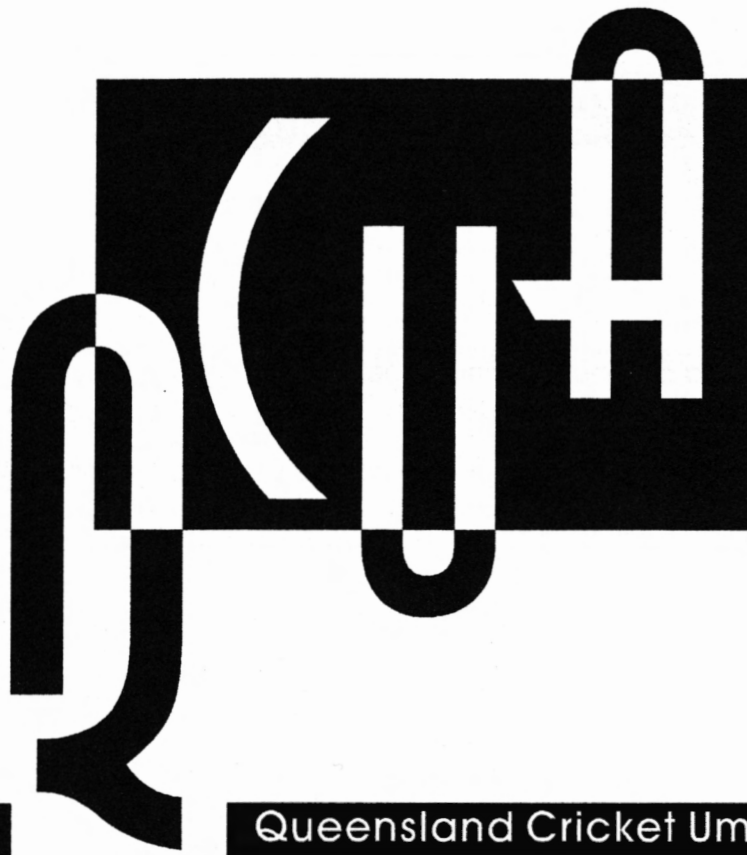


QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION



**TWENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1996-1997**

**PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1997**



Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association

28TH

Annual Report
and
Financial Statement

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Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 6th August 1997

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association will be held in the Queensland Cricketers' Club on Wednesday, 6th August 1997 commencing at 7:30pm.

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 1997/98 year
8. Annual Subscription
9. General Business

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1996/97 SEASON

PATRON:	R. Spence
PRESIDENT:	A. McQuillan
VICE-PRESIDENT:	T. Musch
HONORARY SECRETARY:	N. Grout
MINUTES SECRETARY:	A. Loynes
HONORARY TREASURER:	P. Latimer
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	K. Horton, M. Jay M. Johnson, A. Loynes, W. Petersen, M. Robinson W. Petersen
REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER:	C. Timmins
QCA DELEGATE:	A. McQuillan
GRADE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:	C. Bertwistle, M. Johnson
ALLOCATION PANEL - 1ST CLASS:	M. Johnson (Chairman), C. Bertwistle, B. Edmunds
ALLOCATION PANEL - GRADE:	N. Grout, T. Musch M. Johnson (Chairman), M. Jay, A. Loynes, A. McQuillan, T. Musch, A. Loynes
BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND COACHING:	M. Johnson (Chairman), P. Enright, T. Musch
RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:	M. Johnson
UMPIRES' OBSERVERS:	W. Cressy, K. Horton, R. Howard, J. Mackie, P. Lindsay, D. Vnall
DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING:	R. Green
SOCIAL COMMITTEE:	V. Knauth
STATISTICIAN:	
AUDITOR:	

MEMBERS OF THE QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

*	Aller	S.	1996/97	*	McGill	M.	1996/97
	Argus	J.	1995/96		McNamara	B.	1994/95
*	Bailo	G.	1996/97		McShane	M.	1989/90
	Barton	M.	1990/91	*	Maxwell-Jones	J.	1996/97
	Beasley	K.	1990/91		Michael	H.	1995/96
	Bromwich	R.	1993/94		Molesworth	M.	1994/95
	Brown	C.	1995/96	#	Musch	L.	1992/93
	Buckingham	B.	1995/96	*	Nickerson	J.	1996/97
*	Buckingham	L.	1996/97		Nielsen	B.	1994/95
	Carter	D.	1991/92		Nunn	D.	1988/89
	Cressy	W.	1993/94		O'Brien	N.	1995/96
	Dean	S.	1994/95	*	Page	G.	1996/97
*	Dillon	G.	1996/97	#++	Parker	P.	1981/82
*	Dore	A.	1996/97	*	Parkinson	S.	1996/97
*	Drew	M.	1996/97		Payne	A.	1990/91
+	Edmunds	B.	1984/85	*	Pearce	M.	1996/97
+	Edwards	B.	1986/87	*	Pearson	N.	1996/97
	Enright	P.	1990/91		Petersen	W.	1993/94
	Fazen	G.	1993/94	*	Pezzimenti	F.	1996/97
	Fleming	L.	1993/94	#+	Ralston	M.	1986/87
	Ford	W.	1993/94		Robinson	M.	1991/92
*	Foster	J.	1996/97	*	Rossiter	J.	1996/97
	Gilloway	N.	1994/95		Rostron	P.	1995/96
	Green	R.	1989/90		Rowe	J.	1989/90
	Heffernan	G.	1995/96		Ryan	B.	1994/95
	Heinemann	W.	1992/93		Schonfeld	D.	1993/94
	Hinchey	S.	1993/94		Skelton	K.	1995/96
	Hoens	S.	1994/95		Skipper	C.	1990/91
	Horton	K.	1992/93		Smith	M.	1993/94
	Howard	R.	1991/92		Southall	N.	1992/93
*	Hutchinson	J.	1996/97		Swan	P.	1995/96
#	Isherwood	R.	1991/92		Szkutko	N.	1994/95
#	Jay	M.	1990/91		Thompson	G.	1995/96
	Johnsen	R.	1995/96	*	Tobin	J.	1996/97
*	Johnson	B.	1996/97		Topp	J.	1990/91
	Kelly	R.	1990/91	#	Torpey	J.	1990/91
	Latimer	P.	1983/84	*	Velvers	J.	1996/97
*	Lavallee	P.	1996/97		Vinall	D.	1993/94
+	Lindsay	P.	1984/85	*	Watkins	J.	1996/97
#+	Loynes	A.	1987/88	+	Westphal	B.	1982/83
*	Lynn	R.	1996/97	#+	Whitby	M.	1985/86
	Mackie	J.	1995/96	*	White	D.	1996/97
*	Mackechline	M.	1996/97	*	Whitman	M.	1996/97
	Maclean	J.	1994/95	*	Wilson	C.	1996/97
	McCarthy	A.	1991/92	*	Wilson	F.	1995/96
*	McCall	L.	1996/97	#	Zimmer	G.	1991/92
*	McGill	B.	1993/94				

* New Members + Holder of 100 Game Badge # Holder of First Grade Badge ++ Holder of 150 Game Badge

LIFE MEMBERS

#	Newcombe	J.	1976	# +	Musch	T.	1987
#	Johnson	L.	1977	#	Johnson	M.	1989
#	Warwick	T.	1978	# +	Taylor	J.	1990
#	Crouch	R.	1982	# + +	Timmins	C.	1993
#	Heath	L.	1984	# + +	Bertwistle	C.	1994
#	Grout	N.	1986	# + +	McQuillan	A.	1996

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership was awarded to Tony McQuillan at our Annual General Meeting. Tony is our longest serving active member having joined the Association in the 1976/77 season. When he passed his umpires' exam, Tony was still playing First Grade cricket with Easts as a wicketkeeper. In the 78/79 season, he commenced full time umpiring and within the same season made his debut as a First Grade Umpire. He has now completed 18 seasons on the First Grade Panel which is quite an achievement.

