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Qld Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

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**T**he **February 2021 General Meeting** of the Association will be held in the **Ian Healy Room at QCHQ on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7pm** followed by the training session.

## Second Half of the Season

**After this coming General Meeting there will only be three more Saturdays before the semi-finals are played. The 20<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Please be aware that it is possible you will be allocated to a semi-final and quite a few members will be given a final. As many of you are already aware regulations in competitions change for the finals.**

**IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE REGULATIONS FOR ALL THE COMPETITIONS AS YOU MAY BE ASKED TO UMPIRE IN PREMIER GRADE CRICKET, SUB-DISTRICTS OR GPS.**

**Keep your availability up to date, and keep your eye on MyCricket in case of pull-outs. During the week following the final round on 27<sup>th</sup> February & 6<sup>th</sup> March, umpires for the semi-finals will be allocated.**

**Following the Semi-Finals on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, umpires for the Grand finals will be then allocated.**

**If you are not allocated to a Premier Grade Semi-Final or Final, you may still be given another game.**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>February General Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>March General Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (Early)</b>
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>Saturday, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Grand-Finals</b>	<b>Saturday, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>
	<b>Saturday, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Annual Dinner – 2021</b>	<b>Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April (Kedron-Wavell)</b>
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (TBC)</b>
<b>Annual Seminar</b>	<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>

### General Playing Conditions

The 2019/20 General Playing Conditions will be in use for all the T20, one and two-day fixtures being played in remaining rounds and the upcoming finals.

### Annual Dinner

As we approach the final run to the end of the season it is also time to remind the members that the Annual Dinner is not too far away.

We have decided to host the dinner at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club as the venue for our most prestigious QCUSA event. There is continuing praise not only for the food, but the service provided as well from Kedron-Wavell. For those who choose to drive there is also ample parking.

The details of the dinner are as follows: -

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Kedron-Wavell Services Club 21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Inclusives:</b>	<b>Three Course Dinner, Beer and Wine</b>
<b>Bank BSB:</b>	<b>124001 - Account: 10570684 (Please leave your name as a reference)</b>

Further details about the dinner will be provided when they become available.

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## **Bruce Oxenford to retire from the ICC Elite Umpire's Panel, but not from umpiring.**

Life Member Bruce Oxenford will bring down the curtain on his impressive international career, announcing his retirement from international cricket after a fine career that saw him officiate around the world across all three formats of the game for over 15 years.

Fittingly, Bruce stood in the dramatic and exciting Fourth Test match between Australia and India at the Gabba in January, a rare feat these days with neutral umpires standing in Australian matches prior to COVID-19 for a number of years.

Bruce Oxenford stated: "I had a wonderful time as a match official and will miss the camaraderie that comes with being a part of such a professional group. I shall particularly miss seeing and interacting with the magnificent people who are part of the support structure of our game around the world [and] look back with pride at my international career".

It is still hard to believe that I officiated in close to 200 international matches. Such a long career was not really something that I had hoped for before commencing on this journey.

"I would like to thank the International Cricket Council, Cricket Australia and all my colleagues in the ICC Elite and International panels for their support and encouragement



over the years. I had a wonderful time as a match official and will miss the camaraderie that comes with being a part of such a professional group.

"I shall particularly miss seeing and interacting with the magnificent people who are part of the support structure of our game around the world.

"Most importantly, I want to thank my wife Jo, son James and daughter Kristen for all their love and support over the years. It would not have been possible for me to have such a long career without their sacrifices and for this I am eternally grateful.

"Whilst I will no longer stand in International matches, I look forward to continuing to serve the game that I love - officiating within Australia."

Adrian Griffith, the ICC Senior Manager Umpires and Referees, said via a statement: "Bruce is an excellent umpire, and it has been a pleasure working with him over the years. He is a great team man and well respected by all his colleagues. I congratulate Bruce on behalf of everyone at the ICC for a fine international career and wish him all the success in his future pursuits. It is pleasing to hear he will continue to umpire domestically and share his tremendous experience with the next generation of Elite umpires".

