

Queensland Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association Inc.

36th Annual Report
& Financial Statement
2004-2005





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Notice of Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the *Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc.* will be held at *Queensland Cricket Headquarters* on *Wednesday, 3rd August 2005 commencing at 7.00pm.*

Agenda

1. *Opening of Meeting and Welcome to Members and Visitors*
2. *Apologies*
3. *Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting*
4. *Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements*
5. *Speakers to Annual Report*
6. *Nomination of Life Member*
7. *Election of Office Bearers for 2005/2006 year*
8. *Annual Subscription*
9. *General Business*



Office Bearers for 2004-2005 Season



Patron: B Gaskell
President: N Grout
Vice-President: T Musch
Honorary Secretary: R Johnsen
Honorary Treasurer: P Farley
Executive Committee: R Howard, L Johnson, A Dore,
..... D White, I Wyeth, M Dalgliesh
Director of Umpiring: M Ralston
Representative Member: M Dalgliesh
QCA Delegate: T Musch
Grade Committee Representative: T Musch
Allocation Panel - 1st Class: M Ralston, L Johnson
Allocation Panel - Grade: M Ralston, L Johnson, R Howard,
..... T Musch, B Westphal
Board of Examination and Coaching: J Rowe, T Musch,
..... M Ralston, A Loynes, G Cubit
Recruitment and Development Officer: J Rowe
Umpires' Observers: M Ralston, L Johnson, T Musch, S Dean,
Social Committee: D White, A Eedy, A Rostedt,
..... D McIver, N O'Brien, I Wyeth
Property Officer: P Shine
Statistician: R Howard
Minutes Secretary: B O'Rourke
Auditor: M Boulton



Honour Board

Patron

1968-1972 T. Hiley
 1972-1997 R. Spence
 1997- B. Gaskell

President

1966-1972 L. Rowan
 1972-1977 L. Johnson
 1977-1982 R. Crouch
 1982-1985 M. Johnson
 1985-1988 C. Timmins
 1988-1991 A. McQuillan
 1991-1993 C. Timmins
 1993-1995 P. Polkinghorne
 1995-1996 R. Isherwood
 1996-1997 A. McQuillan
 1997-2000 R. Isherwood
 2000-2004 M. Jay
 2004- N. Grout

Treasurer

1966-1971 L. Johnson
 1971-1978 T. Warwick
 1978-1980 J. Strauss
 1980-1981 M. Curnow
 1981-1983 B. Milner
 1983-1984 D. Jones
 1984-1991 M. Musch
 1991-1998 P. Latimer
 1998-2004 M. Molesworth
 2004- P. Farley

Life Member

1969 A. Wyeth
 1972 A. Scott
 1975 W. McInnes
 1976 J. Newcombe
 1977 L. Johnson
 1978 T. Warwick
 1980 F. Britton
 1982 R. Crouch
 1984 L. Heath
 1986 N. Grout
 1987 M. Musch
 1989 M. Johnson
 1990 J. Taylor
 1993 C. Timmins
 1994 C. Bertwistle
 1996 A. McQuillan
 1999 M. Ralston
 2000 P. Parker
 2002 A. Loynes
 2003 B. Westphal

Secretary

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

First Class Umpires

** L. Rowan
 W. Priem
 J. Newcombe
 L. Johnson
 ** P. Enright
 Bro. D. John
 G. Jones
 S. Doxey
 T. Warwick
 D. Lancashire
 ** C. Harvey
 J. Boyle
 ** M. Johnson
 R. Willmott
 R. Philippe
 J. Taylor
 ** C. Timmins
 A. Fulwood
 M. King
 ** P. Parker
 C. Bertwistle
 ** A. McQuillan
 M. Ralston
 T. Musch
 M. Jay
 M. Whitby
 J. Torpey
 G. Zimmer
 L. Musch
 B. Oxenford
 ** D. Orchard
 N. McNamara
 T. Laycock
 ** Test Umpire



Members List



	Abbate	N.	2002/03	#++	Jay	M.	1990/91	*	Smith	A.	2004/05
*	Anthony	T	2004/05	+	Johnsen	R.	1995/96		Stewart	J.	2001/02
#	Argus	J.	1995/96		Johnson	P.	1999/00		Stone	G.	2002/03
	Aspinall	G.	1998/99		Kangur	J.	2000/01	+	Szkutko	N.	1994/95
#	Barsby	I.	1998/99		Kent	C.	2003/04		Tait	I.	2001/02
*	Bell	P.	2004/05	#+	Laycock	T.	1991/92		Thompson	G.	1995/96
	Black	J.	2001/02	#+++	Loynes	A.	1987/88		Tobin	J.	1996/97
	Boland	P.	1999/00		Marsh	N.	2003/04	#+	Torpey	J.	1990/91
*	Boyle	J.	2004/05		Marsh	R.	2003/04	*	Went	D.	2004/05
*	Campbell	M.	2004/05		Mclver	D.	1998/99	*	Westbrook	D.	2004/05
	Castle	D.	2000/01	#	McNamara	N.	2000/01	+++	Westphal	B.	1982/83
	Clarke	M.	1997/98	#+++	McQuillan	A.	1976/77		White	D.	1996/97
	Cleary	D.	2002/03	++	McShane	M.	1989/90		Wills	D.	1999/00
#	Cubit	G.	1997/98		Mitchell	D.	2002/03		Wilson	A.	2002/03
#	Curran	A.	2000/01		Moloney	D.	2001/02	*	Woodman	D.	2004/05
	Dalgliesh	M.	2003/04		Monaghan	P.	2000/01		Wright	W.	2002/03
# +	Dean	S.	1994/95		Nickerson	J.	2002/03		Wyeth	I.	1998/99
+	Dore	A.	1996/97		O'Brien	N.	1995/96				
*	Dore	C.	2004/05		Orchard	D.	2002/03				
*	Dore	N.	2004/05		O'Rourke	B.	1998/99				
*	Dunn	G.	2004/05		O'Rourke	T.	2001/02				
	Eedy	A.	1997/98	#	Oxenford	B.	1998/99				
	Esat	A.	2003/04		Pain	G	2003/04				
	Ezzy	J.	1999/00	#+++	Parker	P.	1981/82				
	Farley	P.	1997/98	++	Payne	A.	1990/91				
	Forsyth	I.	2002/03		Pflugrath	C.	2003/04				
	Foster	R.	2003/04		Popko	C.	2000/01				
	Foster	J.	1996/97		Prior	B.	2000/01				
*	Gothoskar	K.	2004/05		Pritchard	C.	1998/99				
*	Gruenfeld	R.	2004/05	#+++	Ralston	M.	1986/87				
	Guy	S.	2002/03	*	Redmond	M.	2004/05				
	Harrington	P.	2003/04	*	Rooke-Jones	R	2004/05				
	Harris	A.	2002/03		Rostedt	A.	2001/02				
	Henry	G.	2003/04	#++	Rowe	J.	1989/90				
	Hermeston	B.	2000/01		Ryan	R.	1994/95				
*	Hetherington	J	2004/05		Sagar	V.	2003/04				
	Hobman	F.	2002/03	*	Scrivenor	A.	2004/05				
#+	Howard	R.	1991/92		Shine	P.	1999/00				
	Hunt	B.	2002/03	*	Sirl	D.	2004/05				

Associate Members

	Barrie	P.	2003/04
	Goddard	B.	2003/04
	King	P.	2001/02
	Kemp	A.	2001/02
	Lowings	M.	2001/02
	Rogers	G.	2001/02
	Spence	P.	2001/02

*	New Members
#	Holder of First Grade Badge
+	Holder of 100 Game Badge
++	Holder of 150 Game Badge
+++	Holder of 200 Game Badge

President's Report

Nelma Grout

I was delighted and privileged to be elected the thirteenth President of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association on the 4th August 2004 and I am pleased to be able to present this report on what has been a very successful year.

The lead up to the 2004-05 season was busy but very productive. For the first time, we held a day long seminar at Alan Border Field. This was very successful both for training purposes and socially. We were fortunate to have Simon Taufel as our guest and thanks must be extended to Don White, Ron Johnsen and a number of partners who provided the food and beverages for the day.

The scorers decided the time was right to form their own Association but remain affiliated to the QCU&SA. We were happy to assist the scorers financially and will continue to support them.

The 2004-05 season saw the introduction of the Intoxicated Player Policy, the rebirth of the U19 Competition and the need for all umpires to have suitability cards. After a detailed submission from Michael Jay on an increase in our allowance, and a meeting with Queensland Cricket officials, our allowance was increased but a trade off was the closure and pay out of our Retirement Fund.

Our Association continues to become more professional in how we administer our day to day business. Thanks must be extended to Merv, who by sending the majority of allocations by email saved considerable time and cost as did our Secretary

who made good use of technology to regularly communicate with our members.

Any association is only as good as its members. Because of the dedication and commitment of our members the QCU&SA is in a very strong position. Thanks, firstly to our immediate past President, Michael Jay who was instrumental in a number of developments which came to fruition this season. In addition to items mentioned above, Michael spent considerable time in preparing an Umpires Manual which will be incorporated into the Queensland Cricket Handbook for 2005-06.

My thanks to all members of the Executive Committee for their thoughtful and open discussion at our Executive Meetings and for their support throughout the year. Special mention must be made of Ron Johnsen who in only his second year has taken the role of Secretary to a higher benchmark. Merv Musch continues to work tirelessly for the Association in the many roles he has taken on. Peter Farley has managed our finances well and the Association is in a healthy financial position. Don White has ensured all our social events have been enjoyable and well organised.

I also wish to acknowledge some of our longest serving members who continue to make a significant contribution either on or off the field. Mike Ralston is doing a sterling job as our State Director while Lew Johnson continues to work with our top panels of umpires. Congratulations to Peter Parker, now our longest serving



active umpire who last season was recognised as Cricket Australia's Umpire of the Year and also now holds the record for officiating in the most Pura Cup Matches: John Rowe spent many hours preparing our new members to take the field at the start of the season.

