

# Highlands District Cricket Association



## Annual Report

2018/19



**Mittagong**RSL

## Directors & Office Bearers 2018-2019

Chairperson	Simon Taufel
Director Senior Comps & Rep Cricket	Jack Whitfield
Director Junior Comps	Byron Kaufline
Director Greater Illawarra Zone	Rina Hore
Director Match Facilities & Junior Reps	Brian Martin
Director Deputy Chair	Graham Brake
Director Commissioner	Rodney Cavalier AO

Board Secretary	Peter Murko
Treasurer	Salman Yusuf
Umpires Secretary	Angus Humphreys

Chairman HDCA Vets	Norm Stanton
Chairman HDCA Social Club	John Lindsay

### Premiers

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Wingello Tigers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Mittagong
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Wingello Tigers

### JUNIORS

Stage 1	Robertson Bunyips
Stage 2	Div A Bowral Thunder    Div B Bowral Scorchers
Stage 3	Bowral Blues

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## HDCA Chair's Report – AGM 2019

The 2018/19 HDCA innings got off to a shaky start with no available secretary to fill the role and some discussion about who was to captain the team. We recovered somewhat and certainly finished strong, and for that, I'd like to pay tribute to former Chairpersons John Morris and Rodney Cavalier for their support in laying the solid foundations.

Like any innings, we ebbed and flowed with some setbacks and successes. Through the efforts of many in the HDCA team, we had more successes and are well placed for a solid second innings in 2019/20.

As I look back on the significant events of this year or innings, it is very pleasing to reconnect with the substantial progress of so much, at the hands of so few. We are a small team, but just like our representative teams, we punch above our weight. Our Board of volunteers is small, passionate, caring, and knowledgeable. They remind me sometimes of the cast of MASH – they are all different, unique, skilled and argumentative at times, but they deliver when it counts.

Please join with me as we reflect on those significant events and achievements over the past year.

- We mourned the passing of Bob Cupitt.
- We have improved our administration through
  - dedicated email addresses for the secretary and treasurer
  - cloud-based storage for files
  - improved functionality of HDCA website through more news items and an umpires resource tab.
- Before the season, Graham, Jack, and Byron updated their playing conditions and aligned them with CNSW/CA pathway competitions.
- We held a successful Captains night and season launch with our Patron Graeme Watson delivering some great messages to those present. The event set the right tone for the season ahead.
- Byron put in a huge effort to ensure that a Stage 3 competition with four teams got up and worked hard to work with the respective coaches and clubs to meet the needs of the players and parents.
- A new Code of Conduct was implemented, which was also aligned with CA pathway competitions. The Commissioner, Rodney Cavalier, handled only three CoC matters, all with efficiency and promptness. He was ably assisted by the new Judiciary. Thanks go to them for the one hearing necessary – John Morris, Phil Yeo, and Graeme Watson. Player behaviour in senior cricket has improved with minimal reports and more enjoyment being the outcomes.
- The HDCA Grounds and Facilities Strategy was endorsed by the members after much work being done by Simon Haire and was recently praised and acknowledged by the Wingecarribee Shire's Sport and Recreation Committee.
- Our two curators, Damien McMillan, and Dave Canterbury have done a great job in improving Lackey and Welby turf pitches for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. While there have been challenges with equipment, scheduling, and the weather, we are committed to supporting their efforts. The HDCA has purchased a new mower for Lackey and replacement roller for Welby during the year, while we have provided upgraded covers for both venues courtesy of the Bankstown Cricket Club.

