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Qld Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

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The **Fifty-Second Annual General Meeting** of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. will be held at Queensland Cricket Headquarters in the Captains' Room of the Stuart Law Stand, 1 Greg Chappell St, Albion, on Wednesday, 21st July 2021 commencing at 7:00pm.

At the AGM, please sign in using the QR Code at the venue **AND** also the Association's sign-in sheet. Face masks are required inside unless exempt.

President's Piece - Season 2021/22

Welcome back for season 2021/22. I hope you all enjoyed the winter break and are keen and eager to take on the new season.

I am sad to report that our Treasurer, Jim Griffith, has announced he will be standing down from the role at the AGM and Ron Johnsen is also standing down from the Management Committee. I would like to thank both men for their contributions to the Committee over the years. This does however present an opportunity for someone else to join the Management Committee and help with the administration of the Association. All positions on the Management Committee are up for election at the AGM.

Please remember to **complete and return your Membership Forms to the Secretary** and keep your MyCricket information up to date.

There is an ever-increasing number of games to be umpired each weekend and for the Association to cover these games we need members to be available. I appreciate some members will not be available all the time, but please make the effort whenever you can.

There have been some changes to the Selection/Observation Panels this season with

Mike Ralston, John Rowe and Peter Monaghan forming the Panel. Mike Ralston will be the wet weather contact for the clubs this season as well as the person members should contact if they do need to pull out for any reason. The phone number will be the same as the one Ron Johnsen had last year.

Preparations are also under way for the Seminar. It promises to be another great day for all members so please make the effort to come along and kick the season off on the right note.

The Brisbane Premier League kicks off in August for the men and U/19s. We will be using a mix of First and Second grade umpires with some of our Country umpires in these games. The Underage games are being played midweek during the September school holidays. We will need approximately 40 umpires per day for these games. We will send an email with more details shortly.

I hope you all have a pleasant and successful season and look forward to catching up with you at the AGM.

Peter Boland - President

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Nominations for Elective Office

Nominations have been called for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 members of the Management Committee. These positions will be voted on at the AGM. To make casting your ballot easier on the night, please remember to bring a pen with you.

Expressions of Interest

We are calling for Expressions of Interest for the following positions:

- Assistant Secretary
- Blue Card Coordinator
- Coaching Panel
- Social Committee
- Statistician
- Umpire's Advocate to the Judiciary

Please have your interest registered with the Secretary in writing by midnight, Monday 6th August 2021, email is acceptable.

Seminar

This year's Seminar is being held on Saturday August 14th. at South Brisbane DCC, 269 Venner Rd, Fairfield. Please be there by 8:30am for an 9:00am sharp start; the day will conclude at approximately 4:00pm. The QCUSA seminar is a **MUST ATTEND EVENT**.

Catering details for the day will be made available closer to the event. If anyone has any special dietary requirements/allergies, can you please let the Secretary know.

The cost of the day is tba, once this is advertised, this can be paid via the Association's bank account, be sure to leave your name as a reference.

To book your attendance at the seminar, please logon to www.community.cricket.com.au/umpire, click "courses" then "launch learning", search for "Umpire Seminar / Convention – Qld", then on the Umpire Seminar / Convention – Qld page (the seminar date displayed should be Aug 14) click on "View Details" then click on "Request." Once booked in you should receive a confirmation email. This will enable your attendance to be registered as part of your umpire accreditation.

Bare Foot Bowls Afternoon

The Bare Foot Bowls afternoon from 4.30-6.00pm at "The Boo" 126 Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead has been booked. We feel the best suggestion is bowls which all our members should be able to participate in. This is the main reason for arranging something for team building/ fostering relationships/ camaraderie and promoting team focus through to our wider umpiring group. The best teams are always the closest!



Anyone that is interested can send an RSVP to David Taylor - davidtayloraps@hotmail.com by the 30th July, that would be appreciated. We hope you can all attend!!! 😊👉

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Selectors

For the season 2021/22, three selectors so far have been appointed to cover all grades and observations during the season. These include: -

Mike Ralston
Peter Monaghan
John Rowe

Availability

In the coming season, updating your availability on MyCricket will be identical to previous seasons.

