

Highlands District Cricket Association



Annual Report

2025/26

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Directors & Office Bearers 2025-2026

Chairperson	Andrew Macleod
Director Cricket Operations (Seniors)	Tim Stirton
Director Junior Cricket	Scott McKie
Director Women's Cricket	Jen Kitchen
Director Cricket Development (Representative Cricket)	Dale Wellington
Director Classics Cricket	Graham Brake
Director Grounds and Facilities	Brody Martin
Secretary	Tahlia Wellington
Treasurer	Joel Goring
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Code of Conduct Commissioner	Rodney Cavalier AO

Premiers

Juniors

U18s	Oxley College
U15s	Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club
U12s	Bowral Cricket Club - Strikers

Women's

Tina Macpherson Cup	Wingello Tigers Cricket Club
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Seniors

1 st Grade	Bowral Cricket Club
2 nd Grade	Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club
3 rd Grade	Moss Vale Cricket Club

Award Winners

Juniors

U12s

Batting Average	Liam Chetcuti
Batting Aggregate	Liam Chetcuti
Bowling Average	Wilson Cochrane
Bowling Aggregate	Wilson Cochrane
All Rounder	Michael Mahony

U15s

Batting Average	Hudson Schmidt
Batting Aggregate	James Moylan
Bowling Average	Julian Appleyard
Bowling Aggregate	Rowan Brignell
All Rounder	Joshua Green

U18s

Batting Average	Sam Harwood
Batting Aggregate	Joshua Green
Bowling Average	Orson Francis
Bowling Aggregate	Fred Kettle
	Hamish Smith
All Rounder	Joshua Green

Tina Macpherson Cup

Batting Aggregate	Samantha Badgery
Batting Average	Jennifer Kitchen
Bowling	Rachel Rae-Martin
All Rounder	Samantha Badgery

Seniors**Third Grade**

Batting	Paul Turner
Bowling	Finley Guest
Fielding	Gavin Molloy
All Rounder	Joshua French

Second Grade

Batting	Daniel Stirton
Bowling	James Hughes
Fielding	Joe Quilty
All Rounder	Daniel Stirton

First Grade

Batting	David Spies
Bowling	Cameron Belshaw
	Jack Saunders
Fielding	Mathew Conquest
All Rounder	Jack Whitfield

Reps**U12s**

Batting	Thomas Kinsella
Bowling	Thomas Kinsella
Player of the Year	Thomas Kinsella

U14s

Batting	Finlay Kettlewell
Bowling	Charlie Officer
	Mihaan Prajapati
Player of the Year	Finlay Kettlewell

U15 Female

Batting	Emily Little
Bowling	Daisy Hassan
Player of the Year	Emily Little

U16s

Batting	Brodie Murray
Bowling	James Moylan
Player of the Year	Brodie Murray

U18s

Batting	Advik Ajithkumar
Bowling	Charlie Truman
Player of the Year	Sam Harwood

Open Women's

Batting	Natalia Egan
Bowling	Emma Green
Player of the Year	Natalia Egan

Open Men's

Batting	Jack Whitfield
Bowling	Dale Young
Player of the Year	Jack Whitfield

Association Awards

Women's Player of the Year
David Wood Men's Player of the Year
Spirit of Cricket
Simon Taufel Umpire of the Year

Sam Badgery
Cameron Belshaw
Wingello Tigers Cricket Club
Angus Humphreys

Report from the Chair

Andrew Macloed

It is my pleasure to submit my annual report for the HDCA season 2025-2026. As we reflect on a successful season of local and regional cricket, we can also look forward to the next season and consider where we can improve.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing contributions to local cricket made by so many people. Thank you to everyone involved: the players, parents, volunteers, coaches, umpires, officials, administrators, spectators, supporters. Cricket brings us together and unites us, and I love seeing the commitment of so many people who make local cricket excellent. A huge thank you to all of you!

Thank you to my fellow HDCA Board members and administrators: Tim, Scott, Graham, Brody, Jen, Dale, Joel and Tahlia. It's not always easy and we don't always get it right, but I appreciate your dedication and commitment to local cricket, and your willingness to have a go. The success of season 25-26 is testament to the fact that we get a lot of things right, and you have all contributed to that success.