- We thank Rina and the Bradman Foundation for their continued access of first-class facilities at Bradman Oval and use of meeting rooms. We are indebted to the Foundation for their support of local cricket.
- Funding was secured with the support of CNSW and Sport Australia to replace Stephens Park No 1 pitch, with more facilities to be upgraded in the next year. Works are approved and planned for Stephens Park No2 (pitch), Welby Oval (Awning and canteen), Bradman Oval (nets) and Bill O'Reilly Oval (pitch and nets).
- Brian and Jack, together with all the HDCA coaches have had a fine year with our representative players. Our U/16 team winning the inaugural Steve Edwards Trophy. Our other success came in the Jeffrey Cup under the leadership of Jack Whitfield, where we triumphed against more fancied opposition. Well done to all the coaches, players, and supporters involved in the HDCA representative program.
- Salman has run finance very well through the budgeting process and managed to keep the Association on track. He has also worked hard to establish a smoother electronic banking process to pay suppliers and umpires with a high degree of accuracy and timeliness.
- We have increased the match fees for umpires this season and taken over control of their payments. The umpires have filled in match reports for the first time, providing valuable information and feedback to the HDCA. The HDCUA through Angus, Richard, Norm, and the small team of officiators has been an important factor in seeing good cricket played.
- Rina and Rodney have represented us well with the new Greater Illawarra Zone. This has meant a revision in the HDCA Constitution, and special thanks go to Rodney Cavalier and John Morris for their assistance in the drafting process.
- We resolved the dispute around the formal name of the Bowral Blues Cricket Club.
- The resignation of Board member Geoff Prenter was a setback after a couple of months, but we thank him for opening the door to the Mittagong RSL as a sponsor with the HDCA for the next three years.
- Another setback was the loss of our Secretary, Nicola Krejci, in December but we were fortunate to have Peter Murko join us in January to continue the important role – thanks to Peter for his hard work to get up to speed and give his best. Having two new secretaries in the year was not ideal, so thank you to everyone for their patience and support.
- We facilitated a free Level 1 coaching course in December with CNSW. Nine people attended and completed the course run by our own Scott Moran.
- We held a Master Blaster afternoon on Bradman Oval attended by former Australian cricketer, Mitchell Johnson. This was great for the kids and parent coaches to be part of and shows how lucky we are to be well connected in the national cricketing community.
- Rina and Jock have ran the first all-female cricket competition on behalf of the HDCA. Whacky Wickets saw 43 females play the game on a Friday evening for several weeks pre and post Christmas. Thanks to Rina, Jock, and the Bradman Team.
- The HDCA has secured the sponsorship of Kingsgrove Sports. Not only do they offer the product range, service, and discounted pricing to our clubs and players, but the HDCA receives a 5% rebate on all purchases to put back into the local game.
- The Board and Members approved the new role of HDCA Secretary Administrator in May. After advertising the position and conducting interviews, we welcome Tahlia Wellington as the HDCA's new Secretary Administrator for 2019/20 as we seek to strengthen our organisation and better support the volunteers.
- Rina Hore announced her resignation from the Board after nine years (we think). We thank Rina for her enormous contribution to the HDCA and are pleased to see her continue to be

involved in a non-director capacity next year. We are very fortunate to have Rina in our ranks together with the support and resources of the Bradman Foundation.

- Special thanks go to Rob Collins for assisting us with repairs and maintenance to our equipment when they have broken down and for giving the replacement roller the thumbs up. Contributions like Rob's are the backbone of our Association.
- Thank you to Phil Benson who has given his time and put back into the game to take many great photographs of the cricket matches and shared them with Clubs, players, umpires and the HDCA. Phil has captured some great memories for us.
- We continue to grow a better relationship with Wingecarribee Shire Council and their staff. Rachel Forte, Michelle Green, and Mark Tickner have all been supportive of our needs, and we continue to work with them in a spirit of partnership to improve facilities and access.
- Congratulations to Mittagong Cricket Club and their senior grade captains in winning the HDCA Spirit of Cricket award this year – it is pleasing to see this result for Mittagong.
- Congratulations also to Dean Roxburgh from Robertson Burrawang who was voted the HDCA 1<sup>st</sup> grade player of the year.

Our work in serving the game and the participants have no finish line. There is much to be done in the coming year. The Board's focus will be on;

- growing Stage 3 junior participation numbers,
- strengthening senior cricket – especially 1<sup>st</sup>-grade numbers,
- improving the quality of facilities, and
- increasing enjoyment and access for all.

In conclusion, I'd like to pay tribute to all the HDCA Board members and Club office bearers for your efforts, contribution, and support. It is only by working together that we can grow cricket locally and offer similar experiences and memories to others that we had playing, umpiring, or supporting ourselves. Above all, we must continue to respect the other persons' strengths and points of difference. Passion is great; conflict and fighting are unacceptable in this cricket community. I'm honoured to serve the HDCA and this game of cricket and look forward to doing so again next year.

**Simon Taufel**

Chair  
HDCA

# HDCA Junior Cricket Report

The junior competition was, I felt, quite successful this season despite some minor hiccups.

Commencing in the new role as Junior Cricket Director it took a while to find my feet however with the support of the board members and the help from club delegates, I soon worked out the fundamental elements of the role.

Starting with the early junior meeting we made a number of changes to our stage criteria from the age to a school year format. Nominations grew to record levels, and despite what the Australian cricket teams were going through, the enthusiasm for junior community cricket was buoyant.

Master Blast saw seven Teams compete during the pre-Christmas period and there were a number of players that came back post school to compete in the Red Ball competition.

The Red Ball Competition concluded in March and the experience gained by the participants was quite valuable and the players will now have a great lead into the Stage 1 competition next season. *Steve Beveridge was to be commended for his efforts in jointly running the competition.*

## Stage 1

Teams in this grade didn't play Finals however the feedback from most people was to shorten the competition if possible next season.

I managed to get to a number of matches through the season and the competitiveness was quite evident especially between team's members when batting.

## Stage 2

The competition was spilt into A and B divisions after all teams had played each other.

### Division A

Bundanoon were undefeated Minor Premiers .

