The Sydney Grade competition again comprised 20 clubs, with 19 rounds for First Grade and 15 rounds for lower grades. Those grades, together with the Pozzio-Gray Shield and AWM Green Shield competitions contributed to the Club Championship.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - THE SYDNEY SMITH CUP**

Randwick Petersham won the Club Championship for the first time ever by 93 points from Bankstown. Sydney University led the Championship at the mid-season break; but was quickly overtaken by defending champion St George. However, the fast-finishing Randwick Petersham then recorded victories in thirteen of fifteen matches during the remaining three rounds to gain the title.

Most improved clubs were Randwick Petersham (5th to 1st), Bankstown (13th to 2nd), Eastern Suburbs (15th to 5th) and Campbelltown Camden (11th to 6th).

Randwick Petersham 1297, Bankstown 1204, St George 1152, Sydney University 1152, Eastern Suburbs 1141, Campbelltown Camden 1131, Gordon 1104, Sutherland 1079, Penrith 1046, Parramatta 1027, Fairfield-Liverpool 1025, Western Suburbs 943, Northern District 930, Mosman 925, Manly-Warringah 754, Hawkesbury 749, North Sydney 698, Sydney 662, University of NSW 594, Blacktown 416.

**FIRST GRADE - THE BELVIDERE CUP**

The Belvidere Cup was won by St George for the first time since 2000/01 and the 14th time overall after they defeated Gordon by 160 runs in the Final at Bankstown Oval.

The Minor Premiers controlled the game after batting first on a flat pitch. Captain Graeme Rummans (164) and all-rounder Moses Henriques (113) dominated the opening day with centuries, while Stewart McCabe added runs in the Final at Bankstown Oval.

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In reply, Gordon lost three early wickets, including new Australian player Beau Casson. Craig Simmons and James Packman dug in during the second day’s final session to ensure no further wickets fell before stumps.

The match’s final day began with Craig Simmons notching his century, after which Packman and captain Matt Nicholson continued until the lunch interval. However, St George seized control of the game shortly afterwards. Nicholson was the first to fall, to Liam Zammit and Henriques then removed Rod Hokin and Brad Rasool for ducks. After holding the innings together for most of the last day, James Packman was the last Gordon wicket to fall, bowled by Zammit.

After the match, Premiership Captain Rummans praised his young side for the improvement they had made throughout the year. Henriches, who took 3/102 from 36 overs to go with his century, received the Benaud Medal and $1,000 as Player of the Match.

For the Premiers, Rummans capped a successful return to Sydney, after four seasons in Victoria, by scoring 1,061 runs during the season. Team mates McCabe (748 runs), Steven Green (48 wickets), Zammit and Trent Copeland (33 wickets each), Phillip Wells (511 runs and 25 wickets) and wicket keeper Kevin Pillay (227 runs and 39 dismissals) all enjoyed successful seasons. Henriques was the competition’s leading all-rounder, with 913 runs and 39 wickets.

21-year-old Randwick Petersham and SpeedBlitz Blues batsman, Usman Khawaja, was the competition’s leading batsman with 1,134 runs, including five centuries. Sutherland’s Joel Tuccia was the competition’s leading bowler with 49 wickets, while Sutherland’s Daniel Rixon was the most successful wicket keeper with 39 catches and seven stumpings.

Sydney’s consistently wet weather resulted in the loss of 54 full First Grade match days, while play on many other days was cut short due to rain.

**FIRST GRADE LIMITED-OVER COMPETITION**

Heavy rain meant only one over was bowled in the Final of the First Grade Limited-Over Competition at Waverley Oval. As a result Minor Premiers Northern District and Eastern Suburbs were declared joint Premiers.

The two clubs qualified for the Final with strong victories in their respective Semi-Final matches. Sydney University was restricted to just 7/188, which Northern District overhauled with eight wickets and 14 overs in hand. Eastern Suburbs’ David Warner struck a brilliant run-a-ball 126 to steer his team to 5/283, who then restricted St George to 231 in reply.

Eastern Suburbs’ Aaron O’Brien was the competition’s leading batsman with 357 runs, while Northern District’s Kym Daley was the competition’s most successful bowler with 16 wickets.

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**Qualifying Finals:**


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**Final:**

St George 6/dec478 (G Rummans 164 M Henriches 113 S McCabe 84 L Reynolds 47 P Wells 36) def Gordon 318 (J Packman 122 C Simmons 102 L Zammit 4/89 M Henriches 3/102) at Bankstown

First Grade Premiers, St George.
Sydney Grade Competition – Men’s

**SECOND GRADE - THE ALBERT CUP**

For the first time since 1979/80, the Albert Cup was won by sixth placed Sydney University who defeated Bankstown in the Final. For the Premiers, Captain David Butchart scored 358 runs and took 24 wickets, with 29 dismissals. The Ghosts’ Campbelltown-Camden was its leading wicketkeeper with 36 dismissals.

Sydney University had to overcome Minor Premiers Eastern Suburbs in a Qualifying Final, and then Randwick Petersham in a Semi-Final. Marty Paskal led his team’s bowling attack with 4/32 and then 5/44, and in the latter match theobald scored 179. Bankstown overpowered Campbelltown-Camden in a Qualifying Final, then Eastern Suburbs in a Semi-Final, in which skipper Dean Magee led from the front with 36.

In the Final, the Bulldogs were under pressure from the outset, losing three wickets in the first four overs, but fought back through solid innings from Michael Polson, Clinton Price and Daniel Moy. Paskal bowled superbly for the Student’s and was rewarded with six wickets. In reply, Sydney University recorded a 117-run opening partnership, before Paskal and Matthew Phelps sealed victory with well-compiled centuries.

**Table:** Eastern Suburbs 71, Bankstown 64, Mosman 63, Randwick Petersham 62, Campbelltown-Camden 58, Sydney University 54, Gordon 51, St George 46, Parramatta 46, Fairfield-Liverpool 44, Manly-Warringah 42, Northern District 38, Pennant 36, Sutherland 32, Western Suburbs 31, Hawkesbury 24, North Sydney 12, Blacktown 6, University of NSW 6

**Qualifying Finals:** Sydney University 212 (M Phelps 63 M Paskal 30 A Palmer 31/48) def Eastern Suburbs 164 (L Kirk 52 M Paskal 4/32 K Desai 33/30) at North Sydney 2; Bankstown 307 (M Polson 81 D Magee 58 A Sams 44 D Moy 33 B Hackshall 32 N Brain 5/81) def Campbelltown-Camden 137 (B Jones 36 S Truashiem 4/39) at Bankstown; Randwick Petersham 174 (E Otto 61 T Yazdani 4/64 G Davidson 3/30) & 0/4 def Mosman 112 (W Adlam 44 S Bidwell-Brown 4/40 P Alevizos 3/16) & 64 (A Downton 5/17 P Alevizos 4/23) outright at Allan Border


**Final:** Sydney University 3/332 (A Theobald 125 M Phelps 102 S Sipavalan 49) def Bankstown 201 (M Polson 49 C Price 38 D Moy 35 M Paskal 6/60) at Hurstville

**FOURTH GRADE - THE REID CUP**

Minor Premiers Randwick Petersham won the Reid Cup for the third time since 2002/03 by defeating Penrith in an enthralling Final at Coogee Oval. For the Premiers captain David Townsend scored 441 runs and Troy Brewer scored 345 runs, while Chris Singh (38 wickets) was the competition’s leading wicket-taker. Sydney University’s David Jessup was the competition’s most successful batsman with 542 runs while Campbelltown-Camden’s James Broadbent was its leading wicketkeeper with 29 dismissals.

Penrith, the only club to defeat Randwick Petersham prior to the Final, chose to bat first in the decider. However, they soon slipped to 6/42 and 9/104, before Matthew Kimble and Ronit Lotlikar added 114 runs for the last wicket, with Kimble remaining undefeated on 124. Although the home side made steady progress towards its target, Penrith fought back strongly to take nine wickets before the winning runs were scored.

**Table:** Randwick Petersham 73, Penrith 64, Sutherland 59, Campbelltown-Camden 59, Sydney University 54, Gordon 53, Western Suburbs 50, Hawkesbury 41, Bankstown 38, Northern District 38, Fairfield-Liverpool 33, Parramatta 31, Mosman 26, Sydney 24, St George 20, Manly-Warringah 18, University of NSW 18, Blacktown 12, Eastern Suburbs 6, North Sydney 0

**Qualifying Finals:** Randwick Petersham 280 (T Brewster 148 R Cummings 34 J Campbell 4/28 C Soper 36/3) & 271 (W Halsted 35no) def Gordon 106 (G Hicks 30 C Singh 4/16 M Walls 3/34) at Coogee; Penrith 259 (J Clarke 52 D Smyth 40 I Russell 34 J Kazaglis 35/5 A Greene 3/57) def Sydney University 182 (M Culkoff 55 M Skinner 31 J Clarke 4/36) at Howell; Campbelltown-Camden 236 (C Evans 64 M Kelly 53 D Dreyer 31 C Macamara 4/67 J Zywietz 3/40) def Sutherland 199 (C Macamara 66 T Nicoll 33 D Studholme 32 C Evans 3/31 B Spinks 3/49) at Grahame Thomas

**THIRD GRADE - THE MITCHELL CUP**

Campbelltown-Camden won their first-ever Mitchell Cup by overpowering Minor Premiers Mosman in the Final at Glenn McGrath Oval. The Ghosts’ dominance in the match led to its opponent conceding defeat after only one hour of the second day’s play.
Sydney Grade Competition – men’s runs while University of NSW’s Hugh Le Lievre and Western Suburbs’ Ross Di Bartolo were the leading bowlers with 18 wickets each. Sydney’s Scott Rodgie was the competition’s leading batsman with 471 was the competition’s leading wicket-keeper with 14 dismissals. North and Philip Wells each took 13 wickets, while team mate Simon Chu.

For the premiers, Damien Bourke scored 345 runs and Chris MacDougall and Philip Wells each took 13 wickets, while team mate Simon Chu was the competition’s leading wicket-keeper with 14 dismissals. North Sydney’s Scott Rodgie was the competition’s leading batsman with 471 runs while University of NSW’s Hugh Le Lievre and Western Suburbs’ Ross Di Bartolo were the leading bowlers with 18 wickets each.

FIFTH GRADE - SHERWOOD CUP

The David Sherwood Cup was won by Randwick Petersham who defeated Minor Premiers North Sydney in the Final. For the Premiers, Darren McCoy scored 229 runs, while James Tyson (39 wickets), Cameron Fowler (26 wickets) and Nathan McCoy (23 wickets) also enjoyed successful seasons. Parramatta’s Michael Mara was the competition’s most successful batsman with 518 runs, North Sydney’s John Hopwood its leading bowler with 46 wickets, and Sutherland’s Nathan Loder its most successful wicket-keeper with 23 dismissals. North Sydney was untroubled in reaching the Final, comfortably defeating Sutherland in a Semi-Final following a draw against Parramatta in a Qualifying Final. Randwick Petersham progressed following decisive victories against Sutherland and Bankstown.

In the Final, North Sydney could only muster 121 batting first thanks largely to paceman James Tyson’s six wickets. The visiting team sought to secure a first innings lead by the end of the first day’s play and did so thanks to aggressive opening batsman Karl Schubert. North Sydney conceded at lunch on the following day with Randwick Petersham’s score at 5/223.

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For Randwick Petersham, Darren McCoy (45) laid the platform for a respectable total of 9/243. Wests also enjoyed successful seasons. Parramatta’s Michael Mara was the competition’s most successful batsman with 518 runs, North Sydney’s John Hopwood its leading bowler with 46 wickets, and Sutherland’s Nathan Loder its most successful wicket-keeper with 23 dismissals.


Semi-Finals: North Sydney 5/264 (S Henwood 93 J Hopwood 45 J Cole 45) def Sutherland 7/dec262 (D Smith 55 S Dawes 51) at Straker 46 M Pulella 39 at Tunks; Randwick Petersham 7/dec224 (W Halstead 76 M Hilder 66 T Vella 3/47) of Bankstown 82 (T O’Keeffe 36) J Tyson 7/16) at Jensen

Final: Randwick Petersham 5/223 (K Schubert 73 N McCoy 41 J Hopwood 3/47) def North Sydney 121 (J Tyson 6/26) at Tunks

POIDEVIN – GRAY SHIELD (U/21)

St George, boasting five players with First Grade experience, easily accounted for Penrith in its Semi-Final, while Western Suburbs fought hard to narrowly overcome a gallant Eastern Suburbs’ at Waverley Oval.

In the Final, Moises Henriques (50), Matthew Gilmour (46) and Philip Wells (45) laid the platform for a respectable total of 9/243. Wests never recovered from a poor start, eventually falling for 121 despite a solid 40 from Manjot Singh who tried hard to hold his team’s innings together. Philip Wells, who added three wickets to his 45 runs, was presented with the Shane Lee Medal for Player of the Match.

St George will face a difficult challenge next season as it will be without Henriques, Wells and Steven Cazzulino, three players who have been the backbone of the team’s success over the past four seasons.

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Western Suburbs 9/234 (S Islam 62 S McNerney 55 M Singh 28) bt Penrith 135 (S Rhodos 32 P Wells 4/23 M Holmes 2/18) at Hurstville

Final: St George 9/243 (M Henriques 50 M Gilmour 46 P Wells 45 R DiBartolo 3/50 M Singh 2/36) bt Western Suburbs 121 (M Singh 40 J Rogers 22 P Wells 3/30 M Radnidge 2/16 M Henriques 2/17) at Hurstville

**AW GREEN SHIELD (U/16)**

The AW Green Shield was won by Parramatta for the third time overall and the first time since 2000/01. Coming from fifth place overall, they defeated Minor Premiers St George by one run in the last over of a thrilling Final at Old Kings Oval. For the Premiers, Captain Sean Abbott scored 376 runs and took 16 wickets, Alex Graham scored 370 runs, and Nick Bertus scored 348 runs, while Chris Ashby and Luke Dempsey each took 13 wickets. St George’s Kurtis Patterson was the competition’s leading batsman with 442 runs, Hawkinsby’s Scott Heaney was its most successful bowler with 18 wickets, and Mosman’s Daniel Brain and Blacktown’s Ethan McEvoy its leading wicket-keepers with 16 dismissals each.

Parramatta earned the right to host the Final following impressive victories over Western Suburbs and Hawkesbury in its Qualifying Final and Semi-Final respectively. After losing to Hawkesbury in the Qualifying Final, Minor Premiers St George advanced as the highest ranked losing team before accounting for Campbelltown-Camden in a rescheduled Semi-Final match following the original match’s abandonment due to rain.
The Final was played to a very high standard and in front of a large, vocal Australia Day crowd. Batting first, Parramatta posted a formidable 9/243, with Alex Graham top-scoring. Although the St George batsmen dominated the bowling for most of their chase, Parramatta fought its way back into contention. With one over remaining to play, St George required three runs to win with two wickets in hand. Under intense pressure, Parramatta secured the final two wickets to run-outs, to steal the title by just one run. Parramatta's Alex Graham, who took two wickets to go with his 80 runs, was presented with the Kevin Cunningham Medal as Player of the Final.

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Fairfield-Liverpool's Anthony Clark won the coveted O'Reilly Medal as the First Grade Player of the Year. The title carries a gold medallion and a prize of $2,000, and is voted on by umpires at each First Grade match. During the season, Clark scored 651 runs at an average of 40.69, and took 46 wickets at 19.91.

Sydney's Jon Moss, who returned to Grade cricket following three seasons with the Victorian Bushrangers, polled 22 points to claim the runner-up position, while SpeedBlitz Blues players Usman Khawaja (RP) and Moises Henriques (STG) were equal third on 19 points.

Leading players: 28 pts Anthony Clark (FL); 22 Jon Moss (Syd); 19 Usman Khawaja (RP), Moises Henriques (STG); 18 Greg Mail (SU), Steven Smith (SU); 17 Aaron O'Brien (ES); 16 Ian Moran (SU).

**Captain of the Year**

Anthony Clark (Fairfield-Liverpool) was named Captain of the Year, for the second consecutive season. The award is voted on by umpires at each First Grade match, and carries a prize of $500.

Leading captains: 8.67 pts ave Anthony Clark (FL); 8.57 Jon Moss (Syd); 8.50 Greg Mail (SU); 8.31 Ryan Nelson (ND); 8.29 Nick Berry (ES); 8.09 Nathan Hautz (RP).

This award was again made for each lower grade, with leading team captains as follows:

- Second Grade: 8.43 pts ave Martin Haywood (Mos); 8.33 Brett Lack (FL); 8.17 Ben King (MW); 8.00 Stephen Simons (Haw); 7.92 Richard Cobran (Syd).
- Third Grade: 8.33 pts ave Adam Park (Pen); 8.17 Lee Kirk (ES); 8.15 Brendon Smith (SU); 8.00 Graham Price (MW), Jeremy Hook (ND), Nigil Singh (RP).
- Fourth Grade: 8.50 pts ave David Townsend (RP); 8.30 Colin Brown (WS); 8.08 Warren Evans (MW); 7.92 David Jessup (SU), Iqbal Ahmed (Gor).
- Fifth Grade: 8.43 pts ave Dougai Bryant (Mos); 8.15 Neil Bray (Bla); 8.15 James Rodgers (SU); 8.09 Michael Mara (Par).
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BOB SIMPSON AWARD – COACH OF THE YEAR

Randwick Petersham’s Bill Anderson won the Bob Simpson Award for Coach of the Year. The Award is designed to recognise the contribution of Grade club coaches towards the development of the teams and individual players in their clubs. Bob Simpson was a key figure in Australian cricket for more than four decades, and has made a significant contribution to Sydney Grade cricket as a player and coach.

TORO GROUNDS OF THE YEAR

For the fourth consecutive season, Hurstville Oval was assessed by officiating umpires to be the First Grade Ground of the Year, an achievement for which groundsman Adam Lewis and his staff were awarded $1,200. The Association also awarded $500 each to Warwick Starr (runner-up, Bankstown Oval), (David Jebb third place, Village Green) and Bernie Vince (Lower Grade Ground of the Year, Tunks Park).

Leading First Grade grounds: 210.10 points agg Hurstville (StG); 199.58 Bankstown (Ban); 193.31 Village Green (UNSW); 190.15 Old Kings (Par); 184.15 Howell (Pen).

Leading Lower Grade grounds: 9.08 points ave Tunks (NS); 8.71 Bensons Lane 3 (Haw); 8.62 Coogee (RP); 8.58 Grahame Thomas (Ban); 8.54 Bensons Lane 2 (Haw).

SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Officiating umpires and opposing team captains again assessed each team’s support during each match for the Spirit of Cricket, as set out in the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

Leading clubs: 2.758 pts ave Gordon; 2.732 University of NSW; 2.726 Northern District; 2.710 Manly-Warringah; 2.701 Sydney; 2.685 Sydney University.

The Committee congratulates each of these clubs on their respective achievements, together with all other clubs and teams that upheld the Spirit of Cricket by their conduct during matches.
Fourteen clubs contested the Shires competition. The four grades, together with the Frank Gray Shield, comprised the Club Championship.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – THE DAVID TRIBOLET TROPHY**

Auburn claimed its fourth Club Championship, its first since 1985/86, by 42 points from Macquarie University. These two clubs occupied the top two positions throughout the season and were separated by just 24 points leading into the last round. Auburn, fourth in 2006/07, was also the most improved club while Burwood Briars dropped to sixth position following five successive seasons as Club Champions.

Table: Auburn 912; Macquarie University 870; Pennant Hills 857; Warringah 802; Georges River 643; Burwood Briars 624; Strathfield 617; North West Sydney 606; Roseville 581; Lane Cove 579; Lindfield 542; South Sydney 516; Epping 456; Southern Districts 210

**FIRST GRADE – THE RB CLARK CUP**

Pennant Hills won the RB Clark Cup for the third time overall and the first time since 1960/61, by defeating Epping in the Final. For the Premiers, Jehan Satchi scored 452 runs, captain Adrian McCaffrey scored 379 runs and Mayuran Pasupati took 40 wickets.

South Sydney’s Richard Chee Quee was the competition’s leading batsman with 674 runs and Strathfield’s Gary Sheen its leading bowler with 42 wickets. South Sydney’s Ian Ebbink was its most successful wicket-keeper with 34 dismissals. Pennant Hills’ Vinesh Bennett was awarded the Peter Toohey Medal for Player of the Final following his match-winning century.