In conclusion, congratulations to those members who received awards or achieved umpiring milestones this year and to all members for a successful 2004-05 season.

Patron's Award for Outstanding Service

Mr Brian Gaskell presented his award to two worthy recipients, Ron Johnsen and Steve Dean at our End of Season Dinner.

Ron has been a member for 10 years. He has already achieved his 100 game badge, officiated in 80 Sunday games and still found time to do the Secretarial duties in a very professional and happy manner. Nothing is ever too much trouble. Prior to becoming Secretary, Ron joined with Steve to look after all our merchandise and equipment as Property Officers.

Although Steve is very busy with his work with the St. John's Ambulance, he continues to assist our Association by serving as our Observer during the past two seasons. After joining our ranks 11 years ago, Steve was an active umpire who officiated in 107 grade games and is a First Grade Badge holder.

Congratulations, gentlemen. Our Association is indebted to you for your commitment over many years.



Brian Gaskell, our Patron, presenting Steve Dean with his award.



Executive Committee Report



Another exciting and challenging year for our Association was negotiated smoothly by your Executive Committee this season. Nelma Grout in her first year as President and our Vice President Merv Musch settled into their roles with the professionalism and proficiency we all know they possess. Nelma welcomes discussion by all participants in meetings and is very open to new ideas and innovations that will make our members umpiring experience enjoyable and pleasant, while at the same time providing professional, well trained umpires to stand in games as required by Queensland Cricket. I would like to thank all the members of the Executive for all their help to me in my second year as your Secretary. I would especially like to thank Peter Farley whom has helped me enormously this season by his good humour and prompt attention to any request I made of him. Also I would like to mention Brian O'Rourke for being willing to record the minutes at our General Meetings, a thankless job, but one he does with good grace and expertise. The main items of business discussed during the season were:

Queensland Cricket

Again our dealings with Queensland Cricket were very amicable at all levels and we found it easy to communicate with anyone in the administration. A busy beginning of the season saw us in contact with various people especially in the running out of the new allocation system, handbook alterations, formulation of the

Intoxicated Player Policy and the increase in Umpires Fees.

State Director of Umpiring

Again this year Mike Ralston attended most of our meetings as a visitor. I'm sure it helps him in his duties, to be able to have direct access to the Executive. His knowledge and input certainly makes the day-to-day running of the Association easier for us. Mike's job is an onerous one, being responsible for umpiring for the whole state. As well as the day-to-day running of his job, Mike has several ideas he wants to implement to improve the recruitment and retention of umpires and communication between all affiliates. We have a great working relationship and I'm sure that this can only benefit every member throughout the state.

Innovations

Probably the biggest change to the way we operate was the introduction of the new computerized allocation system. Merv Musch must be congratulated for the smooth transition of this process. As we all know with any new system, especially a computerized system, there are always teething problems. Merv handled these quickly and expertly to such an extent that by half way through the season there were very few problems. The system saves Merv so much work and time that we felt it was very important to persevere and I think that all members are happy with this new innovation.

This year saw our first "Home" seminar held at Allan Border Field. The seminar was well attended and was well conducted by members of the Examination & Coaching Panel.

Club Forum

On the 4th of May, the Executive met with representatives from Wynnum/Manly, University of Queensland, Beenleigh/Logan, Redlands, Valley and Western Suburbs cricket clubs. For most people it is very difficult to turn their attention back to cricket issues during the off-season, so once again, we are encouraged by the response we have received to this initiative. As well as those physically attending, we received several verbal replies from those clubs unable to attend, highlighting issues that they deem important.

The discussion was very open and forthright with the representatives coming prepared with the thoughts of their captains and senior players. The discussion ebbed and flowed through several issues including; umpire recruitment and retention, player behavior (Spirit of Cricket), umpire consistency and LBW's. Umpire consistency in how they handle sledging and player behavior was a main theme emanating from all the clubs. The general feeling was that there is a need for a more consistent approach from umpires in this area.

For this process to work and make all cricket games easier to manage and enjoyable for all participants, it is imperative



that we take on board their views and act on them. This is not a one-way street however, we will be attending pre season training at clubs to advise the players and especially the captains on any changes to the regulations and what we as officials expect from them.

Umpiring Allowance

The Board of Directors of Queensland Cricket at their meeting on the 5th of October approved an increase in umpiring fees for umpires standing in games in Brisbane. This increase keeps metropolitan umpiring fees in Brisbane similar to allowances paid in other states. It was decided at the same time to wind up the Retirement Fund with all members entitled to a payment to be paid out in full.

U17 & U19 National Championships

We have had discussions with Queensland Cricket to send a scorer to each of these carnivals as well as an umpire. We were unsuccessful this year however we have had positive indications that this might be possible in future.

Policies

The Executive formalized the selection criteria for Semi Final and Finals, and for determining the winner of the Grade Awards. It was also decided to amend the Bob Spence Medal rules to make being available for Sunday games more enticing.

Facilitator Reports

We are very happy with the process of Captains and Umpires getting together after a game to discuss matters. From all reports this is going very well and we can see a benefit to both the clubs and umpires. The process of trying to design a report that is easy to use but gives the Allocation Panel the information they require and the Umpire and Captain a fair forum to comment on all aspects of a game is a very trying one. We are very conscious of the fact that we need to settle on a form so that we can have some continuity.

Suitability Card

All cricket umpires must now have this card before they will be allocated to games. Mike Ralston coordinated the process of obtaining cards for all our current members and all new members will be required to obtain a card before they are allocated to games.

Tsunami Appeal

The executive on behalf of the members donated \$1000 to this appeal via the charity cricket match that was held to raise money.

First Grade Badges

Because of the implementation of our new umpiring shirt with our logo already on the pocket it was decided to make available a First Grade Badge for those members who have stood in 25 First Grade matches.

Accreditation

The accreditation process continued this year with Merv Musch conducting the workshops. All new umpires each season will have to be accredited so as you can see this is a never-ending job. Mike Ralston has been busy rolling out the process throughout the State.

Recruitment

Mike Ralston, John Rowe and Judy Harris conducted the first T.A.F.E. Umpiring and Scoring course in March. All the signs are good that this will attract new members to our Association. It is very likely that this will be our main source of new members in the future.

Equipment and merchandise

Patrick Shine continued his tenure as our Property Officer for 2004-05. As we have become accustomed to, Patrick approached this job in a very professional manner. After every meeting and around the grounds Pat was very keen to supply every thing an umpire needs to be fully kitted out on and off the field. He also continued to arrange the purchase of new equipment and on selling merchandise to other umpiring associations.



20 Life Members, 91 Ordinary Members and 10 Associate members make up our Association this year. Although we were delighted with the addition of 18 new umpires, this was tempered by the loss of several umpires before and during the season. Officially our numbers are down because of the decision of the scorers to form their own Association. All umpires feel that the scorers are part of the "team" at the game and feel a great affinity with them. We are very eager to be involved in making the Scorers Association as strong as possible and will be available to provide any assistance we can to any scorer individually, and to the Scorers Association in general.

First Grade was again hard hit with the retirement of Anthony McQuillan after a long and illustrious career, and the decision of David Brandon to sample life in the land of the Long White Cloud. Obviously the loss of these members, and other very experienced umpires leaves a hole that needs to be filled in every grade. We are very fortunate that we have an umpire with the experience of David Orchard now available for more club games to help fill the gap.

We are also very fortunate that we have a great pool of talent to call on, judging by the comments of senior players and club officials, the standard of umpiring is on the improve every year, which bears testament to the ability of our members.

State Director of Umpiring Mike Ralston, the Examination and Coaching Panel, the Observers Panel, and Recruitment Officer John Rowe are to be congratulated for

providing the Allocation Panel with such well trained officials to choose from. But you can't lead a horse to water and make him drink, so it's you, the umpires on the field, who show the commitment and desire to take on board all of the advice and training these people provide, that makes our Association so successful.

Anthony McQuillan was honoured at our Bob Spence Medal Dinner and rightly so. Us ordinary mortals can only dream about having a career like Tony's. I would like to offer the Association's congratulations again to you Tony, for all you achievements on and off the field. Your experience, stories and friendship will be a great loss to the umpiring community and you will be missed. Tony mentioned at the Dinner that he is very willing to help anyone who needs advice or just wants to talk to him.

One umpire, who can lay claim to having a career as good or better than Tony's is Peter Parker. This year Peter won the Cricket Australia Umpire of the Year Award and now holds the record for standing in the most number of Pura Cup (Sheffield Shield) games. Congratulations Peter, what an achievement; you continue to represent this Association in great style year after year. The scary thing is Peter reckons he has at least 10 years left in him.

Peter Farley, David Wills, Allan Eddy, David Went and Allan Dore made their first Grade debuts this season. Congratulations to all of you, I hope you have many happy years in First Grade.

Umpiring Achievements

Congratulations are extended to:

National Panel

Peter Parker, Dave Orchard,

▶ Bruce Oxenford

State Panel

▶ Norm McNamara, Tim Laycock

First Class Debut

▶ Norm McNamara

First Class Debut

▶ Tim Laycock

U17 Championship

▶ Norm McNamara

U19 Championship

▶ Andrew Curran

Umpiring Milestones

The following achievements were recorded by members during the 2004/05 season:

First Grade Debut

▶ P Farley, D Wills, A Eedy, D Went,

▶ A Dore

First Grade Badge

▶ I Barsby, A Curran, J Argus

100 Game Badge

▶ A. Dore, R Johnsen, T Laycock

150 Game Badge

▶ Arthur Payne, Mick McShane



Carnivals

We were pleased to supply umpires to numerous Games and Carnivals throughout the past season, which included:

- ▶ State U16 Championships
- ▶ U12 Development Carnival
- ▶ Southern Skies
- ▶ Christian Brothers Carnival
- ▶ Qld Cricket Emerging Players Matches
- ▶ GPS and TAS games
- ▶ University of Queensland Inter College Carnival
- ▶ TAB Carnival
- ▶ Various School games and trials



Allan, Ian & Peter enjoying the Happy Hour at our General Meeting.