The Final was played between Bundanoon V Bowral Thunder at Bundanoon resulting in a victory to Bowral Heat by 2 runs

- Presentation after Final, by Brian Martin.

### Division B

Bowral Scorchers were Minor Premiers.

Bowral Scorchers played Oxley College in the final resulting in a win by 18 Runs to Scorchers in a closely contested match.

*Umpires and coaches all commented on how the games were played in the correct spirit and how the players showed constant improvement throughout the season.*

- Presentation after Final, by Byron K.

## Stage 3

Bowral Blues were Minor Premiers and played Bowral CC in the Final at Centennial on 23<sup>rd</sup> March Bowral Blues won by 15 runs in another closely fought match.

Coaches and spectators all agree that both teams displayed respect throughout the year and the standard of play in this division improved all season.

- Presentation after Final, by Byron K.

Stage 3 teams also played the inter association games with the Goulburn Based team which was a great experience as almost all away games were on turf.



### **Moving into the next season (2019/2020)**

Changing the format of the Stage 3 competition was discussed at junior meeting in March.

We may look at playing some preseason games with the Goulburn District Junior Cricket Association plus if teams are interested having a team from Goulburn entering into a under 16/ Stage 3 inter association Competition.

More Discussion will be held over the off season.

### **Goals for 2019/20**

**To grow the Junior Competition, we all should be looking at developing as many aspects we can and look for support, assistance from time to time**

**We are all volunteers and so sharing the work load through your clubs and schools is essential.**

**Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW and HDCA offer numerous levels of assistance and some time the answer is only phone call away.**

### **Focus points**

- Encouragement for current coaches to have combined training/skills sessions and implement use of resources from CA Junior cricket coaching website
- Clarifications of current guidelines regarding when and where matches can be played in member regulations, including regular participant feed back
- Reminders that playing conditions should be adhered to at all times and to seek clarification when in doubt

### **Grounds:**

We look forward to having both Stephen Park 1 and 2 ready for next season.

**Exeter Oval** is also due to have new surface on the Pitch.

**Looking at using Welby synthetic for junior on a Saturday Morning in the future after positive discussions with Curators.**

### **Umpires:**

Thanks to Angus Humphreys and the Umpires association for accommodating a number of umpires for the junior finals.

I look forward to more umpires joining the ranks next season

- I have sent out notices to clubs regarding parents involved in junior cricket to complete Umpire community Cricket course and Level 2 Coaching Courses that will be run throughout the winter season for interested people.
- Cricket NSW umpire coordinator has offered to run community Cricket course in the highlands if we can get a minimum of 8 participants.

### **Development of Junior competitions**

Encourage Schools from all over highland to join into local competitions

Cricket NSW will be in contact local schools soon.

- Encouraging parents and older sibling to get involve in Coaching, umpiring and scoring Some positive feedback in attending courses if they are held in highlands.

Encourage the senior cricket teams/ clubs to get involved with junior teams.

- Sent out CA community cricket flyer for feedback regarding Stage 1,2 and 3 cricket formats Some confusion as club contacts are not forwarding all the information to their coaches but I've followed up some coaches directly.

- Implement plans to grow player numbers/ teams and retain players.

Review formats for next season with a number of options spoken about.

Stage 3 going to a 40 over /2-day format?? Or a Mixture of both formats including 25/25 games

Shortening the stage 1and 2 competitions so they don't overlap with other sports.

- Consulting with other sport over off season regarding when they are planning their pre-season games and avoiding overlaps in sports where possible.
- Making some minor changes to Playing conditions with regards to flexibility/ or restrictions between grades.
- Organised development officers from NSW Cricket to meet with local school/clubs to encourage participation.

### **The Bradman Carnival (20 years)**

The Bradman Cup was played between U14 highlands rep team and other visiting teams from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April In the Highlands. Matches were at Bradman, Lackey and Welby.

Simon Taufel conducted a presentation on the Monday evening with the focus on "The spirit of Cricket "and everyone who attended appreciated the content. Rick McCarthy, coordinator from Bradman Foundation should be commended for his and his teams' efforts.

### **Greater Illawarra Cricket**

Congratulations to the players selected in the Junior GICZ Regional Squad to train on during winter.

**Junior Boys:** Jack Baldwin, Liam Baylis, Hal Canute, Oscar Muton, Will Preddey, James Smith, Will Thomson, Hayden Willebrand, Mitchel Wilson.

**The following player were selected in the CNSW Academy squad**

**Junior Girls:** Ava Maiden, Caitlan Appleyard.

Best of luck to all selected

Finally, a big thank you to my fellow Board members for their support and effort throughout the season, your knowledge and experience was extremely valuable.

**HDCA Director Junior Cricket - Byron Kaufline**

# Senior Cricket Report: 2018 -19 Season

## 1. Clubs and Teams:

This season saw;

4 x First grade teams (81 players)

6 x Second grade teams (187 players) and

7 x Third grade teams (152 players)

As some players were involved in more than one grade the total number of players who took part in senior cricket this season was 352, this is up 12.5% on the previous seasons figure of 312.

