COACHES' ASSOCIATION

(Founded 2010)



6th Annual Report – 2015/16



Management Team

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Bruce Wood (President)



Rod Hokin (Head Coach)



Will Fiedler (Vice-President)



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Matt Kean MP (Member for Hornsby)



Mark Rushton

Season / Role	President	Vice-President	Treasurer	Secretary	Head Coach
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 Rushto		David Bennett	Justin Epthorp	Rod Hokin
2010-11	Bruce Wood	Mark Rushton	David Bennett	Mike Burgin	Rod Hokin

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Vision

Our Vision is to be viewed by the Association's member clubs, Northern District CC, Cricket NSW and families in north-western Sydney as the best and most inclusive Coaching provider in NSW – measured against other *not-for-profit* coaching providers for all sports. We provide the best coaching experience for all junior cricketers from elite players to children from disadvantaged backgrounds and those from cultures unfamiliar with cricket.

Role, Functions & Objectives

HKHDCCA is a leading cricket coaching organisation responsible for recruiting and accrediting young volunteer coaches from within HK&HDCA and north-western Sydney; and conducting junior cricket clinics during the school holidays and 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.

We have experienced significant growth since our inception in 2010 and aim to continue to expand our subsidised (or free) coaching programs to a wider cross-section of the community, many of whom have encountered barriers or lack of opportunities to participate in cricket, including disadvantaged groups, children from non-English speaking communities, and children with special needs. The successful implementation of these challenging initiatives should assist in facilitating sporting, cultural and social inclusion for these communities, while also promoting healthy, active lifestyles and increasing the participation rate in cricket in NSW. Responsibilities include:

- raising the profile of coaching and giving coaches a collective 'voice' within the Association;
- promoting the objective that all club and representative coaches attain the Cricket Australia Community (Level 1) accreditation as a minimum (preferably Level 2 for Representative Shield coaches);
- conducting an annual Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course for HK&HDCA and NDCC members;
- organising cricket clinics at Waitara, Hornsby, West Pennant Hills, Normanhurst and Turramurra in partnership with Northern District CC during the September / October and January school holidays for players aged 6 – 14;
- conducting an annual off-season Specialist Coaching Program pitched at rep. standard players aged 11 15;
- implementing an annual off-season development coaching program for U/10 U/11 players at Hornsby over 6 Sundays during the Winter months, designed to fast-track their transition from soft to hard ball cricket;
- representing the Coaches' Association on all cricket coaching matters at the HK&HDCA Council and Executive Meetings (the HKHDCCA President is the delegate);
- providing active HKHDCCA members with professional coaching opportunities at our Junior Cricket Clinics; off-season development programs; and other programs where HKHDCCA provides coaching services;
- co-ordinating the annual Ross Turner Cup (U/15) and Glenn Hourigan Cup (U/13) annual 'showcase' intra-Association representative fixtures, including the preliminary GHC T20 matches;
- identifying potential outstanding young coaches and providing GHC coaching roles and other opportunities;
- providing a mentor service to coaches as required, especially new or young coaches seeking guidance;
- enhancing the development of accredited coaches and facilitating a future pathway for club and rep. coaches;
- recognising excellence in club and representative 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 program, including the provision of qualified coaches to rep. teams as required, and the end-of-season appraisal;
- increasing the participation of girls in cricket, in consultation with the HK&HDCA Girls Cricket Co-ordinator, through targeted coaching programs and liaison with schools and clubs, and local junior Super 8 programs;
- seeking Corporate Sponsorship and/or Grant opportunities to provide additional funding to expand and further subsidise our coaching programs, and also purchase additional equipment as required;
- arranging a HKHDCCA / NDCC overseas rep. cricket tour (U/15 age group) every couple of years from 2015;
- enabling the Association to maintain a record of all Level 1 and 2 accredited coaches;
- ensuring that all HKHDCCA coaches aged 18 and over have a current Working with Children Check clearance;
- one-on-one (or small groups) private coaching on request, depending on the availability of suitable coaches;
- conducting free Beginners sessions teaching cricket fundamentals to 'first time' players aged U/8 or older;
- · assisting clubs by running some coaching sessions and demonstrating coaching drills to new club coaches;
- holding two free annual clinics each year for Blowfly cricketers (children with special needs) in January and September, plus ad-hoc coaching on Saturdays, depending on the availability of coaches;
- providing cricket coaching for community groups from non-English speaking backgrounds who have encountered barriers or lack of opportunities to participate in cricket in Sydney.

President's Report

The Coaches' Association's activities continued to expand in 2015/16, with a record number of attendees at our school holiday cricket clinics and various off-season development programs, making HKHDCCA one of the largest providers of junior cricket coaching and development in NSW (refer to our organisational growth table - rear cover).

We have **10 regular Level 2 coaches** and recruited a large number of new Level 1 coaches, mainly top Grade players from Northern District CC. We also supply coaches to several HK&HDCA representative teams and many of our capable young coaches are now in demand to provide private (one-on-one) professional coaching for young cricketers, especially emerging representative players.

