

16TH ANNUAL REPORT

2025/26



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COACHES' ASSOCIATION

PATRONS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / OFFICE BEARERS

Patrons



Ross Turner



The Hon. **Matt Kean**



Mark Rushton



Alf James OAM



Denise Anderson
(Annetts)

Executive Committee



Bruce Wood OAM
President



Connor Hindmarch
Head Coach



Chris Burnett
Vice-President



Zoya Thakur
Secretary
High Performance
Girls Coordinator



Tyler Lang
Treasurer
Community & Rep.
Program Coordinator

Historical record of Office Bearers

Season	President	Vice-President	Treasurer	Secretary	Head Coach
2025-26	Bruce Wood OAM	Chris Burnett	Tyler Lang	Zoya Thakur	Connor Hindmarch
2024-25	Bruce Wood OAM	Braden Cheng	Bruce Wood OAM	Josh Miller	Connor Hindmarch
2023-24	Bruce Wood OAM	Braden Cheng	Dylan Bish	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2022-23	Bruce Wood OAM	Braden Cheng	Dylan Bish	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2021-22	Bruce Wood OAM	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2020-21	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2019-20	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2018-19	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2017-18	Bruce Wood	Daniel Wood	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2016-17	Bruce Wood	Will Fiedler	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2015-16	Bruce Wood	Will Fiedler	Nick Miller	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2014-15	Bruce Wood	Justin Epthorp	Will Fiedler	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2013-14	Bruce Wood	Justin Epthorp	Will Fiedler	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2012-13	Bruce Wood	Justin Epthorp	David Bennett	Josh Miller	Rod Hokin
2011-12	Bruce Wood	Mark Rushton	David Bennett	Justin Epthorp	Rod Hokin
2010-11	Bruce Wood	Mark Rushton	David Bennett	Mike Burgin	Rod Hokin

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General Committee



Corey Miller
Social Media Co-ordinator



Aliya Colburt
Member Protection



Elysa Oliveri
Girls Co-ordinator



Alex Fitzgerald



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The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) was delighted with the success of its website www.hkhdcca.com.au in its first full year of operations in 2025-26. PurpleScape www.purplescape.com created our new website, which was launched in May 2025. **Bruce Wood** (President) and **Connor Hindmarch** (Head Coach) supplied the content, photos, updates and editorial guidance. Special thanks to **Swadhin Dhal** and **Pradeep Parthiban** (Senior Technology Engineers, PurpleScape, based in Chennai, India) for their commitment and expertise, as they have taken the lead roles in the website design, structure and maintenance. Thanks also to **Karthik Thanumoni** (Director & Strategic Solutions Advisor, PurpleScape, Australia) [pictured below], whose daughters have attended HKHDCCA's coaching programs, for his leadership and advocacy in managing our terrific new website.

This attractive website features information about the Coaches' Association's charter, history, committee members, coaching programs, Coach and Player pathways, etc. The website also includes interesting reference material – HKHDCCA's Annual Reports, overseas Tour Reports, Ross Turner Cup / Glenn Hourigan Cup Programs, Patrons, Life Members, Award Winners, Success Stories, Testimonials, etc.



COACHES' ASSOCIATION



5,700⁺

Players attended school holiday clinics

What we are known for

Building Champions on and off the Field

At the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), we are committed to fostering cricket talent and expertise from a young age. Our organization is a one-stop destination offering young players the resources to develop and refine their skills, and aspiring coaches the training, accreditation and practical experience needed to lead confidently.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bruce Wood OAM

The **Coaches' Association** (HKHDCCA) is an inclusive, *not-for-profit* cricket coaching organisation responsible for recruiting and accrediting young coaches from within HK&HDCA and north-western Sydney; conducting junior cricket clinics during the school holidays and skills development programs in the off-season. HKHDCCA designs and implements coaching programs aimed at increasing the cricket participation, skills and enjoyment of boys and girls aged 5 – 15, including beginners, club players, representative standard players, and children with special needs.

HKHDCCA has experienced significant growth since its inception in 2010 and aims to continue to expand its subsidised (or free) coaching programs to a wider cross-section of the community. We enhance the knowledge and skills of club coaches in the HK&HDCA affiliated clubs; and strongly support the growth of Girls' cricket at grassroots, club and representative levels. The successful implementation of these initiatives assists in facilitating sporting, cultural and social inclusion for these community groups, while also promoting healthy, active lifestyles, and increasing the participation rate in cricket in NSW.

The Coaches' Association had another successful year in 2025-26, as briefly summarised below.



Junior cricket clinics (in partnership with NDCC) – HKHDCCA conducted 6 cricket clinics during the school holidays at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara, including the Indoor Centre. A total of 492 children attended the six clinics, which averaged an impressive 82 boys and girls per clinic. The clinics cater for all cricket standards from beginners to representative standard players. The Coach / Players ratio across our school holiday clinics was an impressive 1 / 7, which provided plenty of individual coaching for the children. HKHDCCA presented its prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal at each clinic, plus many other awards and certificates.

RTC and GHC – The Coaches' Association organised the 28th annual HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup and the 23rd U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup 'showcase' matches, which took place on 15-Feb-26 at Turramurra. HKHDCCA appointed its two leading coaches to the RTC match – **Connor Hindmarch & Tyler Lang**, and two impressive young coaches to the GHC fixture – **Zach Rapa & Ben Burrows**. I have stood down as the RTC / GHC Convenor and passed the baton to Connor Hindmarch (HKHDCCA Head Coach) for 2026-27 onwards.

Preseason skills development programs – The Coaches' Association conducted beneficial pre-season programs for Thornleigh CC; Mount Colah CC; Asquith RLCC; HK&HDCA U10–11 Reps; and St Ives Junior CC Girls, between June and September 2025.

HKHDCCA Coach of the Year Award (Bruce Wood Cup) – This prestigious award was won by **Madeleine Mitchell** from Glenorie District CC.

HKHDCCA President's Award – This perpetual trophy was won by **Tyler Lang** from HKHDCCA / Hornsby Reps.

HKHDCCA Rookie Coach Award – This perpetual trophy was won by **Amelia Moyes** from HKHDCCA / NDCC.

Website – First full year of the Coaches' Association's website – www.hkhdcca.com.au, managed by PurpleScape.

HK&HDCA Centenary – The Coaches' Association played a role in the Association's Centenary season, 2025-26, including the gala dinner at Hornsby RSL on 19-Feb-26.

ClubGRANTS – HKHDCCA's partnership with Parramatta Leagues Club continued for a tenth year in 2025-26.

Formal coaching courses – HKHDCCA organised a free Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course, which was facilitated by **Connor Hindmarch** (Head Coach) at Barker College on 13-July-25 with 18 participants. Connor also facilitated a modified Community coaching course for BlowFly Cricket (and others) at MTO on 19-April-26.

In-house Professional Development – **Connor Hindmarch** and **Tyler Lang** facilitated a PD coaching session for 15 regular HKHDCCA coaches at the Greenway Community Centre, Cherrybrook, on 14-April-26.

Child Safety protocols – HKHDCCA introduced a new Child Safety Policy on 28-May-24, in line with Government legislation and best practice principles. **Aliya Colburt** (Member Protection Officer) continued to run a series of online training courses for new HKHDCCA coaches, committee members and volunteers.

BlowFly Cricket – The Coaches' Association's long-standing partnership with BlowFly Cricket continued, with HKHDCCA holding a free coaching session for BlowFly Cricket on 14-Jan-26 at MTO, Waitara. Connor Hindmarch (Head Coach) also ran a modified Community (Level 1) coaching course for BlowFly Cricket at MTO on 19-April-26.

Project Inspire – **Elysa Oliveri** successfully completed Cricket Australia's Female Development Program in 2025.

Social media – **Corey Miller** did a nice job with HKHDCCA's Facebook and Instagram pages, using Canva software.

Retirement – 2025-26 was my last year as President of the Coaches' Association, a role that I have enjoying doing for the past 16 years since our inception. I have made some life-long friends from HKHDCCA and it has been pleasing to play a role in organising 94 successful school holiday junior cricket clinics, off-season development programs, the RTC & GHC fixtures, six overseas cricket tours, and the development of coaches and players.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR CRICKET CLINICS

*(in partnership with
Northern District CC)*



The Coaches' Association conducted six cricket clinics during the school holidays in 2025-26, as shown below.

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| • Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara | 17 – 18 July 2025 | – 101 children and 14 coaches; |
| • Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara | 1 – 2 October 2025 | – 63 children and 10 coaches; |
| • Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara | 9 – 10 October 2025 | – 43 children and 6 coaches; |
| • Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara | 14 – 15 January 2026 | – 91 children and 14 coaches; |
| • Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara | 19 – 20 January 2026 | – 100 children and 15 coaches; |
| • Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara | 15 – 16 April 2026 | – 94 children and 15 coaches. |

A total of **492** children attended the six clinics, which averaged **82** boys and girls per clinic. The clinics cater for all cricket standards from beginners to representative standard players. The participants (aged between 5 and 14) received plenty of group and individual coaching from experienced coaches, many of whom have played First Grade cricket in Sydney. The Coach / Players ratio across our school holiday clinics was an impressive 1 / 7, which would not be matched anywhere else in NSW for similar junior cricket clinics.

The coaches excelled in helping young players develop their skills through various coaching drills and games-based activities. Players were grouped by age, ability and friendship groups, and received specialist coaching on batting, bowling, fielding, wicket-keeping and match preparation / tactics. The sessions concluded with Super 8 matches on MTO to reinforce learned skills, encourage teamwork, and introduce friendly competition. MTO, Waitara is a superb home base for the Coaches' Association with its upgraded First Grade oval and award-winning Indoor Centre.



Coaches at the HKHDCCA / NDCC junior cricket clinic at MTO, Waitara on 14 – 15 January 2026

Back row: Bruce Wood, Lachlan Edwards, Connor Hindmarch, Rohan Awati, Josh Strefner, Nick Hook,
Front row: Ben Burrows, Ari Handley, Amelia Moyes, Elysa Oliveri, Vivaan Gandhi, Zach Rapa, David Tanna

We thank all the HK&HDCA affiliated clubs for their support in promoting these popular school holiday cricket clinics amongst their junior teams. The Coaches' Association and Northern District CC received positive feedback from the parents and players who attended these clinics. HKHDCCA held a short **'MasterClass'** session at each clinic to inspire the children and to demonstrate their coaches' cricket skills. The batters featured at these clinics were Nick Hook (3), Rubein Gobinath (1), Vivaan Gandhi (1) and Aaryan Dixit (1) [[below](#)], all talented Grade batters.



Players and coaches at the HKHDCCA / NDCC cricket clinic at MTO, Waitara on 14 – 15 January 2026



One of the 10 groups at the MTO clinic on 15 – 16 April 2026 (Coaches – Max Guazzarotto and Chris Burnett)



40 COACHES ENGAGED BY HKHDCCA IN 2025-26*(11 current or former First Grade players in blue)*

Representative (Level 2) accredited coaches (14) – Rohan Awati, **Chris Burnett**, Ben Burrows, Aliya Colburt, Connor Hindmarch, Tyler Lang, **Corey Miller**, **Josh Miller**, Elysa Oliveri, Brett Pickup, **Ben Randall**, Ryan Swain, **Zoya Thakur**, Bruce Wood

Community (Level 1) accredited coaches (26) – **Charlie Anderson**, Lachlan Bailey, Lachie Barber, Josh Bawcombe, Liam Bradey, Will Byrom, Jake Daly, Zac Dalziel, **Aaryan Dixit**, Lachlan Edwards, Alex Fitzgerald, **Vivaan Gandhi**, Gian Gill, Rubein Gobinath, Max Guazzarotto, **Arabella Handley**, **Nick Hook**, Will McCarroll, Patrick Meyer, Amelia Moyes, Aayush Parikh, Zach Rapa, Mitch Shaw, Josh Strefner, David Tanna, Oliver Uy.

The table on the **right** shows a **historical record of individual coaching days** undertaken since the Coaches' Association's inception in 2010.

Bruce Wood passed 300 coaching days, while **Elysa Oliveri**, **Ben Burrows** and **Chris Burnett** reached the 50 coaching days milestone in 2025-26 and received HKHDCCA Service Medals at the AGM.