Tony began his first class career in 1985 and to date has officiated in thirty Sheffield Shield matches, ten One Day Internationals and one Test Match. He is a current member of the Australian International Panel.

Not content to only be involved in the umpiring side of our Association, Tony has held a number of positions in the administration side of our Association. He has been a member of the Executive Committee, Vice President, delegate to the Brisbane Grade Committee and is currently our President, member of the Board of Examination and Coaching and on the Brisbane Grade Committee. Tony has always been available to assist with the onerous task of rewriting the Constitution, drafting new policies etc.

In the last 21 years, Tony has achieved a lot both in his umpiring career and for our Association and is therefore a very worthy recipient of Life Membership.

ROBERT SPENCE

Robert Spence, our Patron of twenty-five years passed away in February 1997 after a long illness. Bob, as he was known to us, was involved in our Association from its inception as our honorary auditor and remained in this position until illness prevented him continuing.

Bob was always interested in the operations of the Association and in the progress made by our leading umpires. Bob held many positions over the years in Queensland Cricket and the Cricketers' Club and was awarded Life Membership of both Associations. He was a First Class Scorer, Treasurer of Queensland Cricket, Chairman of the Brisbane Grade Committee to name just a few.

In recognition of his support for our Association, our major Award for Umpiring Achievement was named after him.

Robert Spence will be sadly missed by our Association and by the cricket fraternity at large.

WILLIAM EDWARD PENDER (WEP) HARRIS

While Queensland was winning its second Sheffield Shield Final (in March 1997), all the cricket family was attending Wep Harris's funeral.

Wep (Mr. University) held the position of Secretary of University Cricket Club from February 1958 until his death and was the backbone of the club holding the positions of Delegate to Queensland Cricket, member of the Grade Committee, First Grade Manager and Scorer and Groundsman.

He was not only involved in the University Club but was very active within Queensland Cricket and the Cricketers' Club. His services within these Associations were recognised by Life Membership being awarded to him.

Wep was a friend and supporter of all umpires and was highly regarded within our Association. He always attended our annual dinners and was happy to present awards. Wep's name will continue in our Association with the First Grade Award being named after him.

Wep Harris, a gentleman and a character will long be remembered by all who knew him.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many seasons ago, the QCUA embarked on a number of measures which it was believed would improve the situation of umpiring cricket. All the goals have been met, and the eternal struggle to have the best umpires is as close to being reached as possible, with Association averages higher than previous results.

Appointments used to be done each round by a committee which comprised mainly of well-meaning officials and an umpires' representative. Few on the committee had detailed knowledge of the umpires they were appointing. A wise decision was taken to have the umpires' association make its own appointments. From this time on, progress has been onwards and upwards.

It was in recent memory that cricket administrators wanted the QCUA to abandon its policy of umpiring only in pairs and to return to umpiring alone. They were quite rightly concerned that many grades were without umpires on a rotational basis. Nevertheless the policy was adhered to, and with the help of good advertising campaigns, a retirement scheme and the fine work of a few dedicated personnel, season 96/97 saw an abundance of umpires, even overflowing into the Sub-District Competition.

From a situation where one person might see you in your first match, the observer corps has been enlarged to three. Even with this number of observers, it is difficult to see umpires as often as would be ideal. The Association is looking to utilise video tape to assist all umpires in the near future, and not merely those who have the opportunity to umpire a televised match. The purchase of good quality equipment has been a task of the off-season and I have no doubt that being able to see oneself in action will bring even greater improvements to Queensland umpiring.

There will always be criticism of umpires and of decisions - one does not go into umpiring with the expectation that all decisions will be thought correct by all. It gave me great joy however, to learn that the marks given by captains to umpires in the recently completed season had improved from those of earlier seasons. Recruitment and development officers of recent seasons must be given high praise for this, and the Examination and Coaching Panel may also take heart. The figures do also make it harder to do what must now be done and that is to strive to show further improvement. The Board of Examination and Coaching has a responsibility to prepare well for seminars and meeting nights, so that they present umpires with a wide variety of approaches to improving their umpiring skills and knowledge of the laws, and maintain interest in doing so. The Association result is one for cautious pride and future challenge.

For many years now, the QCUA has had a fine, close working relationship with Queensland Cricket. The level of cooperation, understanding and trust that has developed has been a significant factor in the many successes in umpiring. Long time Secretary, Nelma Grout has been a prime mover in maintaining this good working relationship and has been a marvellous and constant worker for the Association. Much of the credit for success must go to her.

The QCUA has met the challenges of the past with great success. It is time to issue new challenges as changes occur in the way the game is to be played. We must strive to reach new heights in our standards on and off the field, and to maintain the excellent reputation that the Association thoroughly deserves. It has been a privilege to preside over the Association in such a healthy state.

Tony McQuillan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1996/97 saw Tony McQuillan elected our President and Merv Musch our Vice President. The Executive Committee welcomed the return of Michael Jay and new Committee Members Kevin Horton and Margaret Robinson. After eleven years of service, Col Bertwistle did not seek re-election on the Committee. Thanks must be extended to Col for his commitment to the Association over many years.

The Executive Committee met on twelve occasions during the year and attendances at these meetings are indicated below:

T. McQuillan	-	11	M. Jay	-	8
M. Musch	-	12	M. Robinson	-	7
N. Grout	-	12	W. Petersen	-	11
P. Latimer	-	9	K. Horton	-	12
M. Johnson	-	12	A. Loynes	-	10

The main items of business handled by the Executive Committee are as follows:

Meeting with National Umpiring Manager

The Executive Committee was happy to meet with Tony Crafter in November where he outlined plans for First Class umpires in the 1996/97 season. He also sought our views on the future recruitment of umpires and what assistance the ACB could provide with advertising campaigns.

The Association is please to note that the ACB is placing greater emphasis on the recruitment and training of umpiring.

ACB Training Video

In September 1996, two of our members Alan Loynes and Kev Horton along with Mel Johnson were involved in the production of the first ACB video on the Laws of Cricket. To give assistance to country Associations with their training of umpires, a copy has been sent to each of the Zone Delegates. Further copies are available for interested parties to purchase.

ACB Accreditation

During the season an effort was made to ensure that all active members had passed the ACB Level 2 exam by the completion of the 1996/97 season.