Arthur Payne and Tony McQuillan - two of our longest serving members.



Enjoying a quiet one after the U16 State Championships.



Gill Aspinall preparing at Souths.



Umpires waiting for the pitch to dry.





Association Awards



The Grade Awards are given to the umpires who achieve the highest average score from the captains in the grade they have officiated the majority of games in. In addition, the Col Hoy Encouragement Award and Alan Pettigrew Progression Award are given to the most promising new umpire and to the umpire who has shown the most improvement respectively.

Brendan Creevey, our Master of Ceremonies, announced the winners of each award at our Annual Dinner. The Grade Committee Chairman, John Forrest was kind enough to present the winners with their trophies. We were again very fortunate to have Mrs. Bev Hoy in attendance as a special guest, who presented the winners of the Alan Pettigrew Award and the Col Hoy Award with their honours.

The Wep Harris Award for First Grade:

This year Ian Barsby, Tim Laycock, Norm McNamara, David Orchard and Bruce Oxenford emerged from the First Grade pool to duke it out for the title. Ian "Louie" Barsby stood alone at the end of the counting as this season's winner. Ian stood in 9 First Grade games, a Second Grade Semi-Final and the Third Grade Final this season. He has now established himself as a very solid and reliable First Grade umpire and this award is very deserved and overdue.

The Alan Pettigrew Shield

In the running this year were Darren Moloney, Todd O'Rourke, Ron Johnsen, Peter Monaghan and David Went. The

winner was David "Wow" Went, who is in his first season with us after deciding to commute from Lismore each weekend to show us how it is done. Starting the year in Third Grade, his ability saw him quickly move through Second Grade to eventually make his First Grade debut in round 10. We are very lucky to have David join us, not only is he a great umpire but a good bloke as well.

Welcome David, I hope you have a long and enjoyable association with us.

The Norm McMahon Shield

Gil Aspinall, Nick Abbate, Jack Ezzy and Ross Howard rose to the top in Third Grade this season. Gil Aspinall won this year in a very tight finish. Gil had a very solid year standing in 7 Third Grade and 4 Second Grade games. Congratulations Gil for emerging as the winner from an excellent list of finalists.

The Bob Spence Shield

Michael Campbell, Br Chris Pritchard, Barry Westphal and Ian Tait contested this award with Ian Tait the winner. Ian must have sold his soul to the devil to beat this lot. In his fourth season with us Ian managed to stand in 8 Fourth Grade and 1 Fifth grade game. Congratulations Ian.

The Roy Tanner Shield

Top contenders this season were: John Hetherington, Farnell Hobman and Clive Popko. John Hetherington emerged as the victor this year. Another new member, John stood in 3 U18 and 6 Fifth Grade

games this season as well as a Fifth Grade Semi-Final and Final. Well-done John.

The Wep Harris Shield

In a closely fought tussle the top contenders were Robert Foster, Ray Marsh, Richard Rooke-Jones and David Sirl. Proving that driving from the Sunshine Coast to stand in games in Brisbane is no disadvantage, Richard Rooke-Jones stood tall as the winner when the counting was done. In his first year with the Association, Richard officiated in an U18 semi-final and 9 U18 games.

Alan Pettigrew Award

The winner this year was Craig Pflugrath. In only his second season of umpiring Craig had a tremendous year starting off in U18 and finishing up by standing the majority of the season in Third Grade. By any standards this is an amazing progression for someone in only his second year and a big future in umpiring is beckoning him. Congratulations Craig.

Col Hoy Award

This award is donated by the Cricket Society in memory of former Test umpire Col Hoy. The winner was Andrew Smith who had a very promising initial year in umpiring. Andrew began umpiring in U18 and finished the year in Fourth Grade. Unfortunately we have lost Andrew to Western Australia for the time being. Keep it up over there Andrew. I'm sure you will impress them as much as you have us, congratulations.

Honour Board for Association Awards

	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1992	A. McQuillan	M. Wylie	J. Torpey	A. Payne	C. Brown
1993	R. Isherwood	J. Torpey	K. Horton	C. Brown	M. Robinson
1994	R. Isherwood	G. Zimmer	M. Barton	N. Southall	D. Woodlock
1995	C. Bertwistle	D. McGrath	K. Beasley	T. Whiter	M. Smith
1996	C. Bertwistle	E. Edwards	M. Molesworth	S. Dean	G. Heffernan
1997	J. Torpey	D. Vinall	N. Gilloway	B. Ryan	N. O'Brien
1998	J. Torpey	S. Dean	J. Maclean	P. Lavallee	G. Bailo
1999	J. Torpey	P. Lavallee	J. Veivers	G. Thompson	W. Rogers
2000	L. Musch	J. Veivers	D. White	P. Farley	J. Ezzy
2001	N. McNamara	R. Johnsen	D. White	P. Monaghan	M. McShane
2002	L. Musch	A. Bonner	G. Thompson	P. Johnson	G. Durston
2003	B. Oxenford	R. Johnsen	J. Kangur/ S. Vetsich	B. Westphal	J. Black
2004	D. Brandon/ A. McQuillan	R. Johnsen	D. White	M. Clarke/ G. Stone	C. Pritchard
2005	I. Barsby	D. Went	G. Aspinall	I. Tait	J. Hetherington

	U18 Grade	Progression (Alan Pettigrew Award)	Col Hoy Award
1992	B. McNamee	G. Townsend	G. Zimmer
1993	N. Southall	R. Kelly	W. Heinemann
1994	P. Bell	W. Heinemann	D. Vinall
1995	J. Maclean	W. Cressy	B. Nielsen
1996	M. McGovern	B. Nielsen	C. Brown
1997	J. Maxwell-Jones	S. Dean	M. Whitman
1998	A. Payne	M. Whitman	L. Stokes
1999	N. Szkutko	B. Oxenford	V. Sestito
2000	D. Wills	P. Boland	P. Shine
2001	R. Kinstler	A. Curran	B. Prior
2002	R. Brown	D. Knott	S. Vetsich
2003	R. Brown	B. Hunt	D. Cleary
2004	J. Ezzy/R. Marsh	D. Moloney	N. Marsh
2005	R. Rooke-Jones	C. Pflugrath	A. Smith

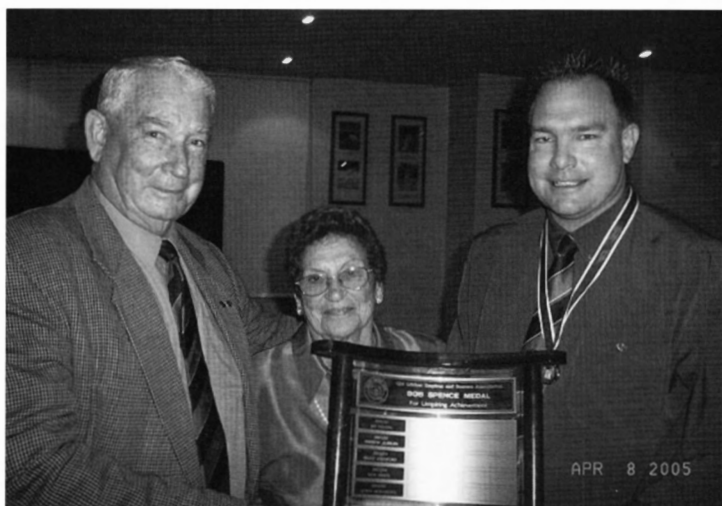
Bob Spence Medal

The Bob Spence Medal came of age this season by turning 21. Like a good bottle of red it continues to improve and get more prestigious each year. The interest and speculation about who would win was fascinating to observe and proves to me that quite rightly, it is a most sought after award for umpires in XXXX Grade Competition in Brisbane. The winner is determined on the basis of points allocated for attendances at general meetings and seminars, completing the re-fresher exam, the availability to officiate on Saturday and Sunday and the average mark for umpiring.

The winner of the Bob Spence Medal for 2004/05 was Norm McNamara, who was presented with his award at the Annual Dinner by our Patron, Mr. Brian Gaskell and a great friend of this Association, Mrs. Bev Hoy. Norm, who joined our Association in 2000, after umpiring in the Redlands District has gone from strength to strength as is evidenced by him making his First Class debut this season. "Hollywood" is a very popular and respected member of our Association who is always willing to make time available to talk and give advice to anyone who requests it. Well-done and well deserved Norm.

The other nine finalists for this award were: Don White (2nd), Greg Cubit (1st), Ron Johnsen (1st/2nd), Brian O'Rourke (3rd), Patrick Shine (1st), Gil Aspinall (3rd), Alan Loynes (2nd), David Mclver (1st), Jay Kangur (1st) Once again the points separating all the finalists was miniscule and indeed a great number of members missed out on being a finalist by less than one point. The one great aspect of this award is that it recognizes people for being good members of the Association as well as their umpiring ability, it doesn't matter what grade you officiate in, you can be a winner.

Congratulations are extended to our worthy winner Norm McNamara, and all the finalists for their efforts throughout the season. The Association once again would like to thank Ross Howard for his efficient and competent compiling of the points for this Award.



Norm McNamara winner of the Bob Spence Medal with Brian Gaskell & Bev Hoy.



Some of our top 10 - David Mclver, Alan Loynes, Jay Kangur and Ron Johnsen.

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
1997/98.....	Michael Jay
1998/99.....	Jim Torpey
1999/00.....	Lawrie Musch
2000/01	Jim Veivers
2001/02.....	Andrew Curran
2002/03	Bruce Oxenford
2003/04	Don White
2004/05	Norm McNamara

Director of Umpiring Report

Michael Ralston



Season 2004/2005 started with my main focus and objective being to increase active umpiring membership throughout the State. We have 641 registered umpires, an increase of approximately 80 over last season. My next objective was to promote the Cricket Australia Level 2 accreditation course to all State associations with a view to having more than 60% of active members complete the course successfully. Another area of high importance was for all umpires who were required to do so be registered and approved, in line with State Government legislation, for the Suitability Card "Blue Card."

