs are asked to complete a survey and the Chairman and Grade Cricket Manager held meetings with club coaches and club management.

The 2013/14 season was very similar to the previous season with regard to the regulations and to the schedule. There were a number of changes to the Laws of Cricket. Most of these changes will be introduced in the 2014/15 season, due to not receiving the exact wording of these changes prior to the printing of our Handbook in August.

Due to budgeting restraints, the Grade Cricket Dinner and Presentation Night was a smaller affair but still a great finale to the season. Everyone who attended the dinner at the Pavilion had an enjoyable night being entertained by Master of Ceremonies, Andrew Courtice, and guest speaker, Gideon Haigh.

Thanks must be extended to Greg Rowell as Chairman and Michael Fisher as Grade Cricket Manager for the many hours that they devote to ensuring that the Brisbane Grade Cricket Competition is run the best it can be.

Nelma Grout



Valley DCC – Winner of the Cam Battersby Cup – XXXX Gold First Grade Competition for 2013/14.



One of this season's summer storms approaches Ron Field Oval at Redlands, Wellington Point.



State Umpiring Manager, Queensland



Season Objective

Development of well-trained match officials to Grade Competition level and to meet the Queensland Cricket Strategic Policy.

Umpire Appointments

- Damien Mealey Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel (NUP) 2013 / 2014:
 - 5 Bupa Sheffield Shield
 - 7 KFC T20 Big Bash matches including the Semi Final
 - 3 Ryobi Cup matches
 - 1 Australia vs. England Women's T20
- Appointed to the Queensland Cricket State Umpire Panel 2013 - 2014:
 - Craig Hoffmann
 - Benjamin Farrell
 - Murray Branch
 - Stephen Dionysius
- Craig Hoffmann appointments:
 - WT20
 - WNCL
 - Future League including a Sydney match
 - 4th Umpire KFC T20 Big Bash
- Benjamin Farrell appointments:
 - WT20
 - WNCL
 - 4th Umpire KFCT20 Big Bash
- Murray Branch appointments:
 - WT20
 - WNCL
 - 4th Umpire KFC T20 Big Bash
- Stephen Dionysius appointments:
 - WT20
 - WNCL
 - 4th Umpire KFC T20 Big Bash

Cricket Australia National Under 19 Age Championships 2013 / 2014 in Hobart.

- Craig Hoffmann – performed at a high level than expected levels throughout the championships. Craig was seen as a future prospect for higher appointments.

- Murray Branch – Performed at an acceptable level throughout the championships.
- Murray was seen as an accomplished umpire at this level.

Cricket Australia National Under 17 Age Championships 2013 / 2014 in Adelaide.

- Benjamin Farrell – Performances during the championships met expectations of the UHPP and players.

Imparja Cup National Indigenous Championships 2013 / 2014 in Alice Springs.

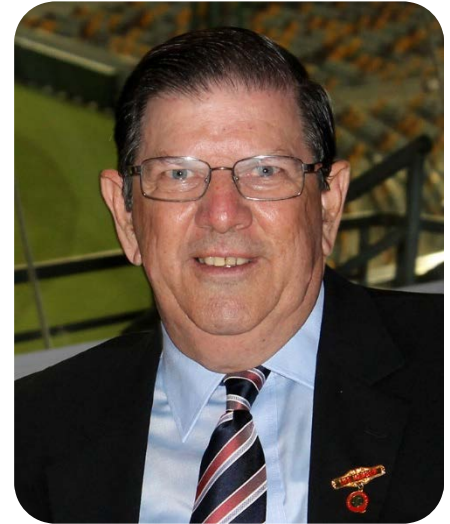
- Stephen Dionysius – performances above expectations throughout the championship.

Cricket Australia National Females in Cricket Scholarship Program.