## 2. Competition Format:

As a result of consultation with the playing group at the end of the 2017 – 18 season, second and third grade teams played all one day 40 over games apart from the T20 draw during January.

First grade played a combination of T20, 45 over one day games and 2 day games. The first grade draw was put together so each team played against each other twice for each format of the draw.

## 3. Ground and Playing Conditions:

The senior playing conditions were modified to fall in line wherever practical with representative playing conditions for the same game format. Wides, free hits on no balls and player safety around proximity to the bat and lightning strikes were updated. Overall the grounds were in acceptable conditions, apart from a couple of notable exceptions at Exeter (loose synthetic covering) Stephens Park (grass and outfield condition very tuffty and difficult to field on).

## 4. Plans for 2019-20 Season

Plans are well underway for some minor modifications to the draw and playing conditions for the 2019-20 season after meeting with all senior officials and representatives from each club and each grade.

Jack Whitfield

Graham Brake





*HDCA Life Member David Wood post-match presents Grant Pike form Wingello with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade premiership trophy*

## **Grounds and Facilities Report**

The past year has seen a greater focus and investment placed into the cricket grounds and facilities around the Southern Highlands.

Maintaining grounds and providing turf wickets at Lackey Park and Welby Oval continue to be the biggest operational expense of the Association. We are proud to say that this year, through the magnificent efforts of our two curators, Damien McMillan and David Canterbury, the standard of turf pitches has improved significantly. These two gentlemen along with the efforts and support of Brian Martin, have contributed to better grass coverage, better bounce and more access to turf cricket for first and second grade players. Well done to these men. We should also thank the Wingecarribee Shire Council and their staff, in particular Rachel Forte, Michelle Green, Mark Tickner, Julianne Billington and all the other staff, for their cooperation and support as partners in sport.



*(Welby Oval square at the end of the season)*

We would like to acknowledge the continued effort of the Clubs to take greater ownership, care and development of their home ground facilities.

The HDCA Board has sought to support our curators, Damien and Dave, with better and more reliable equipment. Close to \$10 000 has been spent this year on a new mower for Lackey Park and a roller for Welby Oval.

The HDCA has also been focussed on improving playing surfaces for players. This year saw the Association successful with securing a grant of \$27000 from Sport Australia to replace the synthetic pitch at Stephens Park No1 oval. It has been installed post season and is wider and longer to better support our junior cricketers. We have also won a CNSW grant and partnered with Council to replace and upgrade Stephens Park No2 pitch in the coming year. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to CNSW, Wingecarribee Shire Council and Sport Australia for these investments in regional grassroots cricket.



*(Stephens Park No1 pitch – before and after)*

We look forward to Bowral Cricket Club delivering their tremendous success in raising funds and securing grants to upgrade the Bradman Oval cricket nets in the coming year.

The Association is so lucky to have the ongoing support of the Bradman Foundation and Executive Director, Rina Hore. We thank her, the Foundation, Jock McIlhatton, Josh Woodcock, Renee, Tina, Paul and Nicola for access to Bradman Oval and off field facilities. They have and continue to be, great supporters of the HDCA and local players and we are blessed to have their unwavering support to provide first-class facilities. Thank you to Team Bradman.



**BRADMAN**  
**CENTRE**  
HOME OF CRICKET MEMORIES

**Treasurer's Report**  
**For the period ended 30 June 2019**  
**HDCA Board Meeting - 3 July 2019**

**Highlights**

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>June 2019</b>
Current Account	1,430	410
Savings Account	38,297	39,896
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,727</b>	<b>40,306</b>

**Highlights for Season 2018-19**

Club and affiliation fees fully received  
 Sponsorship of \$5000 from Mittagong RSL  
 Donation of \$250 from Mittagong Services club  
 Stephens park pitch grant received during the year

New Mower purchased for Lackey  
 2nd hand Roller & Mower purchased for Welby  
 all payments are up to date including the following to be made during June 19  
 membership refunds to clubs  
 Secretary Horanorarium payment  
 end season catering

with the above all transactions for the season accounted during the year

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>Jun-19</b>
<b>Bank</b>	
Current Account	410
Savings Account	39,896
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,306</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Fixed Assets	7,334
Current Assets	1,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,323</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>49,629</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>49,629</b>

<b>Equity</b>	
Current year earnings	7,201
Retained Earnings	42,428
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>49,629</b>