Captain's Reports

At the request of members, a new Captain's report was designed for the 1996/97 season on a one season trial basis. The report was quite successful but next season, captains will be asked to jointly complete the reports.

Wep Harris Testimonial Dinner

Our Association sponsored a table at this function which was held on the 22nd November 1996, at the Crest Hotel. It was wonderful to see in excess of 300 people acknowledge the commitment that Wep has made to Queensland Cricket.

First Grade Award

In honour of Wep Harris who recently passed away, the Association has decided to name the First Grade Award - The Wep Harris Memorial Award.

Honour Board

After many years of not having a home, the Honour Board will soon hang in the Meeting Room of Queensland Cricket Headquarters.

Umpire Recruitment

The Executive Committee still believe that we recruit new members each season. To that end advertisements were placed in both the Courier and Sunday Mail.

To assist in the recruitment of umpires in country areas, contact numbers of zone delegates were included in the Sunday Mail advertisements.

Constitution Changes

A special general meeting was held in July to amend the Constitution where it pertained to the Board of Examination and Coaching so that this Committee became an appointed rather than elected one.

Member's Benefits - Some of the benefits the Association provided for its members were:

- A reply paid permit for members to use when returning their captain's reports to the Secretary.
- Stamped addressed envelopes were issued to First Grade umpires for the return of their Peter Burge Medal forms to Queensland Cricket.
- All members received a covered notebook for umpiring use.

Meeting with new CEO

The President and Secretary met with Graham Dixon in the off season to discuss matters of mutual concern to Queensland Cricket and our Association.

The Executive Committee is pleased with its achievements during the past year and would consider 1996/97 a very successful year.

MEMBERSHIP

With twenty-nine new members, total membership rose to a record one hundred and six which includes our twelve life members. It is pleasing to report that not only was it a very successful year with our largest intake of new members, there were only seventeen members who did not renew their membership.

Members are encouraged to attend our monthly General Meetings where coaching sessions are held. Attendances at meetings were:

Annual General Meeting	-	56	December	-	57
August	-	68	January	-	59
September	-	73	February	-	57
October	-	68	March	-	48
November	-	58			

Peter Parker and Tony McQuillan retained their position on the National Panel for 1996/97. In addition to Shield and Mercantile Mutual games, Tony officiated in World Series and International games. Peter had an extremely busy season doing Test Matches, World Series and International games. Peter concluded the season on a high note when he officiated in the Shield Final in Perth. The Association congratulates Peter and Tony on their achievements during 1996/97.

The Association was pleased to supply umpires to numerous games and carnivals which are listed below:

- Australian Country Cricket Carnival
- Coca-Cola Secondary Schools Competition
- Christian Brothers' Cricket Week
- Sri Lankan Carnival
- Under Age Trial Matches
- Social Games
- Cricket v Cancer

Some umpiring achievements which must be recognised are:

- Messrs Parker, McQuillan, Ralston, Zimmer, Torpey, Musch, Jay and Horton on their appointments to First Class and/or Special Appointment games.
- Glenn Zimmer and Jim Torpey on their First Class debut.
- Laurie Musch, Jim Torpey and Glenn Zimmer who received their First Grade Badges.
- Col Bertwistle who achieved his 150 Game badge.
- Kevin Horton and Lawrie Musch who represented the Association at the Australian U17 and U19 Championships respectively.

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

As mentioned elsewhere in the Annual Report, the ACB has placed great emphasis on nationally raising the standard of examination and coaching. A big thank you to all those people in the country and metropolitan zones for the very competent way you have embraced the ACB's goals. Seminars followed by examinations are being conducted in all zones and, in many cases by local Associations. Having successfully completed step one, the ACB is looking at ways they can "train the trainer" and also "ticket" candidates who sit for the National exam in the four levels.

To this end, a video has been produced by the ACB for the training of umpires. Each zone will be given one copy and forthcoming country seminars will be used to "walk" the trainers through this exciting development in training umpires. QCCA seminars will be held in Townsville, Maryborough, and Toowoomba and appreciation is extended to Garry Madsen and Eric Adams for their part in facilitating these projects. Along with Queensland Cricket, the QCCA enabled a very important follow-up meeting to be held in Brisbane involving local cricket Associations and local Umpires' Associations. With one exception the fruits of these meetings have already been borne.

Country umpires now strive to represent their zone on the ten man country panel, six of whom were chosen to officiate in the prestigious National Country Cricket Championships held in Toowoomba. Indeed the career path is now open for all country umpires to officiate at the very highest level.

The ACB Umpiring Manager is in constant contact with the State Directors regarding a whole range of subjects from advice in selection of Test umpires to how will this recommendation be received in Oodnadatta. The opening of these communication channels has greatly improved umpiring both on and off the field.

For me to complete the tasks set by the ACB, the whole network must work and I am very appreciative of the support given by the ACB, Queensland Cricket, QCCA, QCUA, the Country Representatives, Zone Co-ordinators and local Umpire Associations in those zones. You people have made a great contribution to umpiring.

Mei Johnson

BOARD OF EXAMINATION & COACHING REPORT

As stated in the Director's report, the ACB has placed greater emphasis on both the examination of candidates and the coaching of umpires. The next logical step is the coaching of the coaches and already this has been put into motion. The following figures will give some indication of the wide acceptance of the national Examination (ACB) and the entrance examination (QCUA).

Lockyer District	ACB Ticket	0	QCUA Ticket	46
Eastern Downs	ACB Ticket	20	QCUA Ticket	0
Far North Queensland	ACB Ticket	34	QCUA Ticket	0
Maryborough	ACB Ticket	8	QCUA Ticket	0
Bundaberg	ACB Ticket	13	QCUA Ticket	8
Sunshine Coast/Gympie	ACB Ticket	16	QCUA Ticket	2
Redlands	ACB Ticket	8	QCUA Ticket	5
Warehouse/Sub District	ACB Ticket	59	QCUA Ticket	4
Beaudesert	ACB Ticket	4	QCUA Ticket	4
Gold Coast	ACB Ticket	25	QCUA Ticket	1
Beenleigh	ACB Ticket	16	QCUA Ticket	0
Boonah	ACB Ticket	8	QCUA Ticket	0
Ipswich	ACB Ticket	20	QCUA Ticket	0
Western Downs	ACB Ticket	15	QCUA Ticket	0
Townsville	ACB Ticket	7	QCUA Ticket	7
Gladstone	ACB Ticket	9	QCUA Ticket	4
Rockhampton	ACB Ticket	7	QCUA Ticket	0
Mackay	ACB Ticket	1	QCUA Ticket	3
Emerald	ACB Ticket	0	QCUA Ticket	8
QCUA	ACB Ticket	109	QCUA Ticket	0

To the people in all these regions, congratulations on the running of seminars and the result you have achieved.

The Examination and Coaching Panel conducted seminars at Gregory Terrace College and Marlst Brothers Ashgrove resulting in a further 40 plus people qualified under the elementary exam.

The QCUA Seminar held at Surfair was again a resounding success with numbers increasing each year. The one hour coaching sessions prior to each General Meeting gave all members a chance to improve their umpiring by not only listening to laws but how they were applied.