- Karen Naylor has been chosen to participate in this program.
- Cricket Australia funded program for 2014 / 2015.
- Program is ongoing in line with Cricket Australia's Strategic Plan of promoting females in cricket.
- Two scholarships were offered;
 - Karen Naylor – Queensland
 - Ashlee Kovalevs – Western Australia
- Future Pathways:
 - Queensland State Panel
 - Cricket Australia Emerging Umpire Panel (EUP)
 - Cricket Australia Project Panel
 - Cricket Australia National Umpiring Panel (NUP)

Queensland Cricket State Umpire Panels

- Queensland Cricket State Panel 5
- State Development Panel 13
- Queensland Country Panel 12
- State Development Panel 6



Umpire Membership State Based

- Queensland registered "Active Umpires".....806
- Metropolitan Associations.....269
- Queensland Country.....537

Recruitment and Retention

- Total Recruitment.....587
- Metropolitan Associations....223 (Grade 66, CA Level 1- 157)
- Queensland Country.....364 (Grade 38, CA Level 1 – 326)
- Issues Facing the decline in Membership numbers:
 - Climate
 - Transition to other sports
 - Remuneration imbalance
 - Increased responsibilities (volunteers)
 - Lack of Player respect
 - Increased sledging
 - Negative comments from captains
- Recruitment and Retention: State issue
 - 2012 – 2013 reduction in recruitment of 4%
 - 2013 – 2014 reduction in recruitment of up to 10%
- Issues relating to decline in retention:
 - Work structure....movements in the workforce
 - Family commitments...children playing sport
 - Health issues....skin cancers



State Umpiring Manager, Queensland



Recruitment Programs:

- Word of mouth
- "Bring a Buddy"
- Shopping Centres ...Flyers
- Approach to Cricket Clubs
- Neighbourhood letterbox drops
- Radio Spots - ABC, Saturday Morning programs - BAYFM, Craig Hoffmann has participated
- Cricket Australia Level 1 Umpire Accreditation candidates
- Retirement Resorts (Aveo complexes 2014 / 2015)
- Queensland Country Associations applying for grants, \$4,500.00 to \$5,600.00, through the Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation.
- QC State Umpire Coach (SUC)

Education and Training Structure

- Accredited Regional Umpire Trainers (Australian Sports Commission Accredited)
- Regional Umpire Coordinator (7)
- Cricket Australia NOAS Level 1 Accreditation Scheme - coming On-Line April 2014
- Cricket Australia NOAS Level 2 Accreditation Scheme - coming On-Line 2016
- Associations Mentor Program
- Cricket Australia UHPP (Umpire High Performance Panel)
- DVD's, Technical Bulletins, Laws of Cricket books

Delivery Medium:

- QC State Umpire Coach up to 12 Seminars per season
- Stanthorpe to Bundaberg (South Queensland)
- Gladstone to Cairns (North Queensland)
- 6 Information nights
- Road show presentations during Queensland Country visits

Michael Ralston

State Director Umpiring



One of the venues for the Under 19 Age Championships 2013/14
KGV Oval – Glenorchy, Hobart, Tasmania



Stephen Dionysius



Damien Mealey



National U/17 & U/19 Representatives, L-R: Craig Hoffmann, Ben Farrell and Murray Branch



National U/17 Championships



Many of you may be familiar with me either as a member of the First Grade ranks or at meetings/seminars where I spoke to you last. I have been umpiring now for 9 seasons and have been fortunate enough to be part of the 2013/14 State Panel Group which has the distinction of participating in annual Cricket Australia (CA) Competitions.

In January 2014, the National U17 Tournament was held in Adelaide where CA selected 8 umpires to attend this carnival with myself being the only member from Queensland. All states and territories were represented over the 2 week event and I've attached the names of my colleagues below:

David Shepard (Vic)
David Taylor (NSW)
Deanne Young (ACT)
Will Braid (TAS)
Corey Black (SA)
James Hewitt (WA)
Michael Esam (NT)

But for the advent of a lightning storm on the 2nd day, a one day limited overs fixture no less (apparently it never rains or storms in Adelaide too by the way – or so I'm reliably informed!), it was a fairly placid carnival and I'm sure many of the players were under no illusion as to the underlying behavioural requirements placed upon them by CA which invariably makes our job easier.