Table: South Sydney 59; Pennant Hills 58; Macquarie University 56; Epping 43; Auburn 41; Strathfield 38; North West Sydney 31; Warringah 31; Lane Cove 24; Burwood Briars 23; Georges River 18; Lindfield 16; Roseville 16; Southern Districts 2

**QUALIFYING FINALS:**
South Sydney 9/182 def Strathfield 180 at Alan Davidson; Auburn 5/214 def Pennant Hills 212 at Pennant Hills 1; Epping 152 & 0/101 def Macquarie University 101 & 9(dec)151 outright at Killara

**SEMI-FINALS:**
Pennant Hills 186 & 5/85 def South Sydney 147 & 8(dec)123 outright at Alan Davidson; Epping 363 def Auburn 194 at Epping

**FINAL:**
Pennant Hills 9(dec)255 (V Bennett 101; A McCaffrey 34 D Hossack 4/71; A Tay 3/53) def Epping 159 (I Wheatley 42 W Aplin 4/10 M Pasupati 4/46) at Tantallon

**SHIRES PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

The winner of this award was South Sydney’s Richard Chee Quee. This award was introduced in 1993/94 and is based on umpires’ assessments during the season.

Leading players: 17 pts Richard Chee Quee (SS); 13 Gary Sheen (Str); Steven Ware (War); 11 Prashant Rai (MU), Shannon Lane (SS); 9 Peter Cross (LC), Mayuran Pasupati (PH), James Ledgerwood (Ros), Brad Guthrie (SS), Mark Owens (Str)

**SHIRES CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR**

The winner of this award was Pennant Hills’ Adrian McCaffrey. The award was introduced to the First Grade competition in 2001/02, to recognise the important role that team captains play in the success of that competition.

Leading captains: 8.20 pts ave Adrian McCaffrey (PH); 8.17 Richard Chee Quee (SS); 8.00 Steven Ware (War), Steven Milnes (NWS); 7.91 Ian Wheatley (Epp)

In 2007/08, this award was extended to the Second Grade competition with Auburn’s Raoul Barbon claiming the inaugural trophy.

Leading captains: 8.10 pts ave Raoul Barbon (Aub); 7.83 Brett Hudson (GR); 7.78 Brett Curry (War); 7.71 Nick Whitlock (SS); 7.67 John Biviano (Ros)

**SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD**

This season’s winner of the Spirit of Cricket Award was Lane Cove CC.

Leading clubs: 2.82 pts ave Lane Cove; 2.74 Epping; 2.69 Lindfield; 2.65 South Sydney; 2.62 Roseville.

**SHIRES UMPIRE OF THE YEAR**

The Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association (SSCUA) provides accredited umpires to Shires competition matches with team captains assessing their performances. This season’s Umpire of the Year, based on those assessments, was Bruce Whitehouse.

**SHIRES GROUND OF THE YEAR**

The Ground of the Year was Lane Cove’s Tantallon Oval.

Leading grounds: 7.42 pts ave Tantallon (LC); 7.20 George Parry (Aub); 7.17 Bexley (GR); 6.64 Rothwell Park (BB); 6.29 Alan Davidson (SS)

![Pennant Hills’ Premiership winning captain, and Shires Captain of the Year, Adrian McCaffrey.](image)

![Tantallon Oval Groundsman John Korol (right) pictured with NSW Cricket Director Marshall Rosen. Tragically, John was killed in an accident on 13 August 2008.](image)

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SECOND GRADE – THE SJ MAYNE TROPHY

Roseville defeated Lane Cove in the Final to win the SJ Mayne Trophy for the second time overall and the first time since 1987/88. For the Premiers, Ben Lynas scored 350 runs, Stuart Slocombe scored 347 runs and Fawaz Rashid took 29 wickets. The evergreen Peter Brown was a member of both successful teams, 20 years apart.

Pennant Hills’ Phil Melville was the competition’s most successful batsman with 423 runs, Lindfield’s Roger Quayle its leading bowler with 30 wickets and Warringah’s Brett Curly the most successful wicketkeeper with 28 dismissals.

Table: Auborn 55, Lane Cove 43, Roseville 43, Pennant Hills 39, Burwood Briars 38, Lindfield 36, Warringah 36, Georges River 36, Strathfield 32, Macquarie University 28, North West Sydney 18, South Sydney 12, Epping 12, Southern Districts 0

Qualifying Finals: Lindfield 156 & 4/81 def Auburn 79 & 157 outright at George Parry; Burwood Briars 236 def Lane Cove 230 at Tallant (match awarded to Lane Cove on appeal); Roseville 219 def Pennant Hills 146 at Roseville Chase

Semi-Finals: Lane Cove 240 def Auburn 196 at Tallant; Roseville 259 def Lindfield 213 at Roseville Chase


THIRD GRADE – THE JB HOLLANDER TROPHY

Warringah won the JB Hollander Trophy for the fourth time overall, and for the first time since 1997/98, by defeating Minor Premiers Pennant Hills in the Final. For the Premiers, Farley Scott was the competition’s leading batsman with 462 runs, including 105 in the Final, while teammate Ben Ryan was the competition’s equal leading bowler with Georges River’s David Jiffkins and Macquarie University’s Paul Clift, each taking 27 wickets. North West Sydney’s Mitchell Lewis was the competition’s most successful wicketkeeper with 20 dismissals.

Table: Pennant Hills 52, Burwood Briars 44, Warringah 44, North West Sydney 40, Macquarie University 39, Roseville 37, Auburn 36, Georges River 34, Lindfield 25, Strathfield 24, Southern Districts 22, Lane Cove 16, Epping 13, South Sydney 12

Qualifying Finals: Pennant Hills 6/172 def Roseville 162 at Epping; Macquarie University 138 & B 8-119 def Burwood Briars 124 at Rothwell; Warringah 116 & 4/178 def North West Sydney 97 at Manly

Semi Finals: Pennant Hills 222 def Burwood Briars 71 & 107 outright at Pennant Hills 1; Warringah 535 def Macquarie University 180 at North Sydney 2

Final: Warringah 8(dec)276 (F Scott 105 T Scott 81no) def Pennant Hills 200 (P Blade 34 B Ryan 4165) at Alan Davidson

FOURTH GRADE – THE HARRY CULBERT TROPHY

Minor Premiers Macquarie University won the Harry Culbert Trophy for the third time overall, by defeating Lane Cove in the Final. For the Premiers captain Greg Brown was the competition’s leading bowler, for the second consecutive season, with 53 wickets. David Gracie scored 431 runs, Steve O’Reilly scored 408 runs and Clyne Fernandes was the competition’s most successful wicketkeeper with 18 dismissals. North West Sydney’s Todd Randall was the competition’s leading batsman with 590 runs.

Table: Macquarie University 62, Auburn 57, Lindfield 46, Georges River 45, Lane Cove 44, North West Sydney 39, Burwood Briars 32, Warringah 32, Pennant Hills 26, Roseville 22, Strathfield 19, Epping 18, South Sydney 18, Southern Districts 6

Qualifying Finals: Macquarie University 6/161 def North West Sydney 157 at Lance Hutchinson; Lane Cove 230 & 133 def Auburn 182 & 3/65 at David Tribolet; Georges River 249 def Lindfield 112 at Acron

Semi-Finals: Auburn 6(dec)383 drew with Macquarie University 8/198 at Killara; Lane Cove 9(dec)310 def Georges River 165 at Lance Hutchinson


FRANK GRAY SHIELD (U/24)

Minor Premiers Warringah won the Frank Gray Shield for the third time by defeating Auburn by 102 runs in the Final. For the Premiers Tom Christensen scored 220 runs and Ethan Collett took 14 wickets. Strathfield’s Sam Wotton was the competition’s most successful batsman with 239 runs, Georges River’s Chris Miller its leading bowler with 21 wickets, and Auburn’s Aaron Vella its most successful wicketkeeper with 14 dismissals.

Warringah’s Ethan Collett was awarded the David Gilbert Medal for Player of the Final for his all-round performance of 64 runs and 3/10.
The competition again comprised 28 teams across three open grades and the Brewer (U/17) Shield. The number of clubs not only remained steady at 10, but were the same clubs that had contested each of the preceding two seasons. This was particularly pleasing given the strong focus on competition stability and club sustainability. However, the season will be remembered for wet weather causing 22% of all matches to be washed out, with the Brewer Shield competition (41%) especially hit-hard.

Campbelltown-Camden and Northern District made their long-anticipated First Grade debuts, and the Brewer Shield competition grew from four to six teams. The entry of teams under the Parramatta-Blacktown banner was another exciting development. The Parramatta and Blacktown men’s Grade Clubs agreed to a joint venture which reaped immediate dividends with the establishment of a Brewer Shield team, complementing the Third Grade side that Parramatta had fielded during the previous season.

The First Grade competition comprised eight teams, Second Grade and Third Grade seven, and the Brewer Shield six. As a result of the Brewer Shield's increased size, it was extended beyond Christmas and into February for the first time in several seasons. This necessitated a move of the NSW Districts Cricket Association’s girls U/13 (Mollie Dive) and U/15 (Margaret Peden) competitions to a week-long carnival in January, a new format that worked exceptionally well, on which the NSWDCA must be congratulated. For the second successive season, the First and Second Grade Finals were staged on adjacent grounds to showcase women’s cricket. Bankstown and Grahame Thomas Ovals provided the perfect setting, with excellent crowds attending both matches then coming together for post-match presentations. Many thanks to Bankstown CC for providing such excellent facilities and for hosting both matches so well.

Women’s Council meetings were re-instigated in 2007/08, following several seasons during which this forum was not a priority. These meetings proved a valuable link between clubs and the SCA, affording an excellent opportunity to discuss issues in a face-to-face environment, and further enhancing the relationship between them. Prior to the season the SCA sought a more professional approach from clubs towards the reporting, presentation, and promotion of the Women’s Grade competition. All club committees and captains must be congratulated on their fantastic responses to this request. To further build on the season’s successes, the Women’s Competition Sub-Committee held its third Annual Forum. Discussions centred on playing conditions, the competition format and the season calendar, as well as reviewing the progress made following last season’s Recruitment and Development Forum.

**SPRINT OF CRICKET AWARD**

Campbelltown-Camden won this award for the second consecutive season with officiating umpires and opposing team captains again assessing each team’s support during every match for the Spirit of Cricket, as set out in the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

**BOB CURTIN MEMORIAL UMPIRES’ AWARD**

Bronwyn Calver (Gordon) and Laura Wright (Bankstown) were the joint winners for the first time in this award’s history. Based on points allocated by umpires in every match, this award is presented to the player across all grades who polls the most votes.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – THE ANN MITCHELL SHIELD**

Bankstown claimed its first ever Club Championship in a race that came down to the competition’s last round. St George-Sutherland, which had claimed the trophy in each of the three previous seasons, finished a mere nine points behind Bankstown in the closest finish in the competition’s history.

Bankstown 714, St George-Sutherland 705, Gordon 466, Sydney 432, Northern District 378, Universities 356, Campbelltown-Camden 321, Wallsend 255, Penrith 200, Parramatta-Blacktown 49

**FIRST GRADE – THE RUTH PREDDY TROPHY**

To go with the club’s first-ever Club Championship, Bankstown also claimed the Ruth Preddy Trophy for the first time. In their third consecutive Finals appearance, the Minor Premiers defeated Universities by 55 runs to claim the title.

Bankstown qualified for the Final following a nail-biting Semi-Final tie with Wallsend. It was also the best season ever for the Universities who reached the Semi-Finals for the first time. They also played the Finals Series without their Australian representatives making this achievement all the more significant.

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**Semi-Finals:**

- Bankstown 115 (C Hall 31, S Moylan 3/13) tied with Wallsend 9/115 (E Osborne 27, S Millanta 3/18, B Neems 3/24) at Bankstown;
- Universities 160 (R Kember 70, J Gunn 3/29) def Sydney 126 (T Roach 26, K Owen 3/28) at Drummoyne

**Final:**

- Bankstown 145 (N Honeysett 29, K Owen 5/38) def Universities 90 (R Kember 26, S Millanta 5/11, B Allard 3/14) at Bankstown

**Awards**

- Kingsgrove Sports Centre Player of the Year
  - Bronwyn Calver (Gordon), 887 points
- Batting Aggregate
  - Bronwyn Calver, 437 runs
- Batting Average
  - Alex Blackwell (Universities), 436 runs @ 48.44
- Bowling Aggregate
  - Belinda Allard (Bankstown) and Megan Shanahan (Wallsend), 19 wickets
- Bowling Average
  - Asha Smith (Bankstown), 14 wickets @ 8.00

**Christina Matthews Wicketkeeping Award**

- Kath Koschel (St. George-Sutherland), 17 dismissals.

Campbelltown-Camden’s Lisa Kaschert (left), Kevin Waeftford and Renee Millen accept the Spirit of Cricket Award.
SECOND GRADE

Minor Premiers St George-Sutherland A lost only one round match in claiming the club’s second successive Second Grade premiership. The Final against Northern District was a re-match of the previous season with St George-Sutherland A successfully defending 9/163 by restricting Northern District to 9/117 in reply.

Table: St George-Sutherland A 77, Northern District 62, Bankstown 54, Penrith 50, Campbelltown-Camden 28, St George-Sutherland B 25, Universities 24


Awards

Kingsgrove Sports Centre Second Grade Player of the Year
Nicola Carey (St George-Sutherland), 742 points

Batting Aggregate and Average
Nicola Carey, 427 runs @ 53.38

Bowling Aggregate
Sheree Robinson (Bankstown), 22 wickets

Bowling Average
Peta Horsnell (Northern District), 15 wickets @ 12.20

Wicketkeeping
Ellen Hawkes (Northern District), 15 dismissals

THIRD GRADE

Undefeated Minor Premiers St George-Sutherland A won the club’s third consecutive Third Grade premiership by defeating Gordon in the Final by 88 runs.

Table: St George-Sutherland A 71, Gordon 63, Sydney 56, St George-Sutherland B 45, Northern District 35, Bankstown 19, Parramatta-Blacktown 14

Semi-Finals: St George-Sutherland A 4/89 (B Griggs 40, L Maurice 2/17, C Rolleston 2/16) def St George-Sutherland B 5/88 (K Rolleston 25, L Pond 3/15) at Gifford; Gordon 3/118 (T Hancock 36 no) def Sydney 9/117 (E Shrub 41, T Hancock 4/11) at Forsyth

Final: St George-Sutherland A 7/115 (S Nicol 50 no, T Hancock 4/23) def Gordon 67 (T Hancock 26, D McCammond 3/14, L Pond 3/15, L Johns 3/28) at Olds

Awards

Player of the Year
Donna McCammond (St George-Sutherland), 685 points

Batting Aggregate
Lisa Maurice (St George-Sutherland), 259 runs

Batting Average
Annelie Chapple (Gordon), 233 runs @ 46.60

Bowling Aggregate
Donna McCammond, 21 wickets

Bowling Average
Emily Shrub (Sydney), 10 wickets

Wicketkeeping
Kate Griffith (Gordon), 7 dismissals

BREWER SHIELD COMPETITION

Gordon claimed its second consecutive title, extending their amazing winning streak to two seasons. The Final was a classic match in which Bankstown challenged Gordon all day, with the win secured with just eight balls remaining.

Table: Gordon 45, Bankstown 35, Northern District 20, Campbelltown-Camden 13, Parramatta-Blacktown 7, Sydney 0


Final: Gordon 4/150 (M Carmichael 52no, S Heath 41) def Bankstown 9/149 (K Mack 39, M McCooey 30, M Carmichael 3/39) at Chatswood.

Awards

Player of the Year – the Trish Langsford Trophy
Mathilda Carmichael (Gordon), 414 points

Batting Aggregate and Average
Heidi Cheadle (Gordon), 149 runs @ 53.38

Bowling Aggregate
Hannah Mantle (Bankstown), 14 wickets

Bowling Average
Stephanie Hickman (Gordon)

Wicketkeeping
Naomi Stalenberg (Campbelltown-Camden) – 3 dismissals

TWENTY20 COMPETITION

A Twenty20 competition was included in the calendar for the second season, with teams comprising both First Grade and Second Grade players. Amongst several changes in 2007/08, no Finals were played with the Championship awarded to the team finishing on top of the table at the end of the rounds.

Unfortunately rain decimated the competition with two of the three playing days (four of the six rounds) completely washed out, whilst several of the matches played were also rain-affected. Wallsend were declared Premiers, on the back of bonus-point victories in each of their completed matches.

Table: Wallsend 14, Sydney 13, Bankstown 8, Northern District 7, Gordon 6, St George-Sutherland A 0, Campbelltown-Camden 0, Universities 0, St George-Sutherland B 0

SUPER 8s COMPETITION

A new competition was initiated this season for Third Grade and Brewer Shield, to provide additional playing opportunities during the Christmas-New Year period. This modified format featured eight players per team playing 10 overs per innings, where all players except the wicketkeeper had to bowl a minimum of one over. The Premiers were the team finishing on top of the table following the last round. Although the number of teams participating was lower than anticipated, the format was extremely well received, and increased participation is expected next season.

Again, rain caused significant disruptions to this competition with one of the three playing days (two of the six rounds) washed out. In what turned out to be a very evenly-matched competition, Gordon claimed the inaugural Premiership by a margin of one victory.

Table: Gordon 37, Sydney 31, St George-Sutherland 25
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This season saw several firsts for Indigenous cricket in NSW. Thanks to the support of the NSW Cricket Board and financial assistance from the Australian Sports Commission, NSW Sport and Recreation and Cricket Australia, there were unprecedented opportunities for Indigenous cricketers at all levels.

Elite Cricket
A number of known Indigenous cricketers represented NSW in various teams this season:
- Josh Lalor (NSW Second XI)
- Jeff Cook (NSW Country Captain, Australian Country Cricketer of the Year)
- Nathan Price (NSW Country)
- Samantha Hinton (NSW U19)

Due to the persistent work by Cricket Managers, NSW Sport and Recreation staff, Indigenous and other cricket volunteers, an increasing number of Indigenous players are now playing in both the men’s and women’s Sydney Grade competitions.

A player scholarship was also created in conjunction with the Western Suburbs DCC to assist Australian Indigenous Development Squad member, Farran Lamb, relocate to Sydney to develop his cricket while providing employment, education and training opportunities.

NSW Aboriginal Youth XI
Thanks to the assistance of Barker College, a NSW Aboriginal Youth XI was selected for the first time to play a match against the Barker College 1st XI. This match was won by the NSW Indigenous Youth XI with two players later selected in the NSW Aboriginal XI for the Imparja Cup.

NSW Aboriginal XI – 2008 Imparja Cup
It was always going to be difficult for NSW to defend its title with six representative players unavailable. However, going into the last two rounds NSW were placed second, needing to win both matches to reach the Final. Unfortunately they were unable to do so.

The side was: Cameron Rossler (c), Matthew Bradley, Daniel Caldwell, Tim Croft, Ryan Donovan, John Duckett, Damien Duroux, Andrew Gordon, Kris Halloran, Tyson Jolly, Grant Parmenter, Greg Wellington, Cory Wright.

A number of NSW players were named in representative squads at the end of the tournament.

Imparja Cup Honour Squad
Cameron Rossler, John Duckett, Cory Wright

Australian Indigenous Development Squad
Nathan Price, Josh Lalor, Kris Halloran

NSW Aboriginal Women’s Team
Cricket NSW announced its first ever NSW Aboriginal Women’s XI in 2007/08, comprising players from the Sydney Women’s Grade and Country Cricket competitions. The side also had an Indigenous Coach and Manager:

NSW were the first State to enter the women’s Imparja Cup competition, going through undefeated to highlight the progress of Indigenous coaches, players and administrators in this State.

The side was: Julie Muir (c), Samantha Hinton (vc), Breanna Collier, Jessica Collier, Veronica Gordon, Nicole Honeysett, Wendy Horan, Rheanna Lotter, Kelly Sallis. Coach: Darren Beckett, Manager: Donna Collier.

Indigenous Program Manager: Russel Grimson

Former NSW U19 player, Nicole Honeysett, was named Player of the Championships.

Lord’s Taverners Aboriginal Cricket Development Camp
With the support of the Lord’s Taverners, 25 up and coming Indigenous cricketers from across NSW were brought to Sydney for an intensive cricket camp in January. All players undertook specialist coaching and participated in discussions and activities covering preparation, goal setting and fitness. Thanks to Neil D’Costa, Tim Curran and Andrew Gordon for assisting with this Program.

Special Indigenous Cricket Projects
A number of other successful projects have been undertaken this season:

- A number of Indigenous girls were subsidised to attend a Girl’s Cricket camp at the NSW Sport and Recreation venue at Borambola.
- The Moree Indigenous Cricket Festival, held early in the season, incorporated representative fixtures, Coach Education and junior development activities.
- A cricket camp was held in conjunction with Walgett Shire Council for 30 local Indigenous children.
- A cricket program at Matraville Sports High was established. This school has a high Indigenous enrolment and supports local Indigenous and mainstream clubs.
- Several male and female NSW Indigenous players took part in the development of a school curriculum resource targeting issues such as racism, bullying, teamwork and the Spirit of Cricket.

Cricket NSW participated in the CrocFest Educational Festival.