I would encourage all HDCA members to read the HDCA directors' reports, which are compiled herein. Take the time to acknowledge the contribution of these volunteers who donate their time and effort to administer local cricket and make it as good as possible. Consider how we can work together to make local cricket better and bring us your ideas of how to do that.

Congratulations to those teams and clubs who took home the premiership trophies in our various competitions and grades in the 25-26 season! By all accounts the competition for the silverware was strong, but also played in the best spirit of cricket. On that note, I want to say congratulations to everyone who plays cricket in the Highlands, for the way you have conducted yourselves and the way you have played the game this season. And to those who represented the Highlands at higher levels, well done!

Financially, the Association remains in a solid position and we didn't need to tap our cash reserves in the 25-26 season. As a Board, we understand the cost-of-living pressures that everyone is under so will look to keep any fee increases as low as possible for the upcoming season. Ultimately, we don't want fees to become a barrier to playing cricket for any families in the Highlands so we will consider strategic use of funds to ensure cricket remains a realistic priority for anyone who wishes to play in the Highlands.

On the issue of finances, a heartfelt thank you to every organisation that sponsors the Association and/or our local cricket clubs. Without sponsorship, playing fees would be significantly higher than they are, so we greatly appreciate your willingness to contribute to the enjoyment and participation in local cricket. We trust that the partnership between your organisation and the Association or club is fruitful and mutually beneficial.

In conclusion, I thank all those who have contributed to the success of HDCA's season 2025-2026, whether at Association level or for their club or affiliate. Our Association continues to do well and you have all contributed to that. So, thank you!

Respectfully submitted, June 2026

Andrew Macleod, Chair, HDCA

Report from the Director of Senior Cricket

Tim Stirton

This season saw it's usual challenges, with weather, member regs and playing conditions. We continue to aim and work towards improving/progressing our senior completions each season.

Participation in our competitions, were similar to the past few seasons. The SCC and board are constantly looking at trying to increase player numbers across our competitions and open to all ideas to improve our competitions.

Discussions have already started with the SCC for the 26/27 Season, having held 2 meetings already, discussing grading, and any updates required to PCs.

We introduced some new playing conditions this past season, that I feel worked well, including the introduction of a backup Grand Final weekend, which was used in 2 grades, the wide rule in 2nd grade and fielding restrictions on leg side, to name a few.

First grade reverted to 45 over One Day matches only this season, I've received mainly positive feedback around it, mainly around matches being even with matches not split across 2 weeks where a pitch may drastically change, and that a result is guaranteed each week, where sometimes a 2 day match would be washed out 2nd week, so no results.

No bonus points either which in the past has been a vocal point about fairness.

We acknowledge that 50 overs would be ideal, our daylight hours don't allow us to play that long.

Was great to see a 6 team first grade competition this season, which was competitive and played in good spirits.

Second grade this season played two rounds of one day matches and one round of T20 matches, fitting the season in the weeks available is always a challenge, as clubs and players don't want to play Sundays or certain weekends leading into Christmas and the start of the new year.

This season we had to play two T20 matches on a Saturday and one Sunday to fit a fair even season in, where everyone played each team the same amount of times. One criticism in the past was uneven draws where you may play some teams once and other twice etc.

We used the Sunday for 2nd grade standalone, which was a single T20 match Scheduled in at season start to give clubs 3 months plus to have a team available.

I've received mixed reviews around playing T20 cricket, one concern was the double headers but they were unavoidable this past season, we could look to have a bigger gap between matches and start earlier, as junior cricket doesn't run in January.

Third grade played two rounds of one day matches, was great to see so many junior cricketers coming through, one thing I'd like to add though, is making sure clubs follow the rules regarding our young cricketers, fielding restrictions and bowling restrictions, also making sure that young players are capable of playing senior cricket, remember this is senior cricket after all.

Third grade played on the 20th of December, due to how close it fell to Christmas, we only scheduled third grade on that weekend to allow for extra players to be available, with many families already leaving for holidays.