HKHDCCA / NDCC held **7 school holiday cricket clinics** in September 2015 and January 2016 at Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (3 clinics); George Thornton Reserve, West Pennant Hills (3 clinics), and Montview / Normanhurst Ovals (1 clinic). Each clinic proved to be popular and beneficial for the participants with a record total attendance (476) across the 7 clinics (average 68 / clinic). HKHDCCA presented our prestigious **Phillip Hughes Medal** at each school holiday clinic to recognise outstanding sportsmanship, team work, enthusiasm and spirit of cricket.

HKHDCCA had a busy off-season in 2015 with our usual **U/10 – U/11 Development Program** over 6 Sundays, plus our annual **Specialist Coaching Program**, which was sold out. This advanced program provided subsidised, high quality coaching for U/12 – U/15 players covering batting, pace & spin bowling, fielding and wicket-keeping.

HKHDCCA successfully co-ordinated the annual **RTC** and **GHC** matches; held a **free coaching clinic** for **Beginners**; a Community (Level 1) accredited **coaching course**; and two **free clinics** for **Blowfly Cricket**, a wonderful organisation led by **Mark Rushton** that provides children with special needs the opportunity to play modified cricket each week. HKHDCCA also took on two new initiatives, having been invited to provide coaches and run the **Girls Super 8 program** at Montview Oval in Term 4, 2015; and the **Super 8 Blast program** at West Epping (YMCA) Oval in Term 1, 2016 (see reports on these programs later in this Annual Report).

HKHDCCA was pleased to induct our Head Coach, **Rod Hokin**, as our second **Life Member** at our AGM on 11 August 2015 (see report on page 22). Congratulations to **Shishu Sharma**, HK&HDCA U/14 Moore Shield representative coach, for winning the HKHDCCA *Coach of Year* award (Bruce Wood Cup).

The Coaches' Association was delighted to receive **corporate sponsorship** from **Parramatta Leagues Club** in 2015-16 and sincerely thanks Bevan Paul, Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Sharp, Chairman, Parramatta Eels NRL Club, for their generous support of our youth development programs in north-western Sydney. In support of this sponsorship, HKHDCCA added the club's logo (see page 22) on a sleeve of our new Coaches' polo shirts; the committee and several coaches signed up for 10 years membership of the club; we promote the club on our Facebook page, on our official letterhead and in our Annual Report; and we hold committee meetings, dinners and social functions at Parramatta Leagues Club and Vikings Sports Club at Dundas Valley (owned by Parramatta LC).

HKHDCCA formally revised its **Constitution** on 22 January 2016 at a Special General Meeting – refer to link: http://bit.ly/Constitution-22-1-16. The primary objective for revising the Constitution centred on Clause 42 relating to HKHDCCA's financial year, which was changed from the standard '1 July – 30 June' to '1 March to end of February' the following year. The main advantage of the change of dates is to ensure that the budgeting and reconciliation of transactions associated with our off-season development programs and our biannual overseas cricket tours are contained within one financial year, rather than spread over two years. The first full financial year under these revised arrangements is from 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2017.

Pre-season coaching at Kenthurst / Upper Hills CC – At the request of **Colin Griffin**, K-UH Junior Executive Committee, two HKHDCCA coaches, Will Fiedler and Hamish Fullagar, held some junior coaching sessions on Sunday, 30 August 2015 at Kenthurst Park, which were very well conducted. Col sent the following email:

On behalf of Scott Calvert and myself, we wish to thank the Coaches' Association for making available 2 of your coaches for our junior coaching day. The expertise shown by both **Will Fiedler** and **Hame Fullagar** in dealing with the boys was outstanding, no wonder your association is spoken of so highly. We had over 30 players in the first session and about 15 in the second. All had a great day, with many of the parents commenting on how well the day was run. Once again, thank you for helping out our club today in making such a successful day.

I am proud of the key role that HKHDCCA plays in the local cricket community, as we continue to make a significant impact on increasing coaching numbers and capabilities, and fast-tracking the cricket development of young players of all standards. It is rewarding to work with a dedicated executive committee of volunteers who play a key leadership role in the expansion of HKHDCCA and in enhancing our reputation as a NFP organisation.

There are many people to thank for their work and support this season, including our Executive Committee comprising **Will Fiedler** (Vice-President), **Josh Miller** (Secretary), **Nick Miller** (Treasurer) and **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach). Thanks also to our Patrons (**Ross Turner, Tom Richmond OAM, Matt Kean MP** and **Mark Rushton**); our large team of dedicated coaches; **Mike Langford** (NDCC President); **Geoff Findlay** (HK&HDCA President); **Mark Rushton** (Blowfly Cricket); and the clubs and families who continually support our coaching programs.

Bruce Wood



NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB P.O. Box 154, Hornsby, NSW 2077 Australia (Founded 26th May, 1925)





Mark Taylor, "Club Legend"







Brad Haddin, Test wicket-keeper



Nathan Lyon, current Test spinner

Northern District Cricket Club (NDCC) first competed in the Sydney grade competition in the 1925/26 season, a year before HK&HDCA was formed.

The Club has developed many outstanding first-class cricketers. **Mark Taylor** AO, who was appointed as Australia's 39th cricket captain in May 1994, heads this list. **Neil Harvey** MBE had been the first and only previous Australian captain to play for NDCC.

Dan Hughes NSW

Chris Green Big Bash

Harry Conway NSW

NDCC's Australian Test cricketers include **Peter Taylor, Adam Gilchrist, Brad Haddin, Nathan Lyon, Alan Davidson, Jim Burke & Arthur Chipperfield**, while many others have played First Class cricket for NSW.