NAMES	DAYS
Bruce Wood	301
Josh Miller	185
Rod Hokin	160
Daniel Wood	117
Nick Miller	88
Daniel Anderson	79
Connor Hindmarch	72
Will Fiedler	70
Dani Chivers	65
Corey Miller	64
Justin Epthorp	61
John Anderson	59
Elysa Oliveri	57
Hame Fullagar	53
Braden Cheng	52
Chris Burnett	52
Ben Burrows	51
Jamie McEvoy	49
Aaron Crofts	46
James Madden	42
Calvin Breytenbach	42
Nick McNay	41
Joe Hiley	37
Nathan Middleton	35
Aliya Colburt	34
Will McCarroll	32
Tyler Lang	32
Andrew Harvey	30
Cooper Davenport	27
Ryan Swain	27
Ben Randall	27
Alex Fitzgerald	24
Zach Rapa	23
David Lowery	22
Tom Felton	21
Mackenzie Carrall	21
Matt Wright	21
Nathan Tanner	19
James Brown	16
Harrison Norrell	16
Nick Hook	16
Mitch Fullagar	15
Mark Rushton	15
Sammy McMahon	14
Jayden Camp	14
Lachlan Edwards	14

HISTORICAL RECORD OF EVERY HKHDCCA CLINIC SINCE OUR INCEPTION IN 2010

No.	Dates - HKHDCCA clinics	Venue	Regos	Head Coach	Phillip Hughes Medal	MasterClass batter
94	15, 16 April 2026	MTO	94	Connor Hindmarch	Jonty Dell	Aaryan Dixit
93	19, 20 January 2026	MTO	100	Connor Hindmarch	Stirling Elliott	Vivaan Gandhi
92	14, 15 January 2026	MTO	91	Connor Hindmarch / Corey Miller	Oliver Halfhide	Nick Hook
91	9, 10 October 2025	MTO	43	Chris Burnett	Ben White	Nick Hook
90	1, 2 October 2025	MTO	63	Chris Burnett	Blake Hiley	Nick Hook
89	17, 18 July 2025	MTO	102	Connor Hindmarch	Jesse Alexander	Rubein Gobinath
88	15, 16 April 2025	MTO	82	Corey Miller	Lukas Stransky	Rubein Gobinath
87	20, 21 January 2025	MTO	95	Connor Hindmarch	Will McCubbin	Corey Miller
86	15, 16 January 2025	Greenway	56	Connor Hindmarch	(not awarded)	Sam Weir
85	6, 7 January 2025	MTO	100	Connor Hindmarch	Josh Ward	Corey Miller
84	8, 9 October 2024	MTO	97	Connor Hindmarch	Tom Pesquet	Alex Fitzgerald
83	2, 3 October 2024	Greenway	48	Connor Hindmarch	William Fitzgerald	(not held)
82	9, 10 July 2024	MTO	85	Connor Hindmarch	Juliet Jennings	Alex Fitzgerald
81	16, 17 April 2024	MTO	90	Nick Miller	James Bury	Corey Miller
80	23, 24 January 2024	MTO	92	Corey Miller	Liam Daly	Cam Tunks
79	18, 19 January 2024	Greenway	62	Rod Hokin	Noah Daly	(not held)
78	10, 11 January 2024	MTO	91	Rod Hokin	Edward Ottawa	Corey Miller
77	3, 4 October 2023	MTO	93	Chris Burnett	Raul Kandiah	Cam Tunks
76	27, 28 September 2023	Greenway	60	Corey Miller	Eva House	Cam Tunks
75	11, 12 July 2023	MTO	76	Braden Cheng	Jacob Appino	Nick Hook
74	12, 13 April 2023	MTO	88	Harrison Norrell	Rory Rapa	Cam Tunks
73	24, 25 January 2023	MTO	72	George Furrer	Thomas Westgarth	Corey Miller
72	16, 17 January 2023	Greenway	84	Nick Miller / George Furrer	Hayden Ross	Corey Miller
71	11, 12 January 2023	MTO	66	Rod Hokin	Oliver Makin	Corey Miller
70	5, 6 October 2022 (washed out)	Montview	71	Josh Miller	(not awarded)	(not held)
69	26, 27 September 2022	Greenway	57	Braden Cheng	Hiren Pathak	Corey Miller
68	11, 12 July 2022	Greenway	51	Josh Miller	Adi Parikh	Ryan Swain
67	20, 21 April 2022	Greenway	42	Rod Hokin	Ariv Raina	Corey Miller
66	13, 14 April 2022	Montview	38	Nick Miller	Marcus Neilly	Ryan Swain
65	24, 25 January 2022	GTR	70	George Furrer	Daniel Fagg	Ryan Swain
64	17, 18 January 2022	Greenway	83	Rod Hokin	Josef Stransky	George Furrer
63	11, 12 January 2022	Montview	77	Braden Cheng / Nick Miller	Jack English	Ryan Swain
62	27, 28 Sept. 2021 (Cancelled - Covid)	Greenway			(not awarded)	(not held)
61	22, 23 Sept. 2021 (Cancelled - Covid)	Normanhurst			(not awarded)	(not held)
60	7, 8 April 2021	MTO	82	Rod Hokin	Brendan Westwood	Lachlan Shaw
59	20, 21 January 2021	Normanhurst	70	Josh Miller	Charlie Egan	Lachlan Shaw
58	13, 14 January 2021	MTO	83	Ross Pawson	Beau Goodall	Lachlan Shaw
57	5, 6 January 2021	MTO	77	Josh Miller	Joe Newman	Lachlan Shaw
56	6, 7 October 2020	MTO	57	Josh Miller / Tom Felton	Nandha Sajish	Lachlan Shaw
55	30 Sept. / 1 Oct. 2020	MTO	56	Josh Miller	Aanya Slingh	Hame Fullagar
54	22, 23 January 2020	MTO	90	Josh Miller	Declan Lees	Corey Miller
53	16, 17 January 2020	Normanhurst	44	Bruce Wood	(not awarded)	Brody Camp
52	8, 9 January 2020	MTO	77	Rod Hokin	Byron Shaw	John Anderson
51	8, 9 October 2019	GTR	34	Josh Miller / Bruce Wood	Max Leslie	Aaron Crofts
50	2, 3 October 2019	MTO	76	Rod Hokin	Harry Uy	Nick Miller
49	23, 24 January 2019	GTR	49	Josh Miller / Daniel Anderson	Jack Thompson	Daniel Anderson
48	15, 16 January 2019	MTO	38	Daniel Anderson	Alex Fitzgerald	Daniel Anderson
47	8, 9 January 2019	MTO	50	Rod Hokin	Jonah Mills	John Anderson
46	10, 11 October 2018	MTO	35	Josh Miller	Jack Nati	Daniel Anderson
45	4, 5 October 2018 (washed out)	GTR			(not awarded)	(not held)
44	2, 3 October 2018	MTO	33	Josh Miller	Ben Hunter	Nick Miller

No.	Dates - HKHDCCA clinics	Venue	Regos	Head Coach	Phillip Hughes Medal	MasterClass batter
43	17, 18 January 2018	MTO	40	Rod Hokin / Bruce Wood	Oliver Uly	Rod Hokin
42	15, 16 January 2018	GTR	41	Josh Miller	Harry Flower	Joe Hiley
41	10, 11 January 2018	MTO	62	Rod Hokin	Blake Davenport	Henry Hunt
40	8, 9 January 2018	GTR	25	Rod Hokin / Daniel Anderson	Kieran Jackson	(not held)
39	3, 4 October 2017	Dundas	21	Nick Miller	Jimmy Woods	(not held)
38	27, 28 September 2017	MTO	76	Rod Hokin / Bruce Wood	Oliver Jennings	Henry Hunt
37	25, 26 September 2017	GTR	36	Rod Hokin / Bruce Wood	Jack Williams	Rod Hokin
36	18, 19 January 2017	MTO	62	Josh Miller	Dylan Bish	Daniel Anderson
35	16, 17 January 2017	Dundas	33	Josh Miller	Keerthikan Nagaraiah	(not held)
34	11, 12 January 2017	MTO	73	Rod Hokin / Bruce Wood	Jarod Baxter	Daniel Anderson
33	9, 10 January 2017	GTR	52	Rod Hokin / Bruce Wood	Marco Levy	John Anderson
32	4, 5 October 2016	MTO	36	Tom Felton	Cameron Tunks	Henry Hunt
31	28, 29 September 2016	MTO	70	Rod Hokin	Marcus Ridley	Daniel Anderson / Henry Hunt
30	26, 27 September 2016	GTR	56	Rod Hokin	Amardeep Gill	Daniel Anderson
29	21, 22 January 2016	GTR	86	Rod Hokin / Bruce Wood	Ryan Swain	John Anderson
28	19, 20 January 2016	Montview / Normanhurst	73	Bruce Wood	Francesca Buffa	Tom Felton
27	14, 15 January 2016	GTR	62	Bruce Wood	(not awarded)	Tom Felton
26	11, 12, 13 January 2016	MTO	63	Rod Hokin / Daniel Anderson	Avikshit Lath	Daniel Anderson
25	29, 30 Sept. / 1 Oct. 2015	MTO	51	Josh Miller	Aidan Jackson	Tom Felton
24	23, 24 September 2015	MTO	81	Rod Hokin	Alex Ward	Tom Felton
23	21, 22 September 2015	GTR	60	Rod Hokin	Will McCarroll	Daniel Anderson
22	21, 22, 23 January 2015	MTO	71	Rod Hokin	Connor Hindmarch	Nick Miller
21	19, 20 January 2015	GTR	67	Rod Hokin	Lachlan Shaw	Jonny Webb
20	14, 15, 16 January 2015	MTO	70	Rod Hokin	Cooper Davenport	Jonny Webb
19	12, 13 January 2015	Turramurra	32	Rod Hokin	Luc White	(not held)
18	29, 30 September 2014	MTO	75	Rod Hokin		Daniel Anderson
17	22, 23, 24 September 2014	MTO	73	Rod Hokin		Daniel Anderson
16	22, 23, 24 January 2014	MTO	75	Rod Hokin		Daniel Anderson
15	20, 21 January 2014	Montview	26	Rod Hokin		Dave Lowery
14	15, 16, 17 January 2014	Kenthurst	20	Rod Hokin		(not held)
13	13, 14 January 2014	MTO	82	Rod Hokin		Dave Lowery
12	25, 26, 27 September 2013 (PM)	Montview	28	Rod Hokin		(not held)
11	25, 26, 27 September 2013 (AM)	MTO	60	Rod Hokin		Dave Lowery
10	23, 24, 25 January 2013	MTO	58	Rod Hokin		Rod Hokin
9	16, 17, 18 January 2013	MTO	71	Rod Hokin		Dave Lowery
8	7, 8, 9 January 2013	Kenthurst	28	Rod Hokin		(not held)
7	25, 26, 27 September 2012	MTO	69	Rod Hokin		Dave Lowery
6	16, 17, 18 January 2012	MTO	66	Rod Hokin		
5	11, 12, 13 January 2012	Kenthurst	31	Rod Hokin		
4	5, 6, 7 October 2011	MTO	45	Rod Hokin		
3	17, 18, 19 January 2011	MTO	43	Rod Hokin		
2	12, 13, 14 January 2011	Kenthurst	21	Rod Hokin		
1	27, 28, 29 September 2010	MTO	48	Rod Hokin		

Total	5,688	Ave. 62.5 per clinic
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PHILLIP HUGHES MEDAL**WINNERS IN 2025-26**

The Coaches' Association presented its prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal at 6 junior clinics in 2025-26 to recognise outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, enthusiasm, performance and spirit of cricket.

The PHM winners this season are shown below and highlighted on our website at this link.

www.hkhdcca.com.au/awards/



Jesse Alexander (with Connor & Corey)



Blake Hiley (with Chris & Nick)



Ben White (with Ben B. & Josh)



Oliver Halfhide (with Corey & Nick)



Stirling Elliott (with Connor & Nick)



Jonty Dell (with Bruce & Connor)

Luc White	Jarod Baxter	Jack Thompson	Marcus Neilly	James Bury
Cooper Davenport	Keerthekan Nagarajah	Harry Uy	Ariv Raina	Juliet Jennings
Lachlan Shaw	Dylan Bish	Max Leslie	Adi Parikh	Will Fitzgerald
Connor Hindmarch	Jack Williams	Byron Shaw	Hiren Pathak	Tom Pesquet
Will McCarroll	Oliver Jennings	Declan Lees	Oliver Makin	Josh Ward
Alex Ward	Jimmy Woods	Aanya Siingh	Hayden Ross	Will McCubbin
Aidan Jackson	Kieran Jackson	Nandha Sajish	Thomas Westgarth	Lukas Stransky
Avikshit Lath	Blake Davenport	Joe Newman	Rory Rapa	Jesse Alexander
Francesca Buffa	Harry Flower	Beau Goodall	Jacob Appino	Blake Hiley
Ryan Swain	Oliver Uy	Charlie Egan	Eva House	Ben White
Amardeep Gill	Ben Hunter	Brendan Westwood	Raul Kandiah	Oliver Halfhide
Marcus Ridley	Jack Nati	Jack English	Edward Ottawa	Stirling Elliott
Cam Tunks	Jonah Mills	Josef Stransky	Noah Daly	Jonty Dell
Marco Levy	Alex Fitzgerald	Daniel Fagg	Liam Daly	

PARRA LEAGUES

The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) was delighted to receive a tenth year of ClubGRANTS support from **Parramatta Leagues Club** in 2025-26. Our organisation's partnership with Parra Leagues commenced in 2015 and continues strongly each year. The generous financial and in-kind support enabled HKHDCCA to continue to provide a range of free or subsidised coaching and youth-development programs in north-western Sydney.



HKHDCCA sincerely thanks **Chris Dimou** (Chief Executive Officer), **Mark Jenkins** (Chair of Board of Directors), **Greg Monaghan** (Board Director), **Kamil Kurdziel** (Community Manager), and **Tim Mannah** (Club Ambassador), for their ongoing support of our *not-for-profit* sporting organisation.

Our volunteer committee, coaches and members hold committee meetings, club dinners, social functions (including *Kicks TenPin Bowling*), awards nights, and tour functions at Parra Leagues or Vikings Sports Club, Dundas. Parra Leagues is a wonderful community club and we are proud to wear their logo on our uniforms.

Our committee and several coaches have signed up for 5 years membership of Parra Leagues, plus we promote the club on our website www.hkhdcca.com.au, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages; on our official letterhead; and in our Annual Report. HKHDCCA also promotes Parra Leagues on the club's social media outlets.

Parramatta Leagues Club has demonstrated a remarkable commitment towards making a difference, uplifting the communities they serve, and making a positive impact to foster a sense of unity and care.





ROSS TURNER CUP

28th Annual Match

HK&HDCA's showcase junior representative match called the Ross Turner Cup (RTC) has been held since 1998-99 and features the outstanding players in our district from the U/15 age group and below. The Founder of the annual RTC contest (and the U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup fixture) was the late **Tom Richmond** OAM, Life Member of HK&HDCA, Coaches' Association & Northern District CC, who passed the responsibility to **Bruce Wood** OAM, President, Coaches' Association, in 2010-11.