<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Receipts (Income)</b>			
Team fees Senior & Juniors	61,320		62,820
T20 Blast & Greater Illawarra Cont	-		2,450
Sponsorship	5,000		5,250
Parent Contribution - Rep cricket & Clothing Sale	1,800		4,866
Balls	7,142		7,533
SZ reimbursement	-		10,283
Bank Interest	100		494
Others			1,718
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,362</b>		<b>95,414</b>
<b>Payments (Expenses)</b>			
Score books	1,025		539
Insurance	2,750		2,750
Greater Illawarra	848		10,000
Council Fees	7,486		7,438
Membership refund	2,000		2,300
T20 Blast	-		-
Prize Money & Trophies	3,000		4,646
Umpires	14,040		12,105
New Cricket Pitch	-		-
Turf Prep and Maintenance	28,920		32,750
Rep Cricket	1,890		3,627
Balls	7,001		7,001
Depreciation	-		1,656
Others	5,000		3,402
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,960</b>		<b>88,213</b>
<b>Profit / (loss)</b>	<b>1,402</b>		<b>7,201</b>

# HDCA Representative Cricket

## Juniors

### HDCA U/12'S

#### 2018/19 REPRESENTATIVE SEASON REPORT

8 Games: Win 1: Loss 7

The representative season began with an enthusiastic group, full of new faces which is always the case with U/12's being the first season of representative cricket. Only 3 players were backing up from last year so gaining experience and exposure to more competitive Representative cricket was our aim throughout the season.

Although it was not a successful one in terms of results, all players received significant opportunities and their cricketing knowledge and skill improvement across the board were very obvious by the completion of the 8 games.

We had 2 players make the Top 10 performers in the Zone :

Batting - Sam Harwood: 140 Runs @ 23.33 ( Rank 7 )

Bowling - Jesse Hol: 8 Wickets @ 9.13 ( Rank 6 )

I could easily list every player with a significant contribution throughout the season, however those of note are below:

Batting:

Jason Campese 66 v's Shoalhaven, Darcy Kent 56 & Will Torr 23 v's Illawarra (Opening partnership of 79), Sam Harwood 45 v's Illawarra, Jesse Hol 43 v's Shoalhaven, Sam Harwood 42 v's Shoalhaven

Bowling:

Annalee Watson 4/12 v's Shoalhaven, Will Gilbert 2/14 v's South Coast, Will Torr 2/4 v's Illawarra

At the completion of the Representative season we also formed an U/11's development team to play 2 trial games v's Goulburn with again only 4 players eligible from this season it gave 8 prospective representative players some great experience before next year & we saw some very good performances giving us something to really look forward to in 2019/20.

**Jason Harwood**

**HDCA U/12's Coach**

## HDCA U/14'S

### 2018/19 REPRESENTATIVE SEASON REPORT

The 2018 U14 HDCA Highlands team acquitted themselves well in a competition that proved to be of a very high standard. Initial selection of the team proved difficult as the Highlands club competition had been reduced to only four teams with the departure of Chevalier to ISA. Indeed, the Highlands U14 Representative team struggled for numbers throughout the summer and needed extra players to replace those who were unavailable or injured.

The first game that Highlands played was at Bradman oval against Illawarra Blue. Highlands bowled tightly and restricted Illawarra to being all out for 103 in the 36th over. Spinner Darcey McNamara finished with 4/26 off 8 overs, while Oliver O'Riordan bowled tightly and had 2/14 off 5 overs. Highlands made the runs in 31 overs thanks to good knocks from opener William Thomson (25) and Hayden Willebrand (39). Game 2 saw the Highlands away to South Coast. The home team batted first and made 153 in their full 40 overs. Highlands in reply could only manage 94 and lost steady wickets as the run chase ballooned. Finn Kaufling (19) and Hal Canute (18) were the best of the batsmen.

The following week, the Highlands played Shoalhaven in the first of a series of 20/20 matches and came close to an upset. Shoalhaven batted first and were 1/152 after 20 overs. Highlands lost wickets in the chase and finished with 6/128. Will Thomson (40) batted solidly and Hayden Willebrand (36) gave the visitors a sniff until holing out. In the next 20/20, South Coast set Highlands a target of 138. Finn Kaufling bowled with venom and picked up 4/19 in 4 overs, while Will Thomson chimed in with a handy 3/22. South Coast bowled tightly and were able to restrict Highlands to 107. Hal Canute (30), Will Thomson (25) and Hayden Willebrand (20) all batted well. Highlands then played Illawarra Blue and were able to keep them to a modest 8/82 with Hal Canute picking up 3/16 in his 4 overs. In reply, Highlands got the runs in 16 overs losing only two wickets. Hal Canute (32) and Will Thomson (19) scored freely. In the following game, Highlands were outclassed by the powerful Illawarra Red who were 4/174 after their 20 overs. Highlands reversed their batting to spread the load and finished with 6/49. Oliver O'Riordan (15) and Jack Ayling (14) were the pick of the batsmen.