Congratulations to all our Premiers, Runners Up, and individual awards winners on your outstanding seasons.

First Grade

Teams: Bowral CC, Hill Top Northern Villages CC, Mittagong CC, MVCC, Robertson Burrawang CC, Wingello Tigers CC

Premiers: Bowral CC

Runners Up: RBCC

Batting Award: David Spies – 414 runs (HNVCC)

Bowling Award: Jack Saunders (HNVCC) and Cameron Belshaw (Bowral CC) – 39 wickets

Fielding Award: Matt Conquest – 26 catches, 1 run out, 1 stumping. (HNVCC)

Champion Player: Jack Whitfield (RBCC)

Player of the Year (as voted by Umpires): Cameron Belshaw (Bowral CC)



Second Grade

Teams: Bowral Blues, Bowral CC, Bundanoon CC, Moss Vale CC, Mittagong CC, Robertson Burrawang CC, Wingello Tigers CC

Premiers: RBCC

Runners Up: MVCC

Batting Award: Daniel Stirton – 671 runs (Bundanoon CC)

Bowling Award: James Hughes – 24 wickets (Bundanoon CC)

Fielding Award: Joe Quilty – 5 catches, 4 run outs (RBCC)

Champion Players: Daniel Stirton (Bundanoon CC)



Third Grade

Teams: Bowral Blues CC, Bowral CC Beetles, Bowral CC Cavs, Bundanoon CC, Hill Top Northern Villages CC, Mittagong CC, MVCC, Robertson Burrawang CC Bunyips, Robertson Burrawang CC Bulls.

Premiers: MVCC

Runners Up: Bowral Cavs

Batting Award: Paul Turner - 556 runs (Mittagong CC)

Bowling Award: Finley Guest - 29 wickets (RBCC Bulls)

Fielding Award: Gavin Molloy – 15 catches, 1 run out, 2 stumpings. (Bowral Blues)

Champion Player: Joshua French (HNVCC)



Player behaviour was fairly positive this season, but it's something that can always improve. I encourage clubs to continue reminding players of their expectations, on and off the field.

I'd like to thank Byron, and all the umpires for their efforts this season. Much appreciated.

Many thanks to the clubs, committees, players, parents and other volunteers for their efforts this season. It takes a lot of work to run a club and I'd like to acknowledge your efforts.

I'd like to give thanks to my fellow HDCA Board members for their efforts. They have all done a great job and I know they will continue to do so, as they aim to improve and contribute to the HDCA and local cricket, as volunteers in their roles.

Many thanks to Tahlia and Joel as well. They do a large amount of work to assist us as a board. It doesn't go unnoticed.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the SCC Reps for their contributions to local senior cricket, lots of constructive meetings and discussions, all with the best interests of the HDCA and clubs in mind.

Kind Regard,

Timothy Stirton
HDCA Director Senior Cricket

Report from the Director of Women's Cricket

Jen Kitchen

2025/26 Season

The 2025/26 season has been another outstanding year for women's cricket across the Highlands. From continued growth in participation to the successful introduction of the Under 13 Girls competition, outstanding individual performances and the Wingello Tigers being crowned Tina Macpherson Cup Premiers, this season highlighted the strength and bright future of women's cricket within our association



Competition Growth

The season began with eight senior teams competing in the Tina Macpherson Cup, our largest competition to date. It was fantastic to welcome Marulan into the competition for the first time, while Robertson continued to demonstrate its commitment to women's cricket by fielding two teams.

Although Bowral was unable to enter as a standalone club, the successful merger with Mittagong ensured every player who wished to participate had the opportunity to do so. This collaborative approach reflects the strong community spirit within our association.

Despite a few weather interruptions throughout the season, the competition remained highly competitive, with the final ladder positions not decided until the final rounds.

This season also introduced a revised finals format, rewarding teams for consistent performances throughout the regular season while maintaining exciting opportunities for all qualifying teams.

Under 13 Girls Competition

One of the highlights of the season was the successful introduction of the Under 13 Girls competition.

Beginning with four teams, the competition provided young female cricketers with the opportunity to play against girls of similar age and experience in a supportive environment. The enthusiasm shown by both players and families exceeded expectations and has laid a fantastic foundation for future growth.

