

# HKHDCCA – Annual Report for 2011-12

## Executive Committee

**Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) – Bruce Wood** (President); **Mark Rushton** (Vice-President); **Justin Epthorp** (Secretary); **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach); and **David Bennett** (Treasurer) – all Level 2 coaches. HKHDCCA is also honoured to have **Ross Turner** as our Patron.

## Role and functions

HKHDCCA was established in 2010 and is responsible for:

- raising the profile of coaching and giving coaches a collective 'voice' within the Association
- promoting the objective that all club & representative coaches attain the Level 1 accreditation as a minimum (Rep. Shield coaches Level 2 preferably);
- enhancing the development of accredited coaches and facilitating a future pathway for club & rep. coaches;
- organising Junior Cricket Clinics in partnership with Northern District CC during the September / October and January school holidays;
- developing and implementing a structured development coaching program for the players nominated to attend the HK&HDCA U/10 off-season program for potential Foster Shield (first year) representative players;
- providing HKHDCCA members with professional coaching opportunities at our Junior Cricket Clinics with Northern District CC and at the HK&HDCA off-season junior development programs;
- co-ordinating the annual Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup representative fixtures;
- assisting the HK&HDCA Rep. Secretary with coaching matters relating to the representative teams;
- devising a scholarship scheme designed to provide financial assistance to a limited number of candidates nominated to attend a Cricket NSW accredited coaching course (Level 1, 2 or 3);
- recognising excellence in coaching through the introduction of a new HKHDCCA *Coach of Year* award;
- identifying potential outstanding young coaches and providing coaching opportunities for these individuals;
- providing a mentor service to coaches as required, especially new or young coaches seeking guidance;
- conducting an annual Level 1 accredited coaching course for HK&HDCA and NDCC members.
- enabling the Association to maintain a record of all Level 1 and 2 accredited coaches.

## HK&HDCA Award

The Coaches' Association was awarded the prestigious **HK&HDCA Integrity Cup** perpetual trophy in 2010-11 for its outstanding contribution to the local game in the Hornsby and surrounding districts – see photo at this link: [www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/Integrity%20Cup%20-%20won%20by%20HKHDCCA%20in%202010-11.pdf](http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/Integrity%20Cup%20-%20won%20by%20HKHDCCA%20in%202010-11.pdf)

## Sponsorship Grant

HKHDCCA was successful in obtaining a sponsorship grant from the NSW Communities Department in March 2012, receiving \$5,000 under the NSW Government's *2011-12 Sport and Recreation Participation Program* – refer: [www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/NSW\\_Sport-Rec\\_Grant\\_letter\\_HKHDCCA\\_2-March-12.pdf](http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/NSW_Sport-Rec_Grant_letter_HKHDCCA_2-March-12.pdf)

The official presentation at Berowra Oval was attended by the Minister for Sport & Recreation, **Graham Annesley** MP; **Matt Kean** MP, Member for Hornsby; **Bruce Wood**, President HKHDCCA; and some young cricketers from Berowra Christian School. The Hornsby Advocate newspaper published a story on this successful grant – refer: [www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/Hornsby\\_Advocate\\_HKHDCCA\\_grant\\_8-March-12.pdf](http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/Hornsby_Advocate_HKHDCCA_grant_8-March-12.pdf)

The Sydney North Cricket Manager, Cricket NSW, wrote a statement in August 2011 in support of HKHDCCA's grant application, which included the following:

*"I wish to pass on my congratulations for the fantastic job the Coaches' Association is doing – without doubt 'Best Practice' across Sydney North Associations – if not all of Sydney. HKHDCCA is a wonderful initiative created by local coaches in and around the Hornsby district. The role of junior volunteer sports coaches is an often overlooked area in community sports codes, however is probably the most crucial in terms of retaining and developing players.*

*HKHDCCA is taking proactive steps towards formally working with volunteers to up-skill their coaching qualifications, expertise and experience. They have identified this objective as a priority and to their credit, have set about running specific programs to recruit and train prospective coaches, whilst also giving the accredited coaches practical experience at clinics. The continued success of HKHDCCA will create further interest in the cricket community and hopefully will encourage other regions throughout Sydney to take on this process, with the end result being a better coaching experience for both the participants and their tutors."*

The additional funding will be put to very good use and will enable our expanding program of coaching initiatives to be implemented in full over the next 12 months, for the benefit of coaches and young cricketers in the district.

### School holiday junior cricket clinics

HKHDCCA conducted three successful cricket clinics during the school holidays in 2011-12, as follows:

- **Waitara Oval** 5 – 7 October 2011 – 45 children and 8 accredited coaches in attendance;
- **Kenthurst Park** 11 – 13 January 2012 – 31 children and 6 accredited coaches in attendance;
- **Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara** 16 – 18 January 2012 – 66 children and 10 accredited coaches in attendance.

The accredited coaches engaged at these clinics included **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach), **Bruce Wood** (Co-ordinator), **Justin Epthorp**, **Mike Burgin** (all Level 2), and **Andrew Lowe**, **Dave Lowery**, **Chris Burnett**, **Daniel Wood**, **Josh Miller**, **James Madden**, **Daniel Anderson**, **Nathan Tanner**, **Jamie Matson** & **Tom Green** (all Level 1).