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A regular member of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires since 2012 and before then was on the second-tier International Umpires Panel for five years, Bruce has officiated in some 62 Test matches on-field, 29 as the TV umpire and 8 as the fourth, 97 ODI matches on-field, 60 as the TV umpire and 16 as the fourth and in Twenty20 Internationals, 20 on field, 11 as the TV umpire and 8 as the fourth



Bruce officially stands down at the end of April after making his international debut at the Gabba in a T20I between Australia and South Africa in January 2006, in just the second T20I ever played and the first one in Australia. He officiated at the last three ICC Men's Cricket World Cups and the last three ICC Men's T20 World Cups. He was also part of the officiating team at the ICC Women's T20 World Cups in 2012 and 2014.

Before becoming an umpire, Oxenford represented Queensland in eight first-class matches as a leg-spin bowler and lower-order batsman.

Bruce will continue to oversee domestic fixtures despite his retirement from the international game.

Queensland Cricket CEO Terry Svenson thanked Oxenford for being a trail-blazer for umpires in Queensland, and pointed to his on-going role assisting local officials.

"We were delighted when Bruce and his colleague Donovan Koch agreed to film

some training videos for Queensland Cricket earlier in the year and the quality of their insights, and Bruce's genuine commitment to help others is to be applauded."

"He deserves admiration and our sincere congratulations for being at the peak of his game for such a period of time. It is great to know that he will continue to officiate domestically and work with his fellow umpires in Queensland to reach greater heights."

The umpire videos he was in can be viewed at: <https://www.qldcricket.com.au/get-involved/umpiring-and-scoring/umpire-training-videos>



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## Availability

Entering and Updating your availability in MyCricket is mandatory.

Please enter your availability for all games until the **END OF THE SEASON**.

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

## Selectors & Observers

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

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

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

## CA Umpiring Accreditation

It is reminded that members that only have Community Umpiring Accreditation, are required to undertake the On-Line Representative Officiating Course at [www.community.cricket.com.au](http://www.community.cricket.com.au), go to the umpiring tab, once logged in find the Representative Officiating Course. The cost to do this course is \$100.00. While you can commence this course at any stage, the Association would prefer you commenced this after your first year umpiring with Association.

Following the successful completion of the on-line section you will be required to attend a series of **Representative Officiating "Face to Face"** sessions covering off different sections. **Over the next Two Sundays, (21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February – 9.00am – 2.00pm @ Ian Healy Room) these sessions are still available to attend.** To register your interest in these sessions, please register your interest via [www.community.cricket.com.au](http://www.community.cricket.com.au).

Those members that currently hold Representative Officiating Accreditation are required to keep their accreditation up to date.

Those that have been sent reminders to undertake this course by Cricket Australia can complete it via [www.community.cricket.com.au](http://www.community.cricket.com.au) go to the umpire tab, once logged in go to "courses" and find Representative Officiating Reaccreditation. Once the course has been completed, please fill out and sign the [Umpire Reaccreditation form](#) (via Umpires' website) and return it to the Secretary.

## UNABLE TO STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME?

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

### ALL GRADES

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

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SUNSHINE COAST

## Around the Regions

We welcome news for the February issue of the Black and Blue from the SCCUSA. We look forward to receiving articles from other regions in future editions.

## Sunshine Coast Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association Inc. (SCCUSA)

It's a privilege to have the opportunity to share with you some details about the story of cricket umpiring in this beautiful part of Australia, the Sunshine Coast, Queensland

As one reads through the letters from other parts of Queensl and, it becomes obvious we are all blest with attributes in our regions. It is just as obvious that Queensland Cricket umpiring suffers from a lack of Umpires. This, combined with huge areas of territory to cover, makes being a Cricket Umpire in regional Queensland a daunting task. It highlights the need for serious support from top to bottom to have any chance of improving the situation.

