



The Coaches' Association was delighted to induct **Mark Rushton** as its fourth Life Member at our AGM on 29 April 2020. Mark thoroughly deserves this honour, as highlighted in the following extracts from his nomination.

Relevant coaching / committee positions (past and present) held by individual being nominated

- Founder (and Treasurer) of Blowfly Cricket (children with special needs) in 2009 and the driving force behind the organisation for 11 years, including expansion, coach accreditation, sponsorship and community support
- Coach of six Hornsby District CC teams (U11 – U16) in the HK&HDCA Junior Competition from 1996 – 2002
- Coach of HK&HDCA U14 Moore and U15 Weblin Shield rep. teams in NSWDCA Competition (2000–02)
- HK&HDCA Representative Secretary from 2001-02 to 2005-06
- HK&HDCA President from 2007-08 to 2010-11, after being Vice-President in 2006-07
- Vice-President of Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) in 2010-11 and 2011-12
- Patron of Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) since 2015-16 (5 years)
- Ambassador for the Centre for Volunteering in NSW since 2016

Significant coaching / cricket community achievements of individual being nominated

- Successful coaching of two HK&HDCA Rep. Shield teams and six junior club teams with Hornsby DCC
- Played a major role in the Northern Cricket coaching program in the late 1990s to early 2000s. When he was the Association's Representative Secretary, he did much to encourage good managers and coaches to look after all the rep. teams. He also introduced the system whereby an impartial panel of selectors chose the rep. teams
- Cricket Australia Representative (Level 2) coaching accreditation – 2000
- Distinguished service for HK&HDCA for 15+ years, including the key roles of President and Rep. Secretary
- Inducted as the 48th Life Member of HK&HDCA in 2012
- Founder of Blowfly Cricket (children with special needs) in 2009; Mark has displayed outstanding leadership, inspiration, compassion, strategic growth, youth development, community acceptance and financial acumen
- Arranged for many Blowfly cricketers to become Community (Level 1) accredited coaches
- Inducted as a Life Member of Blowfly Cricket in 2019
- Presented with the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award on 4 December 2015 out of over 7,000 nominations
- He was the 'brainchild' behind the formation of the Coaches' Association when he arranged a meeting with Bruce Wood and Mike Langford in June 2010 and pitched a proposal to set up a new coaching body
- Wonderful supporter of the Coaches' Association, serving as Vice-President from 2010 to 2012, and Patron since 2015-16

Plaque

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Awarded to

MARK W. RUSHTON

In recognition of your outstanding leadership
of Blowfly Cricket; cricket coaching and
executive roles; and strong support for the
Coaches' Association over many years



29 APRIL 2020