Since its formation, NDCC has been a leader in Sydney Grade Cricket. Recent initiatives include the acclaimed NDCC Leadership Program, and also the development of the Special Olympics Program where our players coach kids and young adults with intellectual disabilities on a weekly basis. This has reinforced the Club's commitment to building future leaders and its desire to provide cricket opportunities for all.

For those who have been fortunate to serve the Club as a player, administrator or volunteer, it is also a place that has fostered strong friendships, provided character building experiences and developed bonds that link the Club's past and present. It has also developed a great love and respect for the game of cricket, and a legacy of strong values that will be passed on to the future generations that wear the maroon, old gold and royal blue of NDCC.

Getting cricketers to reach their potential (and perform) is a team effort. **NDCC** and **HKHDCCA** are a good team. We do great things together, including school holiday Cricket Clinics, Coaching accreditation, AW Green Shield U/16 involvement, and overseas cricket tours every two years.

This would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the President of HKHDCCA, **Bruce Wood**, who has been instrumental in building the Coaches' Association into what it is today ... and that is an association that develops coaches and provides quality coaching for hundreds of junior cricketers in the northern region of Sydney. **Rod Hokin**, Head Coach, and the other members of the HKHDCCA committee have proved to be a great team.

Mike Langford

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School holiday junior cricket clinics (in partnership with Northern District CC)



HKHDCCA conducted 7 successful cricket clinics during the school holidays in 2015-16, as follows:

- George Thornton Res, WPH
- Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara
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- George Thornton Res, WPH
- Montview / Normanhurst
- George Thornton Res, WPH
- 21 22 September 2015
 23 24 September 2015
 29–30 Sept. / 1 Oct. 2015
 11 13 January 2016
 14 15 January 2016
- 19 20 January 2016
- 21 22 January 2016

- 60 children and 10 coaches attended;
- 81 children and 13 coaches;
- 51 children and 9 coaches;
- 63 children and 11 coaches;
- 62 children and 11 coaches;
- 73 children and 13 coaches;
- 86 children and 13 coaches;

Our popular school holiday cricket clinics continued to grow during 2015-16, with a record number of attendees (**476**) across the 7 junior cricket clinics held (average 68 children per clinic), making HKHDCCA one of the largest providers of junior cricket coaching and development in NSW – certainly the largest *not-for-profit* junior cricket coaching organisation in the State. MTO, Waitara continues to be our headquarters and we thank Mike Langford, ND's President, and Hornsby Council for their ongoing support and access to the turf cricket nets when available. HKHDCCA also provided two free coaching sessions for Blowfly Cricket, a wonderful organisation that gives kids with autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy the chance to play modified cricket (see report on page 18).

A total of **25 accredited** coaches were engaged during the 7 school holiday junior clinics, including **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach), **Bruce Wood** (Co-ordinator), **Josh Miller**, **Daniel Anderson**, **Chris Burnett**, **Braden Cheng** (all Level 2 accredited); plus **Tom Felton**, **Dan Donaldson**, **Daniel Wood**, **Nicky Miller**, **Nathan Middleton**, **James Madden**, **Aaron Crofts**, **John Anderson**, **Hame Fullagar**, **Calvin Breytenbach**, **Alex Dolly**, **Dan Stickland**, **Utkarsh Somaiya**, **Mitch Fullagar**, **Jamie Matson**, **Sammy McMahon**, **Harry Middlebrook**, **Ed Hollis** and **Nic Badings** (all Level 1 accredited). **Ryan Tullia**, **Nick Andreou**, **James Brown** and **Josh Banner** also attended some days of these clinics as Assistant Coaches.

The clinics included a wide range of activities for the boys and girls aged between 6 and 14, including video analysis of the bowlers' actions. The players were placed in small groups in line with their age and ability, and received specialist coaching on defensive & aggressive batting, shot selection, pace & spin bowling, catching, throwing and wicket-keeping skills; and training in the nets (astro and turf); plus a variety of coaching drills, concluding with games on the oval to reinforce the cricket skills learnt, develop team work and introduce a competitive but friendly element to the match-play.

The feedback we received from the parents and players was excellent, as the boys and girls were coached in small groups with plenty of individual guidance for each player. Importantly, our clinics cater for all cricket standards from beginners to experienced representative players. Photo Gallery from January 2016 – http://bit.ly/Photos-Jan16-clinics

The Coaches' Association presents a major award (**Phillip Hughes Medal**) at each clinic to recognise outstanding sportsmanship, team work, enthusiasm and spirit of cricket. These special awards were presented to the following young players in 2015/16 – **Alex Ward** (Kissing Point CC); **Will McCarroll** (Normanhurst-Warrawee CC); **Aidan Jackson** (West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook CC); **Avikshit Lath** (Pennant Hills CC); **Francesca Buffa** (Girls Cricket) & **Ryan Swain** (Hunters Hill Pirates CC).