Cricket NSW Equipment Drive
Thanks to the support of the wider cricket community a vast amount of equipment was again donated to assist with disadvantaged communities gaining access to much needed equipment to play cricket. In excess of 12 kits were distributed to all parts of NSW with additional items passed on to communities in Vanuatu & Fiji.

Regional Development Squads
Regional Development Squads were added to region’s Indigenous program this season. These provide skill development and coaching opportunities for Indigenous coaches and talented players aged 13-17.

Russel Grimson
Indigenous Program Manager
The RTA’s sponsorship of Cricket NSW and the SpeedBlitz Blues completed its sixth year in 2007/08 and continues to exceed expectations.

Over those six years there has been a 45% drop in the number of speed related fatalities in NSW, which equates to several hundred lives saved.

In a great boost for the SpeedBlitz Blues on the eve of the 2007/08 Pura Cup Final against Victoria, The Hon. Eric Roozendaal, Minister for Roads and Commerce announced that the RTA would be renewing the sponsorship for a further three seasons.

The RTA’s sponsorship continues to drive home the message that speed is great on the field, but not on the road.

Ford has been the official automotive partner of Cricket NSW for the past four seasons.

2007/08 saw the launch of the Ford Backyard Series Cricket promotion which was held at ANZ Stadium prior to the KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match between the SpeedBlitz Blues and WA.

Ford also celebrated their sponsorship of Cricket NSW by donating $300 to local cricket clubs for the purchase of any new Ford vehicle.

Coca-Cola Amatil continued its commitment to cricket in NSW by renewing their sponsorship of Cricket NSW last summer. Coke will be the exclusive non-alcoholic beverage supplier for Cricket NSW until the 2009/10 season.

Power Education is the major sponsor of Cricket NSW’s High Performance Programs including the Emerging Blues, Emerging Breakers and the underage State teams. Power’s involvement also includes the naming rights to Cricket NSW’s state-of-the-art indoor complex – The Power Education Indoor Centre.

Foster’s Group are the official alcoholic beverage supplier of Cricket NSW, the SpeedBlitz Blues, the Wolf Blass Breakers, Country Cricket NSW, NSW District Cricket Association and the Sydney Cricket Association.

Foster’s leverage activity over the last 12 months was extremely successful and primarily targeted grassroots cricket.

The VB cricket ball grant provided senior clubs throughout Country NSW with $40,000 worth of cricket balls.

The VB Suburban Super Slogger was a State-wide promotion aimed to find the biggest hitter in NSW. The eventual winner was Sebastian Reid who won cash and prizes for the Lisarow Ourimbah Cricket Club.

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The Sydney Morning Herald has been the official newspaper of Cricket NSW since the 2006/07 season. This successful partnership continues to provide substantial advertising and promotional opportunities to Cricket NSW and our affiliates.

Custom Fleet have been providing community support vehicles to Cricket NSW since 2004. A tremendous supporter of cricket, Custom Fleet’s sponsorship includes hospitality and prominent signage at the SCG.

Cricket NSW would also like to thank the following organisations for their valued support:
Now entering their eighth year as a sponsor of Cricket NSW, Kookaburra Sport is the Major Sponsor of the Blue Heelers Club - the junior supporter club of the SpeedBlitz Blues and Wolf Blass Breakers.

Kookaburra also hold the exclusive cricket ball supply rights to the NSW Districts Cricket Association and preferred cricket ball supply rights to the Sydney Cricket Association.

Classic Sportswear is the official supplier of training apparel to Cricket NSW, the SpeedBlitz Blues and the Wolf Blass Breakers. Classic’s involvement includes managing the SpeedBlitz Blues retail program which has experienced tremendous growth in recent seasons.

WSFM have been the official FM radio partner of Cricket NSW since 2003. An extensive advertising and promotional campaign was rolled-out across the summer including live reads on the Jonesy and Amanda breakfast program, weekend sweepers featuring Simon Katich, Brett Lee and Coach Matthew Mott, the Man of the Match promotion and online freebies.

The Smith Family is the official charity of Cricket NSW. In what has proved to be a successful partnership for two seasons now, the Smith Family continue to heavily leverage their association with Cricket NSW including promotional presence at SCG events, accessing player appearances for fundraising events and providing free cricket tickets to disadvantaged families.

Diageo’s sponsorship of Cricket NSW extends until the end of the 2010/11 season. The sponsorship aligns the Johnnie Walker brand as the official Scotch Whiskey Partner of Cricket NSW.
Following the success of last season’s Ashes Series, 2007/08 was always going to offer new challenges with the construction of a new grandstand at the SCG and a difficult international schedule. Our staff welcomed the opportunity to make it all work.

The highlight of the year was winning the Pura Cup Final, particularly as it was the first time we had hosted the decider in 14 years. We also hosted the WNCL Final in January which unfortunately was washed out. Another highlight of the year was the announcement that Wolf Blass Wines would be the first ever sponsor of the Breakers.

Twenty20 cricket continued to excite everyone and Cricket NSW once again led the way in the staging of these matches by securing Glenn McGrath to play against Queensland at ANZ Stadium while our other Twenty20 fixture featured a Singles party, including Speed Dating, for over 600 people.

Towards the end of the season our Communications Manager, Daniel McDougall, announced his resignation after four years. It is always sad to lose good staff and Daniel had done a great job in setting a high standard not only the SpeedBlitz Blues but for the whole organisation. David Townsend was appointed as Daniel’s replacement and has done a terrific job, surviving a ‘baptism of fire’ with the Pura Cup Final.

Sponsorship

Cricket NSW maintained the high levels of sponsorship that had been reached during the Ashes year. Our Major Sponsor, the NSW Roads & Traffic Authority (RTA) completed the final year of their current contract and agreed to a new three year deal, making this one of the most successful domestic cricket partnerships. Highligths for the season included the re-signing of Ford for a further 12 months and the renewal of the contract with Coca-Cola Amatil for a further three years, with both increasing their investment. These two partners have been long time supporters of Cricket NSW and are highly valued by our organisation.

Another significant achievement for the year was the signing of Fosters as the Major Sponsor of both Country Cricket NSW and the Sydney Cricket Association, as well as the announcement of Wolf Blass as the naming rights sponsor for the NSW Breakers. The extensive sponsorship, supplier and partner program that Cricket NSW has been able to build enables the Association to continue to reinvest in the growth of the game at all levels. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to all sponsors, suppliers and partners who ensure that Cricket NSW can achieve its strategic objectives.

Signage

Over $1 million was generated through signage and advertising at the SCG. Moore Sports Advertising are to be congratulated on selling out the above ground signage inventory for the second year running. Stadia Media also did an outstanding job in delivering only marginally less revenue as that generated during the Ashes year.

Corporate Hospitality

Cricket NSW, through its hospitality agents, was able to achieve its highest revenue in a non-Ashes year during 2007/08. The SCG Trust, our official on-site hospitality agents, generated an outstanding $805,275 for the Association during the season and are to be commended for their efforts.

Corporate Sports Australia, Cricket NSW’s off-site hospitality partner, provide off-site hospitality at the One Day International matches and despite some challenges was able to generate $116,000 in revenue for the Association.

Cricket NSW congratulates both the SCG Trust and Corporate Sports Australia for the work they do on behalf of the Association.

Match Fixtures

It is very pleasing to report that the attendances at our domestic fixtures exceeded the target outlined in the Cricket NSW Strategic Plan.

Glenn McGrath featured in his farewell match for the SpeedBlitz Blues during the KFC Twenty20 Big Bash competition. This match raised over $10,000 for the McGrath Foundation with $1.00 from every ticket sold going to the Foundation. The players’ shirts, which featured pink numbers and names, were also auctioned online via Grays Online immediately after the game.

The Singles Party that was held in conjunction with our second home match of this competition also proved to be a great success with the media really getting behind the concept. In total, over 36,000 cricket fans attended these two matches at ANZ Stadium which was a great result, particularly as they were held only two days apart in the week following the Test Match.

Unfortunately our Ford Ranger Cup matches were heavily affected by rain with the match scheduled for Wollongong completely washed out and the match against Queensland at the SCG abandoned after 27 overs. However the match against Tasmania at North Sydney Oval, which featured Australian captain Ricky Ponting, was well attended. The Pura Cup competition continues to achieve consistent crowds throughout the season. The Pura Cup Final was pleasing with over 11,000 people attending the five days.

Cricket NSW continues to set a very high standard for the conducting of matches in the WNCL competition and it is great to see the Wolf Blass Breakers continue to dominate on the field.

Congratulations are extended to staff in the Commercial Operations and Communication Department who left no stone unturned in ensuring that all matches in these competitions are presented in the best possible fashion.
Cricket NSW extends its appreciation to the sponsors of all the national competitions, KFC, Ford and National Foods.

Congratulations and appreciation is extended to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, ANZ Stadium, North Sydney Council, Wollongong City Council and Bankstown District Cricket Club who hosted fixtures this season.

Overall the crowds at our international matches were not as good as we would have liked. The scheduling of the matches and the ground construction at the SCG were always going to make it difficult to achieve the type of crowds we have become used to. Test Match attendances were very pleasing with consistent crowds over the first three days with a small drop off for Days Four and Five. Disappointingly only two of the four ODIs sold out and Cricket NSW will be working with Cricket Australia to ensure that a better result is achieved next season.

Media and Communications

Cricket NSW continued to keep Australia’s favourite sport at the forefront in the State’s media during 2007/08. The SpeedBlitz Blues received outstanding coverage during the summer starting with Phil Jaques’ bid for inclusion in the Australian Test team, closely followed by the announcement of Glenn McGrath’s return for a one-off KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match and Simon Katich’s amazing triple century against Queensland at the SCG.

The team’s outstanding Pura Cup form throughout the summer ensured strong coverage for the entire squad, especially rising stars Phillip Hughes, Usman Khawaja and Doug Bollinger.

The Wolf Blass Breakers had a terrific year in the media, doubling the amount of coverage received from 2006/07, with particular interest in rookies Alyssa Healy and Ellyse Perry. The Wolf Blass Breakers, and women’s cricket in general, are very fortunate to have the support of the Sydney media and we look forward to building these relationships in the coming summers.

2007/08 saw a surge in the amount of coverage of Sydney Grade Cricket. Scores and stories were published on a weekly basis in the Sydney Morning Herald, Sun Herald and Sunday Telegraph, while the clubs ensured a strong presence for their teams in the suburban press.

Cricket NSW’s publications, the bi-annual Go Blues, Ford Ranger Cup and Cricket NSW’s 2007/08 Annual Report, continue to provide cricket fans and businesses alike with an opportunity to be part of every match played in NSW through a specially themed area of the Bradman Stand for matches at the SCG, and by providing facilities at away matches. During 2007/08 a larger dining facility was provided for members at all international matches and post match reviews by former players on the Terrace continued to be a success.

The SpeedBlitz Blues enjoy the largest supporter base of any State team.

Research

Cricket NSW engaged research and media valuation business Repucom to undertake two key pieces of research: a fan study and a media exposure valuation. The objective of the fan study was to obtain a deeper understanding of cricket fans in NSW and how they compare to cricket fans nationally. The primary focus of the media exposure research was to place a value on the media exposure generated by Cricket NSW, SpeedBlitz Blues and key sponsors. The findings of the research were exceptionally pleasing and a tribute to the work undertaken by the organisation as a whole.

Key findings included:

- Cricket is Australia’s most popular sport with 46% of the population stating an interest in the game.
- NSW has the largest number of cricket followers of any State or Territory.
- The SpeedBlitz Blues enjoy the largest supporter base of any State team.
- Unprompted sponsor recall (RFA) is at 86% amongst Cricket NSW fans.
- Cricket NSW fans believe RFA is a very appropriate sponsor.
- Cricket NSW recorded its largest ever media exposure value last season.
- RFA brand exposure increased by 46% year on year.

Events

Golf Day

The annual Cricket NSW Golf Day was an outstanding success. Hosted by Oatlands Golf Club, it featured SpeedBlitz Blues players Simon Katich, Doug Bollinger, Dominic Thornely, Daniel Smith, Grant Lambert, former NSW players Mark Taylor, Doug Walters, Brian Taber and Wayne Seabrook and Wolf Blass Breakers Lisa Sthalekar and Leah Poulton.
Season Launch
The season got off to a great start with the Season Launch held at Darling Harbour and hosted by WSFM personalities Amanda Keller and Glenn Daniel. The Launch featured interviews with Glenn McGrath in anticipation of his farewell match for NSW as well as Simon Katch, Phil Jaques and Elyse Perry.

Wolf Blass Breakers Launch
To celebrate the announcement of the NSW Breakers’ new sponsor, Wolf Blass, a special season launch/wine tasting was held in the Members Dining Room at the SCG. The launch was an outstanding success that generated an unprecedented amount of coverage for the team.

Ladies Day
Cricket NSW once again held its Ladies’ Day event in conjunction with a One Day International during the 2007/08 season. Now a much anticipated event on the social calendar, over 150 women attended the function which celebrated the upcoming series between the Australian and English women’s teams. Players from both sides were interviewed while a special presentation was made to Australian Netball Captain Liz Ellis in recognition of her retirement from the game. MC Amanda Keller did a fantastic job and all guests enjoyed the massage and manicures that were available throughout the evening. The Commonwealth Bank sponsored this year’s event and Cricket NSW is very grateful for their support.

Steve Waugh Medal
The season culminated in April with the Steve Waugh Medal Dinner held at the Hilton Hotel. This was a special night which celebrated both the Pura Cup and WNCL wins. A special feature of this year’s dinner was the introduction of the Cricket NSW Hall of Fame which saw all 12 members of the 150th Anniversary Team inducted. Four of the five living members of the team, Richie Benaud, Alan Davidson, Bob Simpson and Steve Waugh, were presented with a specially struck medallion and framed certificate in honour of their induction. Arthur Morris wasn’t able to be present on the night but has since received his medallion and certificate. From 2008/09, two males and one female will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Steve Waugh Medal Dinner each year.

Christina Matthews
Manager, Commercial Operations and Communications
NSW WOMEN’S CRICKET COMMITTEE

The NSW Women’s Cricket Committee started the year with significant change in personnel. New members Anne Neems, Neil Mackay, and Gary Koschel joined the Committee, bringing different perspectives based on their various roles within the sport. Of course, new members joining the Committee meant former members departing and special thanks are extended to Christina Matthews, Doug Cole and Bob Somerville for the contribution they made over several years.

NSW was chosen by Cricket Australia to host three One-Day Internationals (ODI) and a Test match against England. As was the case with most cricket in season 2007/08, the weather was not kind, resulting in the ODI at Drummoyne Oval being washed out without a ball being bowled. The two ODI’s at the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Test match at Bowral were fantastic affairs which were well supported by current and former players alike. High quality cricket was played in both formats, with honours shared in the ODI series whilst congratulations and thanks are extended to the English team who won the Test match and retained the Ashes.

A highlight of the international series was the Ladies Night Function which was staged in the Alan Davidson Room at the SCG during the Commonwealth Bank Series match between Australia and Sri Lanka. The Australian and English teams attended the function which not only gave it a very contemporary feel, but was also an excellent opportunity to further promote the Women’s International Series.

In many senses, the international series against England was just a taste of things to come, with NSW awarded the rights to host the ICC Women’s World Cup in March 2009. This event will see the top eight teams in the World competing in 25 matches across 16 days for the title of World Champion.

The World Cup represents an excellent opportunity to leverage off the event and further promote the women’s game. Cricket NSW has been the leader in the promotion and development of Women’s Cricket and the opportunity to host this prestigious event is just reward for the proactive approach taken by Cricket NSW to ensure the success of integration.

NSW’s successes were highlighted on the field with another clean sweep of the National Titles. Leading the way were the Wolf Blass Breakers with their 10th Championship in 12 seasons. Although it was disappointing for all involved to see the Final washed out, the Breakers were deservedly awarded the Championship. The girls had definitely been the best performed team all season, losing only one match, and finishing 8.5 points clear of the South Australia Scorpions in second place.

Proving the depth in Women’s Cricket in NSW is as strong as ever were the victories by the NSW ‘A’, the NSWIS U/19’s, the NSW U/17, and NSW U/15 teams in their respective National Championships. Congratulations to the captains, players, and staff of these teams for not only claiming their titles, but also on representing Cricket NSW in such a way as to further enhance our proud reputation.

For the first time, the staging of the Country Championships came under the responsibility of Country Cricket NSW. It was not possible to find a host town with sufficient grounds to stage the entire event, so it was split across Gunnedah (Open) and Narrabri (Youth). This caused some minor logistical challenges for Zones in terms of travel arrangements, however the overall result was very positive.

The format of next season’s Championships will be changed to replicate that used for the Men’s Championships staged by Country Cricket. This will see the event split into two, with carnivals to be held at the same time in the North and South of the State. This will remove a number of logistical problems that currently exist, whilst also creating additional opportunities for Country Cricketers with the introduction of North v South representative matches, and a showcase match between the winners of the North and South carnivals for the title of Country Champion.

Committee member and NSW Cricket Board Director Rina Hore has continued her involvement with the Cricket Australia Females in Cricket Reference Group. During the year the reference group released the Females in Cricket Strategy which the NSW Women’s Cricket Committee is currently reviewing. Ensuring that this plan provides maximum value for Cricket NSW will shape the work of the Committee for the coming 12 months.

On behalf of Women’s Cricket a huge thank you is extended to the NSW Cricket Board and Chief Executive David Gilbert. The support provided for Women’s Cricket is second to none and allows NSW to stay at the forefront of the Australian game. Special thanks to retiring Chairman Bob Horsell who has been an avid supporter of Women’s Cricket throughout his time in the role.

Kaye Loder AM

Chairperson – NSW Women’s Cricket Committee

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Female:
- NSWIS U/19: Undefeated National Champions
- NSW U/17: Undefeated National Champions
- NSW U/15: Undefeated National Champions

Male:
- NSW U/19: Fifth Place
- NSW U/17: Runners-Up

NATIONAL SELECTION

The following players were selected in National squads/teams during the season.

Male:
- 2008 ICC Youth World Cup Team
  - Steven Smith, Phillip Hughes, Daniel Burns, Josh Hazlewood
  - Australian U/17 Merit Team
  - Tim Armstrong, David Farrell, Timm Van Der Gugten

Female:
- Australian Southern Stars Team
  - Ellyse Perry
- Australian Shooting Stars Squad
  - Rene Farrell, Alyssa Healy, Kate Owen, Alison Parkin, Ellyse Perry
  - Australian U/19 Merit Team
  - Erin Osborne, Alyssa Healy, Ashleigh Endacott, Samantha Hinton
  - Australian U/17 Merit Team
  - Sarah Coyte, Angela Reakes, Claire Koski, Kate Waetford

CRICKET NSW HIGH PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Male:
- U/17 Player of the Year – Mark Wough Trophy: Tim Armstrong
- U/19 Player of the Year – Steve Wough Trophy: Peter Betros

Female:
- U/15 Player of the Year – Julie Hayes Trophy: Mathilda Carmichael
- U/17 Player of the Year – Sally Griffiths Trophy: Sarah Coyte
- U/19 Player of the Year – Lisa Keightley Trophy: Alyssa Healy

CRICKET NSW RISING STAR AWARD

Male Rising Star Award: Phillip Hughes
Female Rising Star Award: Ellyse Perry

TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM

The Talented Athlete Program (TAP) Camps played a significant role in the High Performance Programs. The Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen provided an excellent facility for these camps held during August and September.

The TAP Camps again included 36 Country U/17 and U/19 athletes, providing them with exposure to new training methods and further opportunities to push for selection in the State U/17 and U/19 sides. Our second Camp was attended by 44 players from our U/13 and U/14 Emerging Blues squads.

The 80 young cricketers who attended the two camps took part in specialist skills coaching, video assessment, fitness testing and team building activities. Lectures were delivered in injury prevention, drugs in sport, nutrition and psychology.

Many thanks to our specialist coaches Mark Atkinson, Warren Smith, Gavin Fingleson, Michael Haddin and Neil D’Costa. Thanks also to High Performance Coaching Panel members Rod Evans and Andrew Sadleir for their efforts in coordinating the U/13 and U/14 Camp, and to the Regional Cricket Managers for their assistance in developing talent in country regions.

Cricket NSW would once again like to thank the staff of the Sydney Academy of Sport for their continued support.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF COACHING

The Regional Directors of Coaching continued to play a role in developing NSW Cricket throughout the various country programs. The Directors promote and conduct courses under the National Coaching Plan and select and coach players to participate in the extensive Cricket NSW U/17 Program.

2007/08 Regional Directors of Coaching:
- Paul Everingham, Neil Coad, Rod Bryant, Graeme Dyball, Ian Daines, David Nichols, Tom Purcell, Col Tuckett, Matt Faint, David Tink, Chris Moran, John Brenton, Greg Sparke, Glen Rowlands, John Field, Kelvin Walls, Ian Paxton, Mark Curry, Alan Rees, Tim Clayton, Aaron West, Geoff Goulding.