Highlands then played Shoalhaven in a 40 over match and gave their more fancied opponents a scare. Highlands made 8/135 with Will Thomson (33) and Hayden Willebrand (31) anchoring the

batting. Shoalhaven looked in trouble, but finally got the runs in 36 overs at 7/136, with the bowlers sharing the wickets. In the final match of the series, Highlands lost to Illawarra Red. Highlands could only manage 7/112 with Hayden Willebrand and Finn Kauflin both top scoring with 19. Illawarra picked up the runs in 25 overs with Hal Canute (2/17) the best of the Highlands bowlers.

With a predominantly young team, Highlands U/14's were competitive and always played with a good spirit. They should be proud of their achievements throughout the competition.

#### **Under 16 rep report**

**Coach: James Smith    Manager: Allison Baldwin**

The U/16 team captained by Connor Taylor-Helmes were successful in winning the Steve Edwards cup defeating Shoalhaven in the Final.

The Highlands batted first on Bradman being 8 for 263 off their 50 overs with Liam Bayliss 63 and Oscar Murton 59 being the top scorers.

Shoalhaven were bowled out for 80 with Liam Bayliss 3/28 and leggie Tody Smith 4/11 being the main wicket takers.

Through the season they won 2 of the 3 games in both the 50 over format and the T20's.

Jack Baldwin led the way with the bat being the leading run scorer in the Zone with 241 runs at an average of 30.

He was well supported by Oscar Murton who was the Zone's 3rd highest run scorer with 170 runs.

Liam Bayliss, Hamish Pinn and Connor also batted well throughout the competition.

Liam Bayliss was the leading wicket taker in the Zone with 17 wickets at 9.76 and both Will Preddey and Toby Smith took 11 wickets apiece.

#### **Under 18 Jeffery Cup Report**

**Coach: Jack Whitfield    Manager: Scott Morton**

Ravi Wikramanayake was successful in leading the team to win the Jeffery's Cup.

The Highlands boys dominated this competition winning their three games comfortably.

Ravi was the leading run scorer with 186 runs at an average of 62. His opening partner James Morton made sure a good start was given to the team scoring 120 runs @ 40.

Nick Gardner was the top wicket taker for the Zone with 8 wickets at an average of 11. He received great support from Ryan Emmerick and Blake Denny.

Out of this competition a Greater Illawarra Colts team was selected to compete in the NSW Country championships. The Highlands supplied the majority of this team with 7 members of the 13. The players selected were; Ravi Wikramanayake, James Morton, Nick Gardner, Blake Denney, Ben Tucker, Fionn Parker and Dom O'Shannessey.

### **Greater Illawarra Zone Delegate Report**

The winding up of the Southern Zone and the founding of Greater Illawarra occurred at the same meeting at Dapto Leagues Club in July 2018. I opened the final meeting of Southern Zone, presided over the obsequies of accounts and the final report from the Zone Administrator. The Zone formally resolved to dissolve itself and enter the new Greater Illawarra. We who had led Southern did not seek office in the new zone. Ian Hogg, a former Chairman of Country Cricket, was elected Chairman. Glenn Bridge was elected Administrator though Cricket NSW may suggest the position is in their gift.

The new Zone paid proper tribute to Graeme Creighton, a long-term Zone Administrator and stalwart, by conferring Life Membership on him. Graeme was suitably touched.

Coaches from elsewhere have not been allowed to lay down the law. There is a concern that the new concept of a country manager will leave the occupant spread too thin.

Meetings have taken place without rancour, except for interaction with outsiders.

All but one meeting has required a journey down the escarpment. Rina has been the driver. I am grateful for her caring. She is a delegate from this Association right across all issues and a major participant. The Highlands can consider itself well represented with Rina as delegate.

### **Rodney Cavalier**

HDCA Delegate to Greater Illawarra Zone

### **Code of Conduct and Judiciary**

Dealing with disputes is a corrosive experience. In the year past there were three matters reported to the Commissioner. Any matter not put in writing was not considered.

I will not employ names or dates in this report.

The first incident occurred during a second-grade game. The offender had been swearing and using offensive gestures. He pleaded guilty to the charge. As this was a first offence, he was reprimanded.

The second and third incidents involved a threat of assault, a matter so serious the Commissioner referred the matter to the Judiciary. The Judiciary held a hearing and imposed a six-match suspension with advice for the club to be more caring about a player who was experiencing difficulty with his bowling. Evidence presented caused the Judiciary to be concerned about the conduct of a player off the field, cause sufficient for the Commissioner to cite the offender. The offender pleaded guilty and suffered a one-match suspension.

I pay tribute to the members of the Judiciary. Each of them is undertaking an essentially thankless task in his own time. I acknowledge their care in listening to the evidence and assessing it. The Association is well served by their dedication.

### **Rodney Cavalier**

HDCA Commissioner



## **Women's Cricket Report**

### **“Whacky Wickets” - Bradman Foundation in conjunction with the HDCA**

Whacky Wickets is a fun, evenly paced social modified game of cricket. We had 60 players registered for the two competitions held pre and post-Christmas. The majority of players had never played before, with the core group of them being mothers and daughters giving it a go for the first time.