The panel thanks all members for the co-operation they received during those all important sessions.

To my co-partners on the panel, Queensland Cricket, QCCA and the country representative, a big thank you for a job well done.

May luck and application be with you during the 1997/98 season.

Mel Johnson

OBSERVERS' REPORT

This report should be read in conjunction with the Examination and Coaching Report and the Allocation Panel Report for all these are very much interlaced.

Since the introduction of observers, Captains' reports averages have steadily increased in every grade. This means that the observers have most members technically very correct, therefore coaching can go to a higher level and allocations become more difficult. A very pleasant situation indeed.

In our continuing quest for the better training of umpires the Executive granted a request for a video camera to video umpires "at work". Hopefully after some expert advice and a few "field experiments" that aid will be in use during this coming season.

Remember, if you are technically correct in your stance, head and body movements you have a greater chance of making the right decision.

Appreciation is expressed to Merv Musch and Peter Enright for their devotion to duty.

Mel Johnson

RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The 1996/97 season saw the Australian Cricket Board instigate a National advertising campaign for umpires for the first time. This campaign was a great success in Queensland and, along with our own advertising, it was instrumental in a total of 28 new members being recruited into our Association.

The training of the new recruits was initially conducted by our Inaugural Recruitment and Development Officer, Mr Col Bertwistle, with assistance from Ray Isherwood, Tony McQuillan, Michael Jay and myself.

The introduction of such a large number of new umpires into our ranks meant that the Association was not only able to fulfil its charter by being able to allocate two umpires in each grade to all Queensland Cricket Association fixtures but was also able to allocate umpires to stand in Queensland Sub Districts Cricket Association matches where they were able to gain valuable practical experience throughout the 1996/97 season.

On behalf of all members, I would like to thank Col Bertwistle for his sterling efforts in helping to recruit, train and develop more than half our current membership during the past six years and thereby significantly improve the overall standard of umpiring within our Association.

Thanks are also extended to Queensland Cricket for their continued support of our annual recruitment campaign and, to the QCUA Executive, for the faith they have shown in appointing me to this portfolio.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that they are quite welcome to contact me if they require any support or assistance during the coming season.

Alan Loynes

GRADE ALLOCATION PANEL REPORT

Following an ACB initiative in advertising for umpires, the Allocation Panel had the task of placing an excess of umpires. As figures below will indicate the Allocation Panel placed record numbers of umpires and this is in no small way attributed to fellow members of the panel who worked so professionally.

During 1996/97, 91 umpires (which includes two umpires who only officiated on Sundays) were appointed to Queensland Cricket Grade Competition matches. The number required for a full compliment is 64, therefore it is no longer appropriate to show the number of umpires who officiated in each round as we had excess in every round. Excess umpires were appointed to Sub-District games. Whenever possible, First Grade umpires were rotated to lower grades to assist newer members.

Figures below indicate the number of umpires who officiated in each grade during the season.

First Grade	-	16	Fourth Grade	-	27
Second Grade	-	25	Fifth Grade	-	33
Third Grade	-	30	Sixth/Sub-Dist.	-	39

Fifty-two umpires officiated in one or more games played on Sundays which include the Metway Super League Competition, the Coca-Cola One Day Competition, the U19 Competition and the Lord Taverner's U16 Competition.

Thanks must be extended to all active members for their commitment to umpiring. Thirty-one umpires officiated in all eleven rounds this season.

This panel continues to enjoy the all important confidence of Queensland Cricket. In the first half of the season, the Allocation Panel experienced difficulty with information on the availability of members. To this end, some streamlining in procedures were mutually agreed upon. It is hoped that next season, umpires will receive their allocations well in advance of the match.

Mei Johnson & Nelma Grout

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To: The Members of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 April 1997. The Association's Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association on its preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Executive Committee's financial reporting requirements under the Association's constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Statements of Accounting Concepts and Accounting Standards and Consensus Views of the Urgent Issues Group.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry into the accounting records. Accordingly our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified audit opinion

In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualifying paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of the Association as at 30 April 1997 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Vince Knauth
Chartered Accountant

QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 1997

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
Current Assets			
Cash on hand		55	150
Cash at bank	2	23180	26410
Inventory		<u>1200</u>	<u>934</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>24435</u>	<u>27494</u>
Non Current Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	3	<u>394</u>	<u>2407</u>
Total Non Current Assets		<u>394</u>	<u>2407</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$24829</u>	<u>\$29901</u>
Current Liabilities			
General creditors		0	5270
Umpire Incentives owing		<u>0</u>	<u>152</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>5422</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>5422</u>
Net Assets		<u>\$24829</u>	<u>\$24479</u>
Accumulated Funds	4	<u>\$24829</u>	<u>\$24479</u>

The attached notes to the accounts form part of this financial report

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1997

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Income:		
Annual Dinner Dance	1955	1800
Carnival (Age) Contributions	0	5830
Happy Hour and Christmas Function	948	840
Christmas Hamper	435	480
Donations	10	0
Interest	1374	851
Membership & Correspondence Fees	5579	4844
QCA Grants	8347	6661
Raffles	934	1198
Sales:		564
Badges	232	0
Coolites	154	139
Counters	92	920
Happy Hour	0	827
RuleBooks	1394	600
Shirts	560	105
Sports bags	90	0
Ties	75	0
Tie Pins	<u>27</u>	<u>72</u>
	2624	3227
Seminars & Films	2490	1615
WEP Harris Dinner	<u>250</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>24946</u>	<u>27346</u>
Less Expenses:		
Affiliation fees	105	50
Annual Dinner Dance	4629	4579
Audit	400	400
Bank Fees	48	43
Carnival (Age) Disbursements	0	5885
Cost of Sales: Opening stock	933	1380
Purchases	2567	1692
Less Closing Stock	<u>1200</u>	<u>933</u>
	2300	2138
Function Costs	0	1084
Gifts & Presentations	0	50
Happy Hour and Christmas Social	1461	890
Honoraria	300	300
Insurances	230	0
Interest	2	0
New Umpire Incentives	804	152
Printing, Postage & Photocopying	3319	2260
Seminars	6374	5425
Sundry	8	55
Telephone	809	368
Travel	144	163
Trophies & engraving	723	599
WEP Harris Dinner	<u>927</u>	<u>0</u>
Total expenses	<u>22583</u>	<u>24441</u>
Net Cash Operating Surplus (cd)	<u>\$2363</u>	<u>\$2905</u>
Net Cash Operating Surplus (bd)	2363	2905
Less Non Cash Expenses:		
Depreciation on film	0	1782
Depreciation on equipment	117	117
Write Off of Coaching Film	1896	0
	<u>2013</u>	<u>1899</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	<u>\$350</u>	<u>\$1006</u>

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QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION
 NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1997

Note 1: Accounting Policies:

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to provide accounts which satisfy the requirements of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association's constitution to prepare accounts. The Executive Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity as defined in *Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 "Definition of Reporting Entity"*. Accordingly there is no requirement to apply accounting standards in the preparation and presentation of the report.