(Case in point: I had the opportunity to umpire at Kingaroy recently – Caloundra to Kingaroy is 3 hours by road including stops, so it was an early start to be there and in the right frame of mind to umpire. I've done this once – what must it be like every weekend for some of our fellow Umpires to travel anything from 200km to 400km just to umpire a cricket match – what a dedicated bunch! On thing's for sure: it can't be for the money, so it must be for the love of the world's most incredible game!)

Sunshine Coast Umpires operate from Gympie in the north, to Burpengary in the south. Clubs are Gympie (Division 1), Tewantin-Noosa, Cooroy-Eumundi, Coolum, Yandina, Palmwoods, Buderim University of

the Sunshine Coast, Maroochydhore, Caloundra, Landsborough, Glasshouse Mountains, Wamuran-Stanley River, Caboolture and Purbengary - total distance 132km. In contrast with some of our fellow Queensland Umpires, Sunny Coast Umpires are fortunate to operate in such a concise area.

Umpiring on the Sunshine Coast was ticking over in the late '70s and early '80s with dedicated gentlemen such as Bill Matheson, Fin McColm and Gavin Marschke OAM wearing the back and white. SCCUSA was formally established circa 1990. The Association is an independent organisation, affiliated with the Sunshine Coast Cricket Association (SCCA). SCCUSA and the SCCA have a sound working relationship, while remaining independent. This has encouraged a free flow of information about Regulations and Playing Conditions for the betterment of



*Caboolture November 2020 – We all went home!  
(Yes, that's a river beside the Main Oval)*

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competitions on the Sunshine Coast. Through the support of the SCCA, SCCUSA had the opportunity to completely update and re-write these as a consequence of the MCC 2017 revisions.

To assist Umpires and Players, on behalf of the SCCA, SCCUSA developed On-Field COVID-19 Protocols. The Protocols were adopted by the SCCA and issued to all Umpires and Clubs for implementation. These are currently still in operation.

Although so close to Brisbane, Sunshine Coast Umpires consider themselves as "Country Umpires" - it's a mind-set that helps Umpires here define their parameters of operation for the range of competitions that take place in the region.

Competitions include the Sunshine Cricket Association's Mens Grade Competition (Divisions 1 to 7), including T20, One-Day and Two-Day competitions, a Womens Tier 1 and Tiers 2 T30 Competition and a Junior Competition. The Sunshine Coast is a magnet for a number of other competitions, including Queensland Veterans Cricket, the National Veteran competition, (hopefully occurring this year, having been postponed from 2020 because of COVID-19), and an International Veterans Competition, (also postponed from last year, but what are the chances?). Other competitions include Under 14 and Under 15 development competitions in January and a Schools competition with SE Queensland schools participating.

SCCUSA has established a number of awards for Players. In the past SCCUSA provided an award for Best and Fairest

Player for the season in the mens 1st Division, now undertaken by the SCCA with regular match nominations issued by the Umpires. As an incentive to encourage fair play, awards were implemented by SCCUSA in 2015 to include a Spirit of Cricket award, a Respect for Cricket award and a Womens Cricket award. These are awarded by SCCUSA to Clubs, not Players.

From time to time other matches emerge, such as a touring Under 19 New Zealand team, or an Over 70s team from the UK. A number of years ago the International Golden Oldies Competition was based on the Sunshine Coast, providing local Umpires with the opportunity to participate.

Umpire numbers have fluctuated over the years, ranging from about 12 in the early days, increasing to an average of about 30 active Umpires, (the current numbers), and for a few years as many as 40 active Umpires. Reviewing recruitment opportunities is currently a major issue, and avenues are being explored to attract new Umpires. Fee levels are similar to those of the Brisbane competitions. SCCUSA Umpires meet monthly for a Barbeque, a General Meeting and for training and resolving issues by general discussion.