The Cup is named in honour of **Ross Turner** (pictured), one of HK&HDCA's finest products. As a young player, Ross was a brilliant all-rounder who bowled leg-spin, batted beautifully (left-handed) and was without peer in the



field. He played for Pennant Hills CC, HK&HDCA junior representative teams and later became a specialist batsman and Northern District's most successful captain, winning two First Grade premierships in 1985-86 and 1986-87. Ross was voted as the First Grade Captain of the Year by the Sydney Cricket Association on three occasions. He worked for Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia, pioneering development activities, before being appointed by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in 1998 as its initial Global Development Manager. He was based at Lords (in London) and facilitated the development of cricket in nations such as Bangladesh, Nepal, China, Malaysia, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Afghanistan, Ireland, Canada, Denmark and Netherlands. Until recently, Ross was the Director of Cricket at Newington College and the Convenor of GPS cricket in Sydney.

HK&HDCA thanks its sponsor, **Kookaburra Sport (Cameron Eve)**, for supplying the match balls, stumps, and the Player of the Match awards for the RTC and GHC matches each year. The partnership between HK&HDCA and Kookaburra Sport started in 2004, so it has extended for over 20 years.

The 28th RTC match took place on Sunday, 15th February 2026 at Turramurra Oval. The Coaches' Association appointed its two leading coaches, **Connor Hindmarch** (West) and **Tyler Lang** (East), who did an excellent job, guiding and inspiring their teams. The RTC umpires were **Bruce Wood** OAM and **Scott Reid**. This was Bruce's 20th consecutive year as one of the RTC umpires, and his last match after announcing his retirement from RTC.

During Bruce's 16 years as the RTC / GHC Convenor, he arranged the U/15 and U/13 fixtures on adjacent ovals to assist families and HK&HDCA officials, initially at Kenthurst 1 & 2, before switching to Turramurra Oval (RTC) and Karuah Park (GHC). One of the most significant initiatives that Bruce introduced was to appoint young HKHDCCA coaches to guide the RTC and GHC teams. These early coaching opportunities, followed by further experience with the Coaches' Association, paved the way for some successful professional careers in cricket coaching / administration, including Daniel Anderson, Josh Miller and others. Significantly, Bruce provided opportunities for 381 RTC players and 25 RTC coaches during his 16 years in charge of these HK&HDCA fixtures.

RTC East 9/87 [30 overs] (L. Escott 20, J. Pagano 16, B. Strefner 18 no, A. Hari 3/10, N. Ravilla 2/11, J. Stransky 2/18, R. Rapa 4 W-K catches) tied with **RTC West 87** [28.3 overs] (R. Rapa 30, N. Ravilla 13, B. Strefner 2/8, V. Balian 2/11, V. Rasotra 2/14). **Super Over** – RTC East 0/11 def. RTC West 1/10

Refer to the historical RTC Programs at this link: www.hkhdcca.com.au/rtc-reports/

EAST			WEST		
Name	Club	Rep. team	Name	Club	Rep. team
Tyler Lang		(Coach)	Connor Hindmarch		(Coach)
Sean Mukhtar (C)	Glenorie	Weblin	Rory Rapa (wk) (C)	Normanhurst	Weblin
Alistair Fernandes	Hornsby	Weblin	Arjun Hari	Castle Hill RSL	Weblin
Liam Escott	Castle Hill RSL		Adidev Chandrasekar	Castle Hill RSL	Weblin
Raul Kandiah	Hornsby	Weblin	Josef Stransky	Asquith RL	Weblin
Hayden Ross	Oakhill	Weblin	Naksh Ravilla	Beecroft	Moore
Joel Pagano	Kissing Point	Moore	Harbaz Singh	Castle Hill RSL	Moore
Akif Malik	Oakhill	Moore	Jaisal Bachhal	Oakhill	Moore
Virat Balian	Hornsby	Moore	Ayronveer Gill	Castle Hill RSL	Moore
Benjamin Strefner	Oakhill	Moore	Matthew Busuttil	Oakhill	Moore
Vyom Goel (wk)	Hornsby	Moore	Rajveer Sandhu	Glenorie	Moore
Vivan Rasotra	Beecroft / Pennant Hills	Moore			

RTC EAST TEAM



Back row: Bruce Wood (Umpire), Tyler Lang (Coach), Akif Malik, Vyom Goel (w-k), Joel Pagano, Liam Escott, Ross Turner, Scott Reid (Umpire)

Front row: Vivan Rasotra, Ben Strefner, Raul Kandiah, Sean Mukhtar (Captain), Alistair Fernandes, Virat Balian, Hayden Ross

RTC WEST TEAM



Back row: Bruce Wood, Connor Hindmarch (Coach), Harbaz Singh, Ayronev Gill, Josef Stransky, Ross Turner, Scott Reid

Front row: Adidev Chandresekar, Jaisal Bachhal, Naksh Ravilla, Rory Rapa (w-k) (Captain), Arjun Hari, Matthew Busuttil, Rajveer Sandhu

28th ANNUAL HK&HDCA ROSS TURNER CUP (U/15) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH**EAST V. WEST**

Played at Turramurra Oval on Sunday, 15 February 2026

Toss: East team – bowled first (Maximum 30 overs, after rain interruptions)

Umpires – Scott Reid and Bruce Wood OAM

Coaches – Tyler Lang (East) and Connor Hindmarch (West)

WEST

1	Jaisal Bachhal	c. Ben Strefner b. Alistair Fernandes	0	Super Over	
2	Rajveer Sandhu	Run Out (Vyom Goel – wk)	2		
3	Rory Rapa (wk) (Capt)	b. Akif Malik	30		
4	Ayronveer Gill	b. Ben Strefner	7		0 *
5	Harbaz Singh	c. Liam Escott b. Hayden Ross	7		
6	Josef Stransky	c. Vivan Rasotra b. Virat Balian	7		2
7	Adidev Chandresekar	LBW b. Vivan Rasotra	7		5 *
8	Arjun Hari	c. Ben Strefner b. Vivan Rasotra	1		
9	Naksh Ravilla	c. Vivan Rasotra b. Ben Strefner	13		
10	Matthew Busuttil	c. Joel Pagano b. Virat Balian	2		
11	Jaisal Bachhal	Not Out	2		
Sundries		2 b, 1 lb, 6 w, 0 nb	9		3
TOTAL		28.3 overs	10 wickets for	87	10
FoW		0, 8, 22, 50, 50, 59, 67, 71, 77, 87			

		O	M	R	W
1	Joel Pagano	5	2	9	0
2	Alistair Fernandes	4	3	8	1
3	Raul Kandiah	5	0	14	0
4	Ben Strefner	4.3	0	8	2

		O	M	R	W
5	Hayden Ross	2	0	10	1
6	Akif Malik	3	0	10	1
7	Vivan Rasotra	3	0	14	2
8	Virat Balian	2	0	11	2

SO	Joel Pagano	1	0	10	1
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EAST

1	Sean Mukhtar (Capt)	c. Ayronveer Gill b. Josef Stransky	10	Super Over	10 *
2	Vyom Goel (wk)	c. Rory Rapa (wk) b. Adidev Chandresekar	1		1 *
3	Liam Escott	c. Rory Rapa (wk) b. Arjun Hari	20		
4	Akif Malik	b. Matthew Busuttil	3		
5	Joel Pagano	c. & b. Naksh Ravilla	16		
6	Vivan Rasotra	c. Rory Rapa (wk) b. Arjun Hari	3		
7	Virat Balian	LBW b. Arjun Hari	0		
8	Ben Strefner	Not Out	18		
9	Alistair Fernandes	c. Rory Rapa (wk) b. Naksh Ravilla	2		
10	Hayden Ross	b. Josef Stransky	5		
11	Raul Kandiah	Not Out	1		
Sundries		3 b, 0 lb, 4 w, 1 nb	8		
TOTAL		30 overs	9 wickets for	87	11
FoW		5, 30, 37, 40, 49, 49, 63, 67, 84			

		O	M	R	W
1	Harbaz Singh	6	0	24	0
2	Adidev Chandresekar	4	0	13	1
3	Naksh Ravilla	6	2	11	2

		O	M	R	W
4	Josef Stransky	5	1	18	2
5	Arjun Hari	6	1	10	3
6	Matthew Busuttil	3	0	8	1

SO	Adidev Chandresekar	1	0	11	0
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MATCH TIED – EAST TEAM WON THE SUPER OVER BY ONE RUN

Players of the Match – Joel Pagano (East); Rory Rapa (West)

RTC AND GHC CAPTAINS, COACHES, UMPIRES & SPECIAL GUESTS



Back row: **Bruce Wood** OAM; **Alf James** OAM; **Margaret Hourigan**; **Ross Turner**; **Ben Burrows & Zach Rapa** (GHC coaches); **Connor Hindmarch & Tyler Lang** (RTC coaches); **Scott Reid**; **Steve Williams**
Front row: **Jack McFarland & Vivaan Mittal** (GHC captains); **Sean Mukhtar & Rory Rapa** (RTC captains)

Ross Turner Cup coaches (since 2010-11) – Daniel Anderson, Lachlan Bailey, Mike Burgin, Jayden Camp, Braden Cheng, Aaron Crofts, Cooper Davenport, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Ephthorp, Will Fiedler, Hame Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Andrew Harvey, Joe Hiley, Connor Hindmarch, Mark Holden, Nick Hook, Tyler Lang, Will McFadden, Nick McNay, Corey Miller, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Jamie Shaw, Ryan Swain (25)

GRADUATES FROM ROSS TURNER CUP TO FIRST GRADE

The organisers of the annual U/15 Ross Turner Cup match are proud that **50** players have graduated to play First Grade cricket in Sydney (see below – **Northern District CC** players highlighted in **blue**).

Greg Marks Michael Friedrich Matthew Code David Ball Kieran Lahey Scott Rodgie Matthew Phillips Timm van der Gugten Jon Whealing Robert Watts	David Lowery James Kerr Scott Copperfield Neil Kimberley Shaun Eaton Chris Thorburn Guy Seymour Lachlan Ford Matthew Taylor Ben Phillips	Daniel Anderson James Shepherd Anjan Oberai Daniel Nicotra Clayton Waters Nick Miller Justin Rodgie Connor Jackson John Anderson Josh Miller	Oliver Hing Ryan Tullia Joe Hiley Ben Knox Corey Miller Matt Wright Lachlan Shaw Eknoor Singh Jack Nisbet Yash Patel	Ken Chu Jamieson Hedges Aaron Crofts Jordan Fullagar Cam Tunks Kye Thornley Jordan Netto Will Coffey John James Will Byrom
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RTC COACHES

Tyler LANG (East team) RAB (pace); RHB (middle-order)

Cricket Coaching

- 2019 – Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) Accredited Coaching Course
- 2020 to 2026 – Barker College Cricket Coach (A team, NDCC Schools Cup Team and 2nd XI Coach)
- 2021 to present – HK&HDCA Representative Coach (Moore Shield in 2025-26)
- 2022 – Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) Accredited Coaching Course
- 2022 to present – CricketLAB Private and Groups Coach
- 2023 to present – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – Program Coordinator (Treasurer in 2025-26)
- 2023 to 2026 – Barker College Year 9 Lead Coach (9A and 9B Premierships in 2024-25 season)
- 2023-24 – CAS U/15 Representative Team – Assistant Coach
- 2024-25 and 2025-26 – Coach – HK&HDCA Ross Turner Cup – U/15 East team (winners)
- 2024-25 – Barker College – Alyssa Healy Contribution to Cricket Award (top cricket staff award)
- 2026 – Knox Grammar School – Year 7 Lead Coach and 7A Team Coach
- 2025-26 – CAS U/15 Representative Team – Manager

Cricket Playing

- 2010 – 2019 – Barker College School 'A' Teams and 2nd XI
- 2018-19 – Barker College 2nd XI (17 wickets @ 11.6, BB – 5/12)
- 2018 – Barker College Sri Lanka Tour (7 wickets @ 21.7, BB – 3/32; HS 37)



Connor HINDMARCH (West team)
RHB (opener); RAB (medium-pace)

Cricket Coaching

- 2018 – Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) Accredited Coaching Course
- 2019-20 – 2024-25 – coached HK&HDCA representative teams (Weblin Shield Premiers in 2024-25)
- 2020-2024 – Cricket NSW / Sydney Sixers – casual Cricket Program Co-ordinator – school and holiday programs
- 2022-2024 – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – school holiday junior cricket clinics; Blowfly Cricket
- 2023-2025 – The King's School – Special Batting / Bowling Coach (Years 7 – 11)
- 2023 – Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) Accredited Coaching Course (Cricket NSW)
- 2022-23 – HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup – West team – Coach
- 2023-24 and 2025-26 – HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup – West team – Coach
- 2023-2025 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – Academy Head Coach
- 2024 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – President's Award
- 2024 – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – President's Award
- 2024 to present – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – Head Coach
- 2025 – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – Coach of the Year (Bruce Wood Cup)
- 2025 to present – Gordon District Cricket Club – AW Green Shield Coach
- 2025 to present – The King's School – 1st XI Assistant and Head Pace Bowling Coach
- 2025 – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) / NDCC – Assistant Coach on Tour of India
- 2025 – The King's School – Assistant Coach on Tour of Sri Lanka

Cricket Playing

- 2010 – 2024 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC (BB – 5/0; HS 107*) – 3 premierships
- 2012-18 – HK&HDCA Presidents Cup (Captain)
- 2014-15 – HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup
- School Cricket – Pennant Hills High School – First XI (2015 – 2019)
- 2016 – HK&HDCA reps (U/15) – Newcastle Carnival (Captain)
- Attended many Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) school holiday clinics in his youth and won the prestigious Phillip Hughes Medal in January 2015 at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara.

