

Q. C. A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on WEDNESDAY the 23rd AUGUST, 1978 at 8-00PM.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General meeting (10th August, 1977)
2. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statement for the 1977-8 year.
3. Election of Office Bearers for 1978/9 year
4. Nomination of Life Member
5. General Business.

LIFE MEMBERS

|          |      |            |
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| WYETH    | A.   | (deceased) |
| SCOTT    | A.   | 1972       |
| McINNES  | W.   | 1975       |
| NEWCOMBE | J.G. | 1976       |
| JOHNSON  | L.   | 1977       |

MEMBERS OF THE Q.C.A.UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

|             |        |                    |      |
|-------------|--------|--------------------|------|
| ACREMAN,    | K.     | MERLEHAN,          | M.   |
| AUER,       | L.     | MILNER,**          | B.   |
| BOYLE,      | J.McL. | MOFEAT,            | J.   |
| BRITTON,    | F.     | MUSCH,             | M.T. |
| BROWN,      | C.R.   | O'NEILL,           | W.   |
| BUGEIA,     | N.     | PEARCE,            | A.   |
| BUXTON,     | P.     | PHILLIPE,**        | R.B. |
| CARTY,      | Rev.D. | PHILLIPS,          | N.   |
| CLARKE,*    | W.     | PRESTON,           | L.   |
| COKER,**    | P.     | PLUMBE,**          | P.   |
| COLLINS*    | D.     | RADO,              | I.   |
| CORNEY,**   | R.     | STACEY,            | B.   |
| CROUCH,     | R.H.   | STACEY,**          | G.   |
| CURNOW,**   | M.     | STEWART,           | P.   |
| DOXEY,      | S.R.   | STRAUSS,           | J.   |
| GASKELL,    | R.     | TAYLOR,            | J.   |
| GROUT,      | N.     | TIMMINS,**         | C.D. |
| HALL,       | J.     | TOOHILL,*          | P.T. |
| HARVEY,     | C.E.   | WARWICK,           | T.H. |
| HEATH,      | L.     | WILLMOTT,**        | R.   |
| HELLWIG,**  | P.     | WILSON,**          | L.   |
| HOLT,**     | J.     | YOUNG,             | R.   |
| JOHNSON,**  | J.     |                    |      |
| JOHNSON,    | M.W.   |                    |      |
| KAHLER,**   | W.A.   | *non-active member |      |
| KIDD,*      | K.     | **new members.     |      |
| LANCASHIRE, | D.     |                    |      |
| LANIGAN,**  | S.     |                    |      |
| McCOLM,     | F.     |                    |      |
| McINTYRE,   | W.     |                    |      |
| McQUILLAN,  | A.     |                    |      |
| McDADE,     | P.     |                    |      |

Office Bearers of the Q.C.A. Umpires Association for the 1977-8 season :-

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| Patron                         | Mr. R. Spence  |
| President                      | Mr. R. H. Crouch   |
| Vice-Presidents                | Messrs. C. E. Harvey and L. Johnson.                       |
| Hon. Secretary-Treasurer       | Mr. T. H. Warwick  |
| Executive Committee            | Messrs. J. Strauss, M. T. Musch,<br>W. O' Neill, L. Heath, |
| D. Lancashire resigned 14/9/77 | S. R. Doxey and L. Auer - Rule 9(e)                        |
| Allocation Panel (1st class)   | Mr. E. Hislop  |
| Allocation Panel (Grade)       | Mr. E. Hislop  |
| Delegate to Q.C.A.             | Mr. R. H. Crouch   |
| Examination Panel              | Messrs. T. H. Warwick, C. E. Harvey,<br>S. R. Doxey.       |
| Umpires Adviser                | Mr. E. Hislop  |
| Minute Secretary               | Mr. J. Strauss   |
| Hon. Auditor                   | Mr. R. Spence  |

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure your Executive Committee presents for your consideration and adoption the Ninth Annual Report which covers the activities of Our Association during the year 1977-1978, together with the Financial Statement for that period.

MEMBERSHIP - Fifty-four members were registered with the Association during the past season, Five of whom were inactive members, Two member, due to illness did not complete the season and a further Two did not complete the season for reasons unknown.

Due to business and private reasons Eleven members from the previous season did not make themselves available for the 1977-78 season.