Ages of the participants ranged from 10 years to 70 years. Every player received their own Whacky Wickets playing shirt with teams separated by different colours.

This new social women's cricket competition initiative ran on Friday afternoons from 5.30pm – 7.00pm with 2 x 6 week competitions run over the summer. The format of 8 aside, 16 over games, played on the cut grass outfield of Bradman Oval being a hit with the players.

The inclusive playing conditions saw every player bat for 4 overs in pairs and bowl 2 overs. Each match was able to be completed within one and a half hours.

The social side of the afternoon always involved gathering at the players pavilion before and after the matches with nibbles and some refreshments. All matches were played in great spirit with lots of fun, laughter and even a bit of dancing on the field as the music blasted out.

It turned into a real family affair, with the boys coming along to add support to the girls. Practice nets had little games happening in them, as well as any spare space on the field.

We look forward to continuing the Whacky Wickets program again this summer.

**Rina Hore & Jock McIlhatton**



## HDCUA Report Season 2018-19

It is with much pleasure I present the HDCUA report for Season 2018-19.

Season 2018-19 saw a change of the Executive of the Association. The Executive for the season was as follows:

- President – Richard McHarg
- Vice President – John Burgoyne
- Treasurer – Norm Stanton
- Secretary – Angus Humphreys.

On behalf of the association we would like to thank the retiring members from the executive – Bill Croese and Ian Mein. Their service of the association is much appreciated.

This year we were fortunate to have the services of Simon Taufel – former International Umpire and ICC Umpire of the Year. Simon's experience and wisdom afforded to the local association is very much appreciated.

Our core group of umpires included Bill Croese, Angus Humphreys, Richard McHarg and Simon Taufel. We also used the services of John Burgoyne, Mark Coles, Mason King, Ian Mein, Denis Purcell and Norm Stanton throughout the season.

Appointments for matches covered all 3 grades of the local competition, and also appointments were made for local representative matches. For a small association we covered a lot of matches – many thanks to the umpires who made themselves available.

Congratulations to the following umpires for their appointments to Grand Finals:

- 1st Grade – Richard McHarg and Angus Humphreys
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Bill Croese and Ian Mein
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – John Burgoyne

Player behaviour improved markedly this season and we thank the players and clubs for making genuine efforts in this area.

The Spirit of Cricket award, which the umpires allocate points for each match (out of 10) was won by Mittagong Cricket Club with an average score of 8.58. Congratulations to Mittagong for the way they played their cricket this year.

The David Wood trophy for best player in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade was won by Dean Roxburgh from Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club. Umpires award points on a 3/2/1 basis in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade for the best player. Dean received 20 points throughout the season.

Our numbers for season 2019-20 are looking promising. We have had 2 people successfully complete the NSWCUA course and we are hopeful that they will join us next season umpiring. We also have an umpire who works in the area wanting to join our association next year.

Overall an enjoyable season for all concerned, and we look forward to contributing further to the HDCA for season 2019-20.

**Angus Humphreys.**

Secretary HDCUA.

May 2019.



*(HDCA Life Member David Wood post-match at the 1<sup>st</sup> grade grand final with umpires Richard McHarg and Angus Humphreys)*

## **HIGHLANDS VETERANS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018/19**

Highlands Veterans completed their most successful season ever, both on and off the field, since their inception as Highlands Over 60s in the 2007/2008 season.

We can take great pride in being undefeated in home and away games in 2018/19 with victories over Port Jackson, Central Coast and Western Wildfires both home and away and wins against ACT on three occasions.

As well, for the first time ever, Highlands entered the NSW Over 60s carnival held in Maitland in October and defeated Newcastle, Tamworth and Port Jackson before losing to Penrith in a rain-affected final.

In addition there were games more of a social nature (and out of our age demographic!) against Trundlers, Highlands Over 50s and Roseville.

We are indebted to Rod van Beek and Rod Watling for the excellent work they have done in ensuring Chater Oval wickets are as good as, and often better than, any we play on. This entails an enormous amount of time and energy and is all done gratis, a testimony to their dedication to the cause. Anna and Neil McConnochie deserve our thanks for making the oval available.

A major addition to Veterans cricket in the Highlands has been the emergence of the Over 50s cohort. This has largely been driven by Steve Granger and Steve Beveridge, with early involvement from John Lindsay, and they should be congratulated on their efforts so far.

The 50s have established links with other areas and have already played a few games as well as the inter-Highlands matches and we encourage their progress. After all, 50s players eventually graduate to be 60s players!

It's been encouraging this season to see so many of our players nominating to play for NSW in the State of Origin series and at the national championships. The icing on the cake has been the selection of Peter Jensen and Ian Bradburn in the Australian Over 60s Veterans team to tour England in June and July, a wonderful achievement for which we wish them well.