Mark Taylor Oval, Waitara (aerial view)



Bruce Wood, Alex Ward & Rod Hokin at MTO on 24 September 2015



Will McCarroll (with coaches Dan Donaldson & Daniel Anderson)



Coach Nic Badings' group at George Thornton Reserve on 22 January 2016



Certificates and awards - GTR Clinic



World Cup Super 8 matches at Clinic 3 - Normanhurst Oval - 20 January 2016





Tom Felton batting in 'MasterClass' session

Coach Jamie Matson's Girls group at Normanhurst Oval on 20 January 2016



Francesca Buffa - Phillip Hughes Medal (with Tom Felton & Jamie Matson)



HKHDCCA coaches at George Thornton Reserve, West Pennant Hills on 22 January 2016 (Left to right) Braden Cheng, John Anderson, Tom Felton, Josh Miller, Nic Badings, Daniel Wood, Rod Hokin, Harry Middlebrook, Nicky Miller, Calvin Breytenbach, Bruce Wood.

U/10 – U/11 Off-season Development Program – 2015

HKHDCCA held its fifth annual U/10 – U/11 Development Program over six Sundays (3 May, 24 May, 21 June, 19 July & 2 August at James Park, Hornsby and 23 August 2015 at the Mt Ku-ring-gai indoor centre. This program provides boys and girls with properly structured coaching from accredited Level 1 and 2 coaches in small groups in order to learn the fundamentals and correct techniques, which assists their transition from soft to hard ball cricket.

Two (2 hour) sessions were held on each date from 9.30 – 11.30am and 11.30am – 1.30pm. We averaged around 60 registrations on each date and have room for expansion in 2016 at our new venue, Rosewood Oval, Barker College. This beneficial development program ensures that all players improve their skills in batting, pace & spin bowling, wicket-keeping and fielding, all undertaken in a fully participative and enjoyable manner.

The development program included batting & bowling in the nets (with an additional specialist batting coach for one-on-one coaching for all batsmen); front & back foot defence, drives, cuts & pull shots; refinement of bowling actions where necessary, including techniques to keep the seam upright using dual-coloured balls; short & longer catching and throwing; ground fielding; calling and running between the wickets, and wicket-keeping skills.

The accredited HKHDCCA coaches engaged during this program were **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach), **Bruce Wood** (Co-ordinator), **Josh Miller, Will Fiedler, Daniel Anderson** (Level 2 accredited); plus **Daniel Wood, Nicky Miller, Nick McNay, Hame Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Aaron Crofts, Dan Stickland, John Anderson, Luke Thorburn** and **Jack Donkin** (Level 1 coaches).

Apart from developing the skills of all the U/10 & U/11 attendees, one of the other objectives of this program was to identify and develop the leading players in these age groups to help strengthen the HK&HDCA U/10 Foster Shield; U/10 President's Cup; U/11 Creak Shield; and U/11 President's Cup / IDCA rep. teams in 2015-16. We are confident that this objective was achieved as these rep. teams were well balanced and had a successful season.



Players and coaches at James Park, Hornsby - 24 May 2015



Players and coaches at Action Indoor Sports Centre, Mt Ku-ring-gai – 23 August 2015

Specialist Coaching Off-season Program – 2015

HKHDCCA held its third annual Specialist Coaching Off-season Program, which provided subsidised, high quality coaching for U/12 – U/15 players covering batting, pace & spin bowling, and wicket-keeping. The sessions took place from 9.30am to 4.00pm at James Park, Hornsby, over four Sundays (17 May, 14 June, 26 July & 9 August) and all the coaching sessions were sold out well before the start of the program.

This specialist coaching program was ideal for representative standard players and stronger club players who were looking to significantly improve their skills before the 2015-16 cricket season. Many of the participants enjoyed their most successful season in representative cricket after attending this high level coaching program.

The accredited coaches engaged during this Specialist Program were **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach), **Bruce Wood** (Co-ordinator), **Josh Miller**, **Will Fiedler** & **Daniel Anderson** (Level 2 coaches); plus **Nicky Miller**, **Nick McNay**, **Aaron Crofts**, **Calvin Breytenbach**, **Hame Fullagar**, **John Anderson** & **Evatt Styles** (Level 1 coaches).

The Coaches' Association received around 100 registrations a day over the 4 sessions, which was very pleasing. HKHDCCA engaged lots of experienced coaches and adopted its usual small Coach / Player ratios to ensure individualised coaching in small groups. The specialist coaching sessions were designed as a 4-week progressive program, not one-off sessions. Most of the young players were booked into two sessions on each date, eg. Batting and Pace Bowling; or Batting and Spin Bowling / Wicket-keeping, as a discount in fees was applicable.

The program included video analysis of the bowlers' actions, use of the Association's bowling machine for the batting sessions, and use of HKHDCCA's iPad coaching software. The Coaches' Association again received very positive feedback from the players and their parents and this Specialist Coaching Program is now an important component of our annual operations.



Ross Turner Cup

The Coaches' Association continues to be responsible for organising the annual RTC and GHC fixtures, our showcase intra-HK&HDCA junior representative events. The 18th annual RTC match took place on 20th September 2015 at Headen Park, Thornleigh, after rain made the turf conditions at Turramurra Oval unplayable. HKHDCCA appointed two emerging coaches – **Mitch Fullagar** (West) and **Nick McNay** (East), who did an excellent job. The RTC captains were **Dhruva Thorat** (West) and **Connor Slater** (East). Experienced umpires **Bruce Wood** and **Geoff Hasler** were appointed to officiate their 10th RTC match.