The training of new Umpires has been a well established routine here since 2000. We are fortunate in having registered Trainers, training Umpires to the Community Officiating and Representative Officiating levels. To achieve accreditation, participants need to complete the Cricket Australia on-line courses, attend 3 to 9 hours of Face-to-Face Seminars, and an On-Field

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Assessment. All Umpires are encouraged to complete the Representative Officiating Course, as a means of improving their umpiring skills, no matter at what level of the competitions they wish umpire.

What has been a boon and a blessing are the Regional Umpires Conferences arranged by Robert Dunbar during his time as the State Umpire Manager. Sunshine Coast, Gympie and South Burnett Umpires have combined three times in the last few years for these conferences, providing opportunities to meet with Queensland Umpires such as Steve Dionysius, Steven Farrell and Nathan James for training. The outcome has been to maintain currency with emerging changes to the Laws of Cricket, and to be kept up to date with the latest Field Practices. COVID-19 prevented the running of last year's planned Conference. Hopefully this year we can proceed.

As an outreach to the local community, SCCUSA has some very dedicated Umpires who run a raffle every Thursday afternoon 4:30pm to 6:00pm, at the Maroochy Bridge Hotel, with the generous support of the Maroochy Bridge Hotel management. Many "Tradies" drop in on Thursdays and are regular supporters of the raffles. Some proceeds are made over to local community groups needing support to continue their work. If you are up this way on a Thursday afternoon, drop in and make yourself known – no favourite beers, (most are on tap), and guaranteed to be an eye-opener! You could even end up heading home with a meat tray or a bottle of Johnie Walker!

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*Past President, John Langtry, receiving a bat from Charles Ham, Regional Umpire Coordinator. The bat was made available by State Umpiring Management for a raffle at a Sunshine Coast Regional Umpires Conference.*

Best wishes to all across Queensland for a successful conclusion to what has been a somewhat difficult season. Hopefully opportunities will occur in the future to allow us too meet up and exchange tall but true Umpiring tails.

### *Charles Ham*

(Regional Umpire Coordinator,  
Sunshine Coast Queensland)





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## Carnivals

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

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

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

**QSS 16-19yrs Boys Cricket State Championship 2021 Sunday 7 - Tuesday 9 March 2021 (Redlands)**

**QSS vs NSW All Schools Cricket Exchange (16y Boys, Monday 12 – Friday 16 April 2021 (Redlands)  
16y Girls & 19y Boys**

## MS Brissie to the Bay

Damien McAndrew - I am taking part in this year's 2021 MS Brissie to the Bay on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, to join the fight against multiple sclerosis.

I am raising funds to show my support and your donation will make an impact to change the lives of people living with MS.

Did you know:

- On average, more than 10 Australians are diagnosed with MS every week
- The average age of diagnosis is just 30 years of age.
- Three out of four Australians with MS are women

Your support will help fund essential services like physiotherapy, occupational therapy, counselling and symptom management, as well as MS research to look for better treatments and ultimately a cure for the disease.

Please **DONATE** or even better, take part, to support our ride to help ensure no one faces MS alone.

<https://www.brissietothebay.com.au/fundraisers/qcusa?fbclid=IwAR36eXbJKNbFFipxknN3Zjle sluEsCtd89oGHHDaa1A7pnCJxuNMbrpX9JA>

## 2021 NRL Tipping Competition

The 2021 NRL Season is about to kick off and Terry Pascoe is organising a footy tipping competition. The entry fee of \$25.00 covers the complete season, which includes finals and State of Origin.

If you are keen to join all you need to do is register your details at <https://tipping.nrl.com/> and then join the comp with this code: FZUS94NT.

Entry fee to be transferred to - BSB: 923-100, Acct no: 43554925, Reference: Your name

Any questions just let Terry know.

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### Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or Email the following to place your orders. Merchandise must be ordered in advance.

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**Andrew Moir**

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

### Merchandise Price List - 2020/21

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

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