RTC UMPIRES

Scott Reid is the Executive Officer (and Life Member) of HK&HDCA; and a former President of the Umpires' Association (HKHDCUA). He has umpired over 240 matches for HKHDCUA since 1998-99, plus six NSWDC / NSWYC Shield Finals; the Final of the NSW Schools Championship Cup in 2019; seven RTC and two GHC fixtures. He has also umpired 20 HK&HDCA senior competition grand finals (including T20s) and 12 junior competition grand finals. Scott is in his 36th season as a player for Beecroft CC in the HK&HDCA competitions, starting in the U/16s back in 1985-86. He served 10 seasons on both the Association's Executive and Senior Competition Committee between 1994-95 to 2004-05. Scott jointly holds (with Adam Nash – 329) the HK&HDCA record for the highest partnership for any wicket in any Senior grade – 7th wicket, 427 runs in the B Reserve Grade Final at Parklands Oval in 1990-91 (Scott scored 212 no in a team total of 725). Scott has scored over 10,000 runs in HK&HDCA senior cricket, including seven centuries and 50 half-centuries; won four Association batting awards, and played in 14 HK&HDCA senior competition grand finals, winning 7 premierships.



Bruce Wood OAM received an Order of Australia Medal in 2022 for his service to cricket. He was recognised by Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia as the *Community Match Official of the Year* at the national 'A Sport For All' Awards in 2020; and featured in the Cricket Sydney publication: bit.ly/BGW-Cricket-Oct-2020. Bruce has been a member of the HK&HDCA Executive Committee since 2007; President of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) since 2010; RTC / GHC Convenor since 2010; and Umpires' Co-ordinator for the Associated Schools of NSW (CAS) since 2017. Bruce is a Representative (Level 2) accredited coach who was Head Coach on HK&HDCA's first overseas tours to India in 2006, and New Zealand in 2007. He was the Manager (and umpire) on the HKHDCCA U/15 Boys tours to Sri Lanka (2015); West Indies (2017); India (2019, 2023 & 2025); and U/17 Girls tour to India (2024). HKHDCCA's prestigious *Coach of the Year* perpetual trophy (Bruce Wood Cup) is named in his honour in recognition of his exemplary work and achievements in the field of cricket coaching for 30 years. Bruce is an experienced NSWCUA Level 2 qualified umpire who has officiated in over 800 official matches since 2001-02, including 80+ Grand Finals (one at the SCG and one at Bradman Oval, Bowral). He is a respected Life Member of four cricket bodies – HK&HDCA; Coaches' Association; Barker CC and Normanhurst CC. Cricket NSW presented Bruce with an inaugural Community Distinguished Service Award in January 2025.



RTC AND GHC UMPIRES 2025-26



Scott Reid and Bruce Wood OAM (RTC); with Alf James OAM and Steve Williams (GHC)



GLENN HOURIGAN CUP

23rd Annual Match

HK&HDCA's Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) contest began in 2003-04 following the success of the annual U/15 Ross Turner Cup (RTC) fixture, which was inaugurated in 1998-99 to promote an opportunity for our best junior players to appear in a 'showcase' game of high level representative standard cricket.

Tom Richmond OAM was the Founder of the GHC (and RTC) matches, and he passed the responsibility to **Bruce Wood** OAM in 2010-11. Bruce has been the RTC / GHC Convenor and President of the Coaches' Association for 16 years and has decided that 2025-26 will be his last season in the roles. In



2010-11, Bruce changed the GHC age group from U/12 to U/13, in consultation with Glenn Hourigan and other HK&HDCA officials. He introduced preliminary GHC T20 matches a week before the main GHC matches and these fixtures proved to be popular for 8 years from 2011-12 to 2018-19. He arranged the RTC and GHC fixtures on adjacent ovals to assist families and HK&HDCA officials, initially at Kenthurst 1 & 2, before switching to Turramurra Oval (RTC) and Karuah Park (GHC). Bruce also provided opportunities for 576 GHC players and 56 GHC coaches.

Glenn Hourigan was the Association's Representative Secretary from 1988 to 2001, when HK&HDCA won the U/19 Durham Shield twice, the Martin Shield, the U/15 Weblin Shield and the Girls' U/14 representative competition. His contribution to rep. cricket within our Association was enormous, covering our participation in all NSWDCA Shield competitions. He also championed the entry of 'development' representative teams in the IDCA / President's Cup competitions when he was delegate to IDCA from 1988 to 2001. Glenn was involved in numerous coaching initiatives, including the significant *Northern Cricket* programs that led the way many years ago. He contributed massively to organising competent coaching and management of our inter-district representative teams. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of the girls' cricket competitions that were emerging at the time.

No-one has ever taken greater pride in our Association or worked harder for its representative teams than Glenn. For his services to cricket, Glenn was awarded HK&HDCA Life Membership (# 38) in 1997; and was a recipient of the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. Glenn was proud that this 'showcase' U/13 annual fixture was played for a cup that carries his name. Sadly, Glenn passed away on 3 May 2023 (aged 79).

Refer to the historical GHC Programs at this link: www.hkhdcca.com.au/ghc-reports/

This year's 23rd GHC match took place on Sunday, 15th February 2026 at Karuah Park, adjacent to the U/15 RTC match at Turramurra Oval. The selected teams comprised players from HK&HDCA's U/13 Gee Shield & U/12 Cawsey Shield representative teams in 2025-26. Congratulations to the two young coaches, **Zach Rapa** (East) and **Ben Burrows** (West), who did a great job with their teams. **Steve Williams** and **Alf James** OAM umpired this GHC match, which was Alf's 15th consecutive year as one of the GHC umpires. We were delighted that Margaret Hourigan could attend the official introductions and the start of this year's GHC match. We thank the HK&HDCA sponsors, Kookaburra Sport (**Cameron Eve**) for supplying the match balls and Player of the Match awards.

GHC West 7/138 [38.3 overs] (N. Samarasekara 38, A. Tangri 25, V. Mittal 16, K. Karunaratne 2/15) def. **GHC East 6/137** [40 overs] (A. Deshpande 33, A. Qureshi 26, K. Karunaratne 25, S. Narayanan 21, K. Patel 16 no, V. Mittal 2/15) by 3 wickets

EAST			WEST		
Name	Club	Rep. team	Name	Club	Rep. team
Zach Rapa	Normanhurst	(Coach)	Ben Burrows	WPHC	(Coach)
Jack McFarland (C)	Glenorie	Gee	Vivaan Mittal (C)	Castle Hill RSL	Gee
Kaia Karunaratne	Castle Hill RSL	Gee	Ishaan Sharma	WPHC	Gee
Vihaan Parate	Beecroft / PH	Gee	Nethula Samarasekara	Berowra	Gee
Lachlan Wallis	Castle Hill RSL	Gee	Liam Daly (wk)	ARL	Gee
Yehen Vidanapathirana	Castle Hill RSL	Gee	Shabarish Kumar	WPHC	Gee
Kayan Patel	Beecroft	Gee	Vibhu Venkatesan	Beecroft / PH	Gee
Archis Deshpande (wk)	Castle Hill RSL	Cawsey	Samkit Shah	WPHC	Cawsey
Sachin Narayanan	WPHC	Cawsey	Jagot Singh Mangat	WPHC	Cawsey
Azir Qureshi	Kissing Point	Cawsey	Hudson Woods	Kenthurst	Cawsey
Vihaan Virmani	WPHC	Cawsey	Aston McBrien	Kenthurst	Cawsey
Abhinav Baidya	Beecroft / PH	Cawsey	Aditya Akella	ARL	Cawsey
			Aryaveer Tangri	WPHC	Cawsey

GHC East team



Back row: Lachlan Wallis, Yehen Vidanapathirana, Zach Rapa (coach), Kayan Patel, Sachin Narayanan, Vihaan Virmani,
Front row: Vihaan Parate, Kaian Karunaratne, Jack McFarland (captain), Abhinav Baidya, Azir Qureshi, Archis Deshpande

GHC West team



Back row: Vibhu Venkatesan, Hudson Woods, Shabarish Kumar, Ishaan Sharma, Ben Burrows (coach), Aryaveer Tangri,
Aditya Akella, Samkit Shah,
Front row: Liam Daly, Nethula Samarasekara, Vivaan Mittal (captain), Jaggot Singh Mangat, Aston McBrien

GHC UMPIRES

Alf James OAM is a Life Member of HK&HDCA and the NSWDCA, and was President of HK&HDCA for 22 years (1980 – 2002). He is a Patron of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA). Alf holds the distinction of being the only player in HK&HDCA history to score over 10,000 runs and take in excess of 1,000 wickets in the local Senior Competition. In 2013-14, he completed his Jubilee season, an incredible 50 consecutive years playing in the HK&HDCA Senior Competition. The HK&HDCA C3 Grade premiership perpetual trophy is named in his honour. Alf has represented NSW in the Over 70s & Over 80s cricket teams. He has umpired 230 matches for HKHDCUA, including the past 15 GHC matches since 2011-12. Alf is the author of over 20 historical cricket books, including one on Sir Donald Bradman.

Alf compiled the HK&HDCA Centenary Report 2026, *Summer Saturdays, 25 years on*, and Volume 2 (statistics).



Steve Williams returned to umpiring cricket in 2023 after a 20+ year absence raising his family. He played cricket in HK&HDCA in the 1980s & 1990s, also holding the position of President of Turrumurra CC for many years (a merge between North Turrumurra and Kissing Point in 1990-2000).

After retiring from playing, Steve took up umpiring in the late 1990s, officiating both HK&HDCA A Grade matches and NSWDCA Telegraph and Martin Shield competitions. Steve has performed very well for HKHDCUA in recent years and was appointed to umpire the A Grade Final in 2024-25.

Steve serves on the Executive Committee of HKHDCUA as Assistant Secretary and assists with the umpire appointments, the OfficialsHQ (PlayHQ) responsibilities, the umpires' website and other administrative duties. Steve won the HKHDCUA Alex Terry Memorial 'Umpire of the Year' Award and the President's Award in 2024-25.



Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) coaches (since 2010-11)

Lachlan Anchique, Daniel Anderson, John Anderson, Lachlan Bailey; Sanjay Balakumar, Jarod Baxter, Riley Behlevanas, Calvin Breytenbach, Ben Burrows, Will Byrom, Jayden Camp, Danielle Chivers; Kenneth Chu, Aaron Crofts, Blake Davenport, Cooper Davenport, Alex Dolly, Jack Donkin, Alex Fitzgerald, Jordan Fullagar, Andrew Harvey, Daniel Heidegger, Joe Hiley, Connor Hindmarch, Nick Hook, Oliver Jennings, Will Johnston, Rahul Krishna, Riley Mackay; James Madden, Will McCarroll, Riley McDowell, Nick McNay, Matt McVay, Corey Miller, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Peter Murray, Shivraj Rana, Zach Rapa, Rashad Rizme, Charlie Rose, Danusha Seneviratne, Jamie Shaw, Mansimar Singh, Utkarsh Somaia, Ryan Swain, Nathan Tanner, Dhruva Thorat, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Matt Vile, Alistair Weston, Fraser Wilson, Daniel Wood, Matt Wright (56)

GHC players have advanced to First Grade Cricket in Sydney (since 2003-04)

Lachlan Ford, Ben Phillips, Daniel Anderson, John Anderson, Corey Miller, Josh Miller, Joe Hiley, Yash Patel, Lachlan Shaw, Jordan Fullagar, Cam Tunks, Will Coffey, Will Byrom (Northern District); Scott Copperfield, Matt Taylor, Kye Thornley, John James (Parramatta); Patrick Xie (Parramatta & Sydney Uni.); Guy Seymour (Western Suburbs, Fairfield-Liverpool & St George); Justin Rodgie (North Sydney & Sydney); Jack Nisbet (Sydney & Mosman); Connor Jackson, Aaron Crofts (University NSW); Tim Reynolds, Jamieson Hedges, Dylan Mares, Jordan Netto (North Sydney); Eknoor Singh (Blacktown & Randwick); Kenneth Chu (Easts); Nick Miller, Jack Skilbeck, Ryan Tullia, Matt Wright (Gordon); Rehaan Shyamsundar (West); Oliver Hing (Northern District & Wests). (35)



GHC COACHES

Ben BURROWS (West team)

Cricket player

- 2014 – 2023 – HK&HDCA U/8 – U/17 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC
- 2017 – 2022 – HK&HDCA Reps.
- 2020 – present – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC (D1 – A1 Grade) – 9 wickets @ 17.3
- 2020 – Charles Booth Memorial Trophy Winner
- 2022 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – 4th Grade T20 Champions - 6 wickets @ 12.8
- 2022 – 2023 – CTHS Alan Davidson Shield – Sydney North Champions (Captain)
- 2023 – CHS NSW Carnival – Sydney North Representative Team
- 2024 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – 1st Grade T20 Champions – 5 wickets @ 13.4

Coaching

- 2021 – Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) Accredited Coach
- 2021 – 2025 – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – Skills session & Academy Coach
- 2022 – present – Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – school holiday junior cricket clinics and Club Programs
- 2023-24 – Coaches' Association – Rookie Coach award
- 2025 – present – The King's School – Specialist Fast Bowling Coach
- 2025 – Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) Accredited Coach
- 2025 – present – West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC – Head Coach
- 2026 – Cricket NSW – Sixers and Thunder T20 Academy Coach

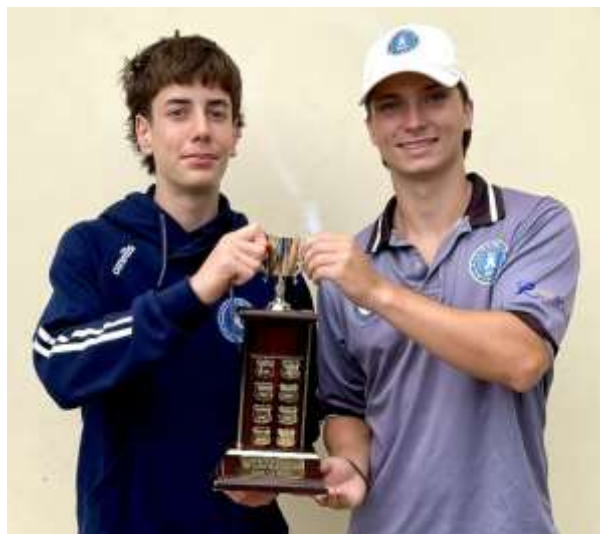
Zach RAPA (East team)