This competition represents an important step in developing the next generation of female cricketers within the Highlands.

Representative Cricket

Unfortunately, the annual Hill Cup fixture against Illawarra was cancelled due to wet weather, which was disappointing for everyone involved.

Preparations for the Inter Association competition generated significant interest, particularly within the Open Women's team where player numbers required selection trials. The depth of talent available across the association continues to grow, creating healthy competition for representative selection.

The possibility of Southern Districts introducing a fourth representative team is another positive sign that women's cricket throughout the region continues to expand.

Promoting Women's Cricket

The Lyrebird Foundation's visit to the Highlands was another significant milestone for women's cricket.

Hosting events at Bradman Oval and showcasing Highlands players during the Foundation's activities helped raise the profile of women's cricket throughout the region. Opportunities such as these continue to inspire young players while strengthening partnerships that support the long-term development of the game.

2025/26 Season Award Winners

Congratulations to all players recognised for their outstanding performances throughout the season.

Award	Winner	Performance
Batting Aggregate Award	Samantha Badgery	603 Runs Batting Average: 201.0
Batting Average Award	Jennifer Kitchen	567 Runs Batting Average: 283.5
Bowling Award	Rachel Rae-Martin	18 Wickets Bowling Average: 8.22 Best Bowling Figures: 5/5
All Rounder Award	Samantha Badgery	603 Runs 8 Wickets 4 Catches 4 Run Outs

These achievements reflect the exceptional standard of cricket played throughout the competition and the continued improvement of players across the association.

Thank You

A sincere thank you goes to every player, coach, volunteer, umpire, scorer, committee member and family who contributed throughout the season.

Women's cricket continues to thrive because of the countless hours dedicated by volunteers who support our clubs and competitions each week. Their commitment allows players of all ages to enjoy the game in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Thank you also to the Highlands District Cricket Association Executive for their ongoing support of women's cricket and their commitment to expanding opportunities for female participation.

Looking Ahead

The future of women's cricket in the Highlands has never looked brighter.

With strong participation numbers, an exciting junior pathway now established, increasing representative opportunities and a growing standard of cricket across all grades, we are well positioned to continue building on this season's success.

I look forward to seeing the continued growth of women's cricket throughout our region and thank everyone who has contributed to making the 2025/26 season such a memorable one.

Personal Note

After much thought and consideration, I have made the difficult decision to step down as Director of Women's Cricket.

This decision has not been made lightly. Due to increasing personal commitments, I no longer have the time to dedicate to the role at the level it deserves. I have always believed that if I commit to

something, I should give it my absolute best, and at this point I don't feel I can provide the time, energy and attention that the association and our players deserve.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Director of Women's Cricket and to be part of the incredible growth of the women's game across the Highlands. Watching participation increase, creating new opportunities for girls and women, and seeing so many players develop both on and off the field has been incredibly rewarding.

I would like to sincerely thank the board, clubs, volunteers, coaches, players, families and everyone who has supported me throughout my time in the role. The progress we've made together is something I am extremely proud of, and I have no doubt that women's cricket in the Highlands will continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

Although I am stepping away from this position, I will continue to support women's cricket whenever I can and wish the association every success for the future.

Jennifer Kitchen
Director Women's Cricket
Highlands District Cricket Association

Report from the Director of Junior Cricket

Scott McKie

Firstly, congratulations to the Premiership Winners for season 25/26

U18's – Oxley College



U15's – Robertson Burrawang CC



U12's - Bowral CC Strikers



Prior to this season the decision was made to not have any of our Junior Competitions joined with our Southern neighbours at Goulburn, Yass and Crookwell. This decision was based on the feedback we received through our survey of parents following the 24/25 season

Season 24/25 had 298 players across our Junior Competitions made up of 263 Highlands and 35 Goulburn/Yass/Crookwell players.

Season 25/26 had 323 players across the competitions without our Southern neighbours, Tudor House also didn't enter teams, whilst Chevalier College (U15's) and Oxley College (U18's) entered new teams

These numbers aren't perfect as there were several players that played in our U15's and U18's competitions but overall we have seen a slight increase in participation.