In Brisbane, we would all be familiar with the common 30/30 rule. Well, no such rule/playing condition exists at the next level...so we invariably revert to common sense amid concerns for player safety. In this one day match, it took a triple lightning strike at the moment the scores were tied to invoke a delay in play as time fast drew to a close. Fortunately, we were able to get back on just in time and the match came down to the final wicket but SA scraped home in a nail biter over WA.

This set the scene for an enthralling next fortnight of cricket; complete with all the unusual happenings you would expect on a cricket field not to mention the extremities of hot

weather which I have alluded to below.

In the end, South Australia were declared the winners after it came down to the final two-day match - Queensland finished the youth tournament in third place. For the duration of our stay, CA treated us to the attendance of two KFC Big Bash matches, a professional development seminar day in the newly developed Adelaide Oval Function Rooms, opening and closing ceremonies, nightly meeting de-briefs, dinners and the usual fun and games that you would come to expect from a group of lads on tour!

Many umpires who have had the privilege of attending these championships, can attest to the fact that seldom do you encounter player behaviour issues given they are all 'on show'. At times though, things do boil over...when this happens, the expectation is high in terms of match management. Your choice of effective words when speaking to the captains and players concerned (post match), is paramount.

In my games alone, I dealt with two rather minor issues over the course of the championships – so largely uneventful to that end. Having said that, I was commended on my approach to dealing with these matters before they got out of hand. In turn, this is a strong endorsement of how our State Coach and wider Association Group has trained me in this regard and the approach we should look to take moving forward with basic match management issues.

The message from CA was clear: maintain a firm, professional and proactive attitude without overdoing it and do so with a team-based approach with your partner. Sure, it is a fine line to follow given so many players, coaches, managers, officials, parents and CA representatives are watching intently from the sidelines but this is our job and we strive for continual improvement.

Being a former North Queensland boy, 'heat' doesn't generally phase me particularly in cricketing circles.

In saying that, Adelaide provided an excellent if not well-timed period of exceptionally hot temperatures - up to 45.5 degrees one day!

Further, the City of Churches was exposed to not less than 11 days of temperatures exceeding 42 degrees for the month of January alone and I believe the newspaper clipping I retained one day shows we endured at least half of these during our CA listed matches. Needless to say, it was a challenge on the concentration front not least of all for hydration and recovery...drinks breaks were aplenty!

CA's ongoing approach and commitment to Umpiring Teamwork, Attitude, Self-Development, Professionalism, Concentration, Participation and Decision-Making, is indeed testament to its enduring high standards and expectations embodied from the National Panel and below. Our every move is watched and assessed in great detail with as much emphasis placed on what we do/say off the field as to how we carry ourselves on it. Like many aspects in life though, perception is everything.

Beginning with my initial taste of the KFC T20 Big Bash on January 2nd (4th Umpire) and concluding with the CA U17 Championships above, I was fortunate enough to rub shoulders with the likes of:

Daryl Harper
Steve Davis
Kim Perrin
Ashley Barrow
John Ward
Simon Fry
Sam Nogajski
Tony Ward
Bob Parry
Sean Easey

Our National Representative, Damien Mealey, even popped down for a chat over dinner one evening and helped me through his mentoring role which he has done so fantastically well the past few years.

Collectively, these umpires offer an extensive knowledge of the game from the International Elite level right through to grass roots cricket,



National U/17 Championships



the world over. Whenever asked and approached, they were all giving of their time knowing they are imparting a piece of their experience on to the next generation of umpire. Wherever possible, we will take these hints/tips and tricks back to the Association and incorporate what we need in to our weekly routines to improve and educate the membership group as a whole.

For me personally, I have much to learn over the coming years and see these CA Championships as a great

stepping stone towards developing my umpiring craft in the pursuit of higher honours.

