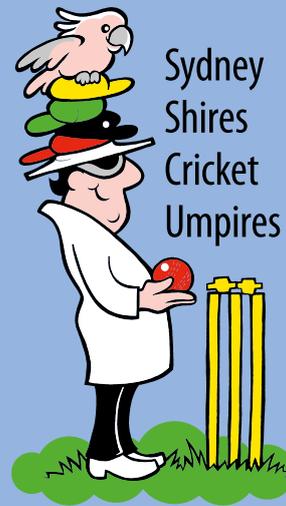


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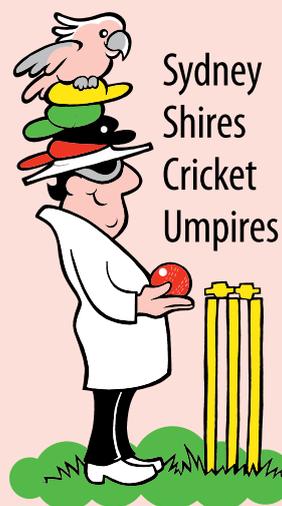


The worst hail storm to hit Sydney in decades occurred on the afternoon of Saturday 18 February 2017. Here's the carnage at Kanebridge Oval in the middle of that storm



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GRAND FINALS

1st Grade Joe McAleer Oval
Mt Pritchard Southern Districts 6/114 def
North West Sydney 112
Stephen Blomfield & Anthony Raymond

2nd Grade Kanebridge Oval
Burwood 74 and 7/92 def
Warringah 55 and 8 dec 152
Daniel Burton & Clay Finnemore

3rd Grade LM Graham Reserve
Warringah 214 and 1/15 def
Georges River 147
Simon Dodwell & Geoff Wheeler

4th Grade Ron Routley Oval
Burwood 197 def Strathfield 76
Peter Mooney & Ian Tabrett

Frank Gray Shield Joe McAleer Oval
Georges River 9/219 def
Mt Pritchard Southern Districts 109
Stephen Blomfield & Anthony Raymond

Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

July 2001 - July 2003 Peter Turner
July 2003 - July 2004 Bruce Parfett
July 2004 - July 2005 John Moore
July 2005 - July 2008 George Richards
July 2008 - July 2013 Peter Friend
July 2013 - July 2016 Mark Hughes
July 2016 - Present David Goodman

SECRETARY

July 2001 - Present Stephen Blomfield

TREASURER

July 2001 - July 2010 Gordon Smith
July 2010 - July 2014 Michael Wheeler
July 2014 - Present Trevor Schokman



COMMITTEE

Rick Crocono, Ken Buckland, Trevor Schokman, Stephen Blomfield, Glen Hanshaw, David Goodman, Cameron Duff, Stephen Clements, Paul Clift



A record attendance of 48 members are seen here at the Association's Annual General Meeting on 3 August 2016



Members

PAST & PRESENT

1	Turner, Peter	63	Bird, Tony*	125	Arora, Sunil*	186	McGinn, Cameron
2	Beesley, Graham,	64	Bowman, Ian <small>LIFE MEMBER</small>	126	Robertson, Bob*	187	Crocono, Rick
3	Blomfield, Stephen <small>LIFE MEMBER</small>	65	Brady, Steve*	127	Raghavendra, Venkatesh*	188	Raymond, Anthony
4	Carroll, Phil*	66	Hammond, Brett*	128	Lardner, Craig*	189	Duff, Cameron
5	Donnellan, Tom*	67	Hinks, Andrew*	129	Madan, Ajit	190	Kenneally, Trevor*
6	Friend, Peter*	68	Roche, Glenn*	130	Cordner, Geoff*	191	Hendricks, Bill
7	Guha, Ronnie*	69	Thomson, Ian	131	Shield, Bob	192	de Celis, Brian
8	Hanshaw, Glen	70	Tribolet, Brett	132	Wood, Stuart	193	Burton, Daniel
9	Haviland, Chris*	71	Bharadwaj, Vijay*	133	Ramakrishnan, Keeran	194	Kotak, Kamlesh*
10	Hickey, Dave*	72	Cocks, Graeme*	134	Napper, Peter*	195	Banodkar, Mahesh
11	Holland, Ivan	73	Dobbin, Patrick*	135	Rees, Martin*	196	Baker, Andrew*
12	Jayaweera, Jay*	74	Hasty, Jon*	136	Paxton, Homer	197	Damodaran, Rajesh*
13	Jegathesan, Jeriam*	75	Luke, William	137	Davies, Adam*	198	Dunn, Michael
14	Kearney, Chris**	76	Maloney, Rob	138	Davies, Reece	199	Chegwidden, Les
15	Keierleber, David*	77	Marquet, Jonathan*	139	Hamilton, Ian*	200	Syed, Mirwais*
16	Luckman, Terry*	78	Narayanan, Vishy*	140	McAndrew, Bob*	201	Lees, Craig
17	MacGillivray, Bruce**	79	Pardy, Bill*	141	George, Cherian*	202	Pardesi, Brijesh
18	Owen, Alan*	80	Ponsford, Derek	142	Baxter, Brett*	203	Finnemore, Clay
19	Parfett, Bruce*	81	Street, Gary*	143	Conway, Michael	204	Stewart, Nigel
20	Pepper, Glenn*	82	Hughes, Mark	144	Singham, Mano	205	Srinivasan, Pawan
21	Quaken, Keith*	83	Mathews, Rupert	145	Clements, Stephen	206	Pillai, Ananthan
22	Rajogopalan, Ragoo*	84	Ritchie, Matt*	146	Bergman, Tony	207	Pryde, Scott
23	Ralston, Tim*	85	Jones, Colin*	147	Clover, Stewart*	208	Alexander, Isaac
24	Roberts, Michael	86	Romeo, Joe*	148	Vella, Aaron	209	Boorer, Matt
25	Sammy, Rajan*	87	Superina, Dean*	149	Brown, Robert*	210	Carter, Charlie
26	Shiner, Tom*	88	Parker, Graham*	150	Hameed, Asad*	211	Cotter, Mark
27	Smith, Gordon <small>LIFE MEMBER</small>	89	Mooney, Peter	151	Bell, Grahame	212	Elloy, Keith
28	Starks, Steve	90	Chambiras, Paul**	152	de Costa, Kaysee	213	Lulka, Adrian
29	Taylor, Geoff	91	Coleman, Paul*	153	Davies, Keith	214	Maxwell, Stephen
30	Thorpe, Ken*	92	Treloar, Ben*	154	Martin, Dean*	215	Overland, Tim
31	Wentzel, Karl*	93	Gupte, Vinayak*	155	Chakraborty, Bidhan*	216	Sant, Shalil
32	Yeend, Stuart*	94	Kingsford-Smith, Tony*	156	Saha, Subrata*	217	Thorpe, Jason
33	Buckland, Ken	95	Nyers, Peter*	157	Debnath, Neil*	218	Khan, Zafar
34	DeSilva, Kapila*	96	Charlesworth, Adrian*	158	McCarty, David*	219	Panse, Kushal
35	Dhandapani, Khadhir*	97	Goodger, Darren	159	Jaensch, Ron*	220	Basappa, Bharat
36	Gale, Andrew*	98	Watson, Arthur	160	Steindler, Andrew	221	Dodwell, Simon
37	Gandevia, Robin*	99	Campbell, Neil	161	York, Paul*	222	Evans, Shane
38	Goodman, David	100	Stiller, Wesley*	162	Barnes, John**	223	Kirkness, John
39	Iyer, Malli*	101	Smellie, Patrick	163	Tabrett, Ian	224	Ahmed, Afsar
40	Johnston, Patrick*	102	Moody, Andrew*	164	Dunford, Clive*	225	Gavin, David
41	Moore, John*	103	Tunks, Greg*	165	Hunter, Kim		
42	Richards, George <small>LIFE MEMBER</small>	104	Parker, Trevor	166	Riley, Gerard		
43	Rush, Gary*	105	Hood, Philip*	167	Oppenheim, Dennis		
44	Rutherford, Neil*	106	Dowling, Jason*	168	Pointer, Martyn*		
45	Shellens, Jim	107	Harvey, John*	169	Sowter, Michael*		
46	Whitehouse, Bruce	108	Apter, Jamie*	170	Ryan, Tim*		
47	Younan, Daniel*	109	Alliston, Bill*	171	Burke, John*		
48	Byrne, Laurie*	110	Ward, Malcom	172	Fonseka, Jude		
49	Christen, Richard	111	Clift, Paul	173	du Plessis, Berend		
50	Garlick, Peter*	112	Rowell, Adam*	174	Fairlie, Simon		
51	Green, Alan*	113	Yousef, Salman*	175	Hossain, Bayazed*		
52	Harrison, Spencer	114	McLean, Scott*	176	Prabhakar, Yatin*		
53	Knowles, Warren*	115	Wheeler, Geoff	177	Rahman, Ashafur*		
54	McKinnon, Jeff*	116	Wheeler, Mike	178	Turmanis, Juris		
55	Mulligan, Luke*	117	Williams, Chris*	179	Turner, Michael*		
56	Murphy, Steve	118	Breakspear, Brian	180	Stubbings, Glen*		
57	Osseweyer, Brett*	119	Khale, Shailesh	181	Brady, Jason*		
58	Ridge, Owen*	120	Whyte, Craig*	182	White, Graeme		
59	Schokman, Trevor	121	Deacon, Lachlan*	183	Newsom, Ian		
60	Scott, Wesley*	122	Campbell, Malcolm*	184	Scott, Ross		
61	Tasker, Peter*	123	Smith, Cameron*	185	Moore, Wayne		
62	Taylor, Chris	124	Calvert, Scott*				

*no longer a member

**Has joined and resigned from the Association more than once

This list has been compiled in the order members have joined the Association

Umpire of the Year

THE PETER TURNER AWARD

Anthony Raymond 2016–17

Anthony Raymond	2015–16
Anthony Raymond	2014–15
Stephen Blomfield	2013–14
Stephen Blomfield	2012–13
Darren Goodger	2011–12
Brett Tribolet	2010–11
Peter Mooney	2009–10
Chris Taylor	2008–09
Bruce Whitehouse	2007–08
Chris Taylor	2006–07
Chris Taylor	2005–06
Stephen Blomfield	2004–05
John Moore	2003–04
Bruce Parfett	2002–03
Bruce Parfett	2001–02



Anthony Raymond is the winner of the Shires Umpire of the Year award for season 2016–17. This is now the third season in succession that Anthony has taken out this award. Anthony's captain's marks tallied up to an average score of 90.6 out of 100 with the overall Association average mark being 75.2 out of 100. His overall season mark of 90.6 is only the second time in the Association's history where the umpire of the year has broken the 90 out of 100 barrier.

At season's end Anthony's mark of 90.6 has comfortably beaten his nearest rival who finished the season with 85.8, with third place tallying 85.2 out of 100

Anthony has an excellent rapport with the players yet conversely has no hesitation taking affirmative action against any poor player behaviour. He is well respected around the Shires community and after four seasons of umpiring has now firmly established himself as the leading umpire in the competition. His outstanding performance in season 2016–17 was acknowledged by the Executive Committee who chose to appoint him to the Shires First Grade Grand Final as well as the Frank Gray Shield Grand Final where he stood with Stephen Blomfield in both of those games.

We congratulate Anthony on yet another outstanding season in 2016–17 and look forward to him continuing to lead the way for many seasons to come.



Anthony Raymond at the post match presentation during the First Grade Grand Final. Glenn Workman the Shires Sub Committee Chairman is seen here holding the RB Clark Cup.



Most Improved

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Les Chegwiddden 2016–17

Andrew Steindler	2015–16
Ivan Holland	2014–15
Stephen Clements	2013–14
Kim Hunter	2012–13
Rupert Mathews	2011–12
Ian Bowman	2010–11
Greg Tunks	2009–10
David Goodman	2008–09
Richard Christen	2007–08
Trevor Schokman	2006–07
Chris Kearney	2005–06
Geoff Taylor	2004–05



Les Chegwiddden is the winner of the 2016–17 Most Improved Umpire of the Year.

Les joined the Association in 2014 and has just completed his third season with the SSCUA. Les cemented a spot in Second Grade this season and received a range of solid captains assessments during the summer. A loyal and reliable member Les was available to umpire every one of the 13 preliminary rounds

during the season and was available for a range of Sundays where he was selected to umpire in three rounds of the Masters and Classics competitions.

Overall Les received some very good captains assessments which saw his season average mark increase by a huge 20.1% compared to his marks in the previous season. This percentage improvement was a long way ahead of the next member who was eligible for this award, that persons overall improvement tracking at only 8.45%.

The marked improvement in his umpiring this season saw Les rewarded at the pointy end of the season seeing him appointed to a Second Grade Qualifying Final as well as a Third Grade Semi Final. With 42 career matches under his belt Les has a few things to look forward to next season with his 50 game milestone just around the corner. Continued improvement should see Les pushing for a First Grade debut sooner, rather than later. Congratulations on a successful season Les, we all wish you many more to come.

Rookie

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Tim Overland 2016–17

Clay Finmore	2015–16
Daniel Burton	2014–15
Anthony Raymond	2013–14
Glen Stubbings	2012–13
Ian Tabrett	2011–12
Aaron Vella	2010–11
Scott Calvert	2009–10



Tim Overland is the winner of the 2016–17 Rookie Umpire of the Year.

Tim joined the Association after a playing career that included his involvement with one of the clubs in the Masters competition. His experience as

a player put him in an excellent position to fit right into umpiring. He officiated a total of 12 of the 13 preliminary rounds and obtained an overall season captains mark that was significantly above the Association's overall average mark. He spent most of the season in Second Grade where many reports suggested he fitted in without any major problems. For his good performances he was rewarded by being appointed to a Qualifying Final—in 4th Grade—in his debut season, something that is not the norm.

We look forward to Tim's ongoing participation next season where he should be striving to gain appointments in the top grade. Well done Tim, better things await you in season 2017–18.

New South Wales Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Darren Goodger
Executive Officer
NSWCUSA

It gives me pleasure to provide this report on behalf of NSWCUA for the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires' Association (SSCUA) Annual Report.

The active members of SSCUA are thanked for their support of Sydney Shires Cricket. Through umpiring you provide excellent service to cricket and it is appreciated by the players, clubs and Sydney Cricket Association (SCA). You are the heart and soul of your Association. I admire your commitment and dedication to Shires cricket. There is a genuine positive spirit that is distinctly, and proudly, "Shires" and it is encouraging to observe the respect SSCUA has among the Shires clubs. On the occasions I am able to attend SSCUA meetings, that spirit is always evident in the room.

Congratulations are offered to all SSCUA members who officiated in finals series matches. This is the pinnacle of your season and to be appointed to umpire finals cricket is a proud moment for any umpire. Well done to Stephen Blomfield and Anthony Raymond on being appointed to umpire the Sydney Shires Cricket First Grade Final.

The work of the SSCUA Executive Committee, under the leadership of President David Goodman, is commended. They act with the best interests of members at heart and do a most professional job. They give their time as volunteers to ensure the administration of SSCUA is first-rate. The Committee has the full support of the NSWCUA Board and Management.

Stephen Blomfield as Secretary and Appointments Officer does a striking job. He is an accomplished administrator going about his work with great passion, expertise and competence. Stephen works with NSWCUA Administration Manager, Troy Penman, to ensure that umpires are appointed to cover Shires matches. To have two umpires appointed to 100% of Shires matches in season 2016-17 is excellent and credit to both. I thank and congratulate Troy and Stephen who together work efficiently to service Shires cricket. I also offer a vote of thanks to every umpire who officiated in Sydney Shires Cricket.

NSWCUSA enjoyed a successful season. As a result of training courses facilitated across the State we were able to accredit 131 new umpires. SSCUA hosted a Laws of Cricket course for prospective umpires at Club Redfern which led to successful course participants officiating in Sydney Shires Cricket. Congratulations and well done to the

NSWCUSA training team. Particular mention is made here of the efforts of Laurie Borg who did an outstanding job. Laurie is an accomplished and dedicated umpire educator.

The Representative Officiating Online Component (ROOC) is recommended to all umpires. Completing this course accredits umpires with Cricket Australia for period of five years. It is an excellent professional development tool covering the Laws, decision making processes, communication skills, match management matters, concentration and attitude. For those who are accredited with Cricket Australia as Level 2 umpires, the ROOC is free of charge until 30 June 2017. This is now the reaccreditation process for umpires, with "Level 2" now known as Representative Officiating.

The course can be accessed at <http://community.cricket.com.au/umpire>

Membership of NSWCUA stands at 1,252 and these members are serviced on a day-to-day basis by two outstanding administrators, and people, in Troy Penman and Nic Bills. I thank them for their hard work, dedication, patience and loyalty. Both performed well on the cricket field as well. Troy was selected on the Cricket NSW State Umpire Panel and subsequently appointed to umpire two Futures League matches. Nic played for the Sydney Cricket Club taking 46 wickets and being selected in the NSW Premier Cricket First Grade Team of the Year. He is a distinguished cricketer having played two first-class matches.

In NSW Premier Cricket two umpires were appointed to every match throughout the season—a 100% coverage of which NSWCUA is justifiably proud. I sincerely thank all members who officiated thereby assisting to make this dream a reality.

We were pleased to welcome three visiting umpires from the SSCUA to umpire in NSW Premier Cricket. Rupert Mathews officiated in a Second Grade match, Anthony Raymond in two First Grade matches, while Ross Scott umpired a Fourth Grade match.

The umpires appointed to the various NSW Premier Cricket finals were: First Grade – Sydney University v Bankstown at Bankstown Oval Umpires Gerard Abood and Greg Davidson



First Grade Limited Overs Cup
Penrith v Hawkesbury at Howell Oval
Umpires Darren Goodger and Steve O'Shaughnessy

Second Grade – Northern District v Sydney at Mark Taylor Oval
Umpires Ben Treloar and Anthony Wilds

Third Grade – Northern District v Mosman at Allan Border Oval
Umpires Simon Lightbody and Troy Penman

Fourth Grade – Sydney v Gordon at Drummoyne Oval
Umpires Darren Goodger and Keiran Knight

Fifth Grade – St George v Randwick Petersham at Hurstville Oval
Umpires Andrew Hamilton and Phil Rainger

T20 Cup
Mosman v Northern District at SCG
Umpires Steve O'Shaughnessy and Ben Treloar

Poidevin-Gray Shield – Parramatta v St George at Old Kings Oval
Umpires Andrew Hamilton and Geoff Irvine

AW Green Shield – Northern District v Sydney at Mark Taylor Oval
Umpires Stuart Grocock and Roberto Howard

Congratulations to the following umpires who reached milestones during the 2016-17 season:

750 matches	Arthur Watson
400 matches	Geoff Garland
300 matches	Stephen Blomfield Darren Goodger
200 matches	Kadhirvelou Dhandapani Ragu Rajagopalan Karl Wentzel
150 matches	Greg Davidson Zaheer Nazir Steve Starks Anthony Wilds
100 matches	Tony Bergman Darren Foster Roberto Howard Anil Pillai Claire Polosak Ian Tabrett Malcolm Ward

All are commended for their loyal service to umpiring in SCA competitions over many years. Thank you to Stephen Blomfield who does an outstanding job keeping record of the match statistics for all SCA umpires.

NSWCUSA entered a two year sponsorship arrangement with Beastwear. The umpire field shirts provided by Beastwear were of the highest quality, excellent feedback being received from members. Umpires in NSW Premier Cricket, Sydney Shires Cricket and Women's Premier Cricket all wore the Beastwear field shirts.

At the professional level of the game NSWCUSA is represented as follows –

ICC Elite Umpire Panel - Rod Tucker

ICC International Umpire Panel
Paul Wilson

Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel
Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson and Paul Wilson

Cricket Australia Development Umpire Panel
Simon Lightbody, Claire Polosak and Anthony Wilds

Cricket NSW State Umpire Panel
Anthony Hobson, Marc Nickl, Troy Penman, Glen Stubbings and Ben Treloar

Highlights

Rod Tucker's appointment to umpire at the ICC Champions Trophy to be played in June 2017, and standing in his 50th Test in the fixture at Cape Town between South Africa and Sri Lanka.

The appointment of Paul Wilson to umpire all three nationals finals – Sheffield Shield, One Day Domestic Cup and T20 Big Bash League.

Greg Davidson's appointment to umpire the final of the WBBL.

Simon Lightbody being appointed to make his first-class debut, becoming the 82nd member of NSWCUSA to do so.

The appointment of Claire Polosak to umpire the final of the WNCL and the final of the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier in Sri Lanka.

Anthony Wilds being appointed to umpire at the ICC Women's World T20 East Asia Pacific Qualifiers in Japan, and making his BBL debut.