We ran our U10's and U12's competitions as in previous seasons.

Whilst not ideal stepping from U12's up to U15's, the wider age group allowed us to get a competition up and running with six teams. Two day cricket was all re-introduced into the second half of the season but was hit by wet weather with several rounds washed out or reverted to one day matches. This has provided the opportunity for batters to build an innings over a longer time than the hit and giggle of short form matches. We will continue to tinker with this age group and match formats depending on the number of players/teams available.

We reintroduced the U18's T20 competition on Thursday afternoons which provided a much needed outlet for this age group to continue playing cricket. We hope to build on the teams participating next season. Unfortunately, the Grand Final was washed out two weeks in a row with Oxley College being the standout team.

Our Junior competition continues to shine the way for the third season running with no news of any unruly behaviour from our junior matches this season, the way it should be, well done!!

Wasn't it great to see the creases marked on our synthetic pitches. The quality of the markings varied and some creases wore off in a couple of weeks, so we will look to work with clubs to rectify this in the coming season for the benefit of all our players and umpires.

It was also great to see the Junior Girls competition get started last season, well done to Jen and Tahlia, awesome job.

As always, I would like to extend thanks to the club committee's, coaches, scorers, managers and parents for the endless hours of work that goes in across the season. Even by volunteering for the smallest role it lessens the burden on all.

Thanks are also extended to the HDCA Board for their support and guidance throughout the season. As always, it's a pleasure to work alongside you all for the benefit of cricket in the Highlands.

Planning for the new season is underway and I'll be in contact shortly about any PC or competition changes

And finally, a couple of points that I would like to raise:

I believe we need to be extremely mindful of the pathways for junior players coming into Senior grade matches, and ensuring that player safety is maintained whilst providing opportunities to develop talented juniors. For the coming season we will look to develop consistent guidelines for juniors to play seniors. In doing so, we also need to remember that the Third Grade competition is the only way a lot of the senior playing group can get a game of cricket, and they shouldn't have to adjust their bowling or batting style because the opposition is too young.

I would like to see clubs spread the talent across their teams when they have multiple teams in an age group. Having multiple representative players in one team and none in their other side(s) could turn some juniors off cricket. Again, this is an area where we will look to develop some guidelines for clubs for future seasons.

Yours in cricket
Scott McKie
Director Junior Cricket

Report from the Director of Representative Cricket *Dale Wellington*

Following the progress made the previous season, Highlands Cricket had a successful representative season with visible increase in representative player interest. Players again benefited from increased competitive cricket in the representative space. I would like to see as many players as possible striving to achieve Highlands representation in Country Cricket pathways.

This portfolio cannot operate successfully without the help of many. I would like to thank a number of people for their contributions this season. Firstly, our representative coaches and managers, Stuart Kinsella, Yarran Cox, Nathan Ring, Steve Schmidt, Gary Bird, David Jones and Jen Kitchen. The association and players thank you for offering your time and energy to coach and develop our cricketers. Many afternoons and weekends are spent at the oval or planning for the following game. This is work no-one else sees but greatly benefits our players.

To our parents and supporters, this wonderful game comes with an investment of time and money to get the players to the games each week. They are lucky to have you for training and games, assisting with scoring and ground setup, washing clothes, packing lunches, encouraging and supporting their love of the game and generally providing for the players. Thank you for all you do.

Thank you to the staff at Wingecarribee Shire Council for preparing the wickets and ovals week in and week out during the season. Particular mention to our curators Phil Kerr and Dale Young for the work you put into our turf facilities.

Thank you to Southern Districts Cricket Zone, Greater Illawarra Cricket Zone and Cricket ACT for providing the various opportunities for our players to play at representative level. We are seeing growth in the Women's and U15 Girls competitions which will improve again next season.