Thanks to Robbie Mackinlay and Robert Stewart who retired prior to the season.

THE BASIL SELLERS FUND

The Basil Sellers Fund supports the Annual Country Coaching Class and the Annual Regional Directors of Coaching Conference. This provides intensive coaching for 24 young players and gives them the opportunity to participate in high standard matches against the AW Green Shield teams.

It also provides valuable assistance in identifying country players for future representative fixtures.

The sponsorship has assisted hundreds of young country cricketers since 1985. Most notable recipients include Adam Gilchrist, Dominic Thornely and Don Nash.
THE BASIL SELLERS COMBINED COUNTRY COACHING CLASS

This year’s class was postponed due to torrential rain and was rescheduled as part of the CNSW High Performance Camp in July 2008.

The following players were invited to attend (zone in brackets):

- Tom Alexander (Riverina), Elliott Braunstein (Central Coast), Mitch Coombes (Central Coast), Ben Cooper (North Coast), Joseph Coughlan (Western), Aaron Fishery (Central North), Jake Gordon (Central North), Keenan Hannigan (Riverina), Andrew Harriott (Central North), Jason Hayward (Central Coast), Ryan Jamieson (Riverina), Chris Jarman (Southern), James Larkin (North Coast), Andrew Lowe (North Coast), Tristan McDonald (Central Coast), Luke McNell (Riverina), Luke Merchant (Newcastle), Hayden Nichols (Southern), Jordan Peacock (Western), Matt Peterson (Central Coast), Mitchell Phelps (Southern), Cameron Pike (Southern), Brendan Reynolds (Central North), Andrew Spicer (Central Coast), Sam Taylor (Southern), Dom Tonkin (Central Coast), Ben Toussis (Illawarra), Nick Walker (North Coast), Kenrod White (Southern), Joe Willman (North Coast), Adam Zampa (Southern).

THE ANNUAL COUNTRY COACHES CONFERENCE

This year’s conference was incorporated into the State Coaches Conference held in July 2008 at the Sydney Academy of Sport. See High Performance Coach Education Report for details.

THE BASIL SELLERS SCHOLARSHIP

Mr Basil Sellers has significantly increased his support of Cricket NSW High Performance Programs by establishing a scholarship fund to assist young male cricketers (16-19 years). The aims of the scholarship are:

- To facilitate the development of a young talented cricketer/cricketers
- To support a cricketer moves from regional to city life, if necessary
- To assist the cricketer with education, training, employment and social skills
- To retain in cricket, talented young sports people who have considerable ability in cricket and other sports

2007/08 Basil Sellers scholarships were awarded to:

- Matthew Day, Phillip Hughes, Steve Smith, David Murphy, Ryan Medley, Simon Keen, Sam Robson, Mitchell Starc, James Phatanak, Josh Hazelwood, Sandy Rogers, Jason Hayward, David Farrell, Adam Coyte.

Appreciation is extended to Mr Sellers for his continued generous support of Cricket NSW High Performance Programs.

MOBILE HIGH PERFORMANCE UNIT

The Mobile High Performance Unit was initiated in order to provide expert coaching resources and services across the State.

The program expanded significantly in 2007/08 with Regional centres embracing the opportunity to access our High Performance coaches.

Sessions conducted were:

- Warren Smith (Batting) – Ballina, Wagga, Batting, Gunnedah
- Geoff Lawson (Fast Bowling) – Murwillumbah, Ballina
- David Freedman (Spin Bowling) – Wagga Wagga, Bowral
- Beau Casson (Spin Bowling) – Bowral
- Steve Rixon (Wicketkeeping) – Coffs Harbour, Wagga Wagga, Singleton

All sessions were well received. In conjunction with the Coach Education seminars, the High Performance Department is dedicated to providing players and coaches in all regions of NSW access to the best possible coaching expertise available.

GRADE CLUB COACHES PROGRAM

The Grade Club Coaches Program continued this year with several new members of the Cricket NSW High Performance Coaching Unit attending practice sessions at Grade Clubs. As in previous years, response from the Grade Clubs was very good with several taking advantage of some outstanding cricketing knowledge.

Former Australian Captain and National Coach Bob Simpson was once again prominent giving players and coaches the benefit of his unmatched experience in the game.

Clubs also received significant benefit from the expertise of Australian baseballer Gavin Fingleson (throwing and fielding), Warren Smith (batting) and Troy Baker (Video Analysis).

Julia Russell Sports Massage Services attended several Club sessions to provide sports and remedial massage to a large number of players across Sydney. With the volume of cricket played currently, Julia’s involvement in this Program will continue to grow.

Cricket NSW would like to thank the coaching staff from all Grade Clubs and members of the High Performance Coaching Unit for their commitment to helping develop coaching and playing talent.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH EDUCATION

Coach Education Seminars

These seminars continued to provide coaches at all levels throughout NSW with the opportunity to update their knowledge.

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Cricket NSW Coaches Conference

Held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen from 29 June – 1 July 2007, the Conference was attended by Regional Directors of Coaching, Regional Cricket Managers, Sydney Grade Club Coaches, Emerging Blues and Breakers coaches.

The key note speaker was the world’s number one umpire, Simon Taufel. Other presenters included Warren Smith (Batting Drills), Steve Rixon (Wicketkeeping), Mark O’Neill (Batting), Gavin Fingleson (Throwing), Ross Turner (Presentation Skills) and Troy Baker (Routines & Processes).

The conference was held in conjunction with the NSW U/17 and U/19 pre-season camp. This allowed both players and coaches access to the main presenters while also enabling coaches to view players from their club/region in the Cricket NSW environment.
Level 2 Courses

Level 2 Courses were conducted at Kinross Wolari School in Orange and at the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen during June and July. Each course was attended by 24 local candidates.

Cricket Australia Level 2 Fast Track Course

Coach educator David Patterson was invited by Cricket Australia to manage this course held at the Centre of Excellence from 26-28 March 2008. The course was designed for current State and Australian contracted players, together with ACA members who were interested in pursuing a coaching career at the end of their playing days.

The 13 course participants included Justin Langer, Darren Lehmann, Andy Bichel and Greg Blewett. Ed Cowan and Murray Creed attended from NSW.

Level 3 (High Performance) Course

The Cricket Australia Level 3 High Performance Course was held at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane from 4-9 May 2008. The candidates from NSW were Trent Woodhill, Gary Crowfoot, Graeme Smith, Peter Jackson and Tim Curran.

Inaugural Online Level One Course

David Patterson and Max Shepherd conducted the inaugural Level One Online Coaching Course in Broken Hill during September. A pilot for Cricket Australia, this course consisted of one day face-to-face contact together with the Australian Sports Commission’s General Principles Online Course, instead of the usual two days face-to-face.

From the 2008/09 season, the Level One course will follow the revised format of one day face-to-face together with Cricket Australia’s “Introduction to Cricket” online.

CA Coach Education and Training Committee

Part of the Coach Educator role is to sit on the CA Coach Education and Training Committee. This Committee meets bi-annually in March and September to determine National Policy and Directions relating to Coach Education.

Cricket NSW Skills Drills & Games DVD

The Cricket NSW Skills, Drills & Games DVD was released in November featuring Emerging Blues and Breakers players, the DVD contains around 70 different drills covering batting, bowling, fielding, wicketkeeping, relays and modified games.

Cricket Australia Coach Census

Cricket Australia released the latest information on accredited coaches during November. Most interestingly, whilst NSW contributes 30.4% of the players nationally, we contribute 44.3% of coaches. This is a very healthy situation for the ongoing coaching of cricketers in NSW, as per head we have more accredited coaches (Level 0 to 3) than any of the other States.

Coaching Functions

The High Performance Coach Educator represented Cricket NSW at the following functions:

Bob Simpson Award: Sydney Grade Club Coaching Award
Bill Anderson

John McMahon Award: NSW Country Coach of the Year
Mervyn Bourke

Tom Richmond Award: NSW DCA Junior Rep Coach of the Year
Peter Lonergan

Allan Border Medal Night
Bill Johnson

Cricket NSW Coaching Awards
Kerry Marshall, Alan Campbell, Ian Gill, John Betsey

Steve Rixan (right) at the Coaches Conference.
CORPORATE PARTNERS

Cricket NSW High Performance Department is grateful for the valuable support of its corporate partners.

— Power Education
— Basil Sellers
— NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS)
— ClubsNSW

Such support is vital to its existence, adds value to the programs and ensures that Cricket NSW remains at the cutting edge of world cricket.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The CA National Selection Panel announced a 16 player Australian Institute of Sport Squad to undertake a 19 week program at the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence.

SpeedBlitz Blues squad members Phillip Hughes, David Warner and Eddie Cowan were selected to attend.

The Program included an emerging players tournament against South Africa, New Zealand and Karnataka State from India. The program concluded with an overseas tour to India in August.

Moises Henriques attended the Academy on a part-time basis.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS UNIT

Cricket NSW has vastly extended its use of video technology in coaching by purchasing a site licence of the SportsCode video analysis software. The impetus for this decision was to provide a coordinated approach to the use of video technology for performance enhancement. The result was considerable cost savings for the organisation which enabled effective sharing of information across the state.

As well as providing additional resources for the High Performance and State Squad departments, this site licence has enabled the software (usually $30,000 per licence) to be extended to Country Cricket and Grade clubs.

In the initial phase the SportsCode system was distributed to each Country Cricket Zone with a view to expand this into each of the 22 regions in the future. This will allow country cricketers to receive the same level of technological support as their city counterparts, as well as enable city based coaches to more easily monitor players’ progress between camps.

With this increase in resources, the video analysis system was used at every male and female National Championships contested in the 2007/08 season. No other State had such a comprehensive or coordinated approach.

There has also been an increase in the use of video technology during training sessions. The use of this technology extends beyond simple examination and correction of batting, bowling, fielding and wicketkeeping technique. It includes aspects as the analysis of the actions of fast bowlers to assess their risk of injury, the provision of immediate feedback via a plasma screen to increase the rate of skill acquisition and the assessment of players’ ability to perform under pressure. This technology is introduced to players from the U/14 Emerging Blues and U/15 Emerging Breakers programs.

POWER EDUCATION INDOOR CENTRE

The Power Education Indoor Centre continued to prosper as the focus for all State Squads. A major development in the Centre was the establishment of a gymnasium in the end two western nets. This will be utilised by all our Men’s and Women’s Squads under the supervision of Strength and Conditioning Coach, Tom Reddin. Another development was the installation of new white netting. It is considered this will create even greater visibility of the ball for batsmen. This new white netting will also cover more length along the pitch giving greater safety for those players waiting to bowl.

As well as our regular State Squad members, the Centre was extensively used by Grade, Shire, suburban and social teams throughout the year. The Sydney Winter Competition continued to thrive and many of those teams trained in this facility. Many metropolitan schools also held their training sessions here and bookings were very heavy during the afternoon hours.

The Cricket NSW Academy has flourished over the last year with private coaching taking place most afternoons and evenings. Former First Class player Murray Creed is the Head Coach and other regular specialist coaches included First Grade cricketers Tim Sparke, Luke Reynolds and Eddie Otto. Clinics were held during the school holidays and these were very popular with children of all ages.

The Bradman Foundation Dinner and Test Match Breakfasts remain real highlights in this facility and NSW Rugby turned the facility into “The Tah Bar” for all their home games during the Super 14 season. The Centre has the capacity to handle over 600 people at these functions. Whilst cricket training is the primary activity that takes place in the centre, AFL, soccer and baseball teams regularly booked the Centre for their training drills.
POWER EDUCATION EMERGING BLUES PROGRAM

The 2007/08 season was the second with Power Education as major sponsor of the High Performance Programs, including the Emerging Blues. The Program commenced with a series of selection trials at the Power Education SCG Indoor Centre during March 2007. Over 500 players attended these trials from which seven squads were selected.

An introductory evening was held in April to inform parents and players about the objectives of the Emerging Blues Program. In particular an emphasis was placed on the role of cricket in their lives in relation to their responsibilities towards their family, friends and education.

The U/13 Program consisted of six pre-season training sessions followed by four inter-squad match days in October. Many squad members also attended the Talented Athlete Program Camp conducted at the Sydney Academy of Sport in August.

The U/14 Program consisted of 36 players with the U/15 and U/16 programs consisting of one squad of 24 players for each age group. All three squads practiced at the Power Education Indoor Centre. They participated in six squad sessions during the pre-season and received one-on-one, small group and team coaching. The players participated in matches under SCA and Ford Ranger Cup conditions in October.

The professionalism and level of commitment of both the squad coaches and specialist coaches is greatly appreciated. Their efforts play a significant role in the development of these players who are, in essence, the future of NSW cricket.

The value of the Emerging Blues Program is clearly identified in the short term by the number of players who feed through to the NSW U/17 and U/19 squads (and the subsequent success of these sides); and in the long term by the number of players who progress to First Grade, the Pura Cup, Ford Ranger Cup and KFC Twenty20 Big Bash squads.

Appreciation is extended to Activate and Westfields Sports High for providing practice facilities for the squads, and to the Grade and Shires Clubs who made their grounds available for the squad matches. The assistance of the NSW Districts Cricket Association, GPS and CAS schools in the programming of the dates and in nominating potential players for the squads is also greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL PACE BOWLING PROGRAM

The National Pace Bowling Program (NPBP) was overseen at the Cricket Australia level by Troy Cooley at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane. David Patterson managed the NSW program.

The major objective of the Program is to provide knowledge and support to fast bowlers and coaches about preparing for the tasks of fast bowling, whilst minimizing the risk of sustaining injury.

Highlights of the program were:

- Australian Fast Bowling Coach Troy Cooley working with the SpeedBlitz Blues, Youth players and Wolf Blass Breakers players at Pace Australia
- A Coach Education seminar for 150 coaches at the Power Education Indoor Centre Auditorium with Troy Cooley
- Nathan Bracken speaking with the U/19 fast bowlers during the National Championships in Hobart
- Fast bowlers from the U/15, U/16, U/17, U/19 and State squads undertook video analysis, including counter rotation numbers, and physio screenings
- Specialist Fast Bowling Sessions were held for all Youth squad fast bowlers (U/13 to U/19)
- All fast bowlers (U/17 to State squad) were provided with specialised fast bowling strength and conditioning programs

- All Emerging Blues fast bowlers (U/13 to U/16) were provided with generic core stability and flexibility programs
- The general public continued to be serviced through the Cricket NSW Pace Bowling Unit
- Technical and injury maintenance were undertaken on all bowlers on a needs basis. Referrals were made to appropriate specialists, i.e. doctors and physios, where necessary

Appreciation is extended to specialist coaches Matthew Nicholson, Mark Cameron, Stuart Clark, Sarah Andrews, physiotherapists Pat Farhart, Murray Ryan, Anthony Smith and Scott Ward, and Strength and Conditioning trainers Michael Haddin and Tom Reddin for their contributions to the Program.

FEMALE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

The High Performance female State teams had another successful year. The U/15 and U/17 teams were undefeated champions, while the NSWIS U/19 team was victorious for an unprecedented 11th time. This year was the fourth year in a row that all our female teams won their respective National Championships.

The following initiatives were implemented this year:

- Touring IT Analysis – SportsCode
- International Tour – Bangalore, India
- Specialist Sessions
- Formal Review of the Regional Emerging Breakers Program
- Personal Development for our High Performance Coaches

In a first for Australian women’s cricket, each junior State team was provided an IT Analyst whilst on tour to capture footage of each match. This provided the players and the coaching staff with an opportunity to analyse both ours and the opposition’s performance. This extra resource was widely used by the players bringing the Program in line with the male High Performance programs.

A specialist batting session was held during the September school holidays. This session was made available to 16 young players from the Emerging Breakers program. Two players were nominated from each of the six regional programs and two metropolitan programs. Specialist coaches were Richard Bates (Wolf Blass Breakers Head Coach), Sarah Aley and Leah Poulton (Wolf Blass Breaker’s players) and Kerry Marshall (NSWIS U/19 Head Coach).

At the end of the Emerging Breakers regional program both Lisa Sthalekar and Bronwyn Atkins conducted a review of each region. This allowed the coaches to raise any issues relevant to their program and discuss how the High Performance Department could service them better. These reviews have allowed the programs to grow and develop, and will be ongoing.

In April, the NSWIS U/19 team toured India. There were two purposes in taking the team to India:

- Firstly, to experience the difficult conditions against international opposition
- Secondly, to gain an appreciation of the cultural differences

The tour was a success. Not only was the team undefeated but the personal growth of the players was equally rewarding.

Throughout the year there were a number of Professional Development opportunities for our High Performance coaches, notably, two conferences.
The State Coaching Conference at Narrabeen included all High Performance coaches across both the male and female programs while the Women’s Coaching Conference included all coaches specifically involved in the female High Performance programs.

Another initiative saw U/17 Head Coach Neil McDonald attend a Wolf Blass Breakers home match to experience coaching at the elite level. More opportunities like this will be made available to our female High Performance coaches.

**Emerging Breakers Program**

The Emerging Breakers Program again included six regional programs and four metro programs.

The Emerging Breakers Metro Program catered for U/13, U/14, U/15 and U/17 players. Nominations were received from the junior girls’ competitions throughout the metropolitan area and the Sydney women’s competition with net trials held in August.

Specialist coaches included SpeedBlitz Blues and the Wolf Blass Breakers players, providing the junior girls an opportunity to learn from the best and be inspired by their role models.

The squad coaches during the 2007/08 Emerging Breakers program were:

**U/13:** Lee Malin, Michelle Goszko

**U/14:** Olivia Thornton, Sara Hungerford

**U/15:** Belinda Robertson, Charlotte Anneweld

**U/17:** Lee Malin, Kate Owen

**Specialist Coaches:** SpeedBlitz Blues and Wolf Blass Breakers players

The Emerging Breakers Metro Program ran over five weeks during August and September. At the conclusion of the Program, each squad was split into two teams and matches were played at David Phillips North and South Ovals. Both the U/13 and U/14 squads played twenty matches allowing all players to have extended time in the middle.

The U/15 and U/17 squads had a trial match to select the City team.

The Emerging Breakers Regional Program targets six regions of NSW with up to 24 players in each squad. Unlike the Metro Program, each squad consists of players aged 13-19.

The training component of this year’s program included seven day sessions with a number of squads playing matches to conclude their program.

This provided the girls with an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Country Championships that were held at the end of September.

This year saw all regions field both Senior (17 years and up) and Youth (13 – 17 years) teams without any metro players, indicating the increase in playing numbers throughout regional NSW.

Kerry Marshall and Lisa Shalekar attended a number of sessions however the following coaches were responsible for running each program:

**Central North:** Craig Golledge, John Rixon, Olivia Magno

**North Coast:** Amanda Owens, Keith Wyatt

**Western:** Carolyn Sheehan, Greg Griffith, Marie Cornish

**South Coast:** Jo Kelly, David Richards, Carly Ryan

**Newcastle/Central Coast:** Sue Allen, Anne Neems

**Riverina:** Neil Mackay, Angela Farrell, Ian Daines, Nathan Brookes

**Talented Athlete Program Camp**

The Talented Athlete Program (TAP) Camp took place at the Sydney Academy of Sport in Narrabeen from November 25-28. The camp was attended by 36 athletes and four coaches from the NSW U/15, U/17 and the NSWIS U/19 teams.

Unfortunately the inter-squad matches were washed out for the second year in a row however the girls were still able to hone their skills both at Narrabeen and the Power Education Indoor Centre.

This year, team bonding and leadership exercises were included to help the coaches ascertain the possible leaders/captains, especially for the U/15 and U/17 squads.

Specialist coaches included Richard Bates, Jonathan Freestone and former West Indies coach David Moore. It was a great opportunity to have David along as it gave the girls an insight into international team dynamics.

An additional benefit of the camp was that it allowed all the different squads to interact. In particular, it enabled the younger players to gain a better understanding from the U/19 players of what is required to make it to the top. It also allowed all teams to focus on the task at hand and gain a sense of direction that would enable them to be successful at their respective National Championships.

![NSW U/15 female team](image)

NSW U/15 Program

The U/15 Program follows on from the regional and metro based Emerging Breakers Program. The City team is selected from the Emerging Breakers U/15 City squad and the Country team from the Country Championships.

The City vs Country matches were held in early November on the Central Coast, with the City team retaining the Belinda Haggett-Robertson Trophy. The NSW U/15 team was subsequently selected from this weekend and went on to the TAP camp.

In addition to their Program, a match against the ACT U/17 team was held in Bowral after the TAP Camp. This gave the coach and the captain an opportunity to see players in a match situation with the intensity required at the National Championship. Two Twenty20 matches were held allowing all players some time in the middle, with both matches won by NSW. These matches were important to the ultimate success of the Program with many players making their debuts for NSW.

The NSW U/15 team remained undefeated at the National Championships winning the Christina Matthews Shield for the sixth consecutive season. With a new coach, manager and nine debutants, the team performed extremely well and must be commended for their professionalism at such a young age.