Troy Penman, Claire Polosak and Glen Stubbings all being appointed to make their Futures League debut.

Claire Polosak and Ben Treloar being appointed to umpire the U19 Test between Australia and Sri Lanka in Hobart.

The appointment of Steve Davis and Simon Taufel as national umpire selectors has ensured integrity in the selection process, all umpires are on a level playing field with umpire appointments being based on merit.

The WBBL was a great success in its second season, providing another layer in the representative pathway for umpires to gain valuable experience. It proved to be compelling for television audiences, with an average television audience of almost 240,000 on Network Ten. Live streaming of all non-televvised WBBL matches on cricket.com.au, Facebook and the CA live App was enjoyed by 1.5 million fans. All members of the Cricket NSW State Umpire Panel officiated in the WBBL.

NSWCUSA was represented at Cricket Australia National Championships as follows:

U15 Male (Queensland)
Roberto Howard and Ryan Nelson

U17 Male (Queensland)
Troy Penman and Glen Stubbings

U19 Male (South Australia)
Troy Penman

U18 Female (Tasmania)
Darren Foster and Claire Polosak

National Indigenous Cricket Championships (Northern Territory)
Stuart Grocock

Australian Country Cricket Championships (New South Wales)
Graeme Glazebrook

The Association congratulates Roberto Howard, Ryan Nelson, Troy Penman, Glen Stubbings, Claire Polosak and Stuart Grocock who were all appointed to umpire a national final.

Our scorers continued to perform with distinction, the Representative Scorer Panel for season 2016-17 comprising:

Christine Bennison, Toni Lorraine, Darren Mattison, Geoff Rogers, Robyn Sanday, Kay Wilcoxon, Sue Woodhouse and Ian Wright.

We congratulate Christine Bennison and Darren Mattison who were selected to score the Australia v Pakistan Test Match at the SCG.

NSWCUSA held its Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation at Bankstown Sports Club on 8 April 2017 with approximately 180 members and guests attending. We acknowledge and thank

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

the SSCUA for their support in taking a table at the dinner. Paul Martell, the outstanding comedian, provided exceptional entertainment while Jay Lenton was superb in his role as MC. The major award winners included:

Ben Treloar

George Borwick Memorial Award

Neil Findlay (Illawarra CUA)

Ted Wykes Medal

Affiliated Association Award

Dave Rodgie

Alan Marshall Medal

Rookie of the Year

Graeme Glazebrook (Western Zone)

Kevin Pye Medal

Country Umpire of the Year

Margaret Pemberton

(University of Wollongong CC)

Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award

NSW Premier Cricket Umpire

Panel Awards

Panel 4 Scott Rogan

Panel 3 Steve Starks

Panel 2 David Rees

Panel 1 Darren Goodger

NSWCUSA will hold its AGM at Bowlers' Club of NSW at 7pm on 5 July 2017. The retiring directors are Graham Chudleigh, Bill Hendricks and Claire Polosak, all have indicated their intention to seek reelection to the Board. Retiring Treasurer, Laurie Borg, and retiring Liaison Officer, Neil Findlay, have signalled their intention to stand again.

We look forward to the coming 2017-18 cricket season with enthusiasm. The number of active umpires in New South Wales is on the rise and our umpires are receiving opportunities to experience representative cricket. Those who reach the pointy end of the funnel have ability, are composed, prepare thoroughly and are coachable, and display an outstanding attitude and team work with their colleagues. They also take the time to self-assess in the search for constant improvement. It is heartening to see so many NSWCUSA members being appointed to umpire in Cricket Australia programs. New South Wales umpires comprise 41% of the national umpiring pathway. With such opportunity comes responsibility. Thorough preparation makes its own luck.

Spectacular achievements come from unspectacular preparation. Roger Staubach.

I wish to thank the Directors of the NSWCUSA Board for their leadership, counsel and support. At all times, under the leadership of Geoff Garland, they have acted with diligence and professionalism, with nothing but the best interests of NSWCUSA at the forefront of their thinking. The Board supports management in implementing the National and State strategies for match officials in New South Wales.

Congratulations to the SSCUA on a successful 2016-17 season. I value my membership of the Association. It is an excellent Association and members are serviced to the highest standards by a hard working team of volunteers, with Stephen Blomfield the driving force behind this excellent service to members.

I wish all members every success and enjoyment in 2017-18 and beyond. The new cricket season will be here before we know it. We will be operating under the 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket which comes into force on 1 October. I encourage all active umpires to attend a training course on the new Laws. The changes are material in many cases. Examination will not be compulsory, but we owe it to the players, clubs, our colleagues and Association to have a thorough knowledge of the Laws so they can be applied confidently and correctly. Preparation is the key.

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organisational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. Andrew Carnegie.



milestones

Brett Tribolet
1st Grade Final 15-16
with Laurie Borg



Michael Roberts
15 year membership
with Mark Hughes



Anthony Raymond
Umpire of the year 15-16
with Laurie Borg



Ivan Holland
15 year
membership
with Mark
Hughes



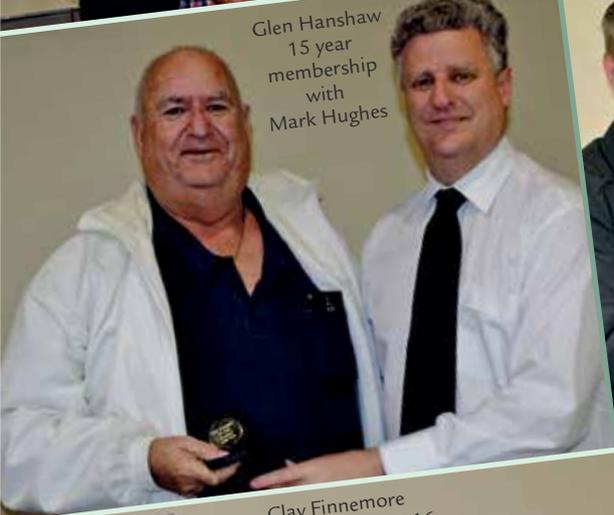
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Most Improved
Umpire 15-16
with Laurie Borg



Rick Crocono
Tim Creer
Grand Final 15-16
with Laurie Borg



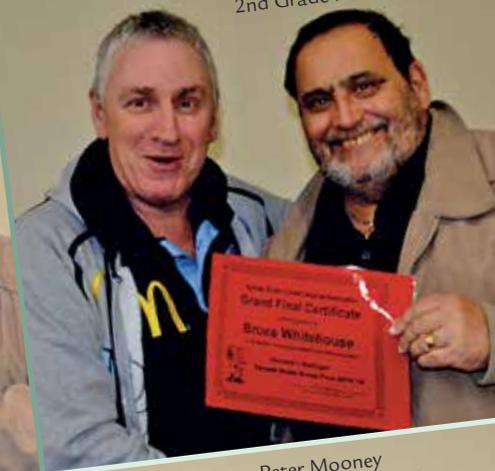
Glen Hanshaw
15 year
membership
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Mark Hughes



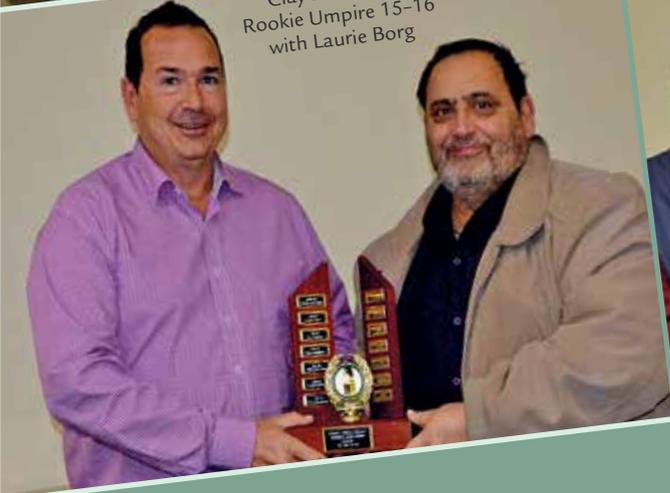
Kim Hunter
Tim Creer Grand Final 15-16
with Laurie Borg



Bruce Whitehouse
2nd Grade Final 15/16



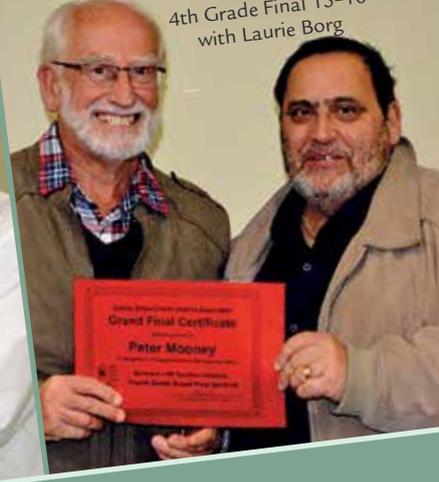
Clay Finnmore
Rookie Umpire 15-16
with Laurie Borg



Gordon Smith
15 year membership
with Mark Hughes



Peter Mooney
4th Grade Final 15-16
with Laurie Borg



Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Goodman
SSCUA President

With another cricket season at an end, I can't help but think back on the weather which played too big a part on our weekends of umpiring this season.

Not only did we have games cancelled due to wet weather often to be followed by long Saturdays umpiring "Game 2s" with 120 overs but we also had one weekend in February when, as a safety precaution, the first day of Round 12 was cancelled due to the high temperatures with records being broken on the Saturday. Coastal areas of Sydney reached 42 degrees, and in the Western Suburbs the highest ever temperature recorded in the Sydney basin came in at 46.9 degrees at Penrith.

And then there were the Finals Series. Sadly, the Semifinals had to be abandoned with waterlogged pitches and grounds closed and the higher ranked teams in each game progressed to the Grand Finals without an umpire raising a finger. But fortunately, the Grand Finals were able to be played with all games achieving a result on the field.

Our congratulations are extended to our Grand Final Umpires and those sides in the Grand Final matches in season 2016/17:

1st Grade - Stephen Blomfield and Anthony Raymond - Mt Pritchard/Southern Districts defeated North West Sydney;

2nd Grade - Daniel Burton and Clay Finnemore - Burwood defeated Warringah;

3rd Grade - Simon Dodwell and Geoff Wheeler - Warringah defeated Georges River;

4th Grade - Peter Mooney and Ian Tabrett - Burwood defeated Strathfield and

Stephen Blomfield and Anthony Raymond who umpired the Frank Gray Shield Final which was won by Georges River defeating Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts.

Our congratulations also go to the Burwood Briars Cricket Club for winning the overall Club Championship.

I would like to thank all our Executive Committee, who have met regularly over the course of the season, giving their time to make our Association even better, supporting Shires Cricket and taking into account the needs of our membership. It has made my job as President that much easier having such a strong and committed group to work with. Stephen Blomfield and Trevor Schokman, in particular, have

done much to ensure our meetings are both fruitful and productive. Indeed, I would especially like to thank 'Blommy' who works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our appointments are filled satisfactorily and statistics maintained. He presents and circulates playing conditions and ensures results and reporting are completed. His passion for the game, for Shires Cricket, and for our Association continues to be our driving force. In addition, I would like to thank Ian Bowman for his efforts in the publication of our Annual Report. It is a wonderful record for our members, and Ian puts his personal time and effort into compiling it and has done so for a number of years, making our Annual Report one that we can certainly be proud of.

We celebrated a number of important milestones this season. For me there were two that really stood out:

At the beginning of 2017, we celebrated our 100th member of our Association. This has been one of our goals, that has been in place for a number of years, since we surpassed our previous goal of being able to appoint two umpires to every Shires match, in every round of the season something, with the support of NSWCUA, that has been achieved every round of cricket for the last few seasons. It has taken us 16 seasons to have 100 members signed up to the SSCUA at any given point in time. So this is a very significant achievement of which we should all be proud.

Stephen Blomfield officiated in his 400th game of Shires Cricket during the season. A tremendous achievement over 16 years and reflects the commitment he has to our Association.

Other notable milestones this season were:

250 Games:	Gordon Smith,
200 Games:	Trevor Schokman,
150 Games:	Patrick Smellie, Michael Wheeler,
100 Games:	Kim Hunter, Malcolm Ward,
50 Games:	Neil Campbell, Keith Davies, Homer Paxton

All of these members were awarded an Association polo shirt with the number of games milestone sewn under our Association emblem.



The 4th Round of the Frank Gray Shield, on Sunday 8 January 2017, saw Stephen Blomfield officiate in his 400th Sydney Shires cricket match. His partner was Stephen Clements



We also congratulate our 2016–17 award winners:

Anthony Raymond won our Association Umpire of the Year Award for the third season running, admirably showing his consistent high standards—a tremendous achievement! Anthony was rewarded with umpiring the First Grade Grand Final.

Les Chegwiddden was our Most Improved Umpire of the Year. Les finished the season being allocated to a Third Grade Semifinal.

Tim Overland won the Rookie Umpire of the Year Award and stood in one of the 4th Grade Qualifying Finals matches. Over the past few years, this prestigious award has been won by Anthony Raymond, Daniel Burton and Clay Finnemore, all of whom have continued to excel and umpired in Grand Finals this year. Hopefully Tim will follow their lead!

Our Association also continues to provide umpires to the Masters and Classics competitions, which is well received by the players. This is an important competition because these veterans are just as deserving as anybody when it comes to the fact that all matches should have umpires appointed to them. The competition is also a perfect place for us to look at recruiting these players into our Association's umpiring ranks in due course. I encourage all members when umpiring these matches to talk to the players about taking up umpiring as they can still play their Masters or Classics cricket

on Sundays, while officiating in the Shires cricket competition on Saturdays.

In January, our members were once again tested using a quiz to focus on the SCA playing conditions leading up to the Finals weekends. The results of the quiz was one element in determining the appointments our Committee made in selecting the umpires for the finals series. I would very much like this practice to occur in future seasons.

It is sad to record that Ros Tribolet passed away in January. Ros was the mother of SSCUA member Brett Tribolet, and wife to Shires Cricket legend Dave Tribolet who passed away back in April 2015. Ros was a great supporter of the SSCUA and was always keen to hear about how our Association was going. As a mark of respect to the Tribolet family, all SSCUA members officiating in matches in Round 9–14th January—wore a black arm band. Our sympathies go to the Tribolet family.

On Sundays, in the opening six weeks of the season, we provided umpires for the new Shires T20 competition. Although not officially sanctioned by the SCA, the competition was run as a trial by Glenn Workman, the Shires Subcommittee Chairman, with the goal that it officially becomes part of the Shires competition in the future. With the huge success of the Big Bash, and all the media that it generates, it was fitting for our Association to support this initiative at cricket's grass roots level.

We have a new Laws of Cricket—Blue Book—coming in for next season with

some interesting law changes and additions. This is the first rewrite by the MCC since the 2000 code. There are some key changes to the laws of our game and it will be essential for all members to attend one of the training courses that NSWCUA and SSCUA will be putting on in the run up to next season. We will be advising you of the various dates in due course. The easiest way to become reaccredited to the new laws will be to register for and attend the NSWCUA annual convention on the weekend of 19 and 20 August 2017 at Bankstown Sports Club. All members attending the convention will be receiving the required training that will allow you to umpire SCA cricket in season 2017–18.

Congratulations to all SSCUA members who took to the field in season 2016–17. The Shires Competition is richer for the time you give each weekend to make Shires Cricket the success that it is today. Your continued contribution in season 2017–18 will, as always, be greatly appreciated by the clubs and the players.

Finally I wish to acknowledge and thank Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Nic Bills who work so tirelessly for NSWCUA from the offices of Cricket NSW. The support SSCUA receives from Darren and his crew is appreciated and acknowledged. We have a strong, vibrant and open relationship, which I hope will continue for years to come.

Our Association's Annual General Meeting is to be held at Club Redfern on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 7pm. I hope to see all our members at this year's meeting and I look forward to seeing you around the grounds next season. I, for one, am counting the days and can't wait for next summer with another season of cricket and of course an Ashes Series commencing in November when hopefully it will rain only at the start of the week and the ground covers do not leak!

AROUND THE GROUNDS



Simon Dodwell
at Weldon Oval.
2nd grade.
Round 2

Bruce Whitehouse and
Stephen Maxwell at
Dave Tribolet Oval.
3rd grade.
Round 2



Scott Pryde and
Ross Scott at
Airey park.
2nd grade.
Round 2

Wayne Moore and
Clay Finnemore
at Tantallon Oval.
1st grade.
Round 2



William Luke and
Premier Cricket
panel umpire,
Sharad Patel at
Weldon Oval.
1st grade.
Round 4



Spencer Harrison
and Keith Elloy at
Ross Gwilliam Oval.
3rd grade.
Round 3

Ivan Holland and
Jason Thorpe at
North Epping Oval.
2nd Grade.
Round 3

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FROM THE SECRETARY



Stephen Blomfield
SSCUA Honorary Secretary

*It is with much pleasure that I present this, my sixteenth, Secretary's Report for the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association.
Season 2016–17.*

One Hundred –Not Out...

I never claimed to be much of a cricketer myself, and the thought of scoring a century never entered my mind as a young kid playing junior cricket. The unlikely odds of me ever scoring a ton continued when I started playing senior cricket as I often performed the role of a dogged opening batsman who was OK at batting out time, but didn't have much in the way of stroke play, with the exception of regular boundaries, normally over or through the slips cordon. So it probably did come as a surprise to me when in my 16th season, as a player, I batted all day to score my first ever ton in a Shires Fourth Grade match scoring 107 not out off 80 long overs in 36 degree heat. OK, enough of the mindless reminiscing...

I can hear many of you already asking what does this have to do with anything? Well, ironically, in this Association's 16th season, we proudly achieved a long time goal when the total number of SSCUA members reached exactly 100. The achievement of reaching 100 members was a landmark event for this Association on so many levels. The work however is not done and we need to continually strive to add new members to our Association as there are major challenges coming up in 2017–18 in the way of a complete overhaul of the Laws of Cricket, and this will be discussed in a bit more detail later in this report.

SSCUA 15th Annual General Meeting

The season kicked off with the holding of the 15th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday night 3 August 2016 at Club Redfern. A total of 48 members (from a total membership of 93 at the time) attended the meeting. This represented, by a significant margin, the most members ever to attend one of our Annual General Meetings. Guests on the night were Laurie Borg representing the board of directors from NSWCUSA, Troy Penman and Nic Bills from the umpires admin team at Cricket NSW as well as Glenn Workman, the Chairman of the Shires Sub Committee.

Stephen Blomfield (Secretary) and Trevor Schokman (Treasurer) were re-elected unopposed for their 16th and 3rd terms respectively. Mark Hughes

after three seasons as President chose not to seek re-election. David Goodman was elected unopposed to replace Mark with Stephen Clements being elected unopposed as the Vice President.

Ken Buckland, Paul Clift, Rick Crocono, Cameron Duff, and Glen Hanshaw were elected onto the management committee. Aaron Vella chose not to seek re-election to the committee and was thanked by the meeting for his efforts over a number of seasons. The total number elected to the Executive Committee was once again a total of nine, the maximum number allowable under the Constitution.

At this point I would like to offer my personal thanks to Mark Hughes for his three seasons as President. I think under his leadership the Association went through a significant period of growth and prosperity. Thank you Mark, your help and guidance was second to none.

It would be fair to say that the highlight of the 15th Annual General Meeting was the induction of Ian Bowman and Gordon Smith as life members of the Association. Both members have made huge contributions to the Association both on and off the field. Ian's efforts in compiling this annual report document over the last six years and Gordon's nine year stay as Association Treasurer were major contributions to the Executive committee felt needed to be acknowledged when it was decided to nominate both of these members for the honour of being a life member. The Association owes a great deal of gratitude to both Ian and Gordon and we congratulate both on this award.

Masters and Classics Cricket

Season 2016/17 was the fifth consecutive summer where we supplied umpires to the Masters and Classics competitions. The season was deemed a success with every single game receiving an umpire during the course of the 11 rounds played in each of the two divisions. A total of 33 members contributed to the success of the competitions during the season by umpiring one or more matches. This was an increase of five with only 28 members participating in the previous 2015/16 season. I see this as very positive and believe as many of our members as possible should make a contribution to these competitions.

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Umpire match fees for Masters and Classics games were increased from \$140 to \$150 where it will remain for the 2017-18 season. Receiving \$150 in cash on the day to umpire a game played between sides that very rarely give the umpires any problems with player behaviour is certainly an easy day at the office. I encourage those who are reluctant to umpire Masters or Classics cricket to give it a rethink next season.

