WOlf Blass BReaKeRs Vs VIc SPIRit

Hurstville Oval: 18 – 19 January 2009

Heading into the last round of qualifying matches both the Wolf Blass Breakers and Vic Spirit were guaranteed of a place in the Final. However who would host it was still up for grabs.

Fortunately for the Breakers, the home Final was sewn up with a comprehensive nine wicket, bonus point win in game one.

Victoria managed just 142 from 46 overs with Erin Osborne all but sealing her place in the Australian side with career best figures of 4-18 from 10 overs. In reply the Breakers made 1/144 in 35 overs with Leah Poulton hitting 60 and Alex Blackwell 70 not out.

Victoria again batted first in game two. Led by 87 from veteran Mel Jones, the Spirit finished their 50 overs at 7/227. As they had done all season, Poulton (53) and Blackwell (22) laid the platform for the win with a 64 run opening partnership. Slightly behind the required run rate in the middle overs, Alyssa Healy quickly got things back up to speed with an entertaining 59 from 55 balls. Throughout this, Lisa Sthalekar (57 not out) anchored the innings and remained calm at the ‘death’ to see her side home with three wickets and 10 balls to spare.

**NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA**

At Hurstville Oval, Hurstville, January 18, 2009.
New South Wales won by nine wickets.
Toss: Victoria. New South Wales 5 Pts.

**VICTORIA**

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**NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA**

New South Wales won by three wickets.
Player of Match: M Jones. Umpires: MAW Nickl and PJ Tate.

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The Wolf Blass Breakers produced the perfect performance to win their 11th National title and complete their first undefeated WNCL season since 2001/02.

Winning the toss, Lisa Sthalekar had not hesitation in sending Victoria into bat, hoping to exploit some early life in the SCG wicket.

The Breakers had an outstanding start with form opener, Rachel Haynes, run out in the first over. Sarah Andrews then trapped Melanie Jones lbw to have the Vics reeling at 2-12.

The defending champions tightened the noose with the introduction of Sarah Aley into the attack. She picked up two wickets in her first over, sending Ellyse Villani and Jessica Cameron back to the pavilion with consecutive deliveries.

Ellyse Perry then got in on the act, removing captain Sarah Edwards, Kelly Applebee and Emma Inglis. Clea Smith (39 not out) and Jane Franklin (12) got the Spirit past 100 before they were eventually bowled out for 117 in the 45th over.

The Breakers lost an early wicket with Alex Blackwell falling for three while Leah Poulton smashed her way to 43 before being caught and bowled. After being omitted from the Australian team just days earlier, Kate Blackwell brushed aside her disappointment to make 42 not out and see the Breakers home by six wickets with 94 balls to spare.

Ellyse Perry was awarded Player of the Final for her return of 4-23 and Alex Blackwell was later named by Cricket Australia as the WNCL Player of the Year. Leah Poulton was voted by her team mates as the Belinda Clark Medallist.

**FINAL**

**NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA**


New South Wales won by six wickets.

Toss: New South Wales.

Player of the Match: EA Perry

Umpires: GA Abood and PJ Tate.

**VICTORIA**

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Ellyse Perry celebrates with Corinne Hall.
### 2008/09 WOMEN’S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

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### 2008/09 WOMEN’S TWENTY20 DOMESTIC MATCH SUMMARIES

**South Australia v New South Wales at Adelaide Oval, December 22, 2008.**


**New South Wales v Victoria at ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park, January 17, 2009.**


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For left: Rising Star, Erin Osborne, was selected to play for Australia in her first year of senior representative cricket.

Top right: Alex Blackwell was Cricket Australia’s WNCL Player of the Year for 2008/09.

Bottom right: Leonie Coleman played her 100th match for NSW in December 2008.
The NSW Second XI won its third consecutive Women's Cricket Australia Cup by going through the 2008/09 tournament in chily Hobart undefeated. The title was secured in the last match of the competition with a nail-biting one-wicket victory over Victoria.

The squad's success was based on high energy levels in the field (which resulted in 10 run outs), some outstanding catching, quality spin bowling and aggressive batting.

Alyssa Healy dominated behind the stumps to claim the fielding award with nine dismissals, while Sharon Milianta shared the bowling award with Victorian Jane Franklin, each taking 11 wickets.

A NSW player may also have won the batting award had the team not chased low opposition totals in four of their six matches. The NSW Player of the Championship, and winner of the Lyn Larsen Trophy, was left-arm swing bowler Alison Parkin who contributed at vital times with a nail-biting one wicket victory over Victoria.

Observers commented on the team's outstanding fielding skills and the girls proved the benchmark for consistency in batting and bowling throughout the tournament. They were highly focused during games, keen to learn and provided support to each other in training and during the tour.

There is no doubt that the financial support provided by Cricket NSW and Program enhancements implemented by Wolf Blass Breakers Head Coach, Richard Bates, are reflected in individual and team performances, and thanks are extended to Specialist Coaches David Patterson and Trent Woodhill, Strength & Conditioning Coach Ash Radford, Team Manager Georgina Wallace and Physio Laura Haworth for their support of the Program.

The team deserves high praise for the professional way they conducted themselves both on and off the field and above all, they were outstanding ambassadors for Cricket NSW. There is little doubt that a number of players will feature in Wolf Blass Breakers teams during the seasons to come.

Neil McDonald
NSW Second XI Coach
MEN’S STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

First Class Cricket

First Class Debuts: Josh Hazlewood v New Zealand, Sydney; Peter Nevill v Victoria, Melbourne; Mitchell Starc v Western Australia, Sydney; David Warner v Western Australia, Sydney.

David Warner was the third person in the history of Australian International cricket (Test, One Day and Twenty20) to represent his country and not have played a First Class game. Warner has represented NSW in 10 domestic Limited Overs and 10 KFC Twenty20 Big Bash games.

Highest First Class scores: Aaron Bird 29 v Victoria, Melbourne; Nathan Bracken 63 v Western Australia, Perth; Burt Cockley 8no v Queensland, Sydney; Moises Henriques 55 v New Zealanders, Sydney; Phillip Hughes 198, v South Australia, Adelaide; Usman Khawaja 172no, v Western Australia, Sydney; Daniel Smith 96 v South Australia, Sydney; Steven Smith 68 v New Zealand, Sydney.

Best First Class bowling: Doug Bollinger 6-47 v South Australia, Sydney; Burt Cockley 7-76 v Queensland, Sydney; Nathan Hauritz 4-86 v Tasmania, Newcastle; Grant Lambert 5-74 v New Zealand, Sydney and Steven Smith 2-85 v New Zealand, Sydney.

Phillip Hughes set two Sheffield Shield records in the Bellerive Oval game against Tasmania; the greatest two-innings contribution to a team’s game total, edging past Don Bradman in the Bellerive Oval game against Tasmania and in doing that, he also scored his first 1,000 domestic First Class runs at a younger age than Bradman. Bradman, held the record with 58.2 per cent of South Australia’s total of 586 in a match against NSW at the Adelaide Oval in the 1939/40 season with scores of 251no and 90no Hughes, scored 93 and 108 to account for 58.3 per cent of NSW’s 345 match total.

In scoring his third Sheffield Shield century in only 15 First Class appearances, Hughes passed his first 1,000 First Class runs. He did it younger than Bradman’s 20 years and 151 days.

Domestic Limited Overs

Debuts: Burt Cockley v Queensland, Cairns; Usman Khawaja v South Australia, Adelaide; Peter Nevill v Tasmania, Hurstville; Ben Rohrer v Tasmania, Hurstville.

Highest scores: Aaron Bird 120no v Tasmania, Hobart; Peter Forrest 57 v South Australia, Adelaide; Grant Lambert 48no v Western Australia, Perth; Stephen O’Keefe 29 v Western Australia, Perth; Steven Smith 48 v Queensland, Sydney; Dominic Thornely 108 v Victoria, North Sydney; David Warner 165no v Tasmania, Hurstville.

Best bowling: Aaron Bird 5-26 v Queensland, Sydney; Moises Henriques 3-29 v Western Australia, Sydney; Steven Smith 2-25 v Western Australia, Sydney.

David Warner’s 165no v Tasmania at Hurstville Oval was the highest individual score by a New South Welshman and the third highest in the history of the Domestic Limited Overs competition. The previous best for NSW was Rick McCosker’s 164 v South Australia at the SCG in 1981-82.

Tasmania and NSW tied their Bellerive Oval game. This was the sixth tied game in the history of the competition and the fourth tied game featuring NSW.

David Warner’s career batting strike-rate of 116.00 is the third highest in the history of the competition. NSW’s Wayne Holdsworth tops the list with a career batting strike-rate of 145.28.

David Warner’s 25 ball half century against Tasmania at the Bellerive Oval was the third fastest in the history of the competition.

International

Test Debuts: Doug Bollinger (405), Phillip Hughes (408)

One-Day International Debuts: David Warner (170), Doug Bollinger (175)

Twenty20 International Debuts: David Warner (32), Moises Henriques (34)

Phillip Hughes became the youngest player in history to hit centuries in both innings of a Test match when he scored 115 and 160 in the second Test against South Africa at Kingsmead in Durban in March 2009.

WOMEN’S STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Domestic

Debuts: Corinne Hall vs Queensland, Allan Border Field; Erin Osborne vs Queensland, Allan Border Field.

The Wolf Blass Breakers won the Women’s National Cricket League for the 11th time in 13 seasons. It was also their fourth consecutive title. The Breakers recorded their 100th WNCL win when they defeated South Australia on 20 December 2009 in Adelaide.

Leonie Coleman played her 100th match for NSW against Western Australia at the SCG. In a match against South Australia in Adelaide, Coleman set a new WNCL record for most dismissals by a wicket-keeper (96), equalled her own record for most dismissals in an innings (five), and brought up her 100th dismissal for NSW in both WNCL and National Championship matches.

Leah Poulton played her 50th WNCL match for NSW against Queensland at the Allan Border Field. Poulton also brought up her 1000th WNCL run against Western Australia at the SCG.

Alyssa Healy hit her highest score (59) against Victoria at Hurstville Oval. This was her first half-century for NSW.

Ellyse Perry achieved her best bowling figures for NSW (4-23) in the Final against Victoria at the SCG.

In her debut season, Erin Osborne was the WNCL’s leading wicket taker with 15 wickets. She also had the best average (14.20) and economy rate (2.48).

International

Debut: Erin Osborne (114) vs New Zealand, Cobham Oval, Whangerei.

Seven NSW players were selected in the Australian team for the ICC Women’s World Cup in Sydney; Alex Blackwell (vc), Sarah Andrews, Leonie Coleman, Erin Osborne, Ellyse Perry, Leah Poulton and Lisa Sthalekar. This was the first World Cup for all players except for Blackwell and Sthalekar.

Leonie Coleman announced her international retirement at the end of the 2009 ICC Women’s World Cup. She played 24 One-Day Internationals executing 15 catches and eight stumpings, and one Test for three catches.
Department staff again assumed important administrative responsibilities in a number of diverse areas, including all activities of the Sydney Cricket Association; off-field arrangements of all major representative matches hosted by Cricket NSW; the VB State League Cup; the NSW Cricket Board’s Appeals, Grade Club Funding Program and Facilities Upgrade sub-committees, and its General Grant program; the development of Blacktown Olympic Park; taking of Minutes at all meetings of the Board and the NSWCA; the Sydney Cricket Ground’s Alan Davidson Room on each international match day; and the NSWCA’s youth cricket calendar and register of defaulter to affiliates.

STAFF

Sam Faulks commenced duties as Cricket Operations Officer-Representative Cricket, and made a major contribution to the department in his first year.

Room attendants Bobby Barter, Matthew Groth, Aaron Keech, Luke Keech, Duncan Kerr, David Tribolo and John Williams continued to play key roles on a match-by-match basis, and were joined for the season by Peter Hughes, Kath Koschel, Erin Osborne and a number of other casual staff. Rocky Harris again served as State Liaison Officer for touring international teams.

REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMS

The representative cricket season was again an extremely busy one. Among the usual international and interstate, male and female, open- and under-age matches, the NSWCA also hosted an India women’s tour, and the 2009 ICC Women’s World Cup. Department staff worked closely with State Cricket and Commercial Operations & Communications staff in particular, to ensure that all such matches were conducted at a very high standard.

Following the season’s conclusion, the Cricket Operations Manager again assisted Cricket Australia in the preparation of the 2009/10 season’s domestic programs.

IVOR EWIN TROPHY

This season’s annual City Origin v Country Origin match was unable to take place, due to scheduling constraints.

VB STATE LEAGUE CUP

The competition’s fourth season was another successful one, with Sydney Red gaining the title. The NSW Country team was again selected partly on an Origin basis. The participation of only two Sydney teams enabled a four-team, three-round competition to take place during one long weekend on a first-past-the-post basis. Each participating team won at least one of its three matches.

Thanks are expressed to all match officials, team officials and match hosts, and in particular to officials from Southern Cricket Zone and host clubs Albion Park CC, Oak Flats CC and The Rail CC, for their contributions to the competition’s success.

Leading Batsmen: Grant Lambert (172), Daniel Smith (153), Blake Fitzgerald (133), Greg Mail (132), Steven Smith (121)

Leading Bowlers: Stephen O’Keefe (7), Daniel Burns, Steven Smith (6), Nick Dunford, Josh Hazlewood (5)

Leading Wicketkeepers: Peter Nevill (6), Daniel Smith (4)

Competition Table: Sydney Red 11, Sydney Gold 8, NSW Country 5, ACT 4

Round 1: Sydney Gold 7-233 (S Smith 61 G Mail 33 N Hauritz 2-34) def Sydney Red 214 (D Smith 42 S O’Keefe 39 S Henry 36 D Burns 3-23) at Croome Rd; NSW Country 7-240 (B Fitzgerald 73 D Thorley 41 B Oakley 4-30) def ACT 149 (J Crosthwaite 38 B Oakley 32no B Cockley 3-26) with one bonus point at Keith Grey.

Round 2: Sydney Red 2-171 (D Smith 111no R Bulger 2-69) def ACT 170 (M Higgs 57 I Moran 2-13) with one bonus point at Geoff Shaw; Sydney Gold 6-218 (G Lambert 63 P Nevill 50no J Hazlewood 3-50) def NSW Country 217 (B Fitzgerald 59 R Faraday-Blens 40 S Smith 3-39 D Burns 2-36) at Croome Rd.

Round 3: ACT 6-256 (J Franklin 65 A May 43no M Higgs 38 N Dunford 3-33) def Sydney Gold 4-255 (G Lambert 93 G Mail 76 S Smith 41no J Behrendorff 2-49) at Keith Grey; Sydney Red 0-58 (I Moran 28no E Cowan 24no) def NSW Country 57 (S O’Keefe 3-10 N Hauritz 2-12 S Keen 2-12) with two bonus points, at Geoff Shaw.

BLACKTOWN OLYMPIC PARK

The project was scheduled for completion during July 2009 at a cost of more than $28.0m. It will greatly benefit both Cricket NSW’s many elite programs, and cricket in general in western Sydney. The Cricket Operations Manager represented the NSWCA on all related committees, to ensure that the project met cricket’s requirements.

The facilities include a First Class standard No 1 Oval with broadcast-standard lighting and a 10,000-seat capacity, a First Grade standard No 2 Oval, a five-pitch Indoor Practice Centre, 16 outdoor turf practice pitches, five outdoor synthetic practice pitches and associated office accommodation and parking.

FACILITIES UPGRADE PROGRAM

The Cricket Operations Manager continued to work closely with affiliates and local government authorities to develop major projects suitable for part-funding by the NSW Cricket Association.

Ian Field
Manager – Cricket Operations
MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Sydney Cricket Association’s sixty-one Delegate Members were:
Messrs BF Freedman, MH Klumpp (Bankstown);
J Hanshaw, C Michie (Blacktown);
A Connolly, G Patterson (Campbelltown-Camden);
P Lovitt, R Wilson (Eastern Suburbs);
RF Cook, R Gerdes (Fairfield-Liverpool);
AJ Falk, M Rosen (Gordon);
P Brown, T Jacobs (Hawkesbury);
G Flowers, J Warn (Manly-Warringah);
I Finlay, C Hambleton (Mosman);
DH Cole, BO White (North Sydney);
N Berman, S Trowell (Northern District);
G Monaghan, R Wright (Parramatta);
G Gavin, R Hudson (Penrith);
C Sullivan, P Wright (Randwick-Petersham);
J Hunter, JM Jobson (St George);
R Brennan, THJ Iceton (Sutherland);
D Chappelow, GK Harinath (Sydney);
BW Collins, M O’Sullivan (University of NSW);
D O’Neil, I Willis (Western Suburbs);
T Murphy (Burwood Briars);
G Baird (Epping);
R Buchanan (Georges River);
B Scott (Lane Cove);
SM Hammond (Lindfield);
R McIntyre (Macquarie University);
D Lewis (North West Sydney);
S Clarke (Penratttunhill)
M Annis-Brown (Roseville);
G Workman (South Sydney);
J Miller (Southern Districts);
M Mynett (Strathfield);
P Chapman (Warringah);
R De Carvalho (C&SACA);
BA Planner (NSWCCU);
D Dilley (NSWCUS); CW Booth, J Evans, E Myatt (NSWDCCA)
Ms J Henry (Sydney Women’s Competition).

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

At its 22nd Annual General Meeting on 18 August 2008, the SCA elected a Committee of Management comprising Messrs RF Cook (Chairman), AJ Falk (Deputy Chairman), A Connolly, BF Freedman, SM Hamman and G Monaghan. On the same evening, the SCA approved the Committee’s nominees of Messrs CW Booth and C Hambleton to also serve as Appointed Members of the Committee. The Committee, on behalf of the SCA, expressed its appreciation of the contribution made to it by retiring member, Ms J Henry. Mr G Monaghan resigned from the Committee shortly thereafter.

NEW AND RETIRED MEMBERS

New Delegate Members were Messrs G Patterson, P Lovitt, R Gerdes, G Flowers, C Sullivan, D Chappelow, R McIntyre, S Clarke, M Mynett and P Chapman.

They replaced Messrs R Yabsley, RE Horsell, P Scuglia, L Gould, G Hartshorne, M Schaffeis, A Faber, D Chappelow and H Drew, respectively.

During the year, Mr D Chappelow (Sydney) resigned from the SCA, and was replaced by Mr K Mathiesen. The SCA wishes to record its appreciation of the efforts of all retiring Members, and to welcome all new Members.

SHIRES COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee of Management formally delegated specific duties to the above sub-committee, comprising persons elected by Shires clubs, as follows: Messrs SM Hamman (Chairman), M Wood (Deputy Chairman), A Clarke, S Clarke and J Lloyd. During the year, the Sub-Committee approved the nomination of Mr R McIntyre to also serve on the Sub-Committee. The Committee thanks those persons for their contribution to the successful conduct of the Shires competition.

WOMEN’S COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee of Management formally delegated administration of the Women’s Competition to the above sub-committee: Ms J Henry (Chair), Ms O Thornton (Deputy Chair), and Messrs R Gawthorne, G Koschel and R Smith. The Committee thanks those persons for their contribution to the successful conduct of the Women’s competition.
AW GREEN SHIELD SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee of Management formally delegated the selection of the above competition’s two representative teams to the above sub-committee, as follows: Messrs R Brennan (Chairman), M Carmichael, R Hall, T Hynes, P Jackson, A Monaghan, J Mumford and G Rimmer. The Committee thanks those persons for their contribution in that regard.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMISSIONERS AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The NSW Cricket Board again appointed Messrs J McGruther and M Bonnell as the Association’s Code of Conduct Commissioner and Assistant Code of Conduct Commissioner, respectively. The Judiciary Committee for the season comprised Messrs R Browne (Chairman), G Farmer (Deputy Chairman), G Beard, G Bensley, P Blanchard, J Chapman, R Collins, R Green, C Hynes, S Lane, P Toohery and DA Tribolet. The Committee thanks those persons for their assistance, when required, in considering alleged breaches of the Association’s Code of Conduct.

On 3 November 2008, with the NSW Cricket Board’s approval, the SCA determined to extend the Code of Conduct Commissioners’ powers to include the power to offer a penalty to the person reported. A penalty offer could include a suspension of one or more matches, as determined by the Commissioner.

During the season, the Commissioners considered 34 alleged breaches of the SCA’s Code of Conduct. The Commissioners offered a caution to seven persons, with all seven accepting that offer. Additionally, the Commissioners offered a penalty, ranging from a suspended sentence to four matches, to a further fourteen persons, with two of those persons requesting that the matter instead proceed to a hearing by the Judiciary Committee. The Commissioners also determined to take no action against five alleged breaches. The Judiciary Committee found eight persons guilty of breaching the Code, and imposed penalties ranging from a censure to a sentence of 9.5 matches. The Judiciary Committee also determined to dismiss two allegations of misconduct referred to it by the Commissioners.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA

CA again demonstrated its direct commitment to club cricket by allocating $321,625 and $19,104 to the NSW Cricket Association for the development of Grade cricket, and Women’s Grade cricket, respectively. The NSW Cricket Board distributed that grant among all clubs, to facilitate projects such as ground improvements and coaching programs.

BBM AWARD

The Committee again made a BBM award to a promising young Grade cricketer, to play for Formby CC in England’s Liverpool & District League. Reece Bombas (Gordon) enjoyed a successful 2008 winter with that club, while Justin Waller (Eastern Suburbs) received the 2009 award.

FUNCTIONS

Separate presentation nights were conducted during April and May 2009 for the Grade, Shires and Women’s competitions, attended by a total of almost 900 guests. These functions were a fitting way in which to end a very successful season, and to congratulate all premiership teams and award winners.

MEDIA

During the season, the SCA’s competitions enjoyed regular media coverage, in particular from metropolitan and suburban newspapers, and the SCA’s websites linked to www.sca.cricketnsw.com. In addition, the SCA’s website provided live coverage of the entire First Grade Final.

The SCA again offered the Phil Tresidder Award, in memory of the late sports journalist, Randwick CC member and NSW Cricket Association Life Member. Entries were of a high standard, emphasising the support that Grade cricket receives from suburban print media.

The award-winners were as follows:

Best season coverage: Mr Jason Avedissian (The Manly Daily).
Best season coverage (runner-up): Mr Lawrence Machado (The Penrith Press).
Best feature article: Mr Michael Carayannis (The St George & Sutherland Shire Leader).

UMPIRES

Thanks are extended to the NSW Cricket Umpires’ & Scorers’ Association, which again appointed accredited umpires to officiate in Grade competition matches. The NSWCU&SA also assisted the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association and the Sydney Women’s Cricket Umpires’ Association to make similar appointments to the Shires and Women’s competitions.

STATE CHALLENGE

Sydney Cricket Ground, 23 February 2009.

Mosman CC and Newcastle CA qualified to represent the SCA and the NSW Country Cricket Association respectively, in the annual match between the Premiers of each Association’s respective limited-over competition. Newcastle CA enjoyed a comfortable victory on this occasion.


SCA CHAIRMAN’S TROPHY- SYDNEY XI v SHIRES XI

Sydney Cricket Ground, 24 February 2009.

Sydney XI: Matthew Hughston (c, Sutherland), Kerrod Gordon (Blacktown), Anthony Pratt (Eastern Suburbs), Reece Bombas (Gordon), James Munting (Manly-Warringah), Ben Martin (Parramatta), Michael Stretton (Parramatta), Greg Hunt (Penrith), Stewart McCabe (St George), Joel Tuccia (Sutherland), David Miller (Sydney University), Manjot Singh (Western Suburbs)

Shires XI: Andrew Jalalaty (c, Burwood Briars), Michael Kirwan (Auburn), David Hossack (Epping), John Eden (Georges River), Peter Cross (Lane Cove), Henry Cooper (Linfield), Adam Rezek (Linfield), Clint Simpson (Macquarie University), John McRae (Pennaunt Hills), Alex Mayes (Pennaunt Hills), Kish Nadesan (Pennaunt Hills), Chris McIveren (Southern Districts).

Umpires: Bill Hendricks (NSWCU&SA), Peter Mooney (SSCUA).

The Sydney XI enjoyed a comfortable 129 run victory, Kerrod Gordon (68) top-scored for the Sydney XI and James Munting took five wickets from nine overs.