Thanks must go to all the coaches involved in the Program. A special mention goes to Olivia Thornton (Coach), Martha Winch (Manager), Kathym Moore (Physiotherapist), Sara Hungerford (IT analyst) and Emily Leys (Captain) who supported and led the team well.
Results

Round 1  NSW 8/172 (M Carmichael 47, T Kafoa 36) def Victoria 7/108 (K Wright 2/11, K Tucker 2/11)
Round 2  NSW 6/132 (H Trollip 42, Z Richards 39) def SA 9/130 (K Wright 3/26, E Leys 2/17)
Round 3  NSW 192 (N Carey 62, E Leys 22) def Qld 112 (K Wright 3/3)
Round 4  Bye
Round 5  NSW 9/242 (H Trollip 88, G Redmayne 51) def ACT 9/78 (K Tucker 3/2, E Leys 2/15)
Final  NSW 9/214 (M Carmichael 47, K Mack 32) def Qld 8/113 (N Carey 3/10, K Mack 2/22)

Individual Awards

Bowling Aggregate:
Kayla Wright – 9 wickets at 7.78

CRICKET AUSTRALIA NATIONAL U/17 FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW conducted the U17 Female National Championship, which was held in Sydney, from 6th-13th January 2008.

The Campbelltown-Camden Cricket Club was the host, and the Raby Sporting Complex was the central venue for the week-long event. Supporting clubs included Sutherland CC, Penrith CC, Bankstown CC and Hawkesbury CC.

A civic reception was held by Campbelltown Council on Wednesday, January 9, to welcome all teams to the district and enable them time to mix with other States. The function was well received by all teams. Appreciation is extended to the following umpires and scorers who battled 40 degree heat to make the carnival a success.

Umpires
Nick Carson
Bill Roden
Chris Weir
Kim Johnson
Kevin Battishill
Don Voegt

Scorers
Geoff De Mesquita
Toni Lorraine
Owen Ridge
Sue Woodhouse
Marilyn Poulter
Ken Conway

Sarah Hungerford, Erin Burns and Corinne Hall were Liaison Officers for the Championship and worked hard to ensure all States were looked after on match day. Their efforts were praised by coaches and managers numerous times throughout the week.

Campbelltown-Camden Cricket Club in particular provided outstanding assistance to competing teams throughout the week. Involvement of the clubs, supporters and volunteers far exceeded expectations of a hosting club. They were a major contributor to the overall success of the Championship.

The National Championship organising committee consisted of:

Championship Coordinator Bronwyn Atkins
Manager, High Performance Alan Campbell
Cricket Australia Representative Grant Smethurst
Grounds Coordinator Ian Field
Umpire & Scorer Coordinator Peter Hughes

Appreciation is also extended to the following clubs and volunteers for their support and assistance – Sutherland DCC, Penrith DCC, Bankstown DCC, Hawkesbury DCC and the Bradman Foundation.

NSW U17 Program

The City vs Country series were held in early November on the Central Coast with the City team winning both matches and retaining the Trish Langsford Shield.

The NSW U17 team was selected from this weekend with players going on to the TAP camp then competing at the U17 National Championship in Sydney during January 2008.

They remained undefeated during the tournament to win their fourth consecutive title. Along the way the team broke a number of records, including the highest team total of 429 runs off only 43 overs!

Appreciation is extended to Neil McDonald (Coach), Jessica Henry (Manager), Kathryn Moore (Physiotherapist), Katrina Hodge (IT analyst) and Angela Reakes (Captain).

A new initiative put forward by Jessica Henry allowed the girls to visit Westmead Hospital through the help of State Squad Administrator Donna Anderson. The girls and support staff found it a worthwhile and rewarding outing.

Results

Round 1  NSW 7/170 (K Waetford 33, H Grady 27) def Qld 46 (A Reakes 4/5, B Neems 3/8)
Round 2  NSW 4/295 (S Coyte 134no, M Harrison 63) def WA 3/152 (L Griffith 1/11, A Reakes 1/22)
Round 3  NSW 176 (S Coyte 52, A Reakes 34) def Vic 105 (H Grady 3/14, K Waetford 2/17)
Round 4  NSW 4/244 (K Waetford 76, M Harrison 54no) def SA 9/144 (L Griffith 3/19, A Reakes 3/20)
Round 5  NSW 4/429 (S Coyte 174, C Koski 104) def ACT 9/116 (H Grady 3/15, A Reakes 2/8)
Final  NSW 2/149 (S Coyte 65no C Koski 39) def Vic 8/146 (H Grady 4/30, M Wilczynski 2/16)

Individual Awards

Batting Aggregate:
Sarah Coyte – 485 runs @ 161.67

Player of the Championships:
Sarah Coyte

Team of Championships:
Sarah Coyte, Claire Koski, Angela Reakes and Kate Waetford
**NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) U/19 Program**

The NSWIS U/19 Squad consisted of 15 players with 10 players residing in Sydney and five based regionally. The induction camp was held in April where the entire squad underwent fitness tests, medical, physio and ACE/PD screenings conducted by the NSWIS.

During the season the Sydney based players trained every Monday night at the Power Education Indoor Centre and Tuesday night at the NSWIS gym. The regional players again had access to satellite coaching, which was a challenge to sustain. A number of players utilised Cricket NSW facilities at other times and were assisted by Lisa Shalekar.

The selection of the City team was based on grade performances, whilst the Country team was selected from the Country Championships.

Unfortunately the City vs Country matches were washed out without a ball being bowled. As a result the NSWIS U/19 team was selected based on grade and Country Championship performances.

A final camp was held in December for the team, where they utilised the SCG turf facilities and watched the Wolf Blass Breakers play. The players also received their playing caps from former NSW and Australian player Julie Hayes and Convenor of Selectors Wendy Weir during the lunch break on the SCG. The camp allowed the players to sharpen up their skills before the Christmas break and the upcoming national lunch break on the SCG.

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The U/19 National Championships were held in Brisbane from the 15 – 26 January 2008. With wet weather washing out the first two rounds, the team had to win the remaining matches with bonus points. They did this to make the Final and although challenged by Queensland, went on to record their 11th title, retaining the Betty Wilson Shield.

The NSWIS U/19 program is the pinnacle of the High Performance program and is producing players who represent at a higher level. This would not be possible if it were not for our association with the NSWIS and our Head Coach Kerry Marshall. Thanks must also be extended to the Specialist Coaches, Maris Lidums, Bronwyn Atkins (Manager) and Erin Osborne (Captain).

Apart from working on cricket skills the players were able to attend a number of workshops, including nutrition, sports psychology, time management and educational advice. This is one of the real benefits of the relationship with the NSWIS which provides resources to better the person, not just the cricketer.

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**Championship Awards**

- **Battling Aggregate and Average of the Tournament:**
  - Alyssa Healy 219 runs @ 73
- **Bowling Aggregate of the Tournament:**
  - Ashleigh Endacott 12 wickets @ 8.25
- **Team of the Championship:**
  - Erin Osborne, Alyssa Healy, Ashleigh Endacott, Samantha Hinton

**Acknowledgements**

The female High Performance teams dominated the National Championships with a powerful display of skill and teamwork. Their success on the field is a culmination of a lot of planning and effort. Appreciation is extended to the coaches, selectors and volunteers who assisted the squads and teams throughout the 2007/08 season.

As the female High Performance programs go from strength and strength, the NSWIS tour of India, appreciation must go to Chief Executive David Gilbert and the NSW Cricket Board for supporting and sharing our vision to be the best in Australian and world cricket.

**MALE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS**

**NSW U/19 Program**

The 2007/08 Commonwealth Bank National U/19 Championship was held in Hobart from 10-21 December 2007.

The NSW U/19 team was selected after a comprehensive pre-season and in-season program combining fitness and skills based sessions, training camps and several selection trials and practice matches.

Phillip Hughes was originally selected as Captain however his elevation to First Class cricket meant he was unavailable for the Championship. His place was taken by Blake Fitzgerald with Daniel Burns taking over the captancy.

Steven Smith joined the Squad on December 14 after his Ford Ranger Cup debut, taking part in the three Two-Day matches.

After performing well in the four One-Day matches during the first week of the Championship with three wins and a nail biting tie, NSW was well placed to challenge for its fifth successive U/19 title.

However, in the three Two-Day matches, an agonising draw against eventual winners Victoria, followed by narrow losses to ACT and Tasmania in the last two games, resulted in a final placing of fifth.
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Results

Round 1
NSW 8/119 (J Blake 22, D Murphy 18, B Fitzgerald 18) def WA 91 (P Alevizos 3/9, D Magin 2/17)

Round 2
NSW 9/182 (J Blake 49, A Sams 30) def Qld 9/179 (P Alevizos 2/21, J Hazlewood 2/32)

Round 3
NSW 3/60 (D Murphy 20, B Fitzgerald 15no) def NT 57 (D Burns 3/13, S Robson 2/8)

Round 4
NSW 202 (J Blake 49, P Betros 41) tied with SA 9/202 (D Magin 3/51, Mitchell Starc 2/24)

Round 5
NSW 9/281 (S Robson 98, P Betros 57) drew with Vic 288 (J Hazlewood 4/37, D Magin 2/48)

Round 6
ACT 222 (D Burns 3/69, M Starc 2/20, S Smith 2/26) def nSW 201 (S Smith 76, S Robson 44)

Round 7
Tasmania 5/306 (S Robson 1/36, P Betros 1/15) def nSW 9 dec 305 (P Betros 101, S Henry 48)

Highlights

Leading batters
Peter Betros 241 runs @ 40.16
Sam Robson 188 runs @ 26.85

Leading bowlers
Josh Hazlewood 10 wkts @ 16.7
Peter Alevizos 10 wkts @ 20.9
Daniel Magin 10 wkts @ 24.4

ICC U/19 Youth World Cup

At the conclusion of the Championship, four NSW players: Steven Smith, Phillip Hughes, Daniel Burns and Josh Hazlewood gained selection in the Australian U/19 team which took part in the ICC Youth World Cup in Malaysia during February and March 2008. The team finished fifth, losing the quarter final match against Pakistan.

Acknowledgements

Cricket NSW extends its appreciation to the following:
Michael Mackennan (Assistant Coach), Troy Baker (Performance Analyst) and Anthony Smith (Physiotherapist) for their outstanding work during the Carnival and the entire 2007/08 U/19 Program.

Cricket NSW Regional Cricket Managers for their assistance in identifying talent and their attendance at pre-season camps.

Jeff Cook (Central Northern Regional Cricket Manager) for his efforts as Coach of the U/19 Country team and on the final selection committee.

Brian Taber (Chairman, Cricket NSW Selection Panel) for his assistance in the final selection of the side.

The ground staff and committees of the Blacktown, Campbelltown-Camden Cricket Clubs and to Bradman Oval, Bowral for providing excellent facilities for trial and practice matches.

Michael Haddin (High Performance Strength and Conditioning Coach) and Gavin Fingleson (High Performance Fielding Coach) for their efforts in maintaining fitness levels among the squad.

The various members of the SpeedBlitz Blues and High Performance Coaching Unit for giving their time and expertise to assist with specialist coaching at squad sessions and pre-season camps.

To the families of the players for their enthusiasm, support and encouragement.

Finally, to the NSW Cricket Board for its ongoing support of the U/19 Program.

U/17 Program

The NSW U/17 team finished second behind South Australia at the 2007/08 Commonwealth Bank National U/17 Championship held in Melbourne from 5 – 16 January 2008.

The 2008 carnival saw the eight competing States and Territories begin the Championship by playing four Limited Overs matches, followed by three Two-Day matches to conclude the 12 day carnival.

The NSW U/17 team was chosen after a comprehensive program that began with City selection trials in April, a pre-season fitness program beginning in June and weekly skills based sessions from July-November; three training camps (August, September & December), numerous trial matches in December and concluding with the National Championship.

Results

Round 1
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Round 6
ACT 222 (D Burns 3/69, M Starc 2/20, S Smith 2/26) def nSW 201 (S Smith 76, S Robson 44)

Round 7
Tasmania 5/306 (S Robson 1/36, P Betros 1/15) def nSW 9 dec 305 (P Betros 101, S Henry 48)
**Highlights**

**Top Batters (min 220 runs)**
- D Farrell 328 runs at 41.0, HS 147
- T Armstrong 289 runs at 48.2, HS 62
- A Coyte 221 runs at 27.6, HS 145
- N Maddinson 220 runs at 27.5, HS 61

**Top Bowlers (min 10 wickets)**
- L Doran 14 wks at 13.7, BB 5/24
- T Van Der Gugten 12 wks at 19.0, BB 3/21
- N Brain 10 wks at 20.2, BB 4/52

**Awards**
- Australian U/17 Merit Team: David Farrell, Timm Van Der Gugten

**Acknowledgements**

Thanks are extended to Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria, the participating clubs and the all the volunteers for their efforts in the organisation and running of the Championship.

Congratulations to all the players for their behaviour and the spirit in which they played cricket. A big thank you to all the families who travelled to Melbourne. The support and camaraderie throughout the Championship was first class.

Thanks to all members of the High Performance department during all facets of the campaign and Championship. The efforts of Troy Baker, Scott Ward, Gavin Fingleson, David Freedman and Robbie Mackinlay were tireless and exceptional. All were extremely supportive, professional and enthusiastic throughout the Championship and had a terrific rapport with the players.

Finally, appreciation is extended to the NSW Cricket Board for their ongoing support of the Under 17 program.

**CRICKET NSW HIGH PERFORMANCE TOUR OF INDIA – APRIL 2008**

Following two successful tours to India, ASBT Colts (2004) and ASBT Spin Tour (2005), and in keeping with the Cricket NSW Strategic Plan, a male and female U19 team toured India in 2008. This was a first for Cricket NSW as no other U19 team, male or female, had visited India before.

**The Selected Squads were:**

**Male:**
- David Farrell (Riverina), Nick Maddinson (Southern), Blake Hutchinson (Southern), Adam Coyte (Campbelltown-Camden), David Miller (North Coast), Tim Armstrong (Western), Ben Smith (Fairfield-Liverpool), Adam Zampa (Southern), Luke Doran (Fairfield-Liverpool), Sandy Rogers (Western), Max McNamara (Penrith), Rob Edwards (Gordon), Josh Clarke (Penrith)

**Female:**
- Erin Osborne (Wallisend), Ellyse Perry (Sydney), Alyssa Healy (Sydney), Ashleigh Endacott (Northern District), Sam Hinton (University), Emma Thompson (Northern District), Claire Koski (Sydney), Sarah Coyte (Campbelltown-Camden), Kate Watford (Campbelltown-Camden), Kara Sutherland (North Coast), Angela Reakes (North Coast), Jessica Cox (Sydney), Rhiannon Dick (Bankstown)

**Coaches:**
- Kerry Marshall, Lisa Stohalik, Physotherapist: Andrew Renkert

**Tour Manager:**
- Alan Campbell

**Female Results:**

- **Game 1**
  - NSW 1/161 (A Healy 96, S Coyte 58) def Karnataka U/19 1/160 (A Reakes 5/18, E Osborne 2/9)

- **Game 2**
  - NSW 2/148 (C Koski 68, E Osborne 39no) def Karnataka U/19 1/147 (A Reakes 3/26, A Endacott 2/18, E Perry 2/22)

- **Game 3**
  - NSW 7/365 (S Coyte 107, A Healy 106, E Perry 50) def Karnataka 163 (E Thompson 4/19, A Reakes 2/22)

- **Game 4**
  - NSW 259 (A Endacott 66, E Osborne 42) def Karnataka 9/144 (E Osborne 2/10)

- **Game 5**
  - NSW 146 (A Reakes 46, R Dick 25) def India B 86 (K Sutherland 3/15, E Perry 3/20)

- **Game 6**
  - NSW 2/153 (S Coyte 70, E Osborne 37) def Karnataka 3/150 (A Endacott 1/19, S Hinton 1/21)

**Male Results:**

- **Game 1**
  - Karnataka 8/285 (R Edwards 3/45, M McNamara 2/40) def NSW 185 (T Armstrong 63, D Miller 38, R Edwards 21)

- **Game 2**
  - Karnataka 3/187 (34 overs) def NSW 185 (54 overs) (N Maddinson 41, R Edwards 32)

- **Game 3**
  - Karnataka 185 (M McNamara 3/16, R Edwards 2/30) def NSW 173 (D Miller 63, J Clarke 24)

- **Game 4**
  - NSW 5/344 (T Armstrong 166, D Miller 80no, N Maddinson 46) def Karnataka 7/342 (J Clarke 2/42)

- **Game 5**
  - Karnataka 6/282 (A Zampa 2/62, M McNamara 1/38) def NSW 173 (T Armstrong 54, N Maddinson 29, B Smith 19no)

**Tour Itinerary**

The initial tour itinerary was put together in consultation with the CEO of Karnataka State Cricket Association, Brijesh Patel, while he was in Australia in February.

The launch of the IPL in Bangalore understandably disrupted the program slightly but on the upside, it was a terrific experience to witness cricket history unfold.

**Tour Highlights**

- Opening Ceremony and first IPL Match at Bangalore
- Our stay at Infosys in Mysore
- The women’s defeat of the Indian national team
- Trip to Safari Park
- Playing at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore

**Observations**

- Cricket is alive even more than one can imagine in India
- The marriage of Bollywood and cricket appears, on the surface, to be a massive winner
- Cricket is now talked about as being a definite career prospect. This will have huge consequences as more and more traditional families allow their sons to pursue cricket as a career instead of study
- Their youth players have grown and developed incredibly in the last two years. They are fearless, aggressive, explosive, talented, hungry and skilful – very impressive!
- The conditions were unexpected – fast, hard, bouncy wickets. The ball turned and bounced and there was early swing
- Our players (male), while slightly younger, were outplayed across the board

**Alan Campbell**

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Mr RD Goodger (from 6 May 2008)

Board Chair
Mr TM Donahoo

Treasurer
Mr LCJ Borg

Liaison Officer
Dr SL Poole

Board Directors
Dr DF Dilley, Mrs MA Fowler, Messrs. G Chudleigh and RD Goodger

MEMBERSHIP

The new member intake of 95 compares with last year’s 98, and while still higher than 2000/01 (55) and 2001/02 (79), it is confirmation that the period of 100+ new members, which had been achieved in each of the previous five years, has at least temporarily ended.

There was only one new Junior member however this is due, to an extent, to a change in the Constitution in 2004 that resulted in the age of Junior membership being dropped from U/18 to U/16. This is still an area that we have yet to address.

The Full membership for Scorers saw only two members successfully upgraded, although through the efforts of the Scorers Committee it is considered that this number will increase when applications for Full memberships are considered at the next Annual General Meeting.

The overall Scorer membership also remained fairly static with just a one member increase over the previous year. The un-financial number of 81 is an increase from 12 on the previous year and is the highest since 1990/91; it is perhaps also due to not carrying out an exit interview of those that remained un-financial at the end of the renewal period as had been conducted in previous years.

The total individual membership therefore closed at 1,035 with the affiliated associations at 39.

Despite the continuing plateau of membership the Association remains with a degree of influence covering between 2,500 – 3,000 umpires and scorers throughout NSW.

The percentage of active umpires (66%) is slightly less than last years (69%) with the percentage operating at the Sydney Cricket Association dropping slightly by 0.7%. The non officiating percentage has increased from the 19.55% of members recorded over the same period last year. The difference in the percentage of those officiating at the regional level sees an increase of 2.45%. Those unsure if they would be actively officiating in season 2007/08 also increased by 1.7%.

The following chart indicates visually the officiating status of the membership prior to the new intake of the 2007/08 members.

Principal Membership, the second highest ranking category of membership behind Life Membership was bestowed upon Bruce Whiteman from the Southern Zone at the Annual General Meeting in recognition of his significant contribution.

Life Membership of the Association was given at a Special Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting to Kim Norris during which he was presented with his Life Member’s blazer by Board Chair, Tim Donahoo. Kim’s Life Membership was reward for his outstanding performance in the work of developing fellow umpires within various country towns and the Clarence River and Newcastle Associations. He is an original member of the Country Panel with 16 years service so far.

73 members received recognition for their years of membership, ranging from 10 to 45 years, with Principal Members Ray Cox achieving a formidable 45 years service and Dudley Tinow 40 years.

ADMINISTRATION

The continuing success of this Association is in no small part due to the support of Cricket NSW who employ the Executive Officer and the Education and Development Manager full time.

The Honorary Zone Representatives in each of the Country Cricket Zones, Bob Myatt, (North Coast), Sam Rees (Central North), Stephen Poole (Western), Bruce Whiteman (Southern), Pat Kerin OAM (Riverina), Neil Findlay (Illawarra), Don Maisey (Central Coast) and Kim Norris (Newcastle), together with Keith Griffiths as the Country Umpires Advisor have continued the ability to offer each individual member access to opportunities to advance to a level appropriate to their skill regardless of their location.