Cricket player

- 2017-18 – 2023-24 – HK&HDCA Reps.
- 2016-17 – 2021-22 – HK&HDCA U/8 – U/13 – Hornsby DCC
- 2015-16 and 2022-23 – 2024-25 – Normanhurst-Warrawee CC (A Grade 2024-25 – 2025-26)
- 2023-24 – Normanhurst-Warrawee CC – C3 Grade Champions – 324 runs @ 46.3, HS 84
- 2022-23 – NSWYC U/14 Moore Shield Champions – Captain – 200 runs @ 29.0 ave.
- 2022-23 – NSW U14 State Challenge – 50 runs, HS 31
- 2023 – Coaches' Association / NDCC – U/15 India tour
- 2023-24 – 2025-26 – Northern District CC – Grade cricket
- 2023-24 – Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield team
- 2024-25 – Northern District CC – U/16 AW Green Shield – undefeated Champions and State title
- 2020-21 and 2021-22 – HK&HDCA U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup
- 2023-24 – HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup – West team (winning captain)
- 2024-25 – 2025-26 – St Pius X College – 1st XI team

Coaching

- 2024 – Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) Accredited Coaching Course
- 2024-25 – HK&HDCA U/13 Gee Shield – Assistant Coach
- 2025-26 – HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield – Assistant Coach
- 2024-25 onwards – Coaches' Association – school holiday junior cricket clinics and Club Programs
- 2024-25 – Coaches' Association – Rookie Coach award
- 2024-25 and 2025-26 – Glenn Hourigan Cup coach



23rd ANNUAL HK&HDCA GLENN HOURIGAN CUP (U/13) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH**EAST V. WEST**

Played at Karuah Park, Turramurra on Sunday, 15 February 2026

Toss: West team – bowled first (Maximum 40 overs)

Umpires – Steve Williams and Alf James OAM

Coaches – Ben Burrows (West) and Zach Rapa (East)

EAST

1	Kaian Karunaratne	b. Vivaan Mittal	25
2	Archis Deshpande (wk)	Run Out (Aryaveer Tangri / Jagjot Mangat)	33
3	Lachlan Wallis	c. Vivaan Mittal b. Vibhu Venkatesan	2
4	Jack McFarland (Capt)	c. & b. Aryaveer Tangri	5
5	Sachin Narayanan	c. Samkit Shah b. Vivaan Mittal	21
6	Azir Qureshi	c. Vivaan Mittal b. Aditya Akella	26
7	Kayan Patel	Not Out	16
8	Abhinav Baidya	Not Out	2
9	Yehen Vidanapathirana	DNB	
10	Vihaan Parate	DNB	
11	Vihaan Virmani	DNB	
Sundries		4 b, 0 lb, 1 w, 2 nb	7
TOTAL		40 overs	6 wickets for 137
FoW		40, 50, 64, 86, 103, 129	

		O	M	R	W
1	Ishaan Sharma	5	1	22	0
2	Aditya Akella	4	0	16	1
3	Aston McBrien	4	0	16	0
4	Vivaan Mittal	5	1	15	2
5	Shabarish Kumar	5	0	10	0

		O	M	R	W
6	Vibhu Venkatesan	5	2	13	1
7	Aryaveer Tangri	5	0	11	1
8	Samkit Shah	5	0	20	0
9	Nethula Samarasekara	2	0	10	0

WEST

1	Vivaan Mittal (Capt)	b. Kayan Patel	16
2	Nethula Samarasekara	Run Out (Lachlan Wallis / Kaian Karunaratne)	38
3	Samkit Shah	b. Yehen Vidanapathirana	3
4	Aryaveer Tangri	b. Vihaan Parate	25
5	Vibhu Venkatesan	c. Jack McFarland b. Kaian Karunaratne	3
6	Jagjot Singh Mangat	c. Jack McFarland b. Kaian Karunaratne	7
7	Hudson Woods	c. Yehen Vidanapathirana b. Azir Qureshi	11
8	Shabarish Kumar	Not Out	0
9	Aston McBrien	Not Out	0
10	Ishaan Sharma	DNB	
11	Aditya Akella	DNB	
12	Liam Daly	DNB	
Sundries		18 b, 7 lb, 8 w, 2 nb	35
TOTAL		38.3 overs	7 wickets for 138
FoW			

		O	M	R	W
1	Vihaan Parate	6	0	20	1
2	Kayan Patel	7	1	15	1
3	Abhinav Baidya	4	0	11	0
4	Kaian Karunaratne	7	0	15	2

		O	M	R	W
5	Vihaan Virmani	7	0	30	0
6	Yehen Vidanapathirana	7	0	22	1
7	Azir Qureshi	0.3	0	0	1

WEST TEAM WON BY 3 WICKETS

Players of the Match – Kaian Karunaratne (East); Nethula Samarasekara (West)

BRUCE WOOD OAM – PRESIDENT, COACHES' ASSOCIATION (HKHDCCA) 2010 – 2026

- **2001** – Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) accredited coach.
- **2000 – 2009** – coached HK&HDCA rep. teams, including U/15 Weblin Shield, undefeated Premiers in 2005-06.
- **2010** – established the Coaches' Association; formed an Executive Committee (office bearers); formally affiliated with HK&HDCA; arranged for the organisation to become a legal entity by compiling a Constitution and organising Incorporated Association approval through NSW Fair Trading.
- **2010** – formed a partnership between the Coaches' Association and Northern District CC in relation to the school holiday junior cricket clinics at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara, and later, overseas cricket tours.
- **2011** – formed a partnership between the Coaches' Association and BlowFly Cricket (children and adults with special needs), with regard to the provision of free coaching sessions for the Blowies; opportunities for some BlowFly Cricket coaches to assist at our 'mainstream' clinics; facilitating Community (Level 1) coaching courses for BlowFly Cricket; and volunteering at the BlowFly Cricket fund-raising BBQs at Bunnings, Thornleigh.
- **2010 to 2026** – organised 94 HKHDCCA school holiday junior cricket clinics and attended most of them, coaching a group until 2020-21 when a dedicated COVID-19 Marshal was required. Over 5,700 boys and girls have attended these clinics, guided by 170 accredited coaches. Introduced several popular features at the clinics, including the MasterClass sessions in 2012 and the Phillip Hughes Medal awards in 2015. Designed, ordered and stored HKHDCCA uniforms for players and coaches for 16 years.
- **2010 to 2026** – coached at HKHDCCA school holiday clinics and other programs for a record 300+ days.
- **2011 to 2026** – compiled 16 HKHDCCA Annual Reports – www.hkhdcca.com.au/annual-reports/
- **2010-11 to 2025-26** – Convenor of HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup and U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup annual 'showcase' matches for 16 years. Umpired 20 consecutive RTC matches (2006-07 to 2025-26).
- **2011** – presented with the HK&HDCA Integrity Cup – *Exemplary Sportsmanship and Development of Cricket in the Local District*, on behalf of the Coaches' Association.
- **2011** – HKHDCCA Coach of the Year perpetual trophy (Bruce Wood Cup) named in his honour.
- **2011 to 2019** – organised HKHDCCA off-season (Winter) Specialist Coaching programs at James Park, Hornsby for U/10 – U/15 players.
- **2013** – Inducted as the 50th Life Member of HK&HDCA.
- **2015 to 2025** – Managed HKHDCCA / NDCC representative teams on 6 overseas cricket tours (also umpired on 4 tours). Boys U/15 tours to Sri Lanka (2015); Barbados / USA (2017); India (2019, 2023, 2025); and an U/17 Girls tour to India (2024). Compiled detailed Tour Reports – www.hkhdcca.com.au/overseas-tour-reports/
Head Coach – U12 Lismore (2003), U13 Ballina (2004), U14 Newcastle (2005), U15 India (2006), U16 NZ (2007)
- **2015 to 2026** – organised ClubGRANTS funding from Parramatta Leagues Club (10 successful submissions) for the Coaches' Association, which was beneficial in subsidising registration fees for parents, and purchasing cricket equipment and uniforms. Also secured five Government Grants from NSW Sport & Recreation.
- **2017** – Inducted as the 3rd Life Member of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA).
- **2017-18** – introduced two new annual HKHDCCA awards with perpetual trophies – the President's Award, and the Rookie Coach Award.
- **2020** – Cricket Australia 'A Sport for All' national award - *Community Match Official of the Year* (and Cricket NSW State award in the same category).
- **2021-22** – at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, Bruce compiled 150 posts (story & photos) on Facebook and Instagram, highlighting coaches, officials, volunteers and former HKHDCCA players to give them a boost.
- **2022** – awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his extensive Service to Cricket (on Australia Day).
- **2022-25** – worked part-time for Cricket NSW as a casual Cricket Program Coordinator, running cricket activity programs in primary schools in north-western Sydney (220 dates at 39 different schools).
- **2023** – designed and introduced a special crown-sized commemorative coin for the Coaches' Association.
- **2007-08 to 2025-26** – Member of the HK&HDCA Executive Committee for nearly two decades, the last 16 years representing the Coaches' Association at HK&HDCA meetings, AGMs, Presentation Nights, etc.
- **2010 to 2026** – set up and managed the Coaches' Association's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram & LinkedIn), regularly promoting HKHDCCA programs, coaches, players, award winners and volunteers.
- **2024-25** – performed the additional (office-bearer) role of Treasurer of the Coaches' Association.
- **2024-25** – Good Sports Program – completed a series of online obligations and policies so the Coaches' Association could attain Gold Medal status.
- **2024-25** – presented with the Cricket NSW – *Community Partnership of the Year Award* (with HK&HDCA), on behalf of the Coaches' Association.
- **2025** – inaugural winner of a *Community Distinguished Service Award*, presented by Cricket NSW.
- **2025** – instrumental in establishing a new website www.hkhdcca.com.au for the Coaches' Association, in consultation with PurpleScape Pty Ltd. Organised regular website updates in 2025-26.

COMMENTS BY SOME PATRONS / LIFE MEMBERS OF THE COACHES' ASSOCIATION

Bruce Wood OAM, Founder of the Coaches' Association, announced that he had decided to stand down from the President's role at the conclusion of the 2025-26 cricket season, after 16 years of leading the Committee and the organisation.

Connor Hindmarch (Head Coach) and **Chris Burnett** (Vice-President) spoke on behalf of the committee and coaches, thanking Bruce for his enormous contribution to the Coaches' Association, leading the organisation to growth, success and a terrific reputation in the local cricket community. They jointly made a presentation to Bruce (see image at right).

Ross Turner (Patron)

CONCEPT & EXECUTION – season 2025-26 was a landmark year for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), based on the successful delivery of a now expansive program of initiatives [as detailed in this Annual Report]. Established in 2010, the Coaches' Association's charter was to augment coaching and player development opportunities in a quest to strengthen the quality of cricket, and to enhance participant experience [competition & other], conducted under the auspices of the HK&HDCA.

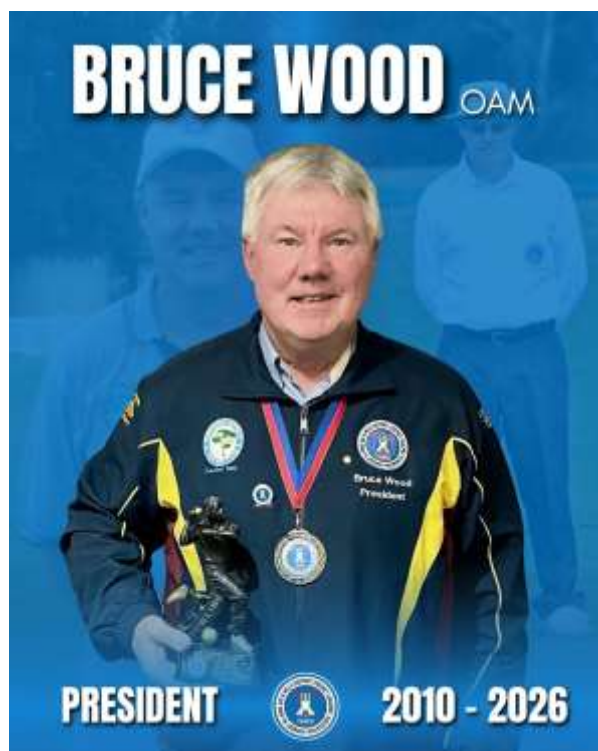


Bruce Wood, Ross Turner, Rod Hokin (in 2011)

Bruce has brought remarkable energy and skill to build the capacity of the Coaches' Association, such that it is now a recognised and reputable institution. Put simply, growth and development are evident in all facets of cricket in the north-west region of Sydney because of the Association's endeavours, due in good proportion to Bruce's leadership, coordination and delegation therein.

BENEFITS – since the Association's inception, there have been numerous key undertakings that have contributed positively to the development of cricket in Sydney's north-west region. These initiatives have produced a discernible shift in the cricketing microcosm, the benefits of which include: increased participation in junior & youth players, especially female cricketers; strengthening of opportunities for all abilities players and coaches led by Mark Rushton, via BlowFly Cricket; training, accreditation and deployment of coaches; successful delivery of junior and youth coaching clinics and overseas tours; streamlining of the Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup match day arrangements; enhanced performance of HKHDCA junior representative teams, which has contributed to Northern District CC's AW Green Shield team's impressive record of achievement [4 premierships in 8 seasons]; and increased presence of local coaches and players in Cricket NSW's talent development program[s].

TRIBUTE – fittingly, Bruce was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2022 for distinguished service to cricket. In 2020, he was recognised by Cricket Australia as the Community Match Official of the Year. In 2025, Cricket NSW presented him with an inaugural Community Distinguished Service Award. **Bruce Wood** OAM stood down as President of the Coaches' Association at the Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2026 after 16 years [2010 – 2026 inclusive]. Congratulations are extended to him for his outstanding leadership and dedication to raising coaching standards within the Association's sphere of influence.