I felt it necessary to put umpiring and scoring in front of the younger age group of the community. These thoughts were brought to fruition by implementing an inaugural course in "Learning to be a Cricket Umpire and Scorer," through an A.E.C "Adult Education Course" with the T.A.F.E College, Ithaca Campus Red Hill. The outcomes of this course I considered to be so successful that an ongoing commitment to continue each year has been given.

During the season some preliminary discussions were held with Queensland Junior Cricket with a view to giving umpire training to our younger players. This initiative would ultimately generate the development of a Queensland Junior Umpires Association under the care, direction and responsibility of the Q.C.U & S.A this I see eventuating within 5 years.

Cricket Australia Accreditation Scheme:

The accreditation program is progressing well and we have 245 umpires throughout Queensland being fully accredited. I believe by the start of 2005 / 2006 season we will have 300 umpires accredited in accordance with the Cricket Australia guidelines as several members are working through the training modules during the winter break. I will be reinforcing the importance of completing this accreditation with all associations and will make special note to bring it to the attention of all umpires who attend our preseason seminars throughout the central and southern areas. I believe it would have been a more positive approach for Cricket Australia to make it necessary to comply with the accreditation system.

Under Age National Championships:

Our selection panel met on the 1st of September and selected four members of our first class panel to officiate in the U/17's in Hobart and the U/19's in Melbourne. Norm McNamara with Greg Cubit as reserve was appointed to Hobart and Tim Laycock with Andrew Curran as reserve for Melbourne. Tim Laycock was unable to attend due to work commitments and Andrew Curran officiated. All reports received indicated that both umpires performed well and were excellent ambassadors for Queensland. Norm and Andrew gained extensive knowledge and experience in the difficult conditions experienced with weather in both Hobart and Melbourne.



Examination and Coaching:

I am pleased with the effort from all associations throughout the State for their work during the season in this area. Several initiatives have been implemented into the more professional operation of the Q.C.U & S.A in the areas of allocations, examination and coaching sessions relating to player management, seminars and feedback from our 3 observers. Members of the examination and coaching panel together with our first class umpires visited grade clubs and discussed new laws and any items of interest relating to the new season. The response from grade clubs to this initiative was not as good as we had expected. Facilitator forms were renewed and expanded to supply more information regarding the umpires' performance.

Recruitment, Development, Training and Assessments:

In conjunction with our preseason recruitment program we held a new members' night in late June. The main reasons for the loss of membership throughout the season have been:

- ▶ Player behaviour
- ▶ Retirements
- ▶ Family Commitments
- ▶ Moving interstate
- ▶ Work Commitments

The Q.C.U & S.A lost the services of four first grade umpires for the season in Tony McQuillan, Michael Jay, David Brandon and John Rowe. This impacted heavily on the association. The monitoring of several umpires who have shown potential in lower grades has proven beneficial and we have been able to promote these umpires into First Grade with success. Experienced umpires joined the Q.C.U & S.A from Zimbabwe, India and New South Wales; all have performed well and have been an asset to the association. The quality of new umpires joining our associations throughout the State has been above average with many coming from playing backgrounds. The recruitment of junior players as umpires has been of high importance for this season by many associations and has proved very successful. The program set for training is the same as would be for senior members and I can see this as having long-term benefits in many areas. We have juniors of 15 and 16 years of age umpiring with a senior partner in Saturday fixtures.

Annual Seminars:

As has been the case in the past we have conducted many seminars preseason, which have been well attended and enjoyed by all. The season started with our Country seminars in mid August in Laidley and Bundaberg.

Laidley:

- ▶ 14th August—Merv Musch & Greg Cubit.
- ▶ 23 attendees.
- ▶ Venue was at the "Andy Bichel Oval"
- ▶ Associations attended: Gold Coast, Beenleigh, Ipswich, Beaudesert, Fassi-fern, & Toowoomba.
- ▶ Theme of the seminar was "Consistency"

Bundaberg:

- ▶ 14th–15th August – Michael Ralston and Alan Loynes.
- ▶ 27 attendees.
- ▶ Venue was at the "Salter Oval"
- ▶ Associations attended: Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Fraser Coast, & Gympie.

Mackay:

- ▶ 21st August – Merv Musch.
- ▶ 17 attendees
- ▶ Many members sat for the Basic examination and were successful.

Q.C.U & S.A:

- ▶ 28th August – Full Coaching Panel.
- ▶ 65 attendees.
- ▶ Venue was at the "Allan Border Oval"

Agenda Topics:

1. Sight / Eye Care
– Sue Henschell / Bob Lees.
2. Umpire Training, Goal Setting, Match Preparation – Simon Taufel.
3. Ground Preparation, Wet Wickets.
– Wayne Heinemann.
4. Insight to Queensland Cricket
– Graham Dixon.
5. Player/ Coach/ Umpire relationship
– Peter Cameron, Greg Rowell.



Ipswich:

- ▶ 11th September – Merv Musch
- ▶ 30 attendees.
- ▶ Many members sat for the Basic examination and were successful.

Gregory Terrace:

- ▶ September – Merv Musch.
- ▶ 22 Attendees.
- ▶ All members sat for the Basic examination and were successful.

National / State Meetings:

State Directors of Umpiring meeting was held in Brisbane on Tuesday 17th August. The venue was Queensland Cricket Headquarters, Albion.

Items Discussed:

- ▶ Cricket Australia Level 2 Accreditation Course.
- ▶ Training Program for Course Coordinators
- ▶ Level 1 Accreditation – Implementation.
- ▶ Training Budgets.
- ▶ Introduction of the “Spirit of Cricket” into lower grades.
- ▶ CD Rom Training Video.
- ▶ Importance of Scorers and their professional training and development.
- ▶ Recruitment, Retention and Training of Umpires.

1. Serious problem Australia wide.
2. Country Associations having the most difficulty.
3. Constant Media focus on decisions has an adverse affect on recruitment.
4. Imbalance of Umpires allowances for duties performed.
5. Increased requirement for Umpires to take on more responsibility.
6. Affects of scheduling too many matches close together.

Queensland Country meeting was held in Brisbane on Saturday 17th July where I spoke to the delegates and outlined the difficulties that our Country umpires were having and requested that as much support as possible be given.

Items for discussion:

- ▶ Captain’s reports.
- ▶ Judiciary meeting support.
- ▶ Recruitment, retention, recognition of all umpires.
- ▶ Future seminars 2005 / 2006.
- ▶ Criteria for selection of Country First Class panel and what I wanted for Country Umpires.
- ▶ T.A.F.E Courses to assist regional associations.
- ▶ Umpires zone delegates training. (To do their own regional training)

Code of Behaviour Meetings:

Q.C.U & S.A umpires generally felt that the fixtures of 2004 / 2005 season were conducted in accordance with the guidelines set down in the “Spirit of Cricket” preamble. Players reported for Breaches of the Code of Behaviour in 2004 / 2005 totalled 30. When compared with previous seasons this was an increase of 40%. The main breaches of the code related to audible bad language and dissent following an umpire’s decision.

Summary:

I am sure that we are moving forward with the development and support of our State umpiring associations. Overall I am pleased with the position of the associations in the state and look forward to further assisting them in season 2005/2006.





Grade Allocation Report



Michael Ralston

A dedicated group of members in Merv, Lew, Barry, Ross and I embarked on another season of allocations. We met each fortnight to formulate a process to allocate our members to grade and one day men's and women's fixtures. I sincerely thank them for the many hours of diligence, dedication and attention to detail that was spent in preparing allocations. Our special appreciation must go to Merv for the many extra hours put in to computerise our allocations and send the information to members; this was done well with not too many interruptions. Barry's work in keeping the statistics was invaluable and assists with the smooth running of the appointment process. Ross has extra duties in conjunction with allocations with his position as statistician, a job very well done and acknowledged by all on the Executive Committee.

My appreciation goes to all member's who made themselves available throughout the season to officiate in the XXXX Grade Competition, One Day Sunday competition, Konica Women's first and second grade, the over Forties, under 19's and the Lord Taverners U/16. It was unfortunate that on a couple of rounds after Christmas we were unable to successfully supply a full compliment of umpires onto the field, this will be addressed in the coming season.

With the increased volume of fixtures available pre Christmas it was particularly pleasing that so many members made themselves available for both Saturday and Sunday. As the computer allocation program moves into full swing it is hoped that the few problems that were experienced in the past will be fixed for next season. The availability of members will again be sought for season 2005/ 2006 as it is predicted that more fixtures will be played before and after Christmas. As much support as possible will be given to members to make sure the load is shared around.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all members who were appointed to officiate in Semi and Grand Finals. This was a direct reflection on your commitment and the umpiring skills displayed during the 2004/2005 season.

Board of Examination & Coaching

Michael Ralston



Simon Taufel speaking at our seminar.



Peter Farley and Iain Wyeth at the seminar.

The Examination and Coaching Panel conducted an hour-long training session for the members at the start of each monthly General Meeting of the Association. As the members requested a more interesting and informative coaching session through the questionnaire it was decided to invite various speakers to our meetings. The reaction to this initiative was positive.

Our preseason coaching seminar was held at Queensland Cricket Headquarters, Albion, and was attended by 65 members who have acknowledged that the highlight was the two one hour presentations from ICC umpire Simon Taufel. The full days' program was enjoyed by all especially Don White's ladies in the canteen who I believe spilt more wine than was consumed. The day would not have been as successful without the assistance of these ladies who kept us wine and dined throughout the day. Coaching seminars were conducted throughout the State in Mackay, Bundaberg, Laidley, Ipswich, Gregory Terrace College and the metropolitan area. A total of 69 level 1 basic examinations were conducted through these seminars.

Members of the Examination and Coaching Panel attended preseason club meetings to discuss rule changes, "Spirit of Cricket" policy and many other topics of interest with captains and officials.