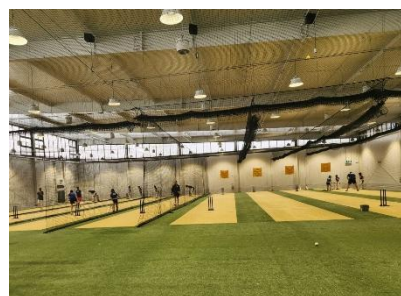
We were blessed this season to partner with a number of local businesses to assist in the development of our association and representative cricket program. We are so thankful for your contributions. These contributions allow the association to provide a robust program for our cricketers and grow the game in the area.

2025-2026 Season Snapshot:

As part of the growth of the program the U12s, U14s and U16s played in a preseason tournament hosted by Cricket ACT. We had four teams represent in Canberra this year. We were also invited to train in the fantastic facilities at Radford College during our time in Canberra.

Under 12s:

The U12s competed in the U12-2 Foster Shield for the second straight year. The Foster Shield is a Sydney Metropolitan competition. In addition, the combined Greater Illawarra and Southern Districts Under 12 carnival was held in Batemans Bay in January again this season. The boys performed strongly and completed well in all games. Their attitude and way they held themselves again impressed throughout all competitions, a credit to this group.



The U12's were unfortunately knocked out in the quarter finals of the Foster Shield, however made up for that winning the U12 combined Southern Districts / Greater Illawarra Cricket Zone carnival in Batemans Bay.

Their development as cricketers, game awareness and ability to control games on their own was impressive all season.

Under 14s:

The Under 14s contested the Southern Districts inter-association and Bradman Spirit of Cricket Tournaments this season. Highlands finished third in the Inter-association competition, and finished runners-up in the Bradman Spirit of Cricket tournament held in April here in the Highlands.



Under 16s:

The Under 16s contested the Southern Districts inter-association tournament this season. The team finished in 4th place.

The Under 16s also travelled to Cootamundra in January for the Bradman Letter and were dominant, retaining the Bradman Letter.



Under 18s:

The U18's were dominant in their Inter-Association final victory. This is a very good cricket team with wonderful local cricketers. I hope these young men continue to love their cricket and become key figures in the Highlands 1st Grade competition in the years to come.



Under 15s Female:

Our U15 female team competed in the Greater Illawarra Inter-association tournament held in March. We are so fortunate to have the group of young ladies coming through and enjoying their cricket. We are seeing more and more participation in female cricket within the area and I hope to see this grow in the years to come.

Our challenge is to find representative cricket for the older girls as they now move out of the U15 age bracket.



Open Womens:

The Hill Cup for the Under and Over 35's ladies was unfortunately washed out this season. We retain the title as a result.

Our open women's inter-association team competed in the Greater Illawarra Inter-Association tournament against Cricket Illawarra, South Coast and a Southern Districts Cricket Zone combined team. A very close defeat at the hands of Cricket Illawarra impacted our chances of taking out the title. This group of ladies are a very talented cricket team and will no doubt make an impact in the years to come.



Open Mens:

The open men's team had another strong season. The team won the Southern Districts Inter-association tournament, undefeated throughout. Thank you to those who travelled across the region to achieve this result for the third straight year.

Having qualified for the Country Plate competition again, Highlands faced an Albury Wodonga representative team in Wagga and unfortunately were unable to progress to the final.

Southern Districts Cricket Zone Representatives:

Highlands were fortunate to have a number of players selected to represent Southern Districts Cricket Zone at the respective Country Youth Championships, Regional Women's and Men's Bash and Men's Country Championships this season. It's great to see so many of our players representing at a higher level.

As we look forward to the upcoming 2026-2027 season. I hope to see our junior cricketers nominate for representative trials. The direction of the association's representative program is looking strong for the years to come.

Thank you,
Dale Wellington
Representative & Cricket Development

Report from the Director of Classics Cricket

Graham Brake



Our second season of Over 40's representative cricket is now complete. The program continues to grow in player numbers, matches played, and enthusiasm within the group for this format to continue well into the future.

This season we officially named our Over 40's team **The Silver Wombats**, and for the coming season we will look to incorporate both the name and logo into our representative apparel. Interestingly, a quick online search of "The Silver Wombats" has AI describing us as a *prominent and beloved Southern Highlands team* — we are more than happy to accept that endorsement.