The Masters/Classics committee were quite generous in increasing the annual levy that is paid to us to cover our administration costs. Previously \$55 a season, the increase to \$65 per team saw us claim \$2,080 in revenue from the 16 Masters and 16 Classics sides that entered the competition in season 2016/17. The figure of \$2,080 was an increase of \$265 from the previous season's administration levy which raised \$1,815. This revenue greatly assists the administration function of the SSCUA and we thank the Masters/Classics management committee, lead by Stirling Hamman, for making these funds available to us.

The Masters Competition for players over the age of 40 went ahead with 16 teams this season, a drop of three compared to the 19 teams that participated in the previous summer. Leading into the final round of the competition Mosman and Warringah were running almost equal with each other at the top of the table and were drawn to play each other in the final round. In a close match where two umpires (Ken Buckland and Simon Dodwell) were appointed, Mosman were triumphant in a match that was rain affected and reduced to just 18 overs a side - the final score being Mosman 5 for 100 off 18 overs defeating Warringah 8 for 78 also off 18 overs. After this final round the table placing saw the Premiers finish on 385 points, Auburn leapfrogged Warringah into second place on 360 points and Warringah finished third on 358 points.

The Classics Competition for players over the age of 50 was played by 16 teams, an increase of two from the previous season. The season saw a number of teams leading the competition during the summer with as many as four clubs having a realistic chance of winning the flag as the teams lined up for the last round of the season. The winners however were Georges

River, who had a solid win in the last game and were happy to hear about Lindfield losing on the same day to allow them to leap frog to the top position at the end of the day. Final table placings were Georges River 369 points, Mandalong 352 points, and Lindfield finishing third on 346 points.

Congratulations for the second season in a row to Ken Buckland who at the end of the season had the highest captains mark assessment for 2016-17 in the Masters and Classics competitions (based on a minimum participation of five matches). Ken ended the season with an exceptionally high average mark of 90.2 out of 100. Overall there were 312 assessments during the season with an overall Association average of 80.6 out of 100. Captain's marks are available on request.

In regards to umpire appointments, special thanks are extended to the seven members who assisted the Association by accepting appointments to matches played at Mandalong, a distance of around 90km north of Hornsby. Your commitment to the Association is noted and appreciated.

Membership

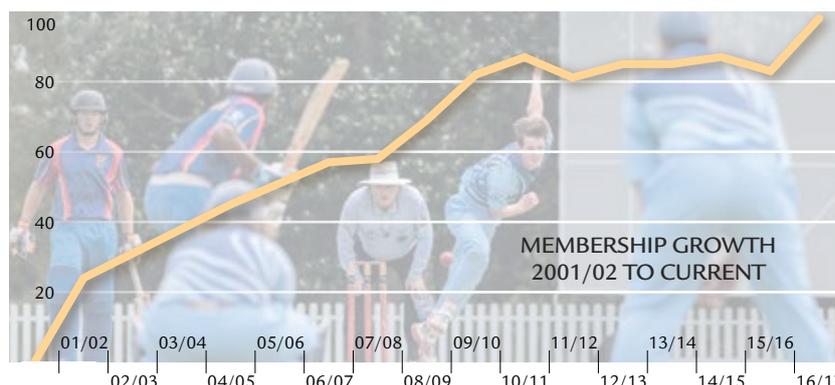
As at 26 March 2017, which represents the last playing date of the 2016-17 cricket season, we had taken on board a total of 19 new members this season. The total membership count at this time registered exactly 100, which is an increase of 17 from the same date twelve months earlier. The current situation of 100 members sees the Association at a place where that figure of 100 is the most members that we have ever had at any one time in our history. Of the 17 new members to join us in season 2016-17, a total of 16 were new applications with one being an ex member deciding

to re-join us. In the losses column a total of only two members left us with both of these choosing to resign their membership prior to the 31 August 2016 deadline to pay one's annual membership renewal fee.

The below graph shows total number of members each season since the inception of this Association back in 2001/02.

Of our current 100 members as at 26 March 2017, a total of 35 members managed to umpire in 10 matches or more in the main Saturday competition during the preliminary rounds. This compared to a figure of 30 last season. This is a positive sign for the Association and a statistic that we definitely need to try and grow as we aim to be better placed in future seasons to stand on our own without requiring as much assistance from surplus umpires from the Premier Cricket competitions.

Of our current 100 members, 20 were inactive from umpiring in SCA controlled matches this season, an increase of five compared to season 2015-16. Of the remaining 80 members who did partake in SCA controlled matches, 47 devoted full time umpiring to Shires Cricket on Saturdays, an increase of seven compared to 40 the season before. A further 19 umpired between one and six Shires matches during the season (these classified as part time members), and the remaining 14 devoted themselves as full time umpires in Sydney Premier Cricket. On the topic of Premier Cricket, we congratulate SSCUA members Darren Goodger and Stephen Starks who at the end of the season won the Umpire of the Year in their respective panels, Darren being in panel one and Stephen being in panel three. Congratulations to both Darren and Stephen on such a great achievement !



Congratulations & Acknowledgements

Congratulations are extended to the premierships sides this season, the clubs that won major awards, as well as the SSCUA members appointed to officiate in Grand Finals this season.

First Grade	Mt Pritchard Southern Districts Stephen Blomfield Anthony Raymond
Second Grade	Burwood Daniel Burton Clay Finnemore
Third Grade	Warringah Simon Dodwell Geoff Wheeler
Fourth Grade	Burwood Peter Mooney Ian Tabrett
Frank Gray Shield	Georges River Stephen Blomfield Anthony Raymond
Tim Creer Cup	Ryde Hunters Hill Scott Pryde Andrew Steindler

The Spirit of Cricket Award was won by Warringah Cricket Club for the sixth time in the 14 seasons that this award has existed since its introduction in season 2003–04. Warringah's overall mark of 7.509 outlasted runners up Georges River Cricket Club with a score of 7.455. The scoring system saw a range of just 0.863 between first and last place on the Spirit of Cricket table with Balmain South Sydney Cricket Club finishing at the bottom of the table with a club score of 6.646

Georges River's Bexley Oval won the Ground of the Year for the third time in the last four years, collecting a season average mark of 8.01 out of 10 by narrowly pipping Strathfield's Airey Park which finished second with a mark of 7.92. Other grounds at the top of the pack were George Parry Oval (Auburn CC) with a mark of 7.63 and Rothwell Oval (Burwood CC) with 7.49. Unlike the Spirit of Cricket Award, the gap between first and last for the Ground of the Year was quite significant with Lindfield Oval (4.42) finishing at the bottom of the table this season.

Congratulations are extended to the Burwood Club on winning the Dave Tribolet Club Championship Trophy

for the fifth season in succession finishing on a total of 1,109 points. The Georges River Club was in contention all season but for the third season in a row has finished in second place behind Burwood with a tally of 1,005 points. Warringah finished third on 940 points and North West Sydney rounded out the top four finishing the season on 913 points.

Umpire appointments for Grand Finals were once again very keenly contested with the selection committee having some robust discussion as to who, and who would not, end up being appointed to a game on the last weekend of the season. At that selection meeting the committee identified as many as 16 members who were strongly in contention for a Grand Final appointment with only ten positions available. There were a number of very close 50-50 calls where the selection committee used the results of the SCA Playing Conditions quiz that was distributed to members post Christmas to split one member from another. This process was deemed most useful and one that will be continued with in future seasons. Special mention to Clay Finnemore (2nd Grade), Simon Dodwell (3rd Grade) and Scott Pryde (Tim Creer Cup) who were all selected for their first Grand Final appointments. This is a very encouraging sign for the Association seeing so many newer members put their hands up to be selected for a Premiership decider. Competition between our members for Grand Final appointments is a good thing as it can only improve the standard of our umpiring.

Awards & Milestones

The winner of the three major awards for season 2016/17 were Anthony Raymond who won the Umpire of the Year Award for the third season in a row, Les Chegwiddden who won the Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award, and Tim Overland who took out the Rookie Umpire of the Year Award. The Umpire of the Year Award was won, for the first time in many seasons, with a clear margin between the winner and the runner up - so much so that Anthony's average mark for the season was around five percentage points better than his nearest rival. Les Chegwiddden was also a runaway winner of his award, and to make the trifecta, Tim Overland was

also a very clear cut winner of the Rookie award. A full report on each member and the award they won is detailed more towards the front section of this Annual Report document—see page 3 and 4.

During the course of the season a number of members passed significant milestones which were acknowledged with the awarding of each members respective career games polo shirt. Congratulations are extended to the all of the below listed members on reaching these achievements:

250 Games	Gordon Smith
200 Games	Trevor Schokman
150 Games	Patrick Smellie Michael Wheeler
100 Games	Kim Hunter, Malcolm Ward
50 Games	Neil Campbell Keith Davies Homer Paxton

Special congratulations to member Brian De Celis who made his debut in First Grade in Shires Round 1. Brian fitted in well with the group of members who spent the majority of the season officiating our top grade.

Umpire Assessments

The seventh season of the online umpire assessment facility provided via the "My Cricket" website once again gave the Association a quick and easy method to track the progress of our members according to the team captains. The Executive Committee conducted a meeting on 28 February 2017 to select Finals Series umpires and it was once again noted that the nominal pecking order for the umpire appointments to the Shires Finals Series as suggested by the majority of the Executive Committee was very close to the ranking of our members by the team captains. This just goes to show that once a member has been assessed a reasonable number of times by the captains then that members average mark can be considered accurate. This system works very well as it shows us which of our members are performing well over the course of the whole season.

Of the reports received this season, a total of 1,616 umpire assessments were captured in the "My Cricket" system with the average mark coming in at 75.2 out of 100 with the number

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Michael Wheeler is congratulated by all the players just before the start of his 150th career game during Shires Round 5

of assessments received (1,616) being 50 more than last season. The most pleasing aspect of the final average mark of 75.2 out of 100 for season 2016-17 was that this figure was a marked improvement on the previous three seasons' average mark which had been recorded at 73.4 out of 100 in both seasons 2013-14 and 2014-15 and also an improvement on the 74.6 in season 2015-16. I was delighted to see the overall average mark this season surpass the 75% barrier. This was a large step for the Association and it shows that the standard of umpiring in the competition is continually improving. Well done to everybody on making the season such a success. Any member wishing to see all of their captain's marks for the season need only to send an email to shireumpires@iprimus.com.au - Please allow up to five business days for a response.

Player Behaviour - Code Of Conduct

In total, there were 21 Code of Conduct Reports in Shires cricket this season which was a drop of eight compared to last season's record high of 29. As well as the 21 reports in Shires Cricket there was also an additional 41 reports in Premier Cricket bringing the total number of reports in SCA Cricket to an all time record of 62 in a season. Of those 62 reports, players were punished in a range of ways from official cautions, to suspended sentences, to match suspensions ranging from one game to seven and a half games for a player being suspended for the sixth time in

his career. Our thanks are extended to the Code of Conduct Commissioner John McGruther and his assistants for the work they did in season 2016-17. They all provide valuable assistance to our members at Judiciary hearings when our members are required to attend such a meeting.

Thanks are also extended to all of our members that support the Code of Conduct and report issues as they occur. Without the support of our members issues of poor player behaviour are passed onto the next person and from there situations can often be found to go backwards. However, we still need to get better on the issue of reporting Code breaches with a number of reportable issues in 2016-17 seemingly not attracting the attention of the standing umpires. Let us not forget that the majority of reports no longer require a Judiciary hearing as most reported players end up taking an early guilty plea to avoid a hearing.

Season Analysis

Season 2016-17 once again saw the Association manage to achieve 100% umpire coverage in all matches across all grades. It's now been four seasons in a row where umpire coverage was between 98% and 100% which is something that was unheard of prior to this four year journey we have all been on. For those not aware, umpire coverage prior to season 2013-14 was in the low 80% range which effectively meant no umpires at all being allocated to our fourth grade competition. What has been achieved in the last four seasons has drastically improved the Shires competition and it has ensured that players can concentrate on playing rather than having to fill the role of umpires when games prior to 2013-14 had to go ahead without officially appointed umpires being involved. The current period we are going through with regular 100% umpire coverage has often been commented on in a very positive way by the Shires clubs. One of the contributing factors in obtaining 100% coverage this season was the competition draw which for the entire season saw Premier Cricket and Shires Cricket in sync with each other (ie, when Shires Cricket was playing day 1 of a round, so too was Premier Cricket, and the same being applicable for day 2 of a round). The synchronising of the draws for Premier and Shires Cricket for every Saturday of play hasn't occurred for many years and I believe Roy Formica at the SCA should be commended for facilitating a draw in season 2016-17 that achieved synchronicity between the two competitions.

Last season I reported that members from our Association covered 69% of appointments during the 13 Saturday



preliminary rounds and the remaining 31% was covered by members from Premier Cricket. I am pleased to report that this season just gone that appointments of SSCUA members during the preliminary rounds increased from 69% to 74.5%. Our best served round of cricket occurred in mid January when we were able to fulfil 46 of the 56 available appointments to Shires Round 9. Our least served round occurred in early December when during Shires Round 6 only 38 of the 56 available spots were allocated to SSCUA members. The overall coverage of SSCUA members during the 13 preliminary rounds of 74.5% is an exceptionally pleasing result and shows the growth that occurred in season 2016–17 with our significantly increased membership. Our thanks are offered to Darren Goodger and his team that continue to assist us by providing additional umpires to ensure 100% coverage occurs.

The Executive Committee once again embraced the concept of allowing Darren Goodger to supply us three Premier Cricket umpires into each round of Shires First Grade. Members supplied to us by Darren this season in the majority of cases came from panel one or two and with those allocations came a wealth of experience that our own members could learn from. From feedback I received it seems that our members enjoyed the experience of standing with other umpires of such a high calibre. Comments that came to me suggested that our members learned a lot from these experiences. We look forward to continuing this successful arrangement in the coming season.

As stated above, members of this Association covered 74.5% of appointments during the 13 preliminary rounds of the season. The remaining 25.5% was covered by fellow members of the NSWCUA who chose Premier Cricket as their preferred competition to umpire in. The 25.5% coverage is also summarised in the below table. This table shows the statistics of how many umpires from Premier Cricket stood in a day of cricket in the Shires Competition during 2016–17 as opposed to the previous 15 seasons. This season's number of 290 reflects the fact that SSCUA members covered a larger percentage of matches during the season.

Surplus Umpires from Premier Cricket Allocated to Shires Preliminary Rounds Each Season

2001–02	57	2009–10	134
2002–03	28	2010–11	23
2003–04	35	2011–12	71
2004–05	101	2012–13	89
2005–06	46	2013–14	375
2006–07	5	2014–15	334
2007–08	45	2015–16	376
2008–09	11	2016–17	290

Each statistic in the above table represents one day of cricket officiated by a Premier Cricket umpire in the Shires Competition. If a Premier Cricket umpire officiated both days of a 2 Day game then this counts as two in the above.

◉ In Other News...

Season 2016–17 kicked off with a change of field shirt for all members umpiring SCA cricket with a new sponsor—'Beastwear' sports apparel. Basically it was the same style and sky blue colour shirt however we had the sponsors logos on our back. The thanks of all members to NSWCUA administration manager Troy Penman who I know put a lot of work into brokering this deal with 'Beastwear'—a deal that saw members receive two new shirts for a cost of \$10 per shirt which was subsidised down from around about the \$50 mark. We look forward to continuing this arrangement with 'Beastwear' again next season.

The pre season meeting in September saw all members receive a free giveaway. This is one of the goals of your committee who are keen to see the Association give back something to our members each season. This initiative was received with a great deal of positivity with a lot of good feedback being received from the membership during the season. When we ordered the key rings we also advance purchased enough of this item to be able to give a key ring to the next 50 members who join us in the years to come. Members are reminded that at some (but not all) of our future meetings members carrying their keyring with them may be eligible to win a bonus prize from the meeting raffles we hold from time to time.

The introduction of a Shires T20 competition on Sundays in October and early November was a welcome addition to our Association, allowing a number

of our members to gain some extra appointments, as well as some extra cash. Whilst not SCA sanctioned, the competition was coordinated by Glenn Workman, Chairman of the Shires Competition Sub Committee. A total of 10 of the 14 Shires clubs chose to enter the competition in this debut season, and there is hope that more will choose to get involved in the coming 2017–18 summer. The final of the competition was played under lights at Kanebridge Oval on Sunday 13 November with Mark Hughes and William Luke being selected to oversee this match. Congratulations are extended to Balmain South Sydney who, batting first, scored 6 for 116 off 20 overs and then rolled Mt Pritchard Southern Districts who could only manage a total of 54. There has been some discussion that the competition will be trialled for a few seasons in its current format and if deemed successful (over time) there maybe the opportunity for the SCA to take the running of this tournament under its control. Until then, we enter next season looking to support this initiative to allow the competition to grow and become successful. I urge as many of our members as possible to make themselves available for an appointment.

Umpire match fees for Shires cricket were once again increased more or less along the lines of inflation. Saturday competition preliminary round matches saw the daily umpire fee increased from \$130 to \$133 while the match fee for Sunday Frank Gray Shield limited over games, as well as Shires Competition finals series matches being increased from \$140 to \$145. Thanks are extended to the SCA for agreeing to these increases which are required to ensure we keep our umpires within the SCA family. Keeping the match fee competitive goes a long way to ensuring non SCA competitions don't have the opportunity to entice our members elsewhere.

The Association once again conducted a fund raising raffle sponsored by Cricket Australia that saw two new cars listed as the first and second prizes. My thanks to all members that supported the raffle with some members choosing to purchase or sell half a book raising \$25, or a whole book raising \$50. The Association had initially budgeted on raising around \$1,500 from this raffle, but to our surprise, a number of

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members kindly decided to sell a large number of books pushing our end profit to an amazing \$2,500. In this regard I have to make special mention of Craig Lees (3 books), Keith Elloy (9 books) and Dennis Oppenheim (10 books) who went above and beyond for the Association. Thank you Craig, Keith and Dennis—your efforts are acknowledged and appreciated.

One of the major talking points this season was the extraordinary decision by the SCA to cancel all cricket on Saturday 11 February due to the fact that temperatures across the Sydney area were predicted to break all heat records. The day itself saw temperatures on the coast areas reach 42 degrees whereas temperatures in the western suburbs were recorded as high as 46.9 degrees - the hottest day ever recorded in Sydney. The decision to cancel play was one that the SCA took very seriously as this was something that had never been done before. I congratulate the SCA on their brave decision which was undoubtedly the right call placing the safety and welfare of the players and umpires ahead of the game. I genuinely believe that if play had of gone ahead that one or more persons could have become seriously ill having to participate in such extreme conditions. So once again, well done to the SCA on making this decision for the betterment of all participants.

The Association held four meetings during the season starting with the Annual General Meeting on 3 August 2016 where 48 members attended. The pre season meeting in September was our best attended gathering with an all time record high 56 members appearing on the night. In December our Christmas meeting saw 44 members attend, and in February just 35 members attended. The highlight of the meetings was NSWCUA Executive Officer and SSCUA member Darren Goodger speaking at the February meeting to our members on a range of education and development issues. It's always good to have Darren speak to our members as he is clearly one of the best umpire educators in the game. Next season we will add a fifth meeting to the calendar (in November) where the focus will be on providing our members extra learning and development opportunities. I am hoping that all members will support this additional meeting to assist your ongoing umpiring.



Congratulations extended to Malcolm Ward (left) on reaching 100 career matches in round 3. William Luke is Malcolm's partner

Thank You's and Summary

To conclude, I would like to thank a number of others that contribute to the smooth running of the cricket season.

First, my thanks to Roy Formica and Bruce Whitehouse at the Sydney Cricket Association for all the work they do behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the Shires Competition. There are many time consuming and arduous tasks that each perform during the season that I am sure many people would not realise. The time and effort that is put in is quite significant, and our Association is very grateful for their contribution which goes towards making the competition the best it can be.

We also thank the Sydney Cricket Association for their generous support of the SSCUA via an annual grant that assists us in our day to day running expenses. We look forward to working together with our Governing Body again in season 2017-18.

Thank you to our President David Goodman in his debut season as Chairman. David did a good job for us while learning the ropes and gaining knowledge about the administrative functions of the Association. His support to me during the season often proofreading correspondence and offering suggested edits prior to being sent out was highly appreciated. Thanks David for all the help you have provided me this season just gone.

Thanks to Trevor Schokman for his work as Treasurer, his third season in this role. Trevor was very helpful keeping

the books balanced and made sure we did not stray too far from the season's budget. The position we are in as at the end of our last financial year on 30 April 2017 finds us very much on budget with a modest increase in the overall balance of the Association's bank accounts. This increase was most prudent as it was necessary to have a larger float to offset the fact that we had a not insignificant 20% increase in membership during the season. Thank you Trevor for all your assistance during another successful season.