New facilitator reports were incorporated into the season with a view to receiving better and more informative feedback from captains on umpires' performances during the season. These forms were well received by players and umpires. The Panel made themselves available to all members to discuss various onfield situations during the season. Several members took advantage of this opportunity to obtain a clearer understanding of some of their decisions. Mention must be made of Alan Loynes's contribution to the coaching of junior teams in conjunction with Queensland Cricket, a job very much appreciated by the coaching staff of the QC. With Cricket Australia's continuous improvement program a training CD ROM was developed for distribution. This program will form an important focal point of umpire training in the seasons to come. The quality of umpiring by members for this season has been good but with a stronger emphasis on technique for season 2005 / 2006 greater benefit will be gained throughout the Association for all members.

My appreciation for a job very well done goes to Merv, Alan, John and Greg for their commitment and dedication throughout the season.

Observers' Report

Michael Ralston

During the season our observers have endeavoured to approach their obligations to observe members and to constructively comment on areas of technique and concentration that may need attention. It is obvious that our association has a strong nucleus of committed and talented umpires. Observers also completed coverage of all games in the grades and viewed venues on the state of grounds and facilities. The standard of dress observed during the season was pleasing and the introduction of our umpiring shirt enhanced the onfield look of those umpires who chose to wear them for the first time. The observers were pleased to report the cooperation from umpires was helpful and appreciated.

Some of our newer umpires have shown distinct promise and will form a strong group to choose from in the coming years. The attributes to become a good umpire from an observer's point of view are appearance, stance, positioning, control and a strong knowledge of the laws of cricket. Three observers gave a greater coverage of games and the majority of members were videoed and given a written report by the panel. It is hoped that all umpires benefited from the observer's reports and after viewing the video were able to make a self-assessment of their performance and make any adjustment necessary. The observers report as positively as possible on all aspects of on field performance to build confidence and ability.

Observers have made themselves available to all members before and after meetings and between matches for discussion on all aspects of umpiring reports. The real value of an observers report is seen when the member takes the time to discuss all of the details mentioned on his or her report with the observer at meetings or on the phone. The observers task has been made easier by the training of new members and from the examination and coaching sessions during monthly meetings. My appreciation is extended to John Rowe and members of the Examination and Coaching Panel for their attention to detail in the training programs.

My sincere appreciation goes to Merv, Lew and Steve and all other members who were approached to assist the Observers with their duties. The assistance and attention given to member's reports will significantly benefit the association in the future.



David Went doing the toss at the 2nd Grade Final.



Greg Cubit



Peter Monaghan has just realised he is being observed.



Recruitment & Development Officer's Report



John Rowe



Our numbers were probably the smallest for years at the start of training. When we commenced in July, we had six very new aspiring umpires, later, a couple more joined us who had some umpiring experience. Four more new members joined us as the season started, which gave us twelve new recruits by round 4.

This year our new umpires gained valuable on-field experience by standing in an over 40s competition in the Redlands area. Most umpired games in August after going through the classroom training and the annual training day at Albion. They were then able to finish their training with grade cricket trials before the real deal in round 1. Ongoing training before our meeting was very difficult with the Ian Healy room cut in half, but we were able to catch up and iron out any issues from their Saturday's umpiring.

February saw the next step in recruitment and development with the implementation of our new Umpiring and Scoring Course at Ithaca T.A.F.E. College. Although the season was nearly over, our mission was to target umpires for the 2005/06 season. Enrolments were in the high twenties and we had 18 sit for our exam after the completion of 6 nights training. Another course is scheduled for July/August. I am confident we can capture half of these people who complete the courses. 15-20 new umpires in September would be fantastic, and we can start filling all the grades again.



Property Officers' Report



Patrick Shine

It has been my pleasure to be the Association's Property Officer for the 2004-05 season.

This season the Association adopted an official umpiring shirt after a favourable report from members who had tested it last season. The long sleeve polo style shirts certainly look smart and their ability to wash and wear means one less thing to do before leaving for the days umpiring!

The season also saw the introduction of a new style casual shirt. The new casual

shirts proved popular with every shirt being sold before the end of the season.

Thanks to Greg Cubit for putting the merchandise on the web site. This provided me with another avenue to sell merchandise to umpires across the state. I was forever sending casual shirts to Cairns!

This season I introduced "The Essentials Pack" for all umpires. The Essential Pack included:

- ▶ Sports Bag
- ▶ Water bottle

- ▶ Business Shirt and tie
- ▶ Counter
- ▶ Bowling markers
- ▶ Notebook
- ▶ Cap

Merchandise is a great way for members to represent and support the association and I encourage all members to consider purchasing any of the items on sale.

I would like to especially thank Nelma Grout, Merv Musch, Ron Johnsen and Greg Cubit for their support and assistance throughout the season.

The Cricket Australia Umpiring Panels have been in operation now for three seasons. As it is with any organization, reviews of structures take place. So it was, after input from all relevant stakeholders that a decision was made to change the panels. They are now as follows:

Cricket Australia National panel:

- ▶ twelve umpires

Cricket Australia State Panel:

- ▶ twelve umpires

Standby Panel:

- ▶ six umpires

At the end of season meeting between the Umpire Manager, Umpire Coaches and the Umpire Selectors, each State Coach was asked to review the performance of each umpire that had officiated in their home state. This information was then collated and in due course the Chairman of the Umpire Selection Panel notified the umpires of their selection on the relevant panels.

All contracted umpires are eligible to stand in Pura Cup, I.N.G. Cup, and Cricket Australia Cup Matches. National Panel members are also eligible to officiate in certain international fixtures such as Australia A. games, 20/20 matches and tour matches.

Australia has three representatives on the I.C.C. Elite panel. They are Darrell Hair, Daryl Harper and Simon Taufel

who officiate in test matches and one-day internationals around the world. Peter Parker and Steve Davis remain on the I.C.C. International Panel along with Bob Parry as a nominated Third Umpire. I.C.C. International Umpires are eligible to officiate in One Day Internationals as appointed by the Home Board, and remain contracted to Cricket Australia. They can be appointed by the I.C.C. to Test matches.

All contracted umpires have access to a coach who is responsible to provide ongoing skill development, training programs, fitness testing and performance reviews.

This season saw the introduction of a Matrix System, which is a self-assessment of the umpire's performance. This uses a rating system of one to ten that covers the following: decision making, match management, preparation and technique. Both the umpire and the coach were required to complete two assessments during the season, one in December and the other at the season's end. Using the results gained from these assessments allowed the coach, in a confidential discussion, help the umpire rectify any deficiency in his overall performance.

The Cricket Australia Umpire Guide C.D. that was completed and produced this year will become a valuable training tool not only for first class umpires but also new umpires commencing their career. I would highly recommend its use by all umpires.

The members of our association who are contracted to Cricket Australia are:

National Panel

- ▶ Peter Parker
(I.C.C. International panel)
- ▶ Dave Orchard
- ▶ Bruce Oxenford

State panel

- ▶ Norm McNamara
- ▶ Tim Laycock

Another member of our Association, Andrew Curran is on the Standby Panel but does not receive a Cricket Australia contract.

My congratulations are extended to Tim Laycock and Norm McNamara who made their first class debuts this season. Tim officiated in the Pura Cup match Queensland v Tasmania in November and Norm officiated in the Pura Cup match Queensland v Victoria in December. Both matches were played at the Gabba. Congratulations also to Dave Orchard who officiated in the I.N.G. Cup final and to Peter Parker, who officiated in the Pura Cup final, and to other members of the Panel whose appointments appears elsewhere in this season's report.

Peter Parker is to be congratulated on winning the Cricket Australian Umpire of the Year award for season 2004/05.

All members of the Cricket Australia Umpires panels that are members of this association are to be congratulated on their professionalism and conduct both on and off the field throughout the season.

Merv Musch

The Board of Queensland Cricket saw Damien Mullins and his team from the previous year returned with the exception of Mr Peter Easton. Mr Carl Rackemann took his place on the Board and also acted as the Umpires representative.

I was honoured to be your delegate this year and was able to attend all three meetings. The main topic being discussed this year was the strategic plan.

Our Association continues to have a good working relationship with the Board and Queensland Cricket Headquarters due

mainly to the ongoing support of Graham Dixon and his staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham and his staff for all their help throughout the year.

The Grade Committee comprised of John Forrest, (Chairman), Ian Sturgess (manager Grade Cricket), Neil King, Jim Holding, Jon Hopes, Katherine Raymont, Tony Taylor and Merv Musch.

The committee was kept busy throughout the year handling many issues that arose during the season. Our new Chairman, Mr John Forrest has brought with him a new

vitality and direction that should revitalise the committee so that it can handle the challenges facing all of us in the future.

This season was the second year of the Spirit of Cricket Award, which was won by the University of Queensland Cricket Club. A big thank you to all umpires for awarding points for this award and to the other ongoing awards.

The Association would like to thank the Conducts Commissioner Mr Ron Archer for his support throughout the year and thanks also to Mr Ian Sturgess, Manager Grade Cricket for his support.

Peter Burge Medal

The winner of the Peter Burge Medal this year was Derek Tate. The 24-year-old all-rounder from Toombul, won the award in a tight finish from his former teammate Alan Rowe from Beenleigh/Logan.

A very consistent performance this season saw him net 566 runs at 37.7 and 24 wickets at 27.5. This was Derek's second great year in a row after finishing runner-up to Nathan Rimmington last year. He capped off a huge year by being selected in the Queensland Academy of Sport team who played NSW in Sydney. Derek made the most of his chances by scoring 88 runs and taking 3/30 and 2/27 with the ball.

Winners of the Peter Burge Medal are as follows:

1990/91	Harley Hammelman (Souths)
.....	Bob McGhee (Toombul)
1991/92	Peter Clifford (Toombul)
1992/93	Andrew Courtice (University)
1993/94	Adam Dale (Wynnum/Manly)
1994/95	Scott Prestwidge (Wynnum/Manly)
.....	Peter Skuse (Toombul)
.....	Dominic Ovenden (Norths)
1995/96	Adam Dale (Wynnum/Manly)
1996/97	Jeff Pfaff (Gold Coast)
1997/98	Paul Argent (Souths)
1998/99	Mick Miller (Norths)
1999/00	Brendan Creevey (Sandgate/Redcliffe)
2000/01	Dale Turner (Souths)
2001/02	Greg Rowell (Wests)
2002/03	Aaron Nye (Wests)
2003/04	Nathan Rimmington (Sandgate/Redcliffe)
2004/05	Derek Tate (Toombul)

Social Committee Report

Don White

Well another season of umpiring is over. The season was full of highlights for certain members, I am referring to the winners of the Grade Awards and the Bob Spence Medallist, Norm McNamara, Congratulations to you all.