◆ AI Overview

The "Silver Wombats" are a prominent local Southern Highlands T20 cricket team, frequently playing at the historic [Bradman Oval](#) in Bowral. They are a beloved fixture of local social and charity tournaments like the Richie Benaud Trophy. [Facebook · Highlands Cricket +1](#)

This season we competed in the Affleck Cup, the Southern Zones Over 40's representative competition, with five associations participating:

- Highlands
- Monaro
- Queanbeyan
- Shoalhaven
- Southern Tablelands

Unfortunately, persistent rain meant we were only able to complete two of our four scheduled fixtures.

Affleck Cup Results

Game 1 – HDCA vs Southern Tablelands (Bradman Oval)

HDCA 7/202

Southern Tablelands 10/26

Outstanding bowling performance from Nathan Ring: 7/16 off 5 overs.

Game 2 – HDCA vs Monaro (Bradman Oval)

HDCA 8/201

Monaro 4/30

Match washed out due to rain.

Game 3 – HDCA vs Shoalhaven

Called off due to rain.

Game 4 – HDCA vs Queanbeyan

Called off due to rain.

In addition to the Affleck Cup, we also hosted representative matches against Camden and Illawarra and entered a side in the Richie Benaud Cup — a “Last Man Standing” format played at Bradman Oval.

Representative Matches

HDCA vs Camden (Bradman Oval)

HDCA 10/150

Camden 5/151

Richie Benaud Cup

HDCA won two of the three matches played and finished second overall in the four-team competition.

HDCA vs Illawarra (Bradman Oval)

HDCA 4/239

Illawarra 10/177

We also had two players represent the Association at the Over 50’s carnival in Dubbo, where the Southern Zone finished runners-up, with both players contributing strongly to the campaign.

Planning for next season is already underway, with the Zone looking to further expand its representative presence by fielding teams in the Over 40’s, Over 50’s, Over 55’s and Over 60’s formats.

Funding

Our objective has always been to keep the Classics program cost-neutral to the Association. During the first two seasons, players contributed on a per-game basis, with remaining match-day costs subsidised by one of the players.

For the 2026/27 season we are actively pursuing sponsorship opportunities, and the submitted budget projects the Silver Wombats program remaining cost-neutral to the Association.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the playing group, fellow board members, and the team at Bradman for their continued support. This has become an extremely enjoyable and rewarding portfolio to oversee, and the momentum behind representative veterans cricket in the Highlands continues to build.

Graham Brake

Director of Classics – Over 40’s Cricket

Report from the Director of Grounds and Facilities

Brody Martin

As Director of Grounds and Facilities, I am pleased to present my report for the 2025/26 Highlands District Cricket Association season.

Throughout the season, the Association's grounds and facilities remained in good condition and provided a safe and suitable environment for players, officials, and spectators. Whilst a small number of concerns and complaints about certain venues were raised throughout the season, these issues were addressed promptly and resolved accordingly. The cooperation and commitment shown by our clubs, councils, volunteers, and ground curators was instrumental in ensuring the successful delivery of cricket across the Highlands.

During the season, clubs were tasked with undertaking their own maintenance responsibilities on two occasions and had to notify the Director of Grounds and Facilities upon completion of the given works. Overall, this process ran smoothly and proved the willingness of clubs to contribute to the upkeep and presentation of Association facilities. Although there were a small number of instances where communication on completed works was delayed, these matters highlighted areas where the process can continue to improve.

The maintenance program was introduced with the aim of promoting consistency across all Association venues while encouraging clubs to take pride in the presentation and safety of their facilities. Pleasingly, most clubs embraced the initiative, and improvements were clear throughout the season. Looking ahead, an inspection day will be introduced following the completion of maintenance tasks, allowing the Director of Grounds and Facilities to visit each venue, assess the completed works and carry out any outstanding maintenance that may have been overlooked.

Like many seasons, weather played a significant role and presented challenges for ground preparation and maintenance. Despite these difficulties, clubs and venue managers worked diligently to maximise playing opportunities while ensuring the safety of participants stayed the highest priority.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the various councils, ground staff, volunteers, and club representatives who dedicate countless hours to preparing and supporting facilities. Their commitment often goes unnoticed but is essential to the continued success of cricket in our region.