To Ken Buckland, Stephen Clements, Paul Clift, Rick Crocono, Cameron Duff and Glen Hanshaw who make up the rest of the management team, I wish to offer my thanks for your support and contributions this season. The two major achievements this season of 100% umpire coverage and reaching 100 members are things that we all as a collective committee should be very proud of. I look forward to working with you all again next season if you choose to nominate for the committee once more.

Thanks to Stephen Murphy and Ian Bowman who both do work for the Association in the background. Stephen's hosting of the Association website allows the SSCUA to conduct a first class online facility for use by our members and other stakeholders. Ian's work on the annual report as well as a range of other projects goes a long way in showing our professionalism in running this Association. The SSCUA would most definitely be very much poorer without the time and effort that Ian and Stephen generously put into our Association. If only we had a few more



people like this who could volunteer some of their valuable time to help us out. Thank you Ian, thank you Stephen, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

My thanks to Margaret Tabrett from the Warringah Club who, while taking photos at her club's games, also spends a significant amount of time taking pictures of our umpires on and off the field. Margaret then generously makes all of that work available to our Association so that we can include those photos in this Annual Report. More than half of the photos in this report form part of Margaret's work and we thank her for providing these to the SSCUA.

While on the topic of photos, thanks are also extended to SSCUA Life Member George Richards who also does work for the Association taking photos at some of our meetings as well as sometimes going around the grounds to take shots of our members. Unfortunately George has advised that he is no longer in a position to provide this sort of support for the Association in the future. I would like to thank Gorge for all the work he has done in the past and wish him and his wife Liz all the best for the future.

I also want to acknowledge Keeran Ramakrishnan for the work he did this season as a match observer and photographer. Keeran spoke to me preseason stating an ongoing back condition would preclude him from umpiring anymore, but he wanted to stay involved and try and help our members. We were happy to allow Keeran to fill the role of match observer where he provided reports on our members over the course of a number of Saturdays during the season, as well as taking some photos along the way. We look forward to Keeran continuing in this role next season.

My sincere thanks to the staff at NSWCUA—Darren Goodger, Troy Penman and Nic Bills. It should not be lost on any member that the SSCUA relies heavily on the support of our parent Association to ensure our competition flows smoothly. Darren and his team at NSWCUA provide me with almost daily support during the season proper, and we are always talking to each other to achieve our common goals as well as trying to improve even more. Without that support the Shires competition would certainly not be able to have two umpires in every match, in every grade. It would probably be fair to say that the Shires clubs and the SCA have become accustomed to having 100% umpire coverage in recent seasons—the ongoing support that Darren, Troy and Nic provides us will no doubt continue to see 100% coverage continue in the foreseeable future. Thank you Darren, Troy and Nic—your contribution to the SSCUA is significant and appreciated.

My final thanks go to the board of directors at NSWCUA lead by Chairman Geoff Garland. The board oversees the running of umpiring in NSW and does so in a highly professional manner lending its support to all of the affiliated Umpires Associations around the state. We thank the board for their ongoing support of our Association and umpiring in general, and we look forward to working with the board to improve and enhance the umpiring of all our members.

The season ahead brings a very large challenge with the MCC approving a complete rewrite of the Laws of Cricket that will take effect in time for the start of the 2017–18 Australian Cricket season. With this rewrite comes a great challenge for all members individually

to re-learn a raft of law changes that significantly alter a large number of match day scenarios. To that end, it has been determined that any member wishing to be considered for selection in Shires First or Second Grades, as well as Frank Gray Shield will need to either attend a re-training course during the winter, or attend the NSWCUA annual convention on 19 and 20 August, or pass the revised NSWCUA online examination once it is made available. Members will be given a range of options with different dates and locations to attend a retraining course. It should be noted that those attending any of the re-training courses will only be required to attend the course and complete an open book revision quiz paper to be recredited for appointments to all grades. This means if you attend a retraining course or the annual convention you will not be required to resit and pass an examination. Members will be updated with their available options as soon as more information becomes available.

A reminder to all members that the Association will be holding its 16th Annual General Meeting on the evening of Wednesday 2 August 2017 at our usual meeting place, that being Club Redfern (aka Redfern RSL). Club Manager Anthony MacAlpine is very generous to our Association, as he chooses not to charge us a fee to hire the meeting room. To reciprocate that generosity (if you have not already done so) it would be appreciated if you please consider joining the club as a member – it only costs \$5 a year. See the front desk at the club to get an application form.

I wish to thank every member for your support and participation during the recently completed season, you all provide a great service to the game of cricket. I look forward to seeing you all back on the field in season 2017–18 as we look to get better as match officials, increase the number of members who umpire with us, and to enjoy what will be the 17th season of cricket that this Association supplies umpires to the Sydney Shires Cricket Competition. The season begins on Saturday September 23, a date that will be with us before you know it.

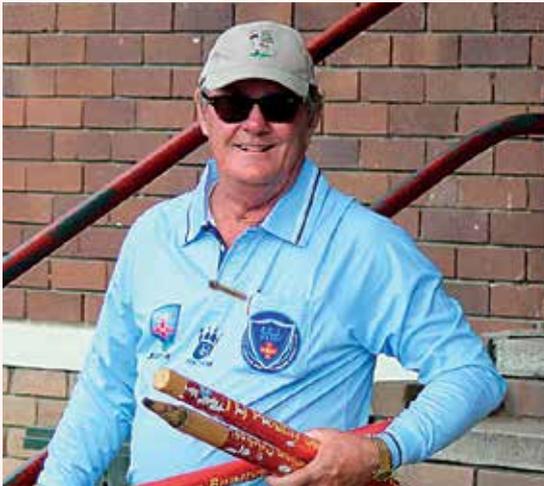


AROUND THE GROUNDS



Graeme White and
Derek Ponsford
at Frank Gray Oval.
3rd grade.
Round 4

Ian Tabrett at
Pennant Hills Oval.
1st grade.
Round 5



Patrick Smellie at
Lindfield Oval.
Frank Gray Shield.
Round 1

Mike Wheeler and
Kim Hunter at
Weldon Oval.
2nd grade.
Round 5



Cameron Duff and
Ian Tabrett at
Pennant Hills Oval.
1st grade.
Round 5

Simon Fairlie and
Paul Clift at
Roseville Chase Oval.
Frank Gray Shield.
Round 2



Clay Finnemore and
Simon Dodwell at
Jubilee Oval.
1st grade.
Round 3

Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

TREASURER'S REPORT



Trevor Schokman
SSCUA Honorary Treasurer

The Association's financial year ending 30 April 2017 is viewed as showing many of the features of previous years, but on this occasion ending ahead of the projected budget.

The financial year commenced on 1 May 2016 with a healthy balance carried forward from the previous financial year. Due to the unexpected substantial increase in the voluntary take-up of the Toyota Cricket NSW raffle tickets and the increase in membership to 100 members the total association funds at 30 April 2017 was about \$2100 higher than originally budgeted for at this time last year.

The Association wishes to thank Dennis Oppenheim, Keith Elloy, Craig Lees and Anthony Raymond for selling 10, 8, 3 and 2 raffle tickets books respectively.

The Australian Government grant of \$4,700 and the NSW Government grant of \$2,000 funded the recruitment, training and membership joining fees of new members. Thanks are extended our past President Mark Hughes for successfully preparing and submitting the application for the two Government grants. The committee also approved the use of a portion of the Government grants to purchase a membership card printer, personal computer and software, and a new mobile phone to improve the administration of the Association.

As in previous years the committee approved the purchase of merchandise such as gold medallions, polo shirts, caps, over cards, ball counters, key rings and bowler markers to replenish stock.

The committee approved the funding of food, beverage and door prizes for members attending Association meetings during the season.

We are grateful to the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) in continuing to support our Association. Many thanks are extended to Roy Formica and Bruce Whitehouse at the SCA for their efforts in securing funding to us in form of an annual grant currently standing at \$3,675.00.

The Association continues to provide secretarial services and appointment of umpires for the Masters and Classics cricket fixtures which goes above and beyond the normal administrative functions of the Association. The levies received from these competitions provides additional income to the Association. This and other matters such as the significant changes to the Laws of Cricket in 2017 will increase the workload of the Honorary Secretary next season. It would therefore be appropriate to increase the honorarium to the Secretary in the circumstances.

The committee once again approved to fully fund the high quality gloss presentation of the Association's annual report.

The Association managed a significant balance to be carried forward into the next season to ensure continuation of cash flow until the new season's receipts of membership fees are in hand.

As before the Association's financial report, balance statement, list of assets as well as the Government Grants Income and Expenditure report will be supplied to members as a separate insert to the annual report.

AROUND THE GROUNDS



David Goodman and William Luke at Weldon Oval. 1st grade. Round 6



Malcolm Ward and Andrew Steindler at North Epping Oval. 2nd grade. Round 9



Ivan Holland and Stephen Blomfield at Pennant Hills Oval. Frank Gray Shield. Round 5



Mike Wheeler and Peter Mooney at Rothwell Park. 2nd grade. Round 10



Clay Finnemore and Kim Hunter at Weldon Oval. Frank Gray Shield. Round 6



David Goodman and Wayne Moore at Weldon Oval. 2nd grade. Round 11



Simon Dodwell and Ian Tabrett at Weldon Oval. Frank Gray Shield. Round 7

Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

MENTORING IN THE 2016-17 SEASON



Ilan Bowman stood with Bharat Basappa in his debut match at Mona Park No 3, Round 2

This was the ninth year of the mentoring programme where we dedicated specific time and resources into overseeing the experience that our first year rookie umpires had with the SSCUA.

Season 2016-17 was our best ever season in regards to the acquisition of new members. We had a total of 19 new member applications with one of these 19 (Michael Wheeler) being a near 150 game veteran returning to the SSCUA after being away for two years. The large intake of new members saw the Association finish the season with exactly 100 members. This was a proud achievement for the Association and a strong endorsement of the hard work the committee did in the winter of 2016 where we heavily advertised our intention to run a winter training course to bolster our membership base. Our thanks to Darren Goodger and Laurie Borg for facilitating the SSCUA winter training course - your input in those sessions was greatly appreciated.

All new members were allocated a mentor during the season - somebody they could call for a chat if they had any questions about their progress or situations that arose out in the middle. My thanks to Rick Crocono, Cameron Duff, David Goodman and Mark Hughes for assisting in this process. I am sure all of our new members would have gained valuable experience from you during the season.

During the season we continued with the process used in previous seasons whereby all members umpiring a game with a first year umpire we asked to complete a written survey on the performance of the new member. This process gives value to the assessment process of our rookie umpires however I felt that some submitted reports were lacking in detail with the comments box left blank. I would request that next season assessments please be submitted with at least some comments on the new umpire. Every little bit of feedback you can supply adds value to the process.

Below is a short summary of each of our 18 "Rookie" umpires that started umpiring in the Shires Competition during season 2016/17. The Associations thanks each of these members for choosing to umpire in the Shires Competition and we hope all of these members choose to come back for many seasons to come

Asfar Ahmed

Asfar umpired one season of Sydney Premier Cricket way back in 1998 and decided to come back to umpiring in 23



the weeks leading into the season. After completing the training course Asfar chose to umpire in the Private Schools GPS competition but joined us in

December looking to umpire some Shires cricket during the School holiday period. Completed a total of three Shires matches in the month of January.

Isaac Alexander



Isaac did the winter training course but his commitment to playing precluded him from being able to umpire this season. Once Isaac can commit time

to umpiring we would welcome his participation.

Bharat Basappa



Bharat did well in his first season umpiring a total of eight matches. A bit slow to get going, he showed great improvement as the season progressed as he picked up good

habits from the members he stood with. Better things certainly await Bharat next season particularly if he can commit to more than eight matches in the upcoming season. Well done Bharat, we look forward to seeing you back on board in 2017/18

Matthew Boorer



Matthew has had a long and successful career playing with Epping Cricket Club. After 'retiring' from playing he decided to give umpiring a go this season. Started

the season really well and received some really good positive feedback until his season was cut short for personal reasons at the end of round four. We wish Matthew well during the off season and hope that he can make it back next season as according to all reports he has the right skills to become a very good umpire.

Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

MENTORING IN THE 2016-17 SEASON

Charlie Carter



Charlie did the SSCUA training course in the winter and made a commitment to umpire some cricket while also continuing to play with Macquarie Uni Cricket Club. In the end Charlie umpired five rounds during the season while successfully scoring nearly 400 runs in Shires Second Grade during the remaining eight rounds he played. Of the games he umpired there was much to like. Positive feedback from captains as well as his umpiring partners, Charlie would definitely make a good fist of umpiring when the day comes to give playing away. We look forward to Charlie choosing to umpire a few more games next season, if not the whole season !

Mark Cotter



Another part time umpire while still wanting to play, Mark managed to stand in a total of five Shires rounds while also playing for Auburn Cricket Club in one of their Tim Creer Cup teams. Mark brings to the game a lifetime of experience as a player in the Shires competition and certainly knows his way around the field, however is still learning the requirements that come with umpiring field craft. I think Mark will make an excellent umpire in due course and will be an asset to the Association once he decides to commit to umpiring full time. Congratulations on your first season Mark, we look forward to seeing more of you in season 2017/18.

Simon Dodwell



A new member to our Association in 2016/17 but definitely not new to umpiring. Simon comes from England and umpired a few games with us in 2015-16 as a guest while on holidays. Having his visa extended for four years saw Simon officially join us as a member this season where his 10+ years of experience

umpiring in England added significant value to our umpiring ranks. Simon was appointed this season to 16 matches of Shires cricket, as well as three rounds of Frank Gray Shield where he was one of a small number of members who were available for every round of the season. Simon also received excellent feedback during the season from captains and his umpiring peers and this resulted in him being rewarded with an appointment to the Third Grade Grand Final partnering Geoff Wheeler. Congratulations on a successful season Simon.

Keith Elloy



Keith responded to an email sent to all of the clubs involved in Masters Cricket seeking new umpires. After successfully passing our winter training course he went on to umpire a total of eight of the round matches during the season where he received some very good feedback from both those he umpired with, as well as the team captains. Unfortunately a number of overseas trips during the season precluded Keith from umpiring more matches. Based on what we have seen so far I am confident Keith will become a valued member of the Association with more games under his belt next season. Congratulations on a job well done in your debut year Keith, we look forward to seeing you back for more next summer.

Shane Evans



Shane umpired Sydney Premier Cricket in 2015/16 however decided to transition across to the Shires competition in season 2016/17 where his presence was most welcome. Shane umpired a total of eight matches during the season before his involvement with the upcoming Rugby League season cut short his umpiring at the end of January. Appointed to Second and Third Grade matches during the season Shane acquitted himself well according to all reports. We thank Shane for coming on board with the Shires competition and look forward to his return next summer.

David Gavin



David joined the Association just after the Christmas break after having previously umpired a fair bit of cricket in the Sydney Women's competition. David's admission into the SSCUA was a big deal for us as he became our 100th member which had been a long term goal for the Association. On field, David umpired a total of four matches in that post Christmas period where he acquitted himself well where his enthusiasm for the game was a comment that was repeated by a number of people. Well done on your debut season David and we look forward to you having a full summer of umpiring with us in 2017/18.

Zafar Khan

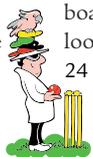


Zafar unfortunately only umpired the opening round of the season before personal commitments including having to travel overseas caused him to not be able to umpire again in season 2016/17. We hope to see Zafar back again next season to continue his umpiring in the Shires competition.

John Kirkness



John came to our competition as an experienced umpire who had officiated a significant amount of local district cricket in previous seasons. Due to a number of family and work related issues was only able to commit to a total of four games during the season but impressed his umpiring partners and team captains alike. Speaking to John post season I know he enjoyed the limited number of games he umpired in season 2016/17 and I am hopeful John will be in a better position next season to umpire more games than he was able to this season just gone. We look forward to John's continued involvement in the upcoming season.



Adrian Lulka



Adrian completed our winter training course but made it clear that playing cricket on Saturdays was still his priority. A number of opportunities to get a few games of umpiring in did eventuate seeing Adrian umpire a total of three Shires, and two Masters matches during the season. In these games Adrian showed that he has a good feel for umpiring and I hope that he is considering taking up officiating full time in the near future. If playing is still part of his plans for next season then we will be happy to help Adrian out with umpiring opportunities when he can offer his services to us during the summer.

Stephen Maxwell



Stephen came to our winter training course after being encouraged to take up umpiring by fellow SSCUA members Bruce Whitehouse and Anthony Raymond who Stephen was friends with. I think Stephen was initially a little disadvantaged by the fact that he had not been involved in the game for many years and this was reflected a little in his early matches. Stephen however was very keen to learn and it was obvious he was enjoying his umpiring by bringing a positive attitude to the game. Reports from fellow umpiring partners and team captains suggest that he improved as he got more games under his belt however after a total of eight matches he was required to take up a work assignment out of Sydney that cut his season short.

Stephen shows great potential and I am positive next season will bring him an even more enjoyable experience with our Association. Congratulations on a successful debut season.

Tim Overland



Tim had a very successful debut season with the Association culminating in him winning the Rookie Umpire of the Year award in 2016/17. Coming to us after having played a significant amount of Masters Cricket, Tim comfortably fitted into the role of umpiring and impressed many of his peers as well as the team captains he came into contact with. Tim started the season in Third Grade but was quickly promoted to Second Grade after just a couple of games and remained in Second Grade for the rest of the season. Officiated a total of 12 preliminary rounds as well as being selected for a Fourth Grade Qualifying Final, Tim should be very pleased with his debut season and should be looking forward to potentially getting some better opportunities next season. Congratulations Tim on a highly successful debut season.

Kushal Panse

Kushal had a very good debut season with the Association umpiring a total of 11 Shires rounds during the course of the summer. Was appointed to a Shires 4th Grade Qualifying Final however had to withdraw due to family matters. I know Kushal was quite disappointed having to take that course of action. Received good feedback from those he umpired with, a number of comments



being made that Kushal appeared to be calm and decisive under pressure. As Kushal moves into his second season of umpiring I think the only thing he needs to work on is to speak up in conversations with players rather than relying on the other umpire to do all the talking. This isn't necessarily a criticism as this is something that all new umpires tend to have to work on after they find their feet during a debut season. Well done Kushal on a good start to your umpiring, we look forward to your continued involvement next season.

Shalil Sant



Shalil only managed to umpire a total of three Saturday matches during the Christmas school holiday period primarily due to his involvement with junior cricket on Saturdays. Showed a great deal of enthusiasm for umpiring and did a solid job in the three games he stood in. Shalil is going to be a great asset to the Association when he finds himself able to umpire more matches during the season. We wish Shalil all the best for his future umpiring with our Association.

Jason Thorpe



Jason came to us after a long playing career in the local Penrith district Association. Having played so much cricket Jason took to umpiring well and was quickly off and running earning some good feedback from both the team captains as well as the other members he umpired matches with. Umpired a total of 11 matches during the rounds comprising a mix of 2nd/3rd Grade games as well as earning an appointment to a 4th Grade Qualifying Final. Jason shows great promise and I predict he will get a number of better opportunities next season as he builds up his skills and becomes an even better umpire. Well done Jason on a good start to your umpiring career.



Kushal Panse and David Goodman at Weldon Oval. 2nd grade. Round 7

First Grade Grand Final

25 & 26 MARCH 2017

*Joe McAleer Reserve
Glendenning*

Mt Pritchard

*Southern Districts 6/114
defeated*

North West Sydney 112

Man of the Match

Adam Coyte

Mt Pritchard

Southern Districts

Umpires

Anthony Raymond and

Stephen Blomfield

For the first time in seven seasons this year's first grade decider did not involve the Burwood Briars with the undefeated Minor Premiers North West Sydney facing off against the second placed side Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts at the No:1 ranked first grade ground in Sydney Premier Cricket, that being Joe McAleer Reserve.

At the end of the regular season only one point separated both teams on the competition table and both progressed to the Final after Sydney's big wet washed out both days of their respective semifinal matches.

In the days prior to the match the skies again opened with a massive storm hitting Western Sydney, there were plenty of images and videos posted on social media showing the ferocity of the storm that hit Joe McAleer reserve, this caused some nervous calls and discussions about the possibility of switching venues and/or having the Grand Final postponed until the following weekend. Sanity prevailed and a decision was made that the game would go ahead as planned.

On the first morning of the final it quickly became obvious that due to the storm mid-week and the subsequent rain leading up to the

weekend it was highly unlikely that any play would be possible on Day 1. The groundsman having been unable to get his roller onto the square due to the state of the outfield had been unable to prepare a wicket and therefore closed the ground. Play was abandoned at approximately 10am with an undertaking from the groundsman that he would do everything in his power to prepare a pitch for Sunday.