You have to have a dream of what you want to achieve.
**U/16 STATE CHALLENGE**

Newcastle Sports Ground, 15 February 2009

North Sydney CC and Newcastle CA qualified to represent the SCA and the NSW Country Cricket Association respectively, in the annual match between the Premiers of each Association’s U/16 competition. Unfortunately, on this occasion, no play was possible due to rain and the match was declared a draw.

**U/16 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

At the completion of the AW Green Shield preliminary rounds, the competition’s Selection Sub-Committee named two teams to play each other in a match on 22 January 2009. The annual match against teams representing the NSWCA’s Country Coaching Class was not held this year. Selected teams, which were subsequently amended as a result of player unavailability, were as follows:

**First XI:** Nick Bertus (c, Parramatta), Matthew Foster (Blacktown), Jacob Lalor (Blacktown), Scott Warren (Campbelltown-Camden), Jordan Newell (Fairfield-Liverpool), Justin Avendano (Gordon), Tom Decent (Hawkesbury), Arjun Bagga (North Sydney), Harry Dalton (Northern District), Daniel Donaldson (Northern District), Patrick Cummins (Penrith), Nathan Brown (Western Suburbs)

**Second XI:** Kurtis Patterson (c, St George), Dean Bush (Bankstown), Nathan Loveday (Eastern Suburbs), Riley Astil (Fairfield-Liverpool), Karwin Rogers (Fairfield-Liverpool), Jordan Liddle (Gordon), Rhys Whybrow (Hawkesbury), Javed Badyari (Manly-Warringah), Malaka Jayawardene (North Sydney), Gabriel Joseph (Parramatta), Tom Ortiz (Parramatta), Dylan Smith (Sutherland)

**Reserves:** Gurinder Sandhu (Blacktown), Curtis Vella (Fairfield-Liverpool), Dylan Marshall (Manly-Warringah), Brandon McLean (Randwick Petersham), Vic Thamarajah (Randwick Petersham), Adam Whatley (Sutherland)

Second XI 3-91 (K Patterson 31no N Loveday 21no) def First XI 90 (S Warren 31 D Bush 4-18 T Ortiz 2-6) at George Parry Oval, 22 January 2009.

**APPRECIATION**

The Sydney Cricket Association wishes to record its appreciation of the contribution of the following persons and bodies to the success of its 2008/09 season:

- Power Education, especially Managing Director, Mr Avinash Nichkawde, sponsor of the Power Education Twenty20 Cup Competition
- The Sydney Morning Herald - sponsor of the O’Reilly Medal for First Grade Player of the Year;
- BBM, especially Executive Director Mr Eddy Steele - sponsor of the BBM award;
- Toro Australia - sponsor of the Ground of the Year awards;
- Kookaburra Australia Pty Ltd - supplier of balls for finals series matches;
- Cricket Australia - for its Grade club funding program;
- Australian Associated Press (AAP) - for its promotion of the SCA’s competitions;
- The NSW Cricket Umpires’ & Scorers’ Association, especially Messrs Darrell Hair (Executive Officer), Darren Googers (Education & Development Manager), Royce McCormack (Appointments Officer), its Board and all officiating umpires and scorers;
- The Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association and all officiating umpires;
- The Sydney Women’s Cricket Umpires’ Association and all officiating umpires;
- Messrs Colin Clowes, Bob Brenner and Colin Jefferies (Honorary Librarians, NSWCA) - for the provision and maintenance of records and statistics;
- Mr Bruce Whitehouse - Records Officers for the Shires competition;
- Mr Adam Morehouse - official SCA Statistician;
- First Grade scorers - for their valuable contribution in providing timely online match scorecards;
- Managers and coaches of all AW Green Shield competition teams; and
- The ground staff and ground authorities of the Sydney Cricket Ground and all clubs, particularly those that hosted competition finals and representative matches.

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

The season also saw the successful introduction of a Twenty20 competition comprising three preliminary rounds followed by Quarter Finals and Semi Finals. The Final was played under lights at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - THE SYDNEY SMITH CUP**

Penrith won the Club Championship for the first time since 1982/83, by a margin of just 13 points over Sydney University. The Students led the Championship from the Christmas break until the penultimate round, when they were overtaken by Penrith. The Panthers did enough in the last round to clinch the title by one of the smallest margins in history.

*Table:*

- Penrith 1533, Sydney University 1520, Gordon 1479, St George 1462, Bankstown 1353, Campbelltown-Camden 1322, Sutherland 1301, Manly-Warringah 1283, Fairfield-Liverpool 1170, Northern District 1082, Sydney 1070, Eastern Suburbs 1068, Parramatta 1036, Western Suburbs 1034, Randwick Petersham 1033, Blacktown 959, Hawkesbury 914, North Sydney 860, Mosman 733, UNSW 433

**FIRST GRADE - THE BELVIDERE CUP**

St George won the Belvidere Cup for the second season in a row, and for the 15th time overall, by defeating Sydney University in the Final at Hurstville Oval. Ground staff did an amazing job to get play underway on the first morning after four days of heavy rain prevented the best preparation for the wicket. St George won the toss and bowled - a decision that reaped enormous dividends with a superb spell from Steven Green (6-24) helping dismiss Sydney University for just 80. By the end of day one St George led by 32 runs with six wickets in hand.

They were finally dismissed for 360 early on day three. Needing 281 runs just to make St George bat again, Sydney University scored 4-110 before the captains agreed to end the match.

The victory meant that St George became the first team to record back-to-back First Grade titles since Bankstown-Canterbury achieved the feat in 1993/94 and 1994/95.

**Player of the Final – the Benaud Medal:** Steven Green (St George, 6-24 & 2-22)

**Leading Batsman:** Graeme Rummans (St George, 1024 runs)

**Leading Bowler:** Steven Green (66 wickets)

**Leading Wicketkeeper:** Kevin Pillay (St George, 51 dismissals)

16-year old Penrith opener, Jordan Silk, made an impressive start to his First Grade career, scoring 126 on debut against Blacktown, and becoming the youngest First Grade centurion since Ian Craig in 1951. Silk’s achievement was matched by Blacktown’s Jacob Lalor who, aged just 15 years 272 days, took 6-40 (including a hat-trick) on debut against Manly-Warringah, also becoming the youngest player ever to take five wickets on debut.

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- Bankstown 97, St George 89, Sydney University 81, Eastern Suburbs 77, Penrith 76, Gordon 69, Mosman 68, Campbelltown-Camden 65, Fairfield-Liverpool 57, North Sydney 50, Western Suburbs, Blacktown 49, Manly-Warringah 47, Hawkesbury 46, Northern District 45, Randwick Petersham 43, Sutherland 40, Parramatta 25, UNSW 19

**Qualifying Finals:**

- Penrith 8 dec 273 (N Hodges 72 P Jackson 64 D Taylor 58 P Darwen 3-46) & 1-64 (J Silk 30) def Bankstown 124 (D Waugh 44 R Smith 6-44 ) at Joe McAleer;
- St George 114 (A Pratt 4-49) & 2-207 (S Cazzulino 101 G Rummans 93) def Eastern Suburbs 82 (M Henriques 4-25 S Green 3-23) at Hurstville;
- Sydney University 212 (E Cowan 79 B Larkin 58 D Ettridge 4-54) def Sydney 108 (G Mail 5-15 S Clark 3-35) & 1-36 at Waverley

**Semi-Finals:**

- St George 182 (S Cazzulino 50 S Keen 4-54 S Thompson 4-55) & 3-78 (G Rummans 34 J Bird 2-26) def Bankstown 144 (J Cassell 47 J Allsopp 40 M Henriques 5-76 S Green 4-32) at Hurstville;
- Sydney University 199 (I Moran 77 E Cowan 45 J Lalar 7-58 R Smith 3-55) & 5-98 def Penrith (33 K Geyer 53 C Cook 3-31 S Clark 3-51) & 8 dec174 (J Silk 94 M Cook 3-47) at University 1

**Final:**

- St George 360 (L Zammit 75 P Wells 71 G Rummans 54 P Wooden 42 T Copeland 38 M Paskal 7-68) def Sydney University 80 (S Green 6-24 T Copeland 3-36) & 4-110 (G Mail 4B B Larkin 31) at Hurstville

**FIRST GRADE LIMITED-OVER COMPETITION**

Mosman defeated Penrith in the Final at Howell Oval. It was the first time that Mosman had won the one-day title, and the Club’s first premiership in the top grade since 1935/36. Mosman had only qualified for the Finals Series on net run-rate!
In the Final, Penrith batted first and made a solid start with openers David Taylor and Greg Hunt adding 47 runs. Mosman then took control of the game, thanks to a match-winning spell by Sam Roberts, of 3-15 from 10 overs by including four maidens. Clint Holland then ran through the lower order to help bowl Penrith out for 134 in the 45th over.

Mosman suffered an early setback in its chase with hard-hitting opener John Davison dismissed cheaply. Geoff Barnett and Jason Vero quickly got it back on course with a 77-run stand for the second wicket. Vero and Damian Naughton then secured an eight-wicket victory, with the winning run coming in the 32nd over.

Player of the Final – the Michael Bevan Medal: Sam Roberts (Mosman, 3-15)
Leading Batsman: Jason Vero (Mosman, 470 runs)
Leading Bowler: Pat Jackson (Penrith, 22 wickets)
Leading Wicketkeepers: Iain Beverley (Gordon, 16 dismissals).

Table: Bankstown 45, Campbelltown-Camden 41, Penrith 40, Mosman, Sydney South 38, Hawkesbury, Gordon 34 Eastern Suburbs 28, St George, Randwick Petersham 25, Fairfield-Liverpool 21, North Sydney 20, Northern District, Blacktown, Western Suburbs 19, Sydney 18, Sutherland 14, UNSW, Parramatta 13, Manly-Warringah 0

Semi-Finals: Mosman 6-182 (E Bullock 51 C Eve 41 J Doxion 24 S Roberts 24 J Bird 2-52) def Bankstown 179 (S Keen 57 D Burns 24 C Eve 4-38) at Bankstown; Penrith 6-159 (D Taylor 73 N Hodges 27 L Morrissey 27 D Harding 2-17 S Coyte 2-21) def Campbelltown-Camden 157 (A Coyte 40 B Collison 33 S Coyte 30 P Jackson 2-19 J Lalor 2-22) at Raby 1;
Final: Mosman 2-135 (J Vero 60 G Barnett 39 D Naughton 27) def Penrith 134 (D Taylor 26 P Jackson 24 G Hunt 23 S Roberts 3-15 C Yazdani 2-30) at Howell

POWER EDUCATION TWENTY20 CUP
Northern District won the inaugural Twenty20 competition by defeating Sydney in the night Final played at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Clubs were competing for an all-expenses paid tour to India courtesy of competition sponsor, Power Education.

The competition’s format was three preliminary rounds played in quick succession on one Sunday in November 2008. Clubs were divided into five pools with matches hosted by Bankstown, Campbelltown-Camden, Hawkesbury, North Sydney and Sydney University.

Only one batsman managed a century during the preliminary rounds, with RTA SpeedBlitz Blues rookie Scott Henry scoring an undefeated 101 from 65 balls for Hawkesbury against Northern District.

In the Final, Sydney won the toss and elected to bat in front of a large crowd bolstered by attendees at the preceding Finals of the Michael Clarke Cup competition. Captain Jon Moss (15 from 15 balls) made a solid start, but his dismissal and that of James Crosthwaite set the tone for the innings. The Tigers were able to maintain a rate of six runs per over, but lost wickets consistently. Former Sri Lankan star Russel Arnold (32 from 25 balls) was the main contributor, but was one of only four batsmen to reach double figures in a total of just 115.

Michael Hogan (2-8 from three overs) was the best of Northern District’s bowlers, while David Ball and captain Ben Davis each took two wickets.

Sydney needed early wickets to stay in the match, and was able to quickly dismiss both Davis and Andrew McLean. However, Clinton Witt and Ball then took the game away from their opposition with a brutal 52-run partnership for the third wicket. Ball (20 from 21 balls) played a supporting role while Witt smashed the attack to all parts of the ground with a brilliant 82 from 57 balls, including eight fours and five sixes, one of which brought up the winning runs in just the 17th over.

Quad-Finals: Sutherland 2-196 (S Smith 85 M Bradley 56 D Murphy 30) def North Sydney 139 (S Rodgie 23 L Talay 2-17) at Bankstown; Northern District 5-152 (D Ball 44 R Nelson 35 D Wough 2-1 S Keen 2-32) def Bankstown 151 (D Magee 38 C Gone 36 M Hogan 3-28 D Thornley 2-10 B Davis 2-35) at Grahame Thomas; Western Suburbs 0-76 (D Smith 44 P Hughes 32) def UNSW 73 (R Di Bartolo 4-12 T Sallway 2-11 M Day 2-15) at Owen Earle; Sydney 91/183 (R Arnold 52 A Brooks 43 T Sparke 43 G Lambert 2-30 A Clark 2-39) def Fairfield-Liverpool 147 (A Clark 29 B Raher 27 G Lambert 25 A Hoppett 2-38 D Estridge 2-25) at Benoaks Lane 2

Semi-Finals: Northern District 4-132 (B Davis 71 A McLean 27) def Sutherland 8-131 (T Freeburn 27 D Murphy 21 S Smith 20 A McLean 2-39) at Bankstown; Sydney 7-183 (J Moss 50 T Sparke 50 A Brooks 40 M Seymour 2-30 M Singh 2-31 (M Day 2-41) def Western Suburbs 8-182 (D Smith 96 R Arnold 2-33 J Mass 2-33) at Owen Earle
Final: Northern District 3-117 (C Witt 82no D Ball 20) def Sydney 115 (R Arnold 32 A Brooks 20 M Hogan 2-8 B Davis 2-17 D Ball 2-19) at the Sydney Cricket Ground

SECOND GRADE - THE ALBERT CUP
For the second consecutive season, and for the eighth time overall, the Albert Cup was won by Sydney University, from sixth place, by defeating Penrith in the Final.

In the Final at Bankstown Oval, Penrith could muster only 58 in response to Sydney University’s first innings of 161. In its second innings, the Students set about putting the match beyond Penrith’s reach. When finally dismissed for 259 midway through the match’s final day, they held a lead of 362 runs. With nothing to lose, Penrith went after the impossible target but could only manage 6-123 off 28.4 overs, at which time the two captains agreed to call an end to the match.

Leading Batsman: Luke Hyland (North Sydney, 733 runs)
Leading Bowler: Corrie Boss (Manly, 45 wickets)
Leading Wicketkeeper: David Penellum (Penrith, 32 dismissals)

Table: Sutherland 73, Campbelltown-Camden, Penrith 72, Northern District 68, Manly-Warringah 66, Sydney University 63, Parramatta 60, Hawkesbury 57, Gordon 47, St George 45, Bankstown 44, Western Suburbs 42, Blacktown 41, Sydney 40, Randwick Petersham 37, North Sydney 30, Eastern Suburbs 24, Fairfield-Liverpool 22, Mosman 15, UNSW 7

Qualifying Finals: Sydney University 245 (D Butchart 64 T Kienath 51) vs Northern District 196 (D Town 97 P Lilley 52) at Glenn McGrath; Penrith 6-188 (B Russell 82no D Ball 20) vs Sydney 115 (R Arnold 32 A Brooks 20 M Hogan 2-8 B Davis 2-17 D Ball 2-19) at the Sydney Cricket Ground
THIRD GRADE - THE MITCHELL CUP

Gordon won its 10th Mitchell Cup by beating Minor Premiers, Sydney University, in the Final at University No 1 Oval. The home club was restricted to just 139 in its first innings by good bowling from Gordon's Will Sweeney (3-36) and Nick Medcalf (3-42) in particular, and in the 14 overs before stumps on the match's first day, Gordon posted 1/87 to gain a dominant position leading into the final day's play. A solid innings by opener James Legderwood (72) then guided his team to victory for the loss of just five wickets.

Leading Batsman: Brett Rosen (Gordon, 692 runs)
Leading Bowler: Daniel Dent (Penrith, 41 wickets)
Leading Wicketkeeper: Tim Cummins (Penrith, 36 dismissals)

Table: Sydney University 82, Gordon 78, Manly-Warringah 67, Penrith 60, Fairfield-Liverpool 59, Eastern Suburbs 53, Western Suburbs 54, Randwick Petersham 52, Parramatta 50, St George, Sutherland 48, Sydney 39, Campbelltown-Camden 38, Bankstown 36, Blacktown 25, North Sydney 20, UNSW: Hawkesbury 19, Northern District 14, Mosman 7

Qualifying Finals: Sydney University 283 (D Jessep 100 T Harrington 52 D Richards 3-67 D Rootes 3-69) def Eastern Suburbs 124 (N Cowell 5-48 Smith 3-32) at University 1; Gordon 299 (E Richtor 69 E Howitt 53 H Angus 52 M Wilson 3-57) def Fairfield-Liverpool 136 (M Williams 37 E van Schalkwyk 6-45 W Sweeney 3-33) at Chatswood; Penrith 199 (T Cummins 40 M Fraser 30 N McLachlan 3-29 N Austin 3-37) & 0/29 def Manly-Warringah 127 (V Rehaan 38 D Dent 5-26 J Jones 3-35) & 100 (D Dent 3-11 J Jones 3-33) outright at Manly

Semi-Finals: Sydney University 269 (5 McLean 52 N Cowell 47 T Harrington 43 N Austin 5-42) def Manly-Warringah 238 (J Mason 87 S Patterson 73 M Culkoff 5-46) at University 2; Gordon 341 (B Rosen 102 E Richtor 101 E Howitt 65 R Lottiker 4-96 J Jones 3-69) drew with Penrith 9-243 (D Dent 77 S Gavin 48 W Sweeney 3-48) at Chatswood

Final: Gordon 5-224 (J Legderwood 72 D Livermore 43 B Rosen 32) def Sydney University 139 (J Crowley 37 W Sweeney 3-36 N Medcalf 3-42) at University 1

FOURTH GRADE - THE REID CUP

Fairfield-Liverpool won the Reid Cup for the first time ever by drawing with Gordon in the Final at Howell Oval. Despite the best efforts of the host club and ground staff, heavy rain in the days leading up to the match prevented any play from taking place on day one. This was an unfortunate blow to the Minor Premiers, Gordon, who following their Qualifying Final loss to Penrith, had to defeat Fairfield-Liverpool to take the title.

When play commenced on the second scheduled day, Gordon's bowlers were primed for a strong performance. However, their will was equally matched by Fairfield-Liverpool's batsmen, who were determined to bat for as long as possible in order to limit Gordon's chances of taking the match. With the Lions' score at 9-248, and Jamie Malskaitis and Hamish Oxley each taking five wickets, Campbelltown-Camden was watchful in reply before sealing victory by three wickets, with opener Aaron Yablsle (47) top-scoring.

Leading Batsman: Simon Peddle (Campbelltown-Camden, 720 runs)
Leading Bowler: Matthew-Hilder (Randwick Petersham, 51 wickets)
Leading Wicketkeeper: Mark Morley (25 dismissals)

Table: St George 81, Randwick Petersham 68, Campbelltown-Camden 67, Manly-Warringah 59, Sydney University 58, Gordon 56, Sutherland 55, Northern District 49, Penrith 48, Eastern Suburbs 46, Sydney 38, Fairfield-Liverpool 36, North Sydney, Hawkesbury 32, Bankstown, Western Suburbs 31, Parramatta 23, UNSW 18, Blacktown 12, Mosman 10

Qualifying Finals: Gordon 273 (D Millar 70 P Effeny 64 H Hunter 3-58) def Penrith 9-239 (S Farrell 131 T Fulton 3-43) & 6-137 (P Zybrands 48) at Penrith & 0/29 def Manly-Warringah 79 (J Avendano 35 D Yabsley 4-28) at Raby 2

Semi-Finals: St George 4 dec 309 (3 Siely 122 M Ryder 71 M Ridge 50 C Jameson 34) drew with Randwick Petersham 7-216 (N Stapleton 63 M Coles 50 D Hunter 3-26) at Coogee; Campbelltown-Camden 286 (M Zovi 126 J Jenkins 58 D Marshall 3-64) def Manly-Warringah 79 (J Malskaitis 5-27 H Oxley 3-22) & 2-121 (P Hartig-Frang 45 J Rawlings 41 M Zovi 5-24) at Raby 2

Final: Campbelltown-Camden 7-152 (A Yablsle 47 G Budwee 3-37) def Randwick Petersham 151 (J James 58 H Oxley 5-37 J Malskaitis 5-53) at Coogee

FIFTH GRADE - THE SHERWOOD CUP

The David Sherwood Cup was won by Campbelltown-Camden, for the second time, by defeating Randwick Petersham in the Final.

In the Final at Coogee, another draw would have been enough for Randwick Petersham to take the title. However, they slumped to 9/86 before recovering somewhat to reach 151 with Josh James scoring 58, and Jamie Malskaitis and Hamish Oxley each taking five wickets, Campbelltown-Camden was watchful in reply before sealing victory by three wickets, with opener Aaron Yabiesle (47) top-scoring.

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Final: Campbelltown-Camden 7-152 (A Yabiesle 47 G Budwee 3-37) def Randwick Petersham 151 (J James 58 H Oxley 5-37 J Malskaitis 5-53) at Coogee

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD (U/21)

Bankstown won the Poidevin-Gray Shield for first time since 1989/90, and for the fourth time since the competition began in 1926, by defeating Gordon in the Final.

In the Final, Bankstown paceman Steven Burt claimed 4-30 from 10 overs to help restrict Gordon to a modest 1/87, despite a fine knock by Elliot Richtor (65). Bankstown was largely untroubled in its run-chase, achieving the target in the 44th over for the loss of just two wickets. Opener Anthony Sams (82no) was judged the Player of the Match and presented with the Shane Lee Medal.
Player of the Final – the Shane Lee Medal: Anthony Sams (Bankstown, 82no)

Leading Batsman: Reece Bombas (Gordon, 380)

Leading Bowler: Maurice Holmes (St George, 19 wickets)

Leading Wicketkeeper: Jake McCann (Fairfield-Liverpool, 17 dismissals)

Table: Penrith 39, Bankstown 36, Sydney University 35, Gordon, Campbeltown-Camden, Sutherland 34, St George, Parramatta 31, Blacktown 27, Fairfield-Liverpool 26, UNSW 25, Hawkesbury, Eastern Suburbs 21, Randwick Petersham 15, Manly-Warringah, Mosman 13, Northern District, Western Suburbs 12, North Sydney, Sydney 8

Semi-Finals: Gordon 215 (S Colley 61 C Eccles 56 R Bombas 51 J Blake 4-50) def Penrith 9-206 (T Sutton 47 J Blake 40 J Sik 36 J Campbell 3-35) at Howell; Bankstown 6-137 (S Keen 45 A Sams 30 M Cook 4-47) def Sydney University 136 (T Ley 49 M Morgan 26 J Smith 4-22 S Keen 2-16 at Howell; Bankstown 6-137 (S Keen 45 A Sams 30 M Cook 4-47) def Sydney University 136 (T Ley 49 M Morgan 26 J Smith 4-22 S Keen 2-16 D Burns 2-24) at Jensen

Final: Bankstown 2-181 (A Sams 82 R Beavan 44 C Ridley 30) def Gordon 9-177 (E Richtor 65 S Burt 4-30 S Keen 2-24) at Groham Thomas

AW GREEN SHIELD (U/16)
Blacktown batted first in front of a large Australia Day crowd posting a respectable 8-195 in overcast conditions, mainly thanks to a well compiled 66 from opener Nathan Sowter.

North Sydney made a solid start to their run chase however rain interrupted their efforts with the score at 4-106 in the 40th over. Play resumed at 6pm with North Sydney needing 51 runs from 52 balls. Josh Martin (40no) and Arjun Bagga (41) went on the attack to get their side home with 16 balls to spare.