The clinics provided non-stop activities for the boys & girls aged between 6 & 14 and included video analysis of the bowlers' actions; use of a bowling machine with a specialist batting coach to improve individual techniques; specific coaching on bowling, fielding and wicket-keeping skills; training in the nets (including the turf nets at Waitara when available); coaching drills on the ovals and centre-wicket games to reinforce the cricket skills learnt and to develop team work and match play. The players also enjoyed having their bowling pace measured by a speed gun at Kenthurst. A range of awards were presented at the conclusion of the clinics and the feedback from the players and their parents was very positive.

The Hills News attended the Kenthurst cricket clinic in January 2012 and included an article in their newspaper and online [www.hillsnews.com.au/news/local/sport/cricket/hills-cricket-clinics-set-for-boys-and-girls/2421187.aspx](http://www.hillsnews.com.au/news/local/sport/cricket/hills-cricket-clinics-set-for-boys-and-girls/2421187.aspx)

One of HK&HDCA's generous sponsors, **Triforce Sports**, provided a free (size 4 or 5) Slazenger willow cricket bat to the new registrations at all three cricket clinics in 2011-12. Thanks to **Abbas Aly** for this wonderful gesture.

### HK&HDCA U/10 off-season development program

At the request of the HK&HDCA Rep. Committee, the Coaches' Association conducted an innovative U/10 development program at James Park, Hornsby, during the 2011 off-season. It was decided that it would be beneficial for our youngest representative age group to have some properly structured coaching in order to learn the fundamentals of the game and the correct techniques, particularly in their transition from soft to hard ball cricket. This was an exciting new direction for the entry point into HK&HDCA representative cricket, which enhanced the youngsters' skills and confidence, whilst also increasing the awareness of our rep. program.

Five coaching sessions were held on Sundays 29 May, 19 June, 31 July, 14 August & 4 September 2011, with a total attendance of 252 boys (average over 50 per session). 77 boys attended at least two sessions of the U/10 development program. HKHDCCA supplied between 7 – 9 accredited coaches at each session, comprising **Bruce Wood** (Co-ordinator), **Andrew Lowe**, **Nick Cheadle**, **Justin Epthorp**, **Josh Miller**, **Daniel Wood**, **Peter Watts**, **Tim Matson**, **Jamie Matson**, **James Madden**, **Marius Levitt**, **Tom Green**, **Nathan Tanner**, **Irfan Baig** & **Lewis Halliday**.

One of the objectives of the U/10 development program was to identify and develop young talented players in preparation for the Foster Shield representative competition in 2011-12. This proved to be successful as HK&HDCA selected a strong Foster Shield rep. team which qualified for the NSWDCA Finals for the first time in about a decade. The selectors also chose a second U/10 rep. team which played some practice matches.

Following the success of this inaugural U/10 off-season development program, the Coaches' Association plans to conduct a similar program for our youngest representative age group during the Winter months of 2012.

### Ross Turner Cup / Glenn Hourigan Cup

The Coaches' Association continues to be responsible for organizing the annual RTC and GHC fixtures, our showcase HK&HDCA junior representative events. A successful T20 day was held for the GHC age groups on Sunday, 19 February at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights. Four teams (48 players) participated in these preliminary GHC T20 matches and everyone had an enjoyable day.

Due to the inclement weather, the main (50 over) RTC and GHC matches, which had been scheduled for Sunday 4 March, were postponed to Sunday 18 March 2012 at Kenthurst Park (No. 1 & 2 ovals). Both matches were high level contests, with the RTC teams mainly comprising players from the HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield and U/14 Moore Shield NSWDCA premiership teams in 2011-12.

HKHDCCA provided coaching opportunities for some outstanding young coaches, with **Daniel Anderson**, **Josh Miller** & **Justin Epthorp** coaching the RTC teams, and **Utkarsh Somaiya**, **Luke Thorburn**, **Will Johnston** & **Matt Vile** coaching the GHC teams in 2012 (including the T20's). HK&HDCA sponsors, **Triforce Sports**, supplied cricket shirts for the players and coaches; and **Kooindah Waters** supplied prizes (complimentary rounds of golf).

The Hornsby Advocate newspaper attended the RTC and GHC matches – refer to report and online photo gallery: <http://hornsby-advocate.wherelive.com.au/sport/story/east-and-west-both-winners-in-ross-turner-and-glenn-hourigan-cups/>

### HKHDCCA Coach of Year Award

The Coaches' Association introduced a special new award to recognise excellence in coaching within HK&HDCA. An annual HKHDCCA Coach of Year Award known as the **Bruce Wood Cup** commenced in 2011-12 – refer: [www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/HKHDCCA\\_Coach-of-Year\\_award\\_introduction\\_2011-12.pdf](http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/HKHDCCA_Coach-of-Year_award_introduction_2011-12.pdf)

Nominations were invited for rep. and/or club coaching (plus HKHDCCA cricket clinics if applicable) during 2011-12. The HKHDCCA Executive Committee determined that the inaugural winner of this new perpetual trophy would be **Mark Holden**, coach of the HK&HDCA Weblin Shield undefeated premiership team.