Life Member Graham Reed continued as the State First Class Coach working with Cricket Australia while fellow Life Member Dick French continued in the role of a National Umpire Selector as well as the Cricket NSW Ford Ranger Cup Match Referee. Tim Donahoo undertook the Match Referee duties for the Women’s National Cricket League while Peter Hughes continued as the Umpire Liaison Officer for the visiting international officials operating in the Sydney Tests and One-Day Internationals.
During the season several changes were made to our training and development methods. A CD-ROM featuring video footage of some of the Laws was created to complement our courses. These were supplied to our Accredited Trainers.

The NSW Country Cricket Zone Representatives were brought together to address seasonal issues and a new Developing Umpires Group in Sydney was established to sit below our Advanced Group and modify our lines of communication with umpires and scorers throughout the State.

A total of 21 courses were presented throughout the State with over 350 participants attending in the following areas: SCG (twice), Scone, Port Macquarie, Dubbo, Tamworth, Lithgow, Kiama, Wagga Wagga, Bathurst, Gunnedah, Richmond, Campbelltown and St Marys.

Over 250 of the participants sat an examination at the end of the course while an additional 90 made use of the on-line examination facility via our website.

In addition to our main Training Course we were able to run several modified courses for Junior Club coaches that focussed on the more basic Laws and technique issues. These were conducted in Hornsby, North Ryde, North Sydney, Fairfield, Campbelltown and Manly.

The partnership established last year with the Institute of Cricket Umpiring and Scoring in the United Kingdom has already seen the production of the first cricket umpiring course in the world to be accredited by an independent educational validation body, Edexcel.

Those who complete it successfully earn a BTEC Certificate. As an indicator of achievement in both academic and vocational disciplines, this is a qualification with ‘real-world’ value that can only assist career and employment prospects.

This unprecedented achievement means that, for the first time, umpires and scorers will now have the choice of quality training, recognised world wide and to the very highest standards thought unattainable in previous years. It further enhances the reputation of this Association as one of the leaders in the field.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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During the summer the following match appointments were made:

**Terry Keel**

- One KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match
- One Pura Cup match
- Three Ford Ranger Cup matches
- Three Women’s National Cricket League matches
- Two Women’s one-day internationals
- Four One-Day Internationals
- One Twenty20 Big Bash match

**Peter Tate**

- One U/17 National Championships
- One Female U/17 National Championships

**Darren Goodger**

- Three One-Day Internationals
- One ICC Intercontinental Cup match
- One Westpac Cup match
- One KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match
- One Ford Ranger Cup match
- One KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match

**Narelle Johnstone**

- One Test, two One-Day Internationals, one women’s One-Day International, four Pura Cup matches, three Ford Ranger Cup matches, one KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match

**Gerard Abood**

- One women’s one-day international
- One Pura Cup match
- Two Ford Ranger Cup matches
- Two KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches
- Two Women’s National Cricket League matches

**Christine Bennison**

- One Test, two One-Day Internationals, three Pura Cup matches, three Ford Ranger Cup matches, one KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match, one Cricket Australia Cup match

**Darrell Hair**

- Four one-day internationals
- Two ICC intercontinental Cup matches
- Three Ford Ranger Cup matches
- Two KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches
- Two Women’s National Cricket League matches

**Chris Weir**

- One KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match
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**Ken Conway, Geoff De Mesquita, Tony Lomane, Marilyn Poulter, Owen Ridge and Sue Woodhouse.**

The appointments to both the Sydney Cricket Association Shire and Women’s competitions were the responsibility of the Appointments Officers within their respective Umpire Associations whilst the Grade competitions were the responsibility of the Executive Officer of the NSWCUSA.

A total of 3,583 appointment days were made covering matches in Grade (2,899), Shires (371) and Women’s Grade (293) competitions. This was a decrease of 81 days compared to the previous summer, primarily due to the large amount of wet weather cancellations.

Congratulations are extended to Tommy Ang, Bob Cheetham, Andrew Hamilton, Greg Heys, Paul Honeywill, David Lenza, Bill Meehan, Marc Nickl and Bill Rigby who received their maiden Sydney Cricket Association First Grade match appointment this season.

Additional congratulations are extended to Nick Fowler and Bill Roden who have now stood in over 150 Sydney Cricket Association First Grade games, and Ernie Brooks who officiated in his 100th First Grade match.

Awards were again presented to acknowledge the performances of umpires in each of the four SCA Panels. Voted on by the captains, the winners were:

1st Panel: Darren Goodger
2nd Panel: Andrew Hamilton
3rd Panel: Glenn Roche
4th Panel: Steve Black

The winner of the equivalent award for Shires umpires was Bruce Whitehouse. The George Borwick Memorial Award, instituted in 1981/82 to perpetuate the memory of the Association’s Test Umpire, President and Patron, was won for the fifth successive year by Darren Goodger. Darren matches the number of Awards of Simon Taufel but is the first person to take out “the double” of First Grade and George Borwick Awards on three occasions.

The Association Award, introduced to recognise a member from an Affiliated Association for their efforts both on and off the field during the season, was awarded to Gordon Smith from the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association.

An award known as the Alan Marshall Medal, recognising the work carried out for the Association by Alan Marshall in developing the new umpires, was awarded to the ”rookie” of the year, Muhammad Qureshi. This year the Scorers Encouragement Award, selected from nominations received from a Club or Affiliated Association, was taken by Adam Morehouse from the Weston Creek Cricket Club in Canberra.

The Country Umpire of the Year award was won by Adam Marshall from the Central Northern Zone in his first year as a member of the Country Panel of Umpires.

**Peter Hughes**

Executive Officer
The NSW Districts Cricket Association continued to fulfill its role as the Affiliate body for Junior and Senior community cricket, with 32 Affiliated Associations, a total of 2949 teams and almost 50,000 players ranging from U/8 to seniors.

2007/08 saw two associations formed to specifically run competitions for girls and whilst membership is only moderate at the moment, we believe the work being done by officials in the two areas will prove successful. After a few seasons of disappointments we decided, in consultation with Community Cricket Department, to change the Girls Inter Association competition to a week long carnival held in late January. This format was an unqualified success and will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Inter Association Shield competitions continue to attract players because of the high standard right throughout seniors and juniors. Associations take pride in the presentation of their teams which they see as an investment in the players progression to higher levels of the game. The core of players who form the Emerging Blues and the Emerging Breakers Programs are provided through the Inter Association competitions.

Clubs and Associations continue to take advantage of the Cricket NSW Loans and Grants Scheme to improve, in the main, practice facilities. The Scheme provides a very generous contribution to the improvement of these facilities and we will continue to work with our Associations to achieve a good outcome for all concerned.

Administration

Chairman: Jeffery Evans
Deputy Chairman: Colin Booth
Committee: Matthew Betsey, Hilary Griffith, William Howard, Alfred James OAM, Gregory Liggins, Roy Maggio, Michael Ross
Honorary Treasurer: David Toose
Executive Officer: David Lawson
Acting Executive Officer: Eric Myatt OAM

Inter-Association Perpetual Shield Winners

The NSWWDCA offers its congratulations to the following Inter-Association Shield competition and junior player of the year award winners.

Shell Shield: South Eastern JCA (Shield for all Junior Competitions)
James Searle Memorial Shield: Hornsby Kuringai Hills DCA (Shield for all Senior Competitions)

Inter-Assocation Competition Winners

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Appreciation

Thanks are extended to:

The NSW Cricket Board for their continued support of the NSW Districts Cricket Association.

The Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management for their support.

All Local Government Authorities for their assistance and support. Local government authorities are almost the sole providers of facilities, vital for cricket’s longevity, and their ongoing support cannot be underestimated.

The Kingsgrove Sports Centre, in particular Harry Solomons, for his continued and most generous support of junior cricket in NSW. The donations of gift vouchers to the Player of the Year in junior Shield competitions was appreciated by all.

Kookaburra Sport, in particular Noel Moig, for his tremendous support of balls and sponsorship to the Inter Association competitions and their great assistance to association local competitions.

All Vice Presidents and Life Members, for their dedication, help and support.

The Committee of Management of the NSW Districts Cricket Association for their efforts throughout another successful season.

Eric Myatt OAM
Acting Executive Officer

CRICKET NEW SOUTH WALES 2007/08 ANNUAL REPORT

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Recruitment and retention of cricketers continues to be the principle objectives for Community Cricket. Fortunately the explosion of non-traditional cricket has provided great assistance in achieving these goals during the 2007/08 season.

Summarised below, our successful initiatives in 2007/08 included Twenty20 (T20) and Super 8’s cricket. The servicing of schools and clubs was also invigorated by the ‘new look’ of cricket which appealed to all, especially young first time cricketers, female teachers and to those from a non-English speaking backgrounds.

Modified Formats of Cricket

The role of T20 and modified cricket within Community Cricket is best outlined in the following chart:

Community Cricket’s recommended formats for all junior groups and ability.

T20 and modified cricket happily co-exists with the traditional forms of the game. If a player wants to progress and has the talent, he or she can progress out of the T20/modified cricket and onto the traditional pathway.

It is encouraging to see the more progressive junior associations providing their players with this dual pathway.

T20 AND MODIFIED CRICKET - EXAMPLES IN 2007/08

Milo Cup Super 8’s

Over 700 boys’ and 550 girls’ primary school teams entered the 2007/08 Milo Cup. The final for each competition was played on the SCG in December with Willoughby PS taking out the boys’ competition and Engadine West the girls’.
CommUnity Cricket

Recruitment

“Is Your Backyard Big Enough?” was the question asked by Michael Clarke and Sarah Andrews on Sydney buses, in community and weekend papers, websites and on television. The advertisements directed kids and parents to playcricket.com, a one-stop-shop to find a local cricket provider from Have-A-Go centres to senior clubs.

Coach Education

For the third season in a row, over 600 Level One coaches were accredited in 2007/08. Coach Education is so fundamental to the development of junior cricket that Cricket Australia has developed a new Level One program, comprising an online section followed by a one-day practical. This was an improvement on the two practical days run in the past.

Facilities Upgrades

the Doug Walters Club paid out $117,100 to 19 schools and clubs to assist with the upgrade of facilities. Examples of projects range from $2,000 to the Casino Cricket Club for nets, to $14,000 for a major facility for juniors in Wollondilly.

School’s Cricket

One of the unqualified success stories for 2007/08 was the Extended Cricket Skills Program offered to metropolitan primary schools. This comprised five clinics per class at $25 per child, who in turn each received a bat worth over $50. In our trial year, 30 schools signed up and we expect over 80 in 2008/09. However the program will be limited by the availability of qualified presenters.

Volunteer Recognition

Each Cricket Manager hosts functions to recognise volunteers in their local community. In addition, registered volunteers received two tickets to a KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match.

Registered volunteers who applied online were also able to access tickets to Day Four of the Sydney Test and passes to a cocktail function at a KFC Twenty20 Big Bash match.

The process of selecting our NSW Volunteer of the Year commenced with a dinner for 50 finalists from across NSW, with 12 semi-finalists attending the Steve Waugh Medal Dinner. The winner travelled to Melbourne for the Allan Border Medal Presentation.

David Lawson
Manager – Community Cricket
NSW COUNTRY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS/DELEGATES – 2007/08

Country Delegates elected to the Association were:

CENTRAL COAST CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Messrs. J G Moriarty, S K Blake

CENTRAL NORTHERN ZONE
Messrs. M J Silver, T Psarakis

ILLAWARRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Messrs. I R Hogg, D A Veronese

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Messrs. D J Broad OAM, R D McCormack

NORTH COASTAL ZONE
Messrs. R J Myatt, J T McMahon OAM

RIVERINA ZONE
Messrs. P J Kerin OAM, W A Bradley OAM

SOUTHERN ZONE
Messrs. P G Creighton, G E Sawkins resigned 19/11/07, B W Templeman appointed 5/2/08

WESTERN ZONE
Messrs. D C Cox, C J Wood

METROPOLITAN MEMBER/S
Messrs M F Rosen, B W Collins and Dr G K Harinath attended meetings as observers.

The following Office Bearers and Committee of Management were elected:

CHAIRMAN
Mike Silver (Central North)

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
Ian Hogg (Illawarra)

COMMITTEE
Denis Broad (Newcastle), Dennis Cox (Western), Patrick Kerin (Riverina), Robert Myatt (North Coast), John Moriarty (Central Coast) and Graeme Creighton (Southern)

MANAGEMENT (NSWCA Administration)
John Sullivan – Executive Officer/Public Officer
Matthew Phelps – Country Cricket Coordinator resigned 4/4/08

TREASURER
Ray Power

LIFE MEMBERS

1991 I H Ewin OAM, R Heaps OAM, M Lilienthal OAM
1993 D J Broad OAM
1995 J T O’Dwyer OAM
1999 K G Robson OAM
2001 B J Gainsford OAM
2003 G R Bennett, M S Curry
2004 G C Browne
2006 J T McMahon OAM

TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES

Mark Curry (Regional Director of Coaching, Newcastle) and Graeme Creighton (Southern) were the Coach and Manager respectively of the NSW Country Team at the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Mackay, Queensland.

Neil McDonald (Regional Cricket Manager; Newcastle/Central Coast) and Graeme Smith (Regional Cricket Manager; Illawarra/Southern) were Coach and Manager respectively of the NSW Country Colts Team for match against the High Performance Youth XI at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville.

COUNTRY CRICKET AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE

The Country Cricket Australia Committee met at Nuriootpa, South Australia (June) and Mackay, Queensland (during the Australian Country Cricket Championships). Mike Silver attended both meetings on behalf of Country Cricket NSW.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Committee of Management met on four occasions from 3 September 2007 to 2 June 2008, both dates inclusive:

— Messrs. M J Silver (Chairman) 3; I R Hogg 4; D J Broad 4, J G Moriarty 4; P G Creighton 4; DC Cox 4; R J Myatt 4 P J Kerin 4; T Psarakis 1.
— SK Blake 1; WA Bradley 1; C J Wood 1; RD McCormack 1 and BW Templeman 1 also attended as NSW Country Delegate observers.
— MF Rosen 1; BW Collins 1; and Dr G K Harinath I also attended as observers from the NSW Cricket Association Board.

COUNTRY CRICKET NSW SPONSORSHIP

Country Cricket NSW gratefully acknowledges the support of the following organisations:

— Fosters Group as the Major Sponsor of Country Cricket NSW including the VB Country Championships and the VB Country Plate
— The Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust for their sponsorship of the SCG Country Cup
— Platypus Sporting Goods (Dave Brown) Pty Ltd for the supply of cricket balls used in all Country Cricket NSW representative matches
— BBM Ltd for their continued financial support of the England Scholarship Scheme
— AS Travel for their assistance with the travel arrangements associated with the England Scholarship Scheme
— The Sunday Telegraph for providing the trophy for the NSW Country Player of the Series at the Australian Country Cricket Championships
BBM Ltd ENGLAND SCHOLARSHIP

Joe Mennie (Coffs Harbour) was selected by the NSW Country Selection Panel to receive the 2007/08 Country Player BBM Ltd Scholarship. Joe will play with Haywards Heath Cricket Club (Sussex Cricket League) in the UK.

MEDIA

The Association wishes to acknowledge all sections of the media for their continued coverage of Country Cricket in Regional NSW, and in particular John Swords at The Sunday Telegraph.

FINANCIAL

Country Cricket again received generous financial assistance from the NSW Cricket Association with $1,284,833 in allocations being made available. The following programs received the majority of funding:

1. Regional Cricket Managers $ 556,310
2. SCG Country Cup $ 153,837
3. Women’s Country Championships $ 76,525
4. VB Country Plate $ 67,835
5. Country Colts $ 60,418
6. Bradman Cup $ 56,826
7. Commonwealth Bank ACCCs $ 51,295
8. VB Country Championships $ 46,485
9. Platypus Cup $ 36,556

TOTAL $ 1,106,087

General Grants and Coaching Grants amounting to $220,000 and $132,300 respectively were made to Country Affiliates.

For the year ending 30th June 2008 Grant Applications for various works were approved by the NSW Cricket Board totalling $202,181 and by the Country Committee of Management totalling $113,634. The overall contribution to Country Cricket for the year totalled $1,952,948. The contribution by the NSW Cricket Board has been further acknowledged elsewhere in this Report.

COMMONWEALTH BANK AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007/08 NSW COUNTRY TEAM

The NSW Country Team are the National Champions after winning the Commonwealth Bank Australian Country Cricket Championships in Mackay, Queensland.

NSW Country Team.

Back row (l-r): Mark Curry (Coach), Brendan Rixon (Tamworth), Jamie Rowe (Central Coast), Bill Newell (Wauchope), Daniel Hughes (Dubbo), Nathan Price (Newcastle), Ben Nott (Bourke), Giselle Greigton (Manager), Mick Ninness (Physiotherapist), Front row (l-r): Matthew Frith (Newcastle), Robert Faraday-Bensley (Newcastle), Simon Moore (Newcastle), Jeff Cook (Captain – Tamworth), Sam Irvine (Casino), Anthony Hobson (Newcastle), Shane Wallace (Bomaderry).

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<td>Game 3</td>
<td>NSW 8/138 (5 Irvine 43, B Rixon 30, S Trinick 3/42) and 6/128 (J Cook 54no, M Frith 25, B Hauenstien 5/27) def Victoria 76 (B Gaunt 40, J Rowe 5/8, N Price 2/26) and 271 (5 Loftus 60, B Newell 3/33, J Cook 2/47)</td>
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<td>Game 4</td>
<td>Western Australia 6/196 (A Mason 59, C Tonkin 40, J Rowe 2/28) Match abandoned due to rain</td>
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CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Championship Shield:
New South Wales Country

Bill O’Reilly Trophy – Bowling Aggregate:
Bill Newell (NSW) and Ryan Dowson (Queensland) joint winners

The Sunday Telegraph NSW Player of the Series at the Commonwealth Bank Australian Country Cricket Championships:
Ben Nott (Bourke)

VB STATE LEAGUE CUP

The VB State League Cup was again conducted between four Metropolitan Sydney teams, NSW Country and ACTCa. For this competition, several SpeedBlitz Blues players originally from the country, were selected for the team. They were; Aaron O’Brien (Central Coast), Dominic Thornely (Riverina), Tim Lang (Tamworth) and Mark Cameron (Hunter).

Sydney West won the 2007/08 competition.

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<td>NSW Country 7-262 (A O’Brien 78, M Littlewood 57, S Cleary 5/56) def Sydney North I55 (B Davis 51, M Cameron 3/23, M Hogan 2/14)</td>
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VB COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Each Zone/Association (8) contested the VB Country Championship which was again played in Dubbo with North Coast Zone and the Central Coast Cricket Association winning their first two matches to qualify for the Final.

VB Country Championship Final, Victoria Park No.1, Dubbo.

SCG COUNTRY CUP
85 teams nominated for SCG Country Cup. Merewether DCC and Tamworth DCA qualified for the Final for the second year in a row.
SCG Country Cup Final, Sydney Cricket Ground.
Merewether CC 4/188 (S Moore 74no, T Goodwin 54, J Hazlewood 3/14) def Tamworth DCA 9/186 (B Rixon 63, J Cook 42, M Hogan 3/23).

STATE CHALLENGE MATCH
After winning the VB Country Championship Final, North Coast Zone qualified to play the Sydney Cricket Association First Grade Limited Overs Premiers, Northern District CC at Waitara Oval, Waitara.
Northern District CC 4/201 (C Witt 60, J Wheeler 50, B Davis 1/18) def North Coast 6/200 (D Miller 67, J Cook 32, D Ball 1/14).

VB COUNTRY PLATE
The VB Country Plate competition again had 34 teams nominated. Highlands DCA and The Rail CC (Albion Park) qualified for the Final.
VB Country Plate Final, Wolesley Park, Gunnedah.
Highlands DCA 6/280 (D Roxburgh 103no, L Bertram 74, A Warren 3/43) def The Rail CC 104 (B Mauro 15, D Roxburgh 2/17, N Brown 2/19).

NSW COUNTRY COLTS (U/21)
The format for the NSW Country Colts Carnival was varied this season to bring it into line with the VB Country Championship.
Each Zone/Association (8) contested the NSW Country Colts Competition which was played in Newcastle. In a rain effected competition Newcastle District Cricket Association and Southern Zone as winners of their first two matches qualified for the Final.
NSW Country Colts Final, No 1 Sportsground, Newcastle.
Newcastle DCA 179 (M Cummings 44, K Neely 31, M Junk 3/38) def Southern Zone 91 (N Wright 29, N Price 3/14, S Sharma 2/6)
As winners of the Final, Newcastle DCA was awarded the inaugural Brian Hughes and Maurice Lilienthal Shield.