Because of the modifications to the Ian Healy room, this year proved to be very compressed within close quarters for conducting our raffles and enjoying drinks and nibbles after the closure of our general meetings. However the social activities still proved to be well received by all.

The major raffles throughout the year, namely the Christmas Hamper and the Easter Bunnies went well. These raffles are our main source of income to assist with the funding for the End of Season Dinner.

A special thank you to Mrs. Grout for organizing the nibbles at our monthly meetings. This is greatly appreciated by all attending members.

Members, without your support with donations and the purchase of tickets at meetings, none of the functions of the social committee would be successful to say the least, so "Thank You" to you all.

To all ladies who assisted in the canteen at the seminar at Allan Border Oval this year; "well done". Without your time and effort at interval times, the day wouldn't have been so harmonious.

I look forward to seeing all members next season when the cycle starts all over again. I would personally like to thank my partners in crime for their support through out the year at the meetings; Iain Wyeth, Allan Eedy, David McIver, Nev O'Brien and Anne Rostedt, and at the seminar, Ron Johnsen the co-cook.

Season Dinner

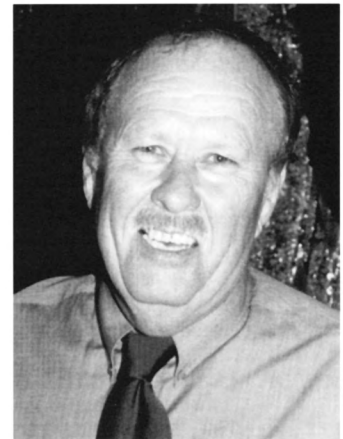
The end of Season Dinner was well attended with 108 excited diners tucking into the marvellous fare. I am positive they all enjoyed the evening's events. The first highlight of the evening was the reading of the Form Guide on each table on the nominations for the Bob Spence Medal.

The guest speaker Carl Rackemann was like a tight spring, slow at first but once

he let go he could have talked about his joyful time as a player and coach until the next morning. Not one person left his or her seat, during his speech; they were enthralled with every word he uttered.

To our M.C. Brendan "Anniversary Night" Creevey, thank you. Brendan was his usual self, very entertaining with his witty remarks and full of praise for umpires. He

very professionally kept the night's format flowing smoothly. Gentlemen thank you for your time and efforts. Without your input the evening would not have been a success.



Peter Farley, Peter the Batman and Brendan Creevey.



Some of the revellers at our End of Season Dinner.



Craig Pflugrath accepting his award from Bev Hoy.



Norm McNamara making his acceptance speech.



David Went receiving the 2nd Grade award from John Forrest.



Jim Tobin at Valleys.



Mike and June Ralston enjoying off season BBQ.



Alan Loynes making a presentation to special guest Ian Reeves.



Brother Chris enjoying his work.



Ian Barsby receiving his First Grade Award from John Forrest.



So another season is over. In a lot of ways, 2004-05 was 'business as usual' in Qld Country, but in other ways, things are on the move.

The TAFE courses, which are being run in Rockhampton and Townsville, are apparently being very well received. This concept originated in Brisbane, and could provide a very good result for the country areas in the acquisition of new members, if it is handled properly.

It's been decided, because of the sheer enormity of the country area, that coordinators be appointed to cover both South and North Qld. It's always the best idea to have someone coordinating who is in touch with the area, and I think this will go a long way toward improving communication with the remoter areas. These coordinators will liaise directly with the State Director of Umpiring, Mr. Mike Ralston.

The Country Umpires Panel continued to provide service this season. I guess that no news is good news, because I had no negative reports on any of the games that the panel stood in. The panel for next season will have a little bit of a different look about it, as at least a couple of this season's members are unavailable. Neil Smith has taken a job in Albury-Wodonga, and is now umpiring in Victoria. I've decided to throw in my lot with Brisbane next season, and I've heard whispers that others won't be re-applying. I've enjoyed my 4 years on the panel immensely, and I wish the best of luck to all involved next season.

The country seminars are being held in Mackay and Chinchilla on the weekend of 14 & 15 August. As usual, these are good

fun, as well as being beneficial to all who attend. I urge all to attend if possible.

The country areas are still 'dragging the chain' with accreditations. Could I urge all Zone reps and Association secretaries to really push members to get these completed and submitted? It is for their own benefit as much as anyone's, so let's make an effort in this direction.

Lastly, I just want to thank all who have helped me over the last 2 years in my position as Rep Member. I've enjoyed my time, and I wish all the best to my successor.

Good luck to all for next season.

Mark Dalgleish

Central Queensland

The 2004/05 season saw Graeme Smith's nomination for the Country Panel as successful. Graeme officiated in Country Championships in Brisbane in January 2005.

The numbers of accredited umpires (Level 1) throughout Central Queensland has increased. Gladstone has a healthy pool of more than 20 umpires with Level 1 or better and of these, there were 8 to 10 regular umpires who participated in the local competition. The School Boy Championships were held in Rockhampton this year. This contributed to 4 local schoolteachers obtaining their Level 1 Accreditation to participate as umpires in the games. Three umpires from Gladstone also attended and the balance was made up from local Rockhampton umpires. On this note, Graeme Smith also requested several level 1 exam papers in the hope to get further candidates. Callide had one candidate who had successfully

passed the Level 1 exam. He currently is the only officially accredited Level 1 umpire in that area and I hope this will encourage further candidates.

Furthermore, I completed a workshop in Emerald during the "Off season" for 2004/05 where 5 people obtained their Level 1 and Bill Lawrence was nominated as the coordinator for the area. He recruited a further 3 candidates who also completed the Level 1 and passed. Bill and fellow Emerald umpire Paul Cramer participated in the intercity finals held in Gladstone and both did very well. The three Rockhampton umpires also fared well as did the 3 from Gladstone.

We had 3 umpires participate in the NQ finals and these umpires performed extremely well and enjoyed the experience and atmosphere that comes along with the high standards of play.

The future appears bright for CQ, however those umpires who currently have their Level 2 and are completing the Accreditation kits must do so within the next couple of years. These Level 2 umpires are the pool from which nominations to the Country Panel are obtained. The criteria for the Country Panel in the 2008 season is that nominees must be Accredited and be registered in the database held by QC in Brisbane.

This will be the pool from which future CQ umpires will be nominated for the Country Panel, so I strongly suggest that those umpires that are keen to be nominated complete the Accreditation Kits as soon as possible.

Domenic Belvedere
CQ Umpires Director



Townsville Cricket Inc.

Firstly, a big hello from the Townsville Cricket Umpires. We trust this finds everyone enjoying the off-season.

Well, where do we start? Our band of merry men commenced the season with high aspirations, and good numbers. This assured us that the cricket would be great. The best-laid plans always go awry with a number of injuries, work commitments and family obligations placing a little stress on numbers. Adding to this was the normal Christmas break where our "godfather umpire" Bob Skau and his wife Mary took time away to enjoy the Australian Country Championships. (A break from cricket by going to the cricket..exactly!!)

A note of mention must go to Jim Thompson, Doug Pearce and Dave Blundell, who this year stood in the NQ Championships rounds one and two and showed their talents off. Well-done guys and thanks for putting in the time.

It was close to the end of the season where umpires and their knowledge were tested in the First Grade competition when rain clouds influenced decisions and play. The competition was the closest it has ever been with any one of four clubs in contention for the grand final. Fortunately, the spirit of cricket shone through and although there can be only one winner the cricket was pleasurable even in the middle.

Umpire of the Year went to Jim Thompson and he is certainly a worthy recipient.

Just when you think the jobs done and you can actually pull out the golf clubs, along came the call for umpires. We were fortunate to host the Under 19 Bangladesh

Team for four matches in early May followed by the Papua New Guinea Team for some turf wicket matches against both the NQ Army team and Tropical North Representative team.

Those who stood in these matches certainly enjoyed the spirit and friendliness displayed by each touring side, it was a pleasure.

Next season we look forward with high hopes, and the news of a new international facility in Townsville for cricket. We hope there are many visiting teams, and to go along with this, visiting umpires, with which we can enjoy a drink and discussion.

So if your looking for a short holiday, would like to enjoy the north then certainly look us up and join us on the paddock.

Till next year.
Greg Hamblin
Director of Umpiring

Gold Coast & District Umpires Assoc.

The Gold Coast & District Cricket Umpires Association, like I suppose all other Associations has been struggling for numbers over many years.

The requirement for us to supply umpires has been made harder over the past 4 seasons with Cricket Gold Coast joining with Beenleigh and Tweed Associations to form an 18-club competition for 1st. and 2nd. Grade. Each Association was then being responsible for their own lower grade competition.

This meant Gold Coast had to find 18 umpires each week for 1st. and 2nd. Grades, with the other Grades having to go without

an umpire for most of the season. We were able to achieve this with the help of 3 umpires from Beenleigh and 4 from Tweed.

We realised this situation could not continue, so two seasons ago we introduced our own training and development program. Umpires who had Level 2 qualification were encouraged to do their Accreditation, and we were able to have 8 Accredited Umpires by the start of the season 2003/04. Before the start of season 2004/05, we worked very hard to recruit new members. This resulted in 10 new umpires being trained and all passed their relevant level exams, allowing us to commence the season with 18 qualified umpires. With 13 of these turning up to our recent AGM, things are looking good for the coming season, especially as we intend to repeat our recruiting drive, as well as trying to train umpires for our Junior Competition with the hope of some staying with us as their sons finish with the junior competition.

Thanks must be afforded to Michael Ralston for his help and guidance in the training and examining of these new members.