Fifteen new members were nominated into Our Association during the past season but unfortunately even with this influx of member this Association was only able to place an average of 33 member in the field for the past season.

LIFE MEMBER FOR 1977 - This Association was pleased to nominate Mr. L. JOHNSON for Life membership in 1977. Mr. Johnson was Secretary-Treasurer of the Association for a period of Five years. He was President of the Association from 1972 until 1977. For the 1976-77 season Mr. Johnson was the Associations Coach and members representative on the Allocation Panel for Grade selection. Lew Johnson was a very active umpire from 1956 to 1972 during which time he officiated in Thirteen Sheffield Shield matches and Three International matches. Mr. Johnson was a worthy recipient of Life Membership of this Association.

Congratulations - Congratulations are extended to the following members who ifficiated in first class and other important matches during the 1977-78 season.

International match -

Queensland v India. Messrs. C.E.Harvey and S.R.Doxey

Sheffield Shield -

Qld. v Victoria Messrs.C.E.Harvey and J.McL. Boyle

Qld. v New South Wales -Messrs C.E.Harvey and J.McL.Boyle.

Qld. v West.Australia -Messrs.C.E.Harvey and M.W.Johnson.

Qld. v Sth. Australia -Messrs.J.McL.Boyle and M.W.Johnson.

Gillette Cup -

Qld. v New South Wales -Messrs C.E.Harvey and J.McL.Boyle.

Metropolitan v Country Colts -

Messrs. T.H.Warwick and M.T.Musch.

Interstate Colts -

Qld. v New South Wales - Messrs J.McL.Boyle and M.W.Johnson

NSW. v Victoria - Messrs T.H.Warwick and D.Lancashire

Qld. v Victoria -Messrs J.McL.Boyle and M.W.Johnson.

Q.C.A.Finals -

"A" Grade Messrs. J.McL.Boyle and M.W.Johnson

Reserve Grade Messrs.T.H.Warwick and R.Willmott.

"B" Grade Messrs. S.R.Doxey (1-2) L.Heath (3-4)  
and M.T.Musch.

"C" Grade Messrs. R.H.Crouch and R.Young.

Intermediate Grade- Messrs. J.Strauss and N.Phillips.

Channel "O" Competition -

Three rounds including Final Messrs.J.McL.Boyle and M.W.Johnson.

Two Rounds - Messrs.L.Auer, R.H.Crouch, N.Grout, C.E.Harvey  
J.Strauss and T.H.Warwick.

One Round - Messrs. S.R.Doxey, D.Lancashire, M.Merlehan,  
M.T.Musch, B.Stacey and R.Willmott.

This particular year was a difficult one for cricket itself as it saw the advent of a powerful private promoter opposed to what is probably best described as "established cricket". We all know the discussions and arguments which have raged throughout the world, some of them detrimental to the game we all love, and it is certain that cricket at first class level has seen great changes. Fortunately we, as "established" umpires have not been greatly affected by these changes though, we did in fact, lose a most efficient member of long standing to the private promoter.

On the local scene a most important change was the one which saw the District Clubs and Divisions shouldering the responsibility of wicket preparation following the withdrawal by the Brisbane City Council of labour previously provided for this purpose. In the early stages some disorganisation was evident and some of our members found problems which, to their credit, they were able to solve by amicable discussion with club officials.

A major achievement in Australian Umpiring was the meeting in Adelaide of the Federation of Australian Cricket Umpires. Although the Federation had been in existence for several years, with Queensland being an original member but later withdrawing it had not been very active. However a sterling effort by current Secretary Bill Powell of Western Australia enabled a position to be reached where all State with the exception of New South Wales had become members and it was possible to convene a meeting.

New South Wales was invited to send a delegate to attend the conference and it is pleasing to report that New South Wales has now joined the Federation. Recognition of the Federation by the Australian Cricket Board is now awaited.

The conference proved most productive and it is hoped to present to our Association in the early stages of the forthcoming season some of the ideas discussed.

Our Association was also fortunate in having a meeting with the Q.C.A. Club sub-Committee at which matters of interest were discussed at length. As usual the most important item was our lack of members, as can be seen on page 3 of this report, and as a consequence there has now been formed a committee to progress the recruitment of umpires.

So successful was the initial meeting with the Club sub-Committee that both parties are agreed that meetings of this type should be held regularly during the cricket season. A meeting has been set down for the 29th August, 1978.