Looking ahead to the 2026/27 season, the focus will remain on maintaining high facility standards and working collaboratively with clubs to find opportunities for improvement. By building on the foundations established this season, we can continue to enhance the playing experience for all participants and ensure the Association's facilities stay a source of pride.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board and member clubs for their support throughout the season. I look forward to working with everyone again as we prepare for another successful year of cricket in the Highlands.

Brody A. Martin

Director of Grounds and Facilities

Highlands District Cricket Association

June 2026

Report from the Treasurer

Joel Goring

1. A solid year returning a net cash flow surplus of \$36,201 and net accrued profit of \$25,083 (excluding depreciation) compared to a budgeted cash surplus of \$1,909.
2. Prize money and council fees still to pay which will bring estimated cash surplus to \$20,201
3. Umpiring costs have continued to increase which is largely due to more games being covered.
4. Upgrade and renovation to Lackey and Welby Turf as well as new mower and covers obtained.
5. Lackey and Welby Turf preparation costs coming down even with more games being covered.
6. Bank account balances as at 31/05/2025 sitting at \$7,807.55 and \$119,531.86.
7. Accounts receivable as at 31/05/2026 were \$20,508.64.
8. A strong position for the organisation to be in now and into the future.

Kind regards

Joel Goring

Profit and loss report

Accrual mode

01 Jun 2025 - 31 May 2026

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	Variance \$	Variance %
Income				
Team fees and memberships	112,760.00	115,896.00	(3,136.00)	-3
Competition Co-Ordinator	19,087.36	19,425.00	(337.64)	-2
Cricket ball sales	20,340.00	23,000.00	(2,660.00)	-12
Representative cricket - Sponsorship	28,600.00	28,000.00	600.00	2
Representative clothing sale	525.00	0.00	525.00	-
Representative cricket operational	11,759.12	11,660.00	99.12	1
Sponsorships	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)	-100
Interest	862.88	813.00	49.88	6
Other income	3,840.00	0.00	3,840.00	-
Spirit of Cricket Carnival	11,480.00	12,600.00	(1,120.00)	-9
Grants received	7,000.00	6,000.00	1,000.00	17
Total Income	216,254.36	222,894.00	(6,639.64)	-3.00%
Gross Profit	216,254.36	222,894.00	(6,639.64)	-3
Expenses				
Bradman Oval Hire	15,114.00	15,000.00	114.00	1
Lackey Oval expenses	16,827.46	18,975.00	(2,147.54)	-11
Welby Oval expenses	12,367.00	17,000.00	(4,633.00)	-27
Ground hire	4,850.00	3,750.00	1,100.00	29
Council fees	0.00	12,672.00	(12,672.00)	-100
Classics expenses	940.50	3,000.00	(2,059.50)	-69
Cricket ball purchases	21,578.83	23,000.00	(1,421.17)	-6
Depreciation	4,408.80	0.00	4,408.80	-
Junior Girls expenses	4,000.00	8,940.00	(4,940.00)	-55
Legal Fees	0.00	56.00	(56.00)	-100
Maintenance - grounds	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-100
Prize money & trophies	4,000.00	8,000.00	(4,000.00)	-50
Representative cricket expenses	32,380.30	37,200.00	(4,819.70)	-13
Administration - Secretarial/Social Media	9,984.00	9,984.00	0.00	0
Administration - Comp Co-Ordinator	19,666.94	19,425.00	241.94	1
Administration - Treasurer	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	3,059.91	2,460.00	599.91	24
Sundry Expenses	0.00	850.00	(850.00)	-100
Spirit of Cricket Carnival expenses	4,819.42	11,463.00	(6,643.58)	-58
Turf preparation	1,443.08	3,300.00	(1,856.92)	-56
Umpires	26,760.00	18,910.00	7,850.00	42
Equipment	8,379.00	0.00	8,379.00	-
Total Expenses	195,579.24	220,985.00	(25,405.76)	-11.50%
Operating Profit	20,675.12	1,909.00	18,766.12	983
Net Profit	20,675.12	1,909.00	18,766.12	983