The players' shirts were again kindly provided by our generous sponsor, Triforce Sports (**Abbas Aly**). Another sponsor, Kookaburra Sport (**Cameron Eve**) supplied the match balls, stumps and Player of Match award. The official souvenir RTC program, full scorecard and some terrific team and action photos taken by **Mohamed Rizme** and **Paul McNay** can be accessed via the HKHDCCA folder on the Association's website.

West 3/103 [28.5 overs] (D. Thorat 37no, J. Phoebus 35, B. Knox 2/15) def. East 102 [49.2 overs] (K. Chu 36, R. Rizme 3/15, C. Paisley 2/5, V. Virmani 2/24)





2015-16 RTC Captains, Coaches & Umpires Geoff Hasler, Mitch Fullagar, Nick McNay, Bruce Wood, Shivraj Rana, Dhruva Thorat, Connor Slater, Brody Camp

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RTC teams with special guests, Matt Kean MP, Tom Richmond OAM and Rod Hokin



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Glenn Hourigan Cup

HK&HDCA's showcase junior representative match called the Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) has been held since 2003-04 and features the outstanding players in our district from the U/13 age group and below. The 13th annual East v. West GHC contest was held on Sunday, 20th September 2015 at Karuah Park, Turramurra.

The GHC T20 matches were played a fortnight earlier on Sunday, 6th September 2015 at Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah, with 4 teams of 12 boys playing two exciting T20 matches. The Finch T20 team won the final – Coach - **Matt Wright**; Captain - **Jordan Fullagar**.

The players' shirts were again kindly provided by our generous sponsor, Triforce Sports (**Abbas Aly**). Another HK&HDCA sponsor, Kookaburra Sport (**Cameron Eve**) supplied the match balls and Player of Match awards. Thanks also to **Judy Shaw** (parent) for undertaking the photography duties at the GHC match this season.

HKHDCCA provided opportunities for 4 Watson Shield rep. players, with **Jamie Shaw** & **Andrew Harvey** (West) and **Matt Wright** & **Fraser Wilson** (East) coaching the GHC teams. All four lads did a great job and guided their teams impressively.

Steve Wilson and **Alf James** OAM thoroughly enjoyed umpiring this GHC match. Unfortunately **Glenn Hourigan** and his wife **Margaret** were unable to attend this year.

West 8/153 [42.2 overs] (J. Skuodas 33, L. Shaw 21, J. Nisbet 18, V. Ravindran 16no, L. Madison-Hanlon 2/26) def. East 151 [48.4 overs] (S. McAllister 32, O. Linschoten 27, S. Balbi 18, J. Moran 3/9, H. Geale 2/18, P. Xie 2/18, L. Shaw 4 w-k catches & a run out)



GHC captains – Lachlan Shaw (West) and Jordan Fullagar (East)



Glenn Hourigan Cup T20 matches – Sunday, 6th September 2015 – Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah



GHC T20 Captains, Coaches & Umpires <u>Back row</u>: Toby Norrish, Andrew Harvey, Matt Wright, Jamie Shaw, Fraser Wilson, Bruce Wood <u>Front row</u>: (Captains) William Coffey, Jordan Fullagar, Yash Patel & Lachlan Shaw

Finch 5/91 (S. McAllister 23 ret., J. Fullagar 10 ret., M. Goonaratne 19) def. Marsh 2/89 (L. Shaw 24 ret., B. Harris 13 ret., C. McKeon 11 no)

Warner 3/95 (C. Miller 26 ret., Y. Patel 22 ret., L. Soles 15 no, K. Cruickshank 13 no, B. Davenport 2/9) def. Starc 5/72 (S. Harkin 12 ret., W. Coffey 13, Y. Patel 2/7)

Starc (3) 3/92 (A. Weston 22 ret., B. Downing 19 no, J. Nisbet 13 no) def. **Marsh (4) 7/69** (S. Amarasinghe 14 no, V. Ravindran 2/4)

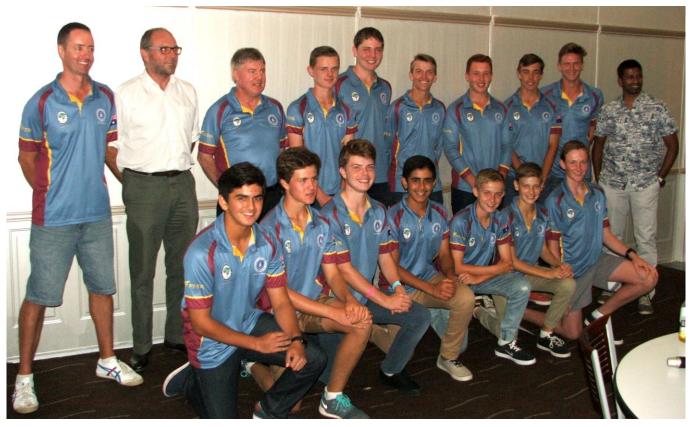
Finch (1) 4/113 (S. McAllister 24 ret., J. Fullagar 24 ret., O. Linschoten 27 ret., B. Dunkerley 11 no) def. Warner (2) 4/111 (J. Camp 25 ret., L. Soles 28 ret., C. Miller 12 ret.)