Our hospitality has gone up a notch this season under the direction of Peter Jensen and with great support from Ingrid, Kelly and others. Players and their partners have responded marvellously to the self-catering model such that our model of a sit-down lunch on the lawn is a benchmark only closely matched by Central Coast's prawns and oysters!

I encourage an ongoing contribution by all our members - from putting on the covers to scoring and umpiring to washing the dishes! It helps for people to share the load and the involvement means we all have some ownership of the organization.

Finally, I will be resigning as chairman at the AGM, although I am happy to remain as treasurer and over 70s contact, pending nomination. Peter and I have approached David Wells to assume the role and someone with his administrative skills, experience and enjoyment of the game will be a real asset to our organization.

Thank you for your support over the years.

**Norman Stanton** (outgoing chairman)

## **Highlands Social Cricket Club (Over 40's) 2018 - 2019**

Although numbers weren't great on Thursday nights this season the group had enjoyment following the introduction of a revised competition. It was based on the Last Man Stands format it made for very competitive matches. Apart from our regular Thursday nights we toured Queensland and played a handful of weekend matches. We assisted Chevalier College in upgrading the Main Oval practice nets. Hopefully our assistance helped the Chevalier 1<sup>st</sup> X1 to victory when they won the Schools Competition.

The season started in August with the HSCC team touring Queensland for three days of Cricket. We were beaten soundly in our match against The Village Vets at Newstead Park even though Cricket NSW provided us with new playing kit to inspire us against the Cane Toads. After a team meeting and speech about how proud we should be in the NSW kit we lifted our performance. We had a resounding victory against TCC at Maroochydore and a last ball victory against a very strong Yandina team at Yandina. The team performed well. HSCC will be touring Queensland in the first week of July to kick off the 2019-2020 Season.

We had a number of Sunday fixtures planned this season at Chevalier College. Unfortunately, after a dry winter the rain started as soon as the Cricket Season began. Games against Seaforth and OCCC were rained off. We were lucky enough to arrange a game against Hawksbury in Windsor on their 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Oval in December. We performed well and won the game with wickets in hand. Thank you to Hawksbury for providing such a great venue and a great day. In January we played two matches against the TCC from Queensland. On the Friday at Chevalier Oval we were defeated in an exciting match that came down to the last over. On the Saturday we fielded a different X1 for our match on Bradman Oval. The game was evenly poised when the heavens opened. With the field flooded the game was called off. In March games were organised against Hawksbury Over 50's and Seaforth at Chevalier College. We again were at the mercy of rare rain events and the games were cancelled. To finish the 2018/2019 Season we played two 20/20 matches at Chevalier Main Oval. The opposition comprised of grade players to make up a combined Over 40's Highlands side. It was a great afternoon with over 850 runs scored. The HSCC won the first fixture and the Combined side took the honours in the second fixture.

Thursday twilight cricket is held at Chevalier College on the Moss Vale Rd Ovals commencing at 5.30pm after daylight saving kicks in and runs through until the end of March. Even those under 40 are welcome and we cater to all levels. Kits are provided. Our fees for this season were \$80.

We thank Chevalier College for their continued support and the use of the Turf wicket for our games against touring teams. The Groundsman did a fantastic job to prepare the wicket and the ground.

**Thanks**

**John Lindsay**



## Marketing and Sponsorship Report

This year has seen a number of positive developments in this area.

We are excited and pleased to have Mittagong RSL as a major sponsor of Highlands Cricket. They have signed on for three years to help fund and underpin the operational costs of our junior cricket programs. We thank General Manager, Craig Madsen and the Board of the Mittagong RSL for their support of the Association and local cricket.

The HDCA has also engaged more with the local media. We thank Mitch and Lauren from the Southern Highlands News for their photos and stories that publicised and promoted the local game of cricket in the Highlands over the past season.

The HDCA website has been updated over the past year to communicate news stories and be a resource for members. We now have an umpires' page and more up to date information for members and fans of cricket to access. Please check it out as we continue to improve this site.

Harry Solomons at Kingsgrove Sports, a long-time supporter of cricket and cricketers has agreed to partner with the HDCA in offering preferential pricing for all players, clubs and affiliates. For all equipment and apparel purchased from Kingsgrove Sports by our members, the Association will receive a rebate paid back to it at the end of the year. Cards have been distributed to clubs and affiliates for this purpose but don't forget to tell the friendly staff at Kingsgrove where you come from when purchasing your kit for next season!



*(Mittagong RSL General Manager, Craig Madsen (right) presents Simon Taufel, HDCA Chair with the first sponsorship cheque)*

We also have an item for purchase to raise funds, which Kingsgrove Sports have framed as part of their sponsorship.

It is a full-size bat signed by winning series captain, India's Virat Kohli (picture below). If you are interested in this historic piece of cricket memorabilia, please contact Simon Taufel.

Thanks go to Harry and the team.





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