At the conclusion of the competition the following team was selected to represent NSW Country Colts against a Combined High Performance Youth XI at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville in a two-day match and One-Day limited overs match.
Nathan Price (Newcastle – Captain), Blake Fitzgerald (Central North), Peter Gallichan (Central Coast), Kaine Harmsworth (Central Coast), Matthew Junk (Southern), Joe Mennie (North Coast), David Miller (North Coast), Jordan Moran (Dubbo), Taylor Nichols (Central North), Mitch Power (Central North), Joel Robinson (Riverina), Scott Sharma (Newcastle).
Coach: Neil McDonald; Manager: Graeme Smith.

TWO DAY MATCH Vs HIGH PERFORMANCE YOUTH XI
High Performance Youth XI 9/331 (J Wheeler 111, P Betros 102, K Harmsworth 4/37) def NSW Country Colts 8/329 (K Harmsworth 104no, T Nicholls 73, T Van Der Gugten 5/64)

ONE DAY MATCH Vs HIGH PERFORMANCE YOUTH XI

ZONE/ASSOCIATION U/17 CARNIVALS
The U/17 Zone/Association Carnivals were played in two pools at Nowra and the Central Coast with Western Zone and Central Coast Cricket Association emerging as winners of their respective pools.
At Bradman Oval, Bowral a Northern NSW Vs Southern NSW trial match was held from which the NSW Country U/17 Team was selected to play against the City U/17 Team in a two day trial match.

BRADMAN CUP (U/16)
Torrential rain on the NSW North Coast meant the Bradman Cup scheduled to be played at Coffs Harbour in early January 2008 had to be abandoned. It was decided that the format of the Bradman Cup, incorporating a bonus points system, be rescheduled, for this season only into two pools to ensure all matches could be played.
Pool A consisted of Central North Zone, North Coast Zone, Newcastle District Cricket Association and Central Coast Cricket Association playing at Coffs Harbour.
Pool B consisted of Western Zone, Southern Zone, Riverina Zone and Illawarra Cricket Association playing at Cowra.
In a close fought finish the Central Coast Cricket Association were declared winners of the 2007/08 Bradman Cup finishing on 32.64 points with Southern Zone coming in runners up on 32.54 points.

U/16 STATE CHALLENGE
After winning the Bradman Cup, Central Coast Cricket Association qualified to play the winners of the AW Green Shield, Parramatta DCC, at Jubilee Park, The Entrance. Parramatta DCC 3/228 (S Abbott 82, A Graham 54no, M Peterson 2/40) def Central Coast CA 9/226 (T McDonald 81, D Tonkin 51no, T Ortiz 3/44).

PLATYPSUS CUP (U/14)
The Platypus Cup Carnival was played in two pools. Pool A consisted of Central North Zone, North Coast Zone, Central Coast Cricket Association and Newcastle District Cricket Association who played at Inverell.
Pool B consisted of Southern Zone, Western Zone, Riverina Zone and Illawarra Cricket Association who played at Griffith. North Coast Zone and Western Zone qualified for the Final as winners of their respective pools. Platypus Cup Final, Cook Park 4, Singleton.

North Coast Zone 153 (S Reading 41, L Hickey 34, J Henry 3/29) defeating Western Zone 142 (L Sheppard 29, J Haylock 29, J Smith 3-17)

WOMEN’S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Open Division of the Women’s Country Championships was contested by teams from the ACTCA, Central Coast, Central North, Newcastle, North Coast, Riverina, South Coast and Western regions at Gundedah, with Newcastle and the ACTCA qualifying to play the Final at Woilesley Park, Gundedah.

Newcastle DCA 121 (C Hall 62, L Poulton 15, M Mills 5/19) tied with ACTCA 5/121 (B Calver 61, S Staples 18, F MacKenzie 2/15)

Newcastle DCA and ACTCA were declared joint winners.

The Youth Division of the Women’s Country Championships was contested by teams from the ACTCA, Central Coast, Central North, Newcastle, North Coast, Riverina, South Coast and Western regions at Narrabri with Newcastle and ACTCA qualifying to play the Final at Collins Park, Narrabri.

ACTCA 5/80 (H Wallett 21, N Nangrani 14, H Curtis 2/10) def Newcastle

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NSW Country Cricketer of the Year — Jeff Cook (Central North)

Platypus Eric Brown U/21 Player of the Year — Nathan Price (Newcastle)

CONGRATULATIONS

The Association extends its congratulations to:

— Jeff Cook (Central North), Robert Faraday-Bensley (Newcastle) and Jamie Rowe (Central Coast) for their selection in the Australian Country Cricket Team.

— Blake Fitzgerald (Central North), Josh Hazlewood (Central North) and David Murphy (Illawarra) on their selection in the NSW U/19 Team. Also to Josh Hazlewood for his selection in the Australian U/19 World Cup Team that contested the U/19 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

— Tim Armstrong (Western), David Farrell (Riverina), Blake Hutchinson (Southern) and Nic Maddinson (Southern) on their selection in the NSW U/17 Team. Also to Tim Armstrong for being awarded the Mark Waugh Trophy for the U/17 Player of the Year;

— Anthea Collins (South Coast), Emily Leys (Central North), Georgia Redmayne (North Coast), Keeghan Tucker (Western), Bridget Webster (Riverina) and Kayla Wright (Central Coast) for their selection in the NSW U/15 Women’s Team. Also to Kayla Wright for winning the Bowling Aggregate Award at the U/15 National Championships.

— Hannah Grady (Western), Lisa Griffith (Western), Melissa Harrison (South Coast), Rachel Kent (Central North), Brodie Neems (Central Coast), Angela Reakes (North Coast), Kara Sutherland (North Coast), Kirsten Swan (North Coast) and Morgan Wilczynski (Newcastle) on their selection in the NSW U/17 Women’s Team. Also to Angela Reakes for her selection in the U/17 Team of the Championships.

— Jessica Cox (Western), Samantha Hinton (Western), Erin Osborne (Central North), Hannah Perry (Central Coast) and Rebecca Wyborn (Central North) on their selection in the NSW U/19 Women’s Team. Also to Erin Osborne and Samantha Hinton for their selection in the Australian U/19 Team of the Championships.

APPRECIATION

To the Umpires who officiated at all levels of country cricket throughout the season, and to the many honorary administrators, the Association records its appreciation for their outstanding contribution and dedicated support.

The contribution of local government bodies throughout all of our country regions is also acknowledged. In addition thanks are expressed to:-

— The NSW Cricket Board, in particular Chairman Dr Harry Harinath and Chief Executive David Gilbert for their continued support of NSW Country Cricket.

— Mike Silver for his contribution as the NSW Country Delegate to the Country Cricket Australia Committee.

— NSWCCA Selection Panel Members Barry Mayne (Chairman), Graeme Creighton, Rod Richards, Greg Arms and Greg Smith for their valued contribution throughout the season.

— Mark Curry, Graeme Creighton and Mick Ninness for their contribution to the NSW Country Team at the Australian Country Cricket Championships and State League Cup.

— Neil McDonald and Graeme Smith for their contribution to the NSW Country Colts Team in the matches against the High Performance Youth XI.

— Zone Administrators Bob Myatt (North Coast), Rod Richards (Central North), Graeme Creighton (Southern), Royce McCormack (Newcastle), Garry Burkeshaw (Central Coast), Colin Wood (Western), Peter Lee (Riverina) and John Pemberton (Illawarra) for their valued contribution throughout the season.

— To Dominic Thorne, Aaron O’Brien, Mark Cameron and Tim Lang for their participation in various 2007 State League Cup matches as Country Origin players.

— To all SpeedBlitz Blues Squad Members and Regional Cricket Managers who participated in the 2007 Back-to-the-Bush promotion.

— To all SpeedBlitz Blues Squad Members who participated in the Country Challenge Match held at No 1 Oval, Tamworth and all Tamworth DCA officials who worked tirelessly to ensure the match was a success.

John Sullivan
Executive Officer — Country Cricket NSW
THE BRADMAN FOUNDATION

The Federal government acknowledged the centenary of Sir Donald Bradman’s birthday by announcing a grant of $6.5 million to expand the Museum and its chronology of cricket to include modern game, and create the International Cricket Hall of Fame. To many in the cricket fraternity, Bradman Oval, the Museum and traditional surrounds are the spiritual home of cricket - the place where the boy from Bowral honed skills that in time would electrify the nation and establish Australia’s sporting ability on the world stage.

A key objective of our strategic plan is to use today’s internet technology to take the Museum to the world and service a global market. The capital works program will expand our existing public program by establishing an iconic international facility, and transform Australia’s premier cricket Museum boasting state-of-the-art displays dedicated to modern cricket. The Museum will continue to realise the aims and ambitions held by Sir Donald Bradman in emphasising the values of the noble sport that crosses geographical and cultural boundaries, bringing people of different social backgrounds together both on and off the playing field.

Our challenge to deliver such a vision is to ensure that we establish an operationally sustainable facility that continues to engage Australian and overseas visitors for the next 20 years. The grant will be expended over the next two years with anticipated launch in 2010.

The Bradman Foundation hosted many events throughout the year commencing with the annual 27 August Bradman Birthday celebrations, which was held for the first time at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Mark Taylor’s recollections of The Don and film footage of a young Richie Benaud interviewing Sir Donald were highlights of the event. At our annual Gala dinner, a standing ovation followed the speeches of the 2007 Bradman Honourees and Invincibles, Sam Loxton and Neil Harvey, as they shared some of their most treasured cricketing memories with an enthralled audience. A moving tribute to the former Australian players was made by Bradman Foundation patron Richie Benaud in front of 600 guests from Australian sport and corporate circles that supported our dinner.

Patrick Connelly from South Australia was announced as the 2007 Bradman Scholar. Patrick plays First Grade for the Kensington District Cricket Club, the same club Sir Donald played for in South Australia. Patrick and his family attended the Gala dinner. Kristen Beams from the Tasmanian Cricket Association was awarded the 2008 Bob Radford Scholarship which is supported by the Radford family for aspiring young cricket administrators.

The Bradman Museum and Cricket NSW produced the 2008 Centenary Calendar which featured 12 never before published score-sheets from some of Bradman’s most significant innings. Outstanding support was received from News Ltd to promote sales and Cricket NSW Librarian Colin Clowes, who contributed to graphic and textual information.

The cricket season was launched in September during Tulip Time with a community cricket day fundraiser and the proceeds going to the McGrath Foundation. The day was extremely successful in generating interest not only within the local community, but also from Sydney Grade clubs who supported this event. Cricket NSW Emerging Blues teams had the opportunity to play on Bradman Oval and there were some outstanding performances by young cricketers from country areas.

December saw the retirement of our Chairman, The Hon. John Fahey AC, who has gone on to chair the World Anti-Doping Authority. Michael Ball AM was elected Chairman, with long serving Board Member Richard Shepherd as his deputy, and former Liberal MP Peta Seaton, News Ltd Chairman and CEO John Hartigan and former Wallaby coach Bob Dwyer AM also joining the Board.

We acknowledge the support of the coaching staff during our two summer camps, especially local volunteer Rick McCarthy and a guest appearance by former West Indian Coach David Moore. The camps are an integral part of the Foundation’s charter and we are continually looking at innovative ways to improve our program.

Our sincere congratulations to the Highlands District Cricket Association for their outstanding success in winning the NSW Country Plate. The members of the new HDCA management structure are working diligently to develop all levels of cricket in the Highlands and we congratulate them on a successful season.

International cricket returned to Bradman Oval in February when we hosted the Australian and England women’s teams, for a one-off Test match. The result did not favour Australia however the level of support from our volunteers, the community, public and Bradman Friends who came to watch the match was outstanding.

The Women’s Test match at Bradman Oval was well attended. The season wound up with a Gala weekend featuring the Chairman’s XI vs Presidents XI match for ‘Friends’. Dennis Lillee was the guest coach of the Chairman’s team captained by David Gilbert. Dennis entertained players from both teams during the lunch break and loaned several outstanding items to the Museum’s collection.

The Foundation has continued to improve its financial position through its trading operations, increased admissions, sales of the Centenary Calendar and the annual Gala Dinner fundraiser held in October each year. The support from the corporate sector has delivered a fantastic network for the Foundation to build upon.

On a sad note, one of the Museum’s founding directors and the hand behind the famous Ginger Meggs comic strip, James Kemsley, sadly lost his long battle with motor neurone disease. James is one of only six life members of the Bradman Foundation, and his iconic Ginger Meggs character is still prominent in the Museum and as a regular feature in Bradman boundary.

The Museum hosted two successful temporary cricket exhibitions, Long Shadows, a fascinating collection of colour and black and white photographs from the book of the same name and drawn from the archives of the Fairfax Media. The exhibition captured the history of Australian cricket and was supported by a magnificent book, published by Fairfax and compiled and edited by well-known cricket journalist Mark Ray. The exhibition was proudly sponsored by Perpetual and we thank them for their ongoing support as a corporate sponsor.

The current exhibition, The History of the Baggy Green is an outstanding display and features a magnificent collection of Australian Test caps, commencing with Victor Trumper to recently retired players Adam Gilchrist and Justin Langer. The exhibition will run through till December 2008 and is the first of many events planned in this the Centenary of Sir Donald’s birth on 27 August 2008.

The ongoing support of the cricket community will ensure that this significant date is celebrated in an appropriate manner to acknowledge Australia’s greatest sportsman.

Rina Hore
Executive Director
Once again can I commence this report by saying that our Association has had another good year.

The season began with the great news that David Gilbert, CEO of Cricket NSW, ex-Test player and a participant in the 1978 NSW Schoolboy Carnival, had accepted the Committee’s request to become the Patron of our Association. David has been a strong supporter of Schools’ Cricket and we look forward to a long partnership.

It was through David’s support that we were able to secure the use of the SCG for our One-Day match against Queensland Schools. This was the second time we have had this great privilege and we must express our thanks to all concerned for making the occasion such a memorable one, particularly for the 22 players who took the field throughout the day.

In addition to the successful day at the SCG, our other matches, including the Three-Day Game against Queensland, the Semi Final and Final of the Macquarie Bank Sports Trophy and the full Lord’s Taverners Week were blessed with good weather, during a fairly wet cricket season. In fact the Lord’s Taverners Week was an outstanding success, with every game being competitive and the eventual winners (CHS-1) decided on a quotient once again.

Last year I commented on the calibre of players that were coming through the school ranks, and this season was no different. It was particularly pleasing to see the success of players such as Phillip Hughes, Steve Smith, Elyse Perry and Alyssa Healy, all of who either represented the senior Australian and/or NSW teams.

At this point we should congratulate both the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues and the Wolf Blass Breakers for taking out their respective National titles and note the outstanding contribution made by Phillip Hughes, who made a century in the Pura Cup Final. Last season Phillip was playing in our Schoolboys’ Championship.

Not only are these young people having great success on the field, they are also great ambassadors for Schools’ Cricket. They are a true credit to our sport and to their coaches and schools.

A successful season does not just happen. It requires a lot of support and hard work from many individuals.

There are many people to thank and I would start by thanking our major sponsor The Lord’s Taverners Association of NSW. This season they increased their sponsorship for which we are very grateful. In addition to supplying the prizes for both the male and female Junior Taverner of the Year, they also provide the funding to help make the Lord’s Taverners Week the premier event on the Schools’ Cricket calendar.

Two other important financial contributors to our Association are the Carbine Club of NSW and Macquarie Bank. The Carbine Club Cup is an annual event where the best Schoolboy cricketers in NSW play against their counter parts in Queensland. It is the only interstate schoolboy cricket competition at High School level and we are very thankful for the support of the Carbine Club which enables us to keep up this tradition.

The Macquarie Bank support another of our competitions, The Macquarie Bank Sports Trophy, conducted with the aim of finding the best school cricket team in NSW.

Once again there are many individuals to acknowledge for their contributions throughout this year. Our hardworking committee, made up of delegates from the respective School Groups and office bearers from the Schools and Cricket NSW, have once again given great service to the students and the game. A special thanks must go to Tim Murray who once again was the “man on the ground” helping make the Lord’s Taverners Week run smoothly.

Special mention this year must be made of Steve Thomlinson who coached the NSW Schoolboys’ team for the last time. Steve has been a tower of strength over the past five years. He is an educator and I am sure that some of that “calibre of player” I spoke of earlier is due to his guidance. He is stepping aside to give someone else the opportunity to coach the State side.

Schools’ Cricket is an important part of the cricket structure in NSW. The success of the players who have come through this structure is testament to this.

Finally, we congratulate Mr Tony Gifford a recent retiree from our committee for being a recipient of an Order of Australia Medal for his service to School’s Cricket and as Founder of the Australia Schools’ Cricket Council. A well deserved honour to a great servant of the game.

Office Bearers

The following members were elected as Office Bearers for 2007/08.

Patron: D Gilbert
President: A Lantry
Secretary: G Kightley
Assistant Secretary: C Browne
Treasurer: T Murray
Public Officer: C Browne
Hon. Auditor: A Giffillan
Delegates to NSWCA: G Kightley

Delegates representing Affiliates

Macquarie Bank Sports Trophy: vacant
(organisation by A Lantry & G Kightley)

Combined High Schools: M Falk
Combined Catholic Colleges: J Emms
Greater Public Schools: M Curran
Combined Country Schools: A Waters
Combined Associated Schools: M Haywood
Executive Members: M McGinnity, D Lawson, B Cranfield, S Thomlinson

Lord’s Taverners Week – 2008

For the first time in many years no time was lost to weather and every match was played to its natural end. The decision to play some days on grounds side by side was a winner and certainly added to the carnival nature of the week. Once again the cooperation and understanding shown by all officials greatly enhanced the week. Thanks to all the team coaches and managers.

The improving form of the Country Schools’ team was again evident and their victory over CHS-1 on the first day started the Championships off with a buzz. The win by CHS-2 over CCC was a thriller with the winning run achieved nine wickets down.

The two CHS teams showed just how close the teams are with both winning four out of five games leaving the final result of the Championships to be determined by the quotient.

A highlight of the week was the last hat-trick taken by the Country Schools’ Chris Tremain.
There were a number of outstanding individuals who performed well throughout the week to gain entry in the NSW Schoolboys’ team to play Queensland later in the year, and it would be true to say that the ball dominated the bat for the majority of the week.

Once again our Association would like to thank the Penrith, Blacktown, Campbelltown and Hawkesbury Clubs for the use of their grounds and facilities. In addition we would also like to thank Barker College, St Joseph’s College, Newington College and Knox Grammar for providing such a high standard of playing surfaces.

Finally our thanks to the umpires and Iain Wright for organising them to officiate in our Championships.

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The NSW Schoolboys’ Team to play Queensland in Brisbane in December 2008 was selected at the completion of the Championship and is listed below:

Tim Armstrong (Dubbo College), Ben Bourke (St Gregorys Campbelltown), Grant Davies (Port Hacking HS), Luke Doran (Hills Sports HS), Josh Clinghan (Westfields Sports HS), Joel James (St Josephs College), Blake Fitzgerald (Captain - Farrer Agricultural HS), Sam Mullens (Bede Polding Winsor), Sam Newman (Caringbah HS), Alex Patterson (Erina HS), Alexander Rogers (Kinross Wolseley), Angus Robson (Marcellin Randwick); Coach: Mr Brett Cranfield (Scots College), Manager: Mr Brian Sawyer (Kincumber HS).

Special Awards

Lords Taverners’ Player of the Carnival: Josh Clinghan
Macquarie Sports Batman of the Carnival: Jim Armstrong
Macquarie Sports Bowler of the Carnival: Sam Newman
Macquarie Sports Spirit of Cricket Awards: David Paterson (CHS-I), Justin Moore (CHS-2), Tom Cooper (GPS), Sam Mullens (CCC), Eugene Kruger (CAS), Mitchell Thorburn (CSC).

The 2007 Carbine Club Cup

This annual event between NSW and Queensland was hosted by NSW with games played at Barker College and the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The Queensland team were very competitive and whilst NSW retained the Carbine Club Cup in a three-day game which ended in a draw, Queensland were the winners of the Gifford-Lukin Trophy with a thrilling one wicket win in the last over at the SCG.

Three-Day Game: Barker College

Queensland 9/423 (C Sabburg 177, A Tazzelar 72, M McNamara 3/73) drew with NSW 179 A Turrell 72, J Smith 4/53 and 4/158 (H Evans 64) at Barker College.

Barker Oval was in superb condition and the first day was very clear and warm. NSW won the toss and elected to bat. The NSW upper order on the whole failed to show the Queensland attack adequate respect. Poor shot selection and attempts to go too early before getting set led to some soft dismissals.

Queensland bowled and fielded well. The quality of the NSW bats did not seem as high this year. The Queensland standard continues to improve. Their batsmen showed greater application and desire to build an innings.

The saving grace was that Queensland seemed to have no idea how to force a result. They needed to win the match to take the Cup, but batted far too long. Eventually the weather closed in and NSW were able to hold out for a respectable draw.

NSW retained the Carbine Club Cup but it would be fair to say that Queensland had the better of the match.