GHC – players, coaches & umpires – Sunday, 20th September 2015 – Karuah Park, Turramurra

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Sri Lanka Tour (July 2015) – Reunion of touring party – February 2016



An enjoyable reunion dinner was held at the Vikings Sports Club, Dundas on Wednesday 17 February 2016 for the Coaches' Association / Northern District CC U/15 rep. cricket team that played 7 matches in Sri Lanka in mid-2015. Approximately 50 people attended, including all 13 players, along with their families, plus 2 of the tour leaders, **Bruce Wood** (HKHDCCA President) and **Rod Hokin** (Head Coach). **Will Fiedler** was in NZ.

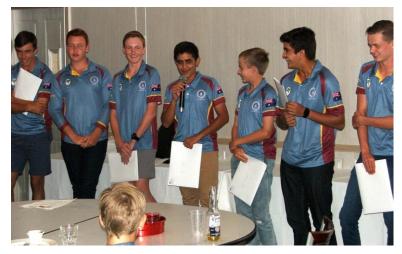
We were delighted that a number of special guests could attend, including **Russel Arnold** (our Sri Lanka tour 'champion'); **Mike Langford** (President, Northern District CC); and **Steve Sharp** (Chairman of Parramatta Eels – new sponsors of HKHDCCA).

This was an informal get-together which provided an opportunity for the players and touring parents to reflect on our experiences in Sri Lanka and discuss what has happened since returning to Sydney in July 2015.



Each player was presented with a 50 page, hard cover Photo Book [http://bit.ly/1nsrfDU] highlighting the best photos taken on tour. They were also given a 40 page Tour Report – http://bit.ly/SL-Report-2015. Both these souvenir tour books were compiled by Bruce Wood.

Overall, it was a really good night and everyone who attended enjoyed reminiscing about this unique overseas tour experience.





The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) held its annual Cricket NSW Community (Level 1) accredited coaching course at the Sportsbliss Active Indoor Centre, 17 Sefton Road, Thornleigh, on Sunday, 19 July 2015. Thanks to **Rod Hokin** (HKHDCCA Head Coach) for facilitating the course on the day.

HKHDCCA actively promotes the objective that all club and representative coaches attain the 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.

Congratulations to the following **21** people (pictured below with Rod Hokin) who successfully completed the course:

Tim Inman, Dan Stickland, Dean Weston, Evatt Styles, Joe Robinson, Darren Harris, Jeff Stewart, Jim Gill, Michael Vamvakaris, Marc Reicher, Jaliya Goonarantne, Patrick Rice, Pavan Kastariarochchi, Mark Gade, Patrick Barnett, Peter Jennings, Chris Jewell, Tony Monardo, Brian Kelly, Shankar Maniraj, Patricia Guild





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. Online nominations were invited for representative and/or club coaching (plus HKHDCCA cricket clinics if applicable) in 2015/16.

The HKHDCCA Executive Committee determined that the winner this year was **Shishu Sharma**, an experienced HK&HDCA rep. coach. Shishu will be presented with this prestigious perpetual trophy, a commemorative medal and a certificate at the Coaches' Association's AGM on 24 May 2016 and the HK&HDCA Juniors / Representative Awards Night on 27 May 2016.

The previous winners are: **Mark Holden** (2011/12), **Todd Williams** (2012/13), **Josh Miller** (2013/14) and **Mark Harvey** (2014/15) – see historical list and photos of winners at this link: http://bit.ly/HKHDCCA_Coach-of-Year



BLOWFLY CRICKET

Supported by HKHDCCA

The Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) supports the endeavours of Blowfly Cricket and commends the work of the volunteers and officials who facilitate these programs.

It has been wonderful to observe the continued expansion of Blowfly Cricket, which



was founded in 2009 by HK&HDCA Life Member and former Vice-President of HKHDCCA, **Mark Rushton**, who had a 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. Blowfly Cricket is a summer sport for young people aged between 5 and 25 years and the children play a hybrid form of cricket in which all players are on the field actively involved in fielding, batting or bowling. The players rotate fielding positions and get many opportunities to bat and bowl, with coaches and adult chaperones assisting on the field.

The program provides an opportunity for each participant to learn and develop the skills associated with the game of cricket in a constructive and positive setting. It establishes an environment for each family member to enjoy their involvement in the game, including coaching, umpiring, administration and support. All participants are actively encouraged to realise their own potential in, and enjoyment of, cricket. Carers, parents, siblings and coaches have the opportunity to share interests in the game and interact with other participating families.

The Coaches' Association was delighted to hold two free coaching clinics for the Blowfly cricketers this season on 30 September 2015 & 20 January 2016. The HKHDCCA coaches engaged at these clinics were **Bruce Wood**, **Daniel Wood**, **Nicky Miller**, **Nathan Middleton**, **Tom Felton**, **John Anderson** & **Utti Somaiya**.

The enthusiasm of the children was great to see, as was the obvious improvement in their batting, bowling and catching skills over the four months between the two HKHDCCA coaching sessions. The children's special needs include autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, Asperger's, verbal & hearing deficits, and the coaching techniques need to be modified to best suit the abilities of each



child, which is a valuable learning tool for our young accredited coaches, as is acquiring empathy for the daily challenges their parents deal with so courageously.

