

HKHDCCA – Annual Report for 2012-13

Executive Committee

The **Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association Inc. (HKHDCCA)** – **Bruce Wood** (President); **Justin Epthorp** (Vice-President); **Josh Miller** (Secretary); **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach) & **David Bennett** (Treasurer); supported by **Will Fiedler** (General Committee Member).

HKHDCCA was also honoured to have **Ross Turner**, **Tom Richmond OAM** and **Matt Kean MP** as our Patrons. All three gentlemen were pleased to accept the offer to be a HKHDCCA Patron in 2012-13, with Tom sending this reply: www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/Tom-Richmond_HKHDCCA_Patron-reply_19-7-12.pdf

Committee details – www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/HKHDCCA_Affiliation-Letter_2012-13.pdf

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 Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) accreditation as a minimum (Rep. Shield coaches Level 2 preferably);
- conducting an annual Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course for HK&HDCA and NDCC members.
- organising Junior Cricket Clinics in partnership with Northern District CC during the September / October and January school holidays;
- implementing an off-season development coaching program for U10 & U11 players and a more advanced Specialist program for representative standard players covering the various cricket skills;
- providing active 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;
- recognising excellence in club & rep. coaching through our HKHDCCA *Coach of Year* award (Bruce Wood Cup);
- administering 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);
- assisting the HK&HDCA Rep. Secretary with coaching matters relating to the representative teams;
- enhancing the development of accredited coaches and facilitating a future pathway for club & rep. coaches;
- 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;
- seeking Grant opportunities to provide additional funding to expand and further subsidise our coaching programs, and also purchase additional equipment as required;
- enabling the Association to maintain a record of all Level 1 and 2 accredited coaches.

Constitution / ABN / TFN / Incorporation / Banking arrangements

In its third year of operation, the HKHDCCA Executive Committee decided to strengthen its legal entity and administrative systems by developing a Constitution; registering for an ABN and TFN; seeking Incorporation; and revising its banking arrangements.

New Constitution approved on 16 July 2012: www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/HKHDCCA_Constitution_16-July-12.pdf

HKHDCCA's Australian Business Number is 51497033810 and its Tax File Number is 938 204 184.

HKHDCCA became formally incorporated (INC 1200016) through NSW Fair Trading on 29 October 2012 – refer: www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/HKHDCCA_Incorporation_29-Oct-12.pdf

HKHDCCA also switched its bank accounts from St George Bank to Westpac during 2012-13, primarily to implement the common safeguards being adopted in many non-profit sporting associations, whereby all financial transactions (online or cheque payments) require the approval of two designated members of the Executive Committee, ie. the Treasurer and President (or Secretary), rather than the previous arrangement of just the Treasurer approving the HKHDCCA financial transactions.

These important formalities have given the Coaches' Association a more professional outlook in the local cricket community; will enable HKHDCCA to apply for sponsorship grants as a separate organisation rather than through the 'parent body' (HK&HDCA); and also provide some legal protection for the office bearers of HKHDCCA.

Sponsorship Grant

As reported last year, 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* – www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/NSW_Sport-Rec_Grant_letter_HKHDCCA_2-March-12.pdf

HKHDCCA utilised these funds during the 2012-13 season to subsidise the cost of our coaching programs; to fund some professional development for our coaches; to provide a free coaching clinic for a group of BlowFly cricketers with special needs; and to contribute towards the purchase a new bowling machine for coaching purposes.

Level 1 coaching course

HKHDCCA arranged a Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course at Normanhurst Oval on Sunday, 7 October 2012, with a total of 16 people successfully completing the course. Thanks to Michael Procajlo from Cricket NSW for facilitating the course on the day. Refer to brief report for the list of graduates:

www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/Level-1_Normanhurst_7-Oct-12.pdf

School holiday junior cricket clinics in partnership with Northern District CC

HKHDCCA conducted four successful (3-day) cricket clinics during the school holidays in 2012-13, as follows:

- **Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara** 25 – 27 September 2012 – 69 children and 9 accredited coaches in attendance;
- **Kenthurst Park** 7 – 9 January 2013 – 28 children and 5 accredited coaches in attendance;
- **Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara** 16 – 18 January 2013 – 71 children and 11 accredited coaches in attendance;
- **Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara** 23 – 25 January 2013 – 58 children and 9 accredited coaches in attendance.

Report from last clinic – www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/Report_Waitara-clinic_23-25-Jan-2013_smaller.pdf

The accredited coaches engaged at these clinics included Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Bruce Wood (Co-ordinator), Justin Epthorp (Level 2 accredited coaches); plus Dave Lowery, Josh Miller, Daniel Wood, Daniel Anderson, Chris Burnett, Will Fiedler, James Madden, Nathan Tanner & Braden Cheng (Level 1 accredited coaches).