One-Day Match: Sydney Cricket Ground

Queensland 9/190 (B Svenson 31, M Cook 3/26 def NSW 188 (S Colley 55, M Thompson 3/29) Again it was a great pleasure to play this match at the SCG. Both sides were very excited and the weather, and conditions, were very good. Despite not getting enough runs NSW should have won this game. A few dropped catches and missed chances in the final overs saw Queensland sneak home for a very exciting win in the last over. A perfect One-Day finish!

Winners of School Group Competition

AK Davidson Shield
Winner: Oxley High School
Runner-Up: Endeavour Sports High School

Marie Cornish Shield
Winner: Kiama High School
Runner-Up: South Grafton High School

NSW Schoolboys team – 2007/08.
Combined Associated Schools

Winner: Knox Grammar School

Greater Public Schools

1st Grade Winner: The Shore School
2nd Grade Winner: The King’s School

Downie Trophy

Winner: St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown
Runner Up: Gilroy College, Castle Hill

Berg Shield

Winner: Oakhill College, Castle Hill
Runner Up: Bede Polding College, South Windsor

Douglas Shield

Winner: Kinross Wolaroi
Runner Up: Newcastle Grammar

The Macquarie Bank Sports Trophy

This competition is held to determine the Champion School Cricket Team in NSW which was won this year by The King’s School Parramatta.

The Semi Finals and Final were played on 19-20 November 2007 with Westfield Sports High School defeating Barker College and The King’s School Parramatta defeating St Clair’s High School Taree.

In a closely fought Final played on the White Oval at the King’s School, the home side led by a fine century from Tom Cooper defeated Westfield Sports High School.

2008 Lord’s Taverners Schoolgirls’ Cricket Championships

The 2008 Lord’s Taverners Schoolgirls’ Cricket Championships were held 17-19 March 2008 at Barker College, with Combined Independent Schools hosting the tournament. The Championship showcases the talent throughout NSW Schools with many of the girls part of the Cricket NSW Emerging Breakers squads.

For the first time, this tournament was played in March to align it with the selection process for the Emerging Breakers squads. Thanks must go to Alison Gowan from CIS and Steve Tomlinson from Barker College for assisting to organise the Carnival.

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CIS 2/114 (27 overs) def CHS-2 113 (47 overs) |
| Day 2 | Tuesday 18 March | CIS 99 (48 overs) def CCC 59 (45 overs)  
CHS-1 1/80 (15.1 overs) def CHS-2 7/79 (50 overs) |
| Day 3 | Wednesday 19 March | CIS 6/177 (50 overs) def CHS-1 161 (48 overs)  
CHS-2 4/24 (11.2 overs) def CCC 23 (20.5 overs) |

2008 Lord’s Taverners Championship Team:

NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS)

Player of the Tournament: Alyssa Healy (CIS)
Bowler of the Tournament: Rachel Doutreband-8/62 aggregate (CIS)
Batsman of the Tournament: Alyssa Healy-160 runs (CIS)
Fielding Award: Sarah Coyte (CHS-1)

2008 Schoolgirls Honour Team

Sarah Coyte (CHS-1), Melissa Harrison (CHS-1), Rachel Doutreband (CIS), Ellyse Perry (CIS), Samantha Bates (CHS-2), Hannah Grady (CHS-1), Kate Mack (CHS-1), Alyssa Healy (CIS), Rhiannon Dick (CHS-1), Emily Leys (CIS), Hannah Trollip (CIS) Brodie Neems (CCC)

Thanks to Vivienne Nichols for her contribution to the Schoolgirls’ report.

CONCLUSION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPONSORS

Schools’ Cricket continues to play an important role in NSW Cricket. The success of the NSW teams in National competitions and ultimately the success of Australian cricket has its foundation in good grass roots structures of which the Schools are an important part.

The Schools’ Cricket program run by the NSW Schools’ Cricket Association can only occur due to the generosity from both the financial sector and volunteers. Once again our thanks must go to The Lord’s Taverners Association of NSW; The Carbine Club; Macquarie Bank and Cricket NSW for their financial support.

Additional thanks must go to Cricket Clubs, Local Councils and Schools who provide support by supplying quality playing surfaces.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow committee members who continue to provide support of the students under their care and this great game.

G K Kightley  
Honorary Secretary
The following staff were appointed over the last 12 months:

- Men’s State Coach: Matthew Mott
- Women’s State Coach: Richard Bates
- Receptionist: Louise Barclay
- Male Second XI Coach: David Freedman
- Strength and Conditioning Coach: Tom Reddin
- Communications Manager: David Townsend
- Coaching Administrator: Michael Maclean
- Community Cricket Coordinator: Donna Little
- Umpires’ Education and Development Manager: Darren Goodger
- In2CRICKET Coordinator: Renee Millen

The Association wishes to acknowledge the wonderful contribution made by all staff over the past 12 months, whilst also thanking Trevor Bayliss, Lisa Keightley, Felicity Presnell, Stuart Karppinen, Daniel McDougall, Rene Farrell and Georgina Wallace, who left the Association during the year, for their contributions.

**SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST**

The Association entered year three of its five year venue hire agreement with the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust. The relationship between the two bodies continues to be productive and thanks are conveyed to the Trust’s Chairman, Rodney Cavalier AO, and Chief Executive, Jamie Barkley, for their assistance and co-operation over the past year.

**ANZ STADIUM**

The Association entered year two of its four year venue hire agreement with ANZ Stadium (formerly Telstra Stadium) which runs until the conclusion of the 2009/10 season. A minimum of two domestic limited over fixtures are to be played at this venue for the duration of the agreement. The cordial relationship enjoyed between the Association and the Stadium’s Chief Executive, Ken Edwards, and his staff is appreciated.

**CRICKET AUSTRALIA**

On 11 September 2007, Messrs Bob Horsell, Mark Taylor AO and Dr Harry Harinath were elected by the NSW Cricket Board as the Association’s Directors to the Board of Cricket Australia (CA).

The Directors served on the following CA Committee’s:

- Bob Horsell – Audit, Finance Review, International
- Harry Harinath – Women’s Committee
- Mark Taylor – Industrial Relations, International

Following Mr Horsell’s retirement from the Board on 15 May 2008, Mr Mike Silver was elected to the Board of Cricket Australia on 10 June 2008. In addition, Mr Silver represented the Association on the CA Game Development Committee and Ms Rina Hore was NSW’s representative on the CA Women’s Committee.

**OBITUARIES**

Mr TF (Tom) Brooks OAM, former NSW player, NSWCA Life Member and Test Umpire, on 16 July 2007.

Mr NCL (Norman) O’Neill OAM, former NSW and Australian player and NSWCA Life Member, on 3 March 2008.

Mr WA (Bill) Brown OAM, former NSW, Queensland and Australian player and NSWCA Life Member, on 16 March 2008.

Ms LA (Lyn) Fullston, former South Australian and Australian player, on 1 June 2008.

Mrs JL (Jane) McGrath AM, on 22 June 2008.
remains Australia’s leading run scorer in One Day Internationals with 4844 runs and also holds the world record for ODI appearances with 118. Belinda’s leadership qualities were also highlighted when she captained New South Wales to five consecutive Women’s National Cricket League titles. Belinda was recognised as the Wisden Australia Cricketer of the Year in 1998 and was inducted into the NSW Sport Hall of Champions in June 2008.

Off the field Belinda has been significantly involved in cricket coaching, development and administration for the past fifteen years. She continues to help shape the modern game in her role as Manager of Cricket Australia’s Centre of Excellence in Brisbane. In January 2000, Belinda was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for “service to cricket, particularly through the Australian Women’s cricket team, and to the promotion and development of the game for women and girls.” The NSW Women’s Player of the Year award in named in her honour and is known as the ‘Belinda Clark Medal’.

C (Colin) Clowes (No. 106)

Colin has been the NSWCA Honorary Research Librarian for the past eight years. Prior to this he had been a regular visitor to the library since the early 1980’s. After notifying the Association in early 2005 of a number of approaching NSW Cricket milestones, he began work on the book, ‘150 Years of NSW First Class Cricket – A Chronology’. Remarkably, this was to be just the second book written on NSW Cricket in its history. Over an 18 month period, Colin worked a minimum of five hours a day on the book and for the last six months of its compilation, a staggering 12-18 hours per day. This involved regular visits to the NSW State Library and the Library of Sydney University. The finished product was an outstanding 450 page publication which was launched by the Premier of NSW, The Hon Morris Iemma MP, at a commemorative function held at NSW Parliament House on 13 January 2007. It must be mentioned that Colin never sought nor received payment for the extraordinary amount of time and effort he put into the book. He did, however, have just one request and that was for some tickets for his son to attend the Twenty20 International match at the SCG!

LM (Lisa) Keightley (No. 107)

During her thirteen year career between 1992 and 2005, Lisa achieved substantial success. She is Australia’s third highest run scorer in the One Day game and seventh in the all-time list. In 1998, Lisa achieved the notable distinction of scoring the first century by a female player at Lord’s, finishing 113 not out. She was also a member of two World Cup winning teams in 1997 and 2005.

For NSW, Lisa played 113 matches scoring 3668 runs at an average of 35.61. At the time of her retirement, she had played more games than anyone else in the WNCL for NSW (91) and was a member of seven winning WNCL teams. In many respects Lisa has been a trailblazer for women’s cricket. She was the first full-time Female High Performance Coach before becoming the first full-time State Coach employed by the association. Her abilities as a Coach were highlighted when she guided New South Wales to consecutive WNCL titles in 2005/06 and 2006/07 in her two years in charge. Lisa continued to set new benchmarks in the game when she became the first woman appointed Coach of the Australian Woman’s team in July 2007.

NSW SPORTS FEDERATION AWARDS

Cricket NSW congratulates the following winners at the 2007 NSW Sport Federation Awards:

Simon Taufel - Official of the Year
David Gilbert - Administrator of the Year (Joint)
Lisa Keightley - Coach of the Year
Betty Scott - Distinguished Long Service

Cricket NSW was also represented with Finalists in the following categories:

Team of the Year - the Wolf Blass Breakers
Junior Athlete of the Year - Elyse Perry
Event of the Year - Sydney Ashes Test

PATRONS

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, and her husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE, as well as Mr Alan Davidson AM MBE continued their roles as Joint Patrons of the Association. The Association expresses its sincere thanks to Her Excellency, Sir Nicholas and Alan for their continued interest and support of cricket in NSW.

RETIREMENT

The Association conveys its sincere appreciation to the following Delegates who retired during the past year:

Mr Langdon Gould: Manly Warringah DCC since 2005/06.
Mr Gavin Kelly: Riverina Zone since 2003/04.
Mr Geoff Lawson OAM: University of NSW CC since 2001/02.
Mr John McMahon OAM: North Coast Zone since 1998/99.
Mr John O’Dwyer OAM: Southern Zone since 1986/87.
Mr Craig Stubbs: Northern District CC since 2006/07.

THANKS TO

— The Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon, Graham West MP.
— The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and the NSW Institute of Sport for their generous support and assistance.
— Mr Bob Horsell, who served as a Director on the NSW Cricket Board from September 1995 to May 2008 and as Board Chairman from September 1997 to May 2008.
— The Directors of the NSW Cricket Board and the Management Committee’s of the Sydney, NSW Country, NSW Districts and the NSW Schools’ Cricket Associations, the NSW Cricket Umpires’ and Scorers’ Association and the NSW Women’s Committee as well as the various Sub-Committees which met regularly throughout the season for the betterment of cricket in NSW.
— The State Selectors, Messrs Brian Taber (Chairman), Greg Hartshorne, Mark Patterson, Marshall Rosen and Steve Smith as well as the Women’s National Cricket League Selectors Ms Wendy Weir (Convenor), Marilyn Brown and Pam Meyers.
— Mr Dick French OAM for having acted as Ford Ranger Cup and KFC Twenty20 Match Referee.
— Dr Harry Harinath (Medical Director) and Dr Michael Johnson - members of the medical panel.
— Physiotherapists, Messrs Patrick Farhart, Tony Larvan, Murray Ryan and Ms Kate Leslie and Strength and Conditioning trainers Stuart Karppinen and Tom Reddin.
— Honorary Librarians, Mr Bob Brenner and Dr Colin Clowes.
— Mr Rocky Harris for having acted as Liaison Officer for the season’s touring teams.
— Messrs Bob Barter, Duncan Kerr, David Tribioli, and Luke and Aaron Keech, who acted as home and visiting team dressing room attendants during matches and assisted at practice sessions.
— All Local Government authorities throughout NSW for the provision of facilities and for their support of the game generally.
— Honorary people at all levels who give so freely of their time and expertise for the benefit of the game.
— All sections of the media for their support over the past year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Association is extremely appreciative of the contribution all Local Government authorities throughout NSW make to cricket. As a means of acknowledging the contributions of Local Government authorities, the Mayor’s and General Manager’s of all metropolitan and a number of rural Councils were...
extended invitations to enjoy hospitality at the One Day International between Australia and New Zealand held at the SCG on 16 December 2007.

Special thanks are extended to the Councils of Bankstown, North Sydney and Wollongong for their assistance in the staging of Ford Ranger Cup and WNCL matches at grounds under their authority during 2007/08.

THE CLIFF WINNING LIBRARY REPORT

The Library continued to be most effective in fulfilling its purpose of providing support to researchers/authors and maintaining and adding to our vast resources. Sincere thanks to Colin Jeffries, Charlie Wat, Adam Morehouse, Andrew Bayles and Ross Dundas for their support to our service. Steve McClue, Andrew Crooks and John Hiscox have continued as valued researchers and supporters.

Dr Colin Clowes’ book, “150 Years of NSW First-Class Cricket – a Chronology”, has been well received and there are still some copies available for purchase. Colin has updated, revised and significantly expanded the book on CD. Those who already own the book and are interested in obtaining a CD copy should contact the Library.

We contributed to the production of the calendar commemorating the Centenary of Sir Donald Bradman’s birth with the Bradman Museum. It featured archival type reproductions of our original scoresheets featuring twelve of the Don’s greatest innings. Some calendar copies are still available and should be snapped up for their value as memorabilia.

Dr Colin Clowes was also instrumental in the honouring of George Henry Bayley Gilbert by identifying his grave in a wilderness section of Rookwood Cemetery. Gilbert was the first Captain of NSW and the first player to take a hat-trick in First Class cricket in Australia. This identification led to the NSW Cricket Board contributing to the refurbishment of the grave at Lot 9026 in the Anglican section. It is now a worthy memorial to an exceptional cricketer and outstanding character. A celebratory ceremony was held at the graveside in February 2008 with words from CEO David Gilbert, Colin Clowes and family members Noel Dures and Allan Brink.

The Library’s resources were used to support the painting by artist Dave Thomas of the 150th Anniversary “All Time NSW XII”. The five surviving members of this XII – Arthur Morris MBE, Richie Benaud OBE, Alan Davidson AM MBE, Bob Simpson AO and Steve Waugh AO, attended the unveiling of this outstanding painting in the Cricket NSW offices on 30 November 2007.

Bob Brenner and Dr Colin Clowes
Honorary Librarians

THE ALAN MCGILVRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The objectives of the Alan McGilvray Memorial Scholarship scheme are:
— To provide opportunities for young players to develop and enhance their potential to succeed in International cricket by representing NSW and Australia.
— To provide a lasting memorial for the late Alan McGilvray AM MBE, one of Australia’s greatest cricket broadcasters and former NSW captain.

The Scholarship is in the form of an annual grant from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation of $6,000.00 to the Association.

Funding of $3000 is provided to one male and one female player aged between 17-19 years, to be used in the most appropriate way for their development.

The 10th Annual Alan McGilvray Memorial Scholarships were presented by the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Graham West MP, during the First Final of the Commonwealth Bank Series at the SCG on 2 March 2008. The recipients were Josh Hazlewood and Erin Osborne.

Josh Hazlewood plays for the Tamworth Old Boys club in central northern NSW. At 6ft 5in tall, he is an outstanding right arm fast bowler as well as an accomplished lower order batsman. Josh has represented NSW at both the U/17 and U/19 level. Impressive performances at the U/19 National Championships in Hobart during December 2007 resulted in his selection in the Australian U/19 team for the ICC U/19 World Cup held in Malaysia in February 2008.

Erin Osborne lives in Tamworth and travels to Sydney each weekend to play for the Wallsend Bears in the Sydney Grade competition. Erin is the definitive allrounder, excelling as a hard hitting top order batter as well as bowling both off-spin and medium pace, whilst also being an outstanding fielder. Erin has represented NSW at all under-age levels, captaining the NSW U/19 team to victory in the National Championships in January 2008. Her notable achievements during this carnival resulted in Erin being selected in the U/19 Australian Honour Team.

SPECIAL GRANTS

Special grants approved during the year:

* Armidale DCA – Purchase New Roller $ 5,159
* Balgownie CC – Practice Facility & New Roller $10,974
* Barham - Koondrook CC – Upgrade Practice Wickets $ 2,555
* Cecil Hotel CC (Casino) – Shade Cloth $ 800
* Coolamon CC – Refurbish Practice Wicket & Install New Centre Wicket $ 3,750
* Cootamundra DCA – Renovate Cricket Square $13,900
* Cricket Alberton Wodonga – Purchase 15 Water Tanks & Delivery of Water $36,000
* Eurobodalla Cricket Inc. – New Four Turf Wicket Square $25,000
* Forbes JCA – Construct Playing & Practice Facilities $19,500
* Gundagai CA – New Roller; Refurbish Existing Turf Pitch & Practice Facilities $ 8,293
* Hay DCA – New Roller & Mower & Construct a Three Practice Wicket Training Facility $24,765
* Highlands DCA – New Turf Wicket Square $24,805
* Holbrook DCA – Construct Two New Cricket Grounds $13,845
* Kincumber Avoca CC – Construct Practice Facilities $23,187
* Lavington Panthers CC – Refurbish Practice Wicket Training Facility $ 3,200
* Western Suburbs DCC – $331,000 - refurbishment of facilities at Pratten Park
* ACT CA – $415,000 - construction of two grounds in the Gungahlin region of Harrison ACT

**NATIONAL CLUB INSURANCE SCHEME**

The National Club Insurance Scheme was renewed again this season. The Scheme puts in place a sustainable insurance program providing a long term solution and therefore peace of mind for the foreseeable future.

The Scheme provides clubs with a comprehensive level of protection across the following areas:

1. Personal Accident Cover for Capital Benefits, Non Medicare Medical Expenses and Loss of Income.
2. Public and Products Liability.
3. Professional Liability for coaches, administrators, umpires and officials.

**ATTENDANCES**

The Association met on five occasions from 3 September 2007 to 2 June 2008. Messrs RE Horsell (Chairman to 15/5/08) 4, P Lovitt (as proxy for RE Horsell) 1, Dr GK Harinath (Chairman from 15/5/08) 4, BF Freedman 5, J Hanshaw 5, A Connolly 3, RF Cook 3, P Scuglia (as proxy for RF Cook) 2, MF Rosen 4, A Falk (as proxy for MF Rosen) 1, T Jacobs 4, J Stringer (as proxy for T Jacobs) 1, L Gould 4, G Flowers 1, I Finlay 5, DH Cole 3, N Berman 2, R Errington (as proxy for N Berman) 2, GK Monaghan 5, R Hudson 4, G Gavin (as proxy for R Hudson) 1, P Wright 5, JM Jobson 5, THJ Iceton 3, R Brennan (as proxy for THJ Iceton) 2, BW Collins 4, M Sanders 3, DB O’Neil 4, SM Hamman 3, DJ Broad 5, D Cox 5, IR Hogg 5, P Kerin 5, R Myatt 5, JG Moriarty 5, G Creighton 5, MJ Silver 3, T Psarakis (as proxy for MJ Silver) 2, B Dockrill 5, Dr D Dilley 4, JC Evans 3, C Booth (as proxy for JC Evans) 1, GK Kightley 4, Ms K Loder 2, Ms J Henry (as proxy for K Loder) 2, Ms RA Hore 5, Messrs VJ Smith 3 and MA Taylor 2.

**NSW CRICKET BOARD**

The Board met on 14 occasions from 10 July 2007 to 10 June 2008.

Mr RE Horsell (Chairman to 15/5/08) 13+, Dr GK Harinath (Chairman from 15/5/08) 14, Messrs DH Cole 14, BW Collins 13, Ms RA Hore 14, MF Rosen 14, MJ Silver 13, VJ Smith 11 and MA Taylor AO 12.

+ Retired 15/5/08 – possible 13 meetings only

The five surviving members of the best NSW XII of the last 150 years at the unveiling of the commemorative painting in the offices of Cricket NSW. From left: Arthur Morris, Alan Davidson, Bob Simpson, Steve Waugh, Richie Benaud.
**YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

**NSW CRICKET ASSOCIATION**
(A Company Limited by Guarantee) (ABN 27 000 011 987)

**DETAILS FROM INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

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