The morning of day two saw many discussions held between the groundsman, captains and umpires with the ground eventually being handed over at approximately 10.15am. With a decent wicket prepared and the worst section of the outfield roped off, it was deemed that conditions were no longer dangerous or unreasonable and the coin toss was scheduled for 10.30am with play starting at 11am with a minimum of 98 overs to be bowled.

The all-important coin toss was won by Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts captain Ric Lucey who duly sent North West Sydney into bat under now sunny skies.

The equation for North West Sydney was simple, either bat all of or the majority of the day and the premiership was theirs.



Unfortunately the day started horribly for them with Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts opening bowler Adam Coyte snaring a wicket on the second ball of the innings with Arthur Harley playing a reckless slog which lobbed to the fielder at mid on. Then on the last ball of the opening over Matt Windred got a good one that was edged to the keeper and at two for none the minor premiers had it all in front of them on a wicket that was a little slow after the recent rain but playing reasonably well.

A small fight back by opening batsman Alex Daniels (8 off 43 balls) and number four Nathan Taylor who scored 22 saw North West Sydney recover to be a somewhat decent 4/42 but with Adam Coyte in the groove and Wayne Bull bowling his off-spin at the other end another three quick wickets fell with the score on 47, North West Sydney now in huge trouble at 7/47.

With North West Sydney captain Daniel Johnson (23 off 79 balls) and number nine Alex Bird at the crease runs began to flow with Bird scoring a team high 28 of 23 balls in a quick fire 24 minute stay at the crease. When he departed with the score on 82 North West Sydney looked like posting a competitive score but just as important had eaten up some overs.

Number 10 Nick Chant (5 off 44 balls) hung around with his captain, but a change of ends for Coyte saw him quickly dismiss Chant and then the number 11 Jared Forbes to finish with figures of 7/44 off 22 overs including 8 maidens. North West Sydney being dismissed for 112 off an even 50 overs. It was a valiant effort by the North West Sydney lads however the fact they were bowled out in only 50 overs was their own fault with as many as five of their batsmen playing reckless unnecessary shots that threw their wickets away.

Mt Pritchard-Southern District started the run chase (requiring the runs off 46 overs) cautiously with opening batsmen Damien Duroux and Brad Maguire knocking the ball around accumulating ones and the odd two before Maguire nicked a ball from Chant to keeper Daniels with the score on 14.

Coyte joined Duroux in the middle and quickly showed he was in the mood to finish the game off sooner, rather than later, scoring 23 off 28 balls to see Mounties at 2/50 when he departed. Unfortunately for North West Sydney

two crucial catches off Duroux were put down during that partnership with those dropped chances deflating the efforts of the bowlers causing tensions to rise amongst the fielding team.

Scoring again slowed with captain Lucey at the crease but when Duroux (28 of 93 balls) nicked to slip and Lucey (8 off 38 balls) departed North West Sydney had a sniff with Mounties 4/74 and the number of available overs remaining in the day starting to run out. When danger man Bull (15 off 20 balls) was caught in the deep with the score on 85, Mounties required 28 off 8 overs with just five wickets in hand.

Enter Mitch Stevens who after surviving a very confident LBW shout first ball proceeded to hit three enormous sixes in the one over to almost get Mounties across the line, when he departed for 21 off 16 balls with the score on 108 Mounties were within reach.



Anthony Raymond presents the Man of the Match Medal to Adam Coyte. Glenn Workman from the Shires subcommittee looks on

A six off the first ball of the next over by keeper Daniel Scheinflug saw Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts reach the target of 113 in 40.1 overs and win the RB Clark trophy for the first time in their Club's history. In fact it was the clubs first ever premiership in any grade since they entered the competition way back in 2002.

The Peter Toohey Medal for Player of the Final was awarded to Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts opening bowler, Adam Coyte for his 7/44 and 23 with the bat.

Second Grade Grand Final

25 & 26 MARCH 2017

Kanebridge Oval

Rouse Hill

Burwood 74 & 7/91

defeated

Warringah

55 & 8 (dec) 152

Man of the Match

Ben van den Nieuwenhof

Burwood

Umpires

Clay Finnemore and

Daniel Burton

The term “déjà vu”, from the French, literally “already seen” is the phenomenon of having the strong sensation that an event or experience currently being encountered has already been experienced in the past. You could say that this seasons Shires Second Grade Final was an event of this nature. For the fourth year in succession the two powerhouses of the 2nd grade competition reignited their Grand Final rivalry.

On arrival at Kanebridge Oval on Saturday morning the sun was trying to shine through some scattered clouds, a light breeze was present and the ground looked in pretty good nick. The pitch held a little grass but was straw in colour with only a small area of the square holding a little bit of moisture.

Warringah’s Captain, Tim Bourke, tossed the coin and Burwood received the opportunity to make the decision to which Rob Nandi, I guess hoping to use the moisture in the air, had no hesitation in sending Warringah into bat.

Warringah opened up with Hamish Ferguson and Huw Griffiths, the same pair who opened in the round 10 victory over Burwood, but this time the partnership didn’t really get

the opportunity to fire against the Burwood attack of Ben van den Nieuwenhof and Jack Kovacic and what was about to occur was astonishingly more a precession of regret than a joyous and rewarding time.

In the third over of the day Huw Griffiths chased and edged to Rob Nandi at first slip, two balls later Jake Ellis played the wrong line and was bowled, as the ball seamed around a little causing a batsman to play wrong lines or across the line. Warringah Captain Tim Bourke played across a full toss and was hit in front. 3 for 1 in the first 12 minutes. There was no respite from Van Den Nieuwenhof as he had now grown in stature and was bowling with confidence and by the end of twenty minutes had 5 wickets and from where I was standing Warringah were in a state of disbelief.

Whilst all this was happening Hamish Ferguson had managed to keep his wicket intact and was trying to salvage the morning for his team as he battled and defended. He fought valiantly but the onslaught continued and after the first 40 minutes Warringah were 7 for 13 and the game seemed almost lost, by the time Burwood had claimed all ten

Warringah wickets,
the ‘Men in





Clay Finnemore, Tim Bourke,
Daniel Burton, Rob Nandi

Green' had managed to scrap out a first innings score of 55, a far cry from the perilous position they were in after 40 minutes, Burwood's. Ben van den Nieuwenhof finishing with the remarkable bowling figures of 7 for 18 from 13 overs.

Burwood had 53 overs of batting time remaining on the first day, the opportunity was there to bat Warringah out of the game. Opening with Comac O'Connor and Dave Young, Burwood worked slowly and cautiously towards the target, Warringah didn't seem to be obtaining the movement that the bowlers of Burwood had been able to extract from the pitch, but they toiled to the task and Gareth Newman eventually got a ball to jag back inside the edge of Comac and Warringah were on their way to proving why they should be playing in this game.

Cobi Stevens picked up a wicket at the other end and Warringah were starting to grow in confidence. Burwood edged their way slowly towards the target without any batsman looking comfortable or assured and eventually they passed the Warringah total of 55 only 4 down. At this point, Burwood still had a substantial amount of time to bat on day one. As Burwood reached 4/68, Warringah's bowlers with good line and length picked up the Burwood Captain and at this point the innings seemed to stutter and lose its way. Gareth Newman picked up the wicket of Giddy, whilst at the other end Stevens claimed Chris Iaquinto and shortly after Gareth claimed Diren Reddy with the

last ball of his 21st over, finishing off the innings with the wickets of Kovacic and Van den Nieuwenhof in succession to claim a Grand Final hatrick bowling out Burwood Briars for 74.

G Newman 21.2 overs 6/30 (including hatrick), C Stevens 15 overs 4/27. R Nandi 16.

This left 8 overs to bowl on day one, and Warringah in deficit to the tune of 19. Burwood came out with the same intent as in the morning and claimed two early wickets before Andrew Mann and Jake Ellis managed to hold out for the remaining overs. Warringah finished the day at 2/8.



Day Two

Clear skies day 2, meant it was now all up to Warringah to strategically manage the 96 overs, compile a target and remove Burwood to take away the spoils at the end of the day.

Warringah's three and four returned to the crease to recommence where they left off from the night before, unfortunately for Jake Ellis, Ben van den Nieuwenhof returned to the impeccable line of the previous day and Jake played very late on a ball that cannoned into his middle and off stumps. Not Warringah's ideal start to the day but incoming Captain Tim Bourke was determined to set about atoning for his first innings. He, with Andrew Mann, took every opportunity to force the run rate, lifting the ball over the infield, striking hard and taking every opportunity to remove the deficit and build a total. Unfortunately, Tim changed tact and instead of striking hard, he glid a catch off Van den Nieuwenhof to keeper Young.

Matt Cole joined Andrew and as the bowlers started to fatigue the batsmen had the run rate increasing. Rob Nandi was looking for another breakthrough and started making changes, and then he introduced himself. This change broke the partnership to make it 5 for 78. It wasn't long before the next wicket fell. Matt now joined by James Trickey, together with quick singles and some crisp hitting adding 44 runs in quick time and Warringah's supporters started

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to gain voice. Van den Nieuwenhof eventually dismissed Matt Cole for a well-crafted 41 off 54 and then, after drinks, Tim Bourke called a halt to the innings and declared with a lead of 134 and 58 overs left in the day.

Burwood set about the task of accumulating runs and eating into the overs remaining. Warringah on the other hand were intent on depriving Burwood of this opportunity. A true showdown between the two top sides was now reaching a crescendo, Warringah's Newman and Stevens opened up and slowly made inroads into the top order of the opposition, but this was at a considerable use of energy and overs. Cobi Stevens was rewarded for persistence and trapped Dave Young for 7 with the score on 20. Shortly after Burwood suffered another setback losing Luka Kalic, LBW to Gareth Newman, to have the score at 2 for 23. Although not scoring runs at a regular rate Burwood were seeing off overs without too much damage to their batting card. To add drama to the game, when Cormac O'Connor was bowled, with the score on 27, and Rob Nandi was dismissed with the score on 40, the tension increased to a game high with still plenty of overs remaining. Declan Kennedy and Chris Iaquinto stabilised the innings, ticking off the overs, moving towards the end of the 58th over.

Warringah threw everything at Burwood by bringing back the two opening bowlers, both who at this stage had bowled in excess of 30 overs each for the match. As we entered into the 50th over, disaster for Burwood struck and in quick succession both Declan and Chris were dismissed. Harry Giddy came and went, leaving Burwood in a perilous position 7 wickets down with 6 overs left for Diran Reddy and Peter Catalovski to see out.

Warringah never gave in and continued to place pressure upon the batsman but at 5:48pm the last ball of the 58th over was bowled and Burwood, closing the day at 7 for 91, became the 2016-2017 Sydney Shires 2nd Grade Premiers.

This game is one that will be remembered for a plethora of incredible performances by the bowlers from both teams. Burwood's win was moulded early by the ridiculously brilliant opening spell by Ben Van Den Nieuwenhof, 7/18 from 13 overs and match figures of 12/81 from 32 overs—a performance



that led to him being awarded the Player of the Final. Warringah were not to be outdone and their opening pair were not understated in performance with Gareth Newman and Cobi Stevens, between them, finishing with unbelievable combined figures of 15 for 120 off 79.2 overs, which included a hatrick to Gareth Newman.

Both teams displayed the competitive and determined mindset afforded to top teams in this competition. The game was a magnificent advertisement for the Shires competition, held at a ground with a surface and facilities well above that of many grade grounds. The condition of the field was excellent and just knowing that, we were very likely to get two full days of play in, unlike at other grounds. Congratulations to North West Hurricanes and Simone (grounds person) for the facilities and support.

Congratulations to Burwood, and also Warringah, for the way you both played the game—the spirit, fight, skill and then how you socialised afterwards, epitomised the way the game should be played.



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*LM Graham Reserve
Fairlight*

*Warringah
214 and 1 for 9 defeated
Georges River 147*

*Man of the Match
Jesse Moffat - Warringah*

*Umpires
Geoff Wheeler and
Simon Dodwell*

The 2016–2017 Shires Third Grade Grand Final was held at the non-Shires venue, LM Graham Reserve in Fairlight. The game was contested by Warringah and Georges River who finished third and fifth on the final ladder. The Qualifying Final saw third place Warringah defeat fourth place Epping and Georges River defeat second placed Burwood Briars. With first placed Auburn surprisingly losing to sixth placed Strathfield, Georges River were to face Strathfield and Warringah progressed to the Semifinal as the highest ranked team to face Auburn. Auburn's loss to Strathfield would prove to be pivotal as both Semifinals were washed out resulting in Warringah and Georges River progressing to the Grand Final.

Considering the rain that had pelted the Sydney area over the previous two weeks the pitch, square and outfield at LM Graham Reserve was hard as a rock and looked set to produce a perfect surface for a Grand Final – maybe just a little bit of something in the pitch for everyone.

With Warringah being the 'home side' the coin toss was allocated to captain Ian 'Freddie' Bassett. Captain Stuart Aley called incorrectly and with clear blue skies and a bit of humidity in the air, Warringah opted to bat

and set a total rather than chase the unknowns later in the game.

Muhammed Khan opened the bowling, swinging the ball with ease in the slightly humid conditions. From the Kenneth Road end, Shires new boy and aptly named, Jason Bowler bowled a sure and steady line offering little in the way of width for the batsmen to score an easy run off. Warringah's first hour at the crease would best be described as 'steady and cautious' – leaving the length balls and prodding away at the loose balls. After 16 overs Stuart Aley tossed the ball to spinner Thomas Gilmour who bowled steadily through to the lunch break seeing Warringah check in at 2/59 off 32 overs.

Post lunch and with Craig Pecar and Luca Franks at the crease both batsmen started to offer more shots in an attempt to build a score with the first boundary of the day being scored in the 40th over. With the score on 2/85 off 45 overs, Pecar drills a straight drive down the pitch with a screamer of a catch being taken by bowler Gilmour. Enter captain Bassett, who makes his presence at the crease known, with Franks pushing Bassett to run the quick singles but with

Ian's knee strapped
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package in international transit, long singles became the order of the day. On the dreaded nelson, the next to fall is Franks, caught at square leg off the bowling of Gilmour to make the score now 4/111. Jesse Moffat arrives at the crease and announces his arrival with a wide array of scoring shots partnering Basset who continues to poke and prod accumulating singles all the while. Eventually Basset mistimes a ball with his score on 17 and ends up offering the fielder at short mid-wicket a sitter off the bowling of Gilmour. Warringah now waivering at 5/132.

Aidan Bennet comes in to join Moffat who both manage to steady the ship all the way to the tea break with the score moving to 5/154 off 74 overs.

In the session following tea, Moffat and Bennet begin to punish the bad balls by offering a good mix of drives to the boundary and well timed shots through the gaps to push the easy ones and twos. The Georges River's heads start to drop due to the steady scoring rate and little resistance being offered by the bowling rotations. Finally Captain Aley brings back his strike bowling attack of Jason Bowler and Muhammed Khan and this manages to stem the free-scoring allowed to Warringah. Bowler is the first to strike hitting middle stump to dismiss the key wicket of Moffat for 47. The score is now 6/191 with the new ball available in 4 overs. Stuart Wiblin arrives at the crease and swiftly departs, caught at mid-on by Captain Aley adding 2 to the total and its now 7/193. The new ball is taken in the 82nd over and immediately places the pressure on Warringah's young tail enders whose run rate and shots offered have dried-up. The consistent line and length by Bowler pays off and bowls Jack Crombie for 2 reducing Warringah to 8/199 with Jadon Wilson making his way to the crease. Again the scoring opportunities offered by Georges River is lean and frustrates the batting partnership. Aidan Bennet departs, clean bowled by Bowler for 26. The final man, Will Denny, strides confidently to the crease and begins to play a few more attacking shots. Denny and Wilson put on a partnership of 14 before Wilson charges out of his crease with the ball rebounding on to the stumps off his pads. All out for 214 off 99 overs with Georges River having a minimum of 5 overs to see out the first day.

Warringah open the bowling with Will Denny from the Kenneth Road end, Denny offered a step-up of pace not seen during the Georges River attack. Captain Aley sneaks a single off the first over. Aidan Bennett bowls from the Balgowlah Road end with similar pace and causes all sorts of problems for Captain Aley who manages to sneak a single. Ben Worger is now on strike and second ball plays a shot and gets a huge edge only to see Luca Franks at 2nd slip diving away to his right to take a blinder just above his left ankle. The next two overs result in no runs. Captain Basset decides to rest Denny and hands the ball to Jesse Moffat for the final over. Off a long run-up Jesse steams in and is hit for two runs followed by a wide. The next ball is a bit quicker and the line deceives Nuske, clipping the inside edge of his bat which goes on to hit the stumps. Georges River finish the day at 2/6 and have it all to do tomorrow.

Post lunch Jason Bowler supported by Thomas Gilmour continues to play an expansive selection of shots mixed with quick singles. Bowler brings up his 50 just after lunch with a perfectly timed shot to deep extra cover for four. However three runs later he departs for 53, mistiming a shot and edging it to Captain Basset who takes a knee high catch at first slip. Moffat now has 4 wickets and Georges River are reduced to 8/104. A few runs later Gilmour departs for 10 and at 9/110 the game is just about done.

The last man in for Georges River is Muhammed Khan who joins Ben Pullen at the crease. The pair look to have a bit of fun and play their shots adding 37 for the final wicket before Pullen is adjudged LBW for 11, leaving Khan unbeaten on 26. Georges River all out for 147 with Warringah leading on the first innings by 67 runs.



The weather on Sunday was just as pleasant as the previous day without a cloud in the sky. However the day starts poorly for the batting side with Aley (9) and Liley (0) both falling, LBW, early in the session reducing Georges River to 4/26. Not long later Henriques falls caught at the wicket for 13 and then Jiffkins (2) is adjudged LBW and the chances for the visitors slumps to 6/35

With Georges River in big trouble, Bowler and Luke Byron take the game by the scruff of the neck and take the game to Warringah. Bowler proceeds to cart the ball around the ground, deep into the outfield and pushing the singles to rotate the strike. Luke Bryon (15) faces Moffat and shoulders arms to a straight one and is bowled. Lunch is taken shortly after at 7/84.

There is plenty of time left in the day and Captain Aley decides to have a final crack at Warringah to see if they might fold in the second innings. Paul Chapman departs for 2 off 9 balls hitting the ball to the short square leg fielder. However when the score reaches 1/15 off 9 overs and Warringah leading by 82 Captain Aley shakes hands with the Warringah batsmen concluding the 2016-17 Third Grade Grand Final. Warringah are Third Grade premiers for the first time since 2007-08

It was a close call for the Third Grade Grand Final Man of the Match with two memorable performances. Georges River's Jason Bowler for his 53 with the bat and 5/23 off 23 overs. However Warringah's Jesse Moffat with his 47 and 4/42 off 15 overs won the award.



Fourth Grade Grand Final

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Ron Routley Oval Concord

Burwood 197

defeated

Strathfield 76

Man of the Match

James Webb - Burwood

Umpires

Ian Tabrett and

Peter Mooney

For the 2-3 weeks before the Grand Final, Sydney had been drenched by many days of heavy rain. As a result, copious quantities of water lay across many of the metropolitan area's playing fields.

As usual, the semifinals were due to be held on the weekend before the Grand Final. Due to the large amount of water that had fallen, not one of the Shires semifinals were able to proceed. Whilst the higher ranked teams proceeded directly through to the Grand Final, there were a large number of sides who were disappointed, as the weather robbed them of the chance to do so.

Rothwell Oval was the originally scheduled venue for the 4th Grade Grand Final between Burwood and Strathfield. However, further heavy rain early in the Grand Final week turned the very wet outfield into a mini-lake and the game was transferred to Ron Routley Oval on the Wednesday leading into the game.

We were greeted on the Saturday with high clouds and a moderate temperature. It was perfect conditions to play cricket. The groundsmen, James and Fernando, had worked tirelessly in difficult conditions to produce a pitch and outfield that showed very little signs of Sydney's recent deluge of rain.

The two captains—Paul Simpson from Burwood and Satinder Singh from Strathfield—were both appreciative and complimentary of the groundsmen's work and efforts. Whilst the pitch had a firm crust and feel to it, after all the rain, the big unknown was how the pitch would play, particularly early in the match. Strathfield won the toss and it wasn't surprising that Satinder had no hesitation in asking Burwood to bat first.

The decision paid immediate dividends with Surya Sriram getting a faint touch to a Gaurav Kumar delivery and was out caught behind. Burwood were now 1/2 with Jamie McLeod and Jacob Murphy now at the crease.

These two batsmen batted intelligently against an accurate Strathfield attack and runs were hard to come by. At the first drinks break, Burwood were 1/37 and 18 overs had been bowled. Some sharp Strathfield fielding broke the partnership when Jamie McLeod was run out for a valuable 32 runs and Burwood were now 2/55. Greg Long came to the crease and with Jacob Murphy conservatively built Burwood's score to 76 when Greg Long was out caught on the first ball of the over before lunch.