The competition program for the season should be available in August but keep your eye on the Umpires' Website on the [Season Fixture](#) page.

Contacts for availability have changed. It is important that **Mike Ralston** is the point of contact.

Please do **NOT** contact the Secretary if your availability concerns Grade Cricket.

- Mike Ralston on **0422 133 034** or **0478 093 159**.

Throughout the season, please keep your availability notice as far in advance as possible.

As an absolute minimum, your availability should be entered at least one calendar month in advance.

"KEEP YOUR EYE ON MYCRICKET"

If you must pull out of a day, or game, please send an email to the appropriate contact. Do not just change it in MyCricket. Selectors **do not** revisit MyCricket for changes made by members after selections. You must contact them if your availability changes.

IMPORTANT DATES

AGM:	Wednesday July 21st
August General Meeting:	Wednesday August 18th
Annual Seminar:	Saturday August 14th
September General Meeting:	Wednesday September 15th
First & Second Grade Season start:	Saturday September 4th
Lord Taverners Season Start:	Sunday September 5th
Third Grade to Sixth Grade season start:	Saturday September 25th
Katherine Raymont Shield season start:	Sunday September 12th
Jodie Fields Shield season start:	Sunday October 10th

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Cricket Australia Umpire Panels

Queensland officials will again fill important roles on and off the field in the coming season of cricket.

Bruce Oxenford and Donovan Koch will share centre stage for differing reasons this summer following the release of the 2021-22 CA National Umpires panels.

The Association's most experienced international umpire, Bruce Oxenford re-joins the CA National Umpire Panel following his decision last year to retire from the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires last season.

Donovan Koch meanwhile has been elevated to the 2021-22 CA International Panel Umpires list for the first time, making him eligible to stand in full international games.

David Taylor continues to be on the Supplementary Umpire Panel.

Bruce called time on a magnificent international career at the end of the 2020-21 season, which was highlighted by standing in a home Test match at the Gabba during January 2021. Following his retirement from the international game, Bruce has resumed duties at CA domestic level and won his fourth Cricket Australia (CA) Umpire Award. During the past season, Bruce even found time to stand in some Grade fixtures and featured in the Darling Downs Bush Bash League.

As for Donovan, he is a former First-Class cricketer from South Africa who played 21 matches at First-Class level and 20 List-A games. He then began his umpiring career in England before moving to Australia. Donovan was appointed to the Supplementary Panel in 2016-17 and then was promoted to the National Umpire Panel in 2019-20. He stood in all CA Senior Men's competitions during last season, as well as in the CommBank Women's Internationals. He brings with him substantial experience at the professional level.

Bruce and Donovan provided Queensland Cricket with a range of online learning tips for aspiring umpires last year which can be found at: <https://qldcricket.com.au/get-involved/umpiring-and-scoring/umpire-training-videos>. Qld Cricket CEO Terry Svenson acknowledged the exceptional work done by the State's hard-working umpires in congratulating those officials included on the National panels.

"Bruce and Donovan have done wonderful work as individuals on the field, but equally, any of our umpires who have been recognised at national level have also been leading lights off the field where they assist and inspire their colleagues," he said.

CA Match Officials Manager, Sean Easey, said, "We're incredibly lucky to have such outstanding candidates for each of our Umpiring Panels. Donovan is a tremendously talented umpire, and his appointment to the CA International Umpires Panel is just rewards for his consistently excellent performances. "It's also wonderful to welcome Bruce Oxenford back into the CA Umpiring system. Not only is Bruce a world class umpire, but he is committed also to developing young up and coming umpires and the knowledge he brings to our team is a great result for officiating in this country."

Congratulations to Donovan, Bruce and David and all the best for the coming season.

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Merchandise

Merchandise will be available at the Seminar.

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or email the following to place your orders. Merchandise must be ordered in advance to ensure delivery on the day.

Damien McAndrew
Andrew Moir

Email: damien.mcandrew@bigpond.com
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Mobile: 0427 022 073

During the season, 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 - 2021/22

Item	Price
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 (on 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 nd Edition - 2019) (Current Edition)	\$5.00

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