Consistent with prior years the Executive Committee has used the cash basis of accounting with additional recognition for the depreciation of the Association's fixed assets. The cash basis of accounting means that income is recognized when cash is actually received, not when it is due to be received, and expenses are recognized when the payments are made rather than when a liability exists.

Consistent with prior years the value of inventory on hand has been determined on the basis of normal sale price.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 2: Cash		
Cash at bank	5907	10360
Term deposit	<u>17273</u>	<u>16050</u>
	<u>23180</u>	<u>26410</u>
Note 3: Property Plant & Equipment		
Coaching film at cost	0	17934
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>16038</u>
	0	1896
Equipment (Net of depreciation)	<u>394</u>	<u>511</u>
	<u>394</u>	<u>2407</u>
Note 4: Accumulated funds:		
Balance at beginning of year	24479	23473
Surplus (Deficit) from activities	<u>350</u>	<u>1006</u>
Accumulated funds at end of year	<u>\$24829</u>	<u>\$24479</u>

BOB SPENCE MEDAL

The highlight of our Annual Dinner on the 26th March at the Queensland Cricketers' Club was the presentation of the Bob Spence Medal for umpiring achievement in 1996/97 to Glenn Zimmer. Dr Cam Battersby, Chairman of the Board of Queensland Cricket, announced the winner and presented Glenn with the medal and perpetual trophy.

Glenn has had an extremely successful season making his First Class debut in the Sheffield Shield match between Queensland and South Australia. He commenced umpiring in 1991/92 and has now completed three seasons in First Grade, achieving his First Grade Badge. In 1995 and 1996, Glenn was chosen to officiate at the National Youth Championships.

Closely competing with Glenn for the award were the other finalists - Chris Brown, Wayne Cressy, Steve Dean, Kev Horton, Ross Howard, Bill Nielsen, Mike Ralston, John Rowe and Jim Torpey who received a medallion in recognition of their achievement.

Congratulations are extended to Glenn and the other medallion recipients for a very committed and successful season. Queensland Cricket recognises this award at their annual Trophy Night.

To Roy Green, our statistician, we convey our sincere thanks. His attention to detail combined with the time taken to collate the points is greatly appreciated.

The Bob Spence Medal Honour Board is as follows:

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

ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Association Awards were presented at our Annual Dinner by Queensland Crickets' new Chief Executive Officer, Graham Dixon.

All awards, except the First Season Encouragement Award, are given for on-field performances in the grade where members officiate the majority of their games. The First Season Encouragement Award is given to recognise the efforts of a member in their first season of umpiring.

The winners for 1996/97 were:

First Grade	-	Jim Torpey
Second Grade	-	Darryl Vinall
Third Grade	-	Nell Gilloway
Fourth Grade	-	Bob Ryan
Fifth Grade	-	Nev O'Brien
Sixth Grade	-	John Maxwell-Jones
Special Category	-	Steve Dean
First Season Encouragement Award	-	Mark Whitman

Jim Torpey, who joined in 1990/91, had a very successful umpiring season in that he achieved his First Grade Badge and also made his First Class Debut. In addition to his First Class appointments, Jim was available for ten First Grade games and four Metway/Coke games.

Darryl Vinall, in his fourth year of umpiring, officiated his whole season in Second Grade and did five U19 and two U16 games. He is a committed member of the Association and is currently a Social Committee Member.

Nell Gilloway, one of our younger members in his third year of umpiring, stood in nine Third Grade games. He was also very busy on Sundays officiating in nine U16 games.

Rob Ryan, is a very keen umpire as he umpires for our Association on Saturdays and the Gold Coast Umpires' Association on Sundays. He was available for nine Fourth Grade games and one Third Grade game this season.

Nev O'Brien, in only his second season, officiated the majority of games in Fifth grade and a few in Fourth Grade. Nev got his first taste of umpiring through his sons in junior Cricket.

John Maxwell-Jones, only a new member to our Association stood in a total of ten games in either Sixth Grade or Sub-Districts. It is pleasing that a new member should receive a Grade Award in his first season.

Steve Dean, a very involved Association member and recipient of last year's Fourth Grade award, stood in two Fourth Grade, six Third Grade and three Second Grade games during the season. He also officiated in nine U16 games.

Mark Whitman, in his first season officiated in all rounds standing in two Sub-District, two Sixth Grade, six Fifth Grade and two Fourth Grade games. In addition he stood in seven U16 games. Mark is showing great potential as an umpire.

Congratulations are extended to the above award winners.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Social Committee had a successful year, carrying on from the excellent work done by the previous committee. We were able to conduct raffles at most of our monthly meetings, due largely to prize donations from members and other sources, such as Shield tickets and the like from Queensland Cricket.

We have continued to provide food platters to complement the sale of drinks after our meetings. Hopefully, this has encouraged members to stay after meetings to socialise and has assisted in developing camaraderie within our Association.

Two major raffles were conducted during the season, the prizes being a Christmas hamper and a cricket bat autographed by the Australian team. To all the members who donated prizes for the hamper (and for our monthly raffles), a very big thank you. I would also like to extend our appreciation to Queensland Cricket for providing the cricket bat. Thank you also to all who sold tickets in any of the raffles we conducted throughout the year. Without this effort and commitment, we would not have had the successful year that we did.

The fund raising activities of the Social Committee were geared towards assisting in financing our annual Bob Spence Medal dinner and keeping the cost to members for the dinner to a minimum. Once again, the dinner was well attended by members, their partners, and representatives from Queensland Cricket, contributing to the success of the occasion.

We were also able to have a range of prizes to give away at the dinner, including the major door prize of a weekend for two at Surfair on the Sunshine Coast, a prize kindly donated to use by Surfair. A special thank you to Nelma Grout and Margaret Robinson for their efforts in general organisation for the dinner and co-ordination of prizes, both contributing immensely to the success of the occasion.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to thank all members of the Social Committee, John Mackle, Ross Howard, Wayne Cressy, Darryl Vinall and Paul Lindsay plus Margaret Robinson and Steve Dean who were drafted in for assistance from time to time for all their efforts.

Kevin Horton

QUEENSLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The QCA Annual General Meeting was held at the Queensland Cricketers' Club on Tuesday, 13th August 1997. All Officer Bearers were returned with the exception of the Treasurer. Mr Keating did not seek re-nomination and his position was filled by Mr. Jorgensen. Mr Jack McLaughlin was made a Life Member of Queensland Cricket.

There was a slight reshuffle of portfolios within the Board of Directors with Peter Burge becoming responsible for Umpires. Thanks are extended to Peter for his support and friendship throughout the season.

The beginning of 1997 saw Barry Richards leave Queensland Cricket and Graham Dixon become the new Chief Executive Officer. Best wishes are extended to Graham in his new position.

Queensland Cricket headquarters moved to its new address at Newmann Oval in November 1996. The move was made so that State Squad training and Second XI games could be played at this venue. Progress is well underway and it is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of the season.

A major project of Queensland Cricket this season has been a review of Grade cricket. This Committee has made a number of recommendations which will be implemented in the forthcoming season.

1996/97 saw the introduction of Affiliated Bodies paying a premium per member for Sports Injury Insurance cover.