Leading Batsman: Tom Decent (Hawkesbury, 440 runs)

Leading Wicketkeeper: Aaron Roughley (Blacktown, 26 dismissals)

Table: Parramatta, Fairfield-Liverpool 42, Blacktown, North Sydney 36, Northern District, Manly-Warringah 30, Western Suburbs, Randwick Petersham 24, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Sutherland, Bankstown, Gordon, Campbeltown-Camden 18, St George, UNSW, Sydney, Mosman 12, Eastern Suburbs, Sydney University 0

Qualifying Finals: Parramatta 7-269 (B Abbott 103 G Joseph 59 B Smith 27 T Critten 23 J Badayri 4-35) def Manly-Warringah 268 (M Pugh 79 J Meredith 73 J Daly 59 T Ortiz 4-35 S Copperfield 3-27) at Old Kings; Fairfield-Liverpool 9-199 (J Starkey 45 C Vella 32 D Donaldson 3-35) def Northern District 9-171 (C Green 45 C Beach 29 A Gopalani 26 M Starr 3-30 R Astil 2-34) at Rosedale; North Sydney 165 (A Bagga 58 T Crawford 24 J Brennan 3-8 T Doonan 3-32) def Blacktown 132 (G Sandhu 48 J Lalor 29 A Bagga 4-23 M Jayawickreme 2-21 J Bilimora 2-32) at Joe McAleer

Semi-Finals: Blacktown 2-165 (J Panesar 53 T Doonan 50) def Parramatta 61 (M Bennetts 56 N Bertsu 55 M Foster 3-30 T Mulder 3-34 J Lalor 2-27 G Sandhu 2-35) at Old Kings; North Sydney 7-226 (T Crawford 99 T Wilson 36 K Rogers 3-52) def Fairfield-Liverpool 105 (B Clark 22 B Wheeler 3-16 A Bagga 3-17) at Rosedale

Final: North Sydney 5-157 (A Bagga 41 J Martin 40 J Lalor 3-48) def Blacktown 8-195 (N Sowter 66 M Jayawickreme 2-24 J Bilimora 2-25) on run-rate at North Sydney 1

O’REILLY MEDAL - PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Sydney’s Jonathan Moss 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, Moss scored 811 runs at an average of 45.06, and took 32 wickets at 22.22.

LEADING FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

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SPIRIT OF CRICKET
This season’s Spirit of Cricket award was won by Northern District. 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.

BOB SIMPSON AWARD- COACH OF THE YEAR
Penrith’s Michael Wholohan won the Bob Simpson Award for Coach of the Year. Penrith contested Finals Series matches in five grades, and won the coveted Club Championship title.

TORO GROUNDS OF THE YEAR
Winner: Bankstown Oval, Warwick Starr
Runners-Up: Hurstville Oval, Adam Lewis; Chatswood Oval, Glenn Paul
Lower Grade Ground of the Year: Tunks Park, Bernie Vince
Fourteen clubs contested the Shires competition. The four grades, together with the Frank Gray Shield, comprised the Club Championship.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE DAVID TRIBOLET TROPHY**

Auburn claimed the Club Championship for the second consecutive season, finishing 218 points clear of second placed Lindfield. Auburn took the lead in the Championship in Round Five, and despite brief challenges from Lindfield and Burwood Briars, the Eagles’ dominance gained momentum and they were able to maintain a healthy lead in the closing rounds of the competition.

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**FIRST GRADE COMPETITION FOR THE RB CLARK CUP**

South Sydney won the RB Clark Cup for the fourth time overall by defeating the previously undefeated Minor Premiers, Pennant Hills, in the Final. For the Premiers, Richard Chee Quee scored 673 runs at an average of 51.77 while Joe Hill (626 runs), Shane Pargeter (621 runs and 32 wickets), Michael Chee Quee (336 runs) and Brad Guthrie (35 wickets) all enjoyed successful seasons.

**Player of the Final – the Peter Toohey Medal:**

Robin Younan (South Sydney: 33 runs & 5-15, including hat-trick)

**Leading Batsman:** Alex Mayes (Pennant Hills: 680 runs)

**Leading Bowler:** Kish Nadesan (Pennant Hills: 73 wickets)

**Leading Wicketkeeper:** Ian Ebbink (South Sydney: 39 dismissals)

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**Qualifying Finals:**

Pennant Hills 260 (A Mayes 68 P Melville 47 A Berry 4-40 J Ambrey 3-29) def North West Sydney 183 (C Watson 48 J McCrae 4-54 K Nadesan 3-46) at Pennant Hills; South Sydney 189 (M Chee Quee 49 I Ebbink 30 M Frei 4-35 S Tomlinson 3-38) def Epping 154 (T Wheatley 75 S Pargeter 5-22) at Alan Davidson; Strathfield 314 (S Walsh 61no G Sheen 61 J Bilimoria 59 A Lines 5-58) drew with Lindfield 9-218 (A Kemmis 54 M Atkinson 48 P McIvor 42no S Walsh 5-41) at Airey

**Semi-Finals:**

Pennant Hills 8-314 (M Pasupati 145 J McCrae 51 A McCaffrey 40 T Drake 3-59) def Lindfield 90 (J McCrae 5-15 K Nadesan 3-23) at Pennant Hills; South Sydney 342 (R Chee Quee 139 M Chee Quee 53 E Golok 44 G Sheen 5-63) def Strathfield 157

**Final:**

South Sydney 210 (B Guthrie 46 R Younan 33 J McCrae 7-48) def Pennant Hills 37 (R Younan 5-15, including hat trick) at Tantallon

**SHIRES PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

The Shires’ Player of the Year was Pennant Hills fast bowler, Kish Nadesan, with 19 points. He produced five man-of-the-match performances, and was the competition’s leading bowler with 73 wickets at an average of 10.48, while also breaking a long-standing club bowling record. This award was introduced in 1993/94 and is based on umpires’ assessments.

**Leading players:**

19 pts Kish Nadesan (Pennant Hills); 14 Shane Pargeter (South Sydney); 12 Adam Rezek (Linfield), Alex Mayes (Pennant Hills); 11 Daniel Johnson (Auburn), Chris Schofield (Epping), Sean Day (Strathfield)

**SHIRES CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR**

The Captain of the Year award, based on umpires’ assessments, was won by Andrew Jalalaty from Burwood Briars. This 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:**

8.25 pts ave Andrew Jalalaty (Burwood Briars); 8.08 Steve Ware (Warringah); 8.00 Adrian McCaffrey (Pennant Hills); 7.90 Rowan Hamman (Lindfield); 7.85 Brett Richardson (Lane Cove), Richard Chee Quee (South Sydney)

Pennant Hills’ Andrew Faber was named Second Grade Captain of the Year.

**Second Grade Leading Captains:**

8.17 pts ave Andrew Faber (Pennant Hills); 8.13 Raoul Barbon (Auburn); 8.08 Stewart Myers (Lane Cove), Stewart Smith (Lindfield); 8.04 Brett Hudson (Georges River).

**SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD**

The Lane Cove CC was awarded the Spirit of Cricket for the second consecutive season.

**Leading clubs:**

2.82 pts ave Lane Cove; 2.77 Lindfield; 2.75 Georges River; 2.70 Warringah; 2.69 Pennant Hills; 2.68 Macquarie University

**SHIRES UMPIRE OF THE YEAR**

The Shires’ Umpire of the Year was Chris Taylor. The Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires’ Association (SSCUA) provides accredited umpires to Shires competition matches, and team captains assess its members’ performances to decide the winner of the award.
SHIRES GROUND OF THE YEAR
For the second consecutive season, the Ground of the Year was Lane Cove’s Tantallon Oval.

Leading grounds: 8.19 pts ave Tantallon (Lane Cove); 8.16 Rothwell (Burwood Briars); 8.03 George Parry (Auburn); 7.86 Bexley (Georges River); 7.59 Alan Davidson (South Sydney)

SECOND GRADE - THE SJ MAYNE TROPHY
Burwood Briars won the SJ Mayne Trophy for the sixteenth time overall, by drawing with Auburn in the Final. For the Premiers, Cameron Beams scored 422 runs, while Gerard Price (42 wickets) was the competition’s leading bowler.

Leading Batsman: Will Psaltis (Lindfield, 634 runs)
Leading Bowler: Gerard Price (Burwood Briars, 42 wickets)
Leading Wicketkeeper: Andrew Faber (Pennant Hills, 28 dismissals)

Table: Lindfield 80, Pennant Hills 69, Auburn 60, Burwood Briars 53, Georges River 48, Strathfield 42, Roseville 38, Warringah 37, Lane Cove 33, North West Sydney 25, Epping, South Sydney 24, Macquarie University, Southern Districts 6.

Qualifying Finals: Lindfield 4-239 (I Foster 85 S Smith 57no W Psaltis 52) def Strathfield 236 (D Herne 41 J Waide 38 S Burrows 37 J d’Elia 32 T Drake 5-53, C Kelly 3-63) at Lindfield; Pennant Hills 326 (R Knight 65 S Mathur 64 A Faber 46 S Castellino 45 A Bird 36 B Hudson 3-61) def Georges River 80 (C Feggans 36 A Bird 4-30 G Stubbings 3-19) at Waitara; Burwood Briars 9 dec 150 (M Squire 57 M Labrooy 4-38 M Wakeford 3-29) def Auburn 134 (N Ross 52) at George Parry

Semi-Finals: Auburn 8-169 (N Ross 79 R Barbon 34no K Garling 6-54) def Lindfield 166 (W Psaltis 42 S Smith 36 P Thomas 32 M Emran 3-0) at Lindfield; Burwood Briars 209 (C Pollock 46 M Freeburn 45 3-20) def Burwood Briars 8-164 (A Faber 46 S Castellino 45 A Bird 36 B Hudson 3-61) at George Parry; Burwood Briars 171 (P Wallace 44) drew Auburn 8-83 (S Harvey 6-42) at Airey.

THIRD GRADE - THE JB HOLLANDER TROPHY
Georges River won the JB Hollander Trophy for the first time ever, by defeating Lane Cove in the Final. For the Premiers, David Jiffs took 35 wickets during the season while teammate Alex Economou (521 runs) broke his club’s Third Grade batting record.

Leading Batsman: Raafe Hakim (Auburn, 530 runs)
Leading Bowler: Peter Bastow (41 wickets)
Leading Wicketkeeper: Franco Rocca (21 dismissals)

Table: Auburn 85, Georges River 69, Burwood Briars 66, Warringah 60, Lane Cove 51, North West Sydney 50, Strathfield 49, Lindfield 42, Epping, 31, Pennant Hills 26, Macquarie University 18, Southern Districts 16, Roseville, South Sydney 13.

Qualifying Finals: Auburn 5-208 (A Crafot 80 R Hawker 59 R Pasfield 4-51) def North West Sydney 206 (A Gabbett 56l) Fineberg 63 S Cassell 33 D Papanis 4-38 inc hat-trick, M Szady 3-47 at David Tribolet; Lane Cove 196 (J Gayleord 46 T McDonald 42 B Somerville 5-65, G Scott 3-40 & 0-115 (C McKay 77no A Southcott 37no) def Georges River 120 (N Dean 39no T McDonald 4-39) at Lance Hutchinson; Warringah 8-212 (R Wightley 94 P Chapman 46 M Towells 4-53) def Burwood Briars 162 (P Panutti 33 M Towells 30no P Chapman 3-25) at Rothwell

Semi Finals: Georges River 9-168 (G Scott 31 D Burton 3-17 D Wood 3-38 P Bastow 3-43) def Auburn 164 (D Wood 68 P Thomas 4-29) at George Parry; Lane Cove 3-244 (L O’Connor 102no A Southcott 55, B Hood 45no) def Warringah 236 (A Ryan 55 P Jones 50 T McDonald 3-50 K Slade 3-50) at Tunks

Final: Georges River 3-88 (A Economou 42no G Scott 35) def Lane Cove 87 (G Scott 5-16) at Alan Davidson

FOURTH GRADE COMPETITION FOR THE HARRY CULBERT TROPHY
Burwood Briars won the Harry Culbert Trophy for the sixth time overall, by drawing with Lindfield in the Final.

Leading Batsman: Andrews Hampton (South Sydney, 607 runs)
Leading Bowler: Greg Brown (Macquarie University, 65 wickets, best 9-23)
Leading Wicketkeeper: Clyne Fernandes (Macquarie University, 17 dismissals)

Table: Macquarie University 80, Burwood Briars 75, Auburn 74, Lindfield 54, Warringah 47, Georges River 44, Lane Cove 40, South Sydney 39, North West Sydney, Roseville 37, Epping 28, Pennant Hills 11, Southern Districts 6, Strathfield 0.

Qualifying Finals: Georges River 217 (T Aggett 71 T Mills 42 H Singh 40 G Wilson 5-58 G Brown 3-56 & 79 (1 Edwards 43no, G Brown 6-24) def Macquarie University 164 (C Fernandes 34 H Singh 5-58 A Dunstan 4-36) & 4-130 (G Wilson S/no A Dunstan 4-50) at Tunks; Burwood Briars 8-138 (J Miller 34no) def Warringah 135 (T Valentine 35 J Jones 30 M Yaho 3-30 D Haikin 3-38) at Ron Routley; Lindfield 9 dec 164 (T Khan 36no A Reddy 33 A West 36-39) def Auburn 122 (M Hardman 3-25) at Merrylands

Semi-Finals: Lindfield 9-197 (T Khan 67no L Treadwell 37 M Stevens 5-59 H Singh 3-41) def Georges River 129 (T Aggett 38 J Patel 5-12 D Isaac 3-41) at Tantallon; Burwood Briars 93 (D Budge 4-26) def Macquarie University 77 (D Gracie 34) at David Tribolet

Final: Burwood Briars 329 (J Miller 91no G Wallace 74 C Trewin 30 T Pervez 3-59) drew Lindfield 5-86 (L Treadwell 35) at George Parry

FRANK GRAY SHIELD (U/24)
Minor Premiers, Strathfield, won the Frank Gray Shield for the third time by defeating Auburn by 112 runs in the Final.

Player of the Final -- the David Gilbert Medal: Ian Janda (Strathfield, 75)
Leading Batsman: Sam Wotton (Strathfield, 417 runs)
Leading Bowlers: Adrian Neligan, Sean Walsh (Strathfield, 15 wickets), Matthew Pateman (Warringah 15 wickets)

Table: Strathfield 62, Auburn 46, Burwood Briars, Southern Districts 36, Warringah 34, Epping, Georges River 22, Roseville 21, Pennant Hills 15, Lindfield 14, Macquarie University 13, Lane Cove 12, South Sydney, North West Sydney 0.

Qualifying Finals: Strathfield drew Epping at Airey; Auburn drew Warringah at George Parry; Burwood Briars drew Southern Districts at Rothwell. No play due to rain.

Semi-Finals: Strathfield 189 (S Wotton 53 J Janda 35 J Waide 21) def Southern Districts 9-187 (C McIverney 62 B Dewberry 29 T Marlin 28 K Egan 2-16 A Sylvester 2-22 S Walsh 3-24 M Cleary 2-53) at Airey; Auburn 6-165 (M Freeburn 57 N Ross 23 P Wallace 2-20) def Burwood Briars 8-164 (T Dapice 41 C Hart 21 M Wakeford 3-26) at George Parry

Final: Strathfield 6-231 (I Janda 75 A Sylvester 42 S Wotton 35 D Papanis 4-39) def Auburn 119 (M Szady 28 A Neligan 21 B Walsh 2-24 A Watkins 2-28) at Tantallon

FRANK GRAY SHIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR
The Frank Gray Shield Player of the Year was Roseville’s Matthew Gubbay. Gubbay finished the season tied on 10 points with Auburn’s Mohammad Emran and Warringah’s Matthew Pateman, but claimed the award on a countback after winning three Man of the Match awards. This award was introduced in 2004/05, with the winner decided by umpires’ assessments carried out at each match.

Leading players: 10 pts Mohammad Emran (Aub); Matthew Gubbay (Ros), Matthew Pateman (War); 9 Gavin Atkin (SD), Sam Wotton (Str); B Prashant Rai (MU)
The 2008/09 season of the SCA Women’s Competition (SCAWC) was an extremely challenging one due to a packed representative calendar. Whilst it was a real plus that major events such as the 2009 ICC Women’s World Cup were staged in NSW, it required a number of innovative approaches in developing the season calendar.

The season saw minor growth with one additional Brewer Shield team bringing that competition’s size to seven teams. The number of clubs remained constant at ten and, despite some of these clubs re-grading teams, the numbers in First Grade to Third Grade were consistent with those of the previous season.

Ahead of the season the WallSEND Women’s Cricket Club merged with Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club and played under that banner for the first time. This move was supported by Cricket NSW and should provide a more sustainable platform from which to grow and develop.

The weather was much more conducive to playing cricket than in the previous season with far fewer washouts. Unfortunately, the main period of wet weather occurred in the week leading in to the Finals. First Grade, Second Grade and Brewer Shield Finals were all scheduled to be played at the Raby complex and both Campbelltown City Council and the Campbelltown-Camden Ghosts CC went above expectations to enable the matches to be played.

However, only one ground was able to be prepared. As a result, the higher-placed team that had qualified for the Finals was declared Premiers in both Second Grade and Brewer Shield, as the late finish to the season due to the Women’s World Cup left no room for a reserve day.

SCA Women’s Council meetings occurred throughout the season and provided a valuable link between clubs and the SCA, affording an excellent opportunity to discuss issues face-to-face. Through this forum the clubs agreed to instigate a Player Points System for season 2009/10, which is intended to encourage the long-term distribution of playing talent throughout the competition, and to re-focus clubs on junior development and recruitment.

The membership of the SCA Women’s Competition Sub-Committee remained constant from the previous season, which allowed for a continuation of the positive approach previously adopted. Special thanks must go to Jessica Henry (Chair), Olivia Thornton, Gary Koschel, Rob Smith and Ross Gawthorne for their adopted. Special thanks must go to Jessica Henry (Chair), Olivia Thornton, Gary Koschel, Rob Smith and Ross Gawthorne for their dedicated and tireless approach to managing and developing the Thornton, Gary Koschel, Rob Smith and Ross Gawthorne for their

BOB CURTIN MEMORIAL UMPIRES’ AWARD

This award was won by Sarah Coyte from the Campbelltown-Camden club.

The award is based on points allocated by umpires in every match, with the winner being the player across all grades who polls the most votes.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE ANN MITCHELL SHIELD

Bankstown Sports claimed its second successive Club Championship, which was also the second time the Club has won this trophy.

Table: Bankstown Sports 962, St George-Sutherland 745, Gordon 438, Sydney 370, Northern District 348, Campbelltown-Camden 299, Eastern Suburbs 235, Universities 221, Penrith 172, Parramatta-Blacktown 78.

FIRST GRADE - THE RUTH PREDDY TROPHY

Mirroring the Club Championship, Bankstown Sports claimed its’ second successive, and second ever, First Grade title. The surprise packets of the season were St George-Sutherland, who realised their potential to make their maiden First Grade Final. Wet weather saw the Final reduced to 38 overs per side, with Bankstown Sports rising to the occasion to post a 67-run victory.

Bankstown Sports were sent in to bat, posting 115. Rhiannon Dick (24) was the top scorer, whilst Lynsey Askew (3-14 from eight overs) bowled extremely well. St George-Sutherland struggled in the chase, losing both early and consistent wickets in posting 48. For Bankstown Sports, Sarah Aley (3-13 from eight overs), Sharon Millanta (2-10 from seven overs) and Rhiannon Dick (2-1 from three overs) all claimed wickets.

Table: Bankstown Sports 88, St George-Sutherland 63, Sydney 53, Universities 49, Eastern Suburbs 47, Campbelltown-Camden 20, Northern District 13, Gordon 7

Semi-Finals: Bankstown Sports 0/78 (L Wright 33no C Ryan 22no) def Universities 77 (S Millanta 4-11 B Allard 2-10 S Aley 2-18) at Bankstown; St George-Sutherland 5-75 (L Askew 36no, N Goodwin 3-25) def Sydney 72 (L Askew 4-14 J Mur 4-14) at Harold Fraser

Final: Bankstown Sports 9-115 (R Dick 24 C Ryan 22 L Askew 3-14) def St George-Sutherland 48 (S Aley 3-13 R Dick 2-1 S Millanta 2-10) at Raby 1.

Awards

Kingsgrove Sports Centre First Grade Player of the Year: Holly Colvin (Northern District, 783 points)

Batting Aggregate: Sarah Coyte (Campbelltown-Camden, 360 runs)

Batting Average: Kate Blackwell (Universities, 290 runs @ 58.00)

Bowling Aggregate: Isa Guha (Bankstown, 25 wickets)

Bowling Average: Rhiannon Dick (Bankstown, 13 wickets @ 7.46)

Wicketkeeping – the Christina Matthews Shield: Laura Wright (Bankstown, 23 dismissals)

SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD

Penrith won this award for the first time.

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

Kingsgrove Sports Centre First Grade Player of the Year: Holly Colvin (Northern District, 783 points)

Batting Aggregate: Sarah Coyte (Campbelltown-Camden, 360 runs)

Batting Average: Kate Blackwell (Universities, 290 runs @ 58.00)

Bowling Aggregate: Isa Guha (Bankstown, 25 wickets)

Bowling Average: Rhiannon Dick (Bankstown, 13 wickets @ 7.46)

Wicketkeeping – the Christina Matthews Shield: Laura Wright (Bankstown, 23 dismissals)
SECOND GRADE

Minor premiers St George-Sutherland were declared Premiers when the Final was abandoned due to a wet pitch. This was an appropriate honour for a team that had lost only one match during the season. This was St George-Sutherland’s third successive premiership in this Grade.

Table: St George-Sutherland 68, Bankstown Sports 61, Gordon 44, Penrith 43, Northern District 31, Campbelltown-Camden 7, Universities -6.

Semi-Finals: St George-Sutherland 4-96 (J Kelly 25no A Wills 24) def Pennth 95 (A Gardiner 27 A Wills 2-20) Kelly 2-22) at Sutherland; Bankstown Sports 1-58 (K Abbott 24no K Mack 21no) def Gordon 57 (K Mack 4-11 E Coigrove 2-1, H Laughton 2-20) at Grahame Thomas.

Final: match abandoned, St George-Sutherland declared Premiers.

Awards

Kingsgrove Sports Centre Second Grade Player of the Year: Mathilda Carmichael (Gordon, 843 points)

Batting Aggregate: Mathilda Carmichael (448 runs)

Batting Average: Amy Wills (St George-Sutherland, 266 runs @ 133.00)

Bowling Aggregate (tied): Melissa Fisher (Northern District – 17 wickets), Stephanie Hawkins (Penrith), Sheree Robinson (Bankstown Sports)

Bowling Average: Amy Wills (13 wickets @ 7.38)

Wicketkeeping: Tayla Kafoa (Bankstown Sports, 10 dismissals)

THIRD GRADE

Undefeated Minor Premiers, Gordon, won their first Third Grade premiership in 11 seasons when they defeated defending premiers, St George-Sutherland A, by 43 runs. Gordon captain Nicky Paterson (70no) led from the front, and received strong support from Emma Sherwood (23) in a total of 147. Gina Rhodes (3-27) was the pick of St George-Sutherland’s bowlers whilst their run-chase was led by Belinda Griggs (39) in a team total of 104. Gordon’s best bowlers were Jess Davidson (3-8) and Ramya Rajkumar (2-10).

Table: Gordon 82, St George-Sutherland A 79, St George-Sutherland B 41, Sydney 33, Bankstown Sports 28, Northern District 15, Parramatta-Blacktown 0.

Semi-Finals: Gordon 3-76 (A Chapple 30 E Sherwood 24 C Bowsch 2-20) def Sydney 73 (E Shrub 34 T Hancock 3-2 E Sherwood 3-7) at Forsyth; St George-Sutherland A 1-90 (B Griggs 33no) def St George-Sutherland B 89 (L Maurice 23 A Gillett 2-8 L McIntyre 2-25) at Gifford.

Final: Gordon 147 (N Paterson 70no E Sherwood 23 G Rhodes 3-27 L Johns 2-31) def St George-Sutherland A 1-104 (B Griggs 59no J Davidson 3-8 R Rajkumar 2-10) at Forsyth.

Awards

Third Grade Player of the Year: Emma Sherwood (Gordon, 1189 points)

Batting Aggregate and Average: Belinda Griggs (St George-Sutherland, 430 runs @ 107.50)

Bowling Aggregate: Emma Sherwood (29 wickets)

Bowling Average: Helen Williams (St George-Sutherland – 17 wickets @ 3.71)

Wicketkeeping: Kate Griffith (Gordon, 10 dismissals)

BREWER SHIELD (U/17)

Bankstown Sports capped an undefeated season by being declared Premiers when the Final was abandoned due to a wet pitch. As Minor Premiers and therefore highest-placed qualifier, this was a fitting honour for the previous season’s runners-up.