Indeed, every time we step on to a field, we should leave the game of cricket in a better state than that which we inherited it. We too are willing participants if not ambassadors of the game itself. With a little hard work, dedication and patience, you too, may be given the honour of officiating a CA Championships...a truly worthwhile and personally rewarding experience.

I would like to conclude by thanking my State Coach, Dave Orchard, State Umpiring Manager, Mike Ralston, the Selection Panel, Members of the Association and not least of all, Cricket Australia themselves, for your entrusted support and ongoing training and development which has helped me to get where I am today.

Wishing you all the best for this well-earned off-season and hope to see you all again in season 2014-15.

Ben Farrell

National U/19 Championships

"Have you checked your emails?"

This was the first cryptic text from Craig Hoffmann, who turned out to be my roommate for the next couple of weeks.

This is how I found out about being selected for the U19 National Championships.

Of course, I checked my email straight away but I was unable to check them because of computer indifference to my plight.

I contacted my bride and she sent me a short message, quoted from the email Craig had referred to in his text, "I would like to congratulate you for your selection to umpire at the Under 19 National Cricket Championships in Hobart."

I called Craig as soon as I got the text and we both were impressed that two Queensland umpires were chosen and that was the feedback from other fine members of our association, with of course, a congratulations, and go well guys.

Our flight down to Hobart started well, when, going by memory, Craig broke the door of the aeroplane and the flight was delayed while Virgin replaced the "all important light fitting", which Hoffmann had displaced, much to my hilarity. Well that is how I remember it anyway!

We arrived in Hobart, went straight to the hotel, and checked in. We could not have the room as it was still being prepared for our arrival. Craig said he wanted to get something from the pharmacy so we went to the closest pharmacy, which was at the hospital and while I was waiting, I helped a boy, who had been surfing, into a wheel chair because he had sliced his toe off and his friends had it on ice. Who says Craig Hoffmann doesn't know how to show someone a good time?

The umpires for the Championship were-

Murray Branch (Queensland)
Shawn Craig (Victoria)
Phil Gillespie (Victoria)
Craig Hoffmann (Queensland)
Ange Sammartino (Victoria)
Craig Thomas (South Australia)
Ben Treloar (New South Wales)
Tony Wilds (New South Wales)

The format for the tournament was two, One Day Matches and three, Two Day Matches over a ten-day playing period. The training sessions would be the first rest day and the third rest day. For our day off, the umpiring group decided to travel as a group to Blundstone Arena to meet with and observe Paul Wilson, Greg Davidson, and Bob Stratford as they prepare for day 3 of Sheffield Shield match TAS v WA. Then we stayed on to watch Paul and Greg during the first session.

After the cricket, the intention was to travel by ferry to Mona a world-renowned art gallery and restaurant. This did not go to plan; the ferry was cancelled due to weather conditions. This was fine, we could drive out to Mona it was only a short drive from Blundstone. When we arrived at the gallery it was closed, apparently the only day, except for Christmas, that Mona was closed was this day, for renovations. It was decided the rest of the day was ours.

The tournament was an awesome learning & development experience for Craig and I. We both had a seamless tournament concerning our decision-making queries from captains and UHPP. Oh yeah, I had an eighteen ball over, which some believe, to equal a world record for the longest over in official tournaments. Our feedback from UHPP and CA was honest and forthright, which we both appreciated and valued.

Craig and I have both returned to Queensland with a desire to improve and impress, and with an agreement to give back to our umpiring community. Craig has been determined to see the Winter Training Sessions come to fruition and I have been able to be support along with the other panel members, Ben, Damien, and Steve.

Murray Branch



Peter Burge Medal



Simon Milenko is this year's winner and had a breakthrough season following a move to the Redlands Tigers from Gold Coast.

His Peter Burge Medal tally of 56 points was the highest since the new scoring system was introduced in 2010-11 incorporating 2-day, 1-day and T20 match formats.