The concept of a Coaches' Association was created in 2010 by a group of experienced cricket administrators in **Tom Richmond** OAM [HKHDCA and NDCC Life Member], **Mark Rushton** [former President HKHDCA], **Mike Langford** [Hon. Secretary of Northern District CC], and **Bruce Wood** [HK&HDCA Executive and Representative (Level 2) Coach], whose collective wisdom brought this entity to life. Beyond this, what was needed was a driving force. That is, a person who understood the vision as well as possessing the administrative acumen to plan, advocate and deliver outcomes for and on behalf of coaches, in the first instance, then players and other stakeholders. In mid-2010, **Bruce Wood** was entrusted to be the inaugural President of the Coaches' Association. In the ensuing 16 years,

The Hon. **Matt Kean** (Patron)

It has been a distinct honour to have been able to support the work of the Coaches' Association over these past years. I am very grateful for the important work the association does and feel that it has played a key role in developing not only great coaches, but great people in our cricketing community.

The dedication and leadership of **Bruce Wood** have been the most important ingredient in the success of the Coaches' Association. I am deeply grateful for Bruce's outstanding community service and on a personal note, for his ongoing friendship, encouragement and support over many years. You have made such an incredible impact Bruce. Thank you from a young cricketer who was inspired by you two decades ago, and continue to be today. I am always here to support the Coaches' Association any way I am able. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as Patron for 14 years and be part of such a wonderful organisation.

**Rod Hokin** (Life Member)

It is challenging to bid farewell without envisioning you umpiring on our wonderful overseas tours and coordinating our numerous clinics. I sincerely appreciate your efforts in opening the batting to create new opportunities for all of us and demonstrating that coaching transcends the game itself. I have thoroughly enjoyed every phase of our time together from the early days at James Park to Sri Lanka, Barbados and India. Here's to the countless inside jokes, the near misses, and the moments when you reminded us all that regardless of how wild the game becomes, it is the camaraderie and enjoyment that ultimately matter most.

**Josh Miller** (Life Member)

Thank you Bruce for your tremendous contribution to the Coaches Association as its founding President. The coaching landscape has changed so much in your time in the role, with the Coaches Association playing a leading role in the increase of high-level professional coaching across NSW, as well as the increase in development opportunities afforded to thousands of young cricketers. So many of us have the Coaches Association to thank for opening pathways within cricket – thanks personally for all of the time, effort and energy you put into my development professionally. All the best for your “retirement” – I'm still not sure I really believe it!

Response by Bruce Wood

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind words on my retirement after 16 years as President of the Coaches' Association. I am proud of what HKHDCCA has achieved since its inception in 2010, including 94 school holiday junior cricket clinics with subsidised fees (the majority at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara), involving over 5,700 boys & girls, and 170 accredited coaches.

HKHDCCA has delivered six successful overseas cricket tours (4 x India, Sri Lanka and Barbados). It has also organised the annual U/15 Ross Turner Cup and U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup fixtures, run free coaching sessions for BlowFly Cricket, delivered off-season development programs, facilitated Cricket Australia Community (formerly Level 1) accredited coaching courses, and provided 'Coach the Coaches' professional development programs.

The Coaches' Association has achieved its founding goals: raising the profile and professionalism of cricket coaching in the district, giving accredited coaches practical opportunities to develop their skills, and improving the standard of junior cricketers through a much broader participation base. This growth in the game among boys and girls aged 6 to 13 aligns with a core objective of Cricket NSW.

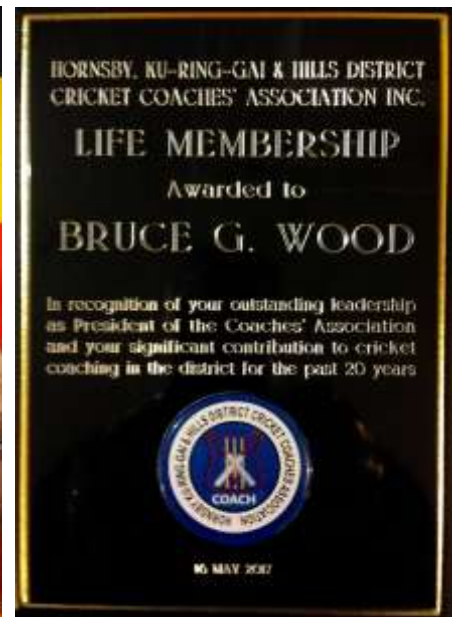
I have made some life-long friends on this journey and am pleased to have led the organisation to growth, innovation and a fantastic reputation in the local cricket community. I wish our new President, **Chris Burnett**, every success as he leads HKHDCCA in 2026-27 and beyond. I have been appointed as one of the Association's Patrons for 2026–27 and will be available to support the Committee with advice and guidance when needed.

I would like to thank all HKHDCCA coaches, Patrons, Life Members, Committee members, players and their parents, HK&HDCA club officials, Northern District CC, sponsors and volunteers who have contributed to our success over the past 16 years. There are too many people to thank individually, but I would especially like to acknowledge Rod Hokin, our Head Coach for the first 14 years. His experience, knowledge, positivity, and communication skills were instrumental in establishing and growing the Association.

The HKHDCCA coaches kindly held a farewell retirement dinner for me at Magpies Club, Waitara after our last school holiday cricket clinic in April and recorded some thoughtful messages on an electronic card at this link.

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HKHDCCA – COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Coaches' Association's annual *Coach of the Year Award* (**Bruce Wood Cup**) continues to recognise excellence in cricket coaching in the district. Online nominations were invited for representative and/or club coaching, plus HKHDCCA school holiday cricket clinics, and RTC / GHC during 2025-26.

The Executive Committee determined that **Madeleine Mitchell** from Glenorie District CC was the most deserving coach for this prestigious award. Below are some relevant points from the numerous nominations received.

- Madeleine is Vice President of Glenorie District CC and a former Junior Co-ordinator.
- She was Coach of the club's U/14 Girls HK&HDCA Stage 2 Premiership team in 2025-26. The team previously won the Stage 1 Girls Friday night competition under her coaching.
- The success of the team has truly been built on years of Madeleine's dedication, patience, leadership and commitment to developing the girls, both as cricketers and as young people. The positive culture she has created within the team and across our girls program has had a huge impact on the growth of female cricket at the club.
- Madeleine has been coaching this core group of girls since they were under 8's and were spread across mixed teams for the club. The girls were mostly sisters of boys who played for the club; they became a tight knit group with some new recruits and have carried on playing after many of their brothers stepped away from cricket.
- Her knowledge of the game and commitment to helping the girls to be the best cricketers they can be is unrivalled. But what really makes her stand out is that she is an amazing role model for these girls who have grown to love and respect their coach for everything she is as a person and everything she gives to the club, the team and each individual. Girls need female coaches like Madeleine who shows them how to be competitive, work hard and live a fit and healthy lifestyle. These girls now have a love for their club and cricket in large thanks to their amazing coach.
- Madeleine made a point of working with the girls individually to develop their specific strengths. The team developed a friendly mix of competitiveness and sportsmanship with girls that are hungry for development, while genuinely loving cricket. She encouraged the girls to trial for reps and was genuinely invested in their progress. Most weekends, she can be found at the nets – the girls know if they join her, they will get free 1 : 1 coaching.

The Coaches' Association congratulates **Madeleine Mitchell** on this special recognition, as she joins an impressive list of previous winners over the past 15 years – refer: www.hkhdcca.com.au/awards/





Amanda Fraser, Tyronne Mitchell, Madeleine Mitchell, Bruce Wood OAM, Connor Hindmarch

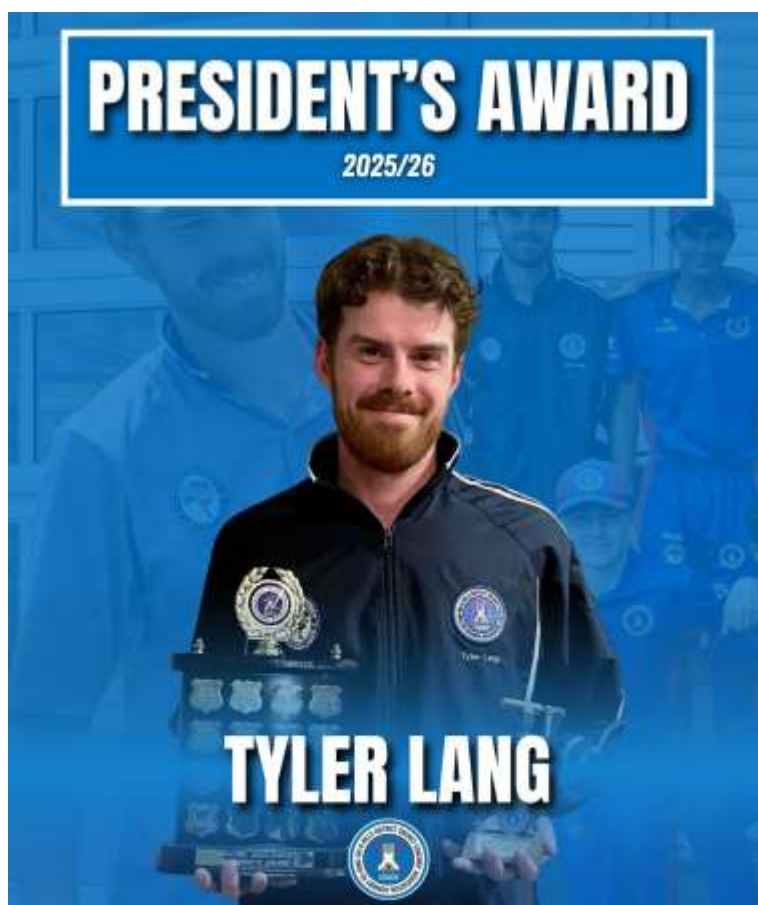


HKHDCCA – PRESIDENT'S AWARD

At the Coaches' Association's AGM on 9-June-26, **Bruce Wood** (President) announced that **Tyler Lang** was the winner of the Coaches' Association's President's Award for 2025-26. Tyler efficiently performed the Treasurer role for the Coaches' Association in 2025-26, and also undertook the role of *Community & Rep. Program Coordinator*. This entailed leading the pre-season development programs that the Coaches' Association held for Thornleigh CC; Mount Colah CC; Asquith RLCC; HK&HDCA U10 – 11 Reps; and St Ives Junior CC Girls, between June and September 2025.

Tyler completed the Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) Accredited Coaching Course in 2022. Since 2021, he has coached HK&HDCA junior representative teams (Moore Shield in 2025-26). He has been a senior HKHDCCA coach since 2023, coaching at school holiday junior cricket clinics, and club / representative pre-season development programs. Tyler has twice coached HK&HDCA U/15 Ross Turner Cup teams, winning in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Tyler played a key role in 2025-26, helping Bruce Wood (President) and Connor Hindmarch (Head Coach) with the management and program development for the Coaches' Association. Separate to HKHDCCA, he is a regular Cricket LAB Private and Groups Coach, plus he has coached cricket at Barker and Knox for many years.





HKHDCCA – ROOKIE COACH AWARD

Connor Hindmarch (HKHDCCA Head Coach) made the following comments when he presented this award at the Coaches' Association's AGM on 9 June 2026.

Amelia Moyes for Rookie Coach of the Year was a natural decision. A local talent who plays her cricket for WPHCCC, Barker and NDCC's Second Grade and U/18 Brewers, she is the perfect mould for a young leader in the association, moving forward. From the moment she stepped out of her comfort zone and into the world of coaching, Amelia has displayed a tremendous amount of dedication and enthusiasm towards her work. For me, Amelia was a worthy candidate due to the connection she drives with the junior cricketers we engage with, one of our most important values. Amelia has displayed her qualities, coaching at multiple HKHDCCA school holiday clinics across 2025-26, and she provided expert support at our St Ives Girls Pre-Season program at MTO. All of this while enjoying a successful season, taking many crucial wickets for the NDs Brewer Shield team. We're all extremely excited to see what the future holds for Amelia and we will always look to support her in her career endeavours. We're incredibly lucky to have such a strong female role model in our community, driving engagement and participation in this wonderful sport. I'd like to congratulate Amelia on winning our Rookie Coach award for 2025-26. Refer to previous winners of this special award – www.hkhdcca.com.au/awards/





ND Cup Final (6 March 2024) – Arthur Watson OAM, Amelia Moyes (Barker), Willa Pearson (PLC), Bruce Wood OAM



HK&HDCA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1926 – 2026

On 19 February 2026, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association celebrated its Centenary with a gala dinner at Hornsby RSL. Approximately 230 people attended, including Life Members, Patrons, club delegates, players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, emerging leaders, sponsors, politicians and distinguished guests. The night was a great success and a powerful reminder that the Association has always been about more than cricket alone – it's about community and long-standing relationships.

The Coaches' Association was pleased to support this event with a table of committee members, coaches and volunteers. The key identities at the gala Centenary dinner included **Justin Gross** (HK&HDCA President), **Tim Gilbert** (MC) and **Brad Haddin** (special guest speaker). HKHDCCA had four members on the Q&A Panel – **Bruce Wood** OAM (President), **Zach Rapa** (Coach), **Mark Rushton** & **Alf James** OAM (Patrons). Special thanks to **Lauren Gason** (Event Manager) for her tireless work in co-ordinating the organisation of the event. All attendees received a special HK&HDCA commemorative Centenary coin as a souvenir from the night.





Summer Saturdays 25 Years On



The History of the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai
& Hills District Cricket Association, 1926/27 to 2025/26

Alfred James



Centenary Q & A Panel

Brad Haddin



Brad Haddin is a former Australian international wicket-keeper and batter who played 66 Tests and 124 One Day Internationals for Australia, serving as Vice-Captain during his international career. A World Cup winner and Ashes series standout, he was renowned for his toughness, competitiveness and influence in high-pressure moments, most notably during the 2013-14 Ashes. Since retiring from international cricket, Brad has remained closely involved in the game through coaching, commentary and media, and is a co-host of the cricket podcast Willow Talk with Alyssa Healy and Adam Peacock.