Table: Bankstown Sports 74, Campbelltown-Camden 57, Northern District 43, Parramatta-Blacktown 26, Gordon 21, Sydney 13, St George-Sutherland 0

Semi-Finals: Bankstown Sports 7-127 (E Newman 48 S Devlin 24 K Gauci 20) J Byrnes 3-20) def Parramatta-Blacktown 91 (J Byrnes 22 H Mantle 3-10 S Devlin 3-16) at Jensen; Northern District 3-124 (C Bower 33no H Bannon 30no C Hughes 30 M Latham 22) def Campbelltown-Camden 7-121 (K Perrin 36 C Roack 35 M Turk 3-21 C Goggan 3-31) at Watara.

Final: match abandoned, Bankstown Sports declared Premiers.

Awards

Player of the Year – the Trish Langsford Trophy: Samantha Devlin (Bankstown, 810 points)

Batting Aggregate: Kerri Mason (Bankstown Sports, 299 runs)

Batting Average: Kirsty Perrin (Campbelltown-Camden, 202 runs @ 67.33)

Bowling Aggregate: Olivia Cook (Gordon, 16 wickets)

Bowling Average: Samantha Devlin (14 wickets @ 6.21)

Wicketkeeping: Amanda Bittman (Bankstown Sports, 10 dismissals)

TWENTY20

The third season of the Twenty20 competition saw a change in format with all rounds of the competition played pre-season. This saw not only the best response to the competition, but also the highest standard of play on the field.

As had been the case during the previous season, matches were played in a round-robin format with each team playing every other team once. The Premiership was awarded to the team finishing on top of the table following the last round.

As was to be the case in the First Grade competition, St George-Sutherland pushed Bankstown Sports all the way to the last round, where a double bonus point victory saw Bankstown Sports emerge as Premiers for the first time.

Table: Bankstown Sports 48, St George-Sutherland 46, Campbelltown-Camden 38, Universities 33, Eastern Suburbs 33, Sydney 22, Gordon 13, Northern District 7, Penrith 0.

SUPER 8s

The second season of the Super 8s competition saw the format become a pre-season competition, which resulted in all seven Third Grade teams entering. A further significant change saw the introduction of a Final Series which was a reflection of the additional teams participating.

Each team played every other team once in a round-robin format, with all matches played at a central venue, Scarborough. This created a carnival atmosphere throughout the competition, and encouraged interaction between teams.

In the Final, the experienced St George-Sutherland A team overcame a young Bankstown Sports outfit. Bankstown Sports batted first and posted 4-60 with Emma Newman (25no) and Helen Laughton (19no) leading the charge, however St George-Sutherland A managed to pass this score for the loss of only one wicket. Gina Rhodes (21no) was the pick of the batters.

Table: St George-Sutherland A 37, Bankstown Sports 33, Gordon 28, Sydney 20, St George-Sutherland B 16, Northern District 12, Parramatta-Blacktown 0.

Semi-Finals: St George-Sutherland A 0-64 (B Griggs 25no D McCammond 22no) def Sydney 3-60 (E Shrub 25no D McCammond 2-6) at Scarborough 5; Bankstown Sports 3-71 (E Newman 26no E Wheatley 21) def Gordon 3-69 (T Hancock 25no H Laughton 2-1) at Scarborough 6.

Final: St George-Sutherland A 1-61 (G Rhodes 21no) def Bankstown Sports 4-60 (E Newman 25no H Laughton 19no) by nine wickets at Scarborough 5.
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Thanks to the commitment of the NSW Cricket Board and financial assistance from Cricket Australia, the Australian Sports Commission and NSW Sport & Recreation, cricket is now more accessible to many more Indigenous people who have shone in both mainstream and Indigenous programs.

An increased number of talented Indigenous players are being exposed to both NSW High Performance Programs and Sydney Grade cricket. Among them was Jacob Lalor, the 15-year-old brother of Josh who took six wickets in his First Grade debut for Blacktown this season.

This growing awareness and the support of clubs is providing greater opportunities for Indigenous cricketers to progress along the cricket pathway.

Indigenous cricketers in Elite Cricket
A number of known Indigenous cricketers represented NSW in various teams this season:

Josh Lalor: NSW Second XI, Ryan Bulger: NSW Second XI
Jeff Cook: NSW Country (captain), Nathan Price: NSW Country
Samantha Hinton: Wolf Blass Breakers, NSW Second XI

NSW Aboriginal XI – The Imparja Cup
The numerous financial and social constraints facing Indigenous cricketers again made it difficult to field the best team, with five representative players unavailable for this year’s tournament. However NSW still fielded a talented young side with nine players under 21 and seven players with Grade cricket experience.

Team: Ryan Bulger (captain/coach), Ryan Donovan, Andrew Gordon, Jonathon Halloran, Kris Halloran, Tyson Jolly, Andrew Julian, Justin Knight, Jacob Lalor, Joshua Lalor, Farran Lamb, Jack Manning-Bancroft, Jake Turner. 
Manager: Peter Cooley, Umpire: Les Knox.

Imparja Cup Honour Squad v ACA Masters: Ryan Bulger, Andrew Gordon, Joshua Lalor, Jacob Lalor; Jake Turner.

Australian Indigenous Development Squad to tour England: Josh Lalor

NSW Aboriginal Women’s team
The NSW Aboriginal women’s team competed in the Women’s division of the Imparja Cup. The side comprised players from the Sydney Women’s Grade competition and Country Cricket. Managed and coached by Indigenous people, the team once again were undefeated champions, highlighting the progress in Indigenous cricket in playing, coaching & administration.

Team: Julie Muir (c), Samantha Hinton (vc), Breanna Collier, Jessica Collier, Veronica Gordon, Nicole Honeysett, Rheanna Lotter, Kelly Salis, Katrina Cain, Breanne Cawley. Coach: Darren Beckett. Manager: Donna Collier.

Breakers Development Squad member; Samantha Hinton, was named Player of the Championships.

NSW Aboriginal Youth XI
This year a NSW Aboriginal Youth XI was selected to play Newington College on Wednesday 15 October 2008 at Newington College. Unfortunately the ground was unplayable and the match cancelled.

Team: Tyson Jolly (captain - Hunter SHS), Corey Ashby (St Josephs), Nathan Bowen (Dulwich HS), Breanna Collier (Ingleburn), Michael Coulter (Endeavour SHS), George Dickson (St Josephs), Patrick Donovan (St Clair HS), Glen Duncan (Tempe HS), Jacob Lalor (Westfields SHS), Joshua Simms (Newcastle), Jason Trindall (Matraville SHS), Dillon Walford (St Josephs). Coach/Manager: Russel Grimson. Assistant Coach: Ryan Bulger.

Lord’s Taverners Aboriginal Cricket Development Camp
With the support of the Lord’s Taverners, 20 up and coming Indigenous cricketers from across NSW were brought to Sydney for an intensive cricket camp from 12-14 December 2008. All players undertook specialist coaching and participated in discussions, and activities, covering preparation, goal setting and conditioning.

This Program again proved valuable for talent identification with Jake Turner, Andrew Julian and Jonathan Halloran making the transition into the NSW Aboriginal XI.

Thanks to Ryan Bulger and Andrew Gordon for assisting with this Program.

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

Indigenous girls were subsidised to attend a Girl’s Cricket camp at the NSW Sport & Recreation venue at Borambola

Cricket NSW and the NSW Department of Education & Training facilitated the development of four new practice nets at Matraville Sports HS. The project cost of $100,000, was shared between the parties

Assistance was provided to players suffering hardship, increasing their accessibility to Cricket NSW programs

The NSW Aboriginal XI played a Twenty20 match against the South Sydney CC aimed at connecting with the local community. The players also held coaching clinics for Indigenous children from the local community youth centres. Thanks to the South Sydney CC and the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy for assisting with the day.

Cricket NSW Equipment Drive
Thanks to the support of the wider cricket community, a vast amount of equipment was again donated to disadvantaged communities. In excess of 10 kits were distributed to all parts of NSW with additional items passed on to communities in Vanuatu and Fiji.

Russel Grimson
Indigenous Cricket Officer
Season 2008/09 was the seventh year of the partnership between Cricket NSW and the RTA.

The RTA SpeedBlitz Blues players were again heavily involved in spreading the RTA’s message about speeding.

In the last 12 months players were involved in a new signage campaign that was prominent around the SCG, shopping centre promotions, the Royal Easter Show, website photo shoots, school roadshows, cricket training sessions and a promotional cricket match, all with the purpose to drive home the message that ‘Speeding. No one thinks big of you’.

Ford has been sponsoring cricket in NSW for the past five seasons. During the summer they agreed to a new long term deal which will see Ford positioned as the official automotive partner of Cricket NSW until 2012.

Ford again leveraged its cricket sponsorship throughout the summer with targeted promotional campaigns which included the opportunity for six people to watch a Twenty20 match featuring the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues from the comfort of a fully catered Ford Ranger positioned on the field at ANZ Stadium.

Foster’s Group entered into its third season as the official alcoholic beverage supplier of Cricket NSW, the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues, the Wolf Blass Breakers, Country Cricket NSW, NSW District Cricket Association and the Sydney Cricket Association.

Season 2008/09 saw the continuation of the highly successful VB cricket ball grant which provides senior cricket clubs throughout Country NSW with $40,000 worth of Kookaburra cricket balls.

Coca-Cola Amatil is the exclusive non-alcoholic beverage supplier to Cricket NSW.

During the season Coke launched a loyalty program targeted at SCA Grade and Shires Clubs, providing them with the chance to receive Coke merchandise including fridges, eskees, water bottles and barrels for use at club grounds.

Cricket NSW would like to thank Coca-Cola Amatil for donating product to the Victorian Bushfire Charity Appeal match held at the SCG on Sunday 22 February 2009.

Pitcher Partners, an accountancy, auditors and advisory firm became the official events partner of Cricket NSW, and the official chartered accountants of the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues, through a new two year partnership with Cricket NSW.

The sponsorship aligns Pitcher Partners with high profile key events throughout the cricketing calendar including the Cricket NSW Golf Day, the Doug Walters Club Test Match lunch and the annual Ladies Day event.

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.

Cricket NSW would also like to thank the following organisations for their valued support:

- **Toro** – Sponsor of the Sydney Cricket Association
- **BSC Sports Nutrition** – Official Supplier of Compression Garments and exclusive supplier of supplements to the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues
After eight years of involvement, Kookaburra Sport continued to show its commitment to cricket in this State by extending its current agreement with Cricket NSW until 2011.

Along with their ongoing involvement with the SCA and the DCA, Kookaburra Sport are now, for the first time, the preferred cricket ball of Country Cricket NSW with Kookaburra cricket balls to be used exclusively in all tournaments and championships under their controls.

Cricket NSW would like to thank Kookaburra Sport for donating the cricket equipment that was used in the Victorian Bushfire Charity Appeal match held at the SCG on Sunday, 22 February 2009.

2008/09 was the start of a new two year partnership between Cricket NSW and Power Education. As part of this, Power Education continued their sponsorship of Cricket NSW’s High Performance Programs and CNSW Indoor Centre. They also sponsored the inaugural Power Education Twenty20 Cup. The tournament was contested by 20 SCA Grade clubs and culminated in the Final under lights at the SCG between Northern Districts Cricket Club and the Sydney Cricket Club.

Northern District won the tournament and a 10 day cricketing trip to India courtesy of Power Education.

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 signage opportunities.

The Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust have been the naming rights sponsor for the SCG Country Cup since 2005/06.

In 2008/09 the Tamworth District Cricket Association took out the competition by defeating the Stockton Northern District Cricket Club by 53 runs in the Final at the SCG on 18 January 2009.

Triforce Australia came on board as a Community Cricket partner for the 2008/09 season.

Their involvement included the major sponsorship rights to the Michael Clarke Twenty20 Cup and the Community Cricket school holiday camps.

Fitness First are the official supplier of fitness facilities to Cricket NSW, providing free gym memberships for the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues and Wolf Blass Breakers squads.

Diageo’s sponsorship of Cricket NSW extends until the end of the 2010/11 season.

The Smith Family is the official charity partner of Cricket NSW.

During the year the Smith Family engaged RTA SpeedBlitz Blues captain Simon Katich to help promote and raise funds for their ‘Triple Climb 09’ event.
The 2008/09 season was one of the most challenging ever for the Commercial Operations and Communications Department. With the inaugural ICC Women’s World Cup being played in Sydney, the number of games to be hosted by Cricket NSW increased significantly.

In addition to this, the global economic crisis had a major impact on corporate hospitality and signage revenue with businesses forced to make cuts across the board.

The highlight of the year was the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues winning the KFC Twenty20 Big Bash, which meant they qualified for the Champions League in India in October 2009. The last preliminary round match and the Final, both against Victoria, were two of the most exciting matches played in the competition and everyone at ANZ Stadium was on their feet during the final overs. The RTA SpeedBlitz Blues are now in the running for the Champions League first prize of $US2.5M and everyone eagerly awaits the start of that competition!

The Wolf Blass Breakers continued to dominate the WNCL and won their 11th title in 13 years. Cricket NSW continues to lead the way in the presentation of women’s matches and the support it gives the players.

Cricket NSW also welcomed the opening of the new Victor Trumper Stand which over time will prove to be one of the best vantage points to view the game from.

SPONSORSHIP

Cricket NSW continued to build its sponsorship network with the signing of two new sponsors for the 2008/09 season. Pitcher Partners became the Officials Events Partner of Cricket NSW and Triforce came on board as the major sponsor of the Michael Clarke Twenty20 Cup run by Community Cricket.

Feedback from both these sponsors has been positive and we look forward to a long association. Power Education and Kookaburra Sport both increased their investment with Cricket NSW in 2008/09. Power Education became the major sponsor of the SCA Club Twenty20 competition and Kookaburra became a partner of Country Cricket NSW.

The RTA commenced the first year of a new three year agreement that sees them as one of the longest non-alcohol sponsors of domestic cricket in Australia.

Our sincerest gratitude is extended to all sponsors, suppliers and partners who ensure that Cricket NSW achieves its strategic objectives.

SIGNAGE

Over $1M was generated through both perimeter fence signage and above ground signage during this season. 2008/09 saw State Associations progressively handing their above ground signage inventory over to Cricket Australia to be sold on a national basis. Whilst above ground signage did not generate as much revenue as previously for many reasons, Cricket NSW is confident that over time the move to a centralised selling model will produce strong sales figures for the NSW market.

CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

Cricket NSW were hit hardest in this area by both the global economic crisis and a change in competition format with corporate hospitality only achieving 50% of budget. Cricket NSW will work strongly with its agent, the SCG Trust, through the off season to put in place corporate hospitality packages that are more accessible for a greater number of people.

This summer saw a change in format for the One-Day Internationals with the abolition of the tri-series and Final Series format. As a result, Corporate Sports Australia, Cricket NSW’s off-site hospitality partner, was unable to generate the same level of interest for off-site hospitality for the One-Day International matches as they had previously. This resulted in a 50% reduction in revenue from 2007/08.
MATCH FIXTURES

It is very pleasing to once again be able to report that attendances at our domestic fixtures exceeded the targets outlined in the Cricket NSW Strategic Plan.

Generating crowds for our domestic Twenty20 matches continues to be the focus of our Department, which was justified by the fans. Of the 17 KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches played nationwide, Cricket NSW filled three out of the top seven places for attendances.

Due to the ICC Women’s World Cup being played in Sydney in March, all five home Ford Ranger Cup matches were held prior to Christmas in Sydney. Our focus for this competition was on the two matches played at suburban grounds, Hurstville and North Sydney Ovals, with attendances at these matches very pleasing.

2008/09 saw the domestic four-day competition revert to Sheffield Shield with Weet-Bix the major sponsor. Four matches were played at the SCG and one in Newcastle, with strong support again evident when taking these matches to regional areas.

Cricket NSW was again recognised as the leader in the delivery of women’s matches with the Wolf Blass Breakers fixtures continuing to receive the same level of attention as the men’s domestic matches.

Congratulations are extended to staff in the Commercial Operations and Communications Department who continue to achieve high standards in the delivery of domestic cricket.

Cricket NSW extends its appreciation to the sponsors of all the national competitions, KFC, Ford and Weet-Bix.

Congratulations and appreciation is extended to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, ANZ Stadium, North Sydney Council, Newcastle District Cricket Association and St George District Cricket Club who hosted fixtures this season.

The changing face of international cricket continues to create challenges for everyone in growing crowds at these fixtures. Overall the crowds in NSW for Test cricket were consistent with 2007/08. However the Commonwealth Bank ODI series and KFC Twenty20 attendances were disappointing due to a perceived weakness of the opposition and the timing of matches.

MEMBERSHIP

The Cricket Club

The Cricket Club is the official membership of Cricket NSW and has now completed its third year of operation. The Club has developed a consistent membership base and there has been much learned from this venture which will carry it strongly into the future.

Doug Walters Club

The Doug Walters Club feature event, the Test Match Luncheon on Day Four, was again an outstanding success. Joining in the pink theme that surrounded the Sydney Test match, $10.00 from every ticket sold to the luncheon was donated to the McGrath Foundation. Glenn McGrath was special guest and was overwhelmed by the generosity of the members, as well as a special presentation by Cricket NSW Chairman, Dr Harry Harinath, of a cheque for $20,000 from Cricket NSW for the Foundation.

Blue Heelers Club

The Blue Heelers Club is the junior supporters club of Cricket NSW and is open free of charge to all children under the age of 16. The highlight of the year for the members is the Meet the Players Day held in January each season. On this day members get to participate in activities on the SCG, win prizes in the members draw and get all their favourite players’ autographs.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Cricket NSW continued to keep Australia’s favourite sport at the forefront in the State’s media during 2008/09.

For the second year running, Cricket NSW started the season with a luncheon in the dressing room for members of the media. This luncheon gave the media an opportunity to have one-on-one contact with the State coaches, as well as hearing the thoughts of RTA SpeedBlitz Blues acting captain, Dominic Thornely, and women’s sensation, Ellyse Perry.

The RTA SpeedBlitz Blues continued to receive great support from local media and had an increased presence on Fox through Inside Cricket and Fox Sports News.

The ICC Women’s World Cup ensured that the Wolf Blass Breakers players again received strong support from local media.

Cricket NSW’s publications, the bi-annual Go Blues, Ford Ranger Cup, KFC Twenty20 Big Bash and WNCL Match Day Programs, continued to receive excellent reviews from stakeholders, while our E-Newsletter provided an important resource of information and news for fans during the season.
ADVERTISING

Cricket NSW launched a new advertising campaign this summer called “Breeding The Big Names”. A 30 second advertisement was produced and distributed through the internet. It was supported by press and brand advertisements throughout the season. The campaign garnered a lot of attention and was well received by the cricket fraternity.

RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

The second year of the “Is your Backyard Big Enough” campaign continued to create awareness around junior recruitment. Cricket NSW is one of only two States that produces an annual recruitment campaign which is proving to be the backbone in the drive to recruit players to the game.

EVENTS

Golf Day

Oatlands Golf Club again played host for the annual Cricket NSW Golf Day. The day featured many past and present NSW men’s and women’s players and is a great opportunity for our sponsors to mix with the players.

Season Launch

The 2008/09 Season Launch was held at the SCG with Community Cricket kicking the event off with an in2Cricket display on the ground with kids from schools around the area. WSMF’s Glenn Daniel hosted the launch with the highlight being the commitment from the RTA for a further three years sponsorship of the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues.

Ladies Day

This season Ladies Day was held in conjunction with the International Twenty20 match featuring a curtain raiser between the Australian and New Zealand women’s teams. Amanda Keller hosted the evening and did an outstanding job interviewing captains from the Australian, New Zealand and England teams that would be competing in the ICC Women’s World Cup.

Steve Waugh Medal

The Steve Waugh Medal Dinner was the pinnacle of the season, celebrating the achievements of the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues Twenty20 campaign and the Wolf Blass Breakers WNCL season. Three more players were inducted in the Cricket NSW Hall of Fame including the first female, Belinda Clark. The male inductees were Mark Taylor and Warren Bardsley. Adam Spencer once again did an outstanding job as MC and The Mike Whitney Band provided the entertainment and certainly won the audience over!

Christina Matthews
Manager, Commercial Operations and Communications
For the second successive year the NSW Women’s Cricket Committee saw several new faces join the ranks with Sara Hungerford and Jim Barrett bringing different perspectives based on their various roles within the sport, and ensuring that the Committee’s perspective is constantly reinvigorated. Of course, new members joining the Committee meant former members departing and special thanks are extended to Wendy Weir and Gary Koschel for the contribution they made. Special mention must be made of Wendy Weir’s contribution over many years as player, administrator and selector at NSW level.

On the field, season 2008/09 was a huge one for Women’s Cricket. Looming largest across the season was the inaugural ICC Women’s World Cup with NSW selected by Cricket Australia to host this prestigious event. The selected venues (Bankstown Oval, Bradman Oval, Drummoyne Oval, Manuka Oval, Newcastle No 1 Sportsground, and North Sydney Oval) were beautifully presented and the eight participating teams were full of praise for the quality of the facilities. Many thanks are extended to the hosts at these venues who did a fantastic job and went above and beyond to ensure that matches ran smoothly.

A further four venues (Manly Oval, Old Kings, Raby 1, and Village Green) were used for official warm-up matches, whilst 10 venues (Alan Davidson Oval, Chatswood Oval, Glenn McGrath Oval, Manly Oval, Pratten Park, Rawson Oval, SCG, Village Green, Waitara Oval, Waverley Oval) were used as training bases for the teams and for unofficial warm-up matches. Thanks are extended to the hosts at each of the venues for the work they did out of the public gaze to ensure that the World Cup was a success.

NSW players dominated selection in the Southern Stars team for the World Cup, with seven players in the squad of 15 being members of the Wolf Blass Breakers. These players were Sarah Andrews, Alex Blackwell (vc), Leonie Coleman, Erin Osborne, Ellyse Perry, Leah Poulton, and Lisa Stalekar.

The Southern Stars overall performance was disappointing, however the tournament was well delivered and Cricket NSW worked hard to ensure that a legacy would be left for the Women’s game in the State. This was extremely evident in the efforts of the Community Cricket department in getting over 4,300 school children to various matches.

The Women’s home international season also included a tour by India and a Twenty20 match against New Zealand. During the India tour, Cricket NSW hosted all five tour matches, the international Twenty20, and three of the five One-Day Internationals.

The Southern Stars achieved a clean sweep of this series with six Wolf Blass Breakers part of the squad: Alex Blackwell (vc), Kate Blackwell, Leonie Coleman, Elyse Perry, Leah Poulton, and Lisa Stalekar.

The international Twenty20 match against the New Zealand White Ferns was played as a double-header with the Australian and New Zealand men’s teams at the SCG. The inclement weather meant that the crowd was not as large as hoped, however there was still a sizeable audience which was exposed to the women’s game prior to the start of the men’s match. This format is an excellent showcase for the women’s game and will get more people interested in supporting our elite women’s teams.

A Ladies Night function was run in conjunction with the Twenty20 double header with the Southern Stars and White Ferns teams attending at the conclusion of their match.

Once again, this format proved to be highly successful and assisted greatly in increasing the profile of our players.

The highlight of the domestic season was the Wolf Blass Breakers winning the WNCL for the 11th time in 13 seasons. The Breakers again took their game to another level and have set the bar even higher for the chasing pack.

This success capped another season of domestic dominance for our women’s teams as NSW once again clean swept the National Championships at WNCL, Cricket Australia Women’s Cup, U/17, and U/15 levels. National championships at U/19 level were not staged due to a lack of numbers from the other states however NSW won the invitational tournament held in its place. Congratulations are extended to the players and support staff of each of these teams.

These successes highlight the long term commitment that has been shown to the development of the women’s game at all levels by Cricket NSW. It is the envy of the other States.

The Country Championships were staged in a North and South format utilising the same format as the Men’s Championships. The North Championships were conducted in Lismore and the South in Wollongong across the October 2008 long weekend, with weather impacting heavily on the latter.

Following the Championships, several meetings have taken place involving representatives from all stakeholders to review the role of the Country Championships and to position this tournament to ensure its long term relevance and sustainability. It is anticipated that this review will result in significant changes to the future format and conduct of the Championships.

Committee member and NSW Cricket Director, Rina Hore, continued her involvement with the Cricket Australia Females in Cricket Reference Group. The Females in Cricket strategy, which was developed by this group, has greatly contributed to the Southern Stars receiving Cricket Australia contracts and to four of the squad being employed as Ambassadors. These are significant positive steps forward for the elite level of the women’s game.