Across all formats he tallied an incredible 790 runs and 40 wickets.

Originally from Lismore, Milenko praised the work of Tiger's Club Coach Nick Hurford and past Gold Coast mentor Daniel Doran in his victory speech.

Milenko, who has played for the Queensland Academy of Sport 2nd XI team in the Toyota Futures League, is the first player from Redlands to win the Burge Medal.

The late Peter Burge played first grade cricket for Eastern Suburbs, the club which pre-dated Redlands prior to its relocation from Bottomley Park to Wellington Point.

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)
	Scott Prestwidge (Wynnum/Manly)
1994/95	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)
2010/11	Nick Fitzpatrick (Sunshine Coast)
2011/12	Brian May (Souths)
2012/13	Brad Ipson (Gold Coast)
2013/14	Simon Milenko (Redlands)

Kath Smith Medal

Delissa Kimmince is this year's winner and achieved success at all levels this season. Having already been part of the successful Southern Stars World Cup and Konica Minolta Queensland Fire T20 campaigns, Kimmince starred for the Gold Coast Dolphins this season, topping the count on 31 points to win her first Kath Smith medal.



Queensland Fire teammate and Sandgate-Redcliffe wicket-keeper batsman Beth Mooney finished runner-up on 23 points. Grace Harris (Western Suburbs – 22 points), two-time past winner Jessica Jonassen (University of Queensland – 22 points) and Hannah Clarke (University of Queensland – 20 points) also made the top five.

Kath Smith Medal Honour Board

2002/03	Trish Brown (Valley)
2003/04	Trish Brown (Wynnum/Manly)
2004/05	Trish Brown (Wynnum/Manly)
2005/06	Trish Brown (Wynnum/manly)
2006/07	Melissa Bulow (Western Suburbs)
2007/08	Jude Coleman (Beenleigh/Logan)
2008/09	Melissa Bulow (Western Suburbs)
2009/10	Melissa Bulow (Western Suburbs)
2010/11	Jessica Jonassen (University of Queensland)
2011/12	Jessica Jonassen (University of Queensland)
2012/13	Jude Coleman (Ipswich/Logan)
2013/14	Delissa Kimmince (Gold Coast)



Cricket Australia and First Class Appointments 2012/13 Season



Damien Mealey

Women's National Cricket League Twenty20 Semi Final:

New South Wales vs. ACT *5th February 2014 Sydney*

Women's International Cricket Twenty20:

Australia vs. England *2nd February 2014 Melbourne*

Ryobi Cup O/D:

Western Australia vs. New South Wales *13th October 2013
Hurstville Oval*

Victoria vs. Western Australia *15th October 2013 North Sydney
Oval*

New South Wales vs. Queensland *17th October 2013 North
Sydney Oval*

KFC T20 Big Bash:

Heat vs. Hurricanes *28th December 2013 Gabba*

Strikers vs. Scorchers *31st December 2013 Adelaide (3rd
Umpire)*

Scorchers vs. Thunder *3rd January 2014 Perth*

Scorchers vs. Hurricanes *7th January 2014 Perth*

Strikers vs. Sixers *5th January 2014 Adelaide (3rd Umpire)*

Hurricane vs. Thunder *11th January 2014 Hobart*

Sixers vs. Hurricanes *15th January 2014 Sydney*

Renegades vs. Sixers *18th January 2014 Melbourne*

Strikers vs. Renegades *22nd January 2014 Adelaide*

Thunder vs. Sixers *25th January 2014 Melbourne*

Bupa Sheffield Shield:

South Australia vs. Western Australia *13th November 2013 Adelaide*

New South Wales vs. Queensland *22nd November 2013 Sydney*

New South Wales vs. South Australia *8th December 2013 Sydney*

Western Australia vs. Tasmania *12th February 2014 Perth*

South Australia vs. New South Wales *3rd March 2014 Adelaide*

Craig Hoffmann

Cricket Australia National Under 19 Championships:

2nd to 12th December 2013 Hobart

Toyota Futures League:

Queensland vs. Victoria *30th September 2013 A B Field*

New South Wales vs. South Australia *27th January 2014 Sydney*

Women's National Cricket League Twenty20:

Queensland vs. Tasmania *11th October 2013 A B Field*

Queensland vs. Tasmania *13th October 2013 A B Field*

Queensland vs. Western Australia *27th October 2013*

Toowoomba

Queensland vs. ACT *20th December 2013 A B Field*

Queensland vs. ACT *22nd December 2013 Gabba*

KFC T20 Big Bash:

Heat vs. Scorchers *22nd December 2013 Gabba (4th Umpire)*

Murray Branch

Cricket Australia National Under 19 Championships:

2nd to 12th December 2013 Hobart

Toyota Futures League:

Queensland vs. Western Australia *27th January 2014 A B Field*

Women's National Cricket League O/D:

Queensland vs. Tasmania *12th October 2013 A B Field*

Queensland vs. Western Australia *26th October 2013*

Toowoomba

Women's National Cricket League Twenty20:

Queensland vs. Western Australia *25th October 2013*

Toowoomba

Queensland vs. ACT *20th December 2013 A B Field*

KFC T20 Big Bash:

Heat vs. Stars *11th January 2014 Gabba (4th Umpire)*

Ben Farrell

Cricket Australia National Under 17 Championships:

13th to 23rd January 2014 Adelaide

Toyota Futures League:

Queensland vs. Victoria *30th September 2013 A B Field*

Women's National Cricket League Twenty20:

Queensland vs. Tasmania *11th October 2013 A B Field*

Queensland vs. Western Australia *25th October 2013*

Toowoomba

Women's National Cricket League O/D:

Queensland vs. Western Australia *26th October 2013*

Toowoomba

Queensland vs. ACT *21st December 2013 A B Field*

KFC T20 Big Bash:

Heat vs. Sixers *2nd January 2014 Gabba (4th Umpire)*

Stephen Dionysius

Imparja Cup Competition:

9th February to 16th February 2014 Alice Springs

Toyota Futures League:

Queensland vs. Western Australia *27th January 2014 A B Field*

Women's National Cricket League Twenty20:

Queensland vs. Tasmania *13th October 2013 A B Field*

Queensland vs. Western Australia *27th October 2013*

Toowoomba

Queensland vs. ACT *22nd December 2013 Gabba*

Women's National Cricket League O/D:

Queensland vs. ACT *21st December 2013 A B Field*

KFC T20 Big Bash:

Heat vs. Hurricanes *28th December 2013 Gabba (4th Umpire)*



Semi-Finals and Finals Appointments



XXXX Grade Competition

Semi Finals

- First Grade - P Boland, C Hoffmann, D Koch, D Mealey
- Second Grade - I Barsby, M Davidson, S Dionysius, S Farrell.
- Third Grade - M Branch, D Davis, B Farrell, S Sinclair
- Fourth Grade - M Castle, T Edmonds, J Ruddick-Collins, P Shine.
- Fifth Grade - J Griffith, P Hooper, D McIver, D Wills.
- Sixth Grade - R Ambrose, P Chapman, S Kumar, M O'Connor

Finals

- First Grade - C Hoffmann, D Mealey
- Second Grade - S Farrell, D Koch
- Third Grade - P Boland, S Sinclair
- Fourth Grade - S Dionysius, T Edmonds
- Fifth Grade - I Barsby, P Hooper
- Sixth Grade - M Branch, B Farrell

Sub-Districts Semi-Finals

A Bloomer, P Chapman, J Griffith, G Holmes, C Jacobs, N James,
P Lakshmanan, J Prakash, G Tutt, M White