The Coaches' Association would like to congratulate **Mark Rushton** on being crowned as the NSW Volunteer of the Year for 2015 at the gala presentation night in Sydney on 4th December 2015 (see photo at right). Mark's vision, determination, empathy, perseverance, hard work & networking skills in establishing Blowfly Cricket 7 years ago have given autistic children and other youngsters with special needs the opportunity to play modified cricket on a weekly basis.

The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are run by The Centre for Volunteering – the State's peak body for volunteering – to highlight the contribution 2.1 million volunteers make in NSW. Mark won the overall major award in 2015 ahead of 7,000+ nominees, which underlines the widespread impact his volunteering has had on improving the wellbeing of children with special needs and their families.



Free coaching clinic for beginners

HKHDCCA held its annual free coaching clinic for new cricketers (U/8 or older), including players graduating from their club's In2Cricket / Kanga / Milo programs to play U/8 or U/9 club cricket in 2015/16. The clinic was held in sunny weather at James Park, Hornsby on Sunday, 16 August 2015 from 9.30am – 12.00pm, with 60 registrations from a variety of cricket clubs (see photo below of the two *Most Improved Player* award winners with the coaches).



<u>Coaches</u> – <u>Back row</u>: Jack Donkin, Daniel Wood, Nicky Miller, Will Fiedler, Bruce Wood <u>Front row</u>: Calvin Breytenbach, Dan Stickland, Angus Weeden, Matilda Brown, Hame Fullagar, Nick McNay

There was no charge to attend this cricket clinic as the Coaches' Association fully sponsored the 2 ½ hour coaching session to help the youngsters get ready for the 2015-16 cricket season. The players who attended this beginners' clinic benefited from some structured coaching in small groups in order to learn the fundamentals of the game and some basic batting, bowling and fielding techniques, all undertaken in a positive and enjoyable environment. We are pleased that this coaching session enhanced the skills and confidence of the young players.



Girls Cricket Super 8 schools competition, with HKHDCCA coaches

The Coaches' Association was pleased to provide coaches for the Girls Super 8 Cricket Program, which was launched on 8 October 2015 and continued through Term 4.

The HK&HDCA Girls Cricket Co-ordinator, **Edwina Chappel**, was the driving force behind this great initiative and she received wonderful support from various sponsors. Triforce Sports (**Abbas Aly**) generously supplied four new kit bags of equipment; the Commonwealth Bank (**Tim Inman**, Hornsby Branch) provided a Grant to support Girls Cricket; and the Coaches' Association supplied five coaches (**Nick McNay, Calvin Breytenbach, Bruce Wood, Hame Fullagar** and **Matt Wright**) to look after the Girls teams.

The Girls Super 8 cricket took place at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights, on Thursday afternoons in Term 4, 2015. Months of planning paid off when girls from six local schools (Thornleigh West, Hornsby Heights, Asquith, Turramurra, Mt Colah & Berowra) attended, all keen to learn how to play cricket with their friends. The feedback from this initial program was very positive from the girls, parents and schools, so it will be back in Term 4, 2016.









Super 8 Blast Cricket Program at West Epping – Term 1, 2016

The Coaches' Association continues to expand its boundaries and provides coaching services for neighbouring Cricket Associations if requested. HKHDCCA provided coaches for the junior Super 8 Blast cricket program on Friday evenings (5.30 – 7.00pm) at West Epping (YMCA) oval in Term 1 (February – March 2016). The program was requested by **Adam & Cassandra Kirk** (Adam & sons came on our Sri Lanka tour in 2015). They asked HKHDCCA if we could supply coaches and run the program, as Cricket NSW did not have the resources to support this program. HKHDCCA coach, **Nathan Middleton**, co-ordinated the Super 8 program and the other regular coaches were **Calvin Breytenbach** and **Nic Badings** (**Bruce Wood** coached at the last session).



Feedback from Adam & Cassandra Kirk

Fueled by the Big Bash T20 summer of cricket, a group of 7 to 12 year olds from St Gerard's, Carlingford, sought a place to pursue their cricket dreams. On contacting the Coaches' Association regarding options, Bruce Wood (HKHDCCA President), arranged Nathan Middleton as Co-ordinator, supported by two other regular coaches, Calvin Breytenbach and Nic Badings, who devised a 6 week program. Some coaching sessions were held, followed by Super 8 games where teams were mixed each week and the players were given the opportunity to play fast-paced games of cricket, whilst developing their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Two Super 8 games were generally fitted into each Friday afternoon session, together with some coaching. Runs were deducted if they got out instead of the player leaving the crease, giving the young boys and girls the opportunity to continue developing their skills and passion for the game. A fantastic thing about the format in which the program was run was whilst the players were always fully engaged, they were enthusiastic and all the feedback was that they not only thoroughly enjoyed themselves each session, but their skills increased significantly over the 6 weeks. The parents were constantly commenting about the success of the program and how well it was run. I'm sure the Coaches' Association has converted many young cricket viewers into cricket players. It was a huge success and the parents also enjoyed socialising each Friday while the cricket was taking place!

Rod Hokin – Inducted as a Life Member of Coaches' Association

One of the highlight's of the Coaches' Association's 6th AGM on 11 August 2015 was the induction of Rod Hokin as our second Life Member. Rod has been the Head Coach of the Coaches' Association since its inception in 2010-11 and an active member of our Executive Committee.