On behalf of Women’s Cricket, a huge thank you is extended to the NSW Cricket Board under the chairmanship of Dr Harry Harinath 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.

Kaye Loder AM
Chair – NSW Women’s Cricket Committee
By winning all National Championships the High Performance Department is on track to achieve its Performance Objectives for 2007-2010:

- To win 80% of National Championship Titles, 2007-2010.
- For NSW players to form 40% of all Australian squads.

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Female:**
- NSW U/19: Undefeated National Champions (Invitational)
- NSW U/17: Undefeated National Champions
- NSW U/15: Undefeated National Champions

**Male:**
- NSW U/19: National Champions
- NSW U/17: National Champions

**NATIONAL SELECTION**

The following players were selected in National squads/teams during 2008-09.

**Male:**
- Australian U/19 Merit Team: Luke Doran, Josh Hazlewood, Tim Armstrong
- Australian U/17 Merit Team: Sean Abbott, Angus Robson

**Female:**
- Commonwealth Bank Shooting Stars (Australian U/21): Corinne Hall, Alyssa Healy, Sarah Coyte, Ashleigh Endacott
- Australian U/17 Merit Team: Katie Waetford, Lisa Griffith, Katie Mack, Brodie Neems, Kara Sutherland
- Australian U/15 Merit Team: Nicola Carey, Mathilda Carmichael, Ashley James, Hannah Trollip, Bridget Webster

**CRICKET NSW HIGH PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

**Male:**
- U/17 Player of the Year – Mark Waughs Trophy: Sean Abbott
- U/19 Player of the Year – Steve Waugh Trophy: Luke Doran

**Female:**
- U/15 Player of the Year – Julie Hayes Trophy: Bridget Webster
- U/17 Player of the Year – Sally Griffiths Trophy: Lisa Griffith
- U/19 Player of the Year – Lisa Keightley Trophy: Sarah Coyte

**CRICKET NSW RISING STAR AWARD**

Male Rising Star: Josh Hazlewood
Female Rising Star: Erin Osborne

**TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM**

The Talented Athlete Camps again played a significant role in this year’s High Performance Programs.

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 held in education and its importance for young athletes, injury prevention, alcohol and drugs in sport, nutrition and psychology.

Many thanks go to our specialist coaches Warren Smith, Gavin Fingleton, Lee Kirk, Greg Clarence and Glenn Williams. Thanks also to Rod Evans and Mark McInnis for coordinating the U/13 Camp, and to the Regional Cricket Managers 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.

Regional Directors of Coaching 2008/09:
- John Brenton, Paul Everingham, Chris Moran, Rod Bryant, Tony Meppem, David Mudialiar, Kelvin Walls, Graeme Dyball, Ian Paxton, Allan Rees, David Tink, Matt Faint, Tom Purcell, Tim Clayton, Matt Fawell, David Nichols, Aaron West, Glenn Rowlands, Neil Coad, Mark Curry, Geoff Goulding.

Thanks to John Field, Ian Daines, Greg Sparke and Col Tuckett 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. The former 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 notably Adam Gilchrist, Dominic Thornely and Phillip Hughes.

THE BASIL SELLERS COMBINED COUNTRY COACHING CLASS

This year’s class was conducted in April 2009. The following players were invited to attend following the 2009 U/16 Bradman Cup competition (regions in brackets):

- Eric Denhartog (Illawarra), Hayden Drysdale (Central Coast), Mitch Farag (Central Coast), Tom Frith (Newcastle), Josh Gill (Newcastle), Jeffrey Goninan (Newcastle), Jacob Harvey (Western), Jarrod Hayes (Newcastle), Nathan Hinton (North Coast), Ryan Holcroft (Riverina), Tom Irwin (Western), Angus Le Lievre (Riverina), Beau McClintock (Central Coast), Corey McMahon (North Coast), Luke Merchant (Newcastle), Jake Nind (North Coast), Mitchell O’Brien (Riverina), Andrew Page (Western), Taylor Scott (Central North), Callum Taylor (North Coast), Kerrod White (Southern), Blake Reynolds (North Coast)

Each player took part in individualised coaching, video assessment, fitness testing, and team building activities. The fast bowlers were also involved in a physiotherapy screening. Lectures were held in education and its importance for young athletes, injury prevention, alcohol and drugs in sport, nutrition and psychology.

Many thanks go to our specialist coaches Ben Sawyer, Gary Crowfoot, Peter Jackson, Richard Bates, Bruce Edgar, Mark Cameron and David Patterson. Special thanks is also extended to Brett Rankin and Evan Atkins who were the selectors at the Bradman Cup. Cricket NSW would once again like to thank the staff of the Sydney Academy of Sport for their continued support.

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 (pg 86) 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 cricketers aged between 16 and 19.

The aims of the scholarship are:

- To facilitate the development of a young talented cricketer/cricketers
- To support a cricketer’s move 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

2008/09 Basil Sellers scholarships were awarded to:

Male:
- Female:
  - Alyssa Healy, Samantha Hinton, Ellyse Perry

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 to both country areas and Sydney Grade clubs.

Sessions included:

- Phillip Hughes (Batting) – Coffs Harbour
- Nathan Hauritz (Spin Bowling) – Gosford
- Phil Jaques (Batting) – Wollongong
- Murray Bennett (Spin Bowling) – Country U/17 and 19 players
- Aaron Bird (Fast Bowling) – Coffs Harbour and Wagga Wagga
- Mark Cameron (Fast Bowling) – Orange and Tamworth
- Mike Young (Fielding) – Country U/19 Players
- Dominic Thornely (Batting) – Coffs Harbour
- Bruce Edgar (Batting) – Illawarra
- David Freedman (Spin Bowling) – Albury
- Trent Woodhill (Batting) – Albury
- David Patterson (Fast Bowling) – Orange
- Jeff Cook (Batting) – Scone
- Bob Simpson – Sydney Grade Clubs
- James Allsopp (Wicketkeeping) – Sydney Women's Grade Clubs
- Anthony Sams (Wicketkeeping) – Sydney Women's Grade Clubs
- Gary Crowfoot (Batting) – Hawkesbury, St George and Western Suburbs
- Troy Baker (Sports Psychology) – Mosman, Bankstown and Sydney University
- Warren Smith (Batting) – University of NSW, Inverell, Narrabri, Lismore and Wagga Wagga
- Gavin Fingleson (Fielding) – Sydney University, Hawkesbury, Mosman, Western Suburbs and Sydney CC

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.
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

This conference was held from 4-6 July 2008 at the Sydney Academy of Sport. Coaches invited to attend were Regional Cricket Managers, Regional Directors of Coaching, Sydney Grade club coaches and CNSW High Performance Coaches.

Presenters included:
- Paul Roos: Achieving Excellence
- Matthew Mott: Coaching Philosophy
- Michael Bevan: One Day Batting
- Murray Bennett: Finger Spin
- Peter Spence: New Coaching Frontiers

The Conference was held in conjunction with the NSW U/17 and U/19 pre-season camp.

Level Two Courses

Level Two Courses were conducted at Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange and at the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen during June and July. 24 local candidates participated in each course while international candidates from Sri Lanka, India and Vanuatu also participated in Orange.

Presenters included Bob Simpson, Steve Rixon, Michael Bevan, John Buchanan, Matthew Mott, Murray Bennett, Alan Campbell, David Freedman, Nathan Hauritz, Gavin Fingleson, Trent Woodhill, Troy Baker and John Crampton. Wayne Spratford (Biomechanics) and David Mann (Learning Styles) from the AIS in Canberra also presented.

Cricket Australia Level 2 Fast Track Course

David Patterson was invited by Cricket Australia to conduct this course, held at the Centre of Excellence from 23-25 March 2009. 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 careers. Course participants included Craig McDermott, Jason Gillespie, Brad Hogg and Chris Rogers.

Level 2 Assessor Training

From the 2008/09 season, all Level Two candidates are being practically assessed in the field with their own teams, rather than in course. To this end, Cricket NSW and the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation conducted two courses to accredit and educate Level Two Assessors throughout NSW.

Level 3 (High Performance) Course

The Cricket Australia Level Three High Performance Course was held at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane from 8-12 June 2009. Candidates from NSW were Richard Bates, Matthew Nicholson, Phil Jaques and John Betsey.

Introduction to Cricket

Introduction to Cricket is a new online beginner coaching course which was launched by Cricket Australia in October 2008. It also meets the requirements for theoretical components of the Level One course. David Patterson assisted Cricket Australia with the content and production of this new course.
CA Coach Education and Training Committee

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

Cricket NSW hosted the annual conference from 1-3 September 2008. Representatives attended from each of the eight States and Territories together with Cricket Australia and the Australian Sports Commission.

Coaching Functions

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

- NSW Department of Sport & Recreation Regional Servicing Forum: 21 May
- FPA Coaching Conference: 26/27 May
- NSW Department of Sport & Recreation Funding Forum: 25 June
- NSW Department of Sport & Recreation Event Management Forum: 16 Oct
- NSW Department of Sport & Recreation Going the Distance Forum: 14 Nov
- NSW Department of Sport & Recreation Don’t Waste a Crisis Forum: 8 April

Coaching Awards

Bob Simpson Award – Sydney Grade Club Coach: Michael Wholohan
John McMahon Award – NSW Country Coach: Greg Geise
Tom Richmond Award – NSWDCA Junior Rep Coach: Glenn Maher
Allan Border Medal Night: Peter Lonergan
Cricket NSW Coaching Awards: Tim Curran, Allan Rees
Cricket NSW Distinguished Service Awards: Ian Paxton, Jessica Henry

CORPORATE PARTNERS

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

- Basil Sellers
- Power Education

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.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The CA National Selection Panel announced a 13 player AIS squad to undertake a 20 week program at the Commonwealth Bank Centre of Excellence.

RTA SpeedBlitz Blues squad members Peter Forrest, Moises Henriques, Stephen O’Keefe, David Warner and Usman Khawaja were selected to attend.

Part-time Scholars included Phillip Hughes, Steven Smith and Mark Cameron.

Development Scholars included Josh Hazlewood.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS UNIT

Cricket NSW is at the forefront in the application of computer driven video analysis technology for performance enhancement. This includes a state-wide, coordinated approach to both game and technique analysis using the SportsCode system.

In relation to game analysis, the SportsCode system now includes fully customised, advanced statistics for simple or detailed analysis.

During the 2008/09 season, the SportsCode game analysis system was utilized at every male and female National Championship. For the first time, highlight videos from the male U/17 and U/19 Championships were posted on the High Performance website at the conclusion of each day’s play. This website was also used to provide game analysis video feedback to players from Regional NSW.

In relation to technique analysis, the assessment of fast bowlers for injury prevention and performance enhancement has been extended. This process now involves the synchronization of front, rear, side and overhead video. Coaches are then able to use this video to analyse technique and record voiceover coaching feedback. This video review can then be compressed for email, posted on the website or downloaded to players’ iPods.

POWER EDUCATION INDOOR CENTRE

The Power Education Indoor Centre was used for a variety of activities and functions during 2008/09. All our squads, both men and women, right through from Emerging Breakers and Blues to our senior squads, made heavy use of these facilities and whilst they take precedence over all other bookings, the general public has certainly become more aware of the Centre’s multi-purpose ability.

The Cricket NSW Coaching Academy continued to attract males and females of all ages for private coaching. Former First Class player Murray Creed was the Head Coach, with regular assistance from First Grade cricketers such as Tim Sparkes, Eddie Otto and Luke Reynolds. School Holiday Clinics were very successful, with David Warner proving to be a major draw card. Children were fascinated with his ability to bat both right and left handed with poise and skill.

In addition to NSW squads, Grade and Shire teams, the Centre was used many afternoons of the year by local school and junior club teams. Heavy use of this facility and a more serious approach to their training has led to great success for local representative teams under the South Eastern Junior Cricket Association banner.

Social functions of note during the last year once again included the Bradman Dinner, Test and One Day Dinners, The “Tah” Bar and a West Tigers Anniversary Dinner. With the ability to hold over 600 people, and its close proximity to the SCG, the Power Education Indoor Centre continues to be a perfect venue for functions such as these.

POWER EDUCATION EMERGING BLUES PROGRAM

The Power Education Emerging Blues Program commenced with a series of selection trials at the Power Education Indoor Centre during March and April 2008. Over 500 players attended from which 126 were selected.

An introductory evening was conducted in May 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.

Squad sessions consisted of individual and team skill development, specialist coaching and match scenarios.

In addition to the Program, and following a review of our Cricket NSW Talent Identification model, the U/15 age group participated in a pilot Twenty 20 challenge held in the July School holidays in Port Macquarie. Competing teams included Sydney South, Sydney North, Far North Coast, North Coast Council, Mid North Coast, Hunter Valley, North West and Newcastle.

The competition was an enormous success and special thanks is given to sponsor Power Education and Cricket NSW for their support of this pilot.
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 have progressed to First Grade, Sheffield Shield, Ford Ranger Cup and KFC Big Bash squads.

Appreciation is extended to:

- Blacktown Cricket Club for providing practice facilities for the squads
- Grade and Shires Clubs who made their grounds available for the squad matches
- Regional cricket zones Central Coast, Illawarra and Southern for ground hire and participating in games against metropolitan teams
- NSW Districts Cricket Association, GPS and CAS schools in the programming of the dates and in nominating potential players for the squads

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 arm of the 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 minimising the risk of sustaining injury.

Cricket Australia Pace Bowling Camps

Cricket Australia conducted two Pace Bowling Camps during the pre-season. The Senior Camp (for contracted players) was conducted at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane from August 4-7. This was attended by Michael Madennan from the Cricket NSW HP Department.

The Junior Pace Camp (U/19’s) was held at the AIS in Canberra from September 28-30. Rob Edwards and Tim Armstrong attended from NSW. Mitchell Starc and Timm Van Der Gugten were unable to attend due to injury, while Josh Hazlewood was in Queensland as part of the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues’ pre-season tour. Tim Curran from the Cricket NSW High Performance Coaching Panel also attended.

National Pace Bowling Technical Group Meeting

David Patterson represented NSW at this meeting, which was conducted at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane on 19 November 2008.

The meeting addressed the latest research in relation to fast bowling technique, physical preparation and bowling workloads. The meeting was chaired by Australian Fast Bowling Coach, Troy Cooley.

Pace Australia (NSW)

Pace Australia was held over the weekend of 17-19 April 2008 for fast bowlers in the NSW male and female U/17 and U/19 Programs.

The players undertook a full video analysis of their actions (including counter-rotation numbers) as well as a completing a physiotherapy screening.

They also undertook a pre-hab and a strategy session with RTA SpeedBlitz Blues Fast Bowler, Mark Cameron.

FEMALE HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

The High Performance Female State teams had another successful year. The NSW U/15 and U/17 teams were undefeated champions, while the NSW U/19 team was victorious in an Invitational Championship. This is the sixth year in a row that all junior female NSW teams have won their respective Championship.

The following initiatives were implemented this year:

- Increased opportunity and resources for the U/17 Emerging Breakers Program
- Power Education Challenge
- North vs South competition
- Apprentice coaches involved in the Emerging Breakers Program
- The Development Squads

The U/17 Emerging Breakers squad began a month earlier this year in order to increase their fitness. Hopefully this will prepare the players better in their transition to the U/19 and the NSW Breakers squads.

The State Department and High Performance Department developed the Power Education Challenge which allowed the best 48 players in NSW, regardless of age, to play a number of Twenty20 and 50 overs fixtures. Out of the 48 players, 18 were from the current High Performance programs, with some being seen by the Breakers selectors for the first time.

There was a change to the Country Championships format which affected the selection pathway for the junior Country teams. A North U/15 and U/17 team and a South U/15 and U/17 team were selected from their respective carnivals to play against each other in Newcastle. This gave more girls the opportunity to play a higher level of cricket and formed a great base for selection of the Country U/15 and U/17 teams.

The strengths of women’s cricket continue to grow with numbers in our Emerging Breakers Program increasing. Consequently, there was a need to provide more resources and as a result an apprentice coach was included across all Emerging Breakers Programs.

A review of the Regional Emerging Breakers found that there was a need to develop a program for younger (9-13 years) girls to enhance their skills in an environment with similar aged girls. As a result, a Development Program was run in the North Coast, Riverina and Illawarra/Southern Zones.

Emerging Breakers Program

The Emerging Breakers Program again included six Regional Programs and four Metropolitan Programs.

The Emerging Breakers Metropolitan Program catered for the U/13, U/14, U/15 and U/17 age groups. The coaches for the respective squads were:

U/13: Michelle Goszko, Aimee Harris, Mary-Anne Germanos (Apprentice Coach)
U/14: Sara Hungerford, Erin Burns, Alex Julien (Apprentice Coach)
U/15: Olivia Thornton, Charlotte Anneveld, Corinne Hall (Apprentice Coach)
U/17: Lee Malin, Kate Owen, Sara Hungerford (Apprentice Coach)

Specialist Coaches: RTA Speed Blitz Blues and Wolf Blass Breakers players, Jonathan Freeston (Throwing Coach)

The Metropolitan Program was run over five weeks during August and September. At the conclusion of the training program, each squad was split into two teams for a Twenty20 carnival at North Curl Curl. The U/15 and U/17 squads also had a trial match to select their City team.
The U/15’s Emerging Breakers Squad played two Twenty20 practice matches against the Emerging Breakers Illawarra/Southern Zone.

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

This season’s Program included seven days sessions followed by a number of matches. This provided players with an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Country Championships which were held at the end of September. This season saw all regions field both Senior (17 years & up) and Youth (13 – 17 years) teams, without any metropolitan players. This is a strong indication that female numbers in regional NSW are increasing.

Kerry Marshall, Neil McDonald, Olivia Thornton, Lisa Shalekar and Jonathan Freestion attended a number of sessions. The following coaches were responsible for implementing and conducting 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 Academy of Sport in Narrabeen from 23 – 26 November 2008. The camp included the U/15, U/17 and U/19 teams plus their coaches. Richard McNees, Head Coach of the Commonwealth Bank Southern Stars, also attended.

The camp focused on tactics through game scenarios and discussions, with input from specialist coaches Richard McNees, David Patterson, Troy Baker and Sarah Aley.

The TAP Camp is an important part of the teams’ preparation for National Championships and special thanks must go to the Manly CC and Warringah CC for the use of their grounds.

**NSW U/15 Program**

The Under 15 Program follows on from the Regional and Metropolitan Emerging Breakers Programs.

The City vs Country matches were held in late October, with the City team retaining the Belinda Haggett-Robertson Trophy. The NSW U/15 team was subsequently selected from these matches and went on to the TAP camp.

Similar to last year, NSW played an ACT XI in Bowral after the TAP Camp. This gave the coach and the captain an opportunity to see players in a match situation that mirrored the intensity of a National Championship. NSW won both Twenty20 matches comfortably. This part of the Program was important to the success of the team with eight players making their NSW debuts.

The NSW U/15 team won the National Championship in Brisbane undefeated, claiming the Christina Matthews Shield for a seventh consecutive season. The team played an attacking style of cricket with highlights including breaking the record for the highest team total, posting 284 runs off only 40 overs.

Thanks must go to all the coaches involved in the U/15 Program with special mention to Olivia Thornton (Coach), Sally Pratt (Manager), Andrew Renkert (Physiotherapist), Sarah Aley (Analyst) and Hannah Trollip (Captain), who supported and led the team well.

**Results**

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**Individual Awards**

**Player of the Tournament:** Nicola Carey

**Bowling Aggregate:** Nicola Carey (9 wickets)

**Batting Aggregate:** Nicola Carey (186 runs)

**Fielding Award (Joint):** Georgia Redmayne

**NSW U/15 Squad (club/region in brackets)**

- Hannah Trollip (Captain – Gordon)
- Georgia Redmayne (Vice-Captain – North Coast)
- Rebecca Cady (Western)
- Mathilda Carmichael (Gordon)
- Nicola Carey (St George Sutherland)
- Sharon Dass (Blacktown)
- Alex Gittings (Riverina)
- Ashley James (Central Coast)
- Emma Newman (Bankstown)
- Naomi Stalenberg (Campbelltown Camden)
- Jenny Taffs (North Coast)
- Bridget Webster (Riverina)
- Stefanie Daffara (South Coast)

**Coach:** Olivia Thornton

**Manager:** Sally Pratt

**Physiotherapist:** Andrew Renkert

**Performance Analyst:** Sarah Aley

**NSW U/17 Program**

The U/17 Program follows on from the Regional and Metropolitan Emerging Breakers Program.

The City vs Country matches were held in late October, with the Country team winning both matches and regaining the Trish Langsford Shield. The NSW U/17 team was selected from these matches and went on to the TAP camp before the U/17 National Championship in Canberra, in early January.

A new initiative was to hold an U/17 camp in conjunction with the U/19 camp in late December. This gave the players a chance to play a number of scenarios against the U/19’s, challenging them and enhancing their preparations for the National Championships.

In keeping with our support of ACT cricket, three players, Sammy-Jo Johnson, Wui-Kwan Wong and Samantha Bates, represented the ACT at the National Championship. As a result, Sammy-Jo Johnson was selected to attend the U/18 Centre of Excellence Talent Camp.

NSW went through the National Championship undefeated to win the Betty Butler Shield for the fifth consecutive season.

Appreciation is extended to Neil McDonald (Coach), Jessica Henry (Manager), Andrew Renkert (Physiotherapist), Sara Hungerford (Analyst) and Kate Waetford (Captain).
RESULTS

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Round 2: NSW 6-202 (K Waetford 78 B Neems 30 T Seymour 29no) def Western Australia 93 (K Sutherland 2-10 L Griffith 2-23 K Mack 2-34)
Round 3: NSW 6-148 (K Waetford 78 Z Richards 23) def South Australia 65 (B Neems 3-6 K Wright 3-9)
Round 4: (T20): NSW 4-173 (Z Richards 57no L Griffith 48) def ACT 6-84 (K Tucker 2-12 K Mack 2-7)
Round 5: (T20): NSW 4-163 (K Waetford 58 L Griffith 46) def Tasmania 9-62 (K Mack 2-13)
Round 6: (T20): NSW 7-144 (K Waetford 71 L Griffith 32) def Queensland 9-99 (K Mack 3-10 B Neems 2-17)
Round 7: NSW 4-222 (K Sutherland 62no C Fountain 42) def Victoria 4-195 (L Griffith 2-36)
Final: NSW 201 (K Waetford 46 Z Richards 40) tied with Victoria 201 (K Mack 4-32 L Griffith 2-24)

NSW U/17 Squad (club/region in brackets)
Kate Waetford (Captain – Campbelltown-Camden)
Emily Leys (Vice-Captain – Eastern Suburbs/Central North)
Cailyn Fountain (St George-Sutherland)
Lisa Griffith (Western)
Tayla Kaba (Bankstown)
Katie Back (Bankstown)
Brodie Neems (Eastern Suburbs/Central Coast)
Zoe Richards (Campbelltown-Camden/South Coast)
Taylor Seymour (Universities)
Kara Sutherland (North Coast)
Kirsten Swan (North Coast)
Keegan Tucker (Western)
Kayla Wright (Central Coast)
Coach: Neil McDonald
Manager: Jessica Henry
Physiotherapist: Andrew Renkert
Performance Analyst: Sara Hungerford

NSWIS U/19 Program
The NSW Institute Sport (NSWIS) U/19 Squad consisted of 19 players (11 Metropolitan and eight Regional). The induction camp was held in April where the entire squad underwent fitness tests, medical, physio, nutrition and Athlete Career, Education and Personal Development (ACE/PD) screenings, conducted by the NSWIS. Cricket NSW videoed the players in batting and bowling, providing useful information to the coaching staff as individual programs were created for the pre-season.

The Sydney based players began their pre-season with Aaron Holt (Strength & Conditioner) in June. Regional players were given a fitness program to complete with a training diary that was handed in fortnightly for Aaron to monitor. In addition, Kerry Marshall (Head Coach), Olivia Thornton (Assistant Coach) and Lisa Sthalekar attended a number of their regional sessions.

The selection of the City team was based on Grade performances, whilst the Country team was selected from the Country Championships. City vs Country matches were held in November at North Dalton Park, Wollongong. The City team dominated with the bat during both the matches to retain the Maree Lee Trophy. Subsequently the NSWIS U/19 team was selected to attend the TAP Camp.