Our Association would also like to congratulate Andrew Curran for his rapid promotion through the umpire ranks. Andrew commenced his career with us not to many seasons ago.

Eddie Doherty
Secretary,
Training and Development Officer



National U17 Championships



Norm McNamara

The competition started under blue skies but quickly changed, with days 2 to 5 being interrupted by drizzle and very low temperatures making things interesting. Match number one was called off due to the inclement weather just after lunch on day two, with only one game achieving a result. All round two fixtures were completed. However day two of this round saw 11 degrees, a minus 6-wind chill factor to go with constant drizzle and strong gusting wind. All umpires froze, wore jackets on the playing field and took many hours to thaw out in front of a warm fire. It was interesting to note that only the NSW Association still wears a tie during umpiring, and that most states are now moving away from the white polo shirt to a blue, similar to the ING shirts worn by first class umpires.

From the beginning of round three and through to the final, the sun came out and we had some real summer weather, although the strength of the Tassie "Breeze" was unreal. For three days I stood with my feet in front of the other, just to form a decent platform that helped me stay upright. I must say the wickets were quite different in composition, being of an entirely different grass. The couch most Qld clubs use can't be grown in Tasmania due to the cold weather, so most wickets have a very heavy grass covering. All of the outfielders were immaculate. The amount of carry was quite interesting, so they definitely understand how to roll wickets.

I had the privilege of standing with three other umpires, Darren Goodger (also contracted-from NSW), Jason Barton (WA)

and Geoff Joshua (Vic). Other umpires at the carnival were Alex Bakunowicz (NT), Wayne Cook (SA), Rod Williams (Tas) and Yohan Ramasundra (ACT). As a group it was very scary how well we got on, with the group dynamics being so different. Many a good laugh was had, from the "local" umpire, an ex-NSWelshman, formerly of the Navy, who came from Launceston and knew nothing of Hobart, to the interesting impressions that we all could do of each other's on-field mannerisms.

Tasmanian Cricket organised and excellent carnival, with two bedroom, fully self-contained townhouses for umpires, as well as hiring cars for us for the entire two weeks. This meant we did not have to rely on team buses to travel around. It also meant that each night, we could do what ever we wished. Our accommodation was very centrally located, with only a 15-minute walk to the centre of Hobart. I was also very lucky to stand at grounds that were no longer then a ten-minute drive away from our house. In fact, the location for the final was about 500 metres up the hill from our units, but what a hill it was. The gradient was enough to induce Darren to comment that it was worse than Heartbreak Hill in Sydney, more like Heart Attack Hill.

It was with great pride that Darren and I were selected to umpire the Final between NSW and Victoria on the former home of Tasmanian Cricket, the NTCA Ground. NSW dominated the game to finish undefeated, and I was extremely happy overall with my umpiring. I tried to give advice to

the less experienced guys, but also learnt quite a bit from them and have been able to modify my practice to encompass these. I was disappointed not to stand with the less experienced umpires.

In finishing, I would like to thank the Qld Cricket Allocation Committee for giving me this opportunity, Cricket Australia for their support of umpires, Mel Johnson, Brent Silva and Richard Widows (Tas. State Director and Coach) for their helpful feedback, Tasmanian Cricket for an excellent carnival, to my colleagues, both interstate and here at home, who keep all our feet on the ground and to my lovely wife Bronwyn, without her love and support, I wouldn't have accomplished what I have so far in our sport.



National U19 Championships



Andrew Curran

A very wet Melbourne played host to the National U19 Cricket Championships in December last year. Umpiring colleagues from all around the country joined me and we all looked forward to the 2 weeks of cricket in front of us, which consisted of 4 one-day matches and 3 two-day matches.

The day before the championships started saw all the umpires and players were presented to the crowd during the tea break of the first one-day match between Australia and New Zealand at the Telstra Dome. This was an early highlight of the trip and gave all involved a good buzz going into their first matches.

As mentioned above the weather was very wet and played havoc with games through out the Carnival. I can't stress to members enough, the importance of knowing all the relevant playing conditions for ground, weather and light. All the umpires were tested to the best of their abilities whilst in Melbourne. Eventually the weather cleared and all the matches were completed.

A highlight of the trip for me was my first match between TAS and WA. TAS needed 16 runs off the last over with one wicket in hand. They got the runs off the last ball of the match, the previous ball had been called a "no ball" by my umpiring partner at square leg because WA only had three fielders inside the circle. WA might have won the match if not for this mistake. It was a valuable lesson the boys learnt on fielding restrictions.

The standard of cricket played was very good. In years to come no doubt we will see plenty more talented cricketers playing for Australia because of carnivals like this. For the record NSW were the eventual winners, with Qld finishing a creditable third.

I would like to thank the Association for allowing me to be their representative at this years Championships, the experience was invaluable and I encourage all members to work as hard as they can so they might have the same opportunity that I have be given to further my umpiring career.

First Class Appointments

Peter Parker

Pakistan	v	West Indies	U19 Asia Cup Final
City	v	Country	Kingaroy
Q.A.S.	v	V.I.S.	Maroochydore
Queensland	v	New South Wales	ING Cup
Queensland	v	South Australia	ING Cup - 3rd Umpire
Australia	v	New Zealand	Test Match - 3rd Umpire
Queensland	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup
Australia	v	New Zealand	O.D.I.
New South Wales	v	South Australia	ING Cup
New Zealand	v	Sri Lanka	O.D.I.
Australia	v	Pakistan	O.D.I. - 3rd Umpire
Pakistan	v	West Indies	O.D.I.
Australia	v	West Indies	O.D.I. - 3rd Umpire
Australia	v	Pakistan	O.D.I.
Pakistan	v	West Indies	O.D.I. - 3rd Umpire
Queensland	v	Western Australia	ING Cup
Australia	v	Pakistan	O.D.I. 2nd Final - 3rd Umpire
Queensland	v	Tasmania	ING Cup Final - 3rd Umpire
Western Australia	v	New South Wales	Pura Cup
Western Australia	v	South Australia	Pura Cup
New South Wales	v	Victoria	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Pura Cup Final

David Orchard

Q.A.S.	v	V.I.S.	Maroochydore
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	Western Australia	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Western Australia	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	Tasmania	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Victoria	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Tasmania	ING Cup Final
Tasmania	v	Western Australia	Pura Cup
Victoria	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup
South Australia	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup

Bruce Oxenford

Q.A.S.	v	V.I.S.	Maroochydore
Queensland	v	New South Wales	ING Cup - 3rd Umpire
Western Australia	v	Tasmania	ING Cup
Western Australia	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	South Australia	ING Cup
Australia	v	New Zealand	Test Match - 4th Umpire
Queensland	v	Victoria	Pura Cup
Australia A	v	Pakistan	One Day Tour Match



Bruce Oxenford Cont'd.

Australia A	v	Pakistan	20/20 Tour Match
Queensland	v	New South Wales	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	Western Australia	ING Cup
Victoria	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup
Tasmania	v	New South Wales	Pura Cup
Queensland	v	Western Australia	Pura Cup

Norm McNamara

Queensland	v	Tasmania	C.A. Cup
Queensland	v	South Australia	Women
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Women
Q.A.S.	v	P.N.G	
Queensland	v	South Australia	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Tasmania	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Victoria.....	Pura Cup
Australia	v	New Zealand.....	O.D.I. 4th Umpire
Pakistan	v	West Indies.....	O.D.I. 4th Umpire

U17 National Championships Hobart

Tim Laycock

Queensland	v	A.C.T.....	C.A. Cup
Queensland	v	South Australia	Women
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Women
Q.A.S.	v	P.N.G	
Q.A.S.	v	Aboriginal & Torres Strait 1st XI	
Queensland	v	New South Wales	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Victoria.....	ING Cup
Queensland	v	Tasmania	Pura Cup
Australia	v	West Indies.....	O.D.I. - 4th Umpire
Q.A.S.	v	Q.C.C.A	

Institute Challenge Darwin

Andrew Curran

Queensland	v	Tasmania	C.A. Cup
Queensland	v	South Australia	Women
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Women

U19 National Championships Melbourne

Greg Cubit

Queensland	v	A.C.T.....	C.A. Cup
Queensland	v	South Australia	Women
Queensland	v	New South Wales	Women
Q.C.A.U17	v	Q.C.C.A U19	
Q.A.S.	v	Q.C.C.A	



Analysis of Match Appointments

Name	1	2	3	4	5	U18	1st Grade One Day	U19	U16	Over 40's	Women	Total Sunday	Total Grade
N. Abbate			11	1					8			13	32½
I. Anthony					4	6							10
J. Argus	8						2					14	94½
G. Aspinall		3	8					3	2½	3		19½	68
I. Barsby	9	1	1½	1			3		2	2	4	54½	82
P. Boland	8	1		2								1	68
J. Boyle					5	4							9
M. Campbell			3	9									12
D. Castle				1	9	2			5		8	45	57
M. Clarke			11½					4	3½	2	1	78½	85½
D. Cleary			10								2	2	32½
G. Cubit	11						5				1	51	90½
A. Curran	8	½	½				3	1	2		3	32	56
A. Dore	7	2			2	1	1	5	3	1		74	103
C. Dore					4	5							9
N. Dore					4	4							8
G. Dunn					4	4							8
A. Eedy	7½	3						2			1	43	81
A. Esat		2						1				2	5
J. Ezzy			10	1				2	1			39	67½
P. Farley	5	3					2	2			2	23	60½
I. Forsyth		7	3	1					4		5	18	33
R. Forster					1	9			2			2	15½
K. Gothoskar				11	1				2		13	15	12
R. Gruenfeld					5	5					12	12	10
S. Guy			2										20½
P. Harrington						2							12
A. Harris		6	4						3½	1	1	7½	32½
J. Hetherington					9	2							11
F. Hobman					10	1					5	15	22
R. Howard			10	1				3	2	4	3	111	167
B. Hunt				7	3							3	30
M. Jay	5					1	5			2		89	178
R. Johnsen	1	12					4	2	2	3	3	80	106½
P. Johnson		8	2		1				4		7	52	61
J. Kangur	11		1		1		4	1	3		3	33	55
C. Kent			5	3	2						1	1	22
T. Laycock	11						5			1		54	102½
A. Loynes		10				1		5		4	1	144½	232
D. Mclver	11			1		1	3	1	1		6	22	75½
N. McNamara	8		3				4		½		4	23½	55
M. McShane				10	1				8			80½	150½
N. Marsh			6	5	2			3	6			15	24
R. Marsh					2	11			5½		1	12½	24