Churches Cricket Association Queensland State Shield Finals Series

M Courtman, S Eustace, N James, J Prakash, C Pritchard, N Szkutko

Women's Cricket

Finals

- First Grade - T Logan, M Mellifont
- Second Grade - T Logan, M Mellifont

XXXX One Day Competition

Semi Finals

- First Grade - P Boland, S Dionysius,
C Hoffmann, D Koch
- Second Grade - R Ambrose, M Davidson,
S Farrell, S Kumar

Finals

- First Grade - C Hoffmann, D Koch
- Second Grade - P Boland, S Kumar

Twenty/20 Competition

Semi Finals

- First Grade - I Barsby, P Boland,
S Dionysius, D Koch
- Second Grade - I Barsby, D Koch,
D McIver, A Moir

Finals

- First Grade - I Barsby, P Boland
- Second Grade - D Koch, A Moir

Sunday Legends

- Final - K Dutt, K Naylor



Financials



Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc.
A.B.N. 50 189 308514

Balance Sheet
As at 31 May 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	6,333.34	21,782.99
Inventory	8,553.00	10,269.00
Term Deposit	56,487.84	45,915.62
Other	79.75	279.39
Less Unpresented Cheques	233.27	287.08
Total Current Assets	<u>71,420.69</u>	<u>77,959.92</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant and Equipment at cost	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>71,420.69</u>	<u>77,959.92</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>
NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	<u>71,420.69</u>	<u>77,959.92</u>
EQUITY		
Members Equity		
Retained Profits	<u>71,420.69</u>	<u>77,959.92</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>71,420.69</u>	<u>77,959.92</u>



Financials



Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc.
A.B.N. 50 189 308 514
Trading and Profit and Loss Statement
For Year Ending 31 May 2014

	2014	2013
Cost of Goods Sold	\$	\$
Opening Stock	10,269.00	7,786.50
Purchases	1,164.00	7,826.50
Less Closing Stock	<u>8,553.00</u>	<u>10,269.00</u>
	<u>3,880.00</u>	<u>5,344.00</u>
Other Income		
Accreditation Fees	700.00	910.00
Membership Fees	10,200.00	7,830.00
Bar & Raffle Takings	1,402.50	1,171.80
Seminar Receipts	500.00	540.00
Donations	1,746.50	0.00
Affiliated Member Receipts	50.00	14,963.67
Annual Dinner	4,140.00	2,690.00
Interest	1,854.48	1,471.73
Sponsorship	0.00	60.00
Special Raffle	0.00	3,725.70
Other Income	<u>2,595.60</u>	<u>112.35</u>
	<u>23,189.08</u>	<u>33,475.25</u>
	23,189.08	31,861.25
Expenditure		
Accreditation Kits	2,160.00	1,475.00
Affiliation Fees	0.00	0.00
Annual Dinner	8,424.70	6,308.16
Accounting Fees	250.00	250.00
Bank Charges	64.20	117.25
Bar Supplies and Finger Food	802.15	868.13
Depreciation	0.00	0.00
Donation	0.00	0.00
Lodgement Fees	45.00	43.45
Executive Meeting Refreshments	560.00	320.00
General Expenses	4,796.31	982.00
Honoraria	2,700.00	2,700.00
Insurance	572.00	0.00
Member Reimbursement	260.00	390.00
Printing, Post and Photocopy	2,369.74	2,696.14
Seminar Expenses	1,579.50	1,577.58
Special Raffle	0.00	4,000.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00
Stock Write Off	1,143.00	1,460.85
Storage	1,245.50	893.20
Sundry Expenses	0.00	310.00
Telephone	860.00	923.96
Trophies and Engraving	1,306.60	1,579.80
Training and Recruitment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	29,142.70	26,895.52
Net Profit from Ordinary Activities Before Tax	(5,953.62)	4,965.73



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. Geoff Cockerill, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Fisher, 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.

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 Annual Dinner

The Districts Clubs for the hospitality they extended to our members throughout the 2013/14 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, Assistant Secretary, 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.

Nelma Grout
President

Ross Howard
Secretary

"Top Ten Contenders" for the Bob Spence Medal announced at the Annual Dinner