Alf James OAM



Alf James OAM is a Life Member and long-serving contributor to the HKHDCCA, having served as President of the Association for more than two decades. He is a respected cricket historian and author, with several published books documenting the history of cricket and local competitions in Australia. Alf's deep knowledge of the game and its heritage reflects a lifetime dedicated to community cricket.

Bruce Wood OAM



Bruce Wood OAM is the founder and inaugural President of the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), a role he has held since the organisation's inception in 2010. He has successfully led HKHDCCA school holiday junior cricket clinics, coach development programs, and overseas tours. Bruce has also umpired 400 matches for HKHDCCA since 2001-02. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2022 for service to cricket, and is a Life Member of HKHDCCA.

Centenary Q & A Panel

Mark Rushton



Mark Rushton is a Life Member of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association and a former President of the Association, with a long record of leadership in community cricket. In 2009, he founded Blowfly Cricket, a community club for players of all abilities, and in 2015 was recognised as NSW Adult Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding contribution to inclusive sport and volunteer development. Mark's ongoing involvement in coaching, participation and grassroots initiatives reflects his deep commitment to cricket for everyone.

Zach Rapa



Zach Rapa is a talented young cricketer and emerging coach who has progressed through the HKHDCCA system since junior level, representing Hornsby at district and representative levels. A former Hornsby representative captain and Green Shield premiership player, he has also been recognised for his leadership and development work as HKHDCCA Rookie Coach of the Year. Zach is widely regarded as one of the district's rising cricket leaders.

Katie Mack



Katie Mack is one of Australia's most consistent domestic opening batters, admired for her composure, work ethic and leadership. A long-time cornerstone of the ACT Metros, she captained the side and was named in the 2023-24 WNCL Team of the Tournament after another prolific season. In the WBBL she has been a standout performer, earning Adelaide Strikers MVP honours after topping the club's run-scoring with 453 runs in 2023-24. Mack now represents NSW and the Sydney Sixers. She has also represented Australia A and played overseas with Lancashire in England.

COACHES' ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS SUCCESSFUL PRESEASON COACHING PROGRAMS



The Coaches' Association was pleased to conduct various preseason skills development programs to enable clubs and teams to be well prepared for the 2025-26 cricket season. These programs have been held in the superb Indoor Centre at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara, with subsidised fees, thanks to Northern District CC.

The clubs / teams that have benefited from this specialised coaching were Thornleigh CC; Mount Colah CC; Asquith RLCC; HK&HDCA U10 – 11 Reps; and St Ives Junior CC Girls, between June and September 2025.

All the players developed their skills and confidence, thanks to the high-level coaching and advice, which has fast-tracked their preparation for the season ahead. The feedback from each program has been very positive.

These beneficial programs were led by experienced Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) accredited coaches – Connor Hindmarch, Tyler Lang, Zoya Thakur, Corey Miller, Elysa Oliveri & Ben Burrows, supported by our capable Community level coaches – Alex Fitzgerald, Zach Rapa, Will Byrom, Rubein Gobinath, Ari Handley, Josh Bawcombe & Amelia Moyes.

Zoya invited some local HKHDCA rep. girls to assist in the St Ives Junior CC program as their first exposure to the delivery of structured cricket coaching in a professional environment.

If other clubs would like a tailored HKHDCCA coaching program, please email: headcoach.hkhdcca@gmail.com









CRICKET AUSTRALIA'S 'PROJECT INSPIRE' – FEMALE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Elysa Oliveri)

In October 2024, I was selected for Cricket Australia's **Project Inspire**, part of the 10-year Women & Girls Action Plan, which was designed to increase the presence and impact of women in leadership roles across all levels of the game. It provided resources and learnings for participants to create their own programs to help girls and women's cricket in their own communities. Led by former Australian Captain, Belinda Clark AO, and Chris Rubick, the program provided monthly online leadership sessions and two in-person workshops in Melbourne, focused on building various skills, while also offering the chance to connect with other participants and progress our projects.



- Workshop 1: January 30 – February 1, 2025, MCG (during the Women's Ashes Day-Night Test). A three-day immersive experience connecting 45 female cricket volunteers nationwide. It was incredibly special to be in a room filled with so many women who share the same passion for cricket, and the learning and activities across those days were both inspiring and fulfilling.
- Workshop 2: November 29 – 30, 2025, Albert Park, Melbourne. A two-day wrap-up where we presented our projects, shared outcomes, and received valuable feedback.



My Project – my initiative focused on increasing registrations in Blast Cricket for girls in the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Hills District area, introducing more girls to the sport and strengthening the grassroots pathway. With first-hand experience running an All-Girls Blast Hub on Friday nights, I saw an opportunity to help grow the grassroots space. When I first started playing cricket in 2017 for Thornleigh Cricket Club, there were only 3 other girls teams in our competition. Over the following years, we moved associations to play more teams as the competition wasn't growing, and unfortunately, our local competition disappeared.

Thanks to the dedication of local volunteers, a Stage 1 girls' competition was re-established in Hornsby, and this season a Stage 2 competition has been introduced. However, sustaining these competitions depends on continually introducing new players.

Without new players coming through at the Blast cricket level, fewer girls progress into club cricket, and the result is fewer teams, declining numbers, and eventually competitions disappearing altogether, just like what happened when I was playing, and we risk losing momentum that volunteers have worked so hard to rebuild.

What I Did – one of the best ways to introduce cricket to any child is through their schools. With the support of Cricket NSW, I ran three different school cricket Blast programs. Two were after-school programs running for four weeks, while the third was a five-week program held during school hours. All sessions were free and designed to maximise fun while teaching the basics of the game.

The three schools chosen were Normanhurst West Public School, Berowra Public School, and Mt Colah Public School. These schools were selected based on the priority clubs in the Hornsby area, which Cricket NSW supplied and helped me work through the census data to determine these clubs. Backup schools and clubs were selected as well. Once the funding was received, I sent out emails to both the clubs and the schools, to introduce myself and my program. For both Normanhurst West and Berowra Public School, I did a school visit with the Sydney Sixers Mascot to hand out flyers, to meet the already registered girls, and to promote the program. Following these visits, our registrations increased significantly, and there was a lot of excitement built up to the start of these programs.

For Mt Colah Public School, the school preferred for the program to be during school time while the sports teams are at NSWPSA. The program was the same as the other two programs, just during school hours and with more girls participating. Officials from Normanhurst Cricket Club and Berowra Cricket Club were invited to these sessions to get involved and to promote their clubs.

Normanhurst West Public School – dates: 5 – 26 August. Registrations: 51

Berowra Public School – dates: 21 August – 11 September. Registrations: 35

Mt Colah Public School – dates: 31 October – 28 November. Registrations: 25



Outcomes and Impacts – the results were encouraging. Across the three schools, more than 100 girls registered, with 20 progressing into Blast or Stage 1 cricket. This is a strong outcome given the challenges of converting school program participants into club players. The enthusiasm at Normanhurst West PS was particularly positive, and we are now planning a Social Smash program for girls there in 2026.

Personally, I have learnt a lot from this program and being part of Project Inspire. This experience has shown me how important my voice, perspective and actions are for growing girls' cricket in my community. Over the past year being in this program, I have grown significantly, both as a leader, and as a person.

Appreciation – this project would not have been possible without the support of many people. I am grateful to my Cricket NSW Blast Specialist, Jaydon Eades; Cricket Managers, Jacob O'Sullivan, Ben Garratt & Cath Ballesty for their guidance. I also thank Seamus Orr from Berowra CC, Paul McSweeney from Mt Colah CC, and Peter Bradey from Normanhurst CC, for their involvement, as well as the coaches, Lachlan, Ben, Kirra, Isaac & Dip who helped me deliver the sessions. I extend my thanks to the schools and Principals for hosting the programs and assisting with promotion.

Finally, I thank Cricket Australia for giving me the opportunity to be part of Project Inspire. I am incredibly grateful to be a part of something so special.



WILL BYROM – AUSTRALIAN U/19 TEAM – ICC WORLD CUP

The Coaches' Association congratulates **Will Byrom** on his impressive performances in the ICC U/19 Men's Cricket (50 overs) World Cup, which was held in Zimbabwe and Namibia from 15 January – 6 February 2026.

Will Byrom was captain of the Coaches' Association / Northern District CC U/15 representative team that toured India in April 2023. He won the HK&HDCA Kookaburra Sport Rising Star major award in 2021-22. He captained an U/15 Ross Turner Cup team in 2022-23. Will captained the Barker College 1st XI team in 2025-26 that came second in the CAS competition. He made his NDCC First Grade debut (cap # 480) in NSW Premier Cricket against Manly-Warringah CC on 22-23 November 2025, taking 3/27 & 2/43, and scoring 27 no. Will also coaches cricket for HKHDCCA at our school holiday junior cricket clinics.

The Australian team at the ICC U/19 Men's World Cup comprised: Oliver Peake (VIC – Captain), Kasey Barton (NSW), William Byrom (NSW), Naden Cooray (NSW), Jayden Draper (QLD), Steven Hogan (QLD), Thomas Hogan (ACT), Ben Gordon (QLD), John James (NSW), Charles Lachmund (QLD), Alex Lee-Young (NSW), Will Malajczuk (WA), Nitesh Samuel (NSW), Hayden Schiller (SA), Aryan Sharma (VIC).

In the Group Stage, Australia dominated Group C in Namibia, defeating Ireland, Japan, and Sri Lanka. Australia advanced through the Super Six undefeated, securing wins against South Africa and the West Indies.

Australia suffered their first loss of the tournament in the Semi-Final on 2-Feb-26, falling to England by 27 runs at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo. In the Final, India defeated England by 100 runs to win their record sixth U/19 World Cup title in the 16th edition of this ICC international tournament.

Will Byrom had a terrific World Cup campaign – in a highlight performance, he took 5/14 off 6.5 overs against Sri Lanka on 23-Jan-26 at the Namibia Cricket Ground in Windhoek. Sri Lanka was rolled for just 58 runs and Australia cruised to a 9 wicket victory, with Byrom named Player of the Match.



1ST GRADE

Bendigo Bank
Golden & District

ROUND 7

VS

WILLIAM BYROM (DEBUT)

MITCHELL CRAYN

JORDAN FULLAGAR

GEORGE FURRER

TOBY GRAY

DAVID LOWERY (C)

COREY MILLER

ADDISON SHERRIFF

RYAN SWAIN (WK)

JONTY WEBB

SPENCER WHITE

MANLY OVAL

10AM SAT 22 & SUN 23 NOV 2025





Will Byrom was the pick of the bowlers who finished with 5/14 from 6.5 overs. Pretty tidy stuff!



WPHC CC SCHOOLS PRE-SEASON PROGRAM – HKHDCCA COACHES

WPHC CC is the largest club in the Association and has a long-running, successful pre-season program in which they organise local school visits and run cricket activity sessions for years Kindergarten to around Year 4. WPHC CC appoints a capable Head Coach to liaise with the schools and co-ordinate the program. **Ben Burrows** was the club's Head Coach in 2025-26, having taken over from Connor Hindmarch. The previous WPHC CC Head Coaches were Harrison Norrell and Daniel Anderson. All four of these Representative (Level 2) accredited Head Coaches were regular HKHDCCA coaches when they undertook the role for WPHC CC. In fact, **Dan Anderson, Harrison Norrell and Connor Hindmarch** are previous winners of the prestigious Bruce Wood Cup (HKHDCCA Coach of the Year award).

In July / August 2025, the WPHC CC pre-season cricket schools program ran sessions at West Pennant Hills PS, John Purchase PS, St Agatha's PS, Oakhill Drive PS and Cherrybrook PS, involving over 1,500 children. The program is designed to introduce children to cricket, make it fun, and attract registrations for the next season. It was pleasing that five regular HKHDCCA coaches were invited to be part of the WPHC CC coaching team, led by **Ben Burrows** (Head Coach).



**West Pennant Hills
Cherrybrook
Cricket Club
Est. 1930**



WPHC CC (HKHDCCA) Coaches – Ben Burrows, Lachlan Edwards, Bruce Wood, David Tanna, Elysa Oliveri



HKHDCCA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION FOR COACHES – 14 APRIL 2026

On the eve of our April School Holiday Junior Cricket Clinic, the Coaches' Association delivered a successful internal professional development session for 15 emerging coaches at the Greenway Community Centre, Cherrybrook. The session was led by our Community & Representative Program Co-ordinator, **Tyler Lang**, alongside Head Coach, **Connor Hindmarch**. Over the course of two hours, a range of key topics were explored, including coaching the HKHDCCA way, developing soft coaching skills, applying the constraints-led approach, and adopting a game-first coaching perspective.

Connor and Tyler guided the session through a structured presentation, breaking down these core coaching principles, while engaging participants in interactive group activities drawn from the workbook. These practical elements encouraged coaches to apply their knowledge and develop problem-solving skills across a variety of scenarios. Overall, the session proved highly valuable, with coaches confidently putting their learnings into practice during the following two days at the clinic at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara.



Back: Aaryan Dixit, Chris Burnett, Lachie Edwards, Connor Hindmarch, Will Byrom, Liam Bradey, Aayush Parikh, Tyler Lang
Front: Ben Burrows, Rubein Gobinath, Arabella Handley, Zach Rapa, Max Guazzarotto, Amelia Moyes, Lachie Barber



NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

As the local Premier Cricket club and partner of the Coaches Association, NDCC is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to your 2025-26 Annual Report.

NDCC was established in 1925 and is based at Mark Taylor Oval in Waitara. It is the northernmost of the 20 clubs that form the Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) and develops players to represent NSW and its T20 franchises, Sydney Thunder and Sydney Sixers. NDCC is the Club of former international players such as Peter Taylor, Brad Haddin, Adam Gilchrist and Neil Harvey, and currently has Nathan Lyon and Chris Green in the playing ranks.