At the request of the Q.C.A. those umpires officiating in "A" Grade matches again this year allocated points in the 4IP Brisbane "A" Grade Cricket Player of the year competition. The appreciation of 4IP was again shown by an invitation to our members to attend the Presentation Dinner, though, regrettably this years the invitation was extended only to those umpires who had officiated in "A" Grade.

An end of the season dinner was held at the Cricketers' Club. Whilst it was a very pleasant evening and in particular our long suffering ladies to have the opportunity of fraternising, it was not entirely successful owing to the fact that we had to share the dining room facilities with other private dinner parties.

Several film evenings were organised but were very poorly supported by members.

Examination Panel - During the course of the past season our Examination Panel examined Fifteen candidates for membership to Our Association and unfortunately one of these persons has tendered her resignation effective prior to the commencement of the 1978-79 season.

Appointment Panel - Once again this Association expresses its appreciation to the members of the Allocation Panel for grade cricket for the difficult task they are required to undertake each season, a task which is made more and more unenviable due to the never ending shortage of umpires.

Coaches (Advisors) report - This Association expresses its appreciation to Mr. Ted Hislop for his efforts on behalf of the members of this Association during the 1977-78 season. Each member will receive a report which has been compiled from captains reports during the course of the past season and the compilation of these reports has been undertaken by Mr. Hislop who has devoted many many hours in their preparation.

Queensland Cricket Association - Our Association is pleased to co-operate with the Queensland Cricket Association and we express our sincere thanks to the Executive Committee for their assistance and consideration during the past season.

We welcome Mr. W.P. (Bill) McCarthy, Secretary of the Queensland Cricket Association, and thank him and his staff most sincerely for their invaluable assistance to Our Association. This report would be incomplete if mention was not made of the unending aid and assistance given by Mrs Lorraine Whitney to this Association and to this Secretary in particular.

Queensland Cricketers Club - We express our thanks to Mr. Lew Cooper and his Staff of the Queensland Cricketers Club for their assistance and co-operate during the past season.

Honorary Auditor - As in past years the financial statement of this Association has been prepared by our Patron and friend Mr. Bob Spence, and I, as President of this Association, wish to express on behalf of the members our sincere thanks to him for the assistance he is always prepared to give to this Association.

Thanks - We extend our thanks to all those members who have supported the Association throughout the year and assisted in its off-field activities. We are also appreciative of those Clubs who have made us welcome at their grounds at all times and to those who invited us to their function and meetings.

In particular, here, we record our sincere thanks to Tom Warwick who is not standing for re-election as Hon-Secretary-Treasurer. In this capacity he has, over many years served the Association well and we hope that his administrative knowledge and experience will not be lost to us.

Life Membership It is with pleasure we nominate Tom Warwick for Life Membership of the Q.C.A. Umpires Association. Tom has been Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Association since the 1971-72 Season serving continuously in this position until the 1977-78 season. His dedicated service to this association includes continuous membership of the Executive Committee since the 1970-71 season, delegate for this association to the Q.C.A. 1971-72, Member of the Q.C.A. Umpires Examination panel each year since the 1972-73 season, always prepared to give his time and knowledge, he is always to the fore in lecturing various associations from top grades to schoolboys, on the Laws of Cricket and the responsibilities of Umpires. Active in the field as well as administration Tom commenced umpiring in the 1968-69 season and to date his record shows officiating in 108 A grade matches, including A grade finals, Channel O matches and finals, V and G, Coca-Cola, and Gillette Cup competition matches, Inter school, boys matches and finals, Queensland Centenary match 1976, 3 Country - Metropolitan matches, 2 Interstate Colts matches, 8 Sheffield Shield matches, and 1 International match. A capable, active, and enthusiastic member of our association he is a worthy recipient of the Life Membership award.

Conclusion The coming season will again be a difficult one. Increasing costs accompanied by a general reduction in community spending will affect proceeds from first class matches and consequently cricketers at district and division level will find themselves bearing a larger burden. It is hoped that association members will be always conscious of the need to encourage their acquaintances to support the game at all levels, so that it will retain its position as Australia's premier sport. The association faces the season with confidence. Our umpiring standards are improving all the time and if the recruitment programme brings the boost in numbers that all desire, we can look forward to a successful and rewarding summer.

R.H. CROUCH - President  
T.H. WARWICK - Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.