He has performed his role with the Coaches' Association with distinction, where his responsibilities include organising *coach the coaches* (professional development) sessions for an expanding group of accredited coaches; leading 7 school holiday coaching clinics per year; designing programs suitable for our specialist coaching sessions for U/12 – U/15 representative players and the annual U/10 – U/11 off-season development program; and fundamental programs suitable for beginners. He also led the Coaches' Association / Northern District CC U/15 cricket tour to Sri Lanka in June / July 2015.

Rod is the current U/16 AW Green Shield Coach at Northern District CC after previously being the Head Coach of the NDCC Ladies Club (4 teams). Rod played First Grade at Northern District CC and Gordon Grade clubs in Sydney, as well as for Clontarf CC in Ireland, and during his entire cricket career, he has hit an amazing 38 centuries!

Rod has been employed as the Director of Coaching (Cricket) at The Kings School, Parramatta for the past 12 years, where he is currently the 1st XI coach in the GPS competition. For the past 11 years, he has also worked as a private cricket coach and has improved the skills and confidence of over 150 clients during this time. The players ranged in age and ability from club players to players who have represented their state and country at underage level.

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Rod clearly has an impressive cricket coaching CV and has been a full-time coach in Sydney and overseas for more than a decade. His contribution as Head Coach of the Coaches' Association has been invaluable, as he has planned and supervised over 100 coaching days since 2010-11. He has displayed outstanding knowledge, calm leadership and sound experience, which have played a significant part in the Coaches' Association's success, reputation and growth, with excellent feedback from the players and their parents.



Regular coaches in 2015-16

Level 2 accredited coaches – Daniel Anderson, Chris Burnett, Braden Cheng, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Epthorp, Will Fiedler, Rod Hokin, Josh Miller, Luke Quinlivan, Bruce Wood (10).

Level 1 accredited coaches - John Anderson, Nic Badings, Calvin Breytenbach, Aaron Crofts, Alex Dolly, Dan Donaldson, Jack Donkin, Tom Felton, Hame Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Ed Hollis, James Madden, Sam McMahon, Nick McNay, Harry Middlebrook, Nathan Middleton, Nicky Miller, Utkarsh Somaiya, Dan Stickland, Evatt Styles, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Daniel Wood (23).

Historical list of coaches and committee members since 2010-11

Life Members – Tom Richmond OAM (2014); Rod Hokin (2015)

Level 3 accredited coaches - Ross Turner, Russel Arnold

Level 2 accredited coaches – Daniel Anderson, Shankar Arunachalam, David Bennett, Mike Burgin, Chris Burnett, Braden Cheng, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Epthorp, Will Fiedler, Rod Hokin, Sid Marzouk, Josh Miller, Luke Quinlivan, Mark Rushton, Shishu Sharma, Rebecca Silk, Jonny Webb, Todd Williams & Bruce Wood (19).

Level 1 accredited coaches – John Anderson, Nic Badings, Irfan Baig, Calvin Breytenbach, Edwina Chappel, Nick Cheadle, Aaron Crofts, Alex Dolly, Dan Donaldson, Jack Donkin, Tom Felton, Greg Fiedler, Hame Fullagar, Mitch Fullagar, Tom Green, Lewis Halliday, Ed Hollis, Marisa Levitt, Marius Levitt, Andrew Lowe, David Lowery, James Madden, Jamie Matson, Tim Matson, Brad McCarroll, Nick McNay, Harry Middlebrook, Nathan Middleton, Nicky Miller, Lachlan Reynolds, Tom Richmond OAM, Russell Schreiber, Utkarsh Somaiya, Dan Stickland, Evatt Styles, Nathan Tanner, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Peter Watts, Jon Whealing, Daniel Wood (41)

Ross Turner Cup (RTC) coaches (since 2010-11) - Daniel Anderson, Mike Burgin, Braden Cheng, Sujith Dissanayake, Justin Epthorp, Will Fiedler, Mitch Fullagar, Mark Holden, Nick McNay & Josh Miller (10).

Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) coaches (since 2010-11) – Lachlan Anchique, Daniel Anderson, John Anderson, Sanjay Balakumar, Calvin Breytenbach, Aaron Crofts, Alex Dolly, Jack Donkin, Andrew Harvey, Daniel Heidegger, Will Johnston, Rahul Krishna, James Madden, Nick McNay, Matt McVay, Josh Miller, Nicky Miller, Danusha Seneviratne, Jamie Shaw, Mansimar Singh, Utkarsh Somaiya, Nathan Tanner, Luke Thorburn, Ryan Tullia, Matt Vile, Fraser Wilson, Matt Wright (27)

HKHDCCA Coach of Year Award (Bruce Wood Cup) – Mark Holden (2011-12); Todd Williams (2012-13); Josh Miller (2013-14); Mark Harvey (2014-15); Shishu Sharma (2015-16)

	School	Off-season	Other	Total player	Level 2	Level 1
Season	holiday	development	coaching	attendances	coaches	coaches
	clinics	programs	programs	(all programs)	employed	employed
2015-16	7	3	6	1,345	10	23
2014-15	6	3	4	1,154	11	12
2013-14	6	3	3	875	7	14
2012-13	4	2	3	703	4	10
2011-12	3	1	2	394	4	16
2010-11	3	0	1	107	2	9

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