Name	1	2	3	4	5	U18	1st Grade	U19	U16	Over 40's	Women	Total Sunday	Total Grade
					Sub-Dist		One Day						
D. Mitchell			5		2	2			1		3	4	28
D. Moloney		11				½		5	2	1	4	29½	43
P. Monaghan		10				1	1	2	½	3		23½	54
T. Musch										3		3	
J. Nickerson				1	3	1							22
N. O'Brien			4½			6		1	3½		3	66½	96½
D. Orchard	6½	1					5					10	11½
B. O'Rourke			11		2			2	5	3	4	65	82
T. O'Rourke		10			2			5	5	1		39	45
B. Oxenford	5					1	3				1	35	66
G. Pain			1	8		1		2				2	16
P. Parker	4	½				1	3					89	215
A. Payne					3	1					2	68	149½
J. Peisley					8	2							10
C. Pflugrath			6	3		2			1		2	3	22
C. Popko					10								50
B. Prior		10											49
C. Pritchard				11	1				5			12	62
M. Redmond					2	4							6
R. Rooke-Jones				2		10			5½			5½	12
J. Rowe						1		2	2	1		100½	183
B. Ryan				9		2			1		4	10	51½
V. Sagar				3								1	12
A. Scriviner					2	3							5
P. Shine	10		1	1		1	4	1		2	7	60	68
D. Sirl					5	7							12
A. Smith				6	2	3							11
J. Stewart				6	4								20
G. Stone				3	4	1			½			3½	30
N. Szkutko				9	4				3		12	71	122
I. Tait				8	1				1			1	31½
G. Thompson			7		1								94
J. Tobin		2	8			½		1	1			17	80
J. Topp					1	3							4
P. Went	1	8	1		1		1		5½			6½	11
B. Westphal		1	½	9		1½		3	1		9	124	241
D. Westbrook						4							4
D. White		11						2		4		18½	95½
D. Wills	3	6	1½			1							59½
A. Wilson			1½	2		1			1			1	22
D. Woodman					9						2	2	21
W. Wright		9				1							30½
I. Wyeth		5	2			1½					3	44	72

Semi-Finals & Finals Appointments

XXXX Grade Competition Semi Finals

First Grade T Laycock, N McNamara, A Curran, D Orchard
 Second Grade R Johnsen, I Barsby, A Eddy, D Moloney
 Third Grade N Abbate, J Kangur, P Shine, M Clarke
 Fourth Grade D Mclver, B Westphal, P Boland, M Campbell
 Fifth Grade D Went, J Hetherington, A Dore, C Popko
 U18 Grade P Monaghan, R Rooke-Jones, D Wills, N O'Brien

XXXX Grade Competition Finals

First Grade T Laycock, N McNamara
 Second Grade R. Johnsen, D. Went
 Third Grade I Barsby, N Abbate
 Fourth Grade P Shine, B Westphal
 Fifth Grade J Kangur, J Hetherington
 U18 Grade D Mclver, N O'Brien

First Grade One-Day Competition

Qualifying Final T Laycock, D Orchard
 Final D Orchard, P Parker

Under 19 Final

..... A. Dore, A. Eedy

Women's Cricket Finals

First Grade D Mclver, P Johnson
 Second Grade B Westphal, K Gothoskar

Sub-Districts Semi-Finals

..... B O'Rourke, T O'Rourke, C Kent, P Johnson,
 N Marsh, K Gothoskar, C Pritchard, J Topp,
 D Sirl, J Peisley, D Castle, C Dore, R Marsh, N. Szkutko.

Sub-Districts Final

..... T O'Rourke, R Marsh,
 N Marsh, N Szkutko, B O'Rourke



Independent Audit Report to the Members

Scope

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement by Members of the Committee, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2005 of Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of members.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. 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, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. as at 31 May 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

*Mark Boulton Chartered Accountant
Mark Boulton & Associates*



Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 3: *Accounting for Income Tax (Tax effect Accounting)*

AAS 5: *Materiality*

AAS 8: *Events Occurring After Reporting Date*

AAS 17: *Leases*

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(a) Income tax

The association adopts the liability method of tax-effect accounting whereby the income tax expense shown in the income and expenditure statement is based on the operating profit before income tax adjusted for any permanent differences.

Non-member income of the association is only assessable for tax, as member income is excluded under the principle of mutuality.

(b) Fixed Assets

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvement are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(c) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the entity, are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Leased assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their useful lives where it is likely that the entity will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period. Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.



Statement by Members of the Committee

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

- Presents fairly the financial position of Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. as at 31 May 2005 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Nelma Grout
President

Peter Farley
Treasurer



Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc.

Trading Account

For the Year Ended 31 May 2005

	2005	2004
Trading Income	\$	\$
Sales	<u>5,580</u>	<u>7,878</u>
Total Trading Income	<u>5,580</u>	<u>7,878</u>
Cost of Sales		
Add:		
Opening finished goods	640	675
Purchases	<u>5,832</u>	<u>3,856</u>
	<u>6,472</u>	<u>4,531</u>
Less:		
Closing finished goods	<u>1,477</u>	<u>640</u>
	<u>1,477</u>	<u>640</u>
Cost of Sales	4,996	3,891
Gross Profit from Trading	<u>585</u>	<u>3,986</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Income & Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 May 2005

	2005	2004
Income	\$	\$
Trading profit	585	3,986
Accreditation fees	2,615	4,270
Monthly bar & raffle takings	3,956	1,775
Annual dinner dance tickets	3,440	1,268
Seminars	1,470	2,777
Membership fees	7,395	5,866
Correspondence fees	60	50
Awards Received	50	
Donations Received	50	
Interest received	1,162	915
Reimbursement of expenses	6,377	
QCA grants	<u>21,498</u>	
Total income	<u>48,657</u>	<u>20,908</u>
Expenses		
Accreditation kits	5,390	2,270
Advertising and promotion	1,932	
Allocation expense		925
Annual dinners dance	6,775	5,376
Audit fees	880	583
Bank fees & charges	227	70
Bar supplies & finger foods	814	1,030
Depreciation		577
Donations	1,000	100
Executive meeting refreshments	1,919	360
Fees & charges	105	
General expenses	250	
Honoraria	1,500	2,000
Hire/rent of plant & equipment	457	
Member reimbursements	1,594	2,576
Motor vehicle - fuel & oil	30	
New umpire incentives		80
Print, post & photocopy	5,069	6,169
Seminar expenses	255	6,401
Stationery expenses	107	158
Seminar reimbursement		331
Sundry expenses	70	152
Telephone	2,746	1,052
Trophies & engraving	<u>489</u>	<u>1,514</u>
Total expenses	<u>31,608</u>	<u>31,723</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	17,049	(10,816)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	<u>17,049</u>	<u>(10,816)</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>17,049</u>	<u>(10,816)</u>
Opening retained profits	24,366	35,182
Net profit attributable to the association	<u>17,049</u>	<u>(10,816)</u>
Closing retained profits	<u>41,415</u>	<u>24,366</u>

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Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2005

	Note	2005	2004
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
BOQ Account		10,234	411
Cash on hand		55	55
Bar float		<u>120</u>	<u>40</u>
		<u>10,409</u>	<u>506</u>
Inventories			
Finished goods - at cost		<u>1,477</u>	<u>640</u>
		<u>1,477</u>	<u>640</u>
Other			
BOQ Term Deposit			23,219
BOQ Account		<u>29,529</u>	
		<u>29,529</u>	<u>23,219</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>41,415</u>	<u>24,366</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Plant & equipment - at cost		4,521	4,521
Less: Accumulated depreciation		<u>(4,521)</u>	<u>(4,521)</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets		41,415	24,366
Net Assets		41,415	24,366
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		<u>41,415</u>	<u>24,366</u>
Total Members' Funds		<u>41,415</u>	<u>24,366</u>

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In Appreciation



We desire to record our appreciation of the invaluable assistance given to the Association during the year under review from many people and organisations including the following:

Mr. Damien Mullins, Queensland Cricket President; Mr. Graham Dixon-Chief Executive Officer; Queensland Cricket Board of Directors, Ian Sturgess and the Brisbane Grade Committee and all members of Queensland Cricket staff. During the past year, the QCU&SA has held their General Meetings and Training Seminars (including our seminar in August) at QCHQ. We are very grateful for the use of all facilities at Queensland Cricket Headquarters.

Thanks also to Peter, the Batman, for his fundraising efforts, which our Association benefits from. Also two autographed bats were given to all Affiliated Bodies to be used for fund raising purposes. Our Association continues to enjoy the benefits of the grant scheme to offset the costs of our operation expenses.

***The Queensland Cricketers' Club** for offering our members a reduction of their club membership subscriptions. Also our Executive Committee enjoyed the hospitality of the Club for all our meetings. We are indebted to the Cricketers' Club for their continued support and hospitality extended to our members.*

***Gabba Sporting Products** for providing members with bowlers' markers and also other merchandise, which was used for, raffle prizes. A special thank you to Brian Gaskell, our Patron, for his support in this area.*

***The Districts Clubs** for the hospitality they extended to our members throughout the 2004/05 season.*

Members of the Executive Committee, the Board of Examination and Coaching, Social Committee, Grade Allocation Panel, State Director of Umpiring, Observers, Recruitment and Development Officer, Property Officer, Statistician, First Class Allocation Panel members, Queensland Cricket delegate and Grade Committee representative for the considerable time and effort given to the Association during the past year and to all members who have supported the Association throughout the year.

Nelma Grout
President

Ron Johnsen
Secretary