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The match was evenly placed at the interval with Burwood's score being 3/76 off 33.1 overs.

The lunch break didn't help Jacob Murphy's concentration as he was out LBW to Satinder Singh in the second over after the break, but contributed significantly in making a very solid 25 runs. With Burwood now 4/78, Strathfield had fought their way back into the match but a well-constructed 52 run partnership by Alex (38 runs) and Harry Peters (27 runs) saw Burwood's total increase to 6/155 at the fall of their wickets.

Runs were hard to come by but the remaining Burwood batsmen including Paul Simpson (14 runs), Greg Metcalfe (4), James Webb (10 not out), Elliot Ralph (10), and Declan Heels (12), all contributed to elevating Burwood's 1st inning's score to 197. It was a team effort as 9 batsmen scored double digit runs.

Strathfield used 9 bowlers in their 77.1 overs with the most successful being Gaurav Kumar (3/41 off 11.5 overs), Satinder Singh (2/36 off 15) and Sudarshan Garuda (2/21 off 12).

Due to Strathfield's excellent over rate, there were 22 overs left in the day's play, a period where Burwood dominated with the ball, reducing Strathfield to 5 for 29 by stumps. It was a high quality accurate bowling spell by all three main bowlers used.

Sunday dawned fine and sunny and the visitors had to perform a miracle to score another 169 runs with only five wickets in the bank.

Declan Heels and James Webb opened the attack for Burwood with the same accuracy and fire as they finished the previous afternoon. The not out batsmen, Sumit Thakur & Gaurav Kumar, began by batting patiently. Strathfield's 6th wicket fell in the 12th over when Sumit Thakur was trapped LBW for 6 by the accurate James Webb. Vishay Sisodiya joined Kumar at the crease only to see his partner dismissed shortly thereafter, LBW for 7, to Declan Heels who was troubling all batsmen with his pace and accuracy. Two balls later, Sisodiya had a life when a hard catch was turfed but it was not long before he succumbed to Webb, caught behind, without scoring. The end then came quickly in the 21st over of the day, 30 minutes before lunch, when the final Strathfield wicket fell with the score on 76

After a small discussion with his fellow players, the Strathfield captain, Satinder Singh, conceded defeat and shook hands with opposing players and offered congratulations.

A presentation ceremony was chaired by Shires representative Daryl Chappelow who presented the trophy to the winning captain Paul Simpson. Burwood have now been premiers in Fourth Grade for

three consecutive seasons. The Man of the Final Award was given to Burwood's under 19 bowler, James Webb, who had match figures of 5 wickets for only 15 runs off 13 overs. He was capably assisted by Declan Heels who also snared 5 wickets for 38 off 21.5 overs.

Burwood was thanked for hosting the Final and assisting the groundsmen in getting the ground into good condition, following a week of heavy rain. In fact, the pitch, albeit a little slow, played well on both days with a hard surface and even bounce. The outfield was also in good condition but boundaries were difficult to achieve.

Both teams were congratulated on playing the match in good spirit.



Frank Gray Shield Grand Final

19 FEBRUARY 2017

*Joe McAleer Reserve,
Glendenning*

*Georges River
9 for 219 - 50 overs
defeated*

*Mt Pritchard
Southern Districts
109 - 36.4 overs*

*Man of the Match
Ben Vella - Georges River*

*Umpires
Anthony Raymond and
Stephen Blomfield*

The 2016-17 season saw the number one and two teams from the Western Division of the competition compete the Grand Final after each of these teams dispensed with the number one and two teams from the Northern Division during the Semifinals seven days earlier. This pitted undefeated Mt Pritchard Southern Districts against Georges River who won this competition in the previous two seasons. Georges River also had only one loss during the round matches and this was to Mt Pritchard Southern Districts, when they played a low scoring match, in Round 2 back in November.

The venue for this match was Joe McAleer Reserve at Glendenning which is a venue used by Blacktown Cricket Club in the Sydney Premier Cricket competition. This venue was allocated due to the Mt Pritchard Southern Districts venue at Greenway Oval not being deemed up to a standard to host a premiership decider.

Some overnight rain caused the match start time to be delayed by 30 minutes however the rest of the day was fine and sunny with a belter of a pitch being prepared for the

occasion. Mt Pritchard Southern Districts captain Brad Maguire won the toss and quite surprisingly decided to let Georges River have a bat first.

On a pitch this flat the use of the new ball was always going to be a critical part of the game, and so it proved to be with two early wickets seeing Curtis Cheney (no score) and Nathan Napier (1) both being dismissed inside the first four overs. Liam Sparkle and James Kirkness then came together and grafted a good partnership that was enhanced by some wayward bowling that saw a large number of wides progressively building up the total. The loss of Sparkle for 30 and then Kirkness for 28 with the score on 82 and then 88 reduced Georges River to 4/88 and another rebuild was in order, this time with captain Ben Vella and Dayle Carew. The next partnership took the score to 146 with Carew finishing his innings for a handy 25.

It was at this point that captain Ben Vella came into his own accelerating the score with the remaining Georges River batsmen. He eventually fell for what would be a match winning knock of 65 off 85



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balls including five boundary fours and one massive six. Vella had thus seen his side to 195, a score that would be hard to chase.

But it was not over there, as the tail wagged through the remaining overs to ensure that Georges River would see out the full 50 overs, finishing with a score of 9 for 219, with the last five batsmen all chipping in with scores of 5, 15, 7, 9 and 4. One of the telling aspects of the innings was the large sundries count with Mt Pritchard Southern Districts conceding 22 wides within those 30 extra runs.

Lunch was taken with Georges River clearly on top. Although 219 in 50 overs is a total that would be considered just par, it should be noted that in the last 20 years no team had chased more than 170 to win the Frank Gray Shield, so the odds were certainly with the reigning premiers.



Upon resumption the innings started slow and steady, a single here a single there and at no wicket for 15 off 6 overs it looked like the batting side was setting themselves up for a strong go at the 220 required to win the premiership. However the next three overs saw a wicket fall in each of those overs and the wheels had definitely fallen off as the Mounties lads collapsed to 3 for 18 with Brad Thomas caught brilliantly in the slips by Nathan Napier off Ben Vella for 6, Brenton Wright being bowled by Luke Byron for 3 and then the key wicket





of Wayne Bull for 8 when he was adjudged LBW to Ben Vella. These three wickets, all falling in quick succession, put Mounties on the back foot and it was time to rebuild with captain Brad Maguire and Brad Clark now at the wicket.

A steadying partnership between Maguire and Clark chewed up another 10 overs taking the score to 3/40 before the introduction of Riley Orr saw another two wickets fall in quick succession—Brad Clark falling, caught behind, for 15 and then John Goulding playing a reckless shot and skying the ball to mid on for 3—with the score now 5/50 the chances for Mounties were starting to fade fast. However with skipper and Mounties best batsman, Brad Maguire, still at the crease anything was possible.

Unfortunately for Maguire none of the lower order batsmen were able to hang around long enough to get any momentum going and with wickets falling regularly the pressure was mounting by the over. That pressure came to a head when, with the score being 8/105, Maguire, now on 41, hit the last ball of an over to Georges River's best fielder Liam Sparkle at mid-on and looking to keep the strike took off for a quick single. Sparkle was right on the ball and his throw at the bowlers end was spot on with



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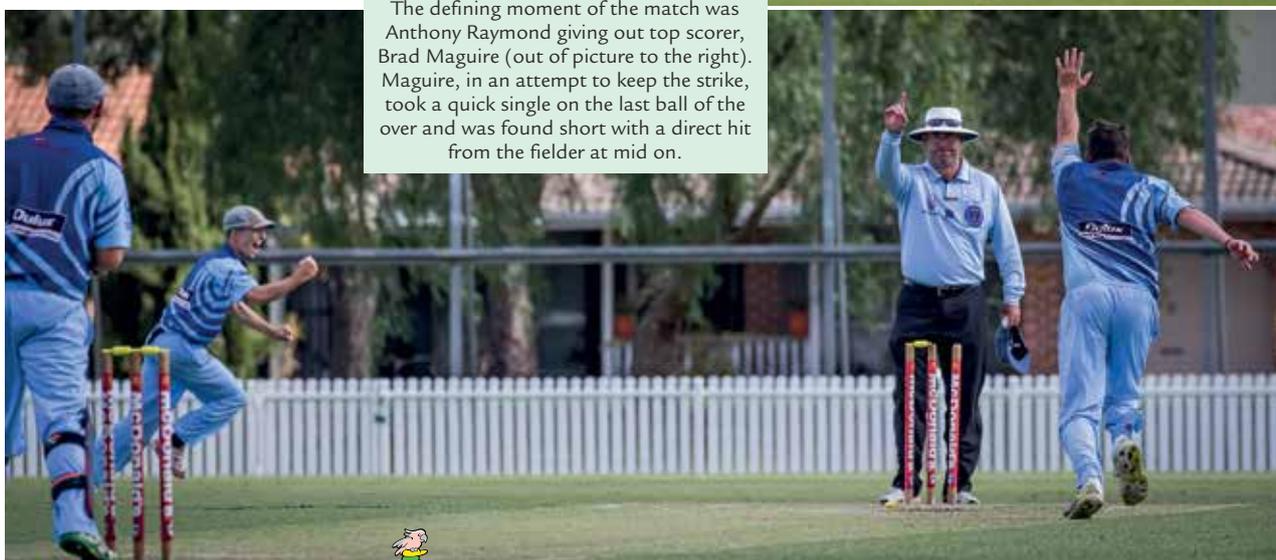
Maguire well out of his crease. The end came for Mounties not long after with the final wicket falling in the 37th over with a total of only 109 on the board. A comprehensive win to Georges River by 110 runs to celebrate their third Frank Gray Shield in a row.

At the post match presentation Georges River captain Ben Vella was awarded the man of the match medal for his match winning 65 with the bat and 2/10 with the ball.

Special thanks were offered to Blacktown Cricket Club for hosting this match on a ground that was in magnificent condition. The players and officials involved all had high praise for the efforts that were put in by the host club in making such brilliant facilities available for a Shires Competition final. We now look forward to next season to see if Georges River can win a fourth Frank Gray Shield in a row.



The defining moment of the match was Anthony Raymond giving out top scorer, Brad Maguire (out of picture to the right). Maguire, in an attempt to keep the strike, took a quick single on the last ball of the over and was found short with a direct hit from the fielder at mid on.





WICKETOWN	4	VISITORS	8
46	FOR	2	19
18	OVERS	50	

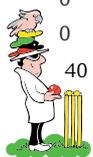


Match Appointments

SEASON 2016-17

	SHIRES	FRANK GRAY	PREMIER	TOTAL
Ahmed, Asfar	3	0	0	3
Alexander, Isaac	0	0	0	0
Banodkar, Mahesh	11	0	0	11
Basappa, Bharat	8	0	0	8
Bell, Grahame	1	0	10	11
Bergman, Tony	15	2	0	17
Blomfield, Stephen	18	8	0	26
Boorer, Matt	3	0	0	3
Bowman, Ian	14	4	0	18
Breakspear, Brian	8	0	0	8
Buckland, Ken	1	2	15	18
Burton, Daniel	16	4	0	20
Campbell, Neil	6	0	0	6
Carter, Charlie	5	0	0	5
Chegwidden, Les	15	0	0	15
Christen, Richard	10	0	0	10
Clements, Stephen	12	2	0	14
Clift, Paul	0	1	0	1
Conway, Michael	12	0	0	12
Cotter, Mark	5	1	0	6
Crocono, Rick	0	2	15	17
Davies, Keith	6	0	0	6
Davies, Reece	1	0	0	1
de Celis, Brian	15	2	0	17
de Costa, Kaysee	0	0	0	0
Dodwell, Simon	16	3	0	19
Duff, Cameron	2	3	13	18
Dunn, Michael	11	0	0	11
du Plessis, Berend	1	0	15	16
Elloy, Keith	8	0	0	8
Evans, Shane	8	0	0	8
Fairlie, Simon	2	2	0	4
Finnemore, Clay	15	3	0	18
Fonseka, Jude	0	0	0	0
Gavin, David	4	0	0	4
Goodger, Darren	0	0	19	19
Goodman, David	11	2	0	13
Hanshaw, Glen	0	0	0	0
Harrison, Spencer	15	0	0	15
Hendricks, Bill	0	0	0	0
Holland, Ivan	13	3	0	16
Hughes, Mark	7	0	9	16
Hunter, Kim	12	4	0	16
Khale, Shailesh	0	0	0	0
Khan, Zafar	1	0	0	1
Kirkness, John	4	0	0	4
Lees, Craig	1	1	13	15
Luke, William	13	4	0	17
Lulka, Adrian	3	0	0	3
Madan, Ajit	6	0	0	6

	SHIRES	FRANK GRAY	PREMIER	TOTAL
Maloney, Rob	0	0	3	3
Mathews, Rupert	14	5	1	20
Maxwell, Stephen	8	0	0	8
McGinn, Cameron	0	2	14	16
Mooney, Peter	12	1	0	13
Moore, Wayne	11	3	0	14
Murphy, Steve	0	0	0	0
Newsom, Ian	3	1	0	4
Oppenheim, Dennis	7	0	0	7
Overland, Tim	13	0	0	13
Panse, Kushal	11	0	0	11
Pardesi, Brijesh	0	0	0	0
Parker, Trevor	14	0	0	14
Paxton, Homer	8	0	0	8
Pillai, Ananthan	4	0	0	4
Ponsford, Derek	14	0	0	14
Pryde, Scott	16	0	0	16
Ramakrishnan, Keeran	0	0	0	0
Raymond, Anthony	13	4	2	19
Richards, George	0	0	0	0
Riley, Gerard	2	1	13	16
Roberts, Michael	12	0	0	12
Sant, Shalil	3	0	0	3
Schokman, Trevor	11	1	0	12
Scott, Ross	11	0	1	12
Shellens, Jim	0	0	0	0
Shield, Bob	0	1	13	14
Singham, Mano	12	0	0	12
Smellie, Patrick	15	3	0	18
Smith, Gordon	3	3	0	6
Srinivasan, Pawan	12	0	0	12
Starks, Steve	0	0	15	15
Steindler, Andrew	14	0	0	14
Stewart, Nigel	0	0	0	0
Tabrett, Ian	12	4	0	16
Taylor, Chris	0	0	0	0
Taylor, Geoff	0	0	0	0
Thomson, Ian	0	0	0	0
Thorpe, Jason	12	0	0	12
Tribolet, Brett	0	0	0	0
Turmanis, Juris	0	0	0	0
Turner, Peter	0	0	0	0
Vella, Aaron	0	0	0	0
Ward, Malcolm	8	0	0	8
Watson, Arthur	0	0	15	15
Wheeler, Geoff	16	4	0	20
Wheeler, Mike	11	3	0	14
White, Graeme	1	0	0	1
Whitehouse, Bruce	3	0	2	5
Wood, Stuart	0	1	13	14



Career Appointments

AS AT SEASON 2016-17

	SHIRES	FRANK GRAY	PREMIER	TOTAL		SHIRES	FRANK GRAY	PREMIER	TOTAL
Ahmed, Asfar	8	0	3	11	Maloney, Rob	48	6	48	102
Alexander, Isaac	0	0	0	0	Mathews, Rupert	164	62	7	233
Banodkar, Mahesh	39	0	2	41	Maxwell, Stephen	8	0	0	8
Basappa, Bharat	8	0	0	8	McGinn, Cameron	3	6	72	81
Bell, Grahame	42	0	40	82	Mooney, Peter	181	32	243	456
Bergman, Tony	113	23	0	136	Moore, Wayne	54	10	0	64
Blomfield, Stephen	291	122	12	425	Murphy, Steve	10	0	12	22
Boorer, Matt	3	0	0	3	Newsom, Ian	41	2	35	78
Bowman, Ian	147	34	0	181	Oppenheim, Dennis	42	0	0	42
Breakspear, Brian	84	0	13	97	Overland, Tim	13	0	0	13
Buckland, Ken	69	44	200	313	Panse, Kushal	11	0	0	11
Burton, Daniel	32	6	0	38	Pardesi, Brijesh	10	0	0	10
Campbell, Neil	54	0	1	55	Parker, Trevor	131	16	0	147
Carter, Charlie	5	0	0	5	Paxton, Homer	54	0	0	54
Chegwidden, Les	42	0	0	42	Pillai, Ananthan	12	0	0	12
Christen, Richard	126	14	59	199	Ponsford, Derek	132	0	0	132
Clements, Stephen	82	2	0	84	Pryde, Scott	20	0	0	20
Clift, Paul	9	25	0	34	Ramakrishnan, Keeran	49	2	70	121
Conway, Michael	77	0	2	79	Raymond, Anthony	56	15	2	73
Cotter, Mark	5	1	0	6	Richards, George	111	25	149	285
Crocono, Rick	48	5	15	68	Riley, Gerard	69	17	28	114
Davies, Keith	53	0	0	53	Roberts, Michael	113	13	80	206
Davies, Reece	15	0	1	16	Sant, Shalil	3	0	0	3
de Celis, Brian	43	4	0	47	Schokman, Trevor	189	12	3	204
de Costa, Kaysee	6	0	0	6	Scott, Ross	43	0	1	44
Dodwell, Simon	25	4	0	29	Shellens, Jim	181	74	36	291
Duff, Cameron	20	8	43	71	Shield, Bob	69	16	58	143
Dunn, Michael	36	0	0	36	Singham, Mano	89	0	2	91
du Plessis, Berend	12	0	62	74	Smellie, Patrick	140	14	1	155
Elloy, Keith	8	0	0	8	Smith, Gordon	189	63	3	255
Evans, Shane	12	0	6	18	Srinivasan, Pawan	24	0	0	24
Fairlie, Simon	22	6	0	28	Starks, Steve	35	4	125	164
Finnemore, Clay	37	6	0	43	Steindler, Andrew	85	0	29	114
Fonseka, Jude	29	0	0	29	Stewart, Nigel	1	0	0	1
Gavin, David	4	0	0	4	Tabrett, Ian	100	39	2	141
Goodger, Darren	19	13	298	330	Taylor, Chris	143	55	49	247
Goodman, David	79	19	0	98	Taylor, Geoff	161	48	1	210
Hanshaw, Glen	61	11	0	72	Thomson, Ian	30	0	0	30
Harrison, Spencer	229	42	2	273	Thorpe, Jason	12	0	0	12
Hendricks, Bill	6	8	326	340	Tribolet, Brett	92	9	2	103
Holland, Ivan	216	69	1	286	Turmanis, Juris	19	0	126	145
Hughes, Mark	50	13	122	185	Turner, Peter	11	0	17	28
Hunter, Kim	89	16	0	105	Vella, Aaron	42	25	44	111
Khale, Shailesh	32	2	0	34	Ward, Malcolm	101	4	0	105
Khan, Zafar	6	0	2	8	Watson, Arthur	21	2	730	753
Kirkness, John	4	0	0	4	Wheeler, Geoff	137	33	3	173
Lees, Craig	3	1	57	61	Wheeler, Mike	116	42	1	159
Luke, William	37	5	0	42	White, Graeme	29	0	0	29
Lulka, Adrian	3	0	0	3	Whitehouse, Bruce	90	32	31	153
Madan, Ajit	55	1	0	56	Wood, Stuart	57	8	62	127

AROUND THE GROUNDS

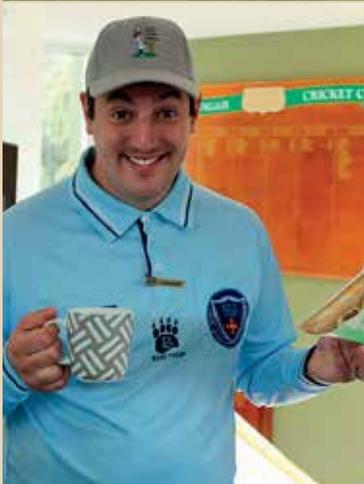


Tim Overland and Peter Mooney at Kanebridge Oval. 2nd grade. Round 12

Andrew Steindler and Malcolm Ward at North Epping Oval. 2nd grade. Round 9



Tim Overland at Kanebridge Oval. 2nd grade. Round 12



Charlie Carter digging in at the tea break. Weldon Oval. 2nd grade. Round 2

Daniel Burton at Kanebridge Oval. 2nd grade. Grand Final



Simon Dodwell and Andrew Steindler at Weldon Oval. 2nd grade. Qualifying Final

Tim Bourke, Warringah Captain, with Peter Mooney at Rothwell Oval. 2nd grade. Round 10