The QCUA is very appreciative of the support and financial assistance that was provided by the QCA in the following ways:

- Continuation of our Grant Subsidy Fund.
- Financing Country Seminars.
- Paying for two members of our Board of Examination and Coaching to attend the Tasmanian Umpires' Association seminar.
- Paying for our recruitment advertisements.
- Paying allowances for our excess umpires to officiate in Sub-District fixtures.
- Maintaining our Retirement Fund.
- Providing autographed bats for raffle prizes.

PETER BURGE MEDAL

The Seventh Peter Burge Medal Presentation was held in Dennison's at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers on Wednesday, the 2nd April 1997. This function is jointly hosted by the Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association and Queensland Cricket.

Everyone in attendance felt the evening was a great success. John Maclean, former Australian wicketkeeper and past President of Queensland Cricket was the guest speaker, while Chris Bombolas kept the evening moving as compere. In addition to the presentation of the round by round points, the interviews of well known club identities on their tip for winner was an excellent innovation and very popular with the audience.

The Peter Burge Medal is awarded each year to the best and fairest player in the First Grade Competition. The winner of this award is determined by the points given by the QCUA umpires. After each day of play each pair of umpires, awarded points on a 3,2,1 basis with a further five points being awarded to the player considered by the umpires to have been Man of the Match.

A very popular and convincing winner (on 37 points) of the Peter Burge Medal for 1996/97 was Jeff Pfaff of the Gold Coast. Jeff had a very successful season with the bat scoring in excess of 1000 runs.

In second place from Wests was G. Scarffe along with other top contenders B. Mortimer (Sandgate/Redcliffe), J. Davies (Valleys), A. Noffke, M. Miller and B. Nash (Norths), S. Prestwidge (Wynnum Manly) and P. Jackson (University).

The Queensland Cricket Umpires' Association wishes to express its thanks to the Sunday-Mail for publicising the award, to the Sheraton Hotel and Towers for providing an excellent venue and food, to Castlemaine Perkins for supplying the refreshments and to Queensland Cricket for their continuing assistance and support in collating the points and organising the medal presentation.

A special thank you to Ian Sturgess, Grant O'Hara and Trish McKenna of Queensland Cricket for the time and effort they contributed to making the night such a successful one.

GRADE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Brisbane Grade Committee met on a number of occasions to consider issues ranging from the interpretation of playing regulations to debate on the future of grade cricket in and around Brisbane.

The most common issue considered by the Grade Committee is the application of the regulation concerning replacement players. Many of these requests from clubs are dealt with by telephone as they require an almost immediate decision. A concern in the recent summer season was the inability, on occasions, to field a team that had been entered, and the consequent withdrawal from the competition. Issues such as this, which no doubt involves the great distances to be travelled by players in all grades are being addressed by various committees of Queensland Cricket in the off-season.

The Grade Committee received the report of a special committee set up by Queensland Cricket, that report having been endorsed by the Board, and subsequently supported in most aspects by the Grade Committee. The finer points of changes for the future are still in progress as this report is being prepared, however umpires will find that the game will be different in all grades in the forthcoming season.

I thank the QCUA and the Board of Queensland Cricket for the opportunity to have served on the Grade Committee for the 1996/97 season.

Tony McQuillan

UNDER 19 CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANBERRA - JANUARY 1997

In January this year, I was fortunate enough to be the QCUA representative chosen to officiate at the Australian U19 Cricket Championships held in Canberra.

The standard of cricket was very high and congratulations must be extended to all the boys who were chosen in the Australian Youth team to play Pakistan. James Hopes from Norths was Queensland's sole representative.

I was appointed to umpire the following games:

Teams	Grounds	Partner
QLD v SA	Boomanulla	John Smeatons (Tas)
NSW v WA	Kaleen	Terry Keel (ACT)
NT v SA	Kingston	Geoff Marrow (VIC)
NSW v WA	Manuka	Keith Rinaldi (WA)

All umpires were well looked after by the ACT Cricket Association and the hospitality at the Australian National University was top class.

I would like to wish the Canberra Comets all the best in the Mercantile Mutual Cup next season.

Lawrie Musch

UNDER 17 NATIONAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

FUTERA CUP - BRISBANE, JANUARY 6TH - 17TH, 1997

The future stars of Australian cricket descended on Brisbane in January 1997 to contest the Futera Cup. I was fortunate enough to be selected to represent the QCUA and to meet fellow umpires from across the nation, to play our part in ensuring the success of these National Championships.

As all participants gathered at the University of Queensland on 5th January 1997 for a welcome lunch/BBQ, there was much anticipation in the air, and pride and excitement amongst the participants at being selected to represent their respective states. There was also some trepidation from some of the southern states about the prospect of playing consistently in the heat and humidity of Brisbane in January. As it turned out, Brisbane turned on two weeks of magnificent weather, with ideal playing conditions and little humidity to speak of.

So all was in readiness for a great tournament and some very good cricket was played by all states. From an umpiring perspective, all umpires were appointed to all five rounds, requiring us to umpire for ten out of twelve days. This was a great experience and I have benefited already from the pressure of maintaining concentration levels and performing consistently in such an environment. It was also good to develop team work and rapport with umpires from different states, and to also see their different styles, techniques and mannerisms.

For the record, I was appointed to the following games:

NSW	v	NT	played at Deagon 1
ACT	v	VIC	played at Graceville
NSW	v	SA	played at Nudgee College
TAS	v	WA	played at Deagon 1
WA	v	VIC	played at Easts/Redlands

Congratulations go to the NSW team who won the Championship, gaining two outright wins along the way and collecting the most points. However, congratulations must also go to the Queensland team who were undefeated throughout the tournament, winning on first innings in every round and being the only side to defeat NSW. The coaching staff of Trent Ryan and Ian Bartlett, and Queensland Cricket will take heart from their performance and it is highly likely that players from this team will go on to represent Queensland in the Sheffield Shield in years to come.

All teams were well looked after at the University of Queensland. Congratulations are extended to Peter Easton (Chairman), Judy Harris (Secretary) and the rest of the organising committee, who were instrumental in ensuring the success of the tournament.

A big thank you also to my fellow umpires who did a great job and to the managers, coaches and players of all the teams who conducted themselves well throughout the tournament and treated me well both on and off the field.

Finally, I would like to extend my greatest thank you to the Allocation Panel for selecting me to represent the QCUA and showing faith in me. I was very proud to represent our Association and am most appreciative of the opportunity given to me. I have already gained from the experience and I would encourage all umpires to aspire towards selection to represent our Association at prestigious events such as this.

Kevin Horton

QCUA REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER'S REPORT

On completing my fourth term as QCUA Representative Member, I can reflect on the distance country umpires have moved since allowance for country umpires to have their affairs handed by their own members and having voting rights in QCUA affairs. Through extensive administration seminars and guiding of the QCUA, all country Associations should now have the capacity to run their own affairs and be on equal footing with their city colleagues. Feedback from Country Associations show that they have accepted the change and are receiving information as it comes to hand. All country inquiries are being channelled through their representative member and they have accepted the role he is expected to fulfill. To this end I believe I have achieved this goal.