A final camp was held in December in conjunction with the U/17 team. A number of game scenarios were played, challenging the players and adding to their preparation.

Due to only two States and one Territory entering an U/19 team this year, an Invitational Championship was held in Geelong in early January, NSW went through this competition undefeated and, although disappointed not to be participating in a National Championship, the players and support staff should be commended for their professionalism and commitment to the Program.

As the NSW U/19 team had limited opportunity to represent their State this season, an extra fixture was organised against the West Indies. This warm-up fixture for the World Cup was held at Waitara Oval, with NSW narrowly winning. Also, four U/19 players, Alyssa Healy, Ashleigh Endacott, Sarah Coyte and Angela Reakes, were given the opportunity to play in other World Cup warm-up matches for the Wolf Blass Breakers.

The NSW U/19 Program is the pinnacle of the High Performance Program and continues to produce players to represent at a higher level. This would not be possible without the drive and passion of Head Coach, Kerry Marshall, and support staff.
Appreciation is extended to the Specialist Coaches, Aaron Holt, Katie Weir (Manager), Sara Hungerford (Analyst) and Ashleigh Endacott (Captain).

Results

Round 1: (Twenty20): NSW 1-192 (S Coyte 105no) def ACT 5-57 (A Reakes 3-9)
Round 2: (Twenty20): NSW 3-85 (S Coyte 32) def Chairman’s XI 6-84 (A Endacott 1-6)
Round 3: (Twenty20): NSW 6-157 (E Thompson 32 S Coyte 31) def Victoria 9-101 (R Dick 2-11 A Endacott 2-21)
Round 4: NSW 0-84 (A Healy 43 S Coyte 31) def Chairman’s XI 6-84 (A Endacott 2-21)
Round 5: NSW 9-111 def ACT 5-107

ICC World Cup Warm Up
NSW 158 (C Koski 67 R Dick 29) def West Indies 143 (R Dick 3-18 H Perry 3-22)

NSW U/19 Squad (Clubs/Regions in brackets)
Ashleigh Endacott (captain – Eastern Suburbs)
Angela Reakes (vice-captain – North Coast)
Sarah Coyte (Campbelltown-Camden)
Rhiannon Dick (Bankstown)
Hannah Grady (Sydney/Western)
Alyssa Healy (Sydney)
Claire Koski (Sydney)
Alicia Newton (Penrith)
Melissa Penman (Bankstown)
Hannah Perry (Gordon/Central Coast)
Jessica Toomey (Penrith)
Gizelle Van Der Merwe (Gordon)
Emma Thompson (Gordon)

Head Coach: Kerry Marshall
Manager: Katie Weir
Performance Analyst: Sara Hungerford

U/18 Female Talent Camp
The inaugural Cricket Australia U/18 Female Talent Camp was conducted at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane from 20 – 23 January 2009. The National Youth Selection Panel selected players based on their performances in the National U/15, U/17, U/19 and CA Women’s Cup matches. NSW was represented by nine players out of the squad of 24, plus Sammy-Jo Johnson who played for ACT. This was a direct reflection on NSW’s dominance throughout all the tournaments.
The players selected for the camp were: Sarah Coyte, Lisa Griffith, Angela Reakes, Keegan Tucker, Kate Waetford, Claire Koski, Rhiannon Dick, Katie Mack, Kara Sutherland, Sammy-Jo Johnson

Standby Players: Emily Leys, Brodie Neems

Power Education Challenge

The Power Education Challenge (PEC) was formed to provide greater opportunity for the elite players to play more competitive matches, plus integrate the High Performance players at a senior level.

The High Performance players involved in the inaugural competition were: Brodie Neems, Hannah Perry, Jessica Toomey, Rhiannon Dick, Melissa Penman, Emma Thompson, Melissa Harrison, Ashleigh Endacott, Sarah Coyte, Emma Doutreband, Claire Koski, Kara Sutherland, Angela Reakes, Hannah Grady, Gizelle Van Der Merwe, Kate Waetford, Morgan Wilczynski, Alyssa Healy, Alex Julien*, Rebecca Wyborn*, Erin Osborne*, Samantha Hinton*

*Graduated from U/19’s at end of 2007/08

The teams were specifically selected to include a mix of senior and junior players in order to create healthy competition and accelerate development.

The success of the PEC was clearly evident and augers well for next season.

Conclusion

The dominance and success of our teams is a culmination of a lot of planning and effort in all the High Performance Programs. Appreciation is extended to all the Emerging Breakers coaches and volunteers who assisted the squads and teams throughout the 2008/09 season.

Special mention also goes to:
- Bronwyn Atkins – High Performance Coordinator
- Martha Webb – Youth Selector
- Sarah Aley – NSW U/15 Analyst
- Aaron Holt – Strength Conditioner
- Katie Weir – U/19 Manager

As the Female High Performance Programs go from strength to strength, appreciation must go to our 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

U/19 Program

The NSW U/19 team was crowned Champions at the 2008/09 Australian U/19 Championship held in Newcastle from 8 – 19 December 2008. The carnival saw the eight competing States and Territories begin the Championship by playing two two-day matches, followed by two Twenty20 matches, two Limited Overs matches, with the competition concluding with a further two-day match.

The NSW U/19 team was chosen after a comprehensive program that began with City selection trials in April, a pre-season fitness program beginning in May, weekly skills based sessions from July-November, one training camp in July, City/Country tournament in September and a pre-Championship tour to Lismore in November.

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Highlights

Top Batters (min 160 runs)

- T Armstrong: 250 at 41.7, HS 91
- A Coyte: 191 at 38.2, HS 47
- N Maddinson: 183 at 26.14, HS 70
- J Moore: 168 at 33.6, HS 56

Left: NSW U19 vice-captain Angela Reakes in action for the Breakers during a World Cup warm up match against the West Indies. Right: NSW U19 representative, Luke Doran, received a 2009/10 RTA SpeedBlitz Blues rookie contract.

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HIGH PERFORMANCE
Top Bowlers (min 7 wickets)
L Doran  22 at 8.7, BB 5/17
J Hazlewood 11 at 15.3, BB 4/28
R Edwards 7 at 20.1, BB 3/32
M Starc  7 at 30.0, BB 3/17

Awards
Australian U/19 Merit Team:
Luke Doran, Josh Hazlewood, Tim Armstrong

Player of the Championship – The Brian Taber Medal:
Luke Doran

NSW U/19 Squad (club/region in brackets):
David Miller – Captain (Sydney University / North Coast)
Blake Fitzgerald – Vice Captain (Souths / Central North)
Tim Armstrong (Eastern Suburbs / Western)
Adam Coyte (Campbelltown-Camden)
Luke Doran (Fairfield-Liverpool)
Rob Edwards (Gordon)
Josh Hazlewood (Old Boys CC / Central North)
Nicholas Maddinson (Sutherland / Southern)
Max McNamara (Penrith)
Justin Moore (Sydney CC / Central Coast)
Kurt Roughley (Blacktown)
Mitchell Starc (Western Suburbs)
Michael Stretton (Parramatta)
Adam Zampa (Warilla Sports / Southern)

Coach: Trent Woodhill
Assistant Coach: Gary Crowfoot
Physiotherapist: Anthony Smith
Performance Analyst: Troy Baker

Acknowledgements
Thanks are extended to Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW, the
Newcastle District Cricket Association, 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. NSW was a disciplined and professional outfit
which was balanced and harmonious, performed very well under
pressure and won the close games that could have gone either way.

A big thanks to all the families who travelled to Newcastle. 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, Anthony Smith, Gavin Fingleson, Richard Bates,
Matt Nicholson, Mark Cameron and Evan Atkins 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 U/19 Program.

U/17 Program
The NSW U/17 team was also crowned Champions at the 2008/09
Commonwealth Bank Australian U/17 Championships held in Perth
from 5–16 January 2009.

The 2008/09 carnival saw the eight competing States and
Territories begin by playing two Twenty20 matches on the opening
day, followed by two 50 Overs matches before concluding with
three two-day matches. There were three rest days in total during
the Championship which proved to be invaluable as the heat soared
above 35 degrees most days.

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 May, weekly skills based sessions from July-
November, one training camp in July, a City/Country tournament
in Coffs Harbour during September, Country Championship
in October followed by further City/Country games and a pre
championship camp/game in Bowral in December.

Results

Round 1: (Twenty20): Western Australia 8-143 (C Evans 3-31 N Brain 2-29) def
NSW 6-132 (A Robson 58)

Round 2: (Twenty20): NSW 4-116 (J Hayward 27) def Victoria 55 (S Abbott 3-21
N Brain 3-21) with one bonus point

Round 3: (50 Overs): NSW 0-113 (A Robson 58no) def Northern Territory 112
(S Abbott 5-24) with two bonus points

Round 4: (50 Overs): NSW 223 (J Clarke 41 A Flaherty 61) def Tasmania 181
(N Brain 3-21)

Round 5: (Two-Day): NSW 8 dec 300 (J Clarke 41 A Flaherty 61) def Queensland 296
(J Clarke 4-57)

Round 6: (Two-Day): NSW 8 dec 300 (J Silk 110 A Flaherty 50) def ACT 145
(B Reynolds 7-24) and 3-120

Round 7: (Two-Day): NSW 8 dec 294 (J Silk 50 A Robson 43 D McKay 41) def
South Australia 159 (S Abbott 5-41)
Highlights

Top Batters (min 160 runs)
- Angus Robson  333 at 66.6 HS 158no
- Jordon Silk  218 at 36.33 HS 110
- Aaron Flaherty  218 at 36.33 HS 70
- Sean Abbott  182 at 30.33 HS 51

Top Bowlers (min 10 wickets)
- Sean Abbott  14 at 12.64 BB 5-24
- Brendon Reynolds  13 at 13.46 BB 7-24
- Nathan Brain  11 at 26.09 BB 3-16

NSW U/17 Squad (club/region in brackets)
- Aaron Flaherty (Captain – Central North)
- Angus Robson (Vice-Captain – University of NSW)
- Sean Abbott (Parramatta)
- Nathan Brain (Campbelltown-Camden)
- Joshua Clarke (Penrith)
- Corey Evans (Campbelltown-Camden)
- Jason Hayward (Central Coast)
- Andrew Harriott (Central North)
- Scott Heaney (Hawkesbury)
- Dale McKay (Hawkesbury)
- Brendan Reynolds (Central North)
- Jordan Silk (Penrith)
- Ben Smith (Fairfield-Liverpool)

Coach: Michael Maclennan
Assistant Coach/Manager: Ben Sawyer
Physiotherapist: Anthony Smith
Performance Analyst: Troy Baker

Awards

Australian U/17 Merit Team: Sean Abbott, Angus Robson

Acknowledgements

The players and staff would like to extend their thanks to Cricket Australia, the Western Australian Cricket Association, the participating clubs and all the volunteers for their efforts in the organisation and running of the Championship.

The NSW team represented their State with pride. They displayed a tremendous spirit, conducted themselves in a professional manner and played disciplined cricket throughout the tournament, despite some challenging conditions.

Thank you to Rina Hore and staff of The Bradman Foundation for continued support of the NSW U/17 Program by hosting many of the trial games at Bradman Oval.

A big thank you to all the families and friends who travelled to Perth. The support throughout the Championship was outstanding. Our thanks also go to the members of the High Performance staff for their support of this successful campaign.

Special mentions and thanks must go to the Program’s support staff: Ben Sawyer, Troy Baker, Anthony Smith, Gavin Fingleson, Glenn Williams, Richard Bates, Mark Cameron, Gary Crowfoot and Evan Atkins, all the country Regional Cricket Managers, especially country Coaches Robbie Mackinlay, Graeme Smith and Brett Rankin.

Finally, appreciation is extended to the NSW Cricket Board for their ongoing support of the U/17 Program.
MEMBERSHIP

Following several seasons where the membership experienced growth in small numbers, this year has seen a considerable rise. Whilst the 2007/08 year saw a net increase of just one member, 2008/09 has provided us with a net gain of 90 members for a total of 1163. Affiliated Associations remain at 39.

Actual new membership intake was 112 members and unfinancial numbers, which were kept to a minimum, aided the net increase. A large percentage of the new members indicated an interest in active officiating. The unfinancial number of 58 is a decrease of 23 on the previous year and is a positive factor bearing in mind there had been a steady increase in unfinancials over the past five years. Whilst we still do not carry out an exit interview, there is obviously work to be done in retention and following up the reasons for members leaving.

The percentage of Ordinary Umpire and Scorer Members to Full Members is still high (67% to 33%) and still indicates a rather puzzling trend. A reluctance of Ordinary members to upgrade to full status is one that requires ongoing investigation. Full Membership application forms however are still sent out each year and members are encouraged to apply. Shown below in graphical form are the membership categories and growth figures over the last 10 years.

It is acknowledged without hesitation that the efforts made by our training and examination personnel throughout the State were instrumental in the maintenance of this high level of membership.

In recognition of their significant contribution to the Association, Principal Membership of the Association was awarded to:

Laurie CJ Borg
George A Richards
Joe H Wooding
Wal R Smith

There were no Life Memberships of the Association awarded during 2008/09.

There were 68% of members indicating they would be officiating, 19% in the Sydney Cricket Association competitions and 11% in other metropolitan competitions, with 38% officiating in regional areas. 20% indicated they would not be officiating; leaving 12% (similar to last year) who could not advise at the renewal stage if they would be officiating or not. The percentage of active umpires (68%) is slightly more than last year (66%) with the percentage operating at the Sydney Cricket Association increasing by 1%. The non-officiating percentage remains at 20%, similar to that recorded last year. The difference in the percentage of those officiating at the regional level sees an increase of 1%. Those unsure if they would be actively officiating in season 2008/09 remained static.

ADMINISTRATION

The ongoing success of this Association is in no small part due to the support of Cricket NSW. A departmental restructure following the retirement of Peter Hughes saw the creation of an Administration Officer which was filled by Royce McCormack. This allowed the Executive Officer to assume overall responsibility for the operational side of the Association’s activities and to assume a more specific role at representative levels as State Director of Umpiring. Darren Goodger assumed full responsibilities for all Education and Development matters.

The Association also developed and implemented a new online membership, merchandise and examination system which streamlines our operations to the extent that it is envisaged mail outs and other associated administrative costs will be reduced by at least 50% over the next 12 months.

The facility to offer online training will benefit those members (and aspiring members) who live in regional areas and have not had easy access to updated training materials in the past.

The Honorary Zone Representatives in each of the Country Cricket Zones remained unchanged:

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 Country Umpires Advisor have continued offering each individual member access to opportunities to advance regardless of their location.

Graham Reed and Tim Donahoo shared duties as match referee at Ford Ranger Cup and WNCL matches. Graham Reed also took over responsibilities at Tournament Referee at the Male U/19 National Championships held in Newcastle.

**OBITUARY**

The Association has recorded with deep regret the death of our Patron, Ted Wykes OAM during the 2008/09 year. To the family of Ted Wykes and to those of our members who suffered bereavement in their families during the year, the Association extends its most sincere condolences.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ICC elite Panel:** Simon Taufel and Darrell Hair (resigned 31st August 2008)

**National Panel:** Rod Tucker (also appointed to ICC Emerging Umpires Panel)

**First Class Debut:** Gerard Abood

**Scoring:** Merilyn Fowler appointed by the MCC to the Lord’s 2009 Ashes Test match.

During the summer the following representative match appointments were made:

**Umpires**

Simon Taufel: Six Test matches, eight One-Day Internationals, one Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield match

Rod Tucker: Three One-Day Internationals, two Twenty20 Internationals, three women’s One-Day Internationals, two Ford Ranger Cup matches, two Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield matches, two KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches

Gerard Abood: One women’s International Tour Match, one women’s One-Day International, three Ford Ranger Cup matches, one WNCL match, one International Tour Match, two Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield matches, two KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches.

Graeme Redman: Two WNCL matches

Mark Nickl: Two WNCL matches, one Women’s Twenty20

Peter Tote: One women’s Tour match, two women’s One-Day Internationals, one women’s Twenty20 International, U/19 National Championships, two WNCL matches, one Women’s Twenty20

Terry Keel: One women’s One-Day International, one Ford Ranger Cup match, three WNCL matches

Michael Kumutat: One women’s Twenty20 International, one U/17 National Championships

**Scorers**

Robyn Sanday: One Test match, one One-Day International, one women’s Twenty20 International, two women’s One-Day Internationals, three Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield matches, one Ford Ranger Cup match, two WNCL matches

Merilyn Fowler: One Test match, one One-Day International, one International Tour match, two Ford Ranger Cup matches, one Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield match

Narelle Johnston: One Twenty20 International, one One-Day International, one women’s One-Day International, one International Tour Match, two Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield matches, three Ford Ranger Cup matches, four WNCL matches

Christine Bennison: One Twenty20 International, one One-Day International, three Ford Ranger Cup matches, three Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield matches

Kay Wilcoxen: Two women’s One-Day Internationals

Owen Ridge: Two KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches, two WNCL matches, one Women’s Twenty20

Adam Morehouse: One women’s One Day Internationals

Sue Woodhouse: One WNCL match

Ken Conway: One women’s One-Day International, one women’s Twenty20 International, one WNCL match

Toni Lorraine: One Women’s Twenty20 International, two KFC Twenty20 Big Bash matches, one Women’s Twenty20

**ICC Women’s World Cup**

The following members of the NSWCU were appointed by the ICC to matches in the 2009 Women’s World Cup:

**Umpires:** Gerard Abood

**Scorers:** Christine Bennison, Robyn Sanday, (Final), Toni Lorraine, Owen Ridge, Tony Johnson, Ken Conway, Geoff de Mesquita, Narelle Johnston, Geoff Rogers, Sue Woodhouse, Adam Morehouse

**AWARDS**

**George Borwick Memorial Award:** Nick Wennerbom

**EF (Ted) Wykes OAM Association Medal:** Peter Weston

**Panel Award Winners:**

First Panel: Bill Hendricks

Second Panel: Greg Davidson

Third Panel: Ben Treloar

Fourth Panel: Adrian Charlesworth

**Country Umpire of the Year:** Kim Norris

**Scorers Encouragement Award:** Geoff Rogers

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The NSW Districts Cricket Association continued in the role of the Affiliate body for Junior and Senior Community cricket with 33 Affiliated Associations, including one winter junior competition providing organised cricket for 2800 teams. The age of players ranges from U/8s to seniors with players able to participate irrespective of their varying ability.

The Association acts as a conduit to Cricket NSW who have provided tremendous support over a number of years both with Administration and financially. The provision of Public Liability and Player Accident Insurance has been a great assistance for both clubs and players.

The Inter-Association Shields attract the best players from each District to what are high standard competitions on good quality grounds. A major change in scheduling occurred this season in that our junior competitions were completed before Christmas rather than extending to the end of February. This move was welcomed by the officials, players and parents.

The Shield competitions do much to prepare players for progression to higher levels of the game and the core of players who form the Emerging Blues and Emerging Breakers are provided through these competitions.

Our Girls Carnival, played for a week during the January holidays, was again a success with increased entries. The Carnival attracted teams from the Sydney area and from Newcastle, Central Coast and the ACT.

An addition to our program was the City-Country challenge in the U/14 age group where the winners of our Harold Moore Shield, Bankstown, played the winners of the Country Kookaburra Cup, Central Coast, at Cowra. The match was won by Central Coast.

Administration

The following persons comprised the Committee of Management:

Chairman
Jeffery Evans

Deputy Chairman
Colin Booth

Committee
Matthew Betsey (Resigned 1/09)
William Howard, Alfred James OAM
David Lawson, Gregory Liggins
Roy Maggio, Michael Ross, John Watterson

Honorary Treasurer
David Toose

Executive Officer
Eric Myatt OAM

The NSWDCA offers its congratulations to the following Inter Association Shield competition and junior Player of the Year award winners:

Inter-Association Perpetual Shield Winners

Shell Shield
Parramatta DCA
(Shield for all Junior Competitions)

James Searle Memorial Shield
Camden DCA
(Shield for all Senior Competitions)

Alan and Rae Ward Shield
Bankstown DCA
(Shield for all Girls’ Competitions)

GH (Gerry) Meyer Shield
Parramatta DCA
(Shield for Associations that meet qualification)

Inter-Association Competition Winners

Martin Shield
Sutherland Shire CA (Open Age)

Telegraph Shield
Camden DCA (U/23)

John Durham Shield
Camden DCA (U/19)

CS Watson Shield
North Shore JCA (U/16)

Margaret Peden Shield
Blacktown C&DCA (U/15 Girls)

EG Weblin Shield
Parramatta DCA (U/15)

Harold Moore Shield
Bankstown DCA (U/14)

Mollie Dive Shield
Bankstown DCA (U/13 Girls)

WS Gee Shield
Parramatta DCA (U/13)

Arch Cawsey Shield
South Eastern JCA (U/12)

JH Creak Shield
South Eastern JCA (U/11)

WG Foster Shield
North Shore JCA (U/10)

Inter-Association Junior Player of the Year Awards

CS Watson Shield
Angus McKay (North Shore JCA)

Margaret Peden Shield
Emma Newman (Bankstown DCA)

EG Weblin Shield
Richard Potter (Penrith JCA)

Harold Moore Shield
Blake Ryan (Central Coast JCA)

Mollie Dive Shield
Ashleigh Gardiner (Bankstown DCA)

WS Gee Shield
Daniel Arahui (Georges River St George DCA)

Arch Cawsey Shield
Jack Maddocks (South Eastern JCA)

JH Creak Shield
Brayden Kilpatrick (Georges River St George DCA)

WG Foster Shield
Connor Wilkinson (Bankstown DCA)

Tom Richmond Coach of the Year Award

Awarded to Glenn Maher, Coach of the Penrith JCA EG Weblin Shield premiers.

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 considerable 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
Executive Officer

2008/09 ANNUAL REPORT
The 2008/09 season was the first that the Community Cricket team has consciously promoted cricket as a ‘cool’ sport to play, thanks to the profile of young, emerging stars such as Phillip Hughes, David Warner, Ellyse Perry, and Twenty20 cricket. Rapid changes in society, whether we like them or not, means that recruiting and retaining junior cricketers must be refreshed and reinvigorated.

Resistance to change from within school and club cricket circles is inevitable, but dangerous in today’s climate of so many recreational alternatives where samplers regularly vote with their feet.

REFRESHING JUNIOR CRICKET

Very rarely in any sport does a new ‘brand’ spring to life as Twenty20 did in Australia during 2008/09. Community Cricket has used this opportunity to update our offers to schools, expand our invitational Michael Clarke Twenty20 Club and School competitions, and visibly support schools and clubs that embrace up-tempo cricket that avoids becoming too serious, too soon.

This approach must not be interpreted as devaluing or undermining the traditional cricket pathway. Quite the opposite is intended – the more junior cricketers that are recruited and retained into their teenage years increases the likelihood of providing talented players for traditional formats of the game.

NEW RECRUITMENT INITIATIVES IN 2008/09

- Community Cricket visit approximately 140,000 primary school children for one-off sessions to recruit for their local club. In 2008/09, we offered the same schools five lesson clinics per class at a minimal cost. The take-up rate was most encouraging with a much greater likelihood of the children actually joining a club team.

- Cricket Australia launched Milo in2CRICKET, replacing Have-a-Go as the introductory program. Adam Gilchrist and Nicky Buckley were appointed as Ambassadors, with wide exposure on free-to-air TV and appropriate media. This will continue during the winter Ashes and into the 2009/10 summer.

- Two day holiday cricket camps were run by Cricket NSW in partnership with local councils at six locations across Sydney. Attendees were then referred to their local cricket club.

These three new recruitment initiatives were complemented by the traditional Cricket NSW recruitment campaign, which saw Michael Clarke and Sarah Andrews asking the question “Is Your Backyard Big Enough”. This featured on bus backs, community and weekend newspapers and on television.
NEW RETENTION INITIATIVES

- Coach Education: The Coach is the single biggest influence on junior player retention in sport making Coach Education a major contributor. During the 2008/09 season, the new, on-line and free Introduction to Cricket course was heavily subscribed. 558 coaches then attended the one practical day of hands-on training to become accredited Level One coaches. Compulsory accreditation is not far away and will significantly assist retention of junior cricketers.