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 (when available) with a specialist batting coach to improve individual techniques; coaching on pace & spin bowling, fielding and wicket-keeping skills; training in the nets (astro and turf); and a wide range of coaching drills and centre-wicket games on the oval to reinforce the cricket skills learnt.

We also held a short 'Master Class' session to inspire the boys and girls and to demonstrate that their coaches are also outstanding players. Dave Lowery (ND's leading First Grade batsman) and Rod Hokin faced up to some lively fast bowlers and quality spinners. Many awards were presented at the conclusion of the clinics and photo galleries were set up on the HK&HDCA website. The feedback from the players and their parents was again very positive.

HKHDCCA U/10 – U/11 off-season development program

Following the success of our initial U/10 development program in 2011, the Coaches' Association expanded the program to the U/11 age group in 2012 and scheduled 6 dates during the off-season.

- **James Park, Hornsby** 6 & 27 May, 24 June, 15 July, 5 & 26 August 2012 – total registrations – **469** boys.

Summary report – www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/U10-11_Development-Program_Summary-Report_2012.pdf

Most parents took advantage of the discount fee applicable by paying for their son to attend the entire program. Due to the large number of registrations (average of 78 players per day), two sessions were held on each Sunday. The coaches engaged during the program were Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Bruce Wood & Justin Epthorp (Level 2), plus Josh Miller, Daniel Wood, Nathan Tanner, James Madden, Will Fiedler, Jamie Matson & Braden Cheng (Level 1). This program provided structured coaching for our younger representative age groups to assist them in their transition from soft to hard ball cricket and to increase their confidence in representative and club cricket in 2012-13. It was evident that all the players significantly improved their batting, bowling and fielding skills and in a positive and enjoyable environment, and that our Foster & Creak Shield and U/11 IDCA rep. teams were more successful.

Ross Turner Cup / Glenn Hourigan Cup

The Coaches' Association continues to be responsible for organising 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, 24 February 2013 at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah, involving four teams (48 players) from the U/13s to U/10s. Due to the inclement weather, the main RTC and GHC matches, which had been scheduled for Sunday, 3 March at Kenthurst Park, were postponed to Sunday, 17 March 2013 at Turramurra Oval and Karuah Park respectively. Both matches were high level contests involving the leading Shield rep. players in the Association.

HKHDCCA provided opportunities for some outstanding young coaches, with Daniel Anderson and Josh Miller coaching the RTC teams; and Aaron Crofts, Nick Miller, Nick McNay, Calvin Breytenbach & Mansimar Singh coaching the GHC teams in 2013 (including the T20's). HK&HDCA sponsors, Triforce Sports, again kindly supplied cricket shirts for the RTC & GHC players and coaches. The official souvenir programs, match scorecards and some great action photos taken by Paul McNay can be accessed on the HKHDCCA page on the Association's website.

Craig McDermott PACE Bowling Clinic

The Coaches' Association took advantage of a professional development opportunity provided by WPHC to pay for several of our leading coaches to attend the launch of the Craig McDermott PACE Bowling Clinics national program at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club nets on Sunday, 11 November 2012. The coaches enjoyed the two-hour session and learnt several new techniques to pass onto our other accredited coaches and the young fast bowlers who attend our school holiday cricket clinics and junior development programs. Refer to brief report and photos:

www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/2012-2013/HKHDCCA_Craig-McDermott_summary_11-Nov-12.pdf

HKHDCCA supports BlowFly Cricket

HKHDCCA is committed to helping cricketers of all standards within the district including the BlowFly cricketers, who comprise children with special needs such as autism. The children are aged between 5 and 18 years and play a hybrid form of cricket in which all players are on the field actively involved in fielding, batting or bowling, under the direction of Mark Rushton (Co-ordinator) or a Head Coach. Bruce Wood volunteered his services at several of the Blowies' Saturday afternoon sessions at James Park to help coach the fundamentals of cricket to the youngsters – refer to brief report and photos: www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/blowfly/HKHDCCA_BlowFly_Cricket_2012.pdf

HKHDCCA also conducted a free coaching clinic for BlowFly Cricket on 16 & 17 January 2013 at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara, which was attended by an enthusiastic group of BlowFly cricketers, supported by 7 accredited coaches.

HKHDCCA Coach of Year Award

The Coaches' Association's annual *Coach of Year Award* (Bruce Wood Cup) continues to recognise excellence in cricket coaching within HK&HDCA. Nominations were invited for representative and/or club coaching (plus HKHDCCA cricket clinics if applicable) during 2012-13. The HKHDCCA Executive Committee determined that the winner this year would be Todd Williams, coach of two HK&HDCA U/14 representative teams – President's Cup and Newcastle Carnival (Graeme Malcolm Shield) competitions, as well as the Mt Colah CC U/14 team.