The QCUA are aware of country umpires needs and this is highlighted in that country seminars are once again being held at the insistence of its members. Mel Johnson and his coaching staff can be complimented on ensuring that country umpires are accredited with ACB qualifications and updated rule interpretations. Thanks also to Nelma for filling all country orders which at times can be quite time consuming. I can assure country umpires that at all times their needs are being monitored and to this extent my thanks go to fellow members of the QCUA Executive for their support in ensuring that the success of our Association is always paramount in everyone's mind.

One successful note this season has been the career path achieved by Greg Cubit from SCWMCUA. The QCUA have exposed him to top level games and he has relished the opportunity. All country umpires can feel satisfied that one from within our ranks has achieved a goal that was not possible previously. We wish him well as he embarks on furthering his umpiring career within the QCUA framework in Brisbane.

The season has been an enjoyable experience for myself and one that I take pride in when Country Umpire credentials are on show.

Wayne Petersen

OTHER UMPIRES' ASSOCIATIONS

Since the introduction of the Representative Member and regular seminars for umpires, there are now in excess of 40 Umpires' Associations throughout Queensland.

In some cases there may only be a couple of umpires compared to larger Associations nearing 40 members. Special thanks must be extended to Wayne Petersen, our Representative Member for assisting and communicating with these Associations.

Members of our Association were pleased to join with six country umpires to officiate in the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Toowoomba in January. With more representative games being played in the country, these umpires are gaining valuable experience and are getting the opportunity to officiate in a higher standard of cricket. Eastern Downs, Beaudesert and Ipswich have continued to appoint an umpire to officiate in U19 and U16 games where their local team is competing.

I was pleased to receive a few reports from Umpires' Associations outlining their activities etc. for 1996/97.

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

Mr. Chris Lord stood down as President and was replaced by Peter Leate. Chris Lord as our first President helped form the Association and will be greatly missed on and off the field.

With the assistance of a training programme from NSW, our Coaching Panel has conducted seven umpires' courses this season and has obtained a 100% pass rate. We are assisting PNG form an Umpires' Association.

This Association has 39 members, which includes 25 active members who take the field each weekend in an area spreading from Tully in the South, to Atherton in the West, and Port Douglas in the North. The first female umpire in Queensland Country Cricket with ACB accreditation took to the field for the first time in December 1996. Life Membership was awarded to Alan Boland for 34 years of service in cricket and umpiring in FNQ and to Frank Walsh for 27 years service to umpiring and forming the FNQ Umpires' Association five years ago.

Frank Walsh

TOOWOOMBA CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION INC.

The 1996/97 season saw a reduction in umpires not caused by umpire apathy but because of illness, transfers and work. With only 13 active umpires, the season was going to be hard but to their credit, the majority of umpires were available all season. All umpires were accredited under the new ACB examination during the season. Recruitment is promising for next season with 17 people showing interest, including some players.

We are pleased that most innovations endorsed by previous Administration Seminars have been taken on board by the Senior Controlling Body however further work is necessary to insure Judiciary Hearings are heard in line with guidelines laid down. This season saw the implementation of our Association becoming incorporated and policies have now been drawn up to enable our Association to manage its affairs into the next century.

The highlight of our season was the Break-Up function with QCUA President/Test Umpire Tony McQuillan in attendance. Tony spoke of his experiences at State/Test level and stressed that a career path was in existence for umpires who wished to go further than country level.

A perhaps disappointing aspect of the season was the fact that none of our umpires achieved recognition at higher levels (Schaffer Shield, Top Country games) when there are members capable of achieving this level.

Wayne Petersen

IPSWICH CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

During the past season, the Association has held four seminars which have proved to be successful, gaining five new umpires and three junior umpires.

Unfortunately we lost two umpires, Greg Cubit who will umpire in Brisbane and another member retired. However, with our positive approach to seminars, we are confident of recruiting more interested persons to our Association and look forward to an exciting 1997/98 season.

Chris Carkeet

ROCKHAMPTON CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

The Rockhampton Cricket Umpires' Association had 13 active members last season, our best number to date.

The highlights of the season were as follows:

- Graham Stewart stood at the Queensland Country Cricket Championships in Toowoomba.
- Graham and Michael Thompson stood at the XXXX Cup games in Townsville.

During the season, our members stood in the following fixtures:

- a. CQ Mans Toyshop Limited Over Competition
- b. Rockhampton Club Limited Over Morning Bulletin Competition
- c. Secondary Schools Limited Over Competition
- d. Secondary Schools Peter Wells Competition
- e. Weekly fixtures in First, Reserve and Third Grade
- f. Norb Brewster stood in the Wanderers game held at Blackwater.
- g. Eight members stood at the U16 State Carnival held in Rockhampton

All in all it was a very full year. For 1997/98 we hope to be able to maintain our present strength and hopefully add an extra umpire or two to our ranks.

Rob Macfarlane

METROPOLITAN ZONE

The year started last August when ACB Level 2 exams were conducted for the zone with a total of ten passing. The ACB recruitment campaign in late August was very successful with 15 candidates (including cadets) passing the Level 1 exam and joining our ranks.

The zone conducted further Level 2 exams in February 1997 with an additional 16 persons qualifying for their ACB accreditation.

The Warehouse Cricket Umpires' Association extends its appreciation to the QCUA, Churches, Beenleigh and Sub Districts umpires who stood in a record number of fixtures during the 1997 winter season.

Congratulations to Ian Midgely who was selected to officiate at the Australian Country Cricket Championships held in Toowoomba.

The zone would like to thank Mel Johnson for his answering of questions and quick response to examination results, the QCUA Examination and Coaching Panel and Secretary, Nelma Grout, for assistance given throughout the past year.

Parry Scott

FIRST CLASS APPOINTMENTS

Tony McQuillan

Australia A	v	Pakistan	(1 day game)
Australia A	v	West Indies	(1 day game)
West Indies	v	Pakistan	(World Series - Video)
Australia	v	West Indies	(World Series - Video)
South Australia	v	Western Australia	(Sheffield Shield)
Tasmania	v	Western Australia	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	Western Australia	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	Victoria	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	New South Wales	(Mercantile Mutual)
Queensland	v	Tasmania	(Mercantile Mutual)
Queensland	v	Western Australia	(Mercantile Mutual - Video)
Queensland	v	Pakistan	(1 day game)

Peter Parker

Australia	v	West Indies	(1st Test - Third Umpire)
Australia	v	West Indies	(3rd Test)
Australia	v	West Indies	(2 World Series)
West Indies	v	Pakistan	(World Series)
Pakistan	v	Australia	(World Series)
West Indies	v	Pakistan	(World Series - 2nd Final)
Australia XI	v	West Indies	(4 day game)
Queensland	v	England A	(4 day game)
South Australia	v	Western Australia	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	New South Wales	(Sheffield Shield)
Victoria	v	New South Wales	(Sheffield Shield)
New South Wales	v	Tasmania	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	Western Australia	(Sheffield Shield Final)
Queensland	v	New South Wales	(Mercantile Mutual - Third Umpire)
Queensland	v	Western Australia	(Mercantile Mutual)
Queensland	v	Tasmania	(Mercantile Mutual)
Western Australia	v	Victoria	(Mercantile Mutual - Semi-Final)