50+ Career Shires Matches

AS AT SEASON 2016-17

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	METRO	SUBTOTAL	FRANK GRAY	TOTAL		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	METRO	SUBTOTAL	FRANK GRAY	TOTAL
Blomfield, Stephen	203	47	23	18	0	291	122	413	Gandevia, Robin	40	8	4	1	5	58	42	100
Holland, Ivan	92	78	29	16	1	216	69	285	Goodman, David	19	48	6	4	2	79	19	98
Harrison, Spencer	74	82	43	25	5	229	42	271	Singham, Mano	0	4	60	25	0	89	0	89
Shellens, Jim	107	31	16	21	6	181	74	255	Riley, Gerard	32	20	12	5	0	69	17	86
Friend, Peter	165	19	16	1	1	202	52	254	Shield, Bob	28	20	14	4	3	69	16	85
Smith, Gordon	24	84	55	19	7	189	63	252	Steindler, Andrew	18	34	24	6	3	85	0	85
Mathews, Rupert	87	41	19	14	3	164	62	226	Breakspear, Brian	24	34	21	2	3	84	0	84
Mooney, Peter	121	29	24	5	2	181	32	213	Clements, Stephen	11	39	21	7	4	82	2	84
Taylor, Geoff	85	50	13	10	3	161	48	209	Moore, John	49	16	1	3	0	69	14	83
Schokman, Trevor	53	74	44	14	4	189	12	201	Parfett, Bruce	50	2	2	4	0	58	25	83
Taylor, Chris	118	14	9	2	0	143	55	198	Conway, Michael	0	15	51	9	2	77	0	77
Bowman, Ian	44	68	15	15	5	147	34	181	Hanshaw, Glen	32	17	8	3	1	61	11	72
Wheeler, Geoff	81	28	21	6	1	137	33	170	Raymond, Anthony	41	12	1	2	0	56	15	71
Wheeler, Michael	63	33	15	4	1	116	42	158	Ralston, Tim	53	11	3	1	0	68	0	68
Smellie, Patrick	68	46	18	8	0	140	14	154	Vella, Aaron	18	11	9	4	0	42	25	67
Kingsford-Smith, Tony	46	31	17	15	2	111	38	149	Donnellan, Tom	36	26	1	0	0	63	2	65
Parker, Trevor	5	29	75	16	6	131	16	147	Osseweyer, Brett	33	7	2	2	1	45	20	65
Christen, Richard	3	33	63	24	3	126	14	140	Wood, Stuart	22	21	9	4	1	57	8	65
Tabrett, Ian	50	24	22	3	1	100	39	139	Moore, Wayne	17	24	8	5	0	54	10	64
Richards, George	44	38	20	8	1	111	25	136	Hughes, Mark	37	4	2	7	0	50	13	63
Bergman, Tony	26	58	15	12	2	113	23	136	Kearney, Chris	30	16	1	2	1	50	12	62
Ponsford, Derek	50	62	12	5	3	132	0	132	Thorpe, Ken	40	13	0	0	0	53	5	58
Roberts, Michael	30	31	39	9	4	113	13	126	Madan, Ajit	0	7	39	7	2	55	1	56
Whitehouse, Bruce	33	28	10	15	4	90	32	122	Barnes, John	22	21	4	3	0	50	4	54
Shiner, Tom	50	39	2	3	0	94	19	113	Maloney, Rob	26	12	4	2	4	48	6	54
Buckland, Ken	27	10	12	17	3	69	44	113	Campbell, Neil	0	8	30	16	0	54	0	54
Green, Alan	85	16	7	1	0	109	1	110	Paxton, Homer	0	5	31	18	0	54	0	54
Ward, Malcolm	43	37	15	2	4	101	4	105	Crocono, Rick	13	19	11	3	2	48	5	53
Hunter, Kim	37	32	13	2	5	89	16	105	Davies, Keith	0	26	25	1	1	53	0	53
Tribolet, Brett	65	13	11	2	1	92	9	101	Roche, Glenn	15	6	5	4	1	31	21	52
Quaken, Keith	71	25	4	0	0	100	0	100	Ramakrishnan, Keeran	8	22	11	7	1	49	2	51

FOOTNOTE-NSWCUSA match milestone achievements as listed on page 7 of this report will vary to those records kept by this Association. Whilst all SSCUA records include appointments to the Frank Gray Shield, NSWCUSA does not include this competition in its statistical records, as is also the case for matches umpired in Poidevin Gray or AW Green Shield fixtures in Sydney Premier cricket. This footnote is supplied for clarity where confusion may occur regarding statistics in this report that may vary from one section to another.

Career Finals

10 FINALS SERIES MATCHES TO QUALIFY

	SATURDAY SHIRES		FRANK GRAY SHIELD		
	QUALIFYING & SEMIFINALS	GRAND FINALS	QUALIFYING & SEMIFINALS	GRAND FINALS	CAREER FINALS
Blomfield, Stephen	32	16	26	7	81
Taylor, Chris	18	9	8	5	40
Friend, Peter	23	10	6	1	40
Shellens, Jim	19	5	11	1	36
Mooney, Peter	23	7	2	1	33
Harrison, Spencer	22	4	4	0	30
Taylor, Geoff	18	3	5	1	27
Smith, Gordon	18	2	5	1	26
Holland, Ivan	21	0	4	0	25
Mathews, Rupert	19	3	2	0	24
Wheeler, Mike	11	5	7	0	23
Wheeler, Geoff	14	6	2	0	22
Whitehouse, Bruce	10	4	7	0	21
Tabrett, Ian	11	4	6	0	21
Raymond, Anthony	8	4	4	2	18
Parfett, Bruce	8	3	3	3	17
Bowman, Ian	15	0	0	0	15
Gandevia, Robin	6	2	4	2	14
Kingsford-Smith, Tony	9	2	2	1	14
Green, Alan	10	4	0	0	14
Moore, John	9	4	1	0	14
Tribolet, Brett	9	4	1	0	14
Osseweyer, Brett	6	2	3	2	13
Richards, George	11	0	1	1	13
Buckland, Ken	8	1	2	1	12
Vella, Aaron	6	2	3	0	11
Schokman, Trevor	11	0	0	0	11
Smellie, Patrick	11	0	0	0	11
Bergman, Tony	11	0	0	0	11
Riley, Gerard	7	2	1	0	10
Hughes, Mark	7	2	1	0	10



This kookaburra is a regular spectator at Pennant Hills Oval

Masters & Classics

	2016-17 CAREER		2016-17 CAREER		
	2016-17 CAREER	2016-17 CAREER	2016-17 CAREER	2016-17 CAREER	
Ahmed, Asfar	0	0	Maloney, Rob	0	0
Alexander, Isaac	0	0	Mathews, Rupert	5	29
Banodkar, Mahesh	0	0	Maxwell, Stephen	0	0
Basappa, Bharat	0	0	McGinn, Cameron	1	11
Bell, Grahame	0	0	Mooney, Peter	0	3
Bergman, Tony	9	49	Moore, Wayne	0	6
Blomfield, Stephen	2	12	Murphy, Steve	0	0
Boorer, Matt	0	0	Newsom, Ian	6	6
Bowman, Ian	0	3	Oppenheim, Dennis	12	62
Breakspear, Brian	0	0	Overland, Tim	0	0
Buckland, Ken	8	40	Panse, Kushal	0	0
Burton, Daniel	1	6	Pardesi, Brijesh	0	0
Campbell, Neil	0	0	Parker, Trevor	14	65
Carter, Charlie	0	0	Paxton, Homer	0	0
Chegwidden, Les	3	7	Pillai, Ananthan	0	0
Christen, Richard	0	6	Ponsford, Derek	0	0
Clements, Stephen	0	0	Pryde, Scott	0	0
Clift, Paul	0	6	Ramakrishnan,		
Conway, Michael	6	12	Keeran	0	0
Cotter, Mark	3	3	Raymond, Anthony	0	0
Crocono, Rick	3	15	Richards, George	0	0
Davies, Keith	1	4	Riley, Gerard	1	11
Davies, Reece	0	0	Roberts, Michael	6	12
de Celis, Brian	7	17	Sant, Shalil	0	0
de Costa, Kaysee	0	0	Schokman, Trevor	0	3
Dodwell, Simon	8	8	Scott, Ross	5	17
Duff, Cameron	1	22	Shellens, Jim	0	15
Dunn, Michael	0	6	Shield, Bob	5	17
du Plessis, Berend	0	0	Singham, Mano	0	0
Elloy, Keith	0	0	Smellie, Patrick	6	29
Evans, Shane	3	3	Smith, Gordon	1	1
Fairlie, Simon	0	15	Srinivasan, Pawan	0	0
Finnemore, Clay	0	5	Starks, Steve	0	0
Fonseka, Jude	0	0	Steindler, Andrew	0	0
Gavin, David	0	0	Stewart, Nigel	0	0
Goodger, Darren	0	0	Tabrett, Ian	0	4
Goodman, David	0	0	Taylor, Chris	0	13
Hanshaw, Glen	0	0	Taylor, Geoff	0	17
Harrison, Spencer	19	75	Thomson, Ian	0	0
Hendricks, Bill	0	0	Thorpe, Jason	2	2
Holland, Ivan	6	11	Tribolet, Brett	0	0
Hughes, Mark	0	0	Turmanis, Juris	13	54
Hunter, Kim	0	23	Turner, Peter	0	0
Khale, Shailesh	0	0	Vella, Aaron	0	1
Khan, Zafar	0	0	Ward, Malcolm	0	0
Kirkness, John	0	0	Watson, Arthur	0	0
Lees, Craig	3	13	Wheeler, Geoff	3	7
Luke, William	6	12	Wheeler, Mike	4	21
Lulka, Adrian	2	2	White, Graeme	0	0
Madan, Ajit	0	0	Whitehouse, Bruce	0	0
			Wood, Stuart	2	15

Meetings

ALL CURRENT MEMBER'S ATTENDANCES

	2016-17 CAREER ATTENDANCE CAREER MEETINGS %				2016-17 CAREER ATTENDANCE CAREER MEETINGS %				
Ahmed, Afsar	0	0	1	0.00	Mathews, Rupert	8	40	41	97.56
Alexander, Isaac	2	2	4	50.00	Maxwell, Stephen	3	3	4	75.00
Banodkar, Mahesh	3	9	11	81.82	McGinn, Cameron	0	3	15	20.00
Basappa, Bharat	1	1	3	33.33	Mooney, Peter	4	33	41	80.49
Bell, Grahame	1	10	20	50.00	Moore, Wayne	3	14	15	93.33
Bergman, Tony	4	23	27	85.19	Murphy, Stephen	0	5	49	10.20
Blomfield, Stephen	4	49	52	94.23	Newsom, Ian	2	7	18	38.89
Boorer, Matt	1	1	4	25.00	Oppenheim, Dennis	3	17	22	77.27
Bowman, Ian	2	28	45	62.22	Overland, Tim	2	2	4	50.00
Breakspear, Brian	1	12	34	35.29	Panse, Kushal	3	3	3	100.00
Buckland, Kenneth	4	34	50	68.00	Pardesi, Brijesh	0	3	10	30.00
Burton, Dan	2	6	11	54.55	Parker, Trevor	4	33	35	94.29
Campbell, Neil	2	14	38	36.84	Paxton, Homer	1	10	30	33.33
Carter, Charlie	2	2	3	66.67	Pillai, Ananthan	1	3	7	42.86
Chegwidden, Les	4	11	11	100.00	Ponsford, Derek	2	21	44	47.73
Christen, Richard	0	20	45	44.44	Pryde, Scott	3	4	5	80.00
Clements, Stephen	4	21	28	75.00	Ramarkrishnan, Keeran	0	7	31	22.58
Clift, Paul	4	19	34	55.88	Raymond, Anthony	3	14	15	93.33
Conway, Michael	3	17	28	60.71	Richards, George	2	43	51	84.31
Cotter, Mark	1	1	4	25.00	Riley, Gerard	4	20	22	90.91
Crocono, Rick	8	15	15	100.00	Roberts, Michael	4	43	52	82.69
Davies, Keith	2	8	26	30.77	Sant, Shalil	1	1	4	25.00
Davies, Reece	1	2	29	6.90	Schokman, Trevor	4	46	49	93.88
de Celis, Brian	1	6	11	54.55	Scott, Ross	3	12	15	80.00
de Costa, Kaysee	0	1	26	3.85	Shellens, Jim	0	31	50	62.00
Dodwell, Simon	3	3	3	100.00	Shield, Bob	2	18	33	54.55
du Plessis, Berend	0	3	19	15.79	Singham, Mano	4	26	28	92.86
Duff, Cameron	4	12	15	80.00	Smellie, Patrick	2	31	38	81.58
Dunn, Michael	0	4	11	36.36	Smith, Gordon	3	37	52	71.15
Elloy, Keith	3	3	4	75.00	Srinivasan, Pawad	2	4	7	57.14
Evans, Shane	1	1	3	33.33	Starks, Steve	0	13	52	25.00
Fairlie, Simon	1	10	19	52.63	Steindler, Andrew	1	7	24	29.17
Finnemore, Clay	4	9	9	100.00	Stewart, Nigel	0	1	7	14.29
Fonseka, Jude	0	3	19	15.79	Tabrett, Ian	3	21	25	84.00
Gavin, David	1	1	1	100.00	Taylor, Chris	0	15	51	29.41
Goodger, Darren	2	15	38	39.47	Taylor, Geoff	0	33	52	63.46
Goodman, David	1	16	50	32.00	Thomson, Ian	0	5	49	10.20
Hanshaw, Glen	3	26	52	50.00	Thorpe, Jason	3	3	4	75.00
Harrison, Spencer	4	41	49	83.67	Tribolet, Brett	1	17	49	34.69
Hendricks, Bill	0	1	14	7.14	Turmanis, Juris	0	3	19	15.79
Holland, Ivan	3	45	52	86.54	Turner, Peter	0	5	26	19.23
Hughes, Mark	2	36	41	87.80	Vella, Aaron	0	14	27	51.85
Hunter, Kim	4	22	22	100.00	Ward, Malcolm	4	23	33	69.70
Khale, Shailesh	0	11	34	32.35	Watson, Arthur	2	17	38	44.74
Khan, Zafar	1	1	3	33.33	Wheeler, Geoff	3	28	34	82.35
Kirkness, John	0	0	3	0.00	Wheeler, Michael	1	21	25	84.00
Lees, Craig	0	2	10	20.00	White, Graeme	0	2	18	11.11
Luke, William	6	7	8	87.50	Whitehouse, Bruce	2	6	48	12.50
Lulka, Adrian	1	1	4	25.00	Wood, Stuart	0	16	30	53.33
Madan, Ajit	1	16	31	51.61					
Maloney, Rob	0	5	41	12.20					



AROUND THE GROUNDS



Simone, the head curator at Kanebridge Oval, with Peter Mooney and Tim Overland. 2nd grade. Round 12

Stephen Blomfield says yes to an LBW appeal at Pennant Hills Oval. Frank Gray Shield. Round 5



The fluoro bails fly during the Frank Gray Shield Grand Final



Andrew Steindler and Scott Pryde at Boronia Park for the Tim Creer Cup Final

Rob Nandi, the Second Grade Premiership Captain with the SJ Mayne Trophy



Tim Overland and Michael Roberts at Mike Pawley Oval. 4th grade. Qualifying Final

Finals Series

SYDNEY SHIRES

First Grade	GAME	HOMETEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2001-02	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Pennant Hills	S Blomfield / K Wentzel
	Quarter Final	Lindfield*	Burwood	B Parfett / S Starks
	Quarter Final	Warringah	Epping*	S Yeend / T Ralston
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Epping	S Blomfield / K Wentzel
	Semi Final	Lindfield*	Warringah	B Parfett / S Yeend
	Final	Lindfield*	South Sydney	B Parfett / S Yeend
2002-03	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	G Rush / P Kite†
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Pennant Hills	J Moore / G Pepper
	Quarter Final	Burwood	South Sydney*	B Parfett / S Blomfield
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	S Blomfield / B Parfett
	Semi Final	Auburn*	South Sydney	J Moore / G Pepper
	Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	J Moore / B Parfett
2003-04	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	J Moore / S Blomfield
	Quarter Final	Auburn	South Sydney*	B Parfett / A Green
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Lindfield	R Gandevia / P Friend
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	J Moore / B Parfett
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills	South Sydney*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Final	Strathfield*	South Sydney	J Moore / B Parfett
2004-05	Quarter Final	Strathfield	Pennant Hills*	C Taylor / J Moore
	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Auburn*	P Friend / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Burwood	S Blomfield / A Hinks
	Semi Final	Warringah	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Semi Final	Auburn	Pennant Hills*	J Moore / A Green
	Final	Strathfield*	Pennant Hills	J Moore / A Green
2005-06	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Auburn	C Taylor / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Warringah	Burwood*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Pennant Hills	A Green / N Wennerbom†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	A Green / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	S Blomfield / B Osseweyer
	Final	South Sydney	Burwood*	A Green / C Taylor
2006-07	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Auburn	S Harrison / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Burwood	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove	Strathfield*	J Moore / P Mooney
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills*	Lane Cove	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Strathfield	J Moore / C Taylor
	Final	Pennant Hills	South Sydney*	C Taylor / P Friend
2007-08	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Strathfield	M Hughes / A Green
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills	Auburn*	T Kingsford-Smith / P Mooney
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Epping*	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	South Sydney	Pennant Hills*	P Mooney / P Friend
	Semi Final	Epping*	Auburn	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Final	Pennant Hills*	Epping	S Blomfield / P Friend
2008-09	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	NW Sydney	M Hughes / T Kingsford-Smith
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Epping	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Lindfield	A Green / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills*	Lindfield	M Hughes / S Blomfield
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Strathfield	C Taylor / P Friend
	Final	Pennant Hills	South Sydney*	C Taylor / P Friend
2009-10	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	P Friend / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	Auburn	NW Sydney*	P Mooney / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Warringah	South Sydney*	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	C Taylor / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	NW Sydney	P Friend / P Mooney
	Final	Strathfield	South Sydney*	C Taylor / P Mooney

Finals Series

SYDNEY SHIRES

First Grade	GAME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2010-11	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Roseville	S Blomfield / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	C Taylor / P Mooney
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	B Tribolet / P Friend
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	P Mooney / P Friend
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
	Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	P Mooney / B Tribolet
2011-12	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Epping	S Blomfield / P Mooney
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	B Tribolet / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Strathfield	D Goodger / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Strathfield	C Taylor / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Auburn	S Blomfield / D Goodger
	Grand Final	Lane Cove*	Burwood	D Goodger / C Taylor
2012-13	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	P Friend / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove	Lindfield*	A Vella / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Epping*	S Blomfield / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	P Friend / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Epping*	Lindfield	S Blomfield / A Vella
	Grand Final	Burwood*	Epping	S Blomfield / C Taylor
2013-14	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Burwood*	I Tabrett / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Epping	S Blomfield / M Ward
	Quarter Final	Roseville	NW Sydney*	P Mooney / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Macquarie Uni	P Mooney / M Wheeler
	Semi Final	NW Sydney	Burwood*	B Whitehouse / S Blomfield
	Grand Final	Warringah	Burwood*	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
2014-15	Quarter Final	Georges River*	Lindfield	S Blomfield / A Raymond
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	D Burton / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	MP-Southern Dist	NW Sydney*	G Riley / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Georges River	Burwood*	S Blomfield / A Raymond
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Macquarie Uni	D Burton / G Taylor
	Grand Final	NW Sydney	Burwood*	S Blomfield / A Raymond
2015-16	Quarter Final	MP-Southern Dist*	Pennant Hills	B Tribolet / A Steindler
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse**
	Quarter Final	Georges River*	Warringah	A Raymond / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	MP-Southern Dist	Burwood*	A Raymond / M Hughes
	Semi Final	Georges River	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
	Grand Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	A Raymond / B Tribolet
2016-17	Qualifying Final	NW Sydney*	Lane Cove	C Finnemore / G Wheeler
	Qualifying Final	MP Sth Districts*	Burwood	D Burton / M Hughes
	Qualifying Final	Georges River*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / A Raymond
	Semifinal	NW Sydney*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / C Finnemore
	Semifinal	MP Sth Districts*	Georges River	M Hughes / A Raymond
	Grand Final	NW Sydney	MP Sth Districts*	A Raymond / S Blomfield

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**Due to illness B Whitehouse was replaced by B du Plessis on day two