2025 was our Centenary and it was a big year for our proud old Club. Turning 100 is no small feat and what a glorious century it has been. A number of major events were held to mark the milestone, including a magnificent Centenary Dinner held at Hornsby RSL on 6th September 2025. A huge room of 425 heard from our former players and internationals, but also our friends from BlowFly Cricket, who are so well known to HKHDCCA. It was a grand celebration of a cricket club that has grown and transformed into a community service organisation.

We played our Centenary Match against Randwick-Petersham CC on 4th October 2025, one hundred years and one day after the first Premier match played on Waitara (now Mark Taylor) Oval. The Mayor tossed a 1925 coin, and unfurled the Centenary Flag, just as his predecessor raised the first flag over the oval in 1925.

The season culminated in the official opening of the new pavilion building which all but completes an eight-year program redeveloping Mark Taylor Oval. With a rebuilt playing surface, indoor centre, new clubroom, and a new canteen and public amenities, NDCC has overseen a huge transformation of our home ground. As the Coaches Association knows, as big users of the Indoor Centre, this is a vital asset for training the cricketers of our area. The project has been challenging but extremely worthwhile, and the results speak for themselves.

On the field, the Club continues to do well, producing high quality players for representative levels and having success in the SCA competitions. Local cricketers were the secret success again with yet another U/16 AW Green Shield premiership in 2025-26 (see team photo below). This means that NDCC has won four Green Shield titles in a period of eight years. Great credit to former local juniors, now coaching the team, Josh Miller and Tom Felton. A Third Grade Premiership was wonderful, and we finished second in both the Men's Club Championship and Spirit of Cricket. Winning the Women's Spirit of Cricket confirms the Club as a club of stature and strong values.

For us it is important to win, but we must win well. It's also important that, as a group who benefits from being part of the community, we give back to the community.

NDCC is delighted to be associated with the Coaches Association. Congratulations to everyone involved in HKHDCCA on another outstanding season. We congratulate Bruce, Connor, Tyler, Chris, Zoya, Corey, Elysa, Aliya, the entire Coaches' Association Committee and all the coaches on the hard work that produced such results. There is so much to look forward to!

Jeremy Hook, President, Northern District CC

<http://www.northerndistrictcricket.com.au/>







BLOWFLY CRICKET

Proudly supported by
HKHDCCA since 2011-12



The Coaches' Association is proud to have been associated with BlowFly Cricket for the past 15 years through the provision of free coaching sessions at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara and other venues; collaboration at a senior level on strategies to enhance All Abilities cricket; and Bruce Wood volunteering at the Blowies' fund-raising BBQs at Bunnings Warehouse, Thornleigh (see below).

BlowFly Cricket is a wonderful organisation led by **Mark Rushton** (Founder / Treasurer) that provides children and adults with special needs the opportunity to play a hybrid form of All Abilities cricket, participate in entry-level coaching, gain sponsored employment, and form social connections in the community. BlowFly Cricket was formed in 2009 when Mark Rushton had an inspired vision that all children with special needs deserve the opportunity to enjoy cricket and improve their eye / hand co-ordination and confidence by learning new skills and interacting with other children and families in a supportive, sporting environment. The Blowies' special needs include Down syndrome; cerebral palsy; autism; Asperger's; Fragile X; verbal and hearing deficits, paraplegia, etc.



The close working relationship between the Coaches' Association and BlowFly Cricket originated and continues to prosper through the long-standing friendship between **Mark Rushton** and **Bruce Wood**. Mark and Bruce previously worked together on the HK&HDCA Executive Committee (plus Representative Cricket and umpiring) where they are both Life Members, and they seized the opportunity in 2011-12 for their two organisations to collaborate for the mutual benefit of special needs children, junior cricket and the community.

The BlowFly cricketers play modified cricket on Saturday afternoons at James Park, Hornsby during Terms 4 and 1 (cricket season), followed by a family BBQ. The Blowies also play cricket on Friday evenings with WPHC CC at James Henty Reserve, Dural; and enjoy an off-season Winter Cricket program on Sundays in the MTO Indoor Centre, Waitara. The Northern District CC / BlowFly Cricket Inclusion Program is another wonderful partnership with the long-running NDCC Special Olympics cricket program. HKHDCCA held a free coaching session for BlowFly Cricket at MTO, Waitara on 14-Jan-26 (see group photo below). The HKHDCCA coaches who helped the Blowies at this session were **Bruce Wood**, **Elysa Oliveri** and **Amelia Moyes**.





BlowFly Cricket continues to provide benchmark programs for its members, including the highly acclaimed “Uncoachables Coaching The Uncoachables” program. This unique all-ability program enables suitable BlowFly cricketers to attend a modified Community (Level 1) coaching course to gain a formal accreditation, which they use to coach at the Blowies’ various programs, and where suitable, as Assistant Coaches at the HKHDCCA school holiday cricket clinics. This opportunity for some BlowFly Cricket coaches helps them to develop increased levels of self-esteem, self-confidence and communication skills, as they gain some coaching and leadership experience in ‘mainstream’ cricket clinics. **David Tanna** was entrusted with coaching his own group at some HKHDCCA clinics in 2025-26. **Connor Hindmarch** (Head Coach, Coaches’ Association) facilitated a modified Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course for BlowFly Cricket (and others) at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara on Sunday, 19 April 2026.



Mark Rushton was kind enough to nominate a range of volunteers to attend the annual NSW Volunteering Awards presentation at Hornsby RSL on 19-Sept-2025, where each volunteer received a certificate of recognition, and had the opportunity to hear about the exploits of many other outstanding volunteers in the northern Sydney region.



Bruce Wood visited Mark Rushton after his hospitalisation.

COACHES' ASSOCIATION
CRICKET NSW COMMUNITY
(LEVEL 1) ACCREDITED
COACHING COURSES

The Coaches' Association organises free Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) accredited coaching courses each year.



HKHDCCA helped with the organisation and promotion of the Community (formerly Level 1) accredited cricket coaching course that was held at Barker College, Hornsby, on Sunday, 13 July 2025, with 18 participants. The course facilitator was **Connor Hindmarch** (HKHDCCA Head Coach), an experienced Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) accredited coach. Connor also facilitated a modified Community accredited coaching course for BlowFly Cricket (and others) at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara on Sunday, 19 April 2026.



The **18** successful participants at the Community (Level 1) coaching course at Barker College on 13-July-25 were:

Amelia Moyes, Nadia Carvalho, Emma Simpson-Lee, Jag Singh, Campbell Smith, William Fitzgerald, Edward Hills, Tom Roussac, Rayhaan Banerjee, Janani Vijaya Raghava, Tyrone Mitchell, Luella Mitchell, Samaira Gokani, Kunal Gokani, Belle Nethery, Eden Cassie, Navneet Rajput, Daniel McEwen.

HKHDCCA actively promotes the objective that all club and representative coaches attain the Community (Level 1) accreditation as a minimum qualification (Level 2 preferably for Rep. Shield coaches), as this will increase the knowledge and confidence of new coaches, which will enhance the standard of coaching for junior players in the Association. Link to register for a Community (Level 1) coaching course – [Play Cricket](#) (screenshot below).



COACHING CRICKET

For the love of igniting passion, encouraging the next generation of aspiring players, or empowering inspirational players, Cricket Coaches play one of the most important roles in helping players develop a lifelong love for our game.

If you are passionate about making an impact, developing and empowering others, and are keen to unlock your potential as a cricket coach, get started today!



CRICKET NSW

MEETINGS BETWEEN CRICKET NSW AND THE COACHES' ASSOCIATION

Cricket NSW organised another liaison meeting with senior representatives from the Coaches' Association at a Pennant Hills café on 27 March 2026 to discuss a range of matters, including:

- improved communication in relation to annual cricket program calendars and MTO Indoor Centre bookings, to avoid overlaps;
- strategies to increase the participation of girls in cricket, and opportunities to coach more junior female players, which may be assisted by a financial grant from Cricket NSW.



Connor Hindmarch (Head Coach), **Bruce Wood OAM** (President), **Dani Chivers** (Cricket Manager, Sydney North West), **Chris Burnett** (Vice-President)



Daniel Anderson, **Martin Gleeson**, **Bruce Wood OAM**, **Lee Germon** (CEO – Cricket NSW)

COACHES' ASSOCIATION (HKHDCCA) – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 9 JUNE 2026

The Coaches' Association held its 17th AGM in the Acacia Room at Hornsby RSL Club on Tuesday, 9 June 2026, with 21 adults in attendance, including Committee members, Life Members, Patrons, coaches, volunteers and special guests. **Bruce Wood** OAM (President) chaired the meeting; **Connor Hindmarch** (Head Coach) outlined the highlights of our 2025-26 season and **Tyler Lang** provided an informative Treasurer's Report. Additional comments were provided by one of our Patrons, **Ross Turner**, plus **Rod Hokin** (HKHDCCA Life Member). It was pleasing to hear reports from senior representatives from other cricket organisations that work in close consultation with the Coaches' Association – **Justin Gross** (President, HK&HDCA); **Jeremy Hook** (President, Northern District CC); **Mark Rushton** (Founder, BlowFly Cricket); and **Amanda Fraser** (HK&HDCA Girls Cricket Co-ordinator). Many of the speakers paid tribute to **Bruce Wood's** 16 years as President of the Coaches' Association (2010 – 2026).



Chris Burnett, Justin Gross, Nathan Tilbury, Mark Rushton, Bruce Wood OAM, Jeremy Hook, Ross Turner



SERVICE MEDALS – Elysa Oliveri (50 days), Chris Burnett (50), Ross Turner, Bruce Wood (300), Ben Burrows (50)

COACHES' ASSOCIATION – COMMITTEE 2026-27



Ben Burrows, Connor Hindmarch, Elysa Oliveri, Chris Burnett, Tyler Lang, Aliya Colburt, Zoya Thakur (& Corey Miller)

HKHDCCA – LIFE MEMBERS – Tom Richmond OAM (2014); Rod Hokin (2015); Bruce Wood OAM (2017); Mark Rushton (2020); Josh Miller (2020); Ross Turner (2021); Nick Miller (2022); Daniel Wood (2023) (8)

HISTORICAL LIST OF HKHDCCA COACHES SINCE 2010-11

(Current or former *First Grade* players)

High Performance (Level 3) accredited coaches – Russel Arnold, Rod Hokin, Ross Turner, Ron Woods (4)

Representative (Level 2) accredited coaches – Daniel Anderson, Rohan Awati, David Bennett, Mike Burgin, Chris Burnett, Ben Burrows, Braden Cheng, Dani Chivers, Aliya Colburt, Aaron Crofts, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Epthorp, Tom Felton, Will Fiedler, Dan Friedrich, Joe Hiley, Connor Hindmarch, Tyler Lang, Lachie Lloyd, David Lowery, Sam McMahon, Nathan Middleton, Corey Miller, Josh Miller, Nick Miller, Harrison Norrell, Elysa Oliveri, Ross Pawson, Brett Pickup, Luke Quinlivan, Ben Randall, Mark Rushton, Shishu Sharma, Becca Silk, Ryan Swain, Zoya Thakur, Jonny Webb, Todd Williams, Bruce Wood (39).

Community (Level 1) accredited coaches – Charlie Anderson, John Anderson, Nic Badings, Irfan Baig, Lachlan Bailey, Lachie Barber, Josh Bawcombe, Dylan Bish, Jeremy Bond, Liam Bradey, Calvin Breytenbach, James Brown, Will Byrom, Brody Camp, Jayden Camp, Mackenzie Carrall, Edwina Chappel, Nick Cheadle, Jake Daly, Zac Dalziel, Blake Davenport, Cooper Davenport, Aaryan Dixit, Alex Dolly, Dan Donaldson, Jack Donkin, Jaydon Eades, Lachlan Edwards, Sam Fanning, Alex Fitzgerald, Hame Fullagar, Jordan Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, George Furrer, Vivaan Gandhi, Gian Gill, Rubein Gobinath, Tom Green, Max Guazzarotto, Lewis Halliday, Arabella Handley, William Hanks, Andrew Harvey, Edward Hills, Ed Hollis, Baxter Holt, Nick Hook, Henry Hunt, Bronte Jones, Dominic Jones, Henry Kirk, Marisa Levitt, Marius Levitt, Andrew Lowe, James Madden, Tim Matson, Andrew McAllister, Sean McAllister, Will McCarroll, Riley McDowell, Jamie McEvoy, Nick McNay, Will McFadden, Patrick Meyer, Harrison Middlebrook, Amelia Moyes, Jack Nati, Aayush Parikh, Yash Patel, Zach Rapa, Tom Richmond, Russell Schreiber, Jaden Sequeira, Jamie Shaw, Lachlan Shaw, Mitch Shaw, Louie Shaw, Aanya Siingh, Alec Silins, Utkarsh Somaiya, Dan Stickland, Jack Straw, Josh Strefner, Evatt Styles, David Tanna, Nathan Tanner, Charlie Taylor, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Cam Tunks, Peter Watts, Sam Weir, Alistair Weston, Jon Whealing, Daniel Wood, Matt Wright, Oliver Uy (90)

ORGANISATIONAL STATISTICS (BRIEF SUMMARY)

Season	School holiday clinics	Other coaching programs	Total player attendances (all programs)	Level 2 or 3 coaches employed	Level 1 coaches employed
2025-26	6	10	731	14	26
2024-25	7	9	847	14	20
2023-24	7	7	763	16	21
2022-23	7	9	915	14	18
2021-22	7	7	766	11	21
2020-21	6	8	852	10	20
2019-20	5	8	909	9	20
2018-19	6	8	938	9	12
2017-18	7	7	1,106	9	23
2016-17	7	10	1,307	10	26
2015-16	7	9	1,345	10	23
2014-15	6	7	1,154	11	12
2013-14	6	6	875	7	14
2012-13	4	5	703	4	10
2011-12	3	3	394	4	16
2010-11	3	1	107	2	9

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