Michael Ralston

Australian Country	v	West Indies	(1 day game)
Queensland	v	Cricket Academy	(1 day game)
Queensland Colts	v	Vic Institute of Sport	(2 day game)
Queensland	v	Tasmania	(Mercantile Mutual - Third Umpire)
Queensland	v	Pakistan	(1 day game - Third Umpire)

Jim Torpey

Queensland	v	Tasmania	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	Western Australia	(Mercantile Mutual)
Qld Institute of Sport	v	Vic Institute of Sport	(3 day game)
Queensland	v	England A	(4 day game)
Qld Academy of Sportv		Com. Bank Cricket Academy	(4 day game)
Qld Academy of Sportv		Queensland Colts	(3 day game)
Queensland	v	Qld Academy of Sport	(2 day game)

Glenn Zimmer

Australia	v	West Indies	(1st Test - Reserve Umpire)
Queensland	v	South Australia	(Sheffield Shield)
Queensland	v	Victoria	(Sheffield Shield - Third Umpire)
Queensland	v	New South Wales	(Mercantile Mutual)
Queensland	v	Pakistan	(1 day game)
Australian Country	v	West Indies	(1 day game - TV Umpire)
Qld Academy of Sport	v	Com. Bank Cricket Academy	(4 day game)
Queensland Colts	v	Vic Institute of Sport	(1 day game)

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS APPOINTMENTS

XXXX GRADE COMPETITION - SEMI-FINALS

FIRST GRADE	-	A. McQuillan, P. Parker, J. Torpey, G. Zimmer
SECOND GRADE	-	C. Bertwistle, K. Horton, R. Isherwood, M. Ralston
THIRD GRADE	-	M. Jay, A. Loynes, L. Musch, J. Rowe
FOURTH GRADE	-	M. Barton, W. Cressy, W. Heinemann, R. Howard
FIFTH GRADE	-	D. Carter, B. Edwards, G. Fazen, A. McCarthy
SIXTH GRADE	-	B. Buckingham, S. Dean, J. Mackie, N. Southall

XXXX GRADE COMPETITION - FINALS

FIRST GRADE	-	A. McQuillan, P. Parker
SECOND GRADE:	-	R. Isherwood, J. Torpey
THIRD GRADE:	-	C. Bertwistle, K. Horton
FOURTH GRADE	-	L. Musch, M. Ralston
FIFTH GRADE	-	M. Jay, J. Rowe
SIXTH GRADE	-	W. Heinemann, A. Loynes

THE METWAY CUP SUPER LEAGUE FINAL

M. Ralston, G. Zimmer

COCA-COLA ONE-DAY COMPETITION

A. McQuillan, P. Parker

U19 COMPETITION - FINAL

B. Edwards, B. Nielsen

SUB-DISTRICTS FINALS

A GRADE	-	M. Barton
B(1) GRADE	-	W. Cressy
B(2) GRADE	-	B. Edwards
C(1) GRADE	-	D. Carter
C(2) GRADE	-	G. Fazen

ANALYSIS OF MATCH APPOINTMENTS

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6/SD	Metway Coke	U19	U16	Total
S. Aller					1	6				7
J. Argus				8	1					18
G. Ballo						12				12
M. Barton	3	8					1		1	81 ^{1/2}
K. Beasley		3 ^{1/2}	7							66
C. Bertwistle	7	1	2	1			5	1		174
R. Bromwich						8				31
C. Brown			5	5	1				10	21
B. Buckingham		4	5						1	20
L. Buckingham					1	10 ^{1/2}				11 ^{1/2}
D. Carter		8 ^{1/2}	1					2	7	45
W. Cressy		11						5	5	49
S. Dean		3	6	2					9	33
G. Dillon						8				8
A. Dore						12				12
M. Drew					6	2			1	8
B. Edmunds			4	2				2		130
B. Edwards		11					3	3		130
G. Fazen		7	4					2	8	43
L. Fleming			10							39
W. Ford			1	8	1	2			4	46
J. Foster				4	3	3				10
N. Gilloway			9	1					9	27
G. Heffernan			6	3						17
W. Heinemann	9	2					4	5		61
S. Hinchey									12	
S. Hoens					8	2			2	23 ^{1/2}
K. Horton	10						5			59 ^{1/2}
R. Howard	9	2					5	4		74
J. Hutchinson						10				10
R. Isherwood	9	1	1				7			81
M. Jay	11						7			93
R. Johnsen				6	1					17
B. Johnson					1/2	11 ^{1/2}			1	12
R. Kelly		1	9	1				2	6	79 ^{1/2}
P. Latimer		4	2							139
P. Lavallee					2	10				12
A. Loynes	10	1/2					7	1		131
R. Lynn						9				9
M. Mackechnie					1	9				10
J. Mackie		9	1					5	2	21
J. Maclean			5	4					1	30
A. McCarthy		9	1					5	1	58
L. McCall					3	6			1	9
B. McGill			1	10					7	37
M. McGill					1	10			1	11

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Name	1	2	3	4	5	6/SD	Metway Coke	U19	U16	Total
B. McNamara						12				25
A. McQuillan	5 ^{1/2}	12					6			209 ^{1/2}
M. McShane		2	8	1		1			9	79 ^{1/2}
J. Maxwell-Jones						10				10
H. Michael					12	5				13 ^{1/2}
M. Molesworth		7	1 ^{1/2}						1	32
L. Musch	7 ^{1/2}						5		1	64
J. Nickerson					1	10				11
B. Nielsen		11						5	3	32 ^{1/2}
D. Nunn					2	8				87
N. O'Brien				3	7					13
G. Page			9						1	9
P. Parker	5 ^{1/2}						4			175
S. Parkinson						7				7
A. Payne				3	6	3				78 ^{1/2}
M. Pearce					1	4				5
N. Pearson					2	7				9
F. Pezzimenti					8 ^{1/2}	3			2	11 ^{1/2}
M. Ralston	11						7			135
M. Robinson			1	5	1					47
J. Rossiter					5	6				11
P. Rostron		2	7	1					6	20 ^{1/2}
J. Rowe	9	2					7	3		94 ^{1/2}
B. Ryan			1	9						27
D. Schonfeld			9 ^{1/2}							40 ^{1/2}
K. Skelton				9	1				3	20
C. Skipper				5 ^{1/2}	4	1 ^{1/2}				20 ^{1/2}
M. Smith			1	9					3	41 ^{1/2}
N. Southall		11						5	4	60
P. Swan									12	9
N. Szkutko					1 ^{1/2}	9			4	31
G. Thompson				1	2	5				17 ^{1/2}
J. Tobin				5	4	1			1	10
J. Topp			7	4						22
J. Torpey	10						4			82
J. Velvers					8	3 ^{1/2}				11 ^{1/2}
D. Vinal		8						5	2	40
G. Watkins				1	1	9			1	11
B. Westphal		4	3			1		2		148
M. Whitby	6	12	2							132
D. White					6	5				11
M. Whitman				2	6	4			7	12
C. Wilson					2	8				10
F. Wilson					6					14
G. Zimmer	10						5			67

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