Second Grade	GAME	HOMETEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2001-02	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Blacktown*	P Friend / B Leader†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Holroyd Hills	D Keierleber / P Kite†
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills	Warringah*	I Holland / T Shiner
	Semi Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	T Shiner / T Ralston
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Blacktown	S Starks / P Friend
	Final	Burwood	Warringah*	S Blomfield / K Wentzel
2002-03	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Richards / A Gale
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	G Smith / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	K Buckland / P Mooney†
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Holroyd Hills	G Taylor / A Gale
	Semi Final	Strathfield	South Sydney*	G Rush / N Carson†
	Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	S Blomfield / G Pepper
2003-04	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	G Smith / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Epping	C Taylor / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	South Sydney	G Taylor / J McKinnon
	Semi Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	J McKinnon / A Green
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Pennant Hills	R Gandevia / C Taylor
	Final	Burwood	Warringah*	S Blomfield / P Friend
2004-05	Quarter Final	Burwood	Lane Cove*	G Taylor / P Tate†
	Quarter Final	Holroyd Hills*	Strathfield	I Holland / G Smith
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Lindfield	R Gandevia / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Holroyd Hills*	Burwood	A Hinks / B Osseweyer
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Lane Cove	C Taylor / R Gandevia
	Final	Holroyd Hills*	South Sydney	S Blomfield / P Friend
2005-06	Quarter Final	Burwood	Auburn*	G Roche / B Davis†
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	S Harrison / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Warringah	J Shellens / T Bird
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Burwood	G Roche / P Friend
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	S Harrison / T Bird
	Final	Lane Cove*	South Sydney	S Blomfield / B Osseweyer
2006-07	Quarter Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	K Buckland / C Kearney
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Auburn	J Shellens / G Smith
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lindfield	G Hanshaw / I Holland
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lindfield	G Hanshaw / S Harrison
	Semi Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	J Shellens / P Mooney
	Final	Burwood*	Warringah	S Blomfield / J Moore
2007-08	Quarter Final	Auburn	Lindfield*	R Mathews / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Burwood	G Smith / A Charlesworth
	Quarter Final	Roseville*	Pennant Hills	S Harrison / C Jones
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	A Green / T Kingsford-Smith
	Semi Final	Roseville*	Lindfield	M Hughes / J Shellens
	Final	Lane Cove	Roseville*	B Whitehouse / P Mooney
2008-09	Quarter Final	Lindfield*	Strathfield	P Mooney / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Georges River	G Taylor / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Burwood*	G Smith / D Goodman
	Semi Final	Lindfield	Auburn*	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills	Burwood*	B Whitehouse / A Green
	Final	Burwood*	Auburn	S Blomfield / M Hughes
2009-10	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Warringah*	M Wheeler / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	K Ramakrishnan / R Maloney
	Semi Final	Auburn*	NW Sydney	S Blomfield / B Breakspear
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Warringah	K Ramakrishnan / G Wheeler
	Final	Auburn*	Burwood	S Blomfield / B Tribolet

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2010-11	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / D Martin
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	J Shellens / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Burwood	S Wood / K Ramakrishnan
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Burwood	C Taylor / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	J Shellens / M Wheeler
	Final	NW Sydney	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / P Friend
2011-12	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	I Tabrett / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove	Auburn*	G Smith / R Mathews
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Warringah*	P Friend / A Vella
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Lane Cove	P Mooney / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Auburn	M Wheeler / A Vella
	Grand Final	Strathfield	Warringah*	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
2012-13	Quarter Final	Epping*	Pennant Hills	G Taylor / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Roseville	S Harrison / R Mathews
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Warringah	P Mooney / G Stubbings
	Semi Final	Epping	Burwood*	S Harrison / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Warringah	G Wheeler / M Wheeler
	Grand Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	A Vella / M Wheeler
2013-14	Quarter Final	Burwood*	MP-Southern Dist	R Mathews / G Riley
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Roseville	P Friend / A Raymond
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Epping	K Hunter / P Smellie
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Epping	P Friend / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Auburn	A Raymond / R Mathews
	Grand Final	Burwood*	Warringah	P Mooney / M Wheeler
2014-15	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	R Mathews / R Damodaran
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Lindfield	K Hunter / M Roberts
	Quarter Final	Georges River*	NW Sydney	P Mooney / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	R Mathews / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Georges River	G Riley / I Tabrett
	Grand Final	Burwood	Warringah*	D Burton / G Taylor
2015-16	Quarter Final	Warringah	Georges River*	K Hunter / M Roberts
	Quarter Final	MP-Southern Dist*	Macquarie Uni	P Mooney / R Crocono
	Quarter Final	Epping	Burwood*	C Finnemore / R Matthews
	Semi Final	MP-Southern Dist	Warringah*	R Mathews / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	Burwood Briars*	Georges River	A Steindler / P Mooney
	Grand Final	Burwood	Warringah*	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
2016-17	Qualifying Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	S Dodwell / A Steindler
	Qualifying Final	Burwood*	Lindfield	P Mooney / S Pryde
	Qualifying Final	Epping*	Balmain Sth Sydney	L Chegvidden / I Tabrett
	Semifinal	Warringah*	Balmain Sth Sydney	D Burton / S Dodwell
	Semifinal	Burwood*	Epping	I Tabrett / G Wheeler
	Grand Final	Warringah	Burwood *	D Burton / C Finnemore

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	GAME	HOMETEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2001-02	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Cant/Bexley	G Pepper / L Buckingham†
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Strathfield*	B Goddard† / L Kain†
	Quarter Final	Burwood	South Sydney*	C Kearney / G Chudleigh†
	Semi Final	Warringah	Auburn*	G Pepper / L Borg†
	Semi Final	South Sydney	Strathfield*	I Holland / T Kingsford-Smith†
	Final	Strathfield	Auburn*	P Friend / S Starks
2002-03	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	K Dhandapani / D Tyson†
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Lindfield*	R Gandevia / C King†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	I Holland / B Lalor†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Macquarie Uni	T Shiner / I Holland
	Semi Final	Burwood	Lindfield*	G Richards / H Owen†
	Final	South Sydney*	Lindfield	G Taylor / G Rush
2003-04	Quarter Final	Auburn	Macquarie Uni*	I Holland / N Carson†
	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Burwood*	D Timbs† / B Wylie†
	Quarter Final	Holroyd Hills	Warringah*	T Schokman/T Kingsford-Smith†
	Semi Final	Warringah	Auburn*	G Taylor / B Osseweyer
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / J Shellens
	Final	Burwood*	Auburn	A Green / R Gandevia
2004-05	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	T Bird / D Tyson†
	Quarter Final	Roseville	Macquarie Uni*	T Schokman / G Richards
	Quarter Final	Warringah	South Sydney*	I Thomson / B Hammond
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Macquarie Uni	G Taylor / I Holland
	Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	A Hinks / C Taylor
2005-06	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Strathfield	G Smith / N Carson†
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	K Buckland / K Leahy†
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	South Sydney	G Richards / D Ponsford
	Semi Final	Auburn	Burwood*	J Shellens / G Richards
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Macquarie Uni	G Taylor / K Buckland
	Final	Warringah	Burwood*	G Roche / P Friend
2006-07	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Auburn	C Jones / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Macquarie Uni*	R Christen / P Coleman
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Lane Cove*	G Richards / P Chambiras
	Semi Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	G Smith / I Holland
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	K Buckland / C Jones
	Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / G Hanshaw
2007-08	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Roseville	P Coleman / R Christen
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	G Richards / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	T Schokman / P Smellie
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills*	Burwood	S Harrison / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / C Jones
	Final	Pennant Hills	Warringah*	M Hughes / J Shellens
2008-09	Quarter Final	Auburn*	NW Sydney	I Holland / D Ponsford
	Quarter Final	Georges River	Lane Cove*	R Mathews / T Parker
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Warringah*	M Wheeler / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Auburn	Georges River*	G Smith / G Taylor
	Semi Final	Warringah	Lane Cove*	D Goodman / P Mooney
	Final	Lane Cove	Georges River*	T Kingsford-Smith / A Green
2009-10	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Lindfield	S Wood / I Bowman
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Georges River	T Kingsford-Smith / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Auburn*	Georges River	G Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Burwood	M Wheeler / G Taylor
	Final	Auburn*	NW Sydney	B Breakspear / G Wheeler

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2010-11	Quarter Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	B Baxter / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Roseville	I Bowman / M Ward
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	B Shield / A Vella
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Strathfield	S Harrison / A Vella
	Semi Final	Auburn	Burwood*	S Wood / D Martin
	Final	Warringah	Burwood*	C Taylor / M Wheeler
2011-12	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Strathfield	S Harrison / M Ward
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Shield / I Bowman
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	NW Sydney	J Shellens / S Wood
	Semi Final	Auburn	NW Sydney*	P Friend / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	G Smith / G Wheeler
	Grand Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	P Mooney / M Wheeler
2012-13	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lindfield	G Riley / B Shield
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Georges River	M Ward / T Bergman
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Warringah*	K Hunter / S Wood
	Semi Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	R Mathews / G Riley
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	P Mooney / G Taylor
	Grand Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	G Wheeler / I Tabrett
2013-14	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Strathfield	G Taylor / C Duff
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Epping*	S Harrison / I Newsom
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Warringah	S Clements / T Bergman
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Burwood	S Harrison / K Hunter
	Semi Final	NW Sydney	Epping*	G Riley / P Smellie
	Grand Final	Macquarie Uni*	Epping	I Tabrett / P Friend
2014-15	Quarter Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	S Harrison / R Crocono
	Quarter Final	Georges River	Strathfield*	I Bowman / W Moore
	Quarter Final	Warringah	Macquarie Uni*	P Smellie / T Bergman
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Georges River	S Harrison / P Mooney
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni	Strathfield*	K Hunter / P Smellie
	Grand Final	Burwood	Strathfield*	G Riley / I Tabrett
2015-16	Quarter Final	Burwood	Epping*	I Bowman / M Dunn
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Georges River	I Tabrett / W Moore
	Quarter Final	Warringah	NW Sydney*	W Luke / P Smellie
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni	Burwood*	M Roberts / R Crocono
	Semi Final	NW Sydney	Epping*	C Finmore / K Hunter
	Grand Final	Epping	Burwood*	A Steindler / G Wheeler
2016-17	Qualifying Final	Auburn	Strathfield*	S Clements / D Goodman
	Qualifying Final	Burwood	Georges River*	R Mathews / P Smellie
	Qualifying Final	Warringah*	Epping	T Bergman / R Scott
	Semifinal	Warringah*	Auburn	L Chegwidan / P Mooney
	Semifinal	Georges River*	Strathfield	T Bergman / S Pryde
	Grand Final	Warringah*	Georges River	S Dodwell / G Wheeler

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Fourth Grade	GAME	HOMETEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2001-02	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Roseville	R Rajogopalan / A Green†
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Epping	M Jones† / G Callaway†
	Quarter Final	Blacktown*	Holroyd Hills	N Wennebom† / C King†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	C Kearney / R Rajogopalan
	Semi Final	Warringah	Blacktown*	M Beaumont† / N Carson†
	Final	South Sydney	Blacktown*	T Shiner / T Ralston
2002-03	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Auburn	J Shellens / P Hooper†
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Georges River	D Goodman / B Wylie†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	M Verran† / K Leahy†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Lane Cove	G Smith / L Buckingham†
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Burwood	K Buckland / T Kingsford-Smith†
	Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	G Smith / A Gale
2003-04	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Auburn	C Weir† / P Honeywill†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	S Harrison / G Redman†
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Roseville	E Nicholas† / K Leahy†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Roseville	I Holland / G Richards
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Whitehouse / S Harrison
	Final	South Sydney*	Burwood	G Smith / C Taylor
2004-05	Quarter Final	Holroyd Hills	Sth Districts*	C Weir† / L Kain†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Roche / T Kingsford-Smith†
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	B Whitehouse / S Starks
	Semi Final	Burwood	Holroyd Hills*	B Parfett / N Wennerbom†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Sth Districts	G Richards / B Hammond
	Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	R Gandevia / B Osseweyer
2005-06	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Street / B Cheetham†
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Pennant Hills	T Schokman / K Ramakrishnan†
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Auburn	W Luke / C Weir†
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Auburn	G Street / J Barnes†
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Warringah	I Holland / B Parfett
	Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	S Harrison / T Bird
2006-07	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Pennant Hills	I Thomson / B Davis†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Auburn	I Bowman / T Kershaw†
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Roseville	D Goodman / D Lenzo†
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Roseville	P Coleman / G Richards
	Semi Final	Burwood	South Sydney*	R Christen / B Cheetham†
	Final	Macquarie Uni	South Sydney*	J Shellens / K Buckland
2007-08	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	NW Sydney	G Roche / I Bowman
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Lane Cove*	G Tunks / G Verco†
	Quarter Final	Lindfield	Georges River*	R Davis† / K Ramakrishnan†
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Auburn	A Charlesworth / G Richards
	Semi Final	Georges River	Lane Cove*	P Coleman / I Holland
	Final	Macquarie Uni*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / T Kingsford-Smith
2008-09	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Georges River*	I Bowman / B Breakspear
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Tribolet / R Christen
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Lindfield*	K Buckland / S McLean
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	K Buckland / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Lindfield*	Georges River	I Holland / T Parker
	Final	Burwood*	Lindfield	J Shellens / B Whitehouse
2009-10	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Georges River	J Moore / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Warringah	NW Sydney*	B Shield / T Parker
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Burwood*	L Deacon / R Christen
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Warringah	S Harrison / I Bowman
	Semi Final	Burwood	NW Sydney*	T Parker / R Mathews
	Final	Macquarie Uni	NW Sydney*	J Shellens / M Wheeler

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Fourth Grade	GAME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2010-11	Quarter Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	R Jaensch / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Lane Cove	T Parker / S Arora
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	R Christen / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Burwood	I Holland / K Ramakrishnan
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Strathfield	I Bowman / B Baxter
	Final	Warringah	Macquarie Uni*	J Shellens / G Wheeler
2011-12	Quarter Final	Strathfield	Lane Cove*	T Schokman / P Smellie
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Macquarie Uni*	R Christen / T Bergman
	Quarter Final	Epping*	Burwood	T Parker / G Riley
	Semi Final	Epping*	Strathfield	S Harrison / S Wood
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni	Lane Cove*	J Shellens / T Bergman
	Grand Final	Epping	Lane Cove*	A Vella / R Mathews
2012-13	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Pennant Hills	B Whitehouse / P Smellie
	Quarter Final	Warringah	NW Sydney*	D Ponsford / M Roberts
	Quarter Final	Strathfield	Georges River*	G Smith / I Holland
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Whitehouse / B Shield
	Semi Final	Georges River*	NW Sydney	T Bergman / M Ward
	Grand Final	Georges River*	Burwood	S Harrison / G Taylor
2013-14	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lindfield	I Bowman / W Moore
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Warringah	D Ponsford / A Steindler
	Quarter Final	Epping	Georges River*	R Crocono / D Abbey†
	Semi Final	NW Sydney	Epping*	C Duff / T Bergman
	Semi Final	Burwood	Georges River*	G Taylor / I Bowman
	Grand Final	Georges River*	Epping	A Raymond / G Riley
2014-15	Quarter Final	Georges River*	NW Sydney	A Steindler / S Fairlie
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Warringah*	T Schokman / A Baker
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Epping*	I Holland / B De Celis
	Semi Final	Georges River	Burwood*	I Bowman / W Moore
	Semi Final	Epping	Warringah*	T Bergman / R Crocono
	Grand Final	Warringah	Burwood*	R Mathews / G Wheeler
2015-16	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Epping	I Holland / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Warringah	Strathfield*	J Barnes / T Bergman
	Quarter Final	Georges River	MP-Southern Dist*	B de Celis / S Harrison
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Warringah	W Luke / I Bowman
	Semi Final	MP-Southern Dist*	Strathfield	P Smellie / W Moore
	Grand Final	Burwood*	MP-Southern Dist	R Mathews / P Mooney
2016-17	Qualifying Final	Burwood*	Epping	S Harrison / J Thorpe
	Qualifying Final	Strathfield*	Lindfield	I Bowman / N Ford†
	Qualifying Final	Warringah*	Georges River	T Overland / M Roberts
	Semifinal	Burwood*	Georges River	S Clements / P Smellie
	Semifinal	Strathfield*	Warringah	D Goodman / R Mathews
	Grand Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	I Tabrett / P Mooney

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2001-02	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	K Wentzel / C Kearney
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Blacktown	T Shiner / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Pennant Hills	G Beasley / K Thorpe
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Pennant Hills	S Blomfield / G Beasley
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	B Parfett / K Wentzel
	Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	B Parfett / S Yeend
2002-03	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Holroyd Hills	K Wentzel / K Buckland
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Sth Districts	B Parfett / K Dhandapani
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Auburn	B Whitehouse / G Rush
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	G Taylor / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills	Burwood*	T Shiner / G Smith
	Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	B Parfett / G Richards
2003-04	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Epping	J Shellens / J Moore
	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Auburn*	B Whitehouse / G Rush
	Quarter Final	Georges River	Burwood*	G Smith / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Sth Districts	S Blomfield / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Auburn	B Parfett / B Whitehouse
	Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	B Parfett / R Gandevia
2004-05	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Burwood	J Shellens / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Pennant Hills	S Harrison / G Richards
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Macquarie Uni	S Blomfield / B Osseweyer
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	G Taylor / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Auburn	R Gandevia / A Hinks
	Final	Lane Cove	Warringah*	R Gandevia / B Osseweyer
2005-06	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	J Shellens / S Blomfield
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Strathfield	S Harrison / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Epping	G Roche / I Holland
	Semi Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	B Osseweyer / G Roche
	Semi Final	Warringah	Epping*	S Blomfield / G Taylor
	Final	Epping*	Burwood	B Osseweyer / G Roche
2006-07	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Strathfield	J Shellens / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Auburn*	S Harrison / P Coleman
	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Georges River*	S Blomfield / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / K Buckland
	Semi Final	Georges River	Auburn*	S Blomfield / J Shellens
	Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	G Smith / K Buckland
2007-08	Quarter Final	Warringah	Roseville*	S Harrison / P Coleman
	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Auburn*	B Whitehouse / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Georges River*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / M Hughes
	Semi Final	Georges River	Warringah*	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Auburn*	Roseville	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Final	Warringah*	Auburn	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
2008-09	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	S Blomfield / G Smith
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Warringah	P Friend / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Sth Districts	T Parker / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Sth Districts	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	Auburn*	Burwood	J Shellens / C Taylor
	Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	S Blomfield / C Taylor
2009-10	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Lindfield*	S Blomfield / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Macquarie Uni*	M Wheeler / G Smith
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Roseville	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	NW Sydney	C Taylor / P Friend
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Lindfield	S Blomfield / J Shellens
	Final	Strathfield*	Macquarie Uni	C Taylor / P Friend

Finals Series

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Frank Gray	GAME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	UMPIRES
2010-11	Quarter Final	Warringah*	South Sydney	J Shellens / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Lindfield*	S Blomfield / P Clift
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	P Friend / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	M Wheeler / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Strathfield	Lindfield*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Final	Warringah*	Lindfield	S Blomfield / C Taylor
2011-12	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / A Vella
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Burwood	D Goodger / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Auburn	P Friend / M Wheeler
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Sth Districts	C Taylor / M Wheeler
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / D Goodger
	Grand Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	D Goodger / C Taylor
2012-13	Quarter Final	Lindfield*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Epping*	P Friend / I Tabrett
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Sth Districts	A Vella / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	Lindfield	NW Sydney*	C Taylor / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Epping	S Blomfield / A Vella
	Grand Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	S Blomfield / C Taylor
2013-14	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Macquarie Uni	P Friend / R Mathews
	Quarter Final	Georges River*	Burwood	G Riley / I Tabrett
	Quarter Final	Epping*	NW Sydney	S Blomfield / M Wheeler
	Semi Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	P Mooney / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	Georges River*	Epping	S Blomfield / I Tabrett
	Grand Final	Warringah*	Georges River	S Blomfield / P Mooney
2014-15	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Roseville	P Mooney / R Mathews
	Quarter Final	Georges River*	Lindfield	A Raymond / I Tabrett
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Epping	S Blomfield / G Taylor
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Epping	S Blomfield / A Raymond
	Semi Final	Georges River*	Burwood	G Taylor / I Tabrett
	Grand Final	Warringah	Georges River*	S Blomfield / G Taylor
2015-16	Semi Final	Epping*	Balmain Sth Sydney	S Blomfield / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	Georges River*	Lindfield	R Maloney / A Raymond
	Grand Final	Georges River*	Epping	S Blomfield / A Raymond
2016-17	Semifinal	Lindfield	Georges River*	S Blomfield / A Raymond
	Semifinal	MP Sth Districts*	Epping	C Finnemore / D Burton
	Grand Final	MP Sth Districts	Georges River*	S Blomfield / A Raymond

* Refers to the winning team, or higher placed team if match was drawn.

† Refers to an umpire who at the time of appointment was a non SSCUA member used to cover a shortfall of members to cover all appointments







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