- Michael Clarke Twenty20: 114 teams competed in the 2008/09 series now sponsored by TriForce. The majority of the 220 preliminary games were played as weekday, twilight fixtures in lieu of training. Competition rules virtually guarantee every player bats or bowls and, without exception, all teams became great advocates for Twenty20 as a means of retaining junior players. Ideally, local Associations will follow this lead and integrate Twenty20 into their weekend competitions, or as the preferred format for lower grades.

- Michael Clarke wrote to all the registered juniors whose names and addresses were provided to us by their Association or Club to remind them to re-register for 2008/09. Phillip Hughes and Ellyse Perry will be issuing the same invitation for the 2009/10 season.

FORD VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Thanking and rewarding cricket volunteers remains one of the great challenges in Community Cricket. We know how crucial they are, with many not seeking recognition. To thank the remainder, we take a dual level approach. Local Cricket Managers host local functions whenever they can while Cricket NSW and Ford offered the following State wide opportunities:

- 500 double passes to Day Four of the 3 mobile Test between Australia and South Africa at the SCG
- 100 double passes to a RTA SpeedBlitz Blues KFC Twenty20 Big match, including food and drinks
- NSW Ford Volunteer Awards Dinner, attended by 20 quarter-finalists
- 10 semi-finalists attended the Steve Waugh Medal Dinner
- The NSW Ford Volunteer of the Year attended the Allan Border Medal in Melbourne

GIRLS CRICKET

The 2009 ICC Women’s World Cup was the focus of promoting girls cricket in 2008/09, even though it took place at the wrong end of the season for recruitment objectives. It did, however, provide the opportunity to visit 15,500 schoolgirls in the six months leading up to the tournament.

Six WWC fixtures were denoted as Super Schools Days and attracted 4,365 schoolgirl visitations.

The ongoing legacy for girls’ cricket is unknown but at least new contacts were made within girls’ schools that now can be approached to recruit players for 2009/10 Milo in2CRICKET and CricHit centres.

David Lawson
Manager – Community Cricket
OFFICE BEARERS/DELEGATES – 2008/09

Country Delegates elected to the Association were:

CENTRAL COAST CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Messrs. JG Moriarty, SK Blake

CENTRAL NORTHERN ZONE
Messrs. MJ Silver, T Psarakis

ILLAWARRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Messrs. IR Hogg, DA Veronese

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
Messrs. DJ Broad OAM, RD McCormack

NORTH COASTAL ZONE
Messrs. RJ Myatt, JT McMahon OAM

RIVERINA ZONE
Messrs. PJ Kerin OAM, WA Bradley OAM

SOUTHERN ZONE
Messrs. PG Creighton, BW Templeman

WESTERN ZONE
Messrs. DC Cox, CJ Wood

METROPOLITAN MEMBERS
Messrs. DH Cole and GK Monaghan 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), Pat Kerin (Riverina), Robert Myatt (North Coast), John Moriarty (Central Coast) and Graeme Creighton (Southern)

MANAGEMENT (NSWCA Administration)
John Sullivan – Executive Officer/Public Officer
Bruce Whitehouse – Country Cricket Coordinator

TREASURER
Ray Power

LIFE MEMBERS
1991   IH Ewin OAM, M Lilenthal OAM
1993   DJ Broad OAM
1995   JT O’Dwyer OAM
2001   BJ Gainsford OAM
2003   GR Bennett, MS Curry
2004   GC Browne
2006   JT McMahon OAM
2007   MJ Silver

TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES
Australian Country Championships, Barossa Valley, South Australia
Coach: Mark Curry (Regional Director of Coaching, Newcastle)
Manager: Graeme Creighton (Southern)

NSW Country Colts vs High Performance Youth XI, Joe McAleer Oval, Blacktown
Coach: Neil McDonald (Regional Cricket Manager, Newcastle/ Central Coast)
Manager: Graeme Smith (Regional Cricket Manager, Illawarra/ Southern)

COUNTRY CRICKET AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE
The Country Cricket Australia Committee met at Melbourne (June 2009) and Nuriootpa, South Australia (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 1 September 2008 to 1 June 2009 inclusive:

Messrs. MJ Silver (Chairman) 3, IR Hogg 4 (Acting Chairman 1);
DJ Broad 4, JG Moriarty 4; PG Creighton 3; DC Cox 4; RJ Myatt 4;
PJ Kerin 4; T Psarakis 1; BW Templeman 1, T Psarakis 1;
PH Marjoribanks 1 attended as observers.
Messrs. DH Cole 1 and GK Monaghan 1 also attended as observers from the NSW Cricket Board.
Regional Cricket Managers MH Shepherd 1; KB Rankin 1;
RB Macklinlay 1; ND McDonald 1; GP Smith 1; JW Cook 1; also attended as observers.
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
- Kookaburra Pty Ltd for the supply of cricket balls used in all Country Cricket NSW Representative Program 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

Scott Sharma (Newcastle) was selected by the NSW Country Selection Panel to receive the 2008/09 Country Player BBM Ltd Scholarship. Scott 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 Paul Miller at the Cootamundra Herald and John Swords at The Sunday Telegraph.

FINANCIAL

Country Cricket again received generous financial assistance from the NSW Cricket Association with $1,280,478 in allocations being made available. The following programs received the majority of funding:

1. Regional Cricket Managers $378,000
2. SCG Country Cup $178,250
3. VB Country Plate $64,290
4. Women’s Country Championship $62,064
5. Bradman Cup $60,399
6. Country Coats $57,904
7. VB Country Championships $46,178
8. Kookaburra Cup $44,754
9. Commonwealth Bank ACCCs $43,867

Total $1,135,706

General Grants and Coaching Grants amounting to $234,200 and $138,600 respectively were made to Country Affiliates.

For the year ended 30 June 2009, Grant Applications for various works were approved by the NSW Cricket Board totalling $96,409 and by the Country Committee of Management totalling $128,218 to clubs and associations. The overall contribution to Country Cricket for the year totalled $1,877,905.

The contribution by the NSW Cricket Board has been further acknowledged elsewhere in this Report.

COMMONWEALTH BANK AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

2008/09 NSW COUNTRY TEAM

The NSW Country team travelled to the Barossa Valley, South Australia, to compete in the Commonwealth Bank Australian Country Cricket Championships. After a strong start to the Carnival with an excellent win over Victoria, disappointing batting performances saw NSW only win one other match and finish third.

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NSW 343 (B Woolmer 108 T Goodwin 78 A Burns 5-70) def Victoria 112 (P Arandt 32no A Ferguson 29 B Woolmer 3-22) and 9-153 (B Gaunt 71 A Ferguson 27 R Westley 3-25)

Round 2:

Queensland 9-200 (N Stains 45 T Gurski 32 A Maher 3-32) def New South Wales 57 (T Gurski 3-4 R Dawson 2-8 L Feldman 2-9)

Round 3:

South Australia 172 (T Burge 50 D Somerfield 27 B Newell 4-50) and 268 (B Wall 66 R Johnson 43 B Woolmer 3-70) def NSW 159 (S Reid 65 B Fitzgerald 29 B Stephenson 3-37) and 4-126 (S Moore 68 J Cook 21 C Knight 3-35)

Round 4:

Western Australia 9-172 (R Ford 43 C Johnston 31 J Mennie 3-29) def NSW 154 (T Groth 30 S Reid 24 C Tonkin 3-16)

Round 5:

NSW 6-457 (M Littlewood 223no J Cook 105 K Pala 2-58) def East Asia Pacific 72 (J Ovia 21no B Newell 4-8 J Mennie 3-22)

FEATURE MATCH – AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY XI v ACA MASTERS XI (Twenty20 Fixture)

ACA Masters XI 7-169 (M DiVenuto 65 C Richards 34 T Burge 2-9) def Australian Country XI 137 (T Burge 34 C Johnstone 33 G Matthews 3-24)
CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- Championship Shield: Queensland
- Player of the Series (joint winners): Andrew Ferguson, Sam Miller (Victoria), Troy Gurski (Qld)
- Sir Donald Bradman Trophy – Batting Aggregate: Nathan Stains (Qld)
- Bill O’Reilly Trophy – Bowling Aggregate: Luke Feldman (Qld)
- Doug Walters Fielding Award: Vani Vagi Morea (East Asia Pacific)
- Ian Healy Wicket Keeper Award: Tom Groth (NSW)
- Spirit of Cricket Team Award: South Australia

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH NSW PLAYER OF THE SERIES AT THE COMMONWEALTH BANK AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bill Newell (Wauchope – North Coast)

VB STATE LEAGUE CUP

The VB State League Cup was again conducted between two Metropolitan Sydney teams, NSW Country and ACTCA. Played at Albion Park and Oak Flats, the competition was won by Sydney Red. Country Cricket NSW wishes to acknowledge the Sydney Cricket Association, Shellharbour City Council, Green Options and the teams of volunteers from Albion Park CC, Oak Flats CC and The Rail CC for their support of the VB State League Cup.

VB COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Each Zone/Association (8) contested the VB Country Championship which was played on the Central Coast in wet conditions. Newcastle District Cricket Association and Riverina Zone both won their first two matches to qualify for the Final played at Erina Oval, Erina.

NSW Country Colts (U/21)

State Challenge Match

After winning the VB Country Championship Final, Newcastle District Cricket Association qualified to play the Sydney Cricket Association First Grade Limited Overs Competition Premiers, Mosman CC, at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

SCG COUNTRY CUP

83 teams nominated for the SCG Country Cup with Tamworth DCA and Stockton Northern Districts CC (Newcastle) qualifying for the Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Tamworth DCA 7-232 (B Rixon 59 A Lole 52 G Onions 3-35) defeated Stockton Northern Districts CC 179 (T Crittenden 31’ S Phillips 29 C Roberts 3-31)

NSW COUNTRY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

VB COUNTRY PLATE

The VB Country Plate competition saw an increase in the number of teams participating to 41. Temora DCA and Upper Hunter DCA qualified for the Final played at Albert Park in Cootamundra.

Temora DCA 8-218 (G Wells 70 P Gerhard 45 T O’Neill 2-26) def Upper Hunter DCA 136 (S Brooker 39 R Edis 4-18 S Pike 3-39)

NSW COUNTRY COLTS vs HIGH PERFORMANCE YOUTH XI

One Twenty20 match was abandoned due to wet weather.


Two Day Match: High Performance Youth XI 8 dec 160 (T Van Der Gugten 31 S Abbott 29 A Kealy 2-21) and 5-36 (A Rabson 22 A Zampa 3-19 C Archer 2-13) def NSW Country Colts 107 (K Harmsworth 34 L Doran 5-17 K Roughley 4-27) and 107 (A Zampa 32) Peacock 30 L Doran 4-22) on first innings

ZONE/ASSOCIATION U/17 CARNIVALS

The U/17 Zone/Association Carnivals were played in two Carnivals at Cowra and Coffs Harbour with Southern Zone and Central North Zone winning 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)

The Bradman Cup was played in two pools at Coffs Harbour.

Pool A
Newcastle District Cricket Association, Riverina Zone, Illawarra Cricket Association and Central Coast Cricket Association

Pool B
Western Zone, Southern Zone, Central North Zone and North Coast Zone

The leading teams from each pool - North Coast Zone and Newcastle DCA qualified to play the Final.

Newcastle DCA 3-164 (D Hunter 63no L Brooks 29no L Merchant 28) def North Coast Zone 163 (B Reynolds 35 N Hinton 27 T Forsyth 3-23) by seven wickets
The Association extends its congratulations to:

**Kookaburra U/21 Player of the Year:**

Kaine Harmsworth (Central Coast)

**NSW Country Cricketer of the Year Award:**

• Josh Hazlewood (Central North) and Adam Zampa (Southern) on their selection in the Australian U/19 Team
• Aaron Flaherty (Central North), Jason Hayward (Central Coast), Andrew Harriott (Central North) and Brendan Reynolds (Central North) on their selection in the NSW U/17 Team. Aaron Flaherty was also appointed captain of the team
• Rebecca Cady (Western), Steffanie Delferra (South Coast), Alex Gittings (Riverina), Jenny Taffs (North Coast), Georgia Redmayne (North Coast), Ashley James (Central Coast) and Bridgett Webster (Riverina) for their selection in the NSW U/15 Women’s Team
• Brodie Neems (Central Coast), Kara Sutherland (North Coast), Kirsten Swan (North Coast), Emily Leys (Central North), Zoe Richards (South Coast), Keeghan Tucker (Western) and Kayla Wright (Central Coast) on their selection in the NSW U/17 Women’s Team
• Hannah Perry (Central Coast), Hannah Grady (Western) and Angela Reakes (North Coast) on their selection in the NSW U/19 Women’s Team

**APPRECIATIONS**

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 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 High Performance Origin Players
- Zone Administrators Bob Myatt (North Coast), Rod Richards (Central North), Graeme Creighton (Southern), Royce McCormack (Newcastle), Aidan Cuddington (Central Coast), Colin Wood (Western), David Nichols (Riverina) and Glyn Stanham (Illawarra) for their valued contribution throughout the season
- To Dominic Thornley, Joel Tuccia and Burt Cockley for their valued contribution throughout the season
- To all NSW State Squad Members and Regional Cricket Managers who participated in the 2008 State League Cup matches as Country Origin Players
- To all NSW State Squad Members and Regional Cricket Managers who participated in the Country Challenge Match held at Fisher Park, Cootamundra and all Cootamundra DCA Officials who worked tirelessly to ensure the match was a success

**U/16 STATE CHALLENGE**

After winning the Bradman Cup, Newcastle District Cricket Association qualified to play the winners of the AW Green Shield, North Sydney DCC, at Newcastle No 1 Sports Ground, Newcastle. Unfortunately, heavy rain saw the match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

**KOOKABURRA CUP (U/14)**

The Kookaburra Cup was played in two pools.

- **Pool A**
  - Central North Zone
  - North Coast Zone
  - Central Coast Cricket Association
  - Newcastle District Cricket Association
- **Pool B**
  - Southern Zone
  - Western Zone
  - Riverina Zone
  - Illawarra Cricket Association

Central Coast Cricket Association and Riverina Zone qualified for the Final at Holman Oval in Cowra as winners of their respective pools.

Central Coast CA 126 (J Siciluna 28 D Chaloner 26 W Harriott 3-20) def Riverina Zone 100 (A Jones 21no C Williams 4-27 J O’Donnell 2-16)

**U/14 STATE CHALLENGE**

After winning the Kookaburra Cup, Central Coast Cricket Association qualified to play the winners of the Harold Moore Shield, Bankstown DCA, also at Holman Oval, Cowra.

Central Coast CA 198 (R Blake 46 A Glassock 37 D O’Harae 30 E Leten 4-41) def Bankstown DCA 158 (M Challita 42 L Condron 34 D Coughlin 7-22)

**WOMEN’S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This year saw the Women’s Country Championships played in two locations. The Northern Carnival was held in Lismore while the Southern Carnival was held in Wollongong.

**Northern Carnival**

The Northern Carnival consisted of teams representing Central North Zone, North Coastal Zone, Newcastle DCA and Central Coast DCA in both Open and Youth divisions.

Newcastle DCA was successful in winning the Open division while North Coast Zone secured the Youth championship.

**Southern Carnival**

The Southern Carnival consisted of teams representing South Coast, ACTCA, Western Zone and Riverina Zone also in Open and Youth divisions.

Unlike the Northern Carnival, the Southern Carnival was badly weather affected with matches being restructured to Twenty20 fixtures to ensure all games were completed.

Western Zone won the Open division while South Coast remained undefeated in winning the Youth division.

**NSWCCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

**NSW Country Cricketer of the Year:** Josh Hazlewood (Central North)
**Kookaburra U/21 Player of the Year:** Kaine Harmsworth (Central Coast)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Association extends its congratulations to:

- Andrew Maher (Newcastle) and Ben Woolmer (Newcastle) for their selection in the 2008 Australian Country Cricket Team
- Josh Hazlewood (Central North) on his selection in the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues team, making his First Class debut against New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground
- John Sullivan
  - Executive Officer
2008/09 season witnessed a fantastic increase in activities and change around the Bradman Museum.

The most significant change is that the Museum is being enlarged and transformed to include The International Cricket Hall of Fame (ICHOF). The narrative and content will embrace the values and virtues in all forms of the game, honouring the achievements of players from all eras in all countries.

The ICHOF building is cutting edge architecture and when shown in the round provides a sense of architectural transition comparable to the evolution of cricket and its multiple contemporary formats. The design retains and protects the ambience of the courtyard, pavilion, surrounding gardens and the traditional aspect from Bradman Oval. It will engage and sit comfortably in Glebe Park with no visual impact on the Oval.

Everyone involved with the project is confident that the ICHOF extension, which has been funded by the Federal Government, will make a positive contribution to the district and provide Bradman Museum with the opportunity to deliver a sustainable operation and facility of international standard.

A key objective of our strategic plan is to use today's internet technology so that exhibits will be interactive, capable of being changed and able to be taken around the world and be seen and appreciated by cricket lovers everywhere.

The Bradman Foundation hosted centenary events throughout the year, including the annual Bradman birthday celebration on August 27, which was held in conjunction with the Carbine Club at the Power Education Indoor Centre at the SCG. Bowral Public School children gathered on Bradman Oval to sing Happy Birthday and “Our Don Bradman” whilst releasing 100 balloons. That evening, Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW and the Foundation hosted the Bradman Oration, which was delivered by Australian Captain Ricky Ponting. The event included Hugh Jackman as the MC and was well supported by the cricket community, including many former and current Foundation Directors.

At the annual Bradman Gala dinner, a standing ovation followed a speech by the 2008 Bradman Honouree and Invincible, Arthur Morris. The late Bill Brown was also made an Honouree in 2008 and his family were present to acknowledge Bill’s induction. A tribute to these former Australian players was made by Bradman Foundation’s patron Richie Benaud in front of 760 guests – the highest number ever to attend a Bradman Gala Dinner. The Foundation is indebted to Deputy Chairman Richard Sheppard and to Macquarie Bank as the principal sponsor of the dinner for a third year.

David Miller from Taree was announced as the 2008 Bradman Scholar. David is studying at Sydney University for whom he plays Grade cricket. In October, David was named as Captain of the U/19 NSW team which went on to win the National title.

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. Kristen is currently employed by Cricket Australia and is attending University in Victoria.

In October 2008 we were delighted when the Hon John Howard AC accepted an invitation to join the Board. Mr Howard has a deep and lifelong love of cricket and his hero is Sir Donald Bradman.

We acknowledge the support of the coaching staff during the cricket season, especially local volunteer Rick McCarthy and coach Keith Wyatt. The camps are an integral part of the Foundation’s charter; and we are continually looking at innovative ways to improve our program in providing boys and girls from regional areas with a great opportunity to improve their cricket skills.

Max Sheppard retired after 18 years as our Director of Coaching and we thank and acknowledge his outstanding commitment to establishing and maintaining our annual coaching clinics programmes.

The CNSW Emerging Blues played a series of selection trial matches during October-November and again it was inspiring to see the depth of player talent in NSW.

The Indian women’s team played two tour matches in October 2008 and Bradman Oval hosted two further matches from the ICC Women’s World Cup, India v Pakistan and South Africa v New Zealand.

Directors David Gilbert and Dr Harry Harinath were instrumental in securing these matches and we congratulate them for returning International cricket to Bradman Oval.

The heroes whose efforts are often unsung are our volunteers whose tireless work ensures that our functions run smoothly, and whose dedication is an invaluable part of the Foundation’s success. The Board and management could not be more grateful to these wonderful people.

For 2009 we see a year of great change and progress as the ICHOF takes shape. We expect a large increase in visitor numbers which will bring increased tourism income to the Bowral area from people coming not only to see our wonderful display of Bradman material but to understand and appreciate the story behind the legend.

The International Cricket Hall of Fame will be located at Bradman Oval which is the spiritual home of cricket and is the scene of Sir Donald Bradman’s early triumphs.

In keeping with Sir Donald’s vision, the International Cricket Hall of Fame will be global in its reach, connecting generations and cultures by featuring cricketing greats from all countries and eras.

Rina Hore
Executive Director
There is no doubt that the highlight of the 2008/09 season was the outstanding success of the Lord’s Taverner’s Week in Bathurst. It was the first time we had held the NSW Schoolboys’ Championship outside of the metropolitan area and I would suggest it may not be the last.

In a season when we saw recent graduates from the Schools ranks succeeding at senior State and National levels, we also took time to pay tribute to some long serving volunteers. Don Wiburd is a legend in the Country when it comes to cricket. One of the main reasons in taking the Lord’s Taverner’s Week to Bathurst was to honour him on his 80th birthday which fell in the week of the Championship.

This season saw us travel to Queensland to compete in the Carbine Club Cup Week. Both matches against our hosts were closely fought with NSW regaining the Gifford-Lukin Trophy and, in a drawn three day game, retain the Tim Caldwell Cup.

The increased interest in Twenty20 cricket, coupled with the building of the Victor Trumper Stand, saw the first schoolboy Twenty20 cricket match played on the SCG. Two of the best schoolboy teams, Kinross Wolaroi and Endeavour Sports High School competed for the Victor Trumper Shield, with Kinross winning a close game.

Continued support from sponsors such as The Lord’s Taverner’s of NSW, Cricket NSW, Macquarie Bank and the Carbine Club have enabled our Association to continue to provide increasing opportunities for cricket to be played in schools. We are very grateful for this ongoing support from sponsors who have contributed for a number of years.

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Patron: David Gilbert
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Delegates to NSWCA: Graeme Kightley

Affiliate representatives:
Combined High Schools: Michael Falk
Combined Catholic Colleges: Tim Spain
Great Public Schools: Michael Curran
Combined Associated Schools: Martin Haywood
Combined Country Schools: Andrew Waters

Lord’s Taverner’s Week – 2009

The experiment of holding our Championship Week in a country venue proved to be a great success, and with a fine week of weather and good playing conditions the cricket played was of a very high standard.

The hospitality of the people of Bathurst was outstanding, with a formal opening and Mayoral reception to begin the week, daily media coverage on radio and television, full page coverage in the local press, excellent accommodation and good playing venues making our stay a memorable one.

The Combined High School 1st team proved worthy winners by winning every game with strong batting and excellent bowling, dismissing every team they played within the 50 overs. This strong all round performance saw a number of their players selected in the NSW Schoolboys’ team.

The continual improvement of the Country Schools side was another highlight of the week, and apart from their loss to CHS-1, they won all other games. It was a good team performance and a great tribute to Don Wiburd, the foundation President of the Country Schools’ Association.

Our Association would like to thank the Local Organising Committee; Don Wiburd, Graeme Hanger and Ray Wood for their excellent work in making this event such as success. We would also like to acknowledge the support given to us by David Lawson and Cricket NSW. The cooperation between our two bodies is providing every young cricketer in NSW schools with the opportunity to play our great game at this high level and provides a pathway to higher levels of representation.

Finally we would like to acknowledge the work of the managers and coaches who give up their time to guide and support our young cricketers and to Tim Murray, our Championship Referee, who does all the work behind the scenes to make the week run so smoothly.

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Final Positions
1. CHS-1  2. CSC  3. GPS  4. CAS  5. CHS-2  6. CCC
The NSW Schoolboys’ team to play Queensland in Sydney in December 2009 was selected at the completion of the Championship and is as follows:

Andrew Harriott (Oxley HS - Captain), Sean Abbott (Hills Sports HS), Nick Bills (The King’s School, Parramatta), Nathan Brain (Westfields Sports HS), Steve Colley (Central Coast Grammar), Matt Gawthorp (Warners Bay HS), Sam Newman (Caringbah HS), Jordan Silk (Blaxland HS), Ben Smith (Westfields Sports HS), Charlie Wakin (Waverley College), Andrew Walsh (Blakehurst HS), Kerrod White (Warilla HS).

Coach: Brett Cranfield.
Manager: Brian Sawyer.

Special Awards

Lord’s Taverners’ Player of the Championship: Andrew Harriott (Oxley HS)
Macquarie Sports Batsman of the Championship: Kerrod White (Warilla HS)
Macquarie Sports Bowler of the Championship: Andrew Walsh (Blakehurst HS)

Spirit of Cricket Awards

Combined Associated Schools: Phillip Mugridge (Trinity Grammar)
Combined Catholic Colleges: Joel Smith (Aquinas College, Menai)
Great Public Schools: Murray Crowe (Scots College)
Country Schools: Djali Bloomfield (Riverina Anglican School)
Combined High Schools 1: Mitchell Phelps (Warilla HS)
Combined High Schools 2: James Kerr (Galston HS)

The Carbine Club Cup 2008

Although there were some off-field difficulties with the tour of Queensland, none of which was the fault of our hosts, our NSW Schoolboys’ team was successful in winning back the Gifford-Lukin Trophy and retaining the Tim Caldwell Cup.

