

# Tom Richmond, OAM

## Inducted as HKHDCCA's inaugural Life Member – 17 June 2014

One of the highlight's of the Coaches' Association's 5<sup>th</sup> AGM on 17 June 2014 was the induction of Tom Richmond OAM as our first Life Member. A brief summary of Tom's amazing 50+ years involvement in cricket coaching can be accessed at this link ([bit.ly/Tom-Richmond](http://bit.ly/Tom-Richmond)).

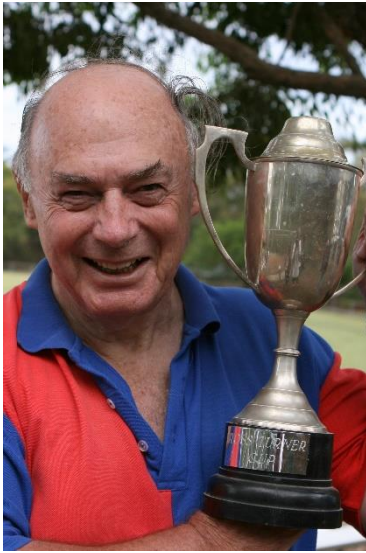
Tom was very appreciative and responded with a brief speech. He thanked HKHDCCA and especially Bruce Wood for such a fantastic gesture, stating that he was very honoured to become the first Life Member. Tom said that this means a lot more to him than many people would imagine. He recalled that he always dreamt of this style of organisation and now we can say that the HKHDCCA is set up for life, and we have a coaching organisation that will only get better and better.

Tom noted that throughout history in this district, cricket has never had an organisation like this. He attempted to improve coaching standards many years ago by running seminars and lectures, enticing club coaches along with the promise of free food and drinks. Former Australian Test player, Brian Taber, attended one of these seminars before becoming state coach.

Tom advised that he produced a coaching guide with many people from NDCC and the association, before running the first Level 1 accreditation course in NSW. He added that HKHDCCA gives him a great thrill as there have been several attempts to set up an organisation like this, and now we have finally got there. Tom said he is very honoured to be the first Life Member and it is great to see the coaches in action. He noted that he is a big supporter of the high quality work done by HKHDCCA.



HKHDCCA President, Bruce Wood, presents Tom Richmond OAM with his Life Membership plaque



# Tom Richmond, OAM

(HK&HDCA Life Member 1981 – 2021)

Tom has had a wonderful 50 year career of continuous involvement in cricket coaching, ranging through various school teams, club teams, inter-district HK&HDCA representative teams, A.W. Green Shield, Northern Cricket 'Winter Spin' program and the HK&HDCA Ross Turner Cup fixtures. A brief summary of his amazing career follows:

- Played for Barker College 1<sup>st</sup> XI in 1957; Teachers' College Wagga Wagga; North Coast Inter-district teams; Kissing Point, Perseverance, Thornleigh and Berowra. Played A Grade as both a pace bowler and a leg spinner. Captained Thornleigh A Grade. Played HK&HDCA Martin Shield representative cricket.

- Country Coaching: Coached Woodenbong (1960-61) in Saturday morning competition in Kyogle, travelling 40 miles each week to do so.
- School Cricket: coached 1<sup>st</sup> XIs at Woodenbong, Bonalbo, Normanhurst, Riverstone and Galston high schools. Cricket convener in North-West Metropolitan Zone, President of Blacktown and Ku-ring-gai Zones. Combined High Schools selector and team manager.
- A.W. Green Shield: coached ND Green Shield in about 16 seasons, including winning the club's first Green Shield, as well as several undefeated seasons as either coach or manager. Manager / Coach of several Combined Green Shield teams in matches against the country.
- Representative Cricket for HK&HDCA: coached about 20 separate teams, mainly in Watson Shield.
- Umpired several finals and did NSWPSSA matches against Queensland on a couple of occasions.
- During 1970's initiated and organised coaching seminars at Hornsby prior to the introduction of the certificate system. Organised first training for coach certificates in the Association (about 1980). Organised, with Col Cooper, first major coaching venture across the Association during the 1980's.
- Within the Association, held offices of Publicity Officer, Representative Secretary, Vice President and liaison officer with Northern District. Also acted as Publicity Officer for NDCC briefly.
- Inaugural Chairperson of the Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council (NMCC) in 1993, bringing together grade clubs, associations, schools and shires clubs. Foundation Director of 'Northern Cricket' in 1997, a body which provided organised coaching to HK&HDCA junior players.
- Inaugurated the HK&HDCA showcase representative fixture known as the (U/15) Ross Turner Cup in 1998-99 and organised these matches until 2010.
- Following the success of the RTC contests, he helped to add the Glenn Hourigan Cup fixture for the younger representative age groups in 2003-04, which he organised until 2010.
- Organised and conducted specialist spin bowling coaching (known as the *Winter Spin* program) for HK&HDCA junior rep. players at James Park, Hornsby, during the off-season from 1999 to 2007.
- Received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2002 for *service to youth through education and cricket, and to researching the history of Hornsby*.
- Awarded the Australian Sports Medal (services to cricket); Australian Centenary Medal (services to local history); and the Premiers' Community Service Award (service to the community).
- HK&HDCA representative player of year trophy is named after him, as is the NSWDC junior coaches' trophy.
- Has written cricket coverage, especially focusing on the A Grade competition, for the Hornsby Advocate newspaper in recent years.
- Life Member of HK&HDCA since 1981 and current Patron.
- Life Member of Northern District CC since 2012.
- Life Member of HKHDCCA (Coaches' Association) since 2014 and current Patron.

## Plaque

**HORNSBY, KU-RING-GAI & HILLS DISTRICT  
CRICKET COACHES' ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Awarded to

**THOMAS S. RICHMOND OAM**

In recognition of your significant and exemplary  
contribution to cricket coaching over 50 years



**17 JUNE 2014**