Interuptions due to a very wet week both during and prior to the matches proved to be very difficult for our hosts and it was to their great credit that we got the enough cricket to produce results in both games.

Due to the selection of a number of the originally chosen players in the NSW U/19 team, changes were made to the originally selected side and the following players represented NSW Schoolboys:

Angus Robson (CCC-Captain), Josh Clinghan (CHS-2, Vice Captain), Grant Davies (CHS-2), Joel James (GPS), Sean McInnes (CHS-I), James McNeil (CHS-I), Sam Mullens (CCC), Sam Newman (CHS-2), Wayne Newton (CHS-2), Alex Patterson (CHS-I), Sandy Rogers (CSC), Chris Tremain (CSC)

Three Day Game, Dolphins Cricket Ground, Robina, Gold Coast

NSW took advantage of the early life in the wicket with fine bowling from the Kinross Wolaroi opening combination of Chris Tremain (5-51) and Sandy Rogers (4-33). Queensland was bowled out for 119 with NSW then making the most of improved conditions to post 9-485. The highlight of the batting was a match winning partnership of 178 between Wayne Newton (137) and Sean McInnes (92), Joel James (69) and Grant Davies (51no) also stood out.

Queensland batted far better in their second innings, avoiding an outright loss when they finished on 9-384. The bowling honours were taken by Josh Clinghan (3-38) while Chris Tremain backed up his first innings efforts with 3-102 from 27 overs.

NSW retained the Tim Caldwell Trophy by virtue of a first innings win.

One Day Game played at Runaway Bay Cricket Ground (50 overs a side)

NSW took advantage of winning the toss and the openers put on 91 for the first wicket. Angus Robson made 57 and Josh Clinghan, his opening partner, went on make 80. The total of 7-259 was also supported by strong contributions from Joel James (42), Wayne Newton (24) and Sean McInnes (29). Early wickets from Sandy Rogers (3-36), supported by Sam Newman (2-32), put Queensland under pressure and when rain washed out play Queensland were 5-179 off 37 overs. NSW won the game on a superior run rate.

Congratulation must go to the team and its management, and in particular Brian Sawyer, Manager, who had to solve a number of unforeseen difficulties.

Winners of School Group Competitions

AK Davidson Shield
Winner: The Hills Sports HS
Runner Up: Farrer MAHS

Marie Cornish Shield
Winner: Alstonville HS
Runner Up: Wellington HS

Combined Associated Schools
Winner: Knox Grammar School

Great Public Schools
First Grade Winner: Shore
Second Grade Winner: The King’s School

Downie Trophy
Winner: St Dominics, Kingswood
Runner Up: St.Edwards, Gosford

Berg Shield
Joint Winners: Marist College, Penshurst tied with Mater Dei College, Wagga Wagga

Douglas Shield
Winner: Kinross Wolaroi, Orange
Runner Up: William Clarke College, Kellyville

The Macquarie Bank Sports Trophy

The Macquarie Bank Sports Trophy was once again successfully conducted with the Final Series being held on 17-18 November 2008. The eight teams to make the Quarter Finals were:

St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown
Shore (Sydney Church of England Grammar School)
Endeavour HS
Westfields Sports HS
Oxley HS, Tamworth
Gilroy College, Castle Hill
Kinross Wolaroo, Orange
Knox Grammar School

The Semi Finals and Final were close fought affairs with St Gregory’s Campbelltown defeating Westfield Sports High in the Final.

Our thanks must go to the Shore School for the provision of high quality playing fields for the Semi Final and Final, and to Macquarie Bank who continue to support this knock out competition which establishes to top school cricket team in NSW.

NSW 15 Year Boys Cricket

The ninth 15-years-and-under Boys’ Cricket Championship, hosted by Victoria, took place in Cobram-Barooga from February 28 to March 9, 2009. NSW were in a pool with Queensland, South Australia and the Victorian Invitation XI.

In the first three matches NSW won all their games. Each was quite close, at least for a large part of the match. Some good batting, supported by good pressure bowling and fielding at vital stages meant that NSW qualified for the Semi Finals. Ryan Gibson (St Dominic’s, Penrith) led the batting while Jordon Matthews (St John the Evangelist HS, Nowra) took important wickets and continually pressured the opposition batsmen.

Despite a powerful 83 from Ryan Gibson, the NSW score of 177 was not enough to pass the 8-226 set by the strong Western Australian side who went on to win the Final convincingly from Victoria.

NSW eventually finished in fourth place, a disappointing result following such an impressive first three days of the Championship.

Following their consistently impressive performances, Ryan Gibson (215 runs) and Jordan Matthews (10 wickets) were selected in the Australian team to tour overseas at the end of 2009.

Our thanks must go to the Championship convenor Rick Thompson and Ian Landy from the VSSSA for their organisation of the event, and to our Coach Dean Merola and Manager Michael Falk for the supervision and management of the team.

NSW 15 and Under Schools’ Cricket Team:

Ryan Gibson (St Dominic’s College, Penrith – Captain), Trent Crittenden (The Hills Sports HS), Ryan Almond (Inaburra School), Jacob Apicella (Westfields Sports HS), Javed Badyari (Killarney Heights HS), Jonty Major (Hunter Sports HS), Jordan Matthews (St John the Evangelist HS, Norvala), Lachlan O’Connor (Westfields Sports HS), Ashley Paddison (Robert Townsend HS), Andrew Page (St John’s College, Dubbo), Sanjay Parasher (Westfields Sports HS), Richard Porter (Westfields Sports HS), Jordan Smith (Lismore HS).

Coach: Dean Merola (Holy Spirit College, Bellambi).
Manager: Michael Falk (Killarney Heights HS).

Victor Trumper Day

Through the vision, perseverance and hard work of David Strange, a History teacher from International Grammar School, Sydney, a day of celebration of the life of Victor Trumper was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 2 November 2008. This event preceded the official opening of the new Victor Trumper Stand. In the centre of this packed program, two NSW Schools played off for the inaugural Victor Trumper Shield in the first schoolboys’ Twenty20 game played on the SCG.

The two teams were Kinross Wolaroo from Orange, representing the Country, and Endeavour Sports High School representing the City. Endeavour Sports High batted first and posted a reasonable score of 110, which was chased down by Kinross in the 18th over.

2009 Lord’s Taverner’s Schoolgirls’ Cricket Championship

The 2009 Lord’s Taverner’s Schoolgirls’ Cricket Championships were held 23-25 March 2009 at Raby Oval in Campbelltown, Combined Catholic Colleges hosting the tournament.

The Championship showcases the girls’ cricket talent throughout the NSW school system, with many of the girls involved in the Cricket NSW underage talent squads (Emerging Breakers) and NSW underage representative State teams (U15, U17 and U19). This year introduced a Twenty 20 element, allowing each team to play one-another, with the third day being a Finals day.

Thanks must go to Kym Skerritt, Ross Gawthorne and Anne Neems from CCC for their work on the Championships, and also Richard Yabsley and the ground staff at Raby Oval for presenting such a wonderful venue for the tournament.

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Day 2 – Tuesday 24 March – One 50 Over Match:

CHS-1 (3-107) def CCC (9-105) Raby Oval 3, CIS (6-192) def CHS-2 (114) Raby Oval 4

Day 3 – Wednesday 25 March – One 50 Over Match:

CHS-1 (5-62) def CIS (61) Raby Oval 1, CCC (5-115) def CHS-2 (114) Raby Oval 2

Winners: CHS-1

Special Awards:

Player of the Tournament: Kate Waetford (CHS-1)
Bowler of the Tournament: Mathilda Carmichael – 9 wickets (CCC)
Batter of the Tournament: Kate Waetford – 136 runs (CHS-1)
Fielding Award: Tayla Kafoa (CCC)

2009 Schoolgirls Representative Team:

Kate Waetford (CHS-1), Hannah Trollip (CIS), Mathilda Carmichael (CCC), Lisa Griffith (CHS-1), Katie Mack (CHS-1), Brodie Neems (CCC), Keegan Tucker (CHS-1), Tayla Kafoa (CCC), Emily Leys (CIS), Kara Sutherland (CHS-1), Georgina Morgan (CHS-2), Nerida Gregory (CHS-1)

Shadow Players: Georgia Redmayne (CHS-1), Kayla Wright (CHS-2), Bridget Webster (CCC)

Finally our thanks to The Lord’s Taverner’s of NSW who continue to sponsor this tournament and to Cricket NSW for their continued support.

Conclusion and Acknowledgement

Schools’ Cricket continues to play an important role in NSW. 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 Taverner’s Association of NSW, The Carbine Club; Macquarie Bank and Cricket NSW, for their financial support.

Additional thanks must go to Bathurst City Council and schools who provided support by supplying quality playing surfaces.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow committee members and all the volunteers who continue to provide support of schools’ cricket and the students under their care as we all work towards providing the opportunity for all young people to play our great game.

Graeme Kightley
Honorary Secretary NSWSCA
In order to meet the ever-increasing demands of promoting and developing cricket in NSW, the Association continues to invest heavily in the recruitment and retention of highly skilled staff. Over the past 12 months there were a number of additions to various departments within Cricket NSW, as outlined below;

- Executive Officer; NSW Cricket Umpires’ and Scorers’ Association: Darrell Hair
- Player Career and Welfare Manager: Cheryl Williams
- Cricket Operations – Men’s Representative Cricket: Sam Faulks
- Girls Participation Officer: Aimee Harris
- Administrator, NSW Cricket Umpires & Scorers: Royce McCormack
- Sydney West Cricket Manager: Craig McLean
- Sydney South-West Cricket Manager: Kurt Gagan
- Country Cricket Coordinator: Bruce Whitehouse

Our thanks are expressed to all staff for their effort and commitment over the past year, which has been difficult in light of the global economic downturn. At the same time, we sincerely thank Peter Hughes, Tony Lewis, Renee Milen, Matthew Betsey and Olivia Thornton, who left the Association during the year, for their contributions.

SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST

The Association entered its penultimate year in the venue hire agreement with the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust. The Association extends its sincere thanks to the management and staff of the Trust and in particular Chairman, Rodney Cavalier AO, and Chief Executive, Jamie Barkley for their cooperation throughout the past year.

ANZ STADIUM

The Association continued to enjoy a productive relationship in year three of its four-year venue hire agreement with ANZ Stadium (formerly Telstra Stadium). The agreement, which runs until the conclusion of the 2009/10 season, ensures a minimum of two domestic limited overs fixtures are played at this venue each season. The Association extends its thanks to the Stadium’s Chief Executive, Ken Edwards, who announced his retirement from the role in May 2009, and his staff for their assistance and support throughout the year. The Association congratulates Daryl Kerry on his promotion to Chief Executive.

CRICKET AUSTRALIA

On 9 September 2008, Messrs Mike Silver, Mark Taylor AO and Dr Harry Harinath OAM were elected by the NSW Cricket Board as the Association’s Directors to the Board of Cricket Australia (CA)

OBITUARIES

Mr IJ (Ian) Forrest, former Hawkesbury CC Delegate, on 20 November 2008.
Mr EF (Ted) Wykes OAM, former Test Match umpire and NSWCA Life Member, on 22 November 2008.
Mr WPA (Pat) Crawford, former NSW and Australian player, on 21 January 2009.
Ms KA (Kit) Raymond, former NSW and Australian women’s player, on 25 January 2009.
Mr R (Ray) Heaps OAM, former Far North Coast Delegate and NSWCCA Life Member, on 9 June 2009.
Mr SG (Stan) Sismey OAM, former NSW and Australian Services player and NSWCCA Life Member, on 19 June 2009.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Audit
Messrs BW Collins QC (Chairman), DH Cole, GK Monaghan and Ms RA Hore

Appeals
Messrs JMA Tait (Chairman), NWL Bergin OAM, L Gould, L King SC, DA Meagher and C Thompson

Constitutional Review
Messrs BW Collins QC (Chairman), NWL Bergin OAM, M Bonnell, IH Ewin OAM and THJ Iceton

Facilities Upgrade
Messrs BW Collins QC (Chairman), DH Cole, IJ Field, DR Gilbert, MF Rosen, MJ Silver, VJ Smith and Dr GK Harinath OAM

Grants/Loans
Messrs VJ Smith (Chairman), BW Collins QC, GK Monaghan and MJ Silver

Investment
Ms RA Hore (Chairperson), Mr M Cant, Dr GK Harinath OAM, Messrs P Morgan and JMA Tait

Doug Walters Club Grants
Messrs MA Taylor AO (Chairman), BF Freedman OAM, THJ Iceton and KD Walters MBE

Cricket Australia Grade/Premier Club Funding Program
Messrs BW Collins QC (Chairman), BF Freedman OAM, THJ Iceton, GK Monaghan and Ms RA Hore

HONOURS

The Association was pleased to note the recognition in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List of the following person associated with cricket:
Dr GK (Harry) Harinath OAM (NSW Cricket Board Chairman)
LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At an Extraordinary General meeting held on 1 September 2008, two men were recognised for outstanding service to cricket in NSW with the award of Life Membership of the NSWCA. Glenn McGrath and Mike Pawley were both approved unanimously by Members at the meeting to receive this honour and, as is customary, they were presented with numbered Life Membership cuff-links.

Hereunder is a brief summary of their achievements in cricket over many years;

GD (Glenn) McGrath AM (No. 108)

Glenn is a proud product of Country NSW, having been born in Dubbo on 9 February 1970. He is regarded as one of the all time great fast bowlers, using his height, combined with his ability for an unremitting off stump line and an immaculate length, to relentlessly probe a batsman’s weaknesses.

He holds the World Cup record for best figures, 7-15, and the second best figures by an Australian in a Test with 8-24 against Pakistan in Perth during the 2004/05 season. Glenn was the first Australian fast bowler to play 100 Tests and is the most successful pace bowler of all time.

In 124 Test matches Glenn amassed 563 wickets at an average of 21.64, with 29 five wicket hauls and three ten wicket hauls. In the One-Day arena, he played 305 matches taking 463 wickets at an average of 21.6.

MB (Mike) Pawley (No. 109)

Mike Pawley is recognised as the modern-day father of Manly cricket, having dedicated more than 50 years to the club as a player, coach, leader and mentor. Mike began as a 13-year-old in Manly’s 1957/58 Green Shield side, captaining the team to a premiership in the 1959/60 season.

Mike was considered one of the finest left-arm orthodox spinners to play Grade cricket. He played First Grade for an amazing 22 seasons, leading the bowling averages in 1972/73 and 1973/74. In 1973/74 he took 62 wickets at a remarkable average of 8.71. He represented NSW from 1969/70 to 1973/74.

Mike pioneered coaching and indoor cricket schools across Sydney.

He continues to be a driving force in the development of young cricketers in the Manly-Warringah area. He has been widely acknowledged for his community leadership and generosity in sport, culminating in the naming of Manly’s newest ground as Mike Pawley Oval, Curl Curl.

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 Delegate who retired during the past year:

Mr RE (Bob) Horsell

Bob Horsell was the Chairman of the NSW Cricket Board for 11 years, the second longest tenure in the history of the Association.

Bob began his involvement in cricket administration back in 1959 when he became Treasurer of the Paddington District Cricket Club.

He went on to become Secretary and President of the Eastern Suburbs CC (formerly the Waverley CC), a delegate to the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) and a member of the SCA Committee of Management.

He joined the NSW Cricket Board in 1995 and was elected Chairman two years later. He also served on the Cricket Australia Board between 1997 and 2004, then again from 2005 to his retirement in 2008.

Bob has been a Director and Deputy Chairman of the Bradman Foundation. He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal and the Waverley Municipal Council Scroll of Honour for Community Service. In 2009 he received a Distinguished Long Service Award from the NSW Sports Federation.

THANKS TO

• The Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Kevin Greene MP.
• The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and the NSW Institute of Sport for their generous support and assistance.
• 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, Matthew Nicholson, Marshall Rosen and Steve Smith as well as the Women’s National Cricket League Selectors Ms Janine Stainer (Convenor), Mr Neil McDonald and Ms Pam Meyers.
• Messrs Tim Donahoo and Graham Reed for having acted as Ford Ranger Cup, WNCL and KFC Twenty20 Match Referees.
• Dr John Orchard (Medical Director) and Dr Thomas Gan - members of the medical panel.
• Physiotherapists, Messrs Patrick Farhart, Tony Larvan, Murray Ryan and Ms Kate Leslie, and Strength and Conditioning trainers Tom Reddin and Ashley Radford.
• 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 Trbolet, and Luke and Aaron Keetch, 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 most grateful for the contribution to cricket that all local government bodies continue to provide throughout NSW. To recognise the support of Local Government authorities, the Mayor’s and General Manager’s of all metropolitan and a number of regional Councils were extended invitations to enjoy hospitality at the tour match between the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues and New Zealand held at the SCG on Friday 14 November 2008.

Special thanks are extended to the Councils of Bankstown, Hurstville, Newcastle, and North Sydney for their assistance in the staging of Sheffield Shield, Ford Ranger Cup and WNCL matches at grounds under their authority during 2008/09.

THE CLIFF WINNING LIBRARY REPORT

The Library continues to be most effective in fulfilling its important purpose of providing support and information to cricket researchers and authors, while maintaining and adding to our vast resources. It has been a very busy place each Tuesday with much research and cricket related activities achieved. We welcome inquiries and information on library@cricketnsw.com.au Sincere thanks to Colin Jefferies, Bill Hawke, Charlie Wat, Andrew Bayles, Ronald Cardwell and Ross Dundas for their valuable support to our service. We send best wishes to Graham King in anticipation of his much awaited retirement from research work making numerous corrections and locating “lost in time” statistics like the massive bowling effort of Bill Howell when he took six wickets in six balls for Cumberland against North Sydney in 1901. They have worked forensically on our own data banks and our collaboration with the Campbelltown-Camden club. Sarah has been a leading performer for NSW in a number of the National underage Championships. At the 2007/08 U/17 National Championships, she was the leading wicket taker with 22 wickets at an average of 8.68. Luke’s outstanding performances, which included the first ever hat-trick by a NSW player in the history of the Championships, resulted in him being chosen in the Australian Team of the Championship and also being awarded the Brian Taber Medal as the Cricketer of the Tournament.

Sarah Coyte is a right-hand batter and right-arm medium bowler with the Campbelltown-Camden club. Sarah has been a leading performer for NSW in a number of the National underage Championships. At the 2007/08 U/17 National Championships, she amassed 485 at an average of 161.67, with a highest score of 174 not out. In January 2009, at the U/19 Invitational Tournament, Sarah scored an impressive 199 runs at an average of 99.5, with a highest score of 105 not out in a Twenty20 fixture against the ACT.

There were numerous other worthy donations of materials to the library. We acknowledge them all, including a significant donation of books from Richard Glasson and the 1924/25 NSW player blazer donated by Peter Bardsley which was once the possession of his father, Ray “Mick” Bardsley.

The Library is undertaking a major project to update, verify and collate the Sydney Cricket Association’s grade statistics. Colin Clowes and Colin Jefferies have collaborated on this important work making numerous corrections and locating “lost in time” statistics like the massive bowling effort of Bill Howell when he took four wickets in four balls for Cumberland against North Sydney in 1901. They have worked forensically on our own data banks and those of the Mitchell and Sydney University libraries. They have examined the old, venerable journals Referee, Arrow, The Sportsman and Referee Sportsman, The Daily Mirror, The Sun, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph. All those journals have given excellent service to Sydney cricket for well over a century.

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 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 11th Annual Alan McGilvray Memorial Scholarships were presented by the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Kevin Greene MP, during the Commonwealth Bank Series Match between Australia and New Zealand at the SCG on 8 February 2009. The recipients were Luke Doran and Sarah Coyte.

Luke Doran is a slow left-arm orthodox bowler who hails from the Fairfield-Liverpool club in south-western Sydney. He has represented the NSW U/17 and U/19 teams with distinction over the past three seasons and during this time has taken an extraordinary 51 wickets. At the 2008/09 National U/19 Championships, Luke was the leading wicket taker with 22 wickets at an average of 8.68. Luke’s outstanding performances, which included the first ever hat-trick by a NSW player in the history of the Championships, resulted in him being chosen in the Australian Team of the Championship and also being awarded the Brian Taber Medal as the Cricketer of the Tournament.

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The Association notes

2008 NSW SPORTS FEDERATION AWARDS

Simon Katich (Team Athlete of the Year) and Ellyse Perry (Young Athlete of the Year) were both winners at the 2008 NSW Sports Federation Awards Dinner. Simon received his award on the back of leading the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues to victory in the 2007/08 Pura Cup while Ellyse was recognised for her outstanding debut season with Australian women’s cricket team.

Former NSW Cricket Board Chairman, Bob Horsell, was the recipient of a Distinguished Long Service Award after almost 50 years of service to cricket at all levels, and the RTA SpeedBlitz Blues were a finalist in the Team of the Year category.
SPECIAL GRANTS

Special grants approved during the year:

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<td>New Turf Pitches</td>
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<td>* Wentworthville Leagues CC</td>
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<td>* Gordon DCC</td>
<td>New Turf Centre Square</td>
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<td>* Far South Coast CA</td>
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<td>* Bellingen JC</td>
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<td>* Young DCA</td>
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<td>* Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates CC</td>
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The policy and direction in relation to development grants was unchanged. In cases of specific needs for development within clubs/associations/country authorities, applications were made direct to the Community Cricket Manager.

In 2006/07, the Board made provision for a total of up to $6 million during the four year period 2006/07 – 2009/10, by way of a ‘Facilities Upgrade Program’ for the development of existing and new cricket facilities. This Program is in addition to the Grants and Loans Program, for which financial limits of $50,000 per grant and $125,000 per loan apply. The Program is for on-field and off-field capital works. To 30 June 2008, $2,963,268 had been granted. For the 2008/09 year, as part of the budget process, the Board agreed that approval of grants be deferred and reconsidered again in 12 months time.

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 1 September 2008 to 1 June 2009.

Dr GK Harinath OAM (Chairman) 5, BF Freedman 4, J Hanshaw 5, A Connolly 2, G Patterson (as proxy for A Connolly) 2, P Lovitt 4, RF Cook 5, MF Rosen 4, M Kelly (as proxy for MF Rosen) 1, T Jacobs 5, G Flowers 5, I Finlay 5, DH Cole 5, N Berman 4, R Errington (as proxy for N Berman) 1, GK Monaghan 5, R Hudswell 3, G Gavin (as proxy for R Hudswell) 2, P Wright 5, JM Jobson 5, TH Iceton 4, BW Collins 4, M Sanders 3, DB O’Neil 3, SM Hamman 4, DJ Broad 5, IR Hogg 5, P Kerin 5, R Myatt 5, JG Moriarty 5, G Creighton 3, B Templeman (as proxy for G Creighton) 2, M Silver 4, T Psarakis (as proxy for MJ Silver) 1, B Dockrill 5, Dr D Dillely 5, JC Evans 2, E Myatt (as proxy for JC Evans) 3, GK Kightley 5, Ms K Loder 4, Ms RA Hore 3, Messrs VJ Smith 3 and MA Taylor 1.

NSW CRICKET BOARD

The Board met on 12 occasions from 8 July 2008 to 9 June 2009.

Dr GK Harinath OAM (Chairman) 8, Messrs DH Cole 12, BW Collins 12, Ms RA Hore 12, Messrs GK Monaghan 10+, MF Rosen 10, MJ Silver 11, VJ Smith 9 and MA Taylor AO 9.

+ Elected 1/9/08 – possible 10 meetings only
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

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

DETAILS FROM INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

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EQUITY

|                        |       |       |       |       |
| Retained earnings        | 6,129,999 | 9,980,389 | 6,065,122 | 9,939,543 |
| Total Equity             | 9,166,731 | 13,017,121 | 9,101,854 | 12,976,275 |
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2008/09 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

THIRD CLEAN SWEEP IN FIVE SEASONS

NSW U/15 FEMALE

NSW U/17 FEMALE

NSW U/19 FEMALE

NSW U/17 MALE

NSW U/19 MALE

KFC TWENTY20 BIG BASH CHAMPIONS